

CORRESPONDENCE.

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal, South Africa,
Oct. 28th, 1904.

To those contemplating the Foreign Field,—Beloved in the Lord suffer me to say a few things that may help you. God is calling you to work for him, you feel it, you hear him gently speaking to you about it, especially when you are at secret prayer, and yet you have not settled the matter. Then "first things first," settle this business now and forever. If God wants you to work for him, he also is willing, yes, waiting to show you how. Don't do as I have heard many ministers say "God called me to preach but I tried to run away from him. I was not willing, or I thought I was unfit for such work." If God calls for you, no matter how base and good for nothing you may be in your own eyes, he sees worth, true metal. It may need much purifying and polishing but it is there and whatever is lacking he is fully able to make up, if you are willing. See 1 Cor 1:26-29 and remember 'tis only as we lie in his hands a cleansed vessel, can he fill and use us to please him. If we have wills of our own in the matter we hinder him. This is why so many great and highly gifted ones are so often idle in His garden and so many weak, poor, despised, hidden ones are so filled with service. The former have preferences of their own, the latter have no will contrary to pleasing Jesus first. Then settle this first and now get away from all distracting influences. Shut yourself up in your closet with your Bible and ask God to show you plainly. You need not have a fear, you can know this just as surely as you know you were converted and God is just as willing to show you this as he did that. But, you must be willing to be shown.

Let nothing others may say, discourage you. Some dear souls are not interested in the dark heathen, they will tell you there are heathen enough at home—God bless these dear ones and open their eyes before it is too late! But what they say you are not responsible for, but you are responsible how you settle this question. If you refuse God will call some one else but you will suffer an awful loss both in time and in eternity. It is a dreadful thing to be out of place and you surely would be if you stay at home when God wants you on the foreign field. I remember one young man said years ago "I feel I shall lose my soul if I do not go to India." He has not gone, he is in the home field but I often wonder if he does not feel out of place. Some will say, "we need you so much in the home work, you are just fitted for it, why throw away your talents and bury yourself in a distant land?" Yes, you may have to bury yourself but there will be fruit. Jesus said "except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit." Who are you to obey first, God or your friends? Who is the best judge God or man? Let his promises comfort you and Jesus be your example and march on!

One dear one said to me, whom I had told God wanted me in Africa, "You are going to Africa then what good will all your schooling and music do you there? It will only be wasted. Anybody with no education is good enough to teach those niggers." Ah, no, we need the best we can get, the more talents the better. The greater the qualification the more effectually can you work, first these must be secondary and Christ first. Nothing is wasted and much, if not all, you have ever learned will serve excellently in their respective places. Are you an artist? Blackboard exercises will help you to force home God's truths. Do you sing? This is a great blessing and every missionary will need to do this. Can you play an organ, violin, cornet, guitar, mandolin or any other instrument? So much the better, these people love music. Have you a trade as carpenter, machinist, engineer etc. etc.? I know of no place on earth where any of these things are so useful as when on a mission station. If you are a doctor or nurse they are invaluable and save precious lives and many breakdowns which means time and money saved too. Do you tailor or dressmaker you will find great use for either or both when away from town or city, in the wilds, surrounded only by half dressed heathens. These will help you make your own clothing and greatly assist in teaching the heathen to sew. Not a few men

have had to teach their converts to sew. Of course cooking and housekeeping, even the young men must understand enough to do these for themselves should occasion require.

'Tis not so much college training that is of the greatest use on the foreign field, (thought if you have this and are wholly consecrated to God and souls it is a mighty power for good), but a thorough knowledge of your Bible, the filling of the Holy Ghost and real practical things so greatly needed and used in every day life. I have met those in training for missionaries who did not know how to cook a meal, nor wash or iron, sew or many other things so essential for the barest comfort in life. "Have faith in God." Learn to trust when you cannot see, walk alone with God in the dark and to cling to his word when all else seems to fail. Build your hopes alone upon God. Let your expectations come from him and then you will be prepared to face criticism, opposition and seeming disappointments without weakening in your soul. You will know rather God reigns and will cause you to triumph if you but prove true to him.

