

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Mr. Baker,—I am sending you \$100 to help pay freight on the missionary box. I earned this money by making and selling my book-marks. I have had an order from Grand Manan, also one from Forest City Maine since I wrote my last letter to the HIGHWAY hope to get more soon. I hope to have some more money to give towards the missionary cause soon. I believe the Lord is helping me in my work.

I sold some of my book-marks, to people at the Quarterly meeting at Millville. I would like to be a missionary myself, when I get older, as I am only 13 years old now, but I am not able so I will do all I can at home I know the Lord will help me.

Yours in the Master's service.

MILES K. KNOX.

Upper Haynesville,

York Co. N. B.

This little boy is a cripple and all will do well to buy his book-marks.—Ed.

April 6th, 1909.

Dear Brother Baker.—Enclosed find renewal for HIGHWAY, I have not been out much this winter on account of sickness, but the Lord has been very precious in my home, the HIGHWAY has been dearer to me than ever. I praise His dear name for the joy and peace I find in serving Him. The way is growing brighter as I go on loving and trusting Him who has saved and cleansed my heart from sin.

Yours in Christ,

SARA A. ALLEN.

CALAIS, ME.

April 8th, 1909.

Dear HIGHWAY,—Since last writing it has been my privilege to visit Bros McDonald and Richardson on their circuits, and engage with them for a short time in special work.

I was glad to meet the friends on both these fields of labor, and to renew friendship of other days, as also to meet others for the first time. The services at Lower Southampton and Pokok were seasons of much blessing and some good was accomplished, and we were confident that much more would have been done, had not the conditions of the roads caused the services to be closed. Bro. McDonald is doing a good work in these places and although this is the second time that he has been pastor of this circuit, yet his preaching and work is of such a character, that it commends itself to the people, and the longer they know him, and the better they become acquainted with him, the greater is the appreciation of his work. This is as it should be with the Christians worker, although many times it is not.

We are also glad to find Bro. Richardson engaged in a good work. The Lord has wonderfully blessed them in the Quarterly Meeting and special services were being continued, with good results.

We were glad also to see the parsonage which the brethren had started, and although not yet fully completed, was so that the pastor and his family were comfortably situated in it.

This house answers a long felt need there, and when completed will be a credit to the community.

We wish that more of our circuits would follow the example of these brethren, and with faith and determination would start and push to completion a house for the pastor to occupy during his stay among the people. The work here is about as usual. The services are all well attended and we are enjoying the blessing of God. Personally we praise Him for salvation from all sin.

Yours in work,

H. C. A.

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal, So. Africa, March 8, 1909.

Dear Friends,—Our mail days have changed and unless this goes to the Police Camp today, it will remain in Durban a week; so have time for a vote before the boy goes.

Had a bright day yesterday, it was good to see the sun again, after weeks of rain.

Had good congregations. One elderly woman was baptised. She has been so long wanting to believe but couldn't get courage to give up beer, but now she does rejoice greatly. It brought tears to my eyes to see this dear soul praising the Lord. We have all prayed for her for so long, now to see her free in Christ, oh what a sight. Am sure the Angels hovered very near to carry the tidings home.

Our work is steadily advancing. The Lord is giving up precious souls continually, scarcely a week passes that does not see some giving up their sins and leathernism. We give Him all the glory.

We praise the Lord for reports from the Churches in the home land, for what the Lord is doing in your midst. Beloved let us not weary in well doing, keeping our eyes on Jesus and expecting greater things this year than ever before, and work to this end, with greater faith that inspires new zeal for the Master.

Let us not forget to pray for one another especially for those who bear the burdens and responsibilities of the different churches.

Ulosiliva, one of our members who has been sick for some time has been here most two weeks, for treatment, and am glad to tell you she is improving nicely, feels able to do light work about the kitchen. Her people are very happy over it, for they scarcely expected she would live long, but the Lord has heard prayer in her behalf.

We are well and enjoying the work, and are happy in Him.

Yours in Christian love.

IDA H. KEIRSTEAD.

Dear HIGHWAY,—I wish to report victory in my soul. Jesus is with me all the time. I am so glad to let him have his way with me. This Easter morning brings more real gladness to me than any easter morning of my life. Our risen Saviour is so sweet to my soul, He speaks to my heart as never before. I see him suffering death on the cross for your sins and mine. What are we doing in return, are we doing our best? Do we ever take time to consider how much he suffered for us? His greatest grief was over the lost condition of the world. How sad Mary Magdalene must have felt when she looked into the tomb and found not her Lord? Then how glad the disciples when he appeared in their midst as they were shut in for fear of the Jews. He said; "Peace be unto you." How glad we should be that Christ is risen and is preparing a place for us. And will come again to receive us unto himself. It stands us in hand to be ready. We can be free indeed. Personally I am so glad I learned to trust him. He is the fairest of ten thousand to my soul. And I am more determined than ever to go through with him. He has promised never to leave or forsake us. I am having a good time serving the Lord, and I am willing to do anything or go anywhere he will have me go. I am trusting in him and living by the day. My plans were once far in the future, but now I want to do his will, and constantly say; "What wilt thou have me do." Yours in Christ saved and kept by him.

