

Correspondence.

TITHING

All through the Old Testament we find the people were exhorted to give tithes and offerings.

The first things of the herds and flocks, and the first fruits of the ground and of fruit of all trees, were to be given to the Lord.

When they failed to do this they were stoutly rebuked. Malachi told them they had robbed God, and because of this they were cursed with a curse; but if they would return unto the Lord and bring all the tithes into the storehouse, blessings would be poured upon them.

I think that if that prophet was here today among the churches he would find the same lamentable conditions. Professing Christians, living in comfortable houses, dressing well and enjoying luxuries, yet without real spiritual life because they are withholding from God the tithes and offerings.

I believe the Lord expects as much and probably more of us in this new dispensation than he did from those of the old. It would be a very embarrassing question to ask some people how much they give to the work of the Lord.

If all Christians would give a tenth of their income to the Lord (which belongs to Him) this old world would be evangelized, there would be no heathen lands.

But they are robbing God.

The farmer does not usually have a steady income, yet at harvest time he has grain, potatoes, fruit, etc. The wife has the butter and eggs to dispose of. Then the amount would multiply if they would begin to tithe. And I believe the Lord would give them a greater harvest the next year. He would increase their prosperity. Personally, I find more joy in spending the nine-tenths than I would the whole—it really seems to go farther.

In Africa the demand for native teachers is greater than the supply. We have had heathen to ask us to send teachers to them, but we could not. Why? Because people in Christian lands are thoughtless or it may be they have forgotten their obligations to God, and the importance of the work. So the heart of the missionary aches and souls are going to Christless graves.

Reader, I pray this little message may stir your heart by way of remembrance.

If you are giving a tenth already, then why not make a thank offering this Easter time, for His sweet love and blessings during the past year. Or if you have not begun tithing, do begin now. You have wasted so much time. Pray earnestly that your gifts may result in the saving of precious souls, and then surely you will have joy unspeakable, for the poured out blessing will be yours.

I. M. K.

Dear Highway,—

As March 16th is an anniversary day with me, I want to praise God through your columns for His faithfulness and the leading of His Holy Spirit.

Thirty-three years ago on the fifteenth day of March, having given myself fully to God, in the quiet hours of evening prayer, I entered into the blessed experience of Perfect Love. After days of heart searching and study of the Bible on the subject of sanctification or perfect love, which last name seemed so sweet to me, I realized that my consecration was complete, that my all was on the altar. I could do no other than believe that the altar sanctifieth the gift. That evening I entered into a rest that I have

never been able to describe. I entered into the Rest of Faith. I awoke the next morning with a sense of God's presence that seemed too precious to speak of.

On the afternoon of March 16th I attended a meeting held by Rev. A. Hartt. I tried to praise God for this grace, when such a sense of the power of the cleansing blood of Christ my Lord swept over my soul that I became a witness then that His precious blood cleanseth from all sin. As I witnessed to this, waves of light and glory came, and I knew that King of Glory had come into my heart, and that even to me the baptism of the Spirit had been given.

I was not excited, I was resting. This was the beginning of a new life. God made me a witness of His power to save from sin.

Many years have passed, bringing the usual changes and testings. Through it all the Lord has kept me resting in His love, believing in the power of the all cleansing blood of Christ, and in the comfort of the Spirit.

In loving fellowship,

D. McLEOD.

Columbus, Ohio, Mar. 14, 1915.

Fort Fairfield, Me.,

March 27th, 1915.

Dear Highway,—

The services here were continued from the quarterly meeting, Brother F. W. Foster assisting the pastor. The Lord has graciously blessed the effort with seekers at the altar at about every service. Some have been converted and others reclaimed, and some sanctified. Brother Foster is a good preacher, a skillful evangelist, and one which gives the gospel trumpet no uncertain sound. The Lord has wonderfully blessed his labors in all the places where he has been during the winter. The services here are being continued during this week, and we are looking to the Lord for victory.

Yours saved and kept,

H. C. ARCHER.

Dear Highway,—

We have just closed one of the most spiritual and profitable quarterly meetings that has been held in the Houlton Free Baptist Ch. M. for a long time. It was manifest from the first that God was answering prayer, and no matter who preached it seemed they were under the direct control of the Holy Spirit. About ten professed conversion and some professed the fullness of the blessing. Surely God is in our midst. We had been holding some special meetings in the church with glorious results.

Brother F. W. Foster was with us ten days, and I would say that any church needing an evangelist would do well to secure his labour if possible. He preaches the pure gospel fearlessly. Rev. G. W. Henderson also assisted us in four meetings with good results. About 50 in all has professed conversion in our meetings this winter, many of them heads of families. We expect soon to have a large number follow the Lord in baptism, as a goodly number have already requested baptism.

The work goes on with unabated interest. And while our special meetings have closed for the present, yet we hold three meetings during the week, and three meetings on Sunday, also Sunday school, which I always attend.

I am sorry the quarterly meeting here and the one at Fort Fairfield came on the same date, as I was intending to be at Fort Fairfield. I trust you had great victory.

I am ever yours, saved and sanctified and kept.

H. H. COSMAN.

Dear Highway,—

We have been again reminded of our Heavenly Father's care. We held our prayer meeting at Victoria on Thursday evening, March 11th, at the home of Brother and Sister Henry Elliott. At the close of the meeting Thomas Tilley was chosen chairman and Bro. Gordon York treasurer. The brothers and sisters brought their offerings with the result that the chairman, on behalf of those present and some absent, presented Mrs. Trafton and myself with \$35.00 in cash and \$5.75 in goods. This cheered our hearts; but the kind words spoken in our behalf was almost more than we could bear. We did ask God to keep us from being exalted above measure. We take courage, try to forget the hard places and do more for God in the future than we have been in the past.

P. J. TRAFTON.

PERSONAL CONVICTION.

God has never very greatly used any man or woman who could follow everybody's advice. The men and women of renown and history who did great and worthy things were men and women of great positive personal conviction. They heard from heaven and the responsibility seized them that they must obey. The exact strength of that conviction was the strength and measure of their worthy accomplishment. They had their orders and must follow no matter whose opinion must be crossed. They often had to make enemies and forfeit their friends and sacrifice much, but to keep the light one must be true to the light and bear witness to that light, even though men believe not your witness. "The gifts and callings of God are without repentance." If God has qualified you to do a work for Him and called you to it you must never let yourself be influenced in relation to that thing by any amount of sacrifice or suffering. Through evil report and good report stick to it if you desire to retain the divine favor God has not said you would not be criticized, misunderstood and maligned, but rather that you would. But shall we let our enemies shape our lives, or shall we let God's enemies dictate our course? I dare say that man never lived who did great things for God while being in any sense influenced by what others thought about him or his actions.

We all desire the sanction of those dear to us, but it is too costly an article to possess, when purchased only by the betrayal of personal conviction.

When the call and qualification to a certain work is buttressed by the fact that that work should be done no true man can draw back from the responsibility and keep the divine favor no matter what the sacrifice he is forced to make.

To let criticism or opposition influence you is to let the enemy shape your course and bring more defeat, where if you had gone straight on in the line of duty your eventful success would have been your defence and your perfect clearing some day. Mark the well defined failure in the lives of all those free advisers who have no strong convictions but are largely controlled by appearances and the opinions of others. If their advice is to be your criterion then their measure of success is your ideal, that is plain. Excellence is only the companion of independence and strong personal conviction. Will you have it?—*The Ram's Horn*.

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