

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.—Psa. 126-6.

A letter from Rev. H. S. Mullen of St. John says, "Our work is going well. I gave the right hand of fellowship to four members last Sunday night".

The pastor of Moncton church received two very promising members into church membership on Tuesday night, Dec. 3rd.

Lic. Bennett Cochrane reports excellent meetings at Seal Cove. His brother, Lic Donald Cochrane and sister Gertrude, were with him recently for a week-end service. Don preached on Friday night and also on Sunday morning and evening, which proved to be a great blessing to the church and souls are being saved. They have been making extensive repairs on their church building recently.

Rev. H. E. Mullen of Millstream reports good attendance and excellent meetings on his field. Rev. H. J. Blaney baptized two young people on Nov. 24th at Duffield's Corner.

Rev. J. A. Owens has been to visit his old home at Royalton recently. Brother and Sister Owens have been holding special meetings at Waterville for several weeks.

Rev. F. A. Dunlop reports special meetings with Tokley evangelist starting good with conviction on the people.

PERSONALS

A letter from Brother B. W. Brown of Lower Brighton, says the doctor has ordered Sister Brown to bed for some time for a rest. Sister Brown has been troubled with failing eye-sight lately which has been a cause of grief to her family and many friends. We are very sorry indeed to hear of this added affliction. She will be much missed from the church where she and Brother Brown have been faithful workers and burden-bearers for many years. Brother Brown's testimony is in Psalm 46:1. He also requests that our readers remember them at the throne of grace. So let us pray that God may undertake for them and speedily restore our sister to her health and place in her home and the work of the Lord. We also have a letter from another good sister, Mrs. Darius Downey of Lower Brighton church, who because of the passing of her husband, Brother Downey eight months ago, has been left alone in her home, and now she tells me she is leaving home where she has lived forty years and going to Waterville, N. B., to live with her niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Deware. All our pastors who knew Sister Downey and her late husband, will remember her as a most devoted and faithful child of God. We have not forgotten the many kindnesses shown unto us by Brother and Sister Downey. Sister Downey will also be much missed from her accustomed place in the church.

We also had a nice letter from Mrs. W. P. MacMullen of Hartland, containing many kind and encouraging words about our work on the Highway, which we appreciate very much. And a similar one from Sister Hornecastle of Fredericton. We are glad to have these encouraging letters, and also to have the testimonies of these sisters to the saving and keeping grave of God. And to know they are happy in Jesus.—Editor.

Mrs. Robert Shupe, of Port Maitland, N. S., is convalescing at her home, after undergoing a serious surgical operation at the hospital in Yarmouth, N. S.

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. Prov. 10:22.

We wish our Editor and all Readers of the Highway, A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

H. S. MULLEN

AN EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS PRESENT

We sincerely thank all our good friends who have responded to our appeal for renewals and especially all who have contributed to the Supplementary Fund which we surely appreciate.

Why not make your friends a Christmas present of the King's Highway for a year. What would a Christian appreciate more than to have a good religious paper coming into their home regularly. Had you thought of it when you were wondering what you would give them?

We will make this special offer to all our readers who want to send the Highway as a present for a year.

Send one dollar to us and the address of your friend and we will send our paper for one year. Thanks.

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HIGHWAY SUPPLEMENTARY FUND

Mrs. A. C. Hornecastle	\$10.00
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Rev. S. G. Hilyard	2.00
Mrs. D. J. Patten50
Mr. D. H. Hayes50
W. K. Carson	2.00

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Mr. and Mrs. Irving Trites	\$5.00
A Friend	1.50

Marysville, N. B. December 10, 1935

Dear Friends of the Missionary Cause:

A letter from Africa to your President is the reason for my writing you at this time.

We are much concerned at present over our Missionary work. The need seems greater than at any other time in the history of our denomination.

While we can only be thankful to God for the rapid growth of our Mission work and for the increasing opportunities for the opening of new fields yet we must realize this necessarily brings added burdens and increased responsibilities on our already overworked Missionaries.

I feel it is only proper and right that our people be informed of some very serious problems facing us in our African work at this present time. I shall state them briefly.

First, a shortage of white Missionaries. When we consider the large section of country our work covers coupled with the disadvantages in travel our workers are subjected to, we must realize how impossible it is for our small staff to do justice to the work.

The work in this land convinces us of the need of pastors to keep up an interest in our churches. We feel they must have at least one preaching service a Sunday if they are to live at all. That being the case how much more must those struggling out-posts in Africa need the encouragement and instructions of the shepherd.

To produce a congregation of Christians out of a land of heathenism would, as I think of it, be a well nigh impossible task under the most favorable conditions, but to leave them at any stage of their existence without a competent leader would seem disastrous indeed. Yet many of

these out-posts in Africa can only be visited at long intervals. Can we expect these needy places to be properly worked with only five Missionaries. One of them, a mother of two children, one only able to give part time to the work while another can only speak through an interpreter?

In addition to this work of caring for the churches and out-posts there is the medical work. Our missionaries seem to consider this work absolutely necessary. Bro. MacDonald writes me that in the past six months an average of one thousand patients a month have received medical aid. To me this is astonishing. How time can be found to give even a passing notice to such an army is beyond me. Add to the above, the government reports, the care of the farms, etc., etc. And it will not be difficult for us to see that our personnel in Africa is hardly sufficient.

Now if our workers were all enjoying good health we might rest our work with them at present with some little hope but such is far from the case. Our Missionaries are fast breaking down under these burdens.

The Sterritt girls are on furlough at present; hoping by so doing to avert an otherwise certain breakdown. One of them has just recently undergone an eye operation, which we pray may be successful.

Sister Faith as we may all know has been on the verge of a physical collapse for some time back, and Brother MacDonald has had but two days' vacation since going to Africa.

Now my friends what are we going to do about this matter? The time has come when postponements, delays and discussions can be resorted to no longer. Our foreign work is suffering. If there is anything to look to for a possible answer to this crying need we must act and act at once.

Personally, I see a possible remedy. First, we have competent missionaries to send who are eager to go, of that much we are assured. Secondly we have a people who have proven their love for this work from its early beginnings—ever rallying to the call, and notwithstanding the fact that our financial burdens already are great and the calls for help are many. I believe our people can meet this immediate need and are going to do so. How is it going to be done? It is going to be done if done at all by a denomination-wide spirit of sacrifice.

We may find some, and I trust we shall, who will give one hundred, five hundred or even one thousand dollars, yet the majority of us will be obliged to give less, but wherever it comes from it will carry with it the sweet incense of sacrificial giving.

We cannot take the attitude toward this call that may be permissible in some things, namely: being thankful we have something to give above and beyond what we need after all other demands are met, if we ever make possible the speedy return of even two of our workers to Africa, and thus save our work, we will be obliged to deprive ourselves of some things hard to do without and then give until it hurts.

I ask you one and all to make this a matter of prayer, earnest prayer. Shall we each one ask God to help us to be generous in our offerings to our general Missionary Fund.

In closing let me say the possible assistance of helpers to our needy field in Africa will be determined by the immediate response of our people to the General Missionary Fund. Your representatives on the Board can only proceed as you guarantee by your liberality the sufficiency of money this call demands.

Your humble servant,

REV. F. A. DUNLOP