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The King's Highway.

And an Highway shall there be, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness:

The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. Isaiah 35:8.

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REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECY.

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—We are certainly grateful to our heavenly Father, that he has permitted us to meet in this our twenty-first annual Alliance. As we take a view of the past and see how marvellously God has led us, we are assured that he is the Captain of our Salvation, our strong tower and rock of defence. This is a day of advancement, improvement and development, but one thing is certain, God's plan of redemption cannot be improved on. We are glad for the progress being made along many lines, viz., the temperance cause, the restriction in the use of opium and morphine, the ban on the white slave traffic, and the abolition of international wars.

Death has removed from our midst some of our oldest and tried brethren and sisters, among them might be mentioned, Sister B. N. Goodspeed and brother Simeon Clark. We sorrow with those that mourn yet not as those without hope. We notice the satisfactory progress of our work in South Africa. Our ministerial brethren have been active during the past year, yet we feel we need to be more actively engaged to carry the banner of full salvation into the districts that have hitherto been untouched. We need in the coming days to be more aggressive. Let us take courage knowing we are in the right, and victory is assured. Glory. Two new churches have been added during the year at Perth and Gordonsville, in N. B.

The following is a short account of the spiritual condition of the churches during the year past. We begin with District No. 1 which embraces twenty three churches.

FORT FAIRFIELD.

The past year has been one of testing, yet one of victory. Our brethren and sisters for the most part have been true to holiness, some have moved away but they have carried the fire with them, and as a consequence the fire is breaking out in other places. The praying band has done good work, having over one hundred souls bowing at the altar during the year. Our pastor was away in special work for over three months. Several souls saved and sanctified in the church during the year. Our pastor P. J. Trafton has decided to give his life to evangelism.

FOUR FALLS.

This little band is true to God and Holiness and are victorious. Lic. F. T. Wright has been their pastor and has done good work. The spiritual condition of the church is excellent, and they are determined to press the battle.

PERTH.

This is a new church, organized in March, by Rev. P. J. Trafton and S. A. Baker, and the blessing of God is on the people. Their meetings are times of refreshing. Lic. F. T. Wright is the pastor and is proving a true man. This church was born through the labors of P. J. Trafton, and W. T. Wright who labored faithfully for eleven weeks. We believe God will make this a strong centre.

ROYALTON

Our services are helpful. Bro. Greenlaw is with and expects to hold two services on each Sabbath during the coming year. Our Sunday

school is evergreen. Many of our members have moved away, yet we are hopeful and expect to report better work during the coming year.

HARTLAND CIRCUIT.

This circuit embraces the churches of Hartland, Victoria and Lower Brighton. H. C. Sanders and wife have been in charge of the circuit this year and considering the ill health of Bro. Sanders they have done well. Special meetings were held at Hartland during the winter and good results followed. The church at Lower Brighton has received much help from the praying bands of Hartland and Woodstock and from Bros. Sabine and Mullen. No report from the church at Victoria but there are a few there who are true to God and Holiness.

GORDONSVILLE.

This is a new church organized by Revs. H. C. Sanders and S. A. Baker. Bro. Smith Dow held special meetings for several weeks. The spiritual state of the church is good and on the advance.

WOODSTOCK

The spiritual state of the church is good. The pastor Rev. S. A. Baker is energetic. God has showed rich blessings on us during the past year. Special services were held during the winter months, Revs. E. M. Borders and A. F. Ingler assisting the pastor. Several were added to the church as a result. All the meetings were well attended. The praying band is increasing and becoming more abundant in labors. The Sunday-school is strong and flourishing and the interest in missions is well sustained.

MEDUCTIC CIRCUIT.

This is a large and needy circuit. Rev. G. B. MacDonald has been the pastor during the year, but he has severed his connection with the circuit. This circuit comprises the churches at Meductic, Green Bush, Middle Southampton and Lower Southampton. There are a few in all of these churches that are true to God and Holiness. Many have moved away but the few are hopeful.

MILLVILLE CIRCUIT.

This circuit here embraces churches at Millville, Maple Ridge, Up. Hainsville, Low. Hainsville, Mapleton, Nortondale. Bro. J. Richardson has laboured on this circuit during the year and has been used by God. Special services were held at Millville and Maple Ridge with good results. A parsonage has been started and well nigh completed at Millville.

