

Among the Preachers.

"For that which was lacking on your part they have supplied." This Paul said of the three brethren Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus. We judge them to be three practical and thoughtful men who note things about the preachers need and comfort, both spiritual and temporal, that the mass overlook. It may be intrifling or important matters, but they see it, and supply that which is lacking. Paul don't say what form their thoughtfulness took in his case; perhaps they called to see him at the moment when he felt the need of sympathy and encouragement, and found him working at a tent, and said, "brother Paul why do you spend time making tents, when you are so sorely needed in the Lord's work?" "Well," said Paul, "I have not been supplied with sufficient means to supply my needs. I became responsible for my son in the gospel, Timothy, and I must meet my obligation and it is coming due and I had this opening to earn a little and here I am." They replied, "well, Brother Paul, we are glad to have the privilege of helping what we can in some way in the Lord's work; we can't preach, but we can stand by you while you do it. The Lord bless you, our dear brother, we will lift this load from your shoulders and carry it for you. Let us get down here and praise the Lord for the chance." Good bye, Brother Paul, you can depend on us. We want to go and see brother Timothy; he is young in experience, and some are complaining that his sermons while good, lack heart, and the soul labour that reaches other souls, and as these brethren were on their way to visit young brother Timothy they carefully and prayerfully considered what the people to whom Timothy preached had failed to give that they could supply, and they said to him, our dear young brother we are glad you had the courage to give yourself to God for the gospel ministry, you have our sincere sympathy and prayers; don't forget the exhortation of Brother Paul, that you endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, and think it not strange if you have fiery trials, for everything of any real value is tested. God bless you be of good courage, don't let anything turn your love away from your people. Your people will love you if you love them. We love you and are praying for you. God bless you. Stephanas said now brethren we should look into some of the brethren's barns. You know hay and oats are scarce and high in price, and the brethrens income is small and as the people are having considerable trouble to meet their own obligations perhaps these things are neglected. Yes and the woodsheds and cellars remarked Fortunatus, yes and their harness and robes, and overcoats and clothing, for themselves and wives and the children, if they have any, then there are bills to be paid and many things that naturally weigh down the preacher's hearts and take their minds from the gospel remarked Achaicus; but now let us visit brother John; there are reports going that he is having a hard pull, and it is really too bad. Let us try and find out the cause and see if we can't remedy it some way, for you know that people talk about such things without endeavoring to remedy it. Well brethren you know that a brother can't talk unbelief and salvation at the same time, for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Well here is brother John's, let us go in, Good day, Brother John, we thought we would come in and have a little talk with you. How is the blessed Lord prospering you in your heavenly calling?

Well brethren, said brother John, I am glad somebody cares enough about me to come and see me, but since you ask how I am prospering, I must tell you the truth. Things are pretty flat with my circuit, the people can't give very much and I have a hard time, and the roads are bad, and I have only this old wind broken horse, and it is hard work getting around. Why, said Stephanas, I met you a few months ago with a very nice smart little horse, what happened to him. Oh, a man wanted him and offered me some money to boot, and I was a little hard run for money and I took his offer, and I am afraid I did not make much out of the bargain. "I am glad you have given us your reason for this business transaction remarked Fortunatus, for you have our sympathy and love, and we always feel sorry to hear any of our Lord's servants lightly spoken of, and it is really too bad that they have to get along so skimpingly but we remember brother that our Lord had no way of getting through the country except on foot, with a single exception when he borrowed a colt to enter Jerusalem to fulfill the scripture, and a few times in borrowed boast and he said "he had no where to lay his head," but we are glad you have a nice comfortable home, and are so nicely situated. Now our dear brother, broke in Achaicus, we visited Brother Paul to encourage him and furnished him with a few things that the people had overlooked, and we got such a blessing that we decided to see if in some way we could not help all the brethren a little. We are deeply interested in the work of the Lord, and while we can't preach, we can sing a little, and visit the people and pray with them, and hold you up in our faith, and help in some practical ways, so we will visit your circuit with your permission, and we believe God will hear our united prayers, for he has said where two were agreed they should have what they desired, so we will try and help you, so be of good courage and cheer up brother "for Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." Good bye and may God bless you richly.

Now brethren, said Stephanas, it will soon be Christmas and there are many who need to be remembered in some little way to cause them to think of him who came to bring to the earth peace and good will to all men. There are a lot of families who are struggling so hard for existence that their dear children never get a toy nor a doll, and rarely a bit of candy, so we must get around and get a list of names; then there are many homes that have lost dear ones during the year that a call and a cheering word will greatly help them; then there are the dear old saints who in the busy rush are frequently overlooked—they should have a little attention; then there are those business brethren who have sustained so many losses that they have well might lost their faith in men and their hold on God, they should have a word of cheer; then there are the sick in the homes and the hospitals that need a little kindly attention, they are not poor but they get lonesome and appreciate a few moments call. So I guess we will have sufficient to keep us busy until the new year.

