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NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

We wish all our readers a prosperous and happy New Year.

The records of 1906 are closed, to be opened at the judgement. Beloved, have you paid your vows?

How blessed to look back on the past year and feel the assurance that you have worked for the salvation of souls up to the full limit of your strength, and have the consciousness that you have lived under the precious cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and have been kept clean.

Busy people are generally helpful in some department of life. But busy-bodies are in the employ of the devil and are injurious wherever they are found and ruinous to the church of Christ.

A minister who can enjoy hearing his predecessor lightly or injuriously spoken of don't love his neighbour as himself, much less he who can thus speak "love as brethren."

"Having gifts differing according to the grace that is given us." Beloved don't think a man cannot do anything because he is not like somebody else. Every man called of God to the ministry can do the work God has given him the gift to perform. If we were all alike many could be dispensed with.

SATAN TRANSFORMED.

"For Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."

It is generally said that Satan has three forms under which he tempts men: 1st. The subtle serpent. 2nd. The roaring lion. 3rd. The angel of light. He often, as the angel of light persuades men to do things under the name of religion, which are subversive to it. In this way he has undoubtedly done the holiness cause great harm. He cannot catch holiness people by artfulness and cunning, neither can he frighten them by his roaring, but he does deceive them by coming to them as an angel of light. He is represented as an accuser of the brethren, hence by transforming himself into an angel of light he deceives some good people into the idea that they, by superior light given them discover defects in their brethren, and make these deceived ones think that

it is a mark of great courage for them to attack their brethren in the pulpit, in the press, and in private, and show up their supposed defects. But those who are not deceived by him can see his mark upon these dear people that he has deceived and the destructive effect of his work, by Satan's effort to imitate the Holy Spirit in giving light. Then again Satan imitates the power of the Holy Spirit in outward demonstrations, as we sincerely believe is the case in the recent claims of people in Los Angeles, Cal., who claim that they have received the gift of tongues. None question the sincerity of these people, but there is every evidence that they have been deceived. It has been of no practical service to them in any wise, but contrawise it has been a source of confusion, and brings needless and hurtful reproach on the cause of holiness. "The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." James 3, 17-18. That which holiness people have to fear is "counterfeit light." Satan transformed, all counterfeits are made to resemble the real as closely as possible, and one, as expert as Satan, can make a thing appear very real, experts are required to distinguish the false from the true. This kind of counterfeit is generally known by its fruit. Good people may differ in opinions harmlessly, without producing bitter feelings, but when bitter feelings and divisions are produced we can rest assured that these are not of the Holy Spirit, then it is time to stop and know that "the wisdom which is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, etc." Between right and wrong the difficulties arise over the fundamental principles of salvation, as the new birth and entire sanctification, but among holiness people if difficulties arise it is over non-essentials of outward observances, or outward manifestations, or personal ambition for leadership, or something that is made to appear to some one as of great importance by the transformed enemy of all good.

This transformed enemy has done a lot of harm among the holiness people on the dress question by employing some incompetent person, without taste, or judgment, to dictate to people what they should wear and it is always his plan if he cannot stop a good work to carry it to such an extreme as to be repulsive to good sense and good taste. There is unquestionably the need of a great reform in the professed church of Jesus Christ on the dress question. But we have always observed that where the Holy Spirit got control of the heart the change was quickly manifested in the outward manner, the face, and in the dress as well as in the spirit. In some cases the need of tidiness is as great as the need of laying aside gaudy ornamentation in others.

We should always take time to distinguish between the light given by Satan in his role as an angel of light and the true light given by God. The light given by the word of God and the Holy Spirit never leads us to do anything contrary to the spirit of love.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trafton of Woodstock, N. B., celebrated their golden wedding on the 20th inst. Brother and Sister Trafton are the parents of Rev. G. B. MacDonald, the grand parents of Revs. M. S. and P. J. Trafton, and Mr. Trafton is a brother to Rev. A. H. Trafton. We cannot now tell how many more preachers there will be in the fourth generation, but the prospects are good, as there are several bright boys to be heard from.

THE KING'S HIGHWAY.

