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TO THE BRETHREN.

In giving our readers the pictures and short sketches and testimonies of the founders of the denomination and churches, our object is to increase the interest in the Highway and at the same time to give our brethren and sisters who are scattered east, west, north and south, the privilege of looking into the faces of those they still love in the bonds of Christian fellowship, and to read their testimonies and to some extent renew their acquaintance, and to some degree live over again those early days of the holiness movement, so sweet to the memory of many. Some of our number have already passed over to the church triumphant; others, doubtless, will soon follow, and we think that all should appreciate this privilege of putting on record their testimony as to how they received the gift of the Holy Spirit, and when, and the effect upon their lives, for the encouragement and help of others. Then those who were the founders who are left are comparatively few. The younger members of our churches know but little of the history of twenty-five or thirty years ago. We do not mean to enter into the details of it, only so far as it relates to the individuals of whose experience we give a sketch. In our next issue we hope to give the pictures of the five brethren who were disfellowshipped from the late F. C. B. General Conference, viz., the late Revs. Wm. Kinghorn, G. W. Macdonald, G. T. Hartley, and Revs. B. Colpitts and G. B. Traf- ton, and probably there will be a large number of extra copies of the Highway wanted by friends. To ensure getting them, we would

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S. A. BAKER.

PREACH THE WORD.

The importance of preaching the word, and avoiding every substitution for the word, is strongly expressed in Paul's charge to Timothy: "I charge thee before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom. Preach the Word." (2 Tim. 4, 1-2). Then he tells him how to preach the word. "Be instant" (now) when the opportunity serves, and if no opportunity presents itself, make one. "Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." Then Paul told this young preacher why he should preach in this aggressive manner. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

Dr. Adam Clarke said: "There is a time coming to the church when men will not hear the practical truths of the Gospel; when they will prefer speculative opinions, which either do no good to the soul or corrupt and destroy it, to that wholesome doctrine of 'Deny thyself, take up thy cross, and follow me,' which Jesus has left in his church. For these will follow, and hate those preachers, and that doctrine, by which they are opposed. They will add one teacher to another, run and gad about after all, to find out those who insist, not on the necessity of bearing the cross, of being crucified to the world, and of having the mind that was in Jesus. In this disposition, interested men often find their accounts; they set up for teachers, 'and widen and strew with flowers the way down to eternal ruin,' taking care to soothe the passions and flatter the vices of a trifling, superficial people (having itching ears); endless curiosity, an insatiable desire for variety; and they get their ears tickled with the language and accent of the person, abandoning the good and faithful preacher for the fine speaker. The truth strips them of their vices, sacrifices their idols, darts its lightnings against their easily besetting sins, and absolutely requires a conformity to a crucified Christ; therefore they turn their ears away from it. And believe any kind of stuff and nonsense, for, as one has justly observed, "Those who reject the truth are abandoned, by the just judgment of God, to credit the most degrading nonsense."

"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions."

There is a great temptation to avoid "the reproach of Christ" which accompanies the faithful preaching of the word. The man who will insist on pressing upon the people the sin-reproving and sin-destroying gospel of Christ, will have heart-breaking afflictions to endure, for he will have some of our Lord's experience in seeing the people forsake him.

There are substitutions for the word used frequently for sensational effect, such as touching anecdotes, told in a long-draw-out, affecting way, some of these founded on fact, some without foundation in truth; the people may be brought to tears, but not to repentance, not to Jesus Christ, not to salvation. Let us mag-

nify the gospel of Christ, never degrade it by affectation of voice nor mannerisms, nor sensationalism. A preacher can easily ruin his influence and show himself to be a lightweight by affecting some little mannerism; a person may get into a habit almost unconsciously. We heard a young brother praying, and with every sentence he uttered he smacked his lips. We heard a young preacher a few months ago who made it painful for his audience to listen to him by an unnatural drawing in of his breath through his closed teeth.

No man can preach the word effectively who is endeavoring to attract attention to himself in any way.

"The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Nothing else has the power to show men their need and bring them to repentance. Jesus said: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8, 32.)

"Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth." (John 17, 17.)

Christ also loved the Church and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (Eph. 5, 25-26-27.)

Preach the Word, for it alone will effect the change in men and fit them for death, the judgment and heaven.

CANADA.

"Canada is not a Colony."

From frozen wastes in Arctic seas,
 Amid the silence of the North,
 Where roams the polar bear at will,
 Pursued, perchance, by hunter bold
 (The Esquimau), while o'er the sky
 Aurora flits in merry dance.
 Beside the Atlantic seaboard wild
 Unto the Western ocean still,
 Past mighty peaks that cleave the sky,
 To sunny Southern golden plains
 A land extends. No land its peer,
 A land of lakes like mighty seas,
 Wide rivers, roaring cataracts,
 Mines rich in precious ore untold,
 And forests great where giant trees
 Wave leafy tops to heaven high.
 O'er plains where stepped the trapper brave,
 And bison roamed in herds untold,
 Here thousands find a dwelling place,
 Sad and oppressed from every land
 Asylum seek, new homes to build;
 The eager heart, the willing hand
 May find the chance elsewhere denied,
 This land our own—wide, rich and free,
 To worship God and guide itself,
 How rich in possibilities!
 O Canada! Unto thyself
 Be true, and bid the nations see
 That noble as our heritage,
 Our aims keep pace. Here all alike
 May lend a hand to build aright
 This nation in the West.

—Margaret Grant MacWhirter,
 Richmond, Quebec.

God has made no promise of success to any who are half-hearted, while they who seek Him with their whole heart will prosper both at the throne of grace and on the fields of conflict. Heartiness in prayer with heartiness in work is demanded by God as a condition of success.