

CORRESPONDENCE

St. John, N. B.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Please find enclosed my renewal to the King's Highway. My testimony is, Jesus saves and keeps me each day. I find day by day that God's grace is sufficient. My only desire is to follow where he leads me.

Yours in Him,

MRS. J. NEAL

Calais, Me.

Dear Editor:

I wrote you some time ago that I wanted the paper stopped, for I could not read it, as I could not get glasses to fit me and had no one to read it to me. My eyes are some better now, so I want to take it longer as I like it very much.

Yours truly,

MRS. L. APT.

Lankershum, Cal.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Enclosed find remittance for the Highway. It is a very welcome visitor to our home. I praise the Lord for his saving and keeping me each day in my declining years. Let us be faithful to the end of the journey.

Yours in the Faith,

E. H. PORTER

Westford, Mass.

Dear Highway:

Enclosed you will find post office order renewal to the Highway. I still love the paper; it is very helpful to me. I wish I lived where I could attend the meetings. I had planned to go to Beulah Camp Meeting this year, but things have come up that will make it impossible for me to attend. I am disappointed, but will try to plan for another year if God spares me so long; if not I hope to meet in the heavenly camp.

Yours in the work, a sister in Christ,

MRS. ADA A. DAY

Oxford, N. S.

Through the goodness of God it was our privilege to labor over three Sundays in Norton, N. B. We wish to say through the columns of the Highway that we were greatly blessed in bringing the gospel to the dear saints and people of that beautiful little town. My wife and I were entertained in the home of Brother and Sister Douglas Robertson, and they were kindness itself personified. We were most royally received in all their homes as we called from house to house and sought to bring them words of cheer and encouragement from the "King." Through the kindness of Brother Carson, my wife was able to be present at nearly all the meetings, a treat which she appreciated very much indeed as she does not often have the privilege of getting to church when at home.

On account of some acute conditions existing, we did not succeed in getting a great many people out to church. It would have been a miracle if they had come; nevertheless, several were cheered, and helped and encouraged, and some were reclaimed and sanctified wholly and a weekly prayer circle put into existence. Saints of God, in these days of intensifying apostasy, we must get together in the

fellowship of prayer, and wrestle against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this "Kosmos" vs. Age, vs. world system and against wicked spirits in the heaven lies infinitely more than we have been in the custom of doing in the past.

For the awful spirit of Anti-Christ is sucking the moisture and juice and love out of the experience of unnumbered thousands these days, so that while some may continue to be professors, they are only the fossil remains of what has been. The cares of this life, and its pleasure, among the men, and bobbed hair, latest fashion in dress, and paint and powder among the women, are some of the expressions of the Anti-Christ spirit of which all who live the Lord should beware.

There are a goodly company of people at Norton and surrounding country who love the truth of the Holy Gospel and they need a good strong man (physically strong as well as spiritual, for pastor, and it is the prayer of the writer that God will furnish such a man to be their shepherd.

This is the second time that we have been privileged to labor among you dear Reformed Baptist people and we assure you that we have enjoyed it so well that we trust we shall in the good providence of God have many more similar opportunities. God bless you all, and by His grace keep on believing ground.—Amen!

PASTOR OF CHURCH

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WHY SOME HOLINESS CHURCHES DO NOT REACH MORE INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE

By Rev. Warren E. Posey

I know a Church that in times past had large crowds, and the best class of people in town worshipping with them. It was a spiritual Church and souls were constantly coming to the altar seeking the Lord. The future prospects looked tremendously good for that people. But after an absence of a few years we were privileged to visit them again and found conditions existing such as would make angels weep. The population of the community was growing very fast, but the Church was declining in numbers and attendance and, of course, in spirituality. Self-complacency was the cause. They had become satisfied with their spiritual progress, and spiritual declension had set in. There was a real lack of vision on the part of the members. The Sunday School had failed because of a leader that had no influence in the community. He was a good man and possibly will make it to Heaven; but he evidently had missed his calling. I noticed that he had forgotten to put on his collar, and also, to button his shirt. His shoes needed a shine badly, and his hands were in need of soap. We cannot blame the people of a community for not being interested in a Holiness Church of this kind. One time I dropped into another Holiness Church during the Class Meeting and their leader had to go to the window three times and raise it to spit. Some of

the Holiness people need a lecture on Church etiquette.

Again, the pastor ought to be able to conduct himself in a way so that he will not only command the respect of the humble class of people, but also that of men in the business world. According to the way some preachers preach it is impossible for a business man to serve God. But some of our best Christians are business men, and by the right sort of preaching multitudes more can be reached for God. We need more men among us who can serve God by making money to push the Church and extend God's cause in the earth.

The preacher should have a message and know what he is going to talk about when he gets up to preach. Good spiritual and intelligent preaching will draw a good class of people to the meetings. No community has any use for a lazy preacher. The preacher who loafers around and spends his time in hunting and fishing, and in other such foolishness to kill time will find himself without the respect of the community and soon without a job. "Six days shalt thou labor," is a good command for a pastor.

Advertise your Church in every paper in town. As a rule it will not cost you a cent. The Daily Press can be a mouthpiece for you if you will use it. Experience teaches me that advertising through the papers brings new people to the Church almost every Sunday. Let the public know you are in town and that you are doing business for God.

The type of evangelists you have will determine to a great extent what class of people you are going to reach. Of course, first of all, we desire and work to get one who is spiritual. Get one that can also preach intelligently and one that you are not ashamed to ask any man to come and hear. The people will support a good evangelist much better than a poor one. A good evangelist will pay his own way. I have found it hard to raise money for a man who couldn't preach.

You are judged by thinking and influential people by the locality where you live. If you build your Church on the alley you will reach alley people. If you build in a good part of the town you will reach a good class of people and the poor that live in the alley, too. The public will help you build a nice church building, but they won't help you put up a shack which is a disgrace to Holiness people. Many say that anything is good enough for Holiness people. That is one reason a lot of folks don't want what we have.

Many other things could be said on this subject, but we will mention just one more. Keep your Church clean. I am not talking about the building (though I have seen many cases where the building needed water, duster, paint, etc.) but about the members. Few of us can have a perfect Church, but we can have one where members are living a decent life and are not of this world. Practical and holy living will reach the masses more than preaching or anything else. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Keep sin on the outside. If holiness is brought before people in the right way we can add daily to our Churches such as should be saved.—Pilgrim Holiness Advocate. Battle Creek, Michigan.