

Correspondence

Paulpietersburg, Natal,
Jan. 1st, 1912.

Dear Highway;—

We wish all your readers a happy and successful New Year in the work of the Lord.

The writer had the privilege of baptizing four happy believers yesterday, on Samuel's field, over in the Transvaal.

Leaving home early in the morning on the donkey we went to Samuel's home thinking perhaps his people from the other side would meet us there, but upon our arrival we found Samuel had come back to tell us they could not come and to guide us in crossing. So notwithstanding the fact that the sun was scorching hot, we left the donkey and journeyed on six miles or more further on foot and found a good congregation already gathered with Lidia in charge. She had just begun reading the word: "Bring forth fruits meet for repentance" etc., and spoke to them for awhile in her pointed straightforward way. Then the writer and Samuel followed; the people holding their umbrellas to protect them from the sun, for we were obliged to hold the service in the open air as there were more people gathered than a hut would hold. The people, unbelievers and all, listened respectfully to the truth though the service was quite long.

At the close of the service the candidates were examined, three women and a young man, after which we went to the baptismal pool. At this same place we had some trouble in baptizing two old women some months ago, as they were afraid to trust themselves in our hands so persisted in trying to immerse themselves and thus took the writer very near off his feet in the pool. Hence we were careful to explain to them this time, that they must give themselves up into the hands of their teacher as his strength was sufficient to enable him to bury them in the water and raise them up again. As a result the three youngest candidates did beautifully but an old woman who was baptized last, struggled out of our hands and raised herself up before the ordinance was properly administered. Again we explained to her the necessity of submission and then it was only by using considerable force that we were able to completely immerse her.

This reminds us of the fact that there are many in the homeland and everywhere who are unwilling to give themselves up completely into the hands of the Lord and thus His great work of salvation is delayed in some cases for years because of their lack of submission.

How much better it would be for us if we would trust ourselves fully into His hands, thus enabling Him to bury the old life of sin and raise us up new creatures in Christ Jesus.

The Lord is working among us, giving victory so we are expecting more to follow the Lord in baptism here at the station next Sunday.

We shall be glad to see Dr. Sanders and family when they return and are expecting the Lord to use them mightily in helping souls.

Yours in the work,
I. F. KEIRSTEAD.

Cardiff, N. Y.,
Feb. 5th, 1912.

Dear Highway;—

At the last session of our conference, held first of October, I took the appointment of conference Evangelist. I settled my family in Homer, N. Y., a beautiful town of about 3000. Calls for service came in immediately. Before Christmas I held meetings in Methodist churches in the following places: West Dryden, N. Y.; McClure, N. Y.; Susquehanna, Pa.; Fayette, N. Y., at each place we saw some sinners saved, believers sanctified. The pastor

at McClure received "the blessing" and the good work is going on there. After Christmas I began service in Pillor Point, M. E. Church, opposite Sacket's Harbor. Here we found a sanctified pastor and a splendid band of Holy people. The weather was intensely cold but people came and the Lord gave victory in the salvation of souls. Our next meeting was in the M. E. Church at Ellenburg Center, Clinton Co., N. Y. We were near the Canadian boundary. Here Holiness had been firmly planted years ago by faithful Methodist preachers who were true to their vows. For a number of years the church has had pastors not in sympathy with holiness, but the sanctified ones stood true and kept on praying. God sent them a man in sympathy with them and it was a privilege to labor in that church. The battle was hard for there was much unbelief. For eight days we poured in the truth but there was little response. All we could do was to gather God's people about the altar and pray. Finally in the afternoon meeting, souls began to seek Holiness and salvation. On Thursday evening of the second week the break came and by Sunday evening 42 souls had prayed through to God besides those reclaimed and sanctified. God gave a wonderful victory. The young man who tried to disturb the first service was blessedly converted. The majority of the converts were young people. It was an inspiring occasion in the closing service when fully sixty people, who had been blessed in the meeting, stood before the altar and the large congregation with uplifted hands and happy hearts, sang "When we all get to Heaven." We are at present in our own conference at Cardiff, N. Y. Here we find hard conditions, but souls are getting hungry for the blessing. The prospects for Holiness in this state were never brighter, and at present there are three out and out Holiness evangelists working in the Cental N. Y. Conference. In spite of the inconsistencies of some of its friends and the antagonism of its enemies Holiness must win, for it is of God. It is a privilege to "go through with Jesus." I never felt more like pressing the battle for Holiness. In these days it means much to be saved from fanatical radicalism on the one hand and unholiness compromise on the other. Will the readers of "The Highway" pray for me in this work of spreading scriptural Holiness. I am

Your brother saved and sanctified,
W. E. SMITH.