FREDERICTON, N. B.

W. W. JONES.

An aged friend in referring to an oversight of the editor's, sends the following nice reminder: "None of us have got above making mistakes sometimes."

Frail children of dust,
And feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
Nor find thee to fail.
Thy mercies how tender,
How firm to the end;
Our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.

Ps. 103; 13-14.

GORDONSVILLE, April 13, 1909.

Dear HIGHWAY,—I thought it might be of interest to some to learn how the work of the Lord is progressing at this place. We came here March 11th, found the brethren and sisters standing true to Holiness

and believing the Lord for victory, and their faith has surely been rewarded, the Dear Lord has been with us and blessed us. Praise His Name.

A number have been converted. Backsliders have been reclaimed, and some claim the blessing of a clean heart, and all have been strengthened and helped generally, for which we give Him all the glory. We expect to have a Baptism soon and the people here expect to organize a R. B. church for the Glory of God, in the near future.

Yours in Him,

SAM DOV.

MILLVILLE, April 14, 1909.

Dear HIGHWAY,—I write you this morning to let you know that we are having a grand time here. I have continued the meetings since our Quarterly Meeting, and we had grand success in them. Souls have been saved and believers have been sanctified. Bless God forever. Among those saved are three of my sons, Harry, Arnold, and C. Willard. I do praise the Lord for saving my boys, it seems to me that I love him better than ever. We will have between twelve and fifteen baptized Sunday the 18th. Dear brethren pray for us.

Your Bro. in Christ,

J. S. RICHARDSON.

The Pentecostal Nazarenes.

We are asked quite frequently about the denominational combination composing the church of the Pentecostal Nazarenes. The following article by Rev. E. F. Walker gives the best definition of this people we have yet read, in which he defines them as a mixture of Methodism, Presbyterianism and Congregationalism. By reading the article carefully you will see that he says that, "Scratch a real Nazarene and you will touch an original Methodist, skin a genuine Methodist and behold a Nazarene."

According to this definition the Nazarene and a Methodist live pretty nearly in the same skin, when you get the real article.

An old man of our acquaintance used to say to about everything said to him, "just what I thought."

"NEW DENOMINATIONS."

E. F. WALKER.

Under the above heading a recent number of the New York Advocate, the great organ and "thunderer" of Methodism thus classifies us:

"THE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE. Holiness, or a distinct second work of grace, is the leading doctrine of this denomination, which was formed last October by a union of three similar organizations—one in the East, one in the West, and one in the Southwest. It is Methodist in usage, and has three general superintendents, with a general assembly, and district assemblies with superintendents."

A fair representation of our denomination. But, although the denomination as such is new, the doctrine which is "leading" with us was so with Jesus and the apostles. The Lord sanctified Himself for the true sanctification of His own, and the apostles insisted upon holiness as the great essential, "without which no man shall see the Lord." According to Bishop Peck this is "the central idea of Christianity."

I am not so sure what we should accept unqualifiedly the statement that we are Methodist in usage, although our leading officers are called "General Superintendents," more in keeping with original Methodism than are "bishops," and our District Superintendents were so called before the present-day Methodists dropped the "presiding elder" and adopted the "District Superintendent." And we have but one order in the ministry instead of two, as have the Methodists. Our ecclesiastical order is a good mixture of Methodism, Presbyterianism and Congregationalism.

But no doubt this new denomination is very much like historic Methodism in its doctrine and spirit. Methodism originated in the recognition of the Bible doctrine of the necessity of holiness and the discovery that we are first justified and afterwards sanctified. This "grand depositum of Methodism" is our "leading

doctrine." And as the Lord raised up the people called Methodists for the "spread of scriptural holiness over these lands," so the same Lord has raised up the people called "Pentecostal-Nazarenes" for the same mission. No doubt of it. Scratch a real Nazarene, and you will touch an original Methodist; skin a genuine Methodist, and behold a Nazarene.

We are highly honored if we are regarded as Methodist after the original type of "Christianity in earnest." We feel that "the peculiar trust committed" to the early Methodists has been also committed unto us. Let us be faithful to our trust and preach and press holiness, "The instantaneous blessing," the distinct second work of grace, lest this trust be re-committed to others, and we be recalled from our mission. Bishop Bowman at conference of all Methodism, held in Washington, D. C., several years ago, speaking on the subject of "the distinguishing doctrines of Methodism," contended earnestly for the Wesleyan doctrine of holiness as the leading doctrine of Methodism, and declared that but for this we would have no good excuse for continued existence as a separate denomination. And it has been said over and over by great Methodist authority that if this doctrine were dropped by Methodists "we are a fallen people." So, brethren of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, this is our only excuse for existence as a denomination, and our remaining true to this as our "leading doctrine," and our very life is our safeguard against ever becoming a "fallen people." Thanks be unto God, holiness unto the Lord is our watchword and song, holiness unto the Lord as we are marching along, and our Divine Leader is giving us constant and increasing joy and victory under this banner.—Nazarene Messenger.

