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WOODSTOCK, N. B., DEC. 31, 1909.

The Highway wishes all its readers a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Will we be found of the New Year "in peace, without spot and blameless?"

The half unkind criticisms of each other in which we talked of each others seeming failures and faults, stand out unpleasantly in our memory as we review the past year, let us all head guilty, ask pardon and quit, and begin 1910 in the spirit of love.

The Closing Year.

"Nineteen Hundred and Nine" placed but few great national events on the pages of history, and no great general religious awakenings. The so called "great Boston Meetings" attracted the most attention of any one campaign during the year. But the reports of holiness camp meetings and conventions have given a good average of success in the conversion of sinners and entire sanctification of believers. Evangelists report good meetings and full altars, but full altars don't always represent the amount of work being accomplished. Many tests are put to which the church generally respond, in which saint and sinner are counted as marking the success of the evangelist, but after the proper discounts are deducted we are glad to note that progress is being made, and the cause of God is marching forward. In our own work visible progress is being made. In our camp meetings we had excellent success, both spiritually and financially, as all demands were easily met, and the largest improvements ever attempted by us, will be completed in time for our next meeting in 1910. Two church buildings have been added, one built at Fredericton, and one purchased at Norton. In the latter place a vigorous young church has been organized, and within a few weeks another will be organized at the capital. About all of our churches report to the several quarterly meetings a good healthy condition with good interest, although no considerable revivals have been reported. The quarterly meetings have been special seasons of blessing. Our brethren are all very conservative in making

their reports for publication, there is a possibility of being too careful. But over estimated reports of holiness meetings are just as bad as any other kind of over estimation. And we prefer the conservative report to the exaggerated, but a true line runs between the two extremes. While we have not reached the measure of success we would like, yet we can safely claim a good degree of success in our work in every department, and special success in our South African missionary work where a steady year round revival is enjoyed, and new outposts are being established very frequently. Our home missionary is doing good work and the outlook is encouraging. There are two or three new churches to be erected early next summer. The church at Perth may be erected during this winter.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Sanders, our returned missionaries, have made a very successful tour of the churches preparatory to returning to the South African work. They will probably start on their return journey either in the March or April S. A. steamship which sails direct from St. John.

1909 has come and is now gone. It has brought its joys and its sorrows. The volume of life's history is now ended, and cannot be changed. The record of good or evil will only be opened at the great judgement. Thoughts, words and deeds will appear as the recording angel has written them in the books. It will do us all good to spend an hour alone with God reviewing the past year, to enjoy for a moment the rich blessings that have come to us, and to look candidly upon our failures in order to make a better record for the incoming year.

What 1910 may have in store for the nations of the world no man can give a perfect forecast. All eyes are now upon the great political upheaval in England, the political life of the whole world may be affected with the results. The woman's suffrage movement promises considerable agitation among the great nations during 1910, the methods employed in England seem to us to be unbecoming to women of better classes, but possibly it may be the only way to attract general attention to this great movement.

The Laymen's Missionary movement will undoubtedly break all records of missionary enterprises and push the gospel messages far beyond the present bounds, with great increase in men and money for heathen lands.

Will 1910 exceed all previous years in evangelistic effort, and in the results in salvation of the unsaved masses?

Will the great holiness movement make greater progress in 1910 than in any previous year? Our prayer is that God may grant us wisdom, grace, and power in this great work.

Brethren will we gird on the armour for a more aggressive work on the lines of holiness than in the past year? We must! More prayer, more faith, greater sacrifices, harder labour, larger contribution, greater undertakings, more love, more attention to our own work, let us begin the first day of 1910 as soon as consciousness comes in our awaking from our rest.

Good New Years Resolutions.

I will subscribe for the Kings Highway today.

For those in arrears; I will pay up, and pay one year in advance for the King's Highway today,

For all the pastor and members of our churches; I will endeavor to get ten new subscribers for the Highway this year.

Ministers and Churches.

Rev. P. J. Trafton spent Christmas with his family at Woodstock, and preached for Pastor Baker on Sunday evening, the 26th inst. We had a good altar service and several went forward for prayers.

Brother M. S. Blaisdell spent Christmas with his father and mother at Fort Fairfield. Sister Blaisdell went to Boston last week to visit her parents.