MARYSVILLE.

This comprises the churches at Marysville and Penniac and the Mission at Fredericton. The pastor, Rev. G. B. Trafton, has not been able to do much work this year on account of ill health. However, the work is in a prosperous condition. A new church building is in course of construction at Fredericton, which they expect to be completed by fall, this has been brought about largely through the efforts of Bro. D. F. Knight.

GEARY.

The church here is small and without regular pastoral care, although Rev. G. B. Trafton visits them occasionally. Had a tent meeting one week before this present Alliance and great interest was manifest. They are looking toward a church edifice.

SECOND DISTRICT.

This district embraces nine churches

as follows:

ST. JOHN.

The clerk writes, we have much to thank God for. Our meetings are seasons of refreshing. Special services were held during the winter, the pastor Rev. Henry Smith, being assisted by evangelists J. Wesley Lee, and A. F. Ingler with good results. We feel to thank God and take courage. Elder Henry Smith has decided to remain with us another year. We propose to hold high the blood stained banner of King Emmanuel.

GREYS MILLS.

This church has been without regular pastoral care, but has been visited by Lic. Howe and Bro. S. H. Clark. They have kept up their regular services and are going ahead. To God be all the Glory.

MONCTON.

Rev. W. B. Wiggins, A. B., Pastor. This church has gone through some trying seasons but are coming out with victory. Some have been converted during the year. The spiritual condition of the church, is good. Bro. Wiggins has been faithful in his labors.

LUTZ MOUNTAIN.

This church has been without regular pastoral care but has been visited during the year by Rev. M. S. Trafton and Bros. A. F. Tanner and S. H. Clark, the later remaining eleven weeks. There are a few here who are determined to be true to God.

AMHERST.

This church is in much the same condition as last year, have had no outside help with the exception of a visit from Bro. S. H. Clark, nevertheless quite a number have come out during the year either for pardon or cleansing. Praise God.

WESTCHESTER STATION.

This church has been visited by several of the brethren during the year. Bro. S. H. Clark, spending about three months with them, doing good work despite the difficulties encountered, a few holding on to God and believing for victory.

MERCER CIRCUIT.

This embraces, Head of Millstram, Upper Springfield and Mercer Settlement churches. Bro. Tanner has labored some of the time with the church at Mercer. The other churches without pastoral care. They are still hopeful and trusting God to send to them a faithful pastor for the circuit. A tent meeting was held at Upper Springfield with good results, and they are planning for another one this summer.

THIRD DISTRICT.

This district embraces six churches, as follows:

GRAND MANAN CIRCUIT.

This includes North Head and Seal Cove churches, Rev. J. H. Coy, pastor during the past year and his labors have been much appreciated as he has been faithful in the midst of trying difficulties. We are believing God for increased courage and victory in the future.

BEALS.

Rev. H. H. Cosman, Pastor. The work is going on nicely, services well attended and seasons of blessing. Our Sunday-school is in good condition. Rev. G. B. MacDonald assisted the pastors in special meetings for two weeks.

CALAIS.

This church is in better condition

than for many years past, Rev. H. C. Archer is pastor and has done faithful work. The quarterly meeting held here during the winter was a great help to the church. We propose to keep on believing.

WEST PEMBROOK.

Conditions same as last year, Bro. Tanner visited us for two weeks and it was much appreciated.

FORTH DISTRICT.

This district embraces five churches:

SANDFORD CIRCUIT.

This circuit embraces Brazil Lake, Sandford, Port Maitland and Cedar Lake churches, Rev. A. H. Trafton is pastor on this circuit. There have been many removals and many deaths so that the work has suffered to a large degree. As in many other places there are a few in each church who are true to God and Holiness and are bound to hold on to God and believe for victory.

NEW TUSKET.

Rev. E. W. Lester, Pastor. He has been faithful in his labors. Rev. A. F. Ingler assisted him in special services and good was accomplished. Bro. Lester has severed his connection with the church, but we are trusting God to send someone our way, and that victory be continually ours.

SOUTH AFRICA.

This is one of the most thriving churches in our denomination. Thirty-five have been added during the year and God is still leading on to victory. Five native preachers going out to spread the glad tidings of Salvation. "Praise God."

Let us praise God for the past and keep on believing for future victories in the name of our God.