Norton, N. B.,
Jan. 31st, 1912.

Dear Highway;—

I want here to speak of the kindness of the brothers and sisters of the church and congregation at Norton, who on the evening of Jan. 29th, met at our home, and after singing several selections, and a dainty lunch being served by the sisters of the church, we were presented with an address made by Bro. Carson, accompanied with cash amounting to \$36.00. For this as well as all former remembrances we are very thankful to our Heavenly Father, as well as to the church and others, some from the Presbyterian and United Baptist churches for all these tokens of love and respect.

T. W. MOSES.

Four Falls, N. B.,
Feb. 9th, 1912.

Dear Highway;—

I have been thinking for sometime that I would like to write and let you know how we are getting along here at Four Falls.

In looking over the report of the Q. M. at Marysville I saw that our church was not reported. The clerk of the church being away this was neglected.

But we wish to say that we are still holding on to God, and trusting Him for greater victory in the future. The Lord has sent us a pastor, Rev.

A. H. Trafton, who preaches to us the truth of the word. He is with us every two weeks on Sunday afternoon and evening alternately. The Sundays that he is not with us we have prayer services and the Lord blesses us as we meet. We have a good Sunday School. Many of the brothers are away at this time in the woods, but the one remaining at home takes hold and leads the meetings for us when the pastor is not with us.

I wish to say that the Lord is very near to me personally. Jesus is my Saviour and His blood washes whiter than snow. How I praise Him for Salvation and His love to me.

Your Sister in Christ,
MRS. GEO. HETHERINGTON.

CHRISTMAS AT OUR MISSION STATION.

Quite a number of our people came Saturday, others arrived Sunday, so eager were they, to spend the entire day. All were busy in the early morning getting the work out of the way. Before breakfast a woman came to get a tooth extracted, in a short time another one came on the same road. The people began coming before eight o'clock, in their Sunday best. They did not come expecting a feast for the famine made it impossible.

We had our first service at 10 o'clock, about 200 had gathered. Many undressed heathen were present who listened most attentively, until they were dismissed at 1 o'clock.

A goodly number of our people from Samyelis field came bringing their umnikelo (offering) for the church building. I think it would have done any heart good to see how glad they were to lay their offering on the chair, eleven shillings (\$2.75) which has meant sacrifice. How the Lord will bless these dear ones. In the meantime many were crowding around me, saying "Inkosikazi, Kisimusi, Kisimuse," this is how they ask for a Xmas gift. We gave them each a box of matches, which pleased them greatly.

The crowning time of the day was in the afternoon meeting, when the Holy Spirit was out-poured in a marvellous manner. It was a consecration service,—each of our members went forward, and such praying and crying could only be witnessed at a camp meeting. At times all were praying together, then some one would break out in song, while others prayed on. It was a wonderful time. The meeting broke up about six o'clock with a song of praise for victory received. The people were so loath to go, (even unbelievers staying on their knees about an hour and a half) that we purpose holding meetings every day this week. We had a fortaste of this blessed time, a week ago, when four women came forward for prayers, one old woman prayed through to victory, since then they have been praising the Lord.

We believe this is only the beginning of a good revival. The day was only a repetition of the past weeks, dry with intense heat. The crops are simply burning up,—we fear there will be greater suffering next year if rain does not come soon,—hence we are praying for a good rain for this parched earth. But oh how we do praise the Lord for the refreshing showers on our souls.

This has been the best Christmas we have spent in Africa, and the happiest, for we have seen manifestations of the Holy Spirit's power in answer to prayer, and we know that you in the homeland will rejoice with us.

Yours under the precious blood,
IDA M. KEIRSTEAD.

"It takes genuine salvation to love your enemies and to do good to those who spitefully use and persecute you, but salvation will do it."

"God gives us pain for sin because it has pained Him."

JOTTINGS.

Some
Selected

Others.
Original.

By Rev. R. L. Jones.

"He knows, He loves, He cares,
Nothing this truth can dim;
And does the very best for those
Who leave the choice with Him."

Isa. 7:9—"If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established."

The plain reason why there are so many "thermometer Christians"—up and down ones—is because of unbelief, one of the symptoms of the "old man."

