

CORRESPONDENCE.

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal, S. A.,
Feb. 3rd, '08.

Dear Highway,—We praise the Lord for peace in our souls, and joy which the world cannot give, neither can take away as long as we keep close to His side. We find this way with Him is good. This early Monday morning all is hurry and bustle crowds of Natives here, carriers wanting work, several for medicine. Dr. Sanders and I have our share of patients, in exchange for medicine we frequently get fowls.

Here a man sits on the ground, waiting his turn to be waited on, a fowl by his side. Another man has a sleeping mat, wanting money, while another man has a battle axe and a small drinking gourd, he too needs money.

A group of girls sit chatting and making merry, they want work (hoeing in the garden) in exchange for sugar, salt or matches. Again several women await, with baskets of manure, wanting the same.

One woman wanting to wash our clothes while several children view around wanting nothing in particular.

These are all invited in to prayers, after which their needs are attended to, which takes no little time—thus our day begins.

We take pleasure in reporting our first Quarterly Meeting, which closed yesterday, which has been very profitable. Believers have been strengthened in their faith, seekers helped and one man who has been seeking for some time claimed the promise and testified of his acceptance and pardon, and we believe many unbelievers have been taught truths in such simplicity, that they will never forget.

This meeting was carried on more like a Camp Meeting than a Quarterly. First meeting began 6 a. m., praying for the blessing of God to rest upon the work during the day. Bible lessons were taught at least twice daily, which were greatly enjoyed.

Our next Quarterly will convene at the McDonald Memorial Mission, commencing Friday a. m. previous to the first Sunday in May and we extend a cordial invitation to you all. Churches please send delegates (?) If it were only possible for some of you to come and make us a visit at the same time, how delighted we would be. Before the Communion service yesterday two men were taken into the membership of the church, thus strengthening our band of workers.

We are praying much for you these days beloved and expecting to hear grand reports from the different special meetings during these winter months.

Dr. Sanders health is slightly improved, they expect to leave us in about three weeks. The rest of the household are well and enjoying the blessings of God.

Yours for souls in darkest Africa,
IDA M. KIERSTEAD.

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal, Jan 25, '08.

Dear HIGHWAY,—Proselyting is one of the last evils one would anticipate meeting in foreign mission work. Yet, but four years have passed in our present field of labor and we find ourselves facing this very evil.

Our little flock must be watched over and guarded from going to another fold—a fold with more liberties in regard to beer, tobacco, dancing, and what are termed "little sins." The early moves of a brother missionary were noted, and, when a personal word had failed to dissuade him from his evident design, our sheep were duly warned of the clever plan of their more enlightened and wily neighbour. Some had considered going over but were not aware who the white teacher was knowing only his native evangelist.

The Zulu mind is like a mountain in that it is hard to move, and when once changed is just as difficult to shift back again. So when all had been done that seemed possible from the human standpoint, the whole matter was committed unto the Great Shepherd.

Shortly after this our Samuel, who was one of the number in danger, had a wonderful experience. He had been across the Pongolo holding a meeting and came home Sunday night feeling tired and weak. While the women folk were preparing the evening meal he laid down. When all was ready they called him but he did not awaken. Again after supper they tried hard, but in vain, to arouse him, knowing that there was something

unusual about this sleep. This is their story.

Now for his. He says that he died and his spirit left the body and took a long journey, finally coming to a large company of dressed natives who wanted him to join their company. They were midway between two large places, one of which was of awful blackness and torment and the other beautiful beyond description with light and glory. Both were peopled but so far distant that he could not recognize any one. Thrice did the midway crowd call for him to stretch out his hands toward them and come to them. And thrice a voice of warning, very loud and clear from near the heavenly place, came saying: "Neither stretch out your hands toward those people nor go to them." There were also, he said, ten bright stars which he saw very distinctly in the eastern horizon, just over the beautiful place. Two of these were given to him, one in each hand, and he was informed by the same voice that he should work in company with them. One of them was Peter, his co worker, and the other your unworthy servant. The same trumpet-like voice told him many things. Though he was sick his work on earth was not finished. He should go back to earth and preach just where he had been and tell the people that no evil thing can enter heaven, only the pure in heart. For his present sickness he would not need doctors to treat him but would get well without them. And so it was; the next morning he was conscious but ill, recovering in a few days.

Further, he was informed that his time for preaching this message of holiness was to be two thousand weeks. A little more than thirty years is not unreasonable as Samuel is yet only about twenty-four. One thing which he emphasized I have omitted. He was told that if he were a true servant of God he would not be killed by what was about to fall upon him. But if not then he would die. Whereupon there suddenly came a stick crashing upon his head. He heard the sound, felt the shock, but stood uninjured. Here's for the children who will understand that Samuel had on the helmet of salvation.

He calls this experience a vision, and feels that the Lord has spoken to him intimating that he remain and work in his present connection. So we thank God and remember that all our burdens are to be cast upon him.

Yours in His service,
H. C. SANDERS.

NORTH HEAD, Grand Manan, March 10, 1908.

