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Beals, Maine

Dear Brother Trafton:

Please find enclosed money order for the Highway. We enjoy reading its clean pages.
MRS. ESTEN L. BEAL

Westford, Mass.

Dear Sir: Enclosed please find post office money order to pay for the King's Highway. I enjoy the paper and don't want to be without it.

Yours truly,

MRS. ADA A. DAY

Wollaston, Mass.

Dear Highway Friends:

Another school year is nearly over, and we wish to let you know something of how we have progressed. The year has gone awfully fast and we are preparing to leave E. N. C. again for the summer with the feeling that we have been able to little more than taste all the good things the Lord has put in our way.

It would be useless to try to tell you that we have been making A's in all our studies, but we are still able to look our friends in the face. This has been a good year spiritually. It seems that the farther one progresses and the more one learns of the Lord and all His goodness, the better it all gets. The opportunities we have had to get out in week-end meetings have made us anxious for the time to come when we shall be able to get back home into the work permanently. We praise the Lord for his leadership.

The year has not been so successful financially, but that doesn't hurt our faith any. We wish to thank our friends for a check which we recently received from Sister Slipp. It was very much appreciated at this closing time of the year.

As we read the Highway from time to time, and as we look ahead across the space which is growing smaller to the time when we shall be finishing our college work, our interest in the work grows, and it is beginning more than ever to be a burden of our hearts.

Your brothers in Christ,

HARVEY J. S. BLANEY

GEO. A. DeLONG

FRED ANDERSON

THE WAY OPENED

"I am the way."—John 14:6.

"Follow Me."—Matthew 4:19.

During the battle of Sempach, the Austrians far outnumbered the Swiss and presented such an unbroken ridge of spears that the Swiss could not close in upon their enemies.

A brave soldier, seeing this, broke away from his comrades, and rushed forward into the ranks of the opposing forces. Grasping as many spears as he could gather in his outstretched arms he cried to his despairing countrymen: "Follow me, for I will open the way." As he sank down to earth, mortally wounded, his body pierced with the spears, the Swiss soldiers pressed through the opening thus made and won a brilliant victory.

The glorious and triumphant death of Christ struck a staggering blow at the ranks of Satan and his legions, and opened up a way of victory and conquest for all men, who will obey his call, "Follow me!"—Selected.

EZEKIEL, NINTH AND SOUL BURDEN

It would be very helpful if the reader would read the ninth chapter of Ezekiel just before reading this article. The chapter is one of the most thrilling and drastic in the Bible, dealing on the subject of soul-burden. We notice in the third verse that God was gone up from the cherub, whereupon He was, to the threshold of the house. The cherub was ranked next to the cherubims and, in the temple, stood with them, and God was pleased to manifest Himself from their midst. But He had arose from His place between them and departed to the threshold and there He had seemed to have paused to give some vital orders concerning the house He was about to vacate and those who occupied it. He commanded those who had command of the city to draw near, every man with his slaughter weapon, in his hand. They were ordered to go through the city and smite; let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity.

But why this awful calamity? There was unrepented sin in the city and temple so great that it was called an abomination. But among them was a man with an inkhorn by his side. There was to be a tabulation and it was to be a very conspicuous one, for the marking was to be in the forehead. But why this careful and manifest tabulation? God had some very choice people in the midst of the awful sin that surrounded them, and they must by all means be protected. They were those that "sighed and cried for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." They sighed and in spirit lamented over the wickedness of men and in horror they cried out against and registered their burden of soul by their utter protest against the sin they hated. These are the favored and the marked ones.

But note that the one that did the marking was clothed in linen, and whenever linen is mentioned in the Bible as a garment it is always white and this stands for purity. As related to this man with the inkhorn, it meant that there was to be no favorites with him, but an honest tabulation. In Egypt the homes of God's favored ones were protected by a blood-mark, and in heaven the saints are distinguished from the angels by a mark in their foreheads and white robes added.

You will notice that the slaughter was to begin in the sanctuary and this was because that in that place there was the greatest responsibility and light rejected. God designs to make use of the church in saving the world, and when the church refuses to co-operate with Him, and no longer joins the intercession of Jesus Christ for lost humanity, God cannot be God and overlook her neglect with impunity.

Not only were they to begin in the sanctuary, but with the ancient men which were before the house. These are mentioned in the eighth chapter and the eleventh verse. The priests served in their office by course and there were seventy of them who served at one time. You will notice, that notwithstanding their lack of soul interest, they were using their priestly censers until a cloud of incense went up toward heaven. These men stand for the prayerless and formal preachers of the day. These ancient men well illustrated those in the church who have grown old and confirmed in their formality, and established in their spiritual lethargy.

According to the eighth verse in the eighth chapter Ezekiel had to dig a hole in the wall before he could discover their abominations, and

in the twelfth verse we are told that they were doing their deeds in the dark. You will notice that God ordered that the temple be defiled by allowing piles of dead men to remain in it. According to verse seven, this was to indicate that He had no more use for it, and was about to depart from it. This is the reason that God permitted the Romans to destroy the temple at Jerusalem. The spirit of true worship had departed from it and it was no more to God than any other building, only that it was a building once consecrated but now desecrated. There are some churches in the country today that may as well be turned into hay-barns as far as being of any service to God or man. The glory is departed and "Ichabod" is written on their doors and altars. As Ezekiel saw the awful slaughter around him he said, "As I was left I fell upon my face" for the man with the inkhorn had marked him. Dear reader, do you bear the mark? If you had been there and felt toward sin and sinners the way you do now would you have been left? God has the same feeling toward those who are at ease in Zion today as He had then.—S. K. Wheatlake, in *Can. F. M. Herald*.

HOW CAN YOU?

How can you expect your children to refrain from the use of hasty words if you use them?

How can you look for good habits if your own life is not telling for the formation of clean ideals in the minds of those who have been given to you to love and to cherish?

If you decry gossip and advise your children to keep away from evil companions, yet you indulge in gossip yourself, and become so busy with the affairs of others, that your children are neglected, can you blame the children for seeking pleasure in their own way?

If mother and father are not polite to each other, or to servants, or to employees, or acquaintances, how can they expect their children to refrain from impoliteness?—In *"Living Water"*.

THOUGHTS ON A GOLDEN TEXT

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path," Psalm 119:105)

The thought contained in this text is illustrated by Solomon in Proverbs 6:23. He says, "The commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life." The Bible is indeed a great light giver. Like a flashlight held in the hand it may be used to illuminate every dark spot and corner. It is also like the great central sun, shining upon all God's works and upon all our ways.

It is the Bible that has dotted our country with schoolhouses and churches. These institutions are seldom found where the Bible is not honored. "The Bible," says Munhall, "has gone before the white wings of commerce upon all seas, and has been in the forefront of exploration and discovery * * *. Its principles of equity and justice are fundamental in common law. It is the foundation of the highest and best civilizations, and is the world's Magna Charta of civil liberty. It has broken the shackles of the slave; given comfort the sorrowing, and hope unto the despairing. It has put vice under bonds to keep the peace, and put the highest premium upon honesty, virtue and holiness." Hilkiiah made a great discovery when he found the Book of the Law.—In *Exchange*.