The HIGHWAY has entered its seventeenth year. The first issue was printed in November 1890 at the office of Mr. George E. Day, St. John, N. B. Brother A. H. and Sister Sherwood were the editors, and the late Rev. Wm. Kinghorn, Rev. A. L. Bubar and Brother B. N. Goodspeed were the publishing committee. In the 16 years it has cost about nine thousand dollars, and we are glad to report that at this date it is free from debt. We are anxious to make it a weekly and hundreds of our readers have the same wish. All that is needed is a united effort of our pastors, and people in obtaining renewals, and new subscribers. Our hinderance in making it a weekly is lack of money. We started a movement at the last "Alliance Meeting" to raise a fund for this purpose, but it failed to awaken a general interest which is needed to ensure success.

The HIGHWAY is an acknowledged success as it is now, as a semi-monthly, but can be a greater success as a weekly.

WEDDING AT MEDUCTIC.

In the last issue of THE HIGHWAY an inadequate notice was given of the marriage of Rev. Geo. B. MacDonald and Miss Beatrice B. Marsten which took place at Meductic, N. B. on December 12th, 1906 at 3.30 p. m. The paper being issued so soon after and there being so much material on hand, accounted for the brevity of the previous notice.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. C. Archer assisted by Revs. Baker and Coy in the presence of a number of the relatives of the contracting parties. The bride is one of the best known and most highly respected of the young ladies of the community, and one who has always taken an active part in church work, having been the organist and clerk of the church at Meductic for a number of years. The bride was handsomely dressed in a gown of white crepe de chene and carried a bouquet of white roses. She entered the room upon the arm of her brother, while the wedding march was played by her sister Helen.

Brother MacDonald is a young man of more than ordinary ability, and as a preacher might well be placed alongside of any of the preachers of the denominations about us. He has always taken an active part in our work and at present is one of the associate editors of this paper, and though for a few months he has been absent in the west, and intends to return there soon, he does not intend in any way to sever his relations with the people of his choice.

Altogether the event was a very pleasant one, and at the close a sumptuous repast was partaken of. The gifts received by the bride were both numerous and valuable.

H. C. A.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Rev. Tennyson Smith the temperance worker is to come to Woodstock under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. We understand he is to begin January 21st.

Rev. Dr. Kierstead began his labors with the United Baptist churches of Woodstock on the 9th instant.

The holiness work of Fort Fairfield is spreading to Andover and Perth and surrounding country, truly "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform." We praise God for his marvelous work.

SKELETONS.

Milliners do good work over wire forms which they purchase ready made, which they cover with silk, or satin, or velvet, or other materials. They cover them so completely inside and out that the skeleton or frame is altogether hidden. But when a holiness preacher undertakes to preach sermons over ready made skeletons that he has purchased from the wholesale dealer at so much a thousand the bones stick out at every point.

Rev. Mr. LePage was appointed by the Woodstock branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, to solicit subscriptions in the town of Woodstock. It is hoped he will meet with a generous response for this most worthy object.

Ministers and Churches.

Rev. Z. B. Grass has been unable to fill his appointments on account of sickness for two weeks, but is improving.

Rev. J. Gravinor made a short visit to Woodstock on the 26th for a pleasant affair which took place at the Vendome Hotel, Queen Street.

Rev. H. C. Archer and wife and Miss Ethel Clark and Brother P. L. Cosman went to the Quarterly Meeting at Lower Southampton on the 27th.

Rev. S. Greenlaw was in Woodstock for a few hours on the 21st. The work on his circuit is in a prosperous condition, although many of the men are away during the winter.

There is an encouraging increase in the interest on the Sandford and Port Maitland circuit. Brother Trafton will probably hold special meetings in the churches of his circuit during the winter.

The Woodstock Praying Band assisted Rev. J. H. Coy at Green Bush on the 23rd. Rev. G. B. MacDonald was also present and assisted in the service. A good and profitable time was enjoyed.

The Hartland Praying Band visited Bristol on the 16th instant. A grand interest was awakened. It is really too bad that these young men cannot devote more time to this work. God surely is blessing them.

Rev. B. Colpitts is keeping the rumsellers' blood in circulation, and some of their ill gotten money also, when he can get sufficient evidence to convict them. He assists in the services as he has opportunity.

