

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. 35-8

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ANNIVERSARY SERVICE OF THE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

In addition to this year being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Church, it is also the fiftieth anniversary of the real beginning of the church.

The origin of the Church dates back to Feb. 17th, 1885, when a Holiness Convention was held in the City Hall. Rev. William Kinghorn, Rev. B. Colpitts, Rev. Aaron Hartt, Rev. W. B. Wiggins, Rev. G. W. Ballantine, Rev. G. W. MacDonald, and Rev. S. A. Baker were present; also the following from the United States, were in attendance Rev. Joshua Gill, Rev. H. N. Brown, Rev. G. A. McLaughlin, Rev. J. N. Short and Deacon George M. Morse.

Another Convention was held in the Temperance Hall, commencing on April 27th, 1888, and continuing for ten days. The following ministers were in attendance: Rev. C. J. Fowler, Rev. Aaron Hartt, Rev. B. Minard, Rev. J. H. Coy, Rev. H. Cowperthwaite, and Rev. Wm. Kinghorn. The following were among those who sponsored the Convention: Mr. Andrew Lottimer, Dr. J. H. Barker, Mr. J. A. Thompson, Mr. D. W. Estabrooks, Mr. B. N. Goodspeed, Mr. Fred J. Todd, Mr. Robert Moore, Miss Annie Cox, Miss Amelia Atherton, Mrs