

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

Rev. G. B. Trafton visited his old friends at Hartland and Lower Brighton after the close of the special services at Grey's Mills.

Church news is very limited, other than closed services everywhere, and sickness and death, but we are thankful to say that very few of our church members have been taken away by the prevailing influenza epidemic.

Included in the sick list of our ministry has been Rev. H. C. Mullen, wife and child, and Rev. L. T. Sabine and wife and three children, and Sister I. F. Keirstead, but at latest report all had quite recovered.

Work is well under way in putting a basement under the Moncton Church. The church is to be made 12 feet wider. There will be several S. S. class rooms in the basement.

Evangelists H. S. and Mrs. Mullen are stopping at the home of Brother and Sister Oliver Trites at Berry's Mills, awaiting the clearing away of the influenza epidemic before resuming their work.

We are glad to note that Sister M. Ella Slipp has become able to return to her pastorate at Jonesport, Maine, and hopes to be sufficiently strong to resume her labours as soon as the churches are opened again.

While our churches are closed, we must as far as possible, keep every department of our work well in hand. No department should suffer. The Sunday School, Missionary offerings, and regular offerings for the church expenses should be kept up by the people.

We do not need to urge our people to pray, as we know our people everywhere are improving the blessed privilege of communion with their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We believe our people will appreciate the church services, as greater privileges than ever before, when they are resumed.

Don't let the church or pastor suffer loss by the closing of the church services during the past weeks. Add up what your offerings for the lost services would have been, and pay it. Some people have a very erroneous notion, viz., that they are only under obligation to contribute in the services they attend. If God dealt with them on that basis, they would be in a very bad plight. Remember his word—"He that soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly"—Some may well ask, "What shall the harvest be?" They can get a fairly correct answer by reckoning up how much they have sown.

We have been numbering the issues of the Highway wrong ever since July 30th, which should have been Vol. XXX., No. 1. We make the correction with this issue.

The message that wins must come from a heart surcharged with divine love and glowing white-hot with celestial fire kindled by the Holy Ghost. The ambassadors of Christ, like their Leader coming from His baptism and His temptation, must go upon their mission "in the power of the Spirit."—Wesleyan Methodist.

## PERSONALS.

Sister Mrs. Nettie E. Bagley, of Portland, Maine, says: I love to read the Highway, and know what the ministers and brethren and sisters are doing. My testimony is: "The Lord is my refuge and strength," in Him is all my trust, it is better further on.

Rev. Andrew Johnson, D. D., of Wilmore, Ky., has his new book out, containing "Twelve striking sermons."

Brother J. F. Bullock has been confined to his home for four weeks with a severe cold. Brother Bullock says: "God is good, and the precious blood cleanseth."

We are glad to learn that Sister Joseph Bullock is enjoying good health.

Sister D. H. Nixon says: "I have been in poor health. Much of the prevailing sickness about Hartland. Brother and Sister S. Hayden Shaw not very strong physically this fall. Seems strange to have churches all closed."

Amid our sorrow over the ravages of the "influenza epidemic," we must confess a real feeling of satisfaction in seeing the picture shows and theatres, and dance halls out of business. It reminds us of a time when this will become permanent.

## THE HIGHWAY.

Don't forget that in the months of November and December a large number of the Highway renewals come due. There is talk of a law being enforced to have all papers discontinued whose subscriptions are overdue. Every Highway subscription should be kept paid in advance. Look at the little red label. The figure means the year to which you are paid, viz., 16 means 1916, 17 means 1917, 20 means 1920. Your label should be marked 19 or 20. We make this explanation as some don't seem to understand the label.

The shunter rarely gets beyond the yard limit, but it makes things move, as it pushes and pulls and bangs and puffs, and gets things ready for the express and heavy freight engines. If we can't go beyond the limits of the home church we can make things move at home.

## NEW SUBSCRIBERS FOR THE HIGHWAY.

Rev. A. H. Trafton sent in three new subscribers' names:

Rev. H. S. Dow, one new subscription.

Rev. P. W. Briggs, one

Mrs. L. J. Alley one.

## JONESPORT CHURCH FUND.

A Friend .....	\$36.00
M. S. Trafton .....	5.00

If you think the holiness people have toned down, gather twenty-five of those who differ with them as to enjoying the blessing, and visit their week night prayer and meeting, and tell us what you think when you come out. You have been judging by what you hear from outside the church.

## "THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS."

Holiness is the highest species of moral beauty because it is the most God-like. In the beginning God used His own holiness as a pattern for man's. His purpose now is the restoration of that lost image. To that end all His efforts converge.

One element of the "beauty of holiness" is purity. "He shall grow as the lily." "Though ye have lain among the pots, ye shall be as the wings of a dove covered with silver and her feathers with yellow gold." "Every pot in Jerusalem shall be Holiness unto the Lord." The purity indicated is freedom from the sinful life and nature; chaste, sincere, without mixture. A holy soul has been purged from all uncleanness by means of the all-cleansing blood of the Lamb.

Holiness is beautiful in its affections—pure, perfect, unmingled and fervent. Holiness loves what God loves and hates what God hates. Love is its ruling principle, its motive power, its main-spring of action, the element in which it "lives, moves, and has its being." John Wesley said that "sour holiness is the devil's religion."

Holiness is beautiful in its spirit—"The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit." Holiness is unselfish, unassuming, humble, and kind; not irritable, impatient, uncharitable; pities rather than condemns. Holiness is not gloomy, censorious, or critical; but sweet, tender, and gentle.

Holiness is beautiful in its tastes, desires and ambitions. It has caught the vision of One who walked this sin-cursed world with spotless garments; who went about doing good, forgetting Himself, His own needs, and His own sufferings in ministering to others. It has followed Him to the Garden, to the cross and to the tomb where it has tarried till the morn of resurrection into newness of life.

Holiness is beautiful in its symmetry. It is shapely, complete, well-developed on all sides. A holy soul is good at home, on the farm, in the store, in church, and a thousand miles away from home.

Holiness is transparent, has nothing to hide. It wears no mask, but invites inspection; has truth on the inward parts. The inward life of purity transforms and beautifies the face and life with singular loveliness.

Holiness possesses the beauty of harmony. There are no discordant notes. It is in tune with the infinite. It sings when the sun shines and shouts in the storm; it rejoices in tribulation for it knows that "all things work together for good to those that love the Lord;" and also that afflictions "work for it a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Holiness loves the Beulah Land where there is spring-time, sunshine, music, and gladness; where the birds sing, the flowers bloom, and rich fruits abound. It loves this land where—

"The Saviour comes and walks with me,  
And sweet communion here have we;  
He gently leads me by the hand,  
For this is Heaven's borderland."

The "beauty of holiness" is God's gift to His children. His willingness to bestow and our willingness to receive bring us into its possession and enjoyment now. Shall we not be willing in this day of His power?—Wesleyan Methodist.