

## CORRESPONDENCE

Port Maitland, N. S.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Just a few lines to report briefly of our Revival Services at Sandford, from Nov. 9 to 23. Brother Watson was our Evangelist, a position which he is capable of filling efficiently. He did some good preaching. His messages were true and in line with the Word of God, and the lovers of Truth readily received them. Like most holiness preachers, his messages of truth did not please the Worldlings. There were few new seekers. We believe the church members received help. We trust the blessing of God will continue to be on us as His people. We expect to begin services at Port Maitland, Jan. 25th, with Mabel Manning as Evangelist.

Yours in Him

HARTLEY E. MULLEN.

Pawtucket, R. I.

Rev. P. J. Trafton:

Dear Sir: For some time I've been receiving your publication and would say that I have enjoyed it, the principal reason being that the "Highway" stands uncompromisingly for the Truth. May the Lord continue to prosper and bless you and your labors.

Enclosed find check.

Yours in His Name,

A. WAHL

Vancouver, B. C.

Rev. Mr. Trafton:

Dear Brother: Enclosed find P. O. Order for renewal of my subscription to The Highway. I enjoy the reading of The King's Highway. When I get through with it I pass it on to some old friends who like such reading. In this way I feel I am making it a blessing to others.

Yours believing and receiving,

WHITFIELD COSMAN

Island Falls, Maine

Dear Brother Trafton:

I am glad that I can report victory. Our churches took on new strength this fall during the revival services. Brother F. T. Wright was with us for the first week of December. He preached part of the time here and part of the time in Patten, where Brother Cosman and I were holding a campaign. Brother Wright's messages are solid, rich, inspiring and Biblical. The Christians were led into the riches of the Word by the teaching and preaching of our brother.

We closed our meeting in Patten on Sunday evening, Dec. 7th. Brother Cosman preached the closing sermon from Matt. 27:17. This was a great message. Brother Cosman's messages from the Word and in song were enjoyed by all. I enjoyed preaching eight times during the campaign. There are hungry hearts in Patten. I plan to visit many homes there. Several told us that they enjoyed our messages. Four requested prayer and four came to the altar during the meetings.

I plan to assist Rev. L. T. Sabine in a meeting in January. Pray that God will give us a revival.

Yours for holiness,

REV. G. A. ROGERS

Apohaqui, N. B.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Please find enclosed money order for the renewal of my King's Highway and the one

going to my brother's wife. She likes the paper very much and is always glad of its arrival.

We have much to praise the Lord for these days. We had beautiful harvest weather this fall, hardly a day that we could not gather some part of the crop. Our cattle have all passed the government test made recently. I do thank and praise the Lord for all his mercy and goodness to us. O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise!

MRS. GEORGE SMALL

North Head,  
Grand Manan,

Dear Highway Readers:

Having considered very imperfectly the number three, as to its significance in scripture, the number four now claims our attention. It is the humanity number and stands for mankind, all through the Bible, beginning with Genesis and reaching a glorious climax in the Book of Revelation. "In the beginning" our triune God creates man in His own image, an imperfect and dependent being, destined to be "the habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph. 2:22). Man therefore is complete only when indwelt by God. For we read that "this is the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, which is Christ in you." (Col. 1:26-27). Thus it is apparent that "ye are complete (only) in Him" (Christ) (Col. 2:10).

Let me just touch on the number seven, so as to help make plain the significance of our number four. Since man is complete only when indwelt by God, and God elects to make man His habitation, therefore three, the Divine number, adds to itself the number four, the human number, and seven becomes the symbol of perfection or completeness.

Then passing by all other instances where the number four glistens and shines like a precious gem in the sacred Scriptures, let us turn to Revelation, chapters four and five. Here "a door is opened in heaven," and we are privileged to behold, imperfectly, the God of glory, seated upon His throne. But note that "in the midst of the throne and round about the throne" are four "living creatures" (R. V.) which are human beings. We may be certain of this, first, because the number four points infallibly to the fact. The second positive proof is, (ch. 5:9) that they join in that "New song" which only redeemed humanity can sing.