Some let their talent for writing remain undeveloped and unused, "done up in a napkin," and lose great opportunities to bless thousands of readers, rather than suffer because of the occasional oversight of the proof reader. It looks like nursing our reputation, or preserving (?) our dignity by the loss of a great opportunity, besides evading our duty, and throwing upon others the work that rightfully belongs to us.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MERCER SETTLEMENT.
Nov. 25th 1909.

Dear HIGHWAY,—Two helpful missionary services were held at Beals. Bro. Cosman is doing good work and his church is interested in the foreign field and are willing to help push this branch of our work. They gave a cash collection of \$22.63.

We had a very enjoyable time at Calais. Bro. Archer deserves credit for faithfulness, and his church manifested great interest in our African work. In cash and pledges they gave \$21.02.

From Calais we went to Grand Manan, holding services at Seal Cove the 18th and North Head the next evening. We had the privilege of being with Bro. and Sister Watt in their new home, and also with Bro and Sister Coy. The people of this Island are alive to their duties toward the heathen. Their pastor is well and hearty and happy, being appreciated and well cared for by the good people of his circuit. The new Mrs. Coy—well she is just ideal.

Dear HIGHWAY,—As I have not written recently, I will write a few lines to tell you how the Lord is blessing me. I am glad to testify to the Saving and Cleansing power of Jesus' precious blood, and not only that, but its keeping also. To a dear old Bible says, "There is no peace to the wicked," and again, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, with all the nations that forget God."

This disproves the old theory of "once in grace always in grace," for the Bible says, "All the nations that forget God." I am glad that the wicked need not go to hell and be lost, for we are told that a man can be justified by faith and have peace with God, Rom, 5 1, and in Phil. 4 7 we are told that; "The peace of God which passeth understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." In this we see that a man having no peace can be transformed by the power of God, and given the peace of God, in his heart, and be kept through Christ Jesus forever. This is my experience and it is good enough for me. Hal elujah!

Yours for precious souls,
LIE F. T. WRIGHT.

Testimonials.

FROM OUR AGED BROTHER MAGNUS GREEN.

Please find enclosed renewal for the Highway for another year and if I do not live to read it, it will do some good, if it still preaches holiness pure and simple, the blessed Lord will make it work in spite of all that Satan can do. I am still doing a little work for my health but am getting weak in body, but can eat and sleep well, my hearing and memory are very poor, if I could hear it would be a great blessing to me. But thanks be to God I read the Bible and other good books.

Yours in Him,
MAGNUS GREEN.

Enclosed please find my renewal for the Highway, I wish it came weekly. The blessing of full salvation which I received under your earnest preaching is still proving to be a wonderful salvation, it enables me to say no to every temptation including rum from the wrecked ship.

W. J. BENSON.

Please find enclosed my renewal for the Highway for another year. It is a source of great comfort to me as I read its clean pages which tell of the promises of Christ to the faithful children of God. I praise him for natural and spiritual sight and power to understand his promises. I am praying for the prosperity of the Highway. May the Lord direct us always on Holiness lines. The cause is precious to me as I am nearing home. May each reader of the Highway be richly blessed is my prayer to lay.

MRS. ASA McNIROH.

Dear Brother Baker,—Enclosed you will find one dollar, my renewal to the HIGHWAY. I also want to praise God for His great love to me. He has wonderfully helped me the past year temporarily and spiritually. To God be all the Glory.

Your Brother Saved from all Sin.
C. S. TRUE.

Dear Brother Baker,—Please find enclosed my renewal for the HIGHWAY. I am still trusting in the dear Lord, who is mighty to save.

MRS. E. HILLMAN.

Dear Mr. Baker,—Please find enclosed my renewal for the HIGHWAY, I greatly enjoy your little paper.

A. SEELEY.

LUTZ MOUNTAIN.

Nov. 27th. 1909.

Sunday the 21st was an all day missionary meeting with Bro. Smith. This church is determined to take the lead in gifts for the foreign work. I am thankful to God for the true ones here how are giving so liberally to extend the gospel to the regions beyond. The evening offering totaled in cash and pledges, \$74.04.

On Bro. Lester's circuit, we waded through mud and rain and snow to fill appointments. Congregations were for this reason small, yet great interest was manifested by the few who did get out.

At Norton \$13.50 was given or signed. Mercer Settlement, \$16.17.