Dear HIGHWAY,—I have to report that the work at Seal Cove has been quite successful. At the present writing the meetings have been discontinued for a few days. Brother Smith's labors there were blessed of the Lord. He used the sword of the Spirit without fear or favor. The truth brought on an awful conviction of sin, of righteousness and judgment. Some yielded and were helped. Brother Smith had to return home to Calais on the 5th.

Our Quarterly meeting begins here at North Head on Wednesday evening. We expect a good rally and a time of victory for the truth. After the Quarterly we propose to continue the services at Seal Cove for a time, also a Seal Cove for a time, also at North Head.

The work of preparation for a parsonage at Seal Cove is maturing nicely. It is the intention of the church at Seal Cove to invite the co-operation of North Head church in the matter of the building, and thus seek to keep the pastorate united, and have the minister live at Seal Cove. This is commendable on the part of the brethren at Seal Cove. A division of this field at the present time would mean lack of proper pastoral support at both ends, and particularly with regard to North Head. At this end a minister would need to have a suitable stable for horse and carriage and a room for himself and wife, so that in special work and in visiting and pastoral calls on this end he would not over-tax the kindness of any of his friends. And living at Seal Cove he would be in such close touch with Wood Island that the work there could be easily looked after. And so looking at the location of the parsonage from the best point of view, it would seem that Seal Cove is the proper place for the building. We wish to commend the brethren there for their energy and foresight in the matter

of the parsonage. They have courageously lauded forth in the building and now we trust that North Head will willingly fall into line and give this worthy enterprise the support of their practical sympathy. We are firmly of the opinion that the time has not arrived for a division of this field, and we are glad to know that Seal Cove church, as well as North Head shares with us the same conviction. And before another winter arrives we trust that a suitable parsonage will be built. The present pastor has moved three times within a year and his present location is a matter of necessity.

We expect to report much victory in our special work and in our Quarterly gatherings.

Our health is much improved though not yet free from the effects of the grippe.

Well, brethren, Alliance and Camp Meeting will soon be here. In less than four months our gathering at Beulah will take place. Beulah Camp Meeting of 1908 should supercede all others. "All things are possible to him that believeth."

A. L. BUBAR.

BEALS, Me. March 12th, 1908.

Dear Highway,—I am glad to be able to report victory in the Lord's work in this place last Sunday three converts followed their Lord in Baptism and four united with the church. We are having meetings this week and a deep interest is manifest among our young people. A number have professed conversion and others are seeking. Some will go forward in baptism. Bro. Clark left us for G. M., on Monday the 9th to assist Bro. Bubar in special work. He is a faithful worker, a good preacher, and I can most heartily recommend him to any of our churches needing evangelist work. I am sorry I could not attend the Quarterly Meeting at North Head, G. M. But am needed here just now. I trust our Bros. will have a glorious session for us in Christ.

H. H. COSMAN.

THE LOST GRACE.

The type-setters with the connivance of the proofreader sadly mistreated my last contribution on this very important subject. Among other things that they did wrong, was the marking of my article "concluded." If this was a hint to stop I am not going to take it, while so much remains to be said.

It can be seen by an intelligent reading of the Lord's word that the grace of humility is of the greatest importance, inasmuch as it forms the criterion, by which is determined our fitness for promotion.—Luke, 14-11. "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

There is no other law of advancement than this discoverable in the gospel economy. Any claim for preferment, however loudly it may be asserted, will not be recognized as valid, when it is based merely upon superior ability, whether real or supposed.

True humility does not contend for leadership but expresses itself in contented faithfulness and quiet service to God and to men. Its presence in the heart is indicated by the actions and attitudes of the visible man. There is no strut in his walk, no brag in his talk, no arrogant assumption of superiority in his manner with others; but there is a quiet bearing, a modest demeanour, a deference to the opinions of his brethren, which mark him as one who has learned the lesson of rightly estimating himself, and of denying to his selfhood the recognition for which it clamors.

The opposite of humility may take the startling form of spiritual complacency, or well-pleasedness with one's self religiously. This is an exceedingly repulsive phase of carnal selfhood, and one which reached its extreme development in the sect of the Pharisees. Pride may be had in an ability to speak or pray with greater fluency than others, or in a supposedly better understanding of religious truth, or in the assumed possession of a deeper religious experi-

ence. Experience-measuring is a result of this heart condition—the disposition to compare our own goodness with that of others, such comparison generally resulting unfavourably for them.

The path of avoidance of phariseism is the path of lowliness and meekness along which are the foot-prints of the Master. Obscurity is much more to be desired than self-sought notoriety. Humility never advertises itself, but quietly awaits the recognition that will attend the judgment of God, when standards will right themselves, when values will adjust themselves, when the fullest measure of appreciation will be given to those who in all meekness and godly fear spend themselves in service, seeking only the approval of Him whose lowly birth and humble walk and ignominious death, were but the means to his exaltation on high, at the right hand of the Father, crowned with glory and honour.

Humility is the way up. There is no other.

