

# The King's Highway.

An Advocate of Scriptural Holiness.

And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness—Isa. 40:3.

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## I Have Fought a Good Fight! I Have Kept the Faith! I Have Finished My Course!

—Paul

There are three questions suggested to all who read these three declarations as applied to the past year  
Have I Fought a Good Fight? Have I Kept THE Faith? Did I Hold Out Unwaveringly  
to the Close of the Year Without a Break?

### THE OLD YEAR.

The closing of the year, like the closing of a life, naturally causes the thinking person moments of retrospection.

Our blessed Lord did this in His wonderful prayer in John 17, 4-6, when He said, "I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do;

"I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest me out of the world."

Paul also when he came to the end of the way said:

"I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith."

Sad indeed are all who look back over the year, and awful indeed to look back over life, and have to exclaim:

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

Every minister, every church, and every individual Christian should be in the spiritual condition as indicated by the Apostle Paul and be able to say at the close of the old year, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course" (of the past year) and "I have kept the faith."

While it is not only a possibility, but a blessed privilege. If God could enable Paul to run over his course, which was so beset with troubles and persecutions, why not God's people of the present day?

Business men go very carefully over the past year to discover their success or losses, for the purpose of improvement, or re-adjustment. Up-to-date business men take every detail of their business into careful consideration.

This is where our Lord said: "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."

The people of God cannot always measure the year correctly by the outward achievements, by the number baptized and added to the church, for many who were added to the church are the fruit of other church's, evangelists's and minister's work, and the churches that received them had little or nothing to do with the people's conversion that they took into their membership.

Nor can they always measure by the financial success of their church, as much of that success may have been the result of mere competition with some other churches, and not the result of sincere consecration. These are the two statistical evidences that are given to show success.

We believe both of these things and many and much more will come when individual Christians and churches, and denominations "Seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added."

Jesus said so. This is the reason why churches resort to other methods of financing, by not meeting the first conditions. God is under absolutely no obligation to fulfill His part of the contract.

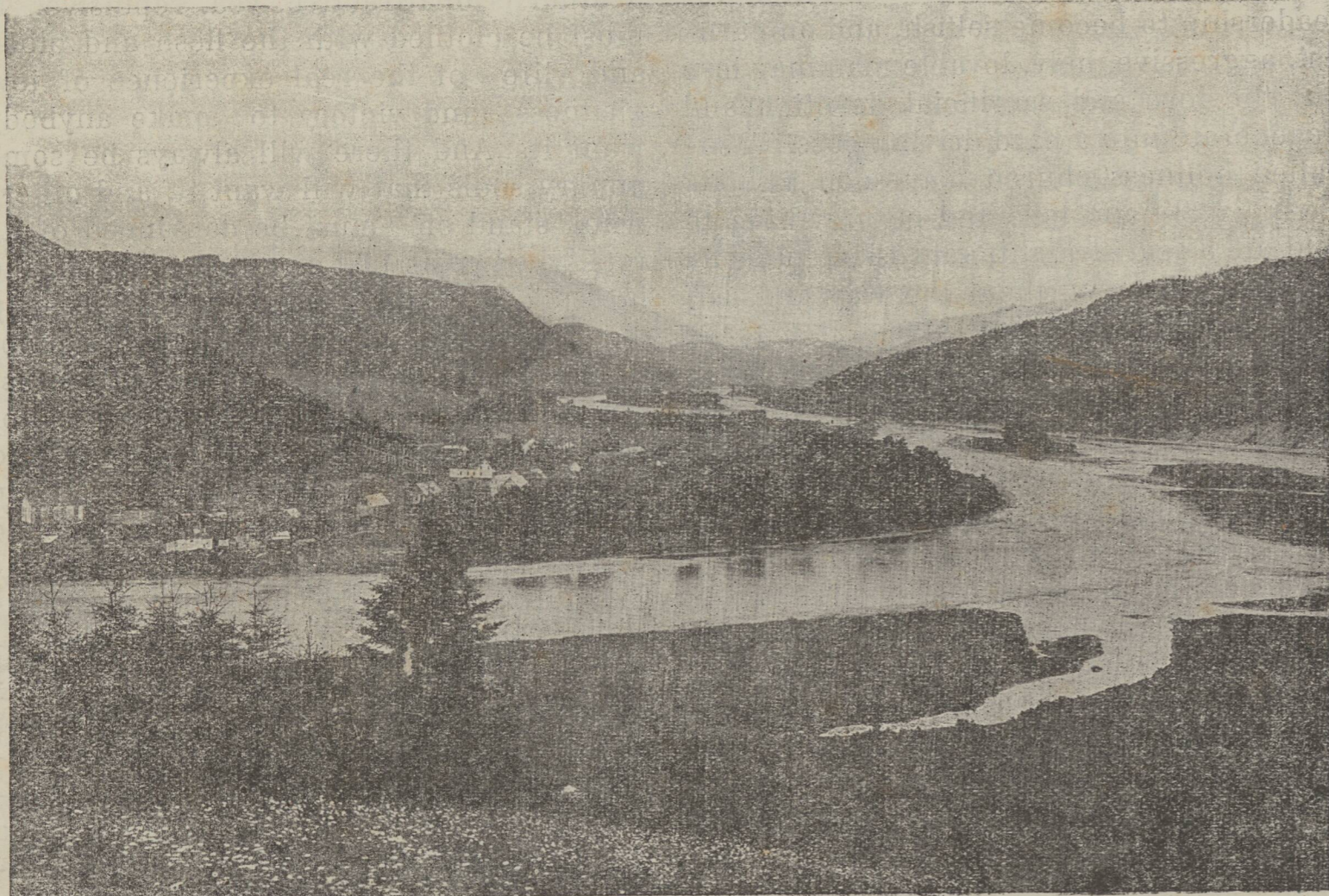
Then we conclude that the true point of measurement, to ascertain real success or failure, is that of spiritual life and victories, to prove this beyond questions is to read the Spirit's messages to the seven churches.

The Church at Ephesus, commended for her good works, her abhorrence for those who were evil, and patience.

Reproved—so absorbed in these commendable things "They had left their first love," the most important thing. They were fallen, must repent.

The Church at Smyrna. "I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich.)"

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We use this cut, "The Meeting of The Waters," as suggestive of the meeting of the Years 1917-1918. This view shows the entrance of the beautiful Metapedia Valley, in Restigouche County, N. B.