

I am having a new experience on this line. For about two months now I am seeing, every day, lessons in nature, or God's other Bible. One of my lessons yesterday was from a birch tree, especially its splendid bark. God has given this for a protection, like a strong armour. When this tree is cut for fuel, it cannot dry out through this bark, even a four foot length remains damp and quickly begins to decay, unless someone cuts a split through the bark, from end to end of the log. Then the moisture can escape, and drying goes on properly.

If these birch trees could talk to us, they would say, "If God so clothes us with an armour which protects us from all harm, both summer and winter, how much more will He give unto His children an armour that will protect them from all spiritual harm." Read Eph. 6:13-20.

Today I got another lesson from the trees. It is snowing, the kind that sticks and loads down the evergreen trees, while our birches and orchard trees take on white jackets, stockings and gloves.

What now would these trees say if God let them preach to us? "We glory in tribulation. This cold snow can do us no harm, but makes us glorious in beauty, almost like the coming glory of heaven. The whiteness of our God-given covering speaks of purity and white robes like the saints wear in the Paradise of God."

You may remember God's trees of Jer. 17:8, "planted by the waters and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit." I am sure that you will understand that we are these trees. God has planted us just where He knows we can thrive and bear fruit to His glory. In a lesson I had not long ago I could imagine these trees with long branches bending downward with their load of luscious fruit. They are like apple trees that are always loaded with ripe fruit and covered with green foliage. These trees speaking to us would say: "Don't you worry about anything. Just trust God, for He is the One who sends the rain, the sunshine and the winds, and everything will work together for our good, while we just abide by this beautiful life-giving river, glorifying God and helping people with our fruit."

Hoping that all of you will live this New Year for God, I am,

Yours in Jesus,

H. C. SANDERS

Meductic, N. B.

Dear Brother Trafton:

As I was thinking of writing, through the columns of the Highway, to acknowledge the splendid Xmas present in the form of a purse of money that the good folk of the Meductic circuit tendered me, there has been brought to my mind the many times God has been my strength. So along with the acknowledgement of this gift, I wish to report victory in my soul through Him. We are having a good time trying to preach to these folk and God is blessing. Praise Him.

Your brother in Christ,

J. ARTHUR OWENS

Nakamun, Alta.

My Dear Brother Trafton:

I am enclosing the renewal of my subscription to your paper. Sorry it is not easily

possible to send something to your Supplementary Fund, as I note you are urging the readers to do just now. Times are very hard out here on the farms especially, but it is also exceedingly bad in the cities we hear. The farmers in this part have abundance of things to sell, but the prices are so low (on grain especially) that for the most part they are trying to hold on for more favorable returns. They cannot meet their expenses by selling grain at the present prices, so that money is very hard to get where they depend on selling grain. We are feeding livestock in this district so we are not affected so much by the depressed grain prices. So far our winter has been very mild indeed with just snow enough for sleighing.

Yours truly,

W. B. WEBB

Havelock, N. S.

Dear Highway:

Greetings to the whole Highway family, with all good wishes for 1931.

The holiday season came and went so quickly that we scarcely realize that it is gone. We were well remembered by our friends, and had a very Merry Christmas indeed. We spent Christmas Day with my father and mother at the old home, it being the first time for 18 years.

We received quite a shower of greeting cards from our distant friends from our fields of labor in former years. For these remembrances we feel thankful, and wish we might have remembered them all. We sent some cards but it is pretty hard to include all we would like. If any who sent us a card, but got none from us, happen to read this letter, please accept it as an acknowledgment. We wish to report our work going on encouragingly. We had 40 in the Sunday School last Sunday and good congregations both morning and evening.

My wife who spent ten days in the hospital before Christmas, is slowly gaining strength.

Thankfully yours,

H. C. MULLEN

North Head, N. B.

Dear Friends:

It was a real treat to again spend Christmas in Canada.

The delightful weather conditions here, with just enough snow and cold to suit the season of year, the being remembered and remembering others and above all, the blessing of God upon our souls gave us truly thankful hearts. Judson had been away a few weeks up St. John river and arrived home on Christmas Eve.

Our prayer meeting was on that night and after it was over and we had returned home, a number of our people came trooping in and gave us quite a surprise.

Our hearts were cheered by the words of appreciation for our work, which they spoke and before they left they gave us a nice little present in cash. Quite a Christmas gift which came in timely.

Mr. George Scott, who had been in the hospital for a few days, arrived home shortly before Christmas. We are all glad to have him with us again.

Christmas night was the S. S. entertainment and the program was a very helpful one, exalting Jesus and the true spirit of Christmas.

This church is real busy at this season of the year, as the shut-ins and sick ones are

especially remembered by little gifts, usually delivered to them by the young women of the Sunday School.

Our school has greatly increased in interest and numbers the past year, and we hope will still go forward.

On Saturday, January 3rd, Brother and Sister Nat Beal returned home from their visit among relatives and friends, bringing with them Mrs. Beal's daughter, who will spend a few weeks with us.

In about two weeks we begin special meetings and ask your prayers.

There are hungry and deeply convicted hearts waiting to be saved and many souls here needing Jesus.

Yours in Him,

MRS. H. C. SANDERS

Seal Cove, Grand Manan

Dear Highway:

Just a few lines to say we are still in the way of life and truth. The Lord is very precious and tender.

On the evening of Dec. 29th the people of this place came to the parsonage and blessed us with their presence, their kinds words and a liberal offering. We tried to thank them and our Heavenly Father for all these expressions of love.

We were remembered by ever so many friends during the Christmas season.

At present we are engaged in special meetings. Brothers T. W. DeLong and Emery Cosman are the special workers. The battle is hard but we are believing for a real victory.

When we get through here we are going over to our church at Wood Island for a few weeks.

Our prayers are for all the saints.

E. M. and F. A. DUNLOP

Centreville, Carleton Co.,

R. R. No. 3

Dear Highway Friends:

We wish to report that the Lord is blessing us in this section of His vineyard. Since coming here we have held two revival campaigns. On Nov. 4th we began special services at Gordonsville, assisted by our brother, Burrell Kimball. He brought some good message, and was a great help in every way to us. The meetings continued two weeks with good interest but meagre results. On Nov. 7th we launched a home mission campaign at Bridgewater Boundary, in a vacant Baptist Church, assisted by Brothers Arthur Owens and Earl Forman. They proved to be true yoke-fellows, laboring faithfully for the salvation of souls. The meetings continued over Jan. 4th. New Year's Eve we held a watch-night service in the Church there, with seventeen remaining to pray the old year out and the New Year in. Our crowds were not large but constant, and conviction gripped hearts mightily. There were twenty-one seekers forward, and some bright cases of conversion. These meetings have proved a great help to our church at Royalton. Fifteen young people came to prayer meeting here Thursday night over almost impassable roads by double team load. We contemplate starting young people's meetings at Royalton Church soon. We now have appointment at Boundary church every Sunday afternoon.

We want to acknowledge here too the kindness of our people to us. Gordonsville gave us a donation amounting to \$10.00 at New Year's, and the Gordonsville Sunday

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