

CORRESPONDENCE

Island Falls, Me.

Dear Brother Trafton:

We began special meetings yesterday with the Church at Crystal. We shall run over Nov. 18th. Lic. Hollis Kimball preached three times yesterday. He will be with us for part of the meetings, and possibly he will remain throughout. I shall do part of the preaching.

Miss Ruth Wayles, of E. N. College, is the special singer. Pray for us. We are believing God for a revival of Holy Ghost religion. I believe that it is God's time. Pray that hearts will obey God.

Yours for the cause of holiness,

G. A. ROGERS

November 7th, 1928

Dear Brother Trafton:

I thought I would pass along to the readers of the Highway a thought that was brought out as we studied the Sabbath School lesson of October 7th. The topic given for the lesson by one publication was "Growing together in Christ." (See Eph. 4:11-16).

The thought suggested was "Growth was an evidence of life." If there was no growth, that particular thing must be either dead or in the process of decay. We know this is so in the natural realm, and if so in the natural, may it not be so in the Spiritual, also.

Everything that has life continues to grow until it has reached maturity—at that point decay begins. In most cases it would not be possible to perceive just where the turning point was, but there was that place, and although there may still be life, decay—which is the beginning of death, is present.

They tell us that the physical man is at his best at thirty or thirty-five years of age. Then he begins to fail in bodily vigor, though the mental faculties show development and activity for some years longer, but finally death ensues, and as far as we know, no longer exists in its physical activities. But man has a spirit nature working in conjunction with the physical and each operating to the weal or woe of the other. We may not be able to explain how, but we have good reason for believing it. This spirit man is destined to live on through all the countless ages, and while we may not be able to reason this out to the satisfaction of all, yet there is abundant reason for believing it, even though some do endeavor to dispute the fact. But there is something within man, wherever found, whether civilized or heathen, that causes him to believe that he will live after he is done with this life, even though he might not be able to give a reason for such belief. Mankind instinctively believes in the immortality of the soul.

But the marvelous thing about this anomalous nature of man is that the physical, that is born to live but a brief day, has within him the will to determine the destiny of that which is immortal. What a tremendous responsibility, in face of which we do well to improve the brief day, in which the immortal dwells in and with the mortal, and seek to fit it for the great change that is surely coming. Development and growth are essential to that end, for as growth is one of the evidence of life in the natural, it is no less an evidence of life in the Spiritual. While we are satisfied that the spirit lives on and never dies, yet there is a sense in which the soul is dead to its own best good while still occupying this mortal body. "Dead in trespasses and in sin."

God said to Adam: "The day that thou eatest

thereof thou shalt surely die." He disobeyed and defied this warning and his spirit nature became dead in sin, and this state, or condition, was passed on to the whole human family. So the soul does not live in its real sense, until we have died to sin, and become alive unto Christ, and not until then can the soul develop and grow in the way that we understand God designed it should. Through faith in Jesus Christ and acceptance of him as our personal Saviour we become alive unto Christ. As Paul says: "Alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:11). This step having been taken, we are in the place of development and growth, and this must be manifest, for, as we have seen, growth is the evidence of life.

And we are enjoined to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (2 Pet. 3:18). And (I. Pet. 2:2) says "as new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." But the first verse mentions some conditions to be met that it would be well for us to consider.

So if we have, through faith, been made partakers of his atonement, and enjoying the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ, and growing into a closer fellowship, and a better knowledge of God we can safely assume we are in that state of being alive with Christ.

But the thought of this lesson has reference more particularly to the development and growth of the whole body of Christ, which is the Church. "Growing together in Christ."

Eph. 4:15—may grow up into him in all things—ver. 16. "The whole body fitly joined together" or as Weymouth puts it—"The whole body—its various parts closely fitting and firmly adhering to one another."

Fit together as the different parts of a well-framed building, which when put together, with each and every part filling its place and helping to make the structure what the architect intended it should be. Each satisfied to occupy its appointed place, with no complaint against its neighboring part. If this is what our church is doing, it is in a fair way to grow and develop into a well-finished and complete structure.

S. B. CHARLTON

Gardensville, N. B.

Dear Highway Readers:

Greetings in the name of our Lord. We thank God for His love and guidance thus far. We have had a wonderful time while visiting the churches on our itinerary. God has blessed our souls and given us a good time with the brethren.

We have had sweet fellowship in Him among all the ministry and laity as well. We have never doubted God's leading from the day He saved us until this hour. We have had many sweet tokens of His love and favor during our itinerary. While we are grateful to God and to our brethren for their love and fellowship, we are thanking God that our itinerary was not unfruitful while we did not see as many souls saved as we desired. We thank God for all we did see.

We held one hundred and ten meetings and saw over fifty souls at the altar seeking and finding God. This has given us more joy than anything that was accomplished. We thank you all for your prayers and support and crave our interest in your prayers while we remain, as well as when we go to our field in Africa.

God has blessed our church and denomination and the end is not yet. But I believe we

need to buckle on the armour and go in for a greater year of prayer and aggressive evangelism than we ever had. I believe God is still with us. I believe He (Christ) still weeps over souls, and men need His power today just as much as ever men did.

"Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." Then let us push the enemy back. We are under an "all powerful commander." He who said "Go ye into all the world," said also "Lo, I am with you always." While He leads we cannot fail.

Yours in His Service,

BROTHER AND SISTER MacDONALD.

Wollaston, Mass.,

October 29, 1928.

Dear Highway Readers:

On Saturday evening, when the mail-man arrived at Eastern Nazarene College, the students of the Reformed Baptist denomination received a very welcomed letter from Sister M. Ella Slipp. Among the contents of the encouraging letter was forty dollars (\$40) from the Students' Fund. The money certainly came as a help in time of need and we are very thankful for having received it at this particular time.

We are very grateful to God for both the spiritual and temporal blessings which He has been pleased to bestow upon us. We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the financial aid rendered by the Students' Fund. We trust that God may richly bless each giver. May each of your souls be bathed in the great ocean of God's love.

Yours for the Master's use,

ERNEST R. BRADLEY,
LUNA D. THORNE,
HARVEY J. S. BLANEY.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Do not spend your time in idleness. Use your spare time in preparing yourself for some specific work in life.

Do not spend your time doing useless things. Remember that you have but one life to live. It requires very little more time and effort to do things worth while.

Do not neglect your educational opportunities. You are living in an age of competition and must compare with those who are educated.

Do not allow circumstances or environment to keep you from making a success in life. You must overcome handicaps in order to be successful.

Do not choose the course of least resistance. Things which are valuable in life cost something.

Do not be satisfied with goals that are easily obtained. It is better to have aimed high and failed than not to have aimed at all.

Do not wait for luck. Luck comes only to the favored few and you have little chance being among that number.

Do not select your life's vocation with selfish purposes in view. You are worth more to the world than to simply serve yourself.

Do not associate with inferior or worthless people. "If you always live with those who are lame you will yourself learn to limp."

Do not fail to be religious in practice. Unite with the church of your choice. The Christian life will bring you reward that cannot be measured in dollars and cents.—The Gospel Banner.