Be an optimist. There is always a bright side to the blackest circumstances, a silver lining to the darkest cloud and a rainbow to the heaviest showers.

You will meet all sorts of trials, difficulties and hard places on the foreign field and will not have friends and pastors to help like at home. There may be no Camp meeting, conventions nor preaching services outside of your own work and your soul will hunger and thirst for such times of mingling with kindred spirits. You will simply long to be in a real good holiness testimony meeting but you are too far away so will need to testify to yourself or coworker alone. But this is a great help.

Things looked pretty dark to the toiling disciples on that storm tossed sea but the master was watching and came to their rescue walking on the billows that were threatening to engulf them. Just so with you when surrounded by a sea of trouble and over head black threatening clouds of trial, but these cannot harm you so long as you trust and obey Him. Just as Jesus calmed their fears by that matchless message "Fear not, it is I" just so he will speak to you and deliver you when he sees it is enough. He is never too late but often just in time. We all need trials and cannot escape them but praise the Lord, we need not break in them nor lose our trust in God.

Be teachable, make up your mind you are going to learn the language somehow. I know a missionary who is not teachable. He was not even willing to be taught by his own wife but made up his mind he must have a special teacher, one fluent in Zulu or he was not going to get the language. The result, he is still preaching through an interpreter. Had he been teachable his own servants could have greatly aided him and today he might have been able to speak in the native tongue. Above all things else "be filled with the spirit and kept filled." What I have written is not from theories but from experience and facts.

Yours in His service,
E. SANDERS.

MEDUCTIC, N. B. Dec, 26th 1904.

Dear Highway.—It has been my privilege to spend two Sundays on this circuit. Have enjoyed meeting the saints and others whom I pray may soon become members of the household of faith.

Bro. W. J. Hamilton arrived at Lower Southampton on the 19th instant, and he and I held meetings there all last week. Revd's J. Gravner and Allen Stairs also assisted in the services which I believe were a success. Conviction rested upon the people and we believe if special meetings could be begun again in the near future, there would soon be a break. The saints at Lower Southampton have been praying the Lord to send a worker, and they believe he has answered in sending Brother Hamilton. We trust the brother will have a good time on the circuit. The people appreciate his work thus far.

The New Year will soon be upon us with all its responsibilities. Shall we not unitedly look up into the face of God and ask Him to double our power, that we may better glory God and be the means of leading many precious souls to the feet of Jesus.

Yours in the work,
I. F. KIERSTEAD.

Dear Highway.—Seeing that there is but a few days left of 1904. It occurs to me that perhaps I ought to report myself once more before this year expires. In retrospect the year I find that I have no reason to complain. The Lord has continued his providential care to me and mine, and we have lived through the year to enjoy much of his favour, no doubt more than we have deserved, but it is like God to bless abundantly. We have enjoyed very good health considering the infirmities of age are upon us, financially he has made it quite easy for us supplying our needs temporally, with such as go to make it comfortable for us physically. Spiritually he has fed us abundantly with the bread and water of life, living bread and living water, and it is springing up unto everlasting life. In the race we have met cross tides, head winds it is true, but the Lord has always been present with his aid, and helped us through and over, and we are on the victory side. As I write I call to mind victories all along the line. But there have been special seasons when God has helped and blessed more abundantly. I look back to a special season enjoyed at Gordonsville, as I have thought of it, and as I read the several letters from those that were helped at that time the very interesting letters expressing so much love and gratitude to God for blessings received, I have felt again and again to bless God and praise his holy name for what he did at that place. And as I think of these things there comes to my heart a longing for more of the same kind, but under the circumstances we must abide God's time and hope for the best. We are hoping that the Lord may bring us safely through the cold wintry months and grant us the summer time again when we can again enter the field for service. I will close this letter wishing the Highway family a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Lord crown it with great success in the interest of precious souls.

J. GRAVNER.

BEALS, Me., Dec. 26th 1904.

Dear Highway.—Glad to report that we still have victory amongst us. The Lord is blessing us. Our meetings yesterday were seasons of much power. The revival spirit is still working in the hearts of the people. Praise the Lord forever.

