

THE KING'S HIGHWAY.

PLEDGE

Toward Paying for Balmoral Farm.

On or before June 1st, 1906, 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)

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

BALMORAL FARM.

No. of acres previously acknowledged, 450. Amount, \$1125.00.
Miss Lillie M. Bell, 1 acre, \$2.50
G. B. Story, 1 acre, 2.50
Mrs. G. B. Story, 1 acre, 2.50

MISSIONARY HORSE FOR BROTHER AND SISTER KIRSTEAD, SOUTH AFRICA.

Previously acknowledged, \$48.95
Howard C. Smith, 2.00
Mrs. Abram Thurston, 1.00
Miss Hope Eldridge, 1.00
Miss Lillie M. Bell, 1.00
Harry Boyd, 1.00
Mrs. I. W. and Beatrice Marten, 1.00
Handy Nevers, 1.00
A Friend in Jesus, 1.00
Charles E. Palmer, 1.00
Geo. M. Shaw, 1.00
Mrs. Geo. M. Shaw, 1.00
Mrs. Ralph Seeley, 1.00
G. B. Story, 1.00
Mrs. G. B. Story, 1.00

Highway Acknowledgements.

A Thornton, Dec 1906; Winslow McLeod, June 1907; Miss Alberta E MacKenzie, Feb 1907; Mrs C Lyman Adams, Aug 1906; Mrs W H Williamson, Oct 1906; Geo Somers, Feb 1907; Rev Z M Miller, Dec 1906; Vinton Delaney, May 1906; E Cosman, Dec 1906; Dr E O Cosman, Dec 1906; Mrs R C Manning, Feb 1905; S Gibbs, Feb 1906; Mrs H E Story, Dec 1906; L G Kimball, Dec 1906; A W Dow, Nov 1904; Charles E Palmer, Dec 1906; L W Clark Dec 1907; Mrs R Seeley, July 1906; G B Story, Dec 1906.

NOTICE.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 2 will D. V. convene with the Reformed Baptist church at Moncton, N. B., on Thursday, March 8th, 1906, at 7 p. m. A large representation is expected. Pastors will please take notice and appoint delegates and also see that reports are sent from the churches. Certificates will be provided for half fare travel on the I. C. R. Send names of delegates to me as early as possible.

A. F. TANNER, Secretary.

QUARTERLY MEETING NOTICE.

The next Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 will meet with the church at Millville beginning Thursday evening, March 8th, continuing over Sunday.

Let each church in the district try and send two or more representatives, and if you find it impossible to send any one, be sure and send a letter and mail it so I will receive it by the 7th. Come in the spirit and pray much before hand.

B. M. COLPITTS, Sec'y.
Woodstock, Feb. 6, 1906.

Mission Fund.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Howard C. Smith, \$2.00
Thomas Moyse, (P. E. I.), 2.50

HOME MISSIONS.

Thomas Moyse, (P. E. I.), 2.50
C. K. SHORT, Treasurer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal, South Africa, Jan. 2nd 1906.

Dear Highway, — After nearly two months of continual travelling we arrived at our Mission Station on Christmas evening. Starting from Vryheid at 8 a. m. we came to Paulpietersburg on the mail cart, which is crude, without springs and drawn by three span of mules, arriving there at 1 p. m. This drive of five hours over the hills was very tiresome. Dr. Sanders met us there and after getting our dinners and resting an hour, we each mounted a horse which had been provided for us and with the doctor leading the way, commenced our horse back ride of twenty two miles. As this was a new experience to us, needless to say we were sore and tired, beyond description, when we reached Balmoral about dark.

We feel rewarded however for passing through these hardships of the way, in having the privilege of looking upon our adopted land which is beyond our expectation in beauty and fruitfulness. The land is covered with grass, is generally quite free from stone, and looks much the same as our meadows at home.

