

## Correspondence

Paulpietersburg, Natal,  
March 13th, 1912.

Dear Highway:—

These are very busy days for us on the Mission Station getting settled in our cramped quarters. You may be interested to know how we are adapting ourselves to these surroundings after so long an absence. I am rather proud of the arranging by which so much is gotten into my "office." It is only an eight by ten room but is drug store, bed room and office, etc. There are the usual rows of shelves on three sides, reaching from the ceiling within from three to six feet of the floor. The bed under the shelves is so elevated as to take nice large packing cases under it. The principal objection being the danger of banging one's head in sitting up too suddenly, and thus jarring a few bottles down from the bottom shelf. A chiffoier takes the homoeopathic remedies, but there is still space for a large writing desk, table for type writer and a chair. This room is under the roof of the front lean-to. We first planned to have the remaining ten feet as front veranda, but after Brother Kierstead arrived we converted it into a small room with a recess between it and the "office." This two foot niche is invaluable as "waiting room." Of course there is no room in the office for patients so they come, one by one, to the door way, and sit in the shade of this miniature front veranda.

The eight by seven room under the same roof serves well as bedroom for two boys. The ten by ten room just vacated by Brother Kierstead, and forming part of the main house is school room by day and at night bedroom for three girls. In both this and the last mentioned bedroom we find space as is done in staterooms on ship board and so the beds go like shelves or berths one above the other. Then there is no roll to the house as there is to the ship and less danger of falling out of the higher berths. The dining-room, eight by twenty feet, extends the whole length of the main house and is sitting room, parlor and all that may be required of it.

Paul's bedroom and the pantry come under a back lean-to. Here we have six feet devoted to veranda space, and the same to each of the mentioned box-like compartments. The store room is in the pantry and the bedroom affords shelves for tools and various necessary stores, as well as tool chest, etc.

Brother and Sister Kierstead have just moved to their rooms in the end of the 20 by 40 foot church. They plan an extension but at present are under much pressure on all sides.

Most of the friends at home have no idea how we live here on the mission station. And when we were at home we did not tell about these smaller matters as there was much to speak of which was worth while. Then, too, the smallness of our quarters here seem more apparent to us now that we have so recently come from among people who live in houses where there is room and to spare.

But when I compare our two comings there is such a great contrast. A tent was our first abode at Balmoral for nine months. But I will refrain from speaking of those circumstances at this time, and tell of what is of more importance.

How well I remember when I first arrived here to look over the ground. It was time of severe famine and two girls came to the Boer's vacant house where I was to lodge that night and sold me a fowl which I scarcely needed as food. At that time they were raw heathen like all their neighbors with no opportunity or desire, for a higher life. Later on we moved here from Ntabamlope, and these two girls were among the first converts. Lydia, as we have often said when at home, is our most valuable worker. While Martha expressed last Sunday the desire to be

filled with all the fullness of God, using the original illustration, "So I, like a well filled sack, will stand better." And Lydia claims that her highest ambition is to serve God and tell the glad tidings of salvation to others. There are many more with a missionary spirit and the work has been and is extending. The same method instituted at the very beginning of our work is still followed with good results. That is of sending out not only the paid workers to hold services but all the Christians that we can get to go. It makes our Sunday services at the station smaller, but pays in results obtained. Sister Kierstead recently remarked that she noticed that when the church members neglected this missionary work they were far more apt to back-slide.

Suppose the home churches try this plan. Yes, some do. And members of the praying bands have remarked to me more than once that this going out was great help to their own spiritual life. And not only do our members go out but they deal personally with the ones they happen to meet in the way day by day. You remember how the records were kept and report sent to Alliance of numbers thus dealt with by our lay members in one year—considerable over a thousand. So now to encourage them in that work the count will be kept.

When our tent was first pitched on the veldt of Balmoral there was only grass, grass everywhere. Four years ago, when we left here to go home there was a splendid young orchard with a great variety of fruit trees, but all so small that we had scarcely tasted the fruit. But in this hot climate vegetation grows more rapidly than at home and now the orchards look like an Eden, almost, with the great plantings looming above the large trees of peach, lemon, orange, mulberry, apple, quince, figs, etc., etc.

I mention this to illustrate the spiritual work Christianity among these natives, is somewhat attractive and popular, and like the vegetation in this hot climate is bound to grow. A grape vine or tree without pruning will increase in size while becoming less valuable. And mission work here among these ignorant natives is very similar. Constant vigilance and pruning is needed far more than among the home churches. Thus it is seen that Brother and Sister Kierstead has had no easy task. But they have proven themselves faithful, hard working, self denying missionaries who deserve our esteem and support.