Then yesterday, Bro. Lester drove me to Head of Millstream, where we had a full house. I never saw people listen better than here even though the preacher was long winded. \$28.67 was cheerfully given in pledges and cash. Bro. Lester has made arrangements to preach here every second Sunday; so now he has a large circuit that will keep him very busy and give a good opportunity for the exercise of all his talents, especially visiting the people in their homes, and pastor Lester does good work in this sphere.

I should have mentioned the offerings at Grand Manan, \$36.11, at Seal Cove and \$49.56 at North Head, in cash and pledges. Twenty five dollars by a man and wife at North Head is the largest single pledge thus far.

Yours in Jesus
H. C. SAUNDERS.

A Surprise.

Brother H. G. Noble has been the treasurer of the Woodstock church for nearly 15 years, and has been largely instrumental in financing the church free from debt. He has also been the superintendent of the Sunday school for four years, during which time the attendance has largely increased, and as a change of business will take him away from town, about forty of the members of the church and congregation went to his home in a body completely surprising him, and took charge on Monday evening the 29th from 8 until 9 o'clock, and enjoyed a good time, and before leaving the pastor presented Brother Noble with a nice Gladstone travelling bag as a slight expression of their appreciation of his valuable services to the church and Sunday school, the pastor on behalf of the church and Sunday school, expressed regret that Brother Noble found it needful to be away from home and the church, and while he had our best wishes for success in business, still we hope the home attraction will be so strong that he will soon decide to settle down again. Brother Noble responded by saying that he could hardly wish that his successor should be head and shoulders above him, for he might be a trifle too tall, but while he highly appreciated the surprise and gift and good wishes, he sincerely hoped that the one who should take his place might be more successful than he had been.

Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund.

Mrs. Cynthia Noble..... \$100
We hope our brethren and sisters will remember this fund while giving their Christmas gifts.

A. J. MARSTEN, Treas.
Meductic, N. B.

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.—Pope.

To persevere is one's duty, and to be silent, is the best answer to calumny.—Barron.

The HIGHWAY is unavoidably late this issue.

An Alphabet of Life.

Attend carefully to the details of your business.
Be prompt in all things.
Consider well, then decide positively.
Dare to do right, fear to do wrong.
Endure trials patiently.
Fight life's battle bravely, manfully,
Go not into the society of the vicious.
Hold integrity sacred.
Injure not another's reputation or business.
Join hands only with the virtuous.
Keep your mind from evil thoughts.
Lie not for any consideration.
Make few acquaintances.
Never try to appear what you are not.
Observe good manners.
Pay your debts promptly.
Question not the veracity of a friend.
Respect the counsel of your parents.
Sacrifice money rather than principal.
Touch not, taste not, handle not intoxicating drinks.
Use your leisure time for improvement.
Venture not upon the threshold of wrong.
Watch carefully over your passions.
Extend to every one a kindly salutation.
Yield not to discouragement.
Zealously labour for the right.
And success is certain.
—From the Young Man.

For His Mother's Sake.

The florist's boy had just swept some broken and withered flowers into the gutter when a ragged urchin darted across the street. He stooped over the pile of mangled flowers, came at last upon a rose seeming in better condition than the rest. But as he tenderly picked it up the petals fluttered to the ground, leaving only the bare stalk in his hand.

He stood quite still, and his lips quivered perceptibly. The florist's boy, who had been looking at him severely, felt that his face was softening. "What's the matter with you anyway?" he asked.

The ragged little fellow choked as he answered: "It's for my mother. She's sick, and she can't eat nothin', an' I thought if she'd a flower to smell it might make her feel better." "Just you wait a minute," said the florist's boy, as he disappeared. When he came out upon the sidewalk, he held in his hand a beautiful, half opened rose, which he carefully wrapped in tissue paper. "There," he said "take that to your mother."

He had meant to put that rosebud on his own mother's grave, and yet he knew he had done the better thing. "She'll understand," he said to himself, "and I know this will please her most."—The Midland.

Shaping Stones for the Temple.

Slowly, throughout all the universe, that temple of God is being built. Wherever, in any world, a soul, free willed obedience, catches the fire of God's likeness, it is set into the growing walls, a living stone.

When in your hard fight; in your tire-some drudgery, or in your terrible temptation, you catch the purpose of your being, and give yourself to God, and so give Him the chance to give Himself to you your life, a living stone, is taken up and set into that growing wall. Wherever souls are being tried and ripened, in whatever commonplace and homely ways—there God is hewing out the pillars for his temple.

Oh, if the stone can only have some vision of the temple of which it is to be a part forever, what patience must fill it as it feels the blows of the hammer, and knows that success for it is simply to let itself be wrought into what shape the Master wills.—Phillips Brooks.

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