Without faith it is impossible to please God. When men will trust in His unchanging word rather than in their everchanging feelings they will go on from obedience unto obedience, learning "the will of God" which is "even your sanctification," get the "blessing" and know that we walk by faith not by feelings. However, when we reach "this abiding place in Jesus" we will have "feelings"—"good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over." Glory, hallelujah!

Bunyan's description of a faithful minister: "His eye is lifted up to heaven, the Best of Books is in his hand, the law of truth is written upon his lips, and the world is behind his back."

JOHN 15:16—"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." Every child of God however humble his station in life has something to do for Christ. "And to every man his work." (Mark 13:34.) We are not told to be successful but obedient. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." (Luke 16:10.) The Lord had not promised to reward us for our successfulness but for our faithfulness. Are you keeping step with God?

JOHN 14:13—"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

"Ask, and it shall be given you; Seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

LUKE 1:18—"Whereby shall I know this?" In hearing mysteries keep thy tongue quiet. Five words spoken cost Zacharias forty weeks' silence. And likewise many a man is "dumb" today because he has disbelieved God's word in regard to holiness as a definite second work of grace.

Finney declares, "The enjoyment of religion by the church precedes a revival that will reach sinners." Do they "know the joyful sound" down at your meeting house?

MATT. 12:34—"That man's heart cannot be pure, whose tongue is impure; for 'out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.'"

PSA. 87:7—"All my springs are in thee." The River of God (Rev. 22:1) is full of water (of life), but there is not one drop of it that takes its rise in earthly springs.

E. F. Walker's "solo"—"I feel just as good when I don't feel good as I do when I do feel good." True! Entire sanctification fixes you up.

1 COR. 15:37—"When, like Paul, we can cast ALL our suffering on Jesus, our great burden-bearer, thus converting it into a means of knowing His overcoming grace, and can say from a sanctified heart: "Most GLADLY, therefore, do I TAKE PLEASURE in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, FOR CHRIST'S SAKE—THAT IS VICTORY. Hallelujah!"

Wanted immediately (all over the land! A few more Aarons and Hurs as attendants at the weekly prayer meetings.

"Back to the Bible."—The Bible begets the faith that claims the promise, trusts in the blood, and shouts the victory. Glory!

PSA. 32:8—God says; "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye." When God leads it will always be in the line of USEFULNESS AND VICTORY. Are you sure you are in God's will?

"I dug a grave and laid within
Its secret depths one secret sin.
I closed the grave—and know full well
That day I shut myself in hell."

If you would be a soul-winner and an idol-smasher wherever you go, you MUST get the light on your heart, die the death to carnality, and TARRY till ye be endured with power from on high.

Moody says, "Saints should be like spire-steeple, smallest where they are highest."

WHITE-WASHED—"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones and of all uncleanness." MATT. 23:27.

WASHED WHITE—"And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. REV. 7:14. "The Blood! the Blood! my only plea; Hallelujah! it cleanseth me."

ACTS 15:9—"Purifying their hearts by faith." The devil—and some others—advocate "power" but deny cleansing. Purity is clean water in the boiler. Apply the fire and you have power. Peter says the "power" purified their hearts at Pentecost. Glory be to God forever!

A Preacher's Theme—"UNDER RELIGION'S CLOAK" text II Kings 17:33—"They feared the Lord, AND SERVED THEIR OWN GODS."

MARK 9:48—"Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."

The following lines were the last words of Sir Francis Newport: "Oh, that I was to lie upon the fire—that never is quenched a thousand years, to purchase the favor of God, and be remitted to him again! But it is a fruitless wish. Millions of millions of years will bring me no nearer to the end of my torments than one poor hour. Oh, Eternity! Eternity! forever and forever! Oh, the insufferable pangs of hell!"

"Lord give me an infinite passion for souls;
Give me a pity that yearns;
Give me a love which loves unto death;
Give me a fire that burns;
Give me the prayer of faith that prevails,
Victorious prayer in the Conqueror's name;
Give me Thyself—

I ask not for riches or honor or fame."

If the above verse is your prayer the answer is found in 1 JOHN 5:14, 15—"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us; And if we know that He hears us; whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." "And this is the will of God even your sanctification."

II CHRON. 36:16—"But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised His words, and misused His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, TILL THERE WAS NO REMEDY."

And yet some scoffers of today tell us that forbearance can never come to an end with God. Truly "the Lord is long-suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance"; however we read that "once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved, and the world that then was, was overflowed with water and the ungodly perished in the flood."

The same Book says: "And the heavens and the earth which are now are

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