

CORRESPONDENCE

Port Maitland, N. S.

Dear Brother Trafton:

We feel it would not be intruding to report through *The Highway* about the Lord's doings in this field.

First we would like to say a few words in regards to our Revival Services at Sandford, from November 13th to 29th. Brother George Rogers of Island Falls, was our evangelist. He surely proved himself to be a great preacher. The attendance, outside of our church members, would not make a very large crowd. Our members were faithful in all respects as well as attendance. God was with us. A number of seekers were at the altar and we trust that most of them found that for which their souls craved.

Our Brother's messages were helpful to the church and personally I don't remember of Revival services where the preaching did my soul more good. Our Brother Rogers knows the burdens of a pastor and seeks to strengthen his hands. May God bless him and use him in many more such services.

All finances were willingly raised by the people without any coaxing or teasing. These people know how to care for both evangelist and pastor and don't expect their pastor to go shy in order to make a good showing with the evangelist. Well, Amen. Praise the Lord.

We would also like to mention about the Donation given us Monday evening, November 30th, for which we thank and praise God. I have been here in this field for six and one half years and these good people still respect or pity me enough to give us a donation. Monday evening the folk of Port Maitland, Sandford and some from Brazil Lake, certainly took us by surprise, as they came marching in heavily laden with parcels and baskets containing groceries of every kind, eggs, butter, pickles, preserves, etc. To see such a sight would almost make one forget there was any depression in the land. A pleasant social evening was spent by all. Some hymns were sung and a dainty lunch was served by the ladies. Afterwards the hat was passed around, gathering up a substantial sum of money which was presented to us. We tried to express our thanks and gratitude to these friends for all their help and kindness to us, but words failed to tell how much we do appreciate what they have done for us. We give God all the glory and praise for it is due to Him.

Brother Rogers was present at the Donation. He seemed to enjoy it as much as we did. After having prayer, the crowd took their departure to their various homes, leaving us richer in purse and store.

We trust we may be used of God to minister to these kind people, who have been so good to us.

How about it readers, have you made your pastor that donation yet? Don't forget him. He may need just the help you can give him and God will bless you in so doing.

Yours in Him.

REV. AND MRS. HARTLEY E. MULLEN

137 Broad St., Saint John,
December 7th, 1931.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Please find enclosed Postal Note for my renewal to *The Highway*.

Praise God! He keeps me trusting Him fully every day.

Yours truly,

MRS. M. J. FENWICK.

Centreville, N. B.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Please find enclosed Postal Note for my renewal to the Highway. I enjoy reading its clean pages very much.

CHAS. N. GOODSPEED.

Sandford, N. S.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Am sending Postal Money Order for renewal for my son Herbert's and my Highway. I enjoy reading it. It is an old friend as we have taken it since the first. I pray the Lord will bless you in your work and make the Highway a blessing to many.

Yours truly,
MRS. HOWARD THURSTON.

North Devon, N. B.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Enclosed please find renewal for the Highway; balance for the Supplementary Fund.

My testimony this morning is: The blood cleanses and Jesus sweetly abides and gives me victory. Praise His name.

M. A. COOK

S. S. CONVENTION DISTRICT NO. 2

On September 24th, 1931, the Ministers, delegates, and members of the R. B. Church, at Westchester, N. S., at which place they were assembled in "District Quarterly Meeting", organized a S. S. Association for this district. Officers elected were: President, Rev. C. R. Hagerman; Vice-president, E. S. Cosman; Secretary-treasurer, S. H. Bradley, these officers to hold office for the year.

The constitution and bye-laws of District No. 1 were presented by Rev. P. J. Trafton and same were adopted, with slight alterations in wording to meet the requirements of this district, such alterations to be made by the President and Vice-president.

Resolved that the next meeting of the Association be held at Amherst when the Quarterly meeting convenes there in December.

Meeting was thrown open for general discussion and all voiced their approval of organized effort in connection with the work of our Sunday School.

E. S. COSMAN,
Secretary Protem

S. S. CONVENTION DISTRICT NO. 2

The S. S. Convention opened on Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, December 4th, 1931. President Rev. C. R. Hagerman occupying the chair. Meeting opened by singing "Revive Us Again", the president read the scripture and prayer was offered by Rev. I. F. Kierstead. Emery S. Cosman was elected Secretary protem, in the absence of the Secretary. Reports from the following schools were read: Saint John, Moncton, Grey's Mills and Amherst. Verbal reports of S. S. work were given by Rev. I. F. Kierstead, Rev. P. J. Trafton, Rev. C.R. Hagerman and E. S. Cosman. All reported progress and increasing interest.

Meeting was thrown open for general discussion which was very instructive and helpful. Resolved that the next convention business meeting be held on Saturday morning of the Quarterly District Meeting. Meeting adjourned and prayer was offered by the President.

On Thursday, Rev. I. F. Kierstead brought a paper on the "Duties and Work of S. S. Superintendents, Officers and Teachers of S. Schools".

This was a forceful and helpful address. Rev. P. J. Trafton also spoke on the subject: "The Ultimate Purpose of the S. S." i.e., the salvation and building of spiritual character of our young people. E. S. Cosman gave a few remarks stressing the influence of the S. School upon his early life which left lasting impression of the truth of Holiness which has been a bulwark to his faith in straight Bible holiness, and stressed the need of the doctrine of holiness being taught in holiness S. Schools as well as holiness preaching in holiness churches.

This meeting was helpful, inspiring and a blessing to all who are interested in the young of today, who are to be the backbone of the church of tomorrow.

God bless our Sunday Schools is our prayer.

E. S. COSMAN,
Secretary protem.

CONCERNING THE PREACHER

The life of a pious minister is visible rhetoric.—Hooker.

The world looks at ministers out of the pulpit to know what they mean in it.—Cecil.

Many a meandering discourse one hears, in which the preacher aims at nothing and—hits it.—Whately.

"The poorest of trades and the noblest of callings," is what Doctor Cuyler called the ministry of the gospel.

Evil ministers of good things are as torches—a light to others, a waste to none but themselves only.—Hooker.

Some plague the people with too long sermons; for the faculty of listening is a tender thing, and soon becomes weary and satiated.—Luther.

Men of God have always from time to time walked among men, and made their commission felt in the heart and soul of the commonest hearer.—Emerson.

I would have every minister of the gospel address his audience with the zeal of a friend, with the generous energy of a father, and with the exuberant affection of a mother.—Fenelon.

A minister without boldness is like a smooth file, a knife without an edge, a sentinel that is afraid to let off his gun. If men will be bold in sin, ministers must be bold to reprove.—Gurnall.

The object of preaching is to constantly remind mankind of what mankind is constantly forgetting; not to supply the defects of human intelligence, but to fortify the feebleness of human resolutions.—Sydney Smith.

The New Testament idea of preaching involves three elements: The announcement of joyful tidings; the proclamation of truth as by a herald, urgent and authoritatively; and the conviction and persuasion of men to belief by means of arguments.

The writings of Martin Luther suggest to me these ten qualifications for the ministry: 1. He should be able to teach plainly and in order. 2. He should have a good head. 3. Good power of language. 4. A good voice. 5. A good memory. 6. He should know when to stop. 7. He should be sure of what he means to say. 8. He should be ready to stake soul and body, goods and reputation on the truth. 9. He should study diligently. 10. He should suffer himself to be vexed and criticized by everyone.—By J. E. Dinger in *The Religious Telescope*.