We were also rewarded by the privilege of meeting the doctor's family and later by looking into the faces of the natives. On Thursday the 28th we had our Christmas exercises. About one hundred and sixty natives were present and our hearts were stirred and we received fresh inspiration to face the difficulties before us, as we saw them march and heard them sing songs of praise to God. They seem to be more gifted in song than the coloured people in America.

We are now settled down doing our best to acquire this difficult language. Already we are able to do some missionary work, such as teaching the natives who are beginning to read and speaking to them through an interpreter.

We trust the time may not be far distant when the Lord will send showers of blessings upon this dark land. He has already laid it upon the hearts of some of His saints to pray to this end and we have the promise that if we ask of Him, He will give us "the heathen for our inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for our possession." Praise Him! We are looking for victory all along the line. The Holy Spirit abides with us.

Yours in His service,
I. F. AND I. M. KIRSTEAD.

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal,
South Africa, Jan. 9th, 1906.

Dear Readers of the Highway.—This promise has been mine Deu. 31-6 and has been verified again and again since leaving the home land. I find it so beautiful, so good so strong to lean upon. It is only during testing times and when we are passing through hard places do we realize the power of our God.

Everything in this land is so new and so strange. It is not easy to give expression to our first impressions. Sometimes amused, sometimes saddened, sometimes gladdened. Quite amusing to see the costumes, especially when they try to imitate the European. Sad when so many are content with their old ways, will not exert themselves to believe in the true God. But it gladdens our hearts to see the hungry ones for they shall be satisfied.

I am thrilled to hear these believers sing hymns though not understanding the words, but feel it is from their hearts. Last Sunday the services were very impressive, the first that came were nine believers, having walked ten miles. Before they started, probably six o'clock in the morning they had their prayer meeting and came to spend most of the day. Between the morning and afternoon service the candidates were again examined by Dr. Sanders, then we marched to the water, a beautiful place near our first garden.

There were about forty natives present. Three old women, two young men and a girl were baptised, taking new names. They even changed their names, trying, it seems to me, to forget all the old past heathen life. What a transformation takes place. Oh, the power of the gospel. To think that after ages of midnight darkness, the truths taught penetrate these darkened intellects until they grasp the meaning of a Saviour.

It makes us anxious to get the language, so we can get down to definite work. These days are passing so swiftly, millions are going down to Christless

graves. Oh beloved if you could see the joy, that salvation brings to these people, you would feel repaid for all the efforts you have made, and be anxious to make greater sacrifice in the future.

We visited one kraal, where one woman was grinding corn for the evening meal. After crawling into the hut and getting accustomed to the darkness, we found everything very clean. The furniture consisted of mud floor for chairs and beds and tables. Straw mats to lie on at night and blankets to roll up in, and pieces of carved wood for pillows; so they are not burdened with house cleaning.

We took a tramp around our thousand acre farm yesterday, were delighted with the scenery, richness of the land and so free from stones.

Doctor has about 3½ acres in gardens in different stages of growth. A beautiful rain Sunday makes everything look fresh.

We find the heat very depressing these days. But amid it all, have victory in our souls and feasting with our Lord.

Yours in love,
IDA MORGAN KIRSTEAD.

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal, Jan. 8, 1906.

Dear Highway,—Perhaps you will remember that our two former baptisms were both on the first Sunday of the New Year. The first one when we had been in this district only four months, and the second, one year later.

So again yesterday, the first Sunday of 1906, we had a baptism. We had expected more but only six were ready. Two old women, perhaps past sixty, one middle aged woman, one girl, one young man and a boy.

We may need to have another baptism during this year, as some are now away to work who are, we believe, ready for this ordinance.

As I glance over the names (sixty four in number) on the Class Book before me, my heart is sad. Most of these take an interest in coming to the meetings, and are getting to be well dressed. They have regular prayer and say grace when they eat. They have the form of godliness without the power. They frankly admit that they are not true Christians. They say, "I have not finished the matter of believing." They fully intend to be true Christians some day, but are hung up on some one or two sins.

