

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Brother Trafton:

I am enclosing my renewal for The King's Highway. When it comes we read every word it contains. We surely enjoy it and feel we could not get along without it. I have been, and still am, very ill. The doctor says it is nervous exhaustion, but I know Him, whom to know is life eternal. I am fully persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. I have enjoyed His presence, these long days and longer nights, I can say with Paul, "His grace is sufficient." It is all I need. His presence fills and floods my being. Praise His holy name.

Your sister in Christ,  
MRS. A. M. BARKER.

Fort Fairfield, Me.

Dear Brother Trafton:

I am mailing my renewal to the Highway. I enjoy its pages and the spiritual strength it gives. May God bless you in your work for Him.

Your sister in Christ,  
MRS. PARKER KINNEY.

Bar River, Ont.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Enclosed find my renewal for The Highway and two dollars for whatever you think best. We have changed our place of residence from Cayley, Alta., on account of the high altitude not agreeing with Mrs. Brown. We have a nice location here about four miles from Sault Ste. Marie and the same distance from Lake George. This is a beautiful level valley with some choice farms, especially for hay and dairy purposes. The roads here are gravelled and good. My letter is getting long and I must close, but not till I have told of God's goodness to me. He has led me safely along my journey from childhood up to now, my 80th year. I bless His holy name for giving me such good health and strength as I enjoy at the present time.

Yours truly,  
J. H. BROWN.

Beals, Me.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Enclosed you will find our renewal for the Highway. We have been transferred back home again. We have many things to thank God for. We are glad to say the Lord can save and keep us from all sin. We are glad salvation is full and free to all who will accept it.

Your brother and sister,  
MR. AND MRS. A. H. URQUHART.

Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Brother Trafton:

I would like to report through the Highway of how the Lord is blessing me in the work that I feel he has called me to.

The camp meetings were a source of great inspiration to me. Having been in Wareham, Mass., for the past five years, I knew very little of the Reformed Baptist people, but when the Lord definitely called me in his service, I felt deeply impressed that with my own people was where God wanted to use me, and I do praise

him for the ways and places that has been opened to me for work.

Since Riverside, I assisted in the revival meeting at Pinder. The Lord richly blessed us there. At present I am with Brother and Sister Kierstead. Evangelist F. W. Foster has been with us two Sundays and will be back for the third Sunday. The Church seems to be getting real help from these meetings as well as sinners finding God. Sister Kierstead and I have made several calls among the sick of this place. Yesterday we visited the hospital, and I do love to sing the gospel and tell what Jesus has done for me and what he will do for others. My testimony is:

"My all on the altar for Jesus,  
In full consecration I lay,  
To be used when and where as he pleases  
Or just set aside as he may."

I do covet the prayers of God's people that God might use me in some way in bringing precious souls to him.

Yours in His service,  
HAZEL MULLER.

Caribou, Me.

Dear Brother Trafton:

I am sending you amount to apply on Highway subscription. We have been having some tests lately. My testimony is Jesus is my abiding Saviour and friend, One that never fails but proves himself daily very precious to my soul. "When all about my soul gives way; He then is all my hope and stay."

Yours in Jesus,  
MRS. CARL NYE.

## THE NECESSITY OF STUDY.

Many young Christians (and, occasionally, old ones, too) fail to realize the very great necessity of reading and study. This, unhappily, is sadly true of ministers. Many preachers seem to think that since they have been blessedly sanctified wholly, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, He will without study constantly fill their minds and hearts with messages. In a few instances we have known of preachers who almost bragged that they did not study much, but relied wholly on the Holy Ghost to give them a message for the next meeting. In one case, a minister actually belittled his brethren in the sacred calling, who spent so much time in study and preparation.

This must be corrected, or we are going to develop a generation of ministers who are shallow; who are exhorters and not preachers; who whip the surface into froth and foam, and think that they have really done something, when in fact they have not stirred the soul depths at all. When a person (minister, Sunday-school teacher, superintendent, prayer-meeting leader or anyone else) ceases to grow; when he ceases to grow, he begins to deteriorate

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It is impossible for God to bless laziness, whether it be mental laziness, or physical laziness. Both kinds will ultimately reap the reward of the sluggard. It is impossible to be a leader of other people's minds, unless our own is kept rich and fruitful by constant reading and

study. With the wealth of good books along spiritual and ministerial lines, to be had (many of them for the borrowing), it is nothing less than criminal for any person to go on, week after week, without a measure of pollen from the minds of others falling upon his own through some literary channel.

It is useless to say that if you pray a great deal you do not have to study. It is impossible for a person to pray deeply and effectively, if he has been lazy in other ways, in preparing for the great task of winning men to God through public discourse. God will not bless a man with effective and fervent prayer, who has neglected, or refused to fill his mind with the great and wholesome thoughts of others. We would encourage great prayer, on every occasion, and all the time, but—no man can pray with conscious appropriation of the fullness and power of God, who has been wasting time that he ought to have spent in keen study, or who has been sleeping when he ought to have been enriching his mind with the great things that others have discovered concerning the deep things of God.

Study, read, learn, sharpen your wits, get ready to give a reason for the hope that is in you. Read a whole book of the Bible at one sitting. Read the evidences of Christianity. Read the theology. (Fewer people would go off on the modern vagaries, if they had read faithfully, and understandingly, the great books on good old Wesleyan theology!) Paul writes to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved." Don't be shallow. Don't get up in the pulpit with that empty feeling in your head! Don't ever resort to high pitched emotionalism because you really haven't anything worth while to say, and you must make a showing! Don't hide your mental poverty under a great stream of religious expressions, and "hallelujahs" and "praise-the-Lords," and "amens." This is too often the trick of an empty mind! Beat the oil of your mentality well, and, instead of froth, it will show forth clear, thick and unctuous, and the Holy Ghost will honor it and the people will do the shouting, and the "amening," while you do the preaching! When you are preparing, study as though the Spirit were not going to help you at all, and when you rise to preach, trust the Holy Ghost to help, as though you had not studied at all. "Wisdom is justified of all her children."—Ex.

"The way will never be so steep but it can be climbed, the river so deep but it can be crossed, the furnace fires so hot but they can be endured. Temptation will never be so fierce but it can be throttled, sorrow so rushing but it can be comforted, nor night so black but morning light will gleam. God will not fail you."

"Sanctification—Act of sanctifying, or state of being sanctified; especially, the act or process of God's grace by which alienated from sin and the world, and the affections of men are purified, or exalted to a supreme love to God; also the state of being thus purified."—Wester's Dictionary.