"What's Come Over Murray?"

I want to talk especially to the professedly Christian man. The others may listen if they choose. You wonder what you may do as a Christian to help your fellows. There are a good many things, but here is a suggestive story. A young fellow came to his pastor and asked:

"What Christian work can I do?" Now let that minister tell the rest of the story: "I said to him, 'What time do you rise in the morning?'"

"At half past six," was the answer.

"What time do you have breakfast?"

"At seven o'clock."

"What do you do next?"

"Go to the offices, where I work."

"What do you do there?"

"Work steadily until twelve o'clock."

"What do you do then?"

"Go to lunch."

"What do you do next?"

"Work steadily until half past five or six, and sometimes later."

"What do you do next?"

"Go to supper."

"What do you do next?"

"Read the paper or sometimes go to a concert or a play. Too tired to do much. Loaf around home generally."

"What do you do next?"

"Go to bed."

"Is that a sample of every day?"

"Yes, every day."

"When would you do Christian work if I gave you any to do?"

"I don't know."

"Murray," I said, "God has placed you, so filed your day that you don't see where you would get time for Christian work, and I don't see. I think God does not mean for you to add any Christian work to your daily burden." Murray looked at me for a moment and said, "I guess that's so," and he rose to go.

"Wait, Murray, I said; are there other men employed where you are?"

"Yes—many," he answered.

"How do you do your work; as well as the rest, or more poorly or better?"

"O, as well as any of them, I think."

"Do they know you are a Christian?"

"Why, yes; I suppose so."

"Do they know you are anxious to do Christian work?"

"No I don't think they do."

"See here, Murray, here's Christian work you can do; start to-morrow. Do your work better than you ever did. Do what needs to be done as you never did. Help the other fellow who is behind, if you can. Let them all know you are a Christian, not by talking, but by living. Get in a helpful word here and there.

Get some fellow to drop his oaths. Get some fellow to drop his beer. Show Christ living in you and controlling you. Preach the gospel among your associates by the best life you can live with God's help. I think that is the Christian work that needs to be done on a big scale. Try it. Will you? He thanked me, said he had never looked at the question from that standpoint before and went away.

"Six weeks after I met the superintendent of his department in the offices of the great corporation where he worked. He said:

"Isn't Murray one of your men?"

"Yes," was my reply. "Why?"

"What's come over Murray?" he said.

"I could only say, 'I don't know. I didn't know anything had come over him.'"

"Well, there has. He's the best clerk in the whole force and has developed into that in the month past. He's the best influence about the whole place. The men all notice it. There's a different atmosphere in his department. He's a Christian now, sure; quiet, earnest and full of a spirit that imparts itself to others. Something has come over Murray!"—The Rev. Charles Stelzle, in the New York Observer.

I Am Not That Man.

Dr. Taylor, during his visit to Ireland some years ago, was dining with a merchant at Sligo. He had eight beautiful children. He had his wines and brandy on the table, and, of course, asked me to drink, and I had to give reasons for declining. This gave me an opportunity to put in a little temperance, and while I was making my little speech by way of apology, I made this remark: "I would like to see the man who could truthfully say, 'No relative or friend of mine ever fell through intemperance.'" I saw that this had struck him; his knife and fork fell from his grasp, and he remained silent for some seconds.

"Well," said he at length, "I am not that man. My first Sunday-school superintendent was a man of genial spirit and noble mien. He entered the wine trade, and died a drunkard before he was forty. My first class leader, I believe, was a good, intelligent, useful man; but he, too, yielded to the habit of intemperance."

"Yes," I exclaimed, "and you yourself are spreading before your friends and your children the instruments of death which slew your first Sunday-school superintendent, your first class leader, and your father. The very rope with which they were hung you are adjusting to catch your children. I cannot afford to put my head into such a halter as that."—Selected.

But One Standard.

The idea prevails that the rule which measures the conduct of ministers is higher and more severe than that which gauges the life of the laity; assuming that that which would be permissible for the layman would be wrong for the minister. While this distinction is made by many there seems to us to be no foundation for its existence, and study of the Word reveals that God recognizes but one standard of measurement. He views the actions of every man and woman as a unit and not as a class occupying some particular office whether in the church or out. If it is wrong for a minister to drink, smoke and chew, it does not relieve the guilt when the same thing is indulged in by a lay-member. If it is unjust and wicked for the minister to gossip and say unkind things about his people behind their backs, the same act is in no wise transformed into a thing of righteousness because performed by one not a minister. All physical barriers are swept away when God weighs actions and by His unchangeable law of rectitude and right every soul must stand or fall.—Wesleyan Methodist.

The Burpee brethren who went to Arrow Lake, Kootenay, B. C., met with deep disappointment. They found the country very different from what they anticipated. "A word to the wise is sufficient."