The quarterly meeting at Perth, beginning on the 30th, has plenty of workers. Revs. P. J. and G. B. Trafton and H. C. Sanders, and brethren S. H. Clark, M. S. Blaisdell, J. S. Richardron, F. T. Wright and H. S. Dow are in attendance, beside members of the praying bands. We expect to hear of a great meeting.

Perth church has received a gift of a lot of land to build their church on. It is situated on the Main street between the two bridges. They will build in the near future.

Rev. A. H. Trafton has been spending the past week at St. John. He will preach at Norton Jan. 2nd.

Rev. M. S. Trafton will move his family to Fort Fairfield, Me., during the first week of the new year.

The Woodstock Sunday school had their annual treat for the children on the 27th. The children's class gave an excellent program.

The Missionary Board are called to meet at Woodstock January 4th at 10 a. m., to meet Dr. and Mrs. Sanders to consider the foreign work, and their return to Africa. The Elder Dempster S. S. Co. have five steamers sailing from St. John direct to Africa this winter. The last one leaves April 10th.

There will be a public missionary meeting in the Woodstock church Monday evening, Jan. 3, at 7.30 p. m. Dr. and Mrs. Sanders will be present and will address the meeting. An offering will be taken up for the foreign missionary work.

Rev. H. C. Archer will go to Grand Manan, next week to assist Brother Coy, remaining over Sunday, Jan. 9th. Later he expects to expect to exchange work with Rev. G. B. MacDonald for two weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Sanders received \$58.74 for missionary work over their expenses in their recent tour of the churches beside the pledges which are to be paid in a little later.

The meetings on the Millville circuit are good, although many are away at this season of the year.

Rev. J. H. Coy is enjoying refreshing showers at North Head church, where Evangelist W. H. Breach has been assisting him in revival meetings. Brother Coy says that Brother Breach is a good worker and he likes him much, being free from many ways and expressions common among evangelists. Seven young men had been converted and several backsliders were reclaimed, and conviction quite general when we received the last report of the meetings. Evangelist W. H. Breach will assist Brother Coy in revival meetings at Seal Cove in February.

Rev. E. W. Lester has been kindly remembered by his people by the gift of a fur coat, and a few evenings ago gave him a donation of \$32.00 in cash and goods.

Brother Handley Mullen preached at New Tuskat Sunday morning, 26th inst. Brother Tanner, the Pastor, reports much encouragement in his work.

A Brother at St. John reports meetings good, and that Brother Smith preaches the truth straight. The Apostle John said, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth," so we say of all our brethren.

Rev. J. Gravinor says several have kindly responded to the suggestion of the Editor in our last issue of the HIGHWAY. We trust a large number more of the Brethren and Sisters will do so. David said: "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

Rev. H. H. Cosman was kindly remembered by his people and received several gifts Christmas. A nice convenient woodshed has been added to the Beals, Me. parsonage.

Sublime Simplicity

OR THE WOMAN AT THE WELL.

This is the story in part—"Now Jacob's well there. Jesus being wearied with his journey sat there on the well. Then came a woman of Samaria to draw." This is one of the master-pieces from the brush of the divine Master-artist, the Holy Spirit. A study picture if you please, a lesson within a lesson. It was Milton who sang, "What if earth be but the shadow of heaven, things therein and each to the other like more than on earth is thought." What if Jacob's well into whose depths fall the perpendicular rays of the noon-day sun, and upon whose surface is reflected the holy person of the One, who weary, dusty, hungry, thirsty, in His journey, sat there on the ancient curb, be but an illustration, a sort of stepping stone to lift the mind from the lower to the higher, from things earthly to things heavenly.

If thou knowest the gift of God and who it is that saith unto thee "Give me to drink," thou wouldst have asked of him and he would have given thee living water. . . . "Whoever drinketh of this water, Jacob's well shall thirst again but whoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst. But the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

Did this precious proffer warm from the lips of the Son come within the comprehension of this sinful soul, whose lips are blistered with thirst, although she has drunk to the dregs from the cup of sinful indulgence? Listen! "Sir, give me this water that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw." And was he true to his promise by making her the recipient of so inestimable and priceless a gift

In answer let me call your attention to a readjustment of this scene farther on in the lesson. Jesus still sits there on the well, the disciples have now returned with refreshment for the midday meal. The woman is hastily receding towards the city from which she had so recently come forth with her water pot for water from the historic well. Is this all you see.