Believe me that this mission work is a vine of God's own planting, and is in a growing condition. Be encouraged, friends at home, whose gifts and prayers support this cause, God is in our midst, and your labor will not be in vain in the Lord.

Yours in Him,

H. C. SANDERS.

St. John, N. B.

April 23rd, 1912.

Dear Highway:—

The Lord has been giving us victory in St. John church. Bro. F. G. Stevens has been assisting us in the work.

Some have been converted, some wanderers reclaimed, and other sanctified and the church strengthened and helped. We are more than ever encouraged to press the battle for God and holiness.

I have never met a brother worker, whose labors were more appreciated by pastor and people than Bro. Stevens. May the Lord richly bless him in his labors. The meetings are being continued by the pastor. Pray for us.

Yours in the work,

G. B. TRAFTON.

Woodstock, N. B.

April 26th, 1912.

Dear Highway:—

I shall not soon forget the last Sunday with the church at Seal Cove. We

had a grand day. Some entered into the canaan of perfect rest. I certainly do enjoy seeing people crossing the Jordan and claiming their inheritance. Would that all God's people could see their privilege and go in and possess the land. What a beautiful country, with its fertile and well watered valleys and hills and mountains abounding in springs, where fruits abound and milk and honey flow.

The evening meeting closed with a grand testimony service ninty taking part after which I gave the altar call and fourteen came forward most of them seekers for pardon others for purity. I came to St. John on the boat Monday; had the privilege of hearing Bro. Stevens and enjoyed it much. Have passed another mile stone in my life and it finds me farther up in "Beulah Land." I go to Perth to begin on the 28th. Keep on praying.

Yours in blessed fellowship,

P. J. TRAFTON.

## TESTIMONIES AT QUARTERLY MEETING

Fort Fairfield,  
Sunday, April 7th.

THOS. WHITTAN: I am glad that this Salvation ever reached me. I have enjoyed these meetings. Am rooted and grounded in Christ.

STEPHEN McMULLIN: 25 years ago I got Salvation. I am getting younger these days, and having a grand time. I expect to walk the streets of gold. I have my mantle on now.

ZIBA ORSER: I enjoy the unity and fellowship of the saints. I am free indeed. I have the second blessing, am sanctified and kept.

THOS. MITCHELL: Glad that I came to this Q. M. I praise God for Salvation.

JAMES ROGERS: God saves me tonight, and gives me a real interest in the unsaved.

BLISS McQUARRIE: I am glad that I got back to God again. I wandered away from Him. Am sorry for it, and mean now to be true.

CHAS. CARR: I am glad I came to these meetings. Have been helped by the preaching and testimonies.

REV. E. LESTER: I came here to be blessed and also to be a blessing to others.

WM. LONDON: Am glad that I ever got Salvation. The Lord keeps me from side tracks.

J. H. SEELEY: I have attended a good many holiness meetings in the past 20 years. Have enjoyed this Q. M. much. I am more for Holiness than ever.

MRS. A. H. TRAFTON: I have been wonderfully blest today. I love the holiness people more than ever.

F. W. NEVERS: Am glad I came up here. I go back home with renewed determination and courage. I mean to be true to God.

DR. J. E. JEWETT: These services have been food to my soul. The preaching has been extra good.

GORDON YORK: I praise the Lord for these meetings, have enjoyed them much. Have been helped by them.

L. T. KINNEY: I have enjoyed these meetings—Am glad that you all came. We want you to come again.

GEO. H. BISHOP: I praise God for these meetings. I am glad that I had a praying father and mother. I am glad that I ever found this way.

Rev. E. W. Lester: I praise the Lord that I am saved and sanctified.

Chester Culberson: I praise the Lord for salvation.

L. S. Hartt: I am rejoicing in the blessed hope.

Mable Good: Jesus is my Savior.

Vivian Munn: The Lord has saved and sanctified me.

Estella Howell: Jesus is keeping me each day.

Joseph Hatheway: Jesus saves me. I love him today.

Rev. H. C. Archer: I praise God today for full salvation.

Wm. Cogswell: I am glad that I belong to the royal family. Bless the

Lord.

Rev. M. S. Trafton: I am living by faith in Jesus Christ.

Rev. A. H. Trafton: I am a child of the King. I praise God for salvation through the blood.

Mrs. J. E. Jewett: Jesus is all the world to me.

Mrs. H. C. Archer: Jesus saves me from sin this morning.

