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THE KING'S HIGHWAY.

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AN ECHO OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

NOTICE.

I have been asked to notify our churches that Mr. Geo. Peters, who has been working for about three years as Colporteur and Evangelist among the French Roman Catholics of Yarmouth and Digby Counties, N. S., under the direction of the Grand Ligne Board, has severed his connection with the Board. Mr. Bosworth states that Mr. Peters' correspondence with the Board clearly indicates that it is his change of views that has led him to take this step. I have been in a position to know that for some time Mr. Peters has been sympathetically inclined towards the Reformed Baptist body, and his resignation, therefore, is not a surprise to me. He is now, I hear, holding evangelistic meetings in parts of these counties where the Reformed Baptist body has a following. While we wish our brother every blessing in his work, yet as pastors we ought to inform our people that he is no longer working under the direction of the Grand Ligne Board, nor in connection with the United Baptists.

A. S. LEWIS.

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 24th, 1912.

—*Maritime Baptist.*

We are in possession of a copy of Brother Peters' resignation, which was sent to us some time ago, and we give it to our readers. It speaks for itself regarding this Brother's views. We have never had the privilege of meeting him, but by the sound of this we judge it would be a grand thing if many more changed their views.—EDITOR.

To Rev. E. Bosworth, the Secretary, and other Members of the Board of the Grand Ligne Mission:

Brethren,— After prayerful thought and consideration, I feel led of the Lord to tender my resignation at this time to take effect immediately. This has been on my mind for over a year, and all the time I have been praying the Lord to speak to me more definitely. The voice of God has spoken so audibly to me through His Blessed Spirit that I cannot keep back from the Lord that which rightly belongs to Him, and from this time forth I want to serve not denomination nor men, nor any body of men, but sworn allegiance to the King of Kings. I must serve Him with my whole heart, being willing to be what He wants me to be, and to go where He wants me to go, and to say what He wants me to say, at any cost, allowing the blessed Holy Spirit of God to guide; for we are told that when He the Blessed Comforter is come He will guide us into all truth, taking of the things of Christ, new and old, and revealing them unto us.

Thank God He is sweetly abiding within my heart to-day, and I find it blessed to be under His control. Praise His dear name. Were it not so I would feel that I was none of His, and would feel that I was of all men most miserable. But I am so glad that in the atonement provision was made not only for conversion and regeneration, but also for the sanctification of believers, and even the baptism of Holy Ghost, eradicating the old man of which is causing so much trouble in the church, division and strife. In this awful day of apostasy we cannot afford to have people that as ministers and Christian workers are working for salary and that rely for us who get an easy living out of the help of God I do not want to leave

such an impression on the world, especially on those seeking after truth. God forbid that I should. The word of the Lord found in the book of Ezekiel: "Son of man, all of my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thy heart and hear with thine ears, and go to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them Thus saith, the Lord God, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear." This to my mind has its application to this very period. When a man, for preaching the need of a full consecration on the part of Christian people, will be branded a fanatic by even deacons and other officers of the church under whom he is serving, we are truly living in awful times. God help us to stand loyal to Christ and Truth, and magnify the Blood of Christ as the only remedy for this awful condition. The inspired writer had this in mind. Paul, when he gave the charge to Timothy, and it was indeed a solemn one, to preach the Word, namely, Christ, for He is the Word spoken of in the first chapter of John, which was to dwell amongst us, whose glory we were to behold. This is the way we behold it in the transformation of sinners, in men and women who have not only been pardoned but have been cleansed, and through the baptism and indwelling of the Holy Ghost have been empowered for the Christian warfare, which comes through the attack of the Evil One from without, which is enough to fight, even after the heart has been cleansed and has no response to evil suggestions. Yet the heart that is filled with the love of Jesus—that is, when the sanctified believe that wonderful love which is shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto them—will never be overpowered by the Evil One; for He has said that with every temptation He would make a way for our escape. Our Blessed Master has provided the weapons, and we need only to be willing to use them to be more than conquerors through Him who washed us in His own Blood.

Not only do we receive power to fight sin in our own lives in receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, but we are empowered for service. "And ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you." This blessing is not confined to the clergy, but all are included in the plan of Redemption, and without it salvation would not be complete and entire in its work and nature. But, thanks be to God, it is full and complete.

The blessed Master, when saying "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do," could foresee the end from the beginning, and could see that in the last days there would be perilous times when men would be lovers of themselves more than lovers of God, having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof.

To be honest with the Lord and myself after laboring in my present position in the capacity of a Colporteur or Missionary in this Province, having carefully and prayerfully observed passing events with great sadness of heart, realizing God's word must be fulfilled, I dare not go on any longer minimizing God's blessed Truth, but preach full deliverance through the Blood. Holiness unto the Lord is my motto.

My dear Brethren, I am writing this in the spirit of prayer, hoping you will consider it in the same spirit. I have said "preach." I do not often use that word, though I am not afraid to preach. Though I have not been or-

dained of men to preach, yet I am sure that the call has come from above, and I am going to preach anyway. If through the want of means I have not been able to study and to qualify for the ministry in the eyes of man, yet I believe that God is to use me to His Glory. With His grace in my heart, and the anointing on my soul, I am going to shine for Him. Though I am not a Paul nor Wesley, even though I may not be called to the pulpit, there is surely and most certainly some little corner in Earth's harvest field where I can do some little thing for Jesus my Lord and King. If it is only to use a pick or shovel, I'll do it to the glory of God, and shout Glory.

I have not been hasty about this, and perhaps it would not have gone in so soon but in talking with Brother Lewis Saturday last he thought it should be presented at once, so in the name of the Lord I have written it, praying that the entire action will be blessed of God. It is no easy matter for me to sever my connection with the Grand Ligne Mission, as I have learned to love a number of the brethren, some of whose faces I have never seen, and the tie of Christian love and fellowship was somewhat strong, though there did not seem to be that sacred essence which seems to characterize those who are truly given up to the Lord.

However, I must confess a part of the trouble was in me, as I did not know how to love until the Holy Spirit had taken up His abode in my heart. But I now love you all with that divine instinct which has been begotten in the soul by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

I have said it was hard for me to sever my connection, but not from any worldly standpoint, for as Paul "I count all things as refuse that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the Law, but that which is through the faith in Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith, that I may know Him and the power of His Resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death, if by any means I might attain unto the Resurrection of the dead."—Phil. 3, 9-10-11-12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect, but I follow after it that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

Just now my soul cries, "Take the world, but give me Jesus." I am glad this eleventh day of November, 1912, finds me in the centre of God's will. His glory flooding my soul, causes me to rejoice in the Rock of My Salvation, in any action taken, led by His Spirit, that His Glory may be shown in and through me in the salvation of souls, the sanctification of believers, the reclaiming of backslidden church members, and the building up of the Kingdom of God.

Therefore, prayerfully, carefully, considerately and finally I present my resignation to the Grand Ligne Mission, truly thanking you one and all for interest taken, co-operation and fellowship shown, and still desiring your prayers for me in the work of the Lord.

I am yours fraternally,

GEORGE PETERS.

MARRIED.

Mr. John Saunders and Mrs. Samuel Stevenson, of this town, were united in marriage on New Year's day. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. John Morison, the Rev. A. C. Berrie officiating.