It is a native custom to put off matters until the last minute. Their words for "now," "at once," or "right away," do not convey the same idea as our English. Their "at once" means about the same as our "soon." I have often really wondered at these natives who have truly left their sins and found salvation while they were in good health. It is a good example of the power of the grand old gospel.

Please join with us in prayer that these "hung up ones" may be brought to decision and freedom.

Just one more request for prayer. The matter rests heavily on my heart—that those who have received the water baptism may not stop at John's baptism, but press on to that of Christ, "the promise of the Father," "the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire."

There were two more yesterday very desirous of baptism. One, a young woman, who must choose between Christ and a heathen lover, unless he will consent to walk with her in the way of life. The other case is so sad! A little orphan girl who lives with her grandmother. She said to me, the big tears rolling down her cheeks, "Teacher, I am in great trouble. I have given up snuff and beer and all my sins, and want to come in the church with my grandmother and the others, but my brother forbids me." This brother of whom she speaks is but a boy not fully grown, but is her owner, and may beat her all he wishes. She seems to have a bright experience though she is the youngest of our converts.

With one exception, all still stand true who were baptized last year and year before. So, on the whole, we are encouraged, and consider the work in a healthy and growing condition.

Moreover the coming of Bro. and Sister Kirstead is a great strengthening to the work. They are getting on well with the language and in a few months will be preaching. We thank you so much for sending them out, and we believe that God will richly repay you for your faith and effort. The new church at Fort Fairfield is a grand earnest of the blessing God has in store for us during 1906.

We all at Balmoral are praying that the work at home may be especially owned of God this year.

Yours rejoicing to be in His service,
H. C. SANDERS.

P. S.—Let me add a note for the sake of any one who may be looking towards a foreign field. A thorough grounding in the grammar of your own language is a necessity in the study of a foreign language.

H. C. S.

Dear Highway,—I am saved and sanctified and kept through the precious blood of the Lamb who was slain on the cross for our souls' salvation. I praise God that all the past is under the precious blood. I have counted the cost, and laid all on the altar, and left myself as a living sacrifice for God to do as he wills. Where he leads I will follow, what he commands I will do that he may glorify himself through me in saving the lost ones. I love the mission work which he has called us into. My heart goes out to those bound by Satan.

God bless the "HIGHWAY" wherever it goes to all the saints. We trust that this may be a fruitful year in gathering precious souls. Pray for us that we may be a blessing wherever God may send us.

Yours Sister
MRS. G. LYMAN ADAMS,
CANTON, Mass.

BEALS, Me., Feb. 12, 1906.

Dear Highway,—We thought we might report to you a few items of interest to our readers.

The church here is being blessed and strengthened. Bro. Henry Smith of Calais came to our help on Feb. 1st and special work began immediately. From the first God's power, in conviction, was manifested to human hearts, and opposition to the truth began to melt away. At times there was great conviction on the people for the blessing of full salvation. God's truth, by the power of the Holy Spirit, searched through the peoples' hearts and a number acknowledged their need of entire sanctification. Those who gave way to the convictions of the Holy Spirit were greatly blessed in their souls and God wonderfully enlarged their hearts in the spirit of love.

Others did not yield to the voice of the Spirit and are not where they might have been. We trust they will yield and get out into the clear light of full salvation.

The congregations at all these special services were large and listened attentively to the preaching of the Word. Both Sundays were days of great blessing, but yesterday the "break" came in the afternoon, when upon the invitation of Bro. Smith more than a dozen souls gathered at the altar in earnest prayer and cried to God for purity. God in answer to prayer came down in mighty power and many souls were greatly helped. During this altar service of prayer there was great conviction on the congregation, many weeping in the seats.

In the evening the Lord helped Bro. Smith to pour in the truth again and at the after-service four more rose requesting prayer. The meetings continue all this week. To God be the glory.

A. L. B.

CHELSEA, Mass., Feb. 6th, 1906.