Mrs. M. S. Trafton: My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness.

A. B. Craig: I am glad I am saved and kept up to date.

Henry J. Seeley: I am glad I am saved and kept.

## THE BIBLE.

A Short Epitome by Clayton Keith.

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers.

Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldiers' sword and the Christian's charter.

Here paradise is restored, heaven opened and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment and be remembered forever.

It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.—Selected.

## THE BLOTTING OUT OF SIN.

What is the blessing of the blotting out of sin?

A little boy ran in one day to his mother, after he had read that promise, "I will blot out as a thick cloud thy transgressions," and he said:

"Mother, what does God mean when he says he will blot out my sins? What is he going to do with them? I can't see how God can really blot them out and put them away. What does it mean—blot out?"

The mother who is always the best theologian for a child, said to the boy: "Didn't I see you yesterday writing on your slate?"

"Yes," he said—

"Well, bring it to me."

He brought the slate. Holding it in front of him, the mother said:

"Where is what you wrote?"

"Oh," he said, "I rubbed it out."

"Well, where is it?"

"Why, mother, I don't know."

"But how could you put it away if it were really there?"

"Oh, mother, I don't know. I know it was there, and is gone."

"Well," she said, "that is what God means when he says, 'I will blot out thy transgressions.'"—Ram's Horn.

"Self is a hard master. It can not be satisfied by its own or by any other self. The remedy—ignore self and receive Jesus. The result—rest, peace and satisfaction."

"Infirmities do not of themselves debar us from loving confidence towards God. But the slightest sin in temper, tone or thought does."

"Dead religion feeds upon the past."

"Live saints do not spend much time in looking back."

## THE ERRORS OF "PASTOR" RUSSELL

Of the self-styled and much advertised "Pastor" Russell, who comes this way sometimes, the Journal and Messenger says only one who as much leisure has time to make careful examination of his "sophistries and abuse of Scripture." And only one who makes it a business to discover and expose error can do full justice to such a case as that of Russell. Dr. Moorehead has done this, having gone through a large part of the Russell publications, and has published the results of his investigation in the seventh volume of the series known as "The Fundamentals." He not only states what he regards as errors of doctrine put forth by the "Pastor," but he has devoted to them citations and arguments justifying his criticism and his rejection of the Russell teachings. The conclusion at which Dr. Moorehead has arrived, justified by quotations from the publications of Russell, whom he treats with all fairness are as follows Russell's teaching):

1. Christ before His advent was not divine.
2. When He was in the world He was still not divine.
3. His atonement was exclusively human, a mere man's.
4. Since His resurrection He is divine only, no longer human at all.
5. His body was not raised from the dead.
6. His second advent took place in our earth and have been for thirty seven years and thirty three years, respectively.
7. The saints were raised up in 1878.
8. Both Christ and the saints are now on earth and have been for thirty years and thirty three years, respectively.
9. The professing Christian Church was rejected of God in 1878.
10. The final consummation and end will take place in 1914.
11. Silence as to the person and work of the Holy Spirit.
12. The destiny of the wicked.

Dr. Moorehead closes his article as follows:

"Such is the 'Millennial Dawn' of C. T. Russell, a mixture of Unitarianism, Universalism, Second Probation and Restorationism, and the Swedenborgian method of exegesis. Let the reader remember that imposition is not exposition, nor is eisegesis exegesis. Mr. Russell constantly employs both; he imposes on Scripture his own views and he reads into it that which never entered the mind of the inspired writer. May God, in his infinite mercy, preserve His people from being deceived and betrayed by this counterfeit of Christianity."—Maritime Baptist.

## ETERNITY IN HELL.

Think of it, backslider! Not a thousand or a million years in hell; but "Eternity in Hell!" "Everlasting burnings." Think of it! Think of it!

Formal professor think of Eternity in Hell.

Holiness professor think of Eternity in Hell. You too will get into hell, unless you watch and pray and keep humble and pure.

Dishonest grocery men, drygoods men and whiskey selling druggists, with all whiskey makers, whiskey drinkers and whiskey voters, will find an Eternity in Hell unless they stop it, repent and get to God.

Fathers and mothers, if you are not converted to God and His Bible and using your best endeavors to lead your children to God and heaven, you will spend an Eternity in Hell.

And all foolish talkers and jesters and tellers of black and white lies, are running with all their might to a "lake of fire and brimstone," and will spend their Eternity in Hell unless they repent."—Vanguard.

"You have perhaps prayed to live, now live to pray."