

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)

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

BALMORAL FARM.

Previously acknowledged... \$1,319.00
A soldier 12.50
Mrs. Allen J. Brown..... 5.00

Balmoral Farm, where the Reformed Baptist missionaries are located, contains 1068 acres. The Boer owner may decide to sell to Dr. Sanders, as our representative, at any time, and we should have the money in readiness, so says Dr. Sanders in a letter to the editor dated January 18, 1907. We have scarcely half the amount needed subscribed as yet. This is a good place for people to give who wish to establish permanent missionary work in Africa. Our missionaries are having constant success in winning souls from heathen midnight. Will you help?

REDEEMED, PURIFIED, PECULIAR, ZEALOUS.

"Who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Tit. 2-14.

The greatness of the gift suggests the greatness of the understanding, i. e., the redemption of man from all iniquity and his purification freedom from slavery and defilement. There is no slavery so complete as man's slavery to sin, whether he will acknowledge it or not, his redemption is difficult because he loves that which enslaves him and because of his love of his sins, he sometimes is not conscious of his slavery, nor does he realize how strong the chains are that bind him until he is awakened to his position and struggles to get free. It will be noticed that the redemption spoken of is from all iniquity which means "from all departure from the rectitude of God and the law of God" inequality or crookedness. No intelligent person can read his text carefully and put the fulfillment of its provisions off to the life of the next world. The whole trend of the word of God shows that people will all be purified before they enter heaven, "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, &c. Rev. 21. 27. People seem to be peculiar because they differ so much from others, not because of any lack of intelligence but because they are free from iniquity, having been redeemed from it by the blood and spirit, and purified from its defilement, and because of their unwavering zeal in helping others and in the sense of the above text they are peculiar because of the entire consecration of body, soul and spirit to Jesus their Lord, His purchased possession.

The persons in whose experience this text is fulfilled, no matter in what land they dwell, are noted by those surrounding them and are pointed out as "peculiar" but are admitted to be zealous workers, always ready to every good work.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal, South Africa, Jan. 29th, 1907.

Dear Highway,—We are having our warmest weather now while no doubt you are having your coldest. Usually as evening comes on we have a slight breeze which is indeed refreshing. After a heavy rain, in a few hours the ground seems parched from the intense heat. We are only having sufficient rain now to keep our vegetable gardens growing nicely. We have a good variety of vegetables for which we praise the Lord.

This morning we had twelve natives in to prayers, two head men besides other old men, they were here for the first time. They do not come especially for prayers, some having teeth to extract, some fowls to sell, others for medicine etc. In order to preach Jesus to them, prayers must come first before their wants are supplied, or else they leave. Do not imagine all these people are anxious to hear the Gospel, not at all, some would rather not hear. Yet during a prayer service every one will kneel reverently and will try to repeat the Lord's prayer, or even sing.

One old man comes here occasionally to beg, but when we begin to talk to him about his soul and the great remedy for sin, he quickly disappears seemingly forgetting that he has not the salt, sugar or matches he has asked for.

Oh! how our hearts are burdened for these people so destitute of eternal life. It is not easy to make them realize their condition, being so indifferent. We praise the Lord for what he has and is doing here in this land for the salvation of souls, but we are not satisfied. Oh that the people in the home land who have the means would give more freely to send more workers, or come themselves to this dark land where millions are sitting in mid-night darkness knowing nothing of our God. Some have been to the towns and villages have heard the gospel and now are calling for teachers to go among their own people and tell them the sweet story of Jesus, but alas many have to be refused, no money, no workers to send because "there is so much to do at home". Beloved, these souls are just as precious in the sight of our father as our own dear ones in the home land. So then if we have not been praying enough, or in every way doing all we can for the advancement of God's kingdom in heathen lands let us arouse ourselves to duty, get on the whole armour, for the battle presses hard. Satan with all his cunning is on the alert as of old, yet how we praise the Lord for His almighty power, and who can give us the victory again and again. Let us unitedly pray as never before for the work both on the home and foreign fields. We praise the Lord for health and for spiritual blessings.

Yours in Jesus,

IDA M. KIERSTEAD.

MONCTON, March 11, 1907.

Dear Highway,—The battle has been on for some time against sin and corruption, but glory be to God, victory has come for God and holiness. Several have been converted and a number reclaimed. But the break came on Sunday evening when the altar was filled with seekers, and in different parts of the house persons were kneeling and crying to God for pardon or restoration. Our quarterly meeting will begin on the 12th; we are looking to God for wonderful victory. Oh, my brethren, it pays to keep true to God, and preach the truth in love. I ask prayers of all for Moncton church that this may be the repeating of pentecost in its history.

Your brother in Christ.

Z. B. Grass.

BAR MILLS, Maine, March 9, 1907.

Dear Brother Baker and readers of the Highway,—We are now in Bar Mills engaged in a revival in a much neglected field with Brothers Arthur F. Ingler and Ira D. Archibald. The interest is good and attendance increasing. We expect a break soon. Some are getting help from God and others are deeply convicted.

