

CORRESPONDENCE

Seal Cove, N. B.
May 3rd, 1929

Dear Brother Trafton:

Enclosed find my renewal to the Highway. My testimony this morning is, that Jesus is very precious to me; It is joy to my soul to meditate upon His blessed promises. I find in Him a satisfying portion. The Bible is a book of truth to me and the deeper I dig in it the richer the treasure I find. We are very thankful for our pastor, Rev F. A. Dunlap, who preaches the word without fear or favor. Hallelujah.

IRWIN C. BENSON.

Dear Brother Trafton: Millville, N. B.

Please find, enclosed my renewal for the King's Highway. It is truly, a splendid paper and getting better all the time. I would not be without its help, for I find it full of soul food. Praise the Lord.

Yours in Him
MRS. SANDY BLANEY

May 6-1929

Dear Friends of the Highway:

In memory of Mother, who passed from this life to life eternal Nov. 15th, 1928.

"Mother's Day," Sunday, May 12. "Mother," a word that means as much to many as the word God. Perhaps to most of men this word means more than any other. Nothing human is quite so divine as Motherhood. A mother sacrifices and never knows it. Speak of her sacrifices and she cannot understand you. Let him first count the ocean drops who would measure the largeness of a mother's heart; let him first travel with the sunbeams who would know how far a mother's love can reach.

He who has numbered the stars can only ascertain the amount of a mother's sacrifice. The wrinkles that gather on her forehead are the marks left by her sacrifices, like the thorn-prints on the brow of Jesus.

Follow a mother's footsteps and you are nearer God sooner than you think. Through a mother's eyes some look in upon heaven. A mother's heart was not made of clay—it is more than a result of development from animalism—it had a master workman for its maker, and one who knew what love is. No small being ever gave the dimensions for the making of a mother's heart. No cruel personality filled it full of love. God gave it, and not that it might be buried in the grave. Heaven is mother's natural environment. Earth is her temporary mission field. She comes least heaven should seem too far away, least the face of God should be lost in a distance. May God help us of the younger generation to be always ready to sacrifice for good. Both mothers and fathers and to live a good clean life acceptable in the sight of the Lord that we may be ready to meet those dear ones that are gone before. We need to hold up the banner, and hold it high. I am still on the homeward way with Christ as my guide, and I know that I will not be disappointed in my testimony. May God help us all to be true. Amen!

BUDD D. PRICE,
Cumberland Centre, Me.

Woodstock, N. B.

Brother Trafton:

Praise the Lord! He has prepared a great supper and the invitation is being sent out everywhere, "Come for all things are now ready." Not very many are accepting the call,

but I am glad that when I heard the call I responded. My heart has been made clean through the precious blood of Jesus. This experience is more to me than all the world beside. May the Lord help us to be true to the trust committed to us, so that when our work is ended here, he will take us home to be with him forever. I expect to keep on the way and let my light shine for him. I am a witness to the saving and sanctifying power of Jesus Christ.

MRS. S. McFARLANE

Rockport, Mass.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Enclosed find money order for Highway. I do enjoy reading the Highway so much; it is real food for my soul. I praise the dear Lord for his great love and care. He guides and cares for us. Although far from home and church, I mean to always love and serve him. His precious blood will never lose its power. Thanking you for waiting so long for my remittance.

Yours in Jesus,
MRS. ANNIE B. SEAVEY

Beals, Maine

Dear Brother Trafton:

Please find enclosed renewal for the Highway. We enjoy it, and love to read the letters from our missionaries in Africa. Thank God for victory through the precious blood of Jesus.

The devil tries hard to defeat us, but God is still on the throne. Our pastor, Brother Watson, is faithful and gives us the truth. Last Sunday we had a nice service. God gave us a beautiful message by His servant. One precious soul was at the altar and prayed through. We are looking to God for victory.

Yours for true Holiness,
MRS. ESTEN L. BEAL.

Eastern Nazarene College.

