

The King's Highway

An Advocate of Scriptural Holiness.
THE ORGAN OF THE

REFORMED BAPTISTS OF CANADA

Published Semi-monthly at Moncton, N. B.,
by a Committee of the Alliance.

Editor and Business Manager - Rev. P. J. Trafton
Committee:

Revs. P. J. Trafton, H. C. Archer, H. C. Mullen
I. F. Kierstead, H. S. Mullen

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

Per year, in advance	\$1.50
Ministers, per year	1.00
Four months' trial subscription40
Sample copy	Free
United States Subscribers	1.75
Ministers, U. S. A.	1.25

SPECIAL NOTICE

All correspondence for The Highway should reach us before the 12th and 25th of each month. Address Rev. P. J. Trafton, Moncton, N. B.

MONCTON, N. B., DEC. 15TH, 1927

EDITORIAL

CHRISTMAS!

We are at the threshold of another Christmas season, the most joyous time of all the year. It is the time of giving and receiving, and hearts beat high in anticipation at the thought of meeting friends, the reunion of families; some will travel part way round the world to be at home again. It should be a joyous occasion, for the gloom that hung over this old world was dispelled when the angels sang, Peace on earth and good will toward men. He who said, let there be light and it was so, in the beginning, is the same today. Let us not forget that Jesus the Son of God was his gift to a lost and ruined world. He has been reconciled through that gift, and also made it possible that we can be reconciled to God through the same medium. The worldlings go in for a big time from their point of view, and it is a season of great hilarity with them; but to the Christian, the thought of Christ, his Gift of Love. Our thought then to perpetuate Christmas is, our love of sacrifice for others. We fear too many of us are occupied with our own immediate relatives, many of them have enough and to spare. Jesus said when ye make a feast call the poor and the maimed, for they cannot recompense thee; he also said, The poor ye have always; that to us is significant, and "Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into the everlasting habitation." Nehemiah said unto the people, Go your way, eat the fat and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared. May this be to all the most gracious season, not because of receiving, but giving. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

We wish all our readers a joyous and gracious Christmas, and may he who came a babe in Bethlehem's manger, have the first place in all our lives.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. Isa. 9:6.

The prophet Isaiah prophesied of the birth of Christ about eight hundred years before it came to pass. His advent into this world is represented under the glorious figure of the sun or light rising on a benighted world and diffusing joy and gladness wherever he sheds his beams. He speaks of a wonderful change taking place at that time—light for darkness, liberty or freedom for oppression,

and great joy and gladness in place of sorrow and grief. And all this change is because a babe is born, and this child would do this without confused noise, or garments rolled in blood which things were the result of the battles of the earthly warriors. When earthly kings go to war they depend on great armies and navies with their mighty equipment to fight their battles, and they make great confusion and suffer great loss of life and property and gain very little if anything. But when our God goes to war He takes the weak things to confound the mighty and the things that are not to bring to naught the things which are. He took a little Hebrew babe which was cast out of one of Israel's homes of slavery in Egypt, and made of him a mighty deliverer and lawgiver for God's ancient people. He took a lad who was hated by his brethren and sold into Egypt and sent to prison, unjustly and made of him a Saviour of his people and exalted him to the position of ruler in Egypt. He took Gideon, the poorest of his father's house, with three hundred men to break the yoke and scatter the hosts of Midian and set Israel free again. He took the shepherd boy with his sling shot and defeated the Philistine hosts—that which King Saul's chosen men and Israel's armies could not do. So we rejoice because our God is still all that we ask or think. But, why should we rejoice because a babe was born to Mary and Joseph, especially so long ago? Thousands of babies are born and we take no notice of them.

But what is insignificant to us is of great importance to some one else.

Yes! He laid down his life for us, but rose again and is alive forevermore and has become our advocate before the throne of the Father. He is our elder brother, and says, He (Jesus) that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one (Father) for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren." His name is Jesus for He saves his people from their sins. "There is no other name given under heaven among men whereby we can be saved." He is the great physician for he not only pardons our sins, but he heals the diseases of our souls. The Son of God became the son of man that we who are the sons of men might become the sons of God. Praise His Name! I rejoice again this Holy Christmas season with Isaiah and the angels because unto us a child is born and unto us a son is given. "Let all the people praise Him."

With best wishes to all readers of the Highway and all the children of God and all others for a very happy Christmas.

H. S. DOW

THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF DISTRICT NO. 1

Convened with the Church at Marysville, N. B., Thursday, Dec. 1. The opening service was in charge of Rev. I. F. Keirstead, who preached from Revelation 3:20. Friday evening service was in charge of Rev. E. W. Lester, who preached a good sermon from John 6:35, followed by a testimony meeting. Saturday morning a short prayer service was held.

Saturday afternoon the business meeting was held with the President, Brother L. T. Sabine, in the chair. After the reading of the minutes, the roll was called, the following preachers being present: Revs. E. W. Lester, H. S. Dow, I. F. Keirstead, Stillman Mullen, L. T. Sabine, also Licentiate Hollis Kimball and Hazel Mullen.

Delegates—Woodstock, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Phillips, Muriel Lester; Maple Ridge, Jack Young and Earl Sharpe; Greenbush, Mrs. J. Stairs; Marysville, Mr. Clarke, Raymond Jameson, Chester Cochrane; Fredericton, Willie DeLong, Mrs. W. B. Wiggins.

The election of officers resulted in the following:

President—S. A. Mullen.

Vice President—L. T. Sabine.

Secretary—Hollis Kimball.

Treasurer—Willie Moore.

Highway Agent—H. S. Dow.

Devotional Committee—Brothers S. A. Mullen, J. Young, Willie Moore and Sister C. P. Phillips.

Church reports were then read and were of an encouraging nature, the following Churches sending written reports: Fort Fairfield, Royalton, Fredericton, Woodstock, Lower Brighton, Gordonsville, Maple Ridge, Hartland, Victoria Corner. Verbal reports were heard from Marysville, Fredericton, Millville, Woodstock and Maple Ridge.

A discussion was held concerning Sunday School work. Remarks were made by Revs. L. T. Sabine, H. S. Dow, Sister Wiggins and Brother Norman Cochrane. It was moved that at the next Quarterly Meeting, the business meeting be held Saturday morning, and Saturday afternoon, be devoted to Sunday School work. The place of the next Quarterly Meeting will be determined later. The usual