The Beal's Island Sunday school celebrated Christmas by a Christmas tree and with an appropriate program. Among the gifts was a nice clock for the church, and the pastor and his wife were gladdened with many presents.

Rev. H. H. Cosman baptized two persons at Beal's, Maine, on the 16th instant and received five into the church. Brother Cosman and a number of others expect to attend the Quarterly Meeting at Seal Cove, January 9th.

Rev. W. B. and Mrs. Wiggins are to assist Rev. A. L. Bubar in special meetings on Grand Manan, beginning with the Quarterly Meeting at Seal Cove which is an old battle ground to Brother Wiggins. He assisted the writer in a grand revival at that place about 14 years ago. Many of those who were converted and wholly sanctified at that time are still standing true.

Brother A. F. Tanner has returned from River John, N. S. The Lord wonderfully blessed his labours there, especially at Barris Waugh. He was present at the Quarterly Meeting at Lutz Mountain. Will remain home until after New Year's, then in response to an earnest invitation will labour at New Scotland and McLaughlin Ridge for a few weeks and then (D. V.) will return to River John, Barris Waugh, etc.

Rev. A. H. Trafton was the happy recipient of a nice fur coat from the people of his circuit on Christmas. He is enjoying a good interest in the churches. Our prayer is that all the churches may be greatly refreshed.

The Woodstock church used their new organ on the 30th for the first time. It was purchased from Mr. C. R. Watson.

Special meetings are being held at Lower Southampton. The Pastor, Rev. J. H. Coy, is being assisted by Revs. J. Gravinor and S. Greenlaw. A grand time was enjoyed at the Quarterly Meeting.

Mission Fund.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mrs. Anthony Sollows, \$2.00

SURPRISE AND PRESENTATION.

About seventy-five of the members of the Woodstock Reformed Baptist church and congregation surprised the Rev. B. Colpitts and wife, and took charge of their home on Monday evening, December 17th, spending a very enjoyable time. The male quartette sang several selections. The pastor expressed the appreciation of the church regarding Mr. Colpitts in connection with the church and denomination, and his work as C. T. A. inspector and presented him with the snug sum of \$31. Mr. Colpitts responded expressing his pleasure at having his house invaded in such an informal way, and his appreciation of the fellowship of the church and the gift presented. Rev. J. H. Coy being present gave an appropriate address. At about ten p. m. the congregation said good night after singing and prayer, having enjoyed a most excellent evening.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

1st. I will pay up for my HIGHWAY.

2nd. I will do my best to make THE HIGHWAY a weekly paper by obtaining new subscribers.

3rd. I will do what I can to make THE HIGHWAY more interesting by sending the editor items of church news.

4th. I resolve to render unto the Lord his tenth of every dollar of my income this year, to be used in the several branches of his work.

5th. I am resolved to do all the will of God revealed to me by his word and spirit daily.

6th. I am resolved to "Let the mind be in me which was in Christ Jesus," and take upon myself the form of a servant for my Lord said, "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

7th. I resolve to attend every service of the church, special and regular, and take my place and do my part in every department of the work as in the sight of God.

8th. I resolve to spend not less than ten minutes in secret prayer daily.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly meeting of District No. 1 has just closed, having been held at Lower Southampton the past week. The following ministers were present and preached the truth to the people. Revs. J. H. Coy, G. B. Trafton, G. B. MacDonald, S. Greenlaw, J. Gravinor, H. C. Archer and Lic. P. L. Cosman. All the services were seasons of refreshing and blessing and also tended to encourage and strengthen the members of the church. We never heard the brethren preach better. Members of the Hartland Praying Band were present and aided much in the work. The Sunday services were largely attended and deep interest was manifested by all. The services are to be continued this week the pastor being assisted by Bros. Greenlaw and Gravinor.

H. C. ARCHER, Sec'y.

P. S.—Minutes of meeting will appear in next issue.

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."—Matt. 11-12.

"He that will take, get possession of the kingdom of righteousness, peace and spiritual joy, must be in earnest. All hell will oppose him in every step he takes, and if a man be not absolutely determined to give up his sins and evil companions, and have his soul saved at all hazards, and at every expense, he will surely perish everlastingly."—Dr. Adam Clarke.