G. B. M.

JESUS OUR JUDGE.

To the devoted christian it is a joyous thought that Jesus, who died to redeem us, is to be our Judge. Our merciful God has graciously provided that no stranger shall condemn us, but Jesus, the Son of man, who loved us and gave Himself for us, is our Judge. The question for us is, as a great writer beautifully says, "When shall we have Him judge us; now in the day of grace, and let Him cleanse us from all that is wrong before the day of judgment comes, or wait and have to stand before the great tribunal, and receive that inspection when it will be too late to undo the result and to escape the irreversible sentence of His judgment?"

God cannot cleanse us without showing us our sin. The first step is to reveal, the second to heal. So He comes to the heart in its first conviction of sin and shows its past misdeeds, and then forgives. He comes a second time in deeper conviction and leads us to accept His sanctifying grace. Yet even after this, He comes again and again to lead us into deeper and higher experiences, saving us not only from the sinful, but the earthly, the selfish, the natural, the transitory and leading us into the divine way. Let our prayer ever, "Search me, O God, and know my heart"—Sel.

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As president of the Quarterly meeting, I feel it my privilege, as well as my duty, to acknowledge the marked hospitality of the Pastor, members and friends of the church at Woodstock, during the Quarterly meeting just closed. The Woodstock Church can hardly be excelled in this respect.

P. J. TRAFTON.

It was very hard for the world to understand why Christ came. Even His followers did not understand it fully. That was one reason why He came—just because men would not understand Him and did not understand God.—Sel.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of District No. 1 convened with the church at Woodstock, N. B., on Thursday, March 12th, 1908, at 7.30 o'clock with preaching by Rev. P. J. Trafton. Friday, 2.30 p. m., preaching by Rev. G. B. MacDonald. At 7.30 p. m. Rev. J. H. Coy preached, followed by a testimony service which closed with several seekers at the altar.

Saturday, 2.30 p. m., was the regular business session.

The roll being called the following were found to be present: Ministers: Revs. J. H. Coy, P. J. Trafton, G. B. MacDonald, S. A. Baker, B. Colpitts, and H. C. Archer.

Delegates: Woodstock, Chas. Mutch E. M. Campbell and Mrs. J. E. Jewett. Fort Fairfield: Bros. L. Kinney, E. Higgins, H. Cogswell, Sisters G. White and Eska Carr.

Hartland: H. F. Nevers and wife, James Rogers, Sisters M. E. Thornton and W. P. McMullin.

Victoria: B. M. Cox, Miss Lillie Cox.

Lower Brighton: Sisters Brown, Tedlie and Brooks.

Meductic: Bros. E. Port and Allen Dow, Sister Edna Port.

Greenbush: Bros. M. Hillman and D. Thompkins.

Maple Ridge: Henry Hoyt.

The following officers were appointed: Rev. P. J. Trafton, president; Rev. H. C. Archer, secretary, Bro. B. M. Colpitts, treasurer, Rev. S. A. Baker, Highway agent.

The minutes of last meeting were then read and approved.

The following were then appointed a devotional committee: Bros. J. E. Jewett, Thos. Whitten, H. Hoyt and S. A. Baker.

The following churches sent in written reports which were very encouraging indeed:

Hartland, Fort Fairfield, Meductic, Millville and Marysville. Other churches were reported by delegates.

A letter was then handed to the quarterly meeting by one of the brethren, which had been received from River John, N. S., enquiring as to the relationship of W. J. Hamilton to the Reformed Baptist Body.

On motion it was resolved that the secretary be authorized to write a reply to letter stating that W. J. Hamilton, who was at one time a licentiate in our ministry, was dropped from our membership and ministry. And at the time of said action he was not in good standing with our brethren.

The question of next meeting then came up, and it was resolved that the church at Geary be communicated with in reference to the next quarterly meeting being held there just before the Alliance.

Saturday at 7.30 p. m., Rev. G. B. MacDonald preached, and then followed an excellent testimony service.

Sunday at 9.30 love feast led by Rev. S. A. Baker at which 101 persons gave testimony. At 11 a. m. preaching by Rev. H. C. Archer, 2.30 p. m. Sunday school, 158 present; 3.30 p. m., preaching by Rev. J. H. Coy; 7.30 p. m. preaching by Rev. P. J. Trafton, meeting closed at 11 p. m.

H. C. ARCHER, Secy.

I like the HIGHWAY very much. I find it both helpful and instructive and we look for it with pleasure. I am still rejoicing in the upward way and the pathway grows brighter,

Yours in Christ,

D. F. KNIGHT.

MARRIED.

CAMPBELL-SCOTT.—At the residence of the bride's father, Asbra J. Campbell, of Benton, York Co., N. B., and Hannah Bernice Scott, daughter of J. Ensley Scott, of Lower Woodstock, Carleton Co., N. B. on Wednesday, the 11th inst. at 7.30 p. m. Ceremony by Rev. G. B. MacDonald.

"Prayer has been the preparation of every new triumph and the secret of all success of missions."