Look again, and I doubt not you will discover hard by the curb the empty water-pot, some one has truly and beautifully said, "The woman left the water pot and took the well." Yes, the leaving waters that see bubbling up and over flowing. No longer is her life to be a bane, but a blessing; she will not again use those lips to express thoughts impure but her words henceforth will fall a Heavenly benediction.

How profoundly sublime is all this and yet how exquisitely simple. The great and good Dr. Chalmers once declared, "I must say that I have never had so clear and satisfactory a view of the Gospel Salvation as when I have been led to contemplate it as a simple offer on the one hand and a simple acceptance on the other."

My early life was spent midst the hills of New England, here clear crystal springs of water abound, often when hot and thirsty have I quenched my thirst by drinking to the full from the over-flowing fountains that spring from depths infinite. Oh! why cannot all men lift their eyes and behold the life giving waters as did Hagar in the wilderness and seeing drink and live.

"If men's faith were but more simple, They would take Him at His word, And their lives would be all sunshine In the fulness of their Lord."

Evangelist W. H. BREACH.

Holiness people should not need to be urged to pay up their subscription, in the greater number of cases it is purely neglect, Brother and Sister; how can you escape being urged to pay if you neglect so just a debt?

Taken By Surprise.

Pastor S. A. Baker was given a surprise by "The Adult Bible Class," On the evening of the 28th. He was notified by telephone that he was wanted within half an hour at the home of Brother George H. Arnold, half expecting a wedding, he went, to find every person present were already married, and all of them members of his bible class, only then he awoke to the fact that he was for once completely taken by surprise, Brother Arnold, the President, then expressed the sympathy of the class with the pastor in the serious sickness of his son, Garfield, and also their appreciation of him as Pastor and teacher of the class, and presented him with a generous gift in cash, to which Pastor Baker replied expressing his appreciation of the kinds words of sympathy and their generous gift, and his regrets that on account of his other duties he was not able to devote the time to the class that he felt they should have to make the class as deeply interesting as it should be. After spending an hour in pleasant conversation in which several perplexing problems were given to be solved the class returned to their homes with a feeling of the deepest satisfaction because they had so completely surprised their teacher, and that every member of the class had succeeded in keeping a secret three whole days without giving the teacher a hint, or even telling his wife what was going on, which in the happy recipients experience is a record breaker.

DIED.

At North Head, Grand Manan, on December 13th, Leverett, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Crossabcone, of this place.

At Millville, York County, N. B., On the 19th inst, Ervin R, youngest child of John and Lillie Liston, age nine months. "Jesus took the little ones up in his arms and blessed them and said: 'of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.'" He also said: "let them come unto me and forbid them not." Funeral attended by the writer, J. S. Richardson.

At Millville, December 9th, after years of suffering from rheumatism, Mrs. T. W. Smith, formerly of Maplewood, York Co., aged 90 years. Sister Smith was a godly woman, and although she is dead her holy life will continue to speak. Our sister suffered terribly for years, yet was never heard to murmur. Always cheerful, strong in faith and in the cause of God. She leaves five children and three brothers to mourn their loss, Mrs. Robert Johnston, of Millville, with whom she spent her last days, Mrs. John Grant, of Hodgson, and Mrs. Burden, of Hoolton, Me., and William, of Alberta, and Alfred, of Keswick. The surviving brothers are William Peters, of St. John, S. L. Peters, of Queens County, and Thos. of Fredericton, besides other relatives and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss, which is her gain. All the children were present at the funeral, except William, of Alberta.

S. GREENLAW.

Beulah Hotel.

A few weeks ago we called attention to furnishing the New Hotel with quilts, comfortables, sheets, feather pillows and pillow cases. The sisters of the churches and the girls of the Sunday school classes are intending to begin work on these things early in the New Year, every church and Sunday school should take an interest and contribute towards these needful things. Those who are located where they cannot send these articles, or who prefer to give money can do so, and the money will be acknowledged through the Highway. Sister S. J. Brown of Mars Hill, Me., opens the list with one dollar.