There is a prospect of an opening for us to hold a meeting in Carleton county, N. B. in the near future, and we take this opportunity to inform you that we are open for engagements in your section during April, May and June.

The Lord is laying it on the hearts of Brother Ingler and to work I together during the spring and summer months.

Brother Ingler, having had a wide experience as a singing evangelist, I believe will be blest in the salvation and encouragement of many precious souls.

Any one desiring our services may address,

I. W. Hanson,
Haverhill, Mass.,
1A Tenth Ave.

MARYSVILLE, March 12, 1907.

Dear Highway,—Perhaps for the benefit of your readers, a note from this point of God's harvest field will be of interest.

I left Hartland and Brother Archer on the 7th inst, after six weeks of special fight for God and souls in which the Lord was present and gave much victory, backsliders got home, souls saved and believers sanctified; "to God be all the glory!"

I came home to Woodstock for two days and found Brother Baker engaged in the work in real earnest effort with the brothers and sisters all in good trim for the battle. I left home on the 9th inst, and that night found myself in the home of Brother G. B. Trafton and family. Brother Trafton has been holding on to God with the assistance of Brother Smith of Calais for some weeks and God has given them victory. On Sunday we had three services and the Holy Spirit was present. Eight souls at altar on Sunday night. People seemed much impressed with the truth and as in many other places deeply convicted of their need of salvation. Brother Trafton has not lost any of his old time fire; though having a hard pull with lagrippe he still has his grip on the Holy Spirit.

We do not know how long we will remain here but as we have committed our ways to the Lord, we will work away until we get moving orders.

Yours in the work,

S. H. Clark.

NORTON, N. B., March 5, 1907.

Dear Highway,—The Lord is keeping me quite busy; every day he finds something for me to do. Since the new year has come in I have visited Lutz Mountain and Moncton churches twice. At the request of Brother F. H. Grass I joined him in special services for ten days at Upper Springfield, with grand results in conversions and sanctifications. Praise the Lord! Last month I spent a week or ten days with Z. B. Grass, Moncton and Lutz Mountain churches. Held special meetings in Moncton churches, the result was not as encouraging as we desired.

I frequently visit Mercer Settlement church. This church is doing grandly under the pastoral care of F. H. Grass. The way has not been open for me to visit Amherst and Westchester churches, N. S., which are somewhat neglected, as Bro. F. H. Grass' time is fully taken up in this section of the field. On Sabbath the 24th February I had the privilege of holding service, morning and evening, in the United Baptist church at Belleisle Point. This place is in much need of help; that is in the line of spiritual truth and holiness teaching. There are several hungry for the unadulterated word of God, among whom are two sisters worthy of note, A. W. Davis a very devoted christian and also Sister Case, who proved their love for the cause by entertaining me during the few days I was in that place. I intend D. V. putting in some special meetings later on. I ask the prayers of my brothers and sisters that the Lord may use me in destroying the sin business doctrine and sowing the seed of holiness.

Yours under the blood,

A. F. Tanner.

BOYS AND GIRLS.

Dear boys and girls,—There is recorded 2 Kings, 5 chap. about a little maid that was taken captive out of the land of Israel, and taken to Syria. She was not sent there in that heathen land as a missionary but she truly acted the part of one. How true she was to her God there in that idolatrous land, and she was only a little girl.

Don't you think most of little girls would have said, "it serves Naaman just right, (likely they would have said old Naaman) and I am glad that he is a leper for taking me from my home and bringing me here as a slave for his wife." Instead of saying that; what a beautiful spirit she showed, such God likes. She told her mistress her wish for her master. She was a witness for God in that land of idolatry. It doesn't tell us in the bible

anything more about her; that was all that God wanted us to know. Is not that a beautiful record? That is a lesson for each of us to be true to God and His word, no matter what our environments are. Read Rev. 20, 12, the book of life which is the bible. That is what we are to be judged out of, to see if we have kept it. Solemn thought! Can each of you sing this verse from your heart?

I'll be true to Him who died for me,
How useful then my life shall be,
I'll be true to Him whom soon I'll see.
My glorious King, my Lord.

R. P. P.

A PLEA FOR MISSIONS.

I regret to say that there are some professing christians that don't believe in sending the Gospel to the benighted heathen. Will we send and bring the missionaries home? It would be in human to leave them there without any support. What is your answer my friend? Give it to God, he is the one to settle the question with, Him that sent us from heaven the greatest of all missionaries, His only begotten Son.

'Twas love for you, 'twas love for me,
That we from hell might rescued be,

Those of us that gave last year, if we give less this year we favour a reduction of missionaries. Do we want God to be less favourable to us this year than he was last year? And if we give the same as we did last year, we simply say we hold the ground already taken, are satisfied without any further advancement, and so please the devil, that is just where he wants to hold us. The precious word will hold me out in saying advance; take up more Territory for God, just as much as we prize our own salvation will we try to send the good news to others. Some appear to be satisfied to keep theirs done up in a napkin.

