

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Highway:

We would like a little space in your columns to express our thanks to God and his people on our circuit for the kind remembrances we received at this Christmas time. The goose and duck which we have enjoyed every Christmas since we have been here was not lacking this year and numerous other gifts and money amounting to one hundred and one dollars. Oh, how we praise God for these tokens of his love. May the Lord bless those who have given of their temporal things and bless them an hundred fold in spiritual things.

P. W. BRIGGS.

Dear Brother Baker:

Another year has rolled by with its many changes. I have no evil report to bring but can truly bless the Lord. I am still on the way rejoicing in my Saviour. He saves and keeps me every day and is very precious to me as the days go by, and he has been more to me during the past year than ever before.

I feel very much alone in the world so far as human companionship goes. My dear wife having passed away. She met with an accident on the 9th of July by a fall which fractured her hip which, despite all that care and medical skill could do, she passed to her reward on Nov. 13th, a loving wife and a true child of God. Only those passing through like experience can fully realize the loss sustained. But I can truly say for the glory of God, that Christ so manifested himself to me that he has thus far wonderfully sustained. He said, "I will not leave, nor forsake thee." I just take him at his word and he comforts me. Glory! "He is able." I know it. I am proving it every day. I enjoy the Highway, and feel that I am one with you in the homeland. I read with interest all the doings and sayings of the dear ones, and pray daily for your success. Oh, be true to God, preach a free and full salvation and do not in any sense compromise. Stand true for God and holiness. I am endeavoring to ring true for God under all conditions. I long at times for those good old days I spent in Southampton and Woodstock, meeting with those dear saints of God. Some have passed over and some still remain. I am much interested in the new missionaries. I am enclosing a check towards their expenses, and for my renewal for the Highway; and wishing you and Mrs. Baker a glad New Year. Your brother in Christ, W. C. Grant, Manchester, Maine.

Dear Brother Baker:

Our special meetings are over and Brother Nease has gone to Seal Cove, Grand Manan, to assist Brother Hilyard. God has been answering prayer, praise His dear name. Our meetings were excellent and for the most part well attended. Some times the house was crowded to its utmost capacity.

A good number were converted, several reclaimed and quite a number received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. God has preciousely worked among our young people and children, who have come out strongly,

clearly and definitely for God. It makes our hearts glad to see their shining faces. All the members of the church have been refreshed and strengthened and some who had been backslidden have started again with new zeal for God and His work. We mean to keep on praying and unitedly to look to God for greater refreshings.

Brother Nease is a very strong preacher—a mighty man of God. In his peaching his illustrations are so real that the most abstract truth becomes concrete and readily understood. He teaches while he preaches. He is a man who lives very close to God and has great unction upon his messages. He is very definite and strong in his altar work and the result was people came through with clear definite experiences.

I received a letter from Mrs. W. A. McCallum, giving good reports of your work in Moncton. I am so glad to hear it.

I wish you and Sister Baker a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Your sister,

M. ELLA SLIPP.

Dear Highway:

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks for the kindness of the pastors and their wives and the many friends of the different churches we have visited.

We would not have missed the opportunity of meeting these dear people. We cannot express in words our feeling of love and gratitude to them for their many acts of kindness to us, from the beginning of our trip to the end. We expect to remember these people in prayer and we know they will remember us as well.

We feel we surely need the prayers of God's people.

Wishing you all a peaceful and Happy New Year and trusting your souls may be richly fed with Heaven by Manna, we are yours in Christian love and for the Master,
HELEN AND ALICE STERRITT.

THE CHURCH AND THE THEATRE.

We are pleased that some of the editors of religious papers can see the danger that confronts the church today through the movies and theatrical performances, and dare to lift their voices against these innovations. One of the most fearless of holiness preachers of this age is Rev. Dr. H. C. Morrison, editor of the Pentecostal Herald. He is not afraid to expose church sinners or to show the dangers of the theater as adopted by religious bodies. Read the following from his pen:

"What the world calls a theatrical the church calls a pageant. In some parts of the country Methodism is going regularly into the theatrical business. The church is becoming a playhouse and the young men and women are to become actors and actresses, while the congregations are to look on and applaud. In this way the house of God is to become the training school for the regular theater, with all of its looseness and vices.

"In a recent issue of the New York Christian Advocate there is a lengthy advertisement of new pageants, with descriptions of plays and prices, telling where the plans and plots, with all necessary description, can be secured at cer-

tain Methodist publishing houses.

"The recent general conferences at Des Moines refused to remove the paragraph from the Discipline against the theater, but some combination of forces in the church is now proposing to turn the Church into theatres, and the young people are to be converted into theatrical troops. If this thing is permitted to go on unrebuked it will not be long until we shall have Methodist troops going about the country with their costumes and scenery giving plays in the churches at so much admittance.

"And why not! If the church intends to go into the show business, why not strive for excellence. It will take much time to train, and the outfit will be so expensive that no local church troops can afford to practice and put on a play for just one exhibition; so the well trained and well equipped troops must necessarily travel about with their show. Get it started and where will it stop!

"The young people training for a show in their church will go to the theatres of the city to get correct ideas of 'Dramatic Art,' and later on theatrical managers will go to the church shows to select those who manifest special gifts in acting, good salaries will be offered, and on to the polluted stage your young people go. The whole thing is of the devil, who is doing it. But by what authority is this show business being gotten up?—The Free Methodist.

CONVICTION FOR INBRED SIN.

There is a conviction for inbred sin exercised by the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of the children of God, as truly as conviction of guilt exercised upon the sinner. Mr. Wesley says it is far deeper and more pungent.

This is scriptural. When Jacob was asked by the angel as he struggled with him, "What is thy name" he replied, "Jacob." This meant "the supplanter, the fraud." Names stood for character in those days, and he thus acknowledged the special nature of his depravity. When David prayed he said, "Behold I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me." He thus acknowledged his depraved condition. At the same time he sees that God requires "truth in the inward parts." This was conviction for inbred sin. Isaiah, as he saw the Lord, cried, "Woe is me for I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell among a people that is unclean." He shows his conviction for purity. When Peter saw the marvelous draught of fishes he cried, "Depart from me, O Lord, for I am a sinful man."

This conviction for inbred sin is an argument for the possibility of its removal. It is evident that what God convicts a man for, ought not to be. Why should God show us the evil nature of our hearts except that we might have it washed away. If it can not be removed then the Lord tantalizes us, in showing it to us. He is too good to torment his people. He is such a friend to us that he only shows the disease that he may show the remedy and apply it if we really want to be cured.—Christian Witness.