

November 29, 1913

Correspondence.

Fredericton, York Co., N. B.,
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Dear Highway,—Thank God I am on the victory side, and feel like pressing the battle against sin. I have Jesus in my soul to-day, and his precious blood sweetly saves and blessedly sanctifies me just now.

For nearly three weeks I have been engaged in revival work at Beals, Maine. God's blessing was upon us, but there was not accomplished what we desired. However, it is our place to do our best and leave all things in His hands. God has a faithful people in that place, as He has in most all places, who shall be found among the tried in that day.

I was kindly entertained by the pastor and his wife. I pray that God may bless them and supply their every need. I believe God was in my going to this place, and I believe that the people were blessed in general. This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. (1 John 5, 4.)

F. T. Wright.

Seal Cove, G. M., Nov. 15.

Dear Highway,—Just a line at this time to say that God is blessing us and giving us the victory all along the line. The interest is good all over the circuit. We are believing God to give us many precious souls this winter. I thank God for the privilege of holding up the blood-stained banner of Jesus Christ, and of preaching a full salvation to a lost and dying world. I pray God to hasten the time when this glorious gospel of His dear Son will triumph in all lands, and His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven.

Yours under the Blood,
REV. GEO. W. HENDERSON.

A SEPARATE PEOPLE.

I believe all will agree with me that God's people should be separate from the world; in it, but not of it; separate from lodges. One of the things that is helping to sap the life of the churches is lodges. Praise the Lord that the Wesleyan Methodist Church is separate on this line.

I believe that we Christians should be plain on the dress question. I believe the Lord wants his people to be a plainly dressed people, neat and of good taste. In the first place, it is against the Word to dress like the world. Second, it takes the money that should go to carry on God's work in the home and foreign field. I believe when God's children strike the rock they will be plain.

We should be separate on the line of worldly amusements, moving picture shows, etc.

We should be separate on the tobacco question. "Touch not, taste not, handle not." Lord keep us clean. We should keep separate on the church supper question, church bazaars, etc. They cater to the world to raise money to carry on the church work. Obey the Lord and give our tenth. We should have a system about giving. Keep a book account and see that the Lord gets his due. We should give our tenth whether it makes us financially prosperous or not. And if we see to giving to the Lord, the work of the church can be carried on without resorting to things which are questionable to carry on God's work.

Then, again, I believe that fashionable church choirs, as we have in the more popular churches, are not a very good promoter of spirituality. Keep a separate people filled with

THE KING'S HIGHWAY.

Holy Ghost fire. If we do—and we can—we will have power with God and man.—W. D. Smith (Pontiac, Mich.)

HOW TO PREACH—SO THAT NO ONE WILL BE CONVERTED.

(Gathered from Finney, Marvin and Others.)

Study to please, and thus secure an audience and make a reputation.

Take up popular, passing and sensational themes to draw; spice them with jokes, and avoid the essential doctrines of salvation.

Denounce sin in the abstract, and especially unpopular sense, but pass lightly over sins that prevail in your congregation.

If asked: "Is it wrong to dance; play cards and attend the theatre?" answer very pleasantly: "O, that is a matter for private judgement it is not for me to say you shall or shall not."

Preach on the loveliness of virtue and the glory of heaven, but not on the sinfulness of sin and the terrors of hell.

Reprove the sins of the absent and distant, but make those present pleased with themselves, so that they will enjoy the sermon and not go away with their feelings hurt.

Let your motive be popularity and salary, rather than salvation.

Make the impression on worldly church members that God is too good to send anyone to hell, even if there is a hell.

Encourage men to live right, and tell them if they do they need not fear that they will die wrong.

Preach the universal Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man, so that no second birth is really needed.

Do not rebuke the worldliness of the Church and try to make it peculiar, but fall in with the Amusement Heresy and Cooking Stove Apostasy.

Avoid seriousness, alarm and earnest efforts to pull sinners out of the fire, and the old-fashioned idea that the church is a rescue mission.

Join some leading Secret Society; take their dreadful oaths, and become all things to all men, even in their wicked associations.

Preach much on Civic Righteousness, and try to make your city a good place to live in. Heaven is a long way off, anyhow, and we may as well take one world at a time.

Be careful about contending for the faith, but be full of the union, get-together spirit. Make your church a centre where Jew, Romanist, Christian Scientist and all classes of Unitarians may gather and help lift up humanity.

To make religion attractive, and to make the Church progressive and up-to-date, split it up into worldly clubs and societies, to cultivate worldly sociability, fun and merchandising. Instead of meeting for prayer, let them "Sit down to eat and drink and rise up to play."

These principles and practices have been widely used, and the results are sadly apparent.—*Lamp of Life*.

THE MORMONS IN ALBERTA.

BY REV. WM. SHEARER.

Joseph F. Smith, of Salt Lake City, Utah, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) is at present on a visit to Alberta. His visit is in connection with the erection of the \$250,000 temple which his church is building at Cardston. He speaks of Alberta as "this paradise," and predicts that Cardston will be a better and larger city than Salt Lake City. He advises Canadian Mormons to build "so strong that it will last until the second coming of Christ."

He is said to be accompanied by Mrs. Smith. Which Mrs. Smith?

According to his own sworn statement at the time of the Smoot trial, when the chairman asked, "Then you have five wives?" he replied, "I have."

"Do you obey the law in having five wives at this time?" asked the chairman. And Mr. Smith's reply was, "Mr. Chairman, I do not claim that in that case I have obeyed the law." (See p.p. 133 and 197, Vol. 1, of Senate Document No. 486, 59th Congress, First Session).

Mr. Taylor asked, "Do you mean to say that you, at your pleasure, obey or disobey the commands of God Almighty?"

Mr. Smith replied: "Yes, sir, I obey or disobey at my will."

"Just as you please?"

"Just as I please."

"And that is the kind of a God you believe in?"

Mr. Smith: "That is exactly the kind of a God I believe in."

And this is the kind of a man who claims to be God's vice-gerent on earth and who can do no wrong. This is the kind of man who comes into our "paradise" with the avowed purpose of proselytizing it for his church which is a *polytheistic and polygamous paganism with powerful political proclivities for its own benefit*.

It is said the Mormon Church has already purchased 122,700 acres of land west of Cardston. And now Joseph F. Smith has his covetous eyes on that magnificent tract of land, covering 500 square miles, and known as the Blood Indian Reserve.

He is reported as having said, "This land here we will pay for. When the Indians are ready to sell, we will pay for it. We won't begrudge any money they ask for it. The land is worth it."

All land which is bought and sold in trust by Joseph F. Smith for the Mormon Church is sold to its members at the original purchase price. The purchaser then pays ten per cent. of his net profits perpetually. It is this system of tithing which is carried on everywhere, that has made the Mormon Church the wealthiest institution on the continent of America; and enables them to carry on their proselytizing so persistently.

When the Mormons first established themselves in Alberta, a letter to the Montreal Star said: "Let the government nip the evil in the bud. No other people can live with them in peace, as has been fully demonstrated in Missouri, Illinois, and Utah. The government will have enough to do after a while to attend to the saints if they are allowed to settle in Canada."

That prediction is coming true.—*Presbyterian Record*.

"Religion is doing secular acts from sacred motives. 'An anvil may be consecrated and a pulpit desecrated. A religion that is not fitted to week day work never had a Sabbath day origin.'"

"The consciousness of being in right relations with God is in itself strength to a man; and even those who observe him can feel that he has more than mere human strength to support him."

"Let us not forget that life is brief; that time hurries; and that what we do to make our memories of earth beautiful in heaven, and heaven itself more populous for ever, must be done at once."