Dear Bros. and Sisters in the Lord,—I want to glorify my Lord and Saviour, by testifying to the power there is in Jesus blood to save and keep. Praise His name. Oh I am so glad the comforter has come, and by His abiding presence, I am being wonderfully blest in my soul. He gives me a fixed determination to go with Him all the way.

Where the Saviour leads me I would go, Though He takes me far from those I know;

Dear Father keep me looking up to Thee, And have Thy will completely done in me.

Yours in His service,
ALICE F. STERRITT.

SEAL COVE, G. M., Feb. 1906.

Dear Highway,—As was stated in your last issue I remained with Bro. Archer after the quarterly meeting. We continued the meeting at North Head until the fourth instant with good results. The interest was good all through but the weather was against us, the roads being exceedingly muddy, sometimes almost impassable and some quite severe storms. Doubtless we should have continued longer. But my time being limited for this

place having engagements ahead for other places. We decided to put in the rest of the time at Seal Cove. Our meetings so far here are interesting and helpful. Bro. Archer is a worker, a good preacher and faithful pastor. His labours are appreciated.

I have made 82 calls, praying with the people and doing what I could to be an encouragement and help. I find this a busy life, and great opportunity of honest work opens up before me. I enjoy the work, although I should very much enjoy being more with my family as I have always been able to be at home during my past ministry. I have only spent three days at home since the first day of Nov. However the time is short and I trust some good is being accomplished. How much our God alone knows. To Him be all the glory.

Your Bro. Saved,
H. H. COSMAN,

SANDFORD, N. S., Feb. 12th, 1906.

Dear Highway,—Someone may be wondering why I am not oftener heard from. Just neglect that's all. However I promise to do better hereafter. The work here is progressing very well indeed throughout the circuit. Of course there are difficulties in winter viz., bad roads, stormy weather, etc., which hinder the work more or less. At present we are engaged in a special effort here with good results and an increasing interest. Bro. B. T. Gaskin is assisting us; but for a few days has been suffering from an attack of the grip. I was very kindly remembered at Christmas time and received as gifts a splendid pair of fur gauntlet mitts and a fine new Bible—the latter from Bro. Hugh Churchill and wife, while the former gift was bestowed by several friends of Sandford church. We are all glad to hear of the success of the brethren elsewhere and pray that the whole work may be greatly revived and graciously blessed. Those who have ever visited N. S., will be glad to learn that Port Maitland is experiencing a very gracious revival of religion as a result of union meetings held for some weeks by the Methodist and Baptist churches. The work is strong and genuine. Differences between Christians have been lost sight of and the general feeling is one of fellowship. Although invited by Brethren Mitchell and Routledge to join with them in this effort, I was unable because of pressure of work elsewhere, to give them much more than my hearty sympathy in the work and my prayers for its success. The whole place cannot fail greatly to benefit from this blessed visitation of divine power.

Yours in fellowship,
G. B. MACDONALD.

DURANT, I. T. Feb 8th, 1906.

Dear Highway,—This finds me in the sunny south, praising God for full and free salvation that saves from all sin. I praise the dear Lord for the way he has kept me in the past year and the way he fed my soul with the "bread of life." He gives me victory over the world, the flesh and the devil. I want to do more for God this year, and make it the best of my life. We have a holiness church here and a holiness pastor and sinners are saved and believers sanctified in the meetings. To God be all the glory. I thank God for what he has done for Fort Fairfield, it is His work and He will carry it on if the saints are true to Him.

MRS. R. SEELEY.

The Lord Jesus has a warm place in His heart and a high seat in His heaven for the man who stands by unpopular truth and suffers worldly loss for its advocacy. Holiness of heart will always be distasteful to a church drifting worldward. Its author, the Holy Spirit, is welcome to be coldly named in the confession of faith of such a church, but he will awaken hostility if he descends from the head into the heart of any member, and sanctifies him wholly. Hence the practical doctrine of the Spirit, so preached as to result in the experience of his fullness, is both an accurate thermometer of the spirituality of the church and an unerring test of loyalty to Christ.—Daniel Steele, D. D.