It is very dangerous for us to pray for God to send more missionaries, if we don't intend to increase our giving, make a greater effort in that line. I read recently about a little girl 6 or 7 years old that was shown a picture of Christ standing in bare feet in Eastern garments and she began to cry and undress her feet and said "Jesus has bare feet he must have my shoes and stockings." Jesus don't want us to go with bare feet. He may want us to use selfdenial on some other lines. Let each of us be willing for God to turn his search light on us in regard to giving to missions, then act upon the light given.

"Let our faith be strong and take the wide world in,
Lend the glad evangel to the haunts of sin,
Sound the royal trump sins battlements shall fall,
Fall before the Lord like Jericho's proud wall."

R. P. P.

LIVING BY FAITH.

"The more I live by simple faith," says Lady Maxwell, "The clearer is the witness for purity of heart." But this is not the feeling of most. It is rather, the more I live by rapturous feelings, or emotion, the clearer is the witness for purity of heart. But it will be found in the end that living by faith—simple faith, naked faith—is the most satisfactory life. There are no grounds for doubt where simple life reigns, while our emotions may mislead us, and often deceive us. If we trust to feelings we may judge that we possess more piety than we really do, we may conclude that we have less. It is possible for us, as Lady Maxwell says, "To feel becalmed in the ocean of redeeming love." There is a state where the child of faith pays little attention to the presence or absence of mere emotion. He has passed the check of doubt, and has reached the open sea of infinite love; and the goodness of God beggars all description. Faith has become to him "The substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen." "Lord give us such a faith as this."—Sel.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Sarah Snow, widow of the late Thomas Snow, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Penn McMullin on Monday, March 11th, 1907, in the 75th year of her age, leaving to mourn their loss three daughters and one son, as follows: Mrs. M. D. Clay of Lowell, Mass.; Mrs. Dorian Gray of Bridgewater, Me.; Mrs. Penn McMullin of Hartland, N. B. and Mr. David Snow. Messrs E. M. Smith of St. John and Joseph Smith of Bridgewater, Me. are brothers of the deceased.

Sister Snow was born at Oromocto, N. B., Sept. 1832 and was the daughter of Joseph Smith. She was converted when quite young and was baptized and united with the F. C. Baptist church at that place. A short time after this the family moved to Jacksontown, N. B. where they remained for a few years during which time she married Thomas Snow.

Not long after their marriage they moved to Bridgewater, Me., and were among the pioneer settlers of that place, where they lived happily together until the death of her husband which took place on March 15th, 1894. The following year Sister Snow moved to Hartland where she has resided since that time.

Besides the bringing up of her own family she adopted two of her granddaughters, Beulah and Sadie Snow, who lived with her for a number of years. For a few years past on account of failing health Sister Snow has made her home with her daughter at whose home she died.

Our sister has always been a good christian and for a number of years had been a member of the Reformed Baptist church here, and was one who had enjoyed the blessing of holiness until the end.

She had been sick for over a year and although she was conscious that the end was drawing near yet she was resigned and looked forward to her departure as going home. The funeral service were held on Wednesday and was conducted at the home and grave by the writer, interment taking place at Bridgewater, Me. Revs. J. H. Coy and John Parrey were present and assisted in the service at the house.

H. C. A.

LOST, LOST, LOST.

In a world of darkness and sin,
So oft thou art footsore and weary;
In the paths the world walks in,
Thou art struggling on with thy burdens.
Yes, struggling on alone,
Thinking someday to drop them,
And for thy sins to atone.
Lost, lost, lost.
Yes, each hour, each day, each year,
Is lost, forever and ever,
And eternity's drawing near,
What would you do with these moments
As they pass so swiftly by
If you knew they'd be the last ones
You would spend before you die?
Lost, lost, lost.
Moments are passing by,
More precious than the rubies,
As they're wafted to the sky;
They may build for you a palace
In that city o'er the way,
Or be lost for ever and ever,
In a dark and endless day.
Lost, lost, lost.

M. A. S.

Victoria, March 14th.

When Dr. Alexander Duff, the great Scotch missionary, went home after his life work in India, a crowded meeting was held in Edinburg to hear him on the claims of India upon the Christian Church. For two hours and a half the old man went on, holding the audience by his eloquence. Then he fainted, and was carried out of the hall. Presently he came to, and asked: "Where am I? What was I doing?" In a moment memory returned and he said: "Take me back, I must finish my speech." "You will kill yourself if you do," said his friends. "I shall die if I don't," exclaimed the old man. They took him back. The whole meeting rose, many in tears. His strength failed, and he could not rise, but, gathering himself for one final effort, he said: "Fathers of Scotland, have you any more sons for India? I have spent my life there, and my life is gone; but, if there are no young men to go, I will go back myself, and lay my bones there, that the people may know there is one man in Christian Britain who is ready to die for India." All the church need harvest crews of Christian laborers like that. Will you be one?—Watchword and Truth.