

Correspondence.

Houlton, Maine,
January 12th, 1916.

The Highway,
Rev. S. A. Baker,
Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir :

I have been very much interested in the kindly way in which the Brethren in the Ministry have been remembered this year at the Christmas-tide. It may be of interest to my friends to know that Mrs. Cosman and myself have also reason to be thankful for the many kind remembrances received from the people under our ministry.

The ladies of this place presented Mrs. Cosman with a fur coat and cap to the value of \$87.50, and the church and friends gave me a fur coat and cap also, although not so valuable as that given to Mrs. Cosman, yet it is warm and comfortable; good enough for me.

For all these kind favors we have reason to be very thankful to our Lord and Master, and still have the assurance that the Lord will provide.

Your Brother in Christ,
H. H. Cosman.

Brother G. B. Thomas writes:

Enclosed find renewals for the Highway, our own and Mrs. Schofield's, who says she enjoys the Highway very much. We also enjoy hearing from the brethren and sisters, and hope that the new year will be the most successful one to the Highway and the editor.

Dear Highway:

The old year has passed into the eternity of the past; its record is made; it cannot be altered. We cannot as far as it concerns us individually; we cannot make it any better; there can be no amendments made. The record is indelibly written; and, dear reader, would it not be well for you and I, as the new year is before us, to ask ourselves the question can we not at least in some respects, being Devinely aided, make 1916 the very best year of our lives. Can we not drink a little deeper out of the great fountain of the waters of life? If the thirst comes to your soul and mine, believing and trusting the Heavenly promises, can we not drink till we are satisfied? There is nothing that can satisfy the longings of the immortal soul but that which comes from above. Man is of Heavenly origin. We love to think of Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus and learning of Him. We may all take that position and learn new lessons. He has promised that His Presence shall go with us. With Jesus ever with us we shall be enabled to do those things in our daily lives which will make not only for our own good, but for the good of those around us. So, dear brethren and sisters, let us gird on a little more closely if possible the whole armour of God and fight the good fight of faith. And wherever opportunity comes to us to help others, in whatever way it may seem right for us to do, let us be faithful and true to our Heavenly calling. We are in a world of evil and sin, and there is lots of work for us all to do on every hand. In our own families and neighborhood and the world at large. There is nothing that can scarcely be of more satisfaction than to know that in our Christian endeavors we have been instrumental in helping others into the path of life.

As in the past, we have had trials, temptations, and afflictions to pass through. So in the new year that lies before us we will have similar ones to meet, but we know that the Almighty Hand will ever sustain and keep us all the journey through if we fully put our trust in Him who has hitherto been with us. I trust that all the labors in connection with both the Home and Foreign fields will be greatly blessed during the present year.

I hereby extend to all the readers of the Highway the wish that this year may be the most peaceful and happiest of all years. That our dear Brother and Sister Sanders and family, away off in Africa, may be all blessed in their work for the Master. May the Lord bless them and take care of them.

And also that our dear Editor may still be able to make the Highway to be more and more welcome to the homes where it is so much appreciated.

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B. N. Goodspeed.

Patten, Me., aJn. 3, 1916.

Dear Bro. Baker:

Please find enclosed my renewal for the dear old Highway. It comes always to me as a dear old friend; so helpful. I am one of the shut-ins this winter, and feel that I have gotten almost home. Trusting in the merits of my blessed Saviour, I feel that it will be a great and blessed change. Trusting in Jesus, I feel that He will never leave nor forsake me. I fully believe in the doctrine that the Highway teaches, and I wish it was in every home.

Wishing you and all God's chosen a happy New Year.

Your Sister (in Christ),
Mrs. Hugh Cunningham

Dear Highway:

I want to say, Praise the Lord for answered prayer. Although He has seen fit to afflict us heavily, yet we can say, His will be done. I want to say to mothers, keep on praying, for the Lord will surely hear. Praise His holy name for comfort and strength in time of trial.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. M. Muller.

Woodstock, Yarmouth County, N. S.

Seal Cove, Gd. Manan,

Dec. 30th, 1915.

Dear Highway:

We wish to acknowledge the kindness of the people at Seal Cove, Wood Island, and Southern Head. On Christmas evening a number of friends of the community met at our home, and after spending a pleasant time, Mrs. Wright and I were presented with a nice willow chair, a fancy quilt, and a rug, besides over eighteen dollars in cash. In the afternoon of the same day a sum of money was left at our house. The money and goods amounted to about thirty-four dollars. We wish to express our gratitude to God and acknowledge the kindness of the people in this way, and may the Giver of all good and heavenly gifts bestow upon them His Divine and gracious blessing.

Rev. F. T. and Mrs. Wright.

Centreville, N. B., R. R. No. 1.
Jan. 5th, 1916.

Dear Brother Baker:—

Sorry to learn through the Highway of your illness. Trust you are now fully recovered. We need you many years yet, dear brother,

and it is our prayer that you may be spared to us—but if God should will otherwise, His will be done.

My health is good, but strength failing. Am still able to walk about the buildings and do a few light chores. Am thankful for this, and that I have no pain. Few men of eighty-seven can say as much. But better than all is the fact that "when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn; like lambs they shall still on his bosom be borne." I have and am proving each day. Am always glad to get the Highway. Have never missed a copy. Can read a little while at a time and find comfort in doing so. Enjoy the letters from the brothers and sisters—in fact there is no part that I do not enjoy. Enclosed find my renewal.

Yours looking for Him,

ELIPHALET JONES.

Brother Jones is probably the oldest man in the denomination. We are delighted to hear from him.—Ed.

Hartland, N.B.

Dear Highway:

The Lord has surely been pouring rich blessings on us here. The quarterly meeting was a grand time. The brethren preached with power, and the spirit of conviction was on the people. We decided to continue the meetings, Bro. F. W. Foster, of Maple Grove, Me., the farmer evangelist, assisting.

The meetings were continued for two weeks, with blessed results. A number of our young people professed conversion; some wanderers reclaimed and believers sanctified. Bro. Foster is a grand worker. The Spirit is manifestly present in all our services. Souls are receiving blessing by yielding to God. Keep on praying.

P. J. Trafton.

RETURNING THE EMPTIES.

The following interesting note is taken from a recent number of the Christian Advocate: Sometimes a minister receives in his mail the solicitations of whisky houses. Such a circular letter, in the interests of the "Old Bob Adam Whisky," came to the Rev. E. M. Evans, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Des Moines, Iowa. Dr. Evans sent the following reply, which was published in the Des Moines Register and Leader:

I note you pay the freight on returned empties. I would like to send you a full carload of empties if you will honor your agreement. I suppose the freight will be much cheaper on full carload lots? To be honest with you, the empties are not in first-class condition. They consist of empty men—empty of manhood, energy, ambition, prospects, self-respect, and necessities of life—empty head, empty heart, empty soul, empty stomach. Also empty women, empty of womanhood, refinement, modesty and hope. Will it be worth while making the return of this carload of empties? Will this carload of empties be worth the freight to you?

Collier's Weekly thought the letter such good reading that it published it with this editorial comment:

Do you haul back empties, Mr. Respectable Distiller, or are you dumping the junk of them on the jail and the poor-house?

Many will be glad to see and hear Brother Kunz again. May his work be greatly blessed among us.