Our Sunday school entertainment was held on Saturday evening, the 24th. A full house was present to greet the children who gave their recitations in an admirable manner. Appropriate singing was rendered by a number of young ladies. Two large Christmas trees on either side of the building were laden with suitable and valuable presents. Among the many gifts that evening, was the present to the Reformed Baptist church of a large bell from Baltimore costing nearly \$200.00 the gift of Brother Charles H. Beal of Jonesport. The church members present arose immediately to their feet and gave him a vote of thanks. The bell will be put in the belfry in time for New Year's day. We hope it will call many to the Lord's house.

The pastor and his wife and daughter were suitably remembered also in gifts, among them a purse of \$13.00 for Mrs. Bubar.

We are glad to say that Mr. Bubar's health is gradually improving. She was out to one service yesterday the first in many weeks. We trust she may soon be completely recovered from her illness.

The writers health is only fair, as he has been suffering from Neuralgia and Influenza for some time. His trust is in the Lord.

Glad to say that our church is united in the work; the brethren and sisters are standing true to each other and true to the church. We trust and pray that 1905 may be a year of great spiritual prosperity.

A. L. BUBAR.

SUSSEX, N. B. Dec. 13th 1904

Dear Highway.—When sitting all alone the other evening the question came to me, would you be willing to write a letter for the HIGHWAY? After considering it for a few moments I said yes, I would even write a letter for the HIGHWAY, although it is the first in my life.

I will in as few words as possible give my experience. For twelve years, I served God afar off. The verse of an old hymn about suits I think.

Once I thought I walked with Jesus,
But such changeful feeling had,
Sometimes trusting, sometimes doubting,
Sometimes joyful, sometimes sad.

but one day a great sorrow came unto my life, then my health failed. I spent more time on my knees, I think in those lonely hours, weeks and months, than in all the twelve years before, pleading for more light, hungering and thirsting for righteousness. Two of your holiness ministers I shall never forget for their kind words and prayers. God bless them both. One day in the presence of about two hundred people in a camp meeting, God showed me plainly that sanctification was for his all believing children and that was what I needed to cheer my poor broken heart. I accepted it then and there, and told the people that there was power in Jesus blood to save and sanctify even me. And from that day to this I have had peace and joy in my heart that I fail to find words to describe. I pray God's blessing on the holiness cause. I consider it an honour to be called one of them. If all churches would but acknowledge this wonderful power of God I feel that the time would soon come when God's will would be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. R. G. INNIS.

OBITUARY.

Florene M., the eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Hartt, passed quietly and sweetly to her heavenly home on Thursday, Nov. 24, aged 34 years and two months.

Sister Florence's conversion occurred at the age of 14 at a convention held by her father in Berryman's Hall, St. John. From that time she entered with large enthusiasm into her Master's work. She early took a large responsibility in her father's home, denying herself advantages of an education which she strongly coveted. And then as opportunity was given in her father's pastorates she devoted herself to the work of the church, taking special interest in the salvation of the young. Her reward in this part of her work was great, many of her class pupils giving themselves to Christ. A definite experience of entire sanctification was realized by our sister during the summer of 1892, at a time as at the time of her conversion, when she was with her father in Barre, Vermont. With added enthusiasm she engaged in Christian work. Her loyalty to her church and home became more and more marked.

An illness which had been threatening for some years, becoming somewhat acute four years ago, made it necessary for Sister Florence to abandon the work of the church and her efforts to secure vocal and instrumental training. Yet with unwavering faith in Christ, and fully reconciled to His will she looked forward to years of greater usefulness when her health should be recovered. Her friends bore witness to the courage and patience with which she endured the affliction put upon her.

She accepted the decision of the doctors that a visit to the West would be helpful, and with her parents, went to Montana four years ago. The necessity of yielding herself to the separation from loved ones made more marked her faith in God. And her stay of three years in the West was more fruitful in the cultivation of the christian graces.

Believing that their daughter's illness had reached a critical stage during the past summer, her parents returned to the East with her, arriving at Brockton, Mass., on July 18th, where, from that time a home was made for her and the best care given her by her sister. For four months with alternating physical conditions that led first to hope and then to doubt of her recovery, our sister was preciously sustained by the realities of her religion. Cheerful throughout, her testimony of Jesus' saving grace was in convincing power.

