HIGHWAY SUPPLEMENTARY FUND.

Dear brothers and sisters of the holiness

cause, we are grateful to you for the assistance you have rendered in the past to keep "The King's Highway" the clean preacher of holiness that it is. We are thankful for the hearty response from so many to the above fund but we need a response from all. Let us hear from you at once with your cash or pledges. Following is a list of those thus contributing. Please send your money by Post Office Order, or Postal Note to the Treasurer as below. Rev. P. J. Trafton\$20.00 Rev. F. T. Wright 20.00 Joseph Saunders 20.00 Rev. H. S. Mullen 10.00 Judson Hillman 10.00 Mrs. Robert Barr 10.00 Rev. H. S. Dow 10.00 Robson Gibbs 10.00 Miss Agnes Belyea 10.00 Rev. C. S. Hilyard 10.00 William Nixon 10.00 Ezekiel Smith 10.00 Rev. Thos. W. Moses 10.00 George B. Thomas 10.00 C. H. Hayes 10.00 E. A. Scofield 10.00 John Cameron 10.00 William McNairn 10.00 Oliver Trites 10.00 Lannan Berry 10.00 L. C. Watt 10.00 Hastings Golding 10.00 Hanford McDonald 10.00 Miss Lois Goodpseed 10.00 Mrs. George E. Jones 10.00 Rev. Perley Briggs 10.00 Mrs. Cecile Ireland 5.00 Mrs. E. W. Lester 5.00 5.00 Mrs. E. Horncastle 5.00 Mrs. Springer Cosman..... Mrs. A. S. Parlee 5.00 Mrs. Jack Daye 5.00 Mrs. Solomon McFarlane Mrs. Charles Ramsdell Mrs. Harvey Belyea Mrs. Byron Brown 5.00 Mrs. F. C. Brown 5.00 Mrs. Sarah McDonald Fred E. Clark 5.00 Clowes Patterson 5.00 Rev. H. E. Thomas 5.00 Mrs. Wm. Wheeler 5.00 Mrs. G. W. Bates 5.00 Mrs. F. T. Kimball 5.00 Mrs. Stewart 5.00 Rev. Mark Turner 5.00 5.00 Thomas Whitten 5.00 Otis Ames 3.00 Rev. L. T. Sabine 2.00 Kenneth Cogswell 2.00 Chester Cochrane 2.00 Miss Mildred Todd 2.50 Mrs. H. S. Mullen 3.50 Mrs. Geo. H. Hartley Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Patterson 5.00 1.00 Mrs. Mary Benjamin 1.00 Mrs. C. E. Miller

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Mrs. Manning Mullen

'If you feel no interest in the salvation of others, you may well doubt that you yourself are saved."

STUDENTS' FUND.

At the late Alliance a resolution was passed, having been moved by Brother Baker, that each member of our denomination should pay one dollar towards the Students' Fund this year. This will be a splendid help to our young men who are seeking to obtain an education. Let us make this fund a live issue this year.

Previously acknowldged\$15.00 Christian Hudson 5.00 M. ELLA SLIPP,

Grey's Mills, N. B.

Treasurer.

WHY ARE CONVERSIONS FEW.

The statement is made that conversions are comparatively few in churches these days and seem to become fewer with each passing year. This complaint does not come from unreasonable and cencorious critics, but from wise and good men whose word is entitled to be regarded.

Does not careful observation prove that much less attention is being devoted to the conversion of sinners now than in

former years?

Many interests now engage the attention of ministers and churches—such as building and endowing educational institutions; organizations for the collection and disbursement of money for various purposes; young people's societies, etc., etc. All these institutions and enterprises are aiming at the good of mankind and as far as they are for the glory of God, we say, Amen!

But it is possible that these may divert the attention of the Church from the chief object of its mission.

The early christians devoted their energies almost exclusively to the one aim of winning souls to Christ. They sought the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of believers.

Both ministers and laymen did not think of pleasing men or building colossal ecclesiastical structures for their own glory.

They preached, exhorted, sang, prayed, travelled and toiled for the conversions of sinners and the sanctification of believers.

We cannot throw off the new burdens and responsibilities of these later days, but we must not lose sight of the chief aim of the church.

Too many, now, seem to think that there is no need of conversion and especially of sanctification and ask, Can we not build up Zion and extend the Kingdom of God and do good among men more effectually and more intelligently without conversions than with them?

According to the Scriptures the conversion of the soul is the greatest and most important change that can take place in the history of a human being.

It is a change of mind, a change of conduct, a change in the relation of the soul to God, a change of character, a change of heart. "Ye must be born again." "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Some who make no religious profession seem to be so good, that one can hardly see the need of conversion in their case. True the Gospel has done wonders for many in Christian lands who have not united with Christian churches.

But God looks at the heart. If a man is all right, his heart is right, as well as his outward conduct. His heart is right with God as well as with his wife and children and neighbors. He lives to please God, as he lives to please his wife. But if he does not live to please God, he needs and must be converted before he can see the Kingdom of God, no matter how beautiful his outward conduct may be. This work of grace is an absolute necessity.

There is no other way to save a sinner, no other way to pull down the strongholds of wickedness. The institutions of society will never be christianized except as the individuals who compose society are really and truly converted to God.

Many reasons for the dearth of conversions may be given. Too many so called Christians do not expect nor desire the conversion of sinners as they should. When church members really expect and earnestly desire this thing, it will not be long before they will witness the desire of their hearts.

Much of the preaching of this day is not calculated to produce conversions.

The craze for entertainment and excitement in the Church cripples its energies. We do not need entertainment, but worship; we do not need sensational excitement, but we do need spiritual excitement.

The conversion of sinners is hindered by coldness and worldliness in the church. Christ foresaw the danger and prayed for his disciples—"I pray not that Thou should'st take them out of the world, but that Thou should'st keep them from the evil," "Sanctify them through thy truth."

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If there is one door left ajar the world and Satan will enter and tarnish the garments of the saints. Covetousness, selfishness, envy, pride, jealousy, dishonesty, impurity in the Church will bar the way to the throne of grace and to the heart of sinners. Let Church members and ministers who have backslidden, repeat and confess their faults one to another and pray for one another. Then the husband-man who goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall return with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

A teamster was crosinsg a field in Valley Falls, with a heavily laden wagon and two fine bay horses, when suddenly the ground opened beneath their feet and both dropped out of sight. The harness attaching them to the wagon broke or the man would have gone down with them into the chasm. There was a mine of coal under the field and the miners had tunneled so near to the surface that only a crust of earth was left. Pillars had been left to support the roof of the mine but one or two of them had recently been cut away. The horses fell one hundred feet and were covered with the soil from the sides of the fissure. The man was dragged from his seat by the reins and landed upon the very edge of the hole. At the entrance to the field was a board with the warning, "Dangerous," but the driver had not heeded it. So near did he come to a dreadful death. Before the fields of sin God has sent Bible warnings. Only he who heeds them is safe from destruction. —Selected.

The conditions of effectual prayer are sincerity, faith and perseverance.