Dear Brother Trafton:

I am rejoicing in the power of God to save these days, and am becoming more and more satisfied with living and working for Him. My testimony is to the saving, sanctifying and keeping power of God in my life.

Humbly yours,
HARVEY J. S. BLANEY

Island Falls, Me.

Dear Highway:

Just a few lines to let the readers know about our special meetings that were held at Belvidere from April 14th to 28th. We had a good attendance throughout. Some people came five miles and never missed a service. They were obliged to drive part way in a team and the rest of the way in a car. It proves to me that people can get to church if they so desire and are willing to make the sacrifice.

This has been a hard year from a financial standpoint, but it was surprising to see how these dear people came to the front with their money.

We felt that we never could pay Brother Hartley Mullen, our evangelist, for what he meant to our Church and to us. Brother Mullen came to us in the fullness of the blessing, and preached with the unction on his soul. Every message was full of food. My soul was blessed under his ministry, and our Church advanced in the deeper things of God. Nine people came through to victory. Scores of others seemed to be moved, but didn't yield. Only

eternity will reveal the good that was done.

Brother Mullen is a splendid fellow to work with. He is a firm preacher, yet a tender one. We thank God that He allowed Brother Mullen to come to Belvidere.

Yours for holiness,
G. A. ROGERS

Westchester, N. S.,
May 10, 1929

Dear Highway:

I would like just a small space to give an account of the Union Meetings which have been held recently at Westchester.

We started April 10th with Brother Fred Strickland of Truro, as evangelist. Fourteen services were held in the R. B. church, then continued in the U. B. church. The presence of the Lord was in our midst, and sweet fellowship was enjoyed.

God certainly helped our Brother to preach the old rugged Gospel that saves and cleanses from all sin. He is a fearless preacher, coming out against all forms of sin and worldliness. My heart was blessed under the preached word, and I am more convinced than ever, that this is the kind of preaching that will ever do this old world any good. Smoothing things over will never awaken folk to their need.

Twenty-eight seekers were at the altar. Some for the first time, to be pardoned, others for heart purity, and a number to be reclaimed. We believe lasting good was accomplished in this meeting, and that in days to come, others will get right with God, who were brought to see their need.

Sunday morning, May the 5th, Brother Strickland preached his closing message in the R. B. church after which he and Brother P. J. Trafton together, baptized four candidates. Brother Trafton was with us all day. In the evening three members were taken into the church, and the Lord's Supper was administered.

Our prayer meeting Tuesday night, was a time of refreshing from the Presence of the Lord. How good it was to hear new voices praising the Lord, as well as some others that have been silent for some time.

I consider it has been a real privilege, to be here in Westchester, and believe there are some of the best folk in the world in this little village. The church is in a good condition spiritually, and I predict a grand future for it under the able leadership of Brother H. S. Mullen.

Am looking forward to Camp Meeting time, and trust God to meet with us.

Yours in His service
HAZEL MULLEN.

TESTING

To be beaten but not broken; to be victorious but not vain-glorious; to strive and contend for the prize and to win it honestly or to lose it cheerfully; to use every power in the race, and yet never to wrest an undue advantage or win an unlawful mastery; verily, in all this there is training and testing of character which searches it to the very roots, and this is a result which is worth all that it costs us.—*Bishop Potter.*

"It is a great misfortune not to have judgment enough to keep silent at the proper time."—*The Wesleyan Methodist.*

The recording angel, consider it well, is no fable, but the truest of truths; the paper tablets thou canst burn; of the "iron leaf" there is no burning.—*Carlyle.*