Respectfully submitted,
P. J. Trafton,
Cor. Sec'y.

Salvation; Its Extent and Results

MRS. E. R. WELLS.

Who does not exult in the great fact of salvation? Salvation! What a word! Who can tell its wondrous import, or who compute its mighty power? Do we yet know the first letters of the alphabet of this great salvation, or comprehend the first principles of its all-conquering mightiness? Can those who live nearest the sacred stream, and who are most God-honored in their labors, begin to understand the hidden mystery of its mighty workings? Can they give the first solution of the wondrous problem, or compute with any arithmetic what it would do for the world, could every impediment be removed? Oh! when the sum of the sacrifice made in heaven, the sufferings of Jesus, the intercessions of Christ, the operations of the Spirit, the ministry of angels, the worth of the soul, the bliss of heaven, the pangs of hell and tremendous import of the word eternity, can all be compressed in an intelligible alphabet, then perhaps some faint idea can be given of the word salvation. Until then, it must remain unwritten and untold.

But, though this theme is unfathomed and unfathomable, still its effects are manifest and overwhelming. It does change human hearts; it does make men new creatures in Christ Jesus; so the Scriptures affirm "Thus far, and no farther," and tell us where its sacred stream ceases to flow; and where is its ebbing tide-mark, above which it never rises? Tell us if ye be able, how much of pollution Jesus' blood can wash away, and where is the line that divides between

its power and that of sin. Sketch upon the canvas, with an artist's skill, a heart defiled, polluted, fallen, and then one upon which salvation's uttermost is clearly pencilled, and reveal to us what remains of unholiness and sin. Dost shrink? And well thou mayst; for who dare limit the Holy One of Israel? Who shall tell where is salvation's ne plus ultra, or who affix its minimum?

Oh! when we can fathom the love of the Father in the gift of his son; when we can comprehend "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; when we can understand the unnumbered strivings of the Spirit borne with and forgiven; when we can measure the combined influences of earth and heaven to rescue poor fallen human hearts,—then perhaps we may tell the extent of its wondrous power.

Although we can never describe this salvation, or here fully test its extent, still its results are glorious. Shall our poor pen linger a moment on this theme, which angels have desired to fathom? but, all too finite, they wonderingly wait the revelations of the mighty scheme. Salvation present and eternal, we dare place upon our banner as the common privilege of the world; salvation now and forever, through the blood of the Lamb; from sin, its guilt and pollution; salvation from unholy intentions or desires, from impure affections or purposes, from unhallowed emotions or deeds, from sinful thoughts or words, yea, more, from corroding care or distressing fear, from an accusing conscience or an offended God; salvation not from sickness, bereavement, adversity, or death, but salvation in the midst of them. But this is not all: a heart all pure, and washed in blood, is filled with love,—love to God supreme, to man pure and undefiled. Blessed state! oh wondrous scheme!—far above reason, and yet not contrary to reason; far above poor feeble, unassisted human nature, and yet perfectly adapted to it; far above it in its dignity and power, but wondrously elevating and triumphant in its exercise upon a depraved heart; a scheme worthy its origin, and can only be comprehended by Him who planned and executed it; a scheme that spans two worlds, and connects two eternities.

Oh! when we can know the tortures of a separateness from all good, the horrors of the living presence of all evil, the pangs of an undying death, and measure the depths of the unspent wrath of God; and when the robe, the palm, the crown, is ours; when, grasping our immortality, we link it to an eternity of bliss; when we can know that through this salvation we have escaped the one, and enjoy the other; then, then will rise the eternal song, "Unto Him who hath loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,—to him be glory and power and dominion for ever and ever."—Guide to Holiness.

Sunny People.

There's certain old lady, who lives in a little old house, with a very little in it to make her comfortable. She is rather deaf, and she cannot see well, either. Her hands and feet are all out of shape and full of pain because of her rheumatism. But in spite of all this, you would find her full of sunshine, and as cherry as a robin in June, and it would do you good to see her. I found out one day what keeps her so cheerful.

"When I was a child," she said, "my mother taught me every morning, before I got out of bed, to thank God for every good thing that I could think of that he had given me—for a comfortable bed; for each article of clothing; for my breakfast, for a pleasant home; for my friends; and for all my blessings, calling each by name; and so I begin every day with a heart full of praise to God for all He has done and is doing for me."—Sel.