These four "living creatures," then represent the "overcomers" who are worthy to sit with Christ in His throne. (Rev. 3:21). But (Ch. 4:4) "round about the throne are four and twenty seats . . . and . . . elders," forming a second class or next outer circle. Their number, twenty-four, is sublimely significant, like the next or seemingly third class, the "hundred forty and four thousand" of ch. 14, whose description is given in verses 1-5. Ch. 15:2-4, reveals still a fourth class, evidently the "harvest" of ch. 14:15, while the 144,000 are called the "first fruits," (ch. 14:4). All this corresponds with I. Cor. 15:41-42, "for one star differeth from another star in glory: so also is the resurrection of the dead." I take it that Paul, in Phil. 3:12, may be remembering something similar to these degrees of glory which was revealed to Him by a vision (2 Cor. 2:1-6, R. V.) when he was "caught up even to the third heaven . . . Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

The helpful lesson in all this for us is that

we too may, if we will, "count all things but loss" and covet "the fellowship of His suffering being made conformable (even) unto His death (so that we) may apprehend that for which also (we are) apprehended of God" (Phil. 3:7-15). For Christ has a perfect plan for His church, as a whole, and for each individual member (Rev. 3:12) and 2:17) Shall we measure up, or will we disappoint Him, the One who has a right to count on our loyalty and loving devotion.

Let us notice the lesson that describes fitness to sit with Christ in His throne. This we see in the faces of the four living creatures, who represent a class of people, the most highly honoured and nearest the throne—except Moses, for of him they sing (Rev. 15:3.) Please read Ezekiel's description of a similar vision, in his prophecy, ch. 1. For his picture corresponds with ours of Rev. He beholds the glory of God and the throne, verses 26-28. Also the four living creatures associated with the throne, verses 25-26.

Ezekiel 1:10 gives the first face-likeness as that of a man which speaks of man's creation in God's image, with intelligence and heart, destined to serve with a devotion that loves not his life "even unto the death." Read Rev. 12:11. God invites even sinful men to come to Him intelligently and "reason" (Isa. 1:18) with the assurance that, when transformed, they shall hereafter "see his face: and His name shall be in their foreheads;" (Rev. 22:4) signifying that they have partaken of His nature and that their service (verse 3) will be intelligent.

It is significant that John sees the first "living creature" (Rev. 4:7) "like a lion," which shows us that to leave all and become a follower of Jesus, demands first of all, courage, overcoming, conquering courage. By "looking unto Jesus" (Heb. 12:1) we see our supreme example of moral courage plus Divine help, for was it not "through the Eternal Spirit (that) He offered Himself . . . to God?" Notice that while John "wept much," (Rev. 5:4) because no man was found worthy to open . . . the book" of the world's destiny, he heard words of heavenly comfort: "Weep not: behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah . . . hath prevailed." Yes, we knew this before: perhaps John had, for the moment, forgotten the words of the Master, (Jno. 16:33) "Be of good cheer: I have overcome the world." And does not this "Lion" give us "power over all the power of the enemy?" Thus He "giveth us the victory" (I. Cor. 15:57 and Rev. 12:11). Who was it made Ezekiel's "face strong against their faces . . . as an adamant, harder than flint?" In this way was Ezekiel made to have the face of a lion, partaking "of the Divine nature," and then rewarded for his courage. All our future usefulness, during the Millennium and throughout God's glorious and unthinkable Eternity, depends upon our learning this very lesson now before us: exercising the faith and willingness that yields all to God and simply lets His peace rule our hearts and minds, and His Spirit's power function in and through us, body, soul and spirit. See Phil. 4:6-9 and Rev. 2:26-27.

The truth of this Bible study is of vital importance to those who have "by one Spirit" been "baptized into one Body," and thus become candidates to be the Bride of Christ and share His throne, and kingdom.

I would like to write more, soon, on this subject, but in the meantime you should read "The Inner Spirit of the Cross," by Rev. G. D. Watson, published Nov. 29th in our very valu-