HOLINESS FOR
UNDERSIZED CHRISTIANS

In almost every congregation one is confronted with a pathetic company of people that is almost enough to crush the stoutest heart. A company of people who, spiritually are undeveloped, religious dwarfs, moral pygmies, a company of people, who, according to the law of development, should be full grown, who, according to the length of life, should be well matured. How touching, how affecting, how pitiful, how calamitous, how tragic. Paul met them in the church at Rome, and addressed them as being undedicated (Rom. 12:1). He met them at Ephesus, and exhorted them to "put off the old man," and assigns as the reason for so doing, the fact that the "old man is corrupt" (Eph. 4:22). He met them at Thessalonica, and urged them to go on to holiness as an attainable ideal, pointing out that it was God's desire for them, and that any opposition to his position was opposition to God and not to man (1 Thess. 4:3). He met them at Corinth, and was obliged to modify his message to them, giving as the reason their "bayb-ishness," which disqualified them for receiving advanced spiritual instruction (1 Cor. 3:1-3). He met them among the Hebrew Christians and raised two questions: First, "How old are you?" Not in so many words, but the question just the same. The second, "How much do you weigh?" Again not in so many words, but the question, and from the rebuke the apostle gave them they must have been old enough to have been graduated and in the teaching profession, yet so undernourished, undersized, dwarfed, enfeebled, impotent, delicate, infant, that they must be tenderly cared for, and allowed to take no stronger nourishment than milk. You would almost imagine the apostle addressing a congregation of twentieth century holiness people, where only about fifty per cent of them had the "Blesser" or were seeking Him. Upon further questioning, the apostle discovered the cause of this protracted babyhood, which, in a word, was delinquency. Like many today, they could see no needs in the ministerial urge, "Get ye on to Canaan," "Go up at once and possess it," "Today is the day," "Let us therefore labor to enter," so they just loitered, failed to keep pace with the light, showed little speed, walked heavy, and while they were idling the time away the light moved on and they were in darkness; lapsed, yet unaware. The only way to hold the light is to be holden of the light. Again, delinquency was due to lack of exercise. No good religious habits, no "pneuma" (divine breath, breathing) exercises, no spiritual athletics, no divine gymnastics, nor developing calisthenics, but indolence, indisposition, inaction, resulting in spiritual paralysis.

All such backward Christians are likened to adverse Israel, who had been delivered from bondage, witnessed God's power, investigated His word, proved Him true, had the fruit of the promised land in their hand; yet tempted Him by turning back. All one needs to do to turn back is to not press ahead into the promised land when the Spirit brings one to the border of it. Honest investigation is not forbidden; the honest questioner is not condemned; but not to have a supreme desire for God's best things turns one back, in heart, from the very point of contact, where the highest in man touches the lowest (if such thought is allowed) in God. How direful are the results of such an unfortunate condition. Not to make use of one's opportunities to advance to purity, and on to some good degree of maturity, disqualifies one for apprehending and enjoying the deeper revela-

tions of divine truth. The church of Jesus Christ has had to forego the profitable knowledge the great apostle Paul was ready to impart concerning that Old Testament character, who was not only a compeer with Abraham, but his superior, Melchizedek, because the Hebrew church was unable to intelligently receive it, because of her spiritual lapse, her without holiness state.

Again, another direful result is that the inability to apprehend the deeper things of God renders one liable to apostasy, arising from the semispiritual, semicarnal condition, moral feebleness, noticeable in impaired vision concerning crying needs, heavy ears, especially to the stenorian calls of God; inability to sense (scent) the sweet incense of holiness, which one has said, "one should be able to sense for ten miles." (Yes, I think the aroma of a true holiness meeting should retain its sweetness and float at least ten miles.) I remember a revival meeting with one of our leading holiness evangelists, when after he, by the Spirit, had dredged the deep, bringing out pearls of the first waters, scraped the heavens, revealing stars of the first magnitude, bringing things of infinite worth from the Infinite, some of our intellectuals remarked, "I don't understand him." The reason was there was no strong relish for intensely spiritual things. Religious feelings, comatose; drowsy, sleepy, not alert. Semi-carnal eyes that see no harm in what all spiritual people condemn, ears that itch, attuned to gossip, a cesspool for the scandal monger, especially if he has a load of faultfinding or rumor on some one professing holiness; dull to any sense of putrefaction in this or that; tastes, that perceive no death in the pot; feelings, mixed, dull to any sense of evil in this or that. How perilous are the results arising from immaturity.