The last hours upon the earth will ever be an inspiration to those who were present with her. Her last words were those of full confidence in Jesus, "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

The funeral services were held in Brockton at the home of her sister, Mrs. T. A. Norris, and were in charge of the Methodist pastor, Rev. Julian Wadsworth, with remarks by Rev. John Short and Rev. Geo. Hastings.

PLEDGE

Toward Paying for Balmoral Farm.
On or before June 1st, 1905, I promise to pay to the Treasurer of the Reformed Baptist Missionary Board \$2.50, to pay for one acre of the Missionary Farm, situated near Paulpietersburg, South Africa.

(Signed)

Put this out and sign it and mail it to the Rev. S. A. Baker, Hartland, N. B.

BALMORAL FARM.

Number of acres previously acknowledged 222.

Amount.....	\$555 00
Miss Eliza J Churchill.....	acres 1 2 50
Samuel Sipprell.....	" 2 50
Mrs G T Hartley.....	" 2 50
Miss Alma F Hartley.....	" 2 50
Mr and Mrs S R Short.....	" 2 50
James Rogers and wife.....	" 2 50
Mrs N A Clement.....	4 10 00
Mrs E M Leavitt.....	1 2 50

MEMORIAL FUND NOTES.

The cart has been shipped and is now enroute for Durban. If all the friends who have contributed could have seen it they would have been proud of it. It certainly is a great cart and we trust will find much usefulness in the work for God. We trust many friends will be inspired by the list in this issue and respond at once and let us have about two hundred dollars more and thus give the oxen needed in the work. We ought to be able to close this list soon. Why not respond now. It is the Lord's work. M. S. TRAFTON.

MEMORIAL EXTENSION FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$126 50.
Richard Lyder.....	\$ 1 00 pd
Mrs. Hugh Churchill.....	2 00 "
C B Harvey.....	1 00 "
Henry Benson.....	1 00 "
Dora Sommers.....	2 00 "
A L Berry.....	1 00 "
A F Sanner.....	1 00 "
Rowland Trites.....	1 00 "
Mrs E T Somers.....	1 00 "
Albert Lewis.....	1 00 "
Marvin Somers.....	1 00 "
Mrs A L Berry.....	1 00 "
Melburn Somers.....	1 00 "
Mrs Z B Grass.....	1 00 "
Mrs Jacob Maddison.....	1 00 "
Bruce Maddison.....	1 00 "
Stewart Trites.....	1 00 "
Everett Trites.....	1 00 "
Henry Lutz.....	1 00 "
Rufus O Trites.....	1 00 "
Mrs Charles Lutz.....	1 00 "
Daniel T Berry.....	1 00 "
Mrs Albert Lewis.....	1 00 "
Mrs Mortimer Somers.....	2 00 "
Chas McLean.....	1 00 "
Geo Harrop and Wife.....	10 00 "
Mrs German Lutz.....	50 "
Miss Georgie Melburn.....	30 "
Mrs John Melburn.....	25 "
Miss Hattie Dunham.....	2 00 "
Royalton Mission Band.....	6 00 "
Mrs Sara Allen.....	1 00 "

MACDONALD MONUMENT FUND.

We wish to announce to the friends of our late brother, Rev. G. W. Macdonald, that an order for a monument to be erected to his memory has been given; and all who wish to contribute towards its erection will please do so, as we wish to close up the subscription list. We need about \$25.00 more; and we know there are a number who have been intending to contribute towards this fund, but have delayed doing so. Will you please do so now, sending your gifts to W. B. Wiggins, Woodstock, N. B., who will acknowledge them in the HIGHWAY.

FORT FAIRFIELD CONVENTION.

The Fort Fairfield Holiness Convention closed on the 18th. There were about fifty who professed to be reclaimed, converted and sanctified wholly. The brethren are planning to hold another next December. Dr. Carradine preached with unabating energy and power.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

Brother and Sister Alfred Thornton will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on January 25th, 1905.

I am delighted in Him, bless His dear name.

Not a sorrow not a care,
He doth all my burdens bear,
While His constant love I share,
Saviour blessed Saviour.

Your brother in Christ,

CHAS. O. MUTCH.