

The King's Highway

An Advocate of Scriptural Holiness

And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness.—Isa. 35-

OL. XXXI.

MONCTON, N. B., FEB. 15, 1934

NO. 13

"Having then gifts—differing"—Rom. 12-6

BY THE EDITOR

In the preceding verse the Apostle writes: "So we being many are one body in Christ, and members one of another." In another letter to the Corinthian church he compares the Church of Christ to the human body with its various members functioning under the direction of the head in various ways, but all for the good of the body. See I. Cor. 12. Notice in Rom. 12 he mentions a number of gifts which God bestows on men severally as he will. First, he mentions prophecy which means speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, not necessarily foretelling of events. Then ministry, and teaching, and exhortation, etc. Now the apostle advises each possessor of a gift to "wait on," or in other words pay attention to, or use and thus develop his peculiar Sovereignly bestowed gift. And the influence is plainly this: "If we do use the gift which God has given us we will surely be a blessing and help in building up the body, which is the church, and help it to function normally in this world, in bringing lost men to Jesus; for to this end Jesus has called His church. I fear that many churches, or those in authority, often make serious mistakes and hinder the work of the church and perhaps spoil some men's usefulness because we fail to recognize the nature of their gifts, and we encourage them to try to fill offices or places in the work of God which God has not called or fitted them with the necessary gifts, to fill. For instance, when some young man is converted or sanctified wholly and manifests a gift for exhortation and begins to exercise his gift in the church and is becoming a blessing to others, some one who has more zeal than wisdom, tells him that he ought to be a gospel preacher and because of their advice he thinks he is called of God to the ministry and enters that calling and is ordained a gospel minister, but is not at all successful in that capacity, and people soon find it out and lose confidence in him as a worker, and his usefulness is spoiled and he is humiliated. Or it may be some young man has an evangelistic gift and has success such in seeing many seek the Saviour. But some church where he has laboured, thinks that if they could have him for their pastor that they would have big crowds and a continuous revival. So they give him a call, and he unwisely accepts, and takes up pastoral work and for a few Sundays the crowds come, but the curious folk soon find that this new man, this one time evangelist, is preaching the same simple gospel that the former pastor preached; and when he has exhausted his stock of big sermons, as he surely will, they lose their interest in him and the church also, and because this man who has the evangelistic gift instead of the pastoral gift, or gift of teaching, is a misfit also, and the church instead of being built up and established under his ministry, grows weaker, all because the

evangelist is trying to fill the place of a pastor. The apostle also speaks of those whom God has set in the Church as helps. I. Cor. 12-28. Perhaps he means those who have special ability in song or prayer or exhortation who can be a help as long as they remain in their place and exercise the gift that God has given them. My advice to all young men who are being blessed of God and who desire to be helpers in the church, is this: As long as you can keep God's blessing on your soul with that sense of His approval, you remain where you are, regardless of the advice of others; and when God wants you in some other place or calling, He will surely reveal the same unto you so clearly that you will know beyond the shadow of a doubt that he is calling you. And when that time comes and His door swings open, you be sure to obey and walk in at the opened door. And remember that God says: "Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he is called." I. Cor. 7:20.

NEITHER GIVE PLACE TO THE DEVIL

Among the important exhortations to the saints given by the Apostle Paul to the Ephesian Church, and hence to us all, do we find the above caption. It may seem strange that such should be spoken to a progressive and spiritual church at Ephesus, yet Saint Paul says: "We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places," and therefore we need to take unto us the whole armour of God that we may be able to withstand the evil day (of subtle temptation). The Devil is an avowed enemy always, and the more spiritual we become the stronger and more subtle do we discover the enemy. If any challenge the truth of a personal devil (as some do) let them seek to be spiritual and live according to New Testament teachings.

We understand that a person holding property, though far from a public highway, may have a right-of-way granted in order to reach that property; even so does the enemy of our soul demand the right to any possession he may claim or have in the human heart. Therefore the carnal nature (the Old Man), the devil's stronghold in the heart must be destroyed, crucified, put to death, or Satan will demand a place in our program. But being made free from sin we have our fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life.

We rejoice that our Saviour and Example declared that Satan hath nothing in Him. And that He came to destroy the works of the Devil, the chief of which is planting carnality in the human heart. The battle the enemy puts up is nevertheless so strong that we must WRESTLE to overcome; and in order to do so must watch and pray—pray with all prayer. That means often a hand to hand conflict for supremacy. How persistent and insistent the

enemy is that his demands are conceded to and that we disregard the will of God as did Mother Eve.

In regards to life generally Satan would have us to follow in lines of least resistance—the easy way, the way of pleasure and selfishness—and it is surprising how he succeeds in making many people believe that in these times especially, they are unable to take even the denominational paper or pay the pastor, or in fact support any of the church work, though plenty for personal needs and pleasure. Yes, further even to attend church—they are so tired, or he says, "You can get just as good or better over the radio." Say, church member, you who ought to be attending the services of the church and paying the pastor your church has hired, are you guilty? Think it over.

Again we must wrestle with the Arch Enemy if we ever get anywhere in prayer, that is, by prayer that helps to lift the burden of the work, to fit your soul for the holiness sermon on Sunday morning, and assist in praying the lost into the kingdom on Sunday evening and stand by the pastor generally instead of sitting on the meeting like a ton of ice. Oh, God, give us a few more Aarons and Hurrs, we need them. Moses' hands often become weary and few or none to stay them up. For when Moses' hands are tired, the enemy prevails. Let me ask, to whose requests do you yield when these things and others of like nature are present in your life? "Know ye not that to whomsoever ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey?" Romans 6:16. Where are the vows you once made? Are the fences once built to keep out the enemy all in good order and the gates shut, or, like the walls of Jerusalem, are they broken down? How about the vision you once enjoyed, can you say with Paul, "I have not been disobedient unto the heavenly vision?" Can it be truthfully said, I have not given place to the Devil? This questionnaire is not intended to rob anyone of their confidence but to stimulate wholesome regard for the subtlety of the enemy of God and our souls. No, we must not give place to the devil in our thinking—to retain his thoughts until they poison our desires and roil the stream of our lives. The enemy is very persistent, and if we get rid of him it is again and again when we steadfastly resist him—then he must flee. Thank God we can by His grace overcome even the world, the flesh and the devil. The devil MUST go from us. "Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees." We overcome by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. Hallelujah! Our Christ overcame him, and so may we through Him.

Another characteristic of the enemy is that he goeth about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. The lion is said to terrify and intimidate his prey (in fact all

(Continued on Page Four)

HAMPTON, N. S.
ANNAPOLIS, P.O.
Mrs. Fred McFarlane, Oct 34