Thank God, there is a panacea for religious undersizedness. Here is an unfailing recipe: A regular good milk diet. "As new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby," "Ye have need of milk and not strong meat." Open ears to receive instruction in the scriptures. A good lot of religious habits: Prayer, meditation, witnessing. "By reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

Going on "unto perfection." Going, how far? Unto perfection. When will we arrive? I don't know, but you will arrive if you only keep on going. How may we know when we get there? Would you advise one to get a full description of the experience from holiness literature before starting on "unto perfection"? As the "state" is entered by faith and not by sight, a process of the spirit and not mind endeavor, I would advise you to strike out for the "state" at once, and "search out the land when you get into it." Then after you have come "unto perfection," you will find "much land ahead to be possessed," keep on possessing till you arrive to mature manhood, and you have overcome "undersizedness."

ONE DAY AT A TIME

Sometimes I compare the troubles we have to undergo in the course of a year to a great bundle of fagots, far too large for us to lift. But God does not require us to carry the whole at once. He mercifully unties the bundles, and gives us first one stick, which we are able to carry today, and then another, which we are able to carry tomorrow, and so on. This we might easily manage, if we would only take the burden appointed for each day; but we choose to increase our trouble by carrying yesterday's stick over again today, and adding tomorrow's burden to our load before we are required to bear it.—*John Newton.*

A MAN WHOM GOD COULD TRUST.

"He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not" (Psa. 15:4)

It is a wonderful thing to so live and walk before God that we can be trusted, either with temporal means or spiritual power. Many seem to be all that one could expect, until they are called upon to testify against themselves or stand for the right in spite of what effect it may have on themselves, their relatives or friends. Many take positive stands on certain lines of Christian living, or dealings in business matters until it seems to go against them, when they say they really never had convictions on such lines, or they will even change their minds without admitting they were wrong in the first place. Things of this nature causes loss of confidence in people and such are often set aside by God Himself. How rare to find a man today that, "sweareth to his own hurt and changeth not!" It means a definite conviction of the right of a thing, then a definite stand without compromise. Such an one God can trust with the great responsibilities of soul saving. No one cares much for a weakling or one who is as changeable as the wind.

Abraham was just such a man as our text describes. When God told him to get out from among his people he obeyed. He could have reasoned with the devil but he thought it better to be a true man. As he left his kindred he testified continually by leaving behind him a string of altars where he had called upon the name of the Lord.

When Abraham had trouble with another man concerning a well that he had dug he did not contend, but set aside a certain number of lambs to give the contender to prove that the well was his. When his herdsmen quarreled with Lot's, he gave Lot first choice although he was entitled to first choice himself. This proved that he was not covetous.

He proved his interest in souls and prayed and interceded in behalf of wicked Sodom. He refused offerings from people, for no doubt afterwards they would have said they had made him rich. He gave no room for offence. He could be trusted to sacrifice his own child to prove his consecration when called upon to do so, and could be trusted to stay his hand when the angel called out of heaven. In all his works and ways he proved himself unselfish and reasonable. Little wonder he is called, "Faithful Abraham."

To fill such a place in life as did Abraham means self-sacrifice, self-denial and suffering. In other words, our salvation must prove to a lost world that we prize it above earthly gain, fame or selfishness. It means that in prosperity we walk humbly and carefully, in adversity we cheerfully perform our duties to our God. We will be able to say with Job, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord. Unless we are faithful in little things we are not apt to be so in greater things.—*Fred Rosentrater.*

FAITH

Faith is not blind acceptance of absurdity. Faith is the completion of a transaction in which we commit ourselves to a personal relationship with an unseen and living Master. Faith is such an adventure as every sailor makes when he sets out for an unseen port. Faith is our response to our yearning for the God who made us for fellowship with Himself. Faith is the answer of the vibrant human spirit to the music of eternity.—*Exchange.*