

CORRESPONDENCE

Havelock, Digby Co., N. S.

Dear Highway:

Just a line again tonight. We closed the Tent Meeting at Wood Harbour Aug. 21st. We felt we had a good meeting. I think about thirty-eight were found either to be saved, reclaimed or sanctified. We had three baptisms. We have been following up the meetings with two meetings on a Sunday the last two Sundays and go down again next Sunday D. V. We hold forth there now in a hall. Our meetings have been good. One seeker again last Sunday night. Mrs. Mullen is now visiting her mother, brother, etc., in Ohio, U. S. A. We expect her home not later than the fifteenth.

I go to Black's Harbour, D. V., the 17th, to begin revival services there the 18th with Brother Anderson. We covet the prayers of all for the meetings. We will likely be there over the 9th of October.

Others wanting me please send in your dates as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

H. S. MULLEN

Edmundston, N. B.

Rev. P. J. Trafton,

Moncton, N. B.

Dear Sir: Enclosed find a money order for my renewal to the Highway, which I enjoy very much.

Will you please put the balance to the Sterritt Sisters' Fund.

Yours truly,

(MRS.) W. E. MacDAVID

Fort Fairfield, Maine

Dear Highway:

We wish to report victory through His precious blood. We closed our four years pastorate at Belvidere and Crystal the last of June. It was our first pastorate and a very pleasant stay.

The Camp Meetings this summer have been times of blessing. Beulah under the sane teaching of Dr. Butler stood out as a ten day meeting of the school of the prophets. We had the privilege of visiting Reading Camp and there listened with great joy to Dr. R. T. Williams and Dr. Charles Babcock. Reading stood out as a time of soul-saving and a time for the saints to be built up in the most holy faith. Riverside camp was the last camp we had the privilege of attending, but it was not the least by any means. In fact we enjoyed it the best. Possibly it was because it was the last. Riverside stood out clear on the two works of grace as also the other camp mentioned. Riverside was noted for its evangelism. Rev. J. A. Rogers was an able evangelist. God certainly sealed his messages with seekers and finders. Our church in Fort Fairfield received much benefit from this camp.

We came here to our new charge after Beulah and started in on July 17th. The crowds have been exceptionally good for the summer months. The straighter the preacher gives the message the better it is enjoyed. Already God is moving in our midst. On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 28th, five young people followed the Lord in baptism. That same evening eleven persons united with our Reformed Baptist Church here.

We are believing God for great victory. Pray for us.

Yours in Him,

REV. & MRS. G. A. ROGERS

POWER FROM ON HIGH; WHAT IS IT?

C. G. Finney

The Apostles and brethren, on the day of Pentecost, received it. What did they exercise after that event?

They received a powerful baptism of the Holy Ghost, a vast increase of divine illumination. This baptism imparted a great diversity of gifts, that were used for the accomplishment of their work. It manifestly included the following things: The power of a holy, and self-sacrificing life. (The manifestation of these must have had great influence with those to whom they proclaimed the Gospel). The power of a cross-bearing life. The power of great meekness, which this baptism enabled them everywhere to exhibit. The power of a loving enthusiasm in proclaiming the Gospel. The power of teaching. The power of a loving and living faith. The gift of tongues. An increase of power to work miracles. The gift of inspiration, or the revelation of many truths before unrecognized by them. The power of moral courage to proclaim the Gospel, and do the bidding of Christ, whatever it cost them.

In their circumstances, all these endowments were essential to their success; but neither separately nor all together did they constitute that power from on high, which Christ promised, and which they manifestly received. That which they manifestly received as the supreme, crowning, and all-important means of success was the power to fasten SAVING IMPRESSIONS upon the minds of men. This last was doubtless the thing which they understood Christ to promise. All that I have named above were only means, which could never secure the end unless they were vitalized and made effectual by the power of God. The Apostles doubtless understand this, and, laying themselves and their all upon the altar, they besieged a Throne of Grace in the Spirit of entire consecration to their work.

They did, in fact, receive the gifts before mentioned; but supremely and principally, this power to savingly impress men. It was manifested right on the spot. They began to address the multitude; and, wonderful to tell, three thousand were converted the same hour. But observe, there was no new power manifested by them upon this occasion, save the gift of tongues. They wrought no miracle at that time. Let it be noted that they had not had time to exhibit any other gifts of the Spirit which have been above named. They had not at that time the advantage of exhibiting a holy life, or any of the powerful graces and gifts of the Spirit. What was said on that occasion as recorded in the Gospel, could not have made the impression that it did had it not been uttered by them with great power and authority, making a saving impression upon all the people. Now this power was not the power of inspiration, for they only declared certain facts of their own knowledge. It was not the power of human learning and culture, for they had but little. It was not the power of human eloquence, for there appears to have been but little of it. It was God's speaking in and through them. It was a power from on high—God in them making a saving impression upon those to whom they spoke. This power to savingly impress abode with and upon them. It was, doubtless, the great and main thing promised by Christ, and received by the Apostles and primitive Christians. It has existed, to a greater or less extent, in the Church ever since. It is a myster-

ious fact often manifested in a most surprising manner. Sometimes a single sentence, a word, a gesture, or even a look will convey this power in an overcoming manner.

To the honor of God alone I will say a little of my own experience in this matter. I was powerfully converted on the morning of the 10th of October, 1821. In the evening of the same day I received an overwhelming baptism of the Holy Ghost, that went through me, as it seemed to me, body and soul. I immediately found myself endued with such power from on high that a few words dropped here and there to individuals were the means of their immediate conversion. My words seemed to fasten like barbed arrows in the souls of men. They cut like a sword. They broke the heart like a hammer. Multitudes can attest to this. Oftentimes a word dropped without my remembering it would fasten conviction, and often result in almost immediate conversion. Sometimes I would find myself, in a great measure, empty of this power. I would go and visit, and find that I made no saving impression. I would exhort and pray, with the same result. I would then set apart a day for private fasting and prayer, fearing that this power had departed from me, and would inquire anxiously after the reason of this apparent emptiness. After humbling myself, and crying out for help, the power would return upon me with all its freshness. This has been the experience of my life.

I could fill a volume with the history of my own experience and observation with respect to this power from on high. It is a fact of consciousness and of observation.

This power is a great marvel. I have many times seen people unable to endure the word. The most simple and ordinary statements would cut men off their seats like a sword, would take away their strength, and render them almost as helpless as dead men. Several times it has been true in my experience that I could not raise my voice, or say anything in prayer or exhortation, except in the mildest manner, without overcoming them. This power seems sometimes to pervade the atmosphere of the one who is highly charged with it. Many times great numbers of persons in a community will be clothed with this power when the very atmosphere of the whole place seems to be charged with the life of God. Strangers coming into it, and passing through the place, will be instantly smitten with conviction of sin and in many instances concerted to Christ. When Christians humble themselves and consecrate their all afresh to Christ, and ask for this power, they will often receive such a baptism that they will be instrumental in converting more souls in one day than in all their lifetime before. While Christians remain humble enough to retain this power, the work of conversion will go on, till whole communities and regions are converted to Christ. The same is true of the ministry.—The Pentecostal Herald.

Augustine says: "The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works." It is certain proof of a great victory over the self life. A generous acknowledgment, unreserved, and unattended by any attempt to explain, is a heroic thing, and marks the individual as "every inch a man."—Presbyterian Record.

You cannot dream yourselves into a character. You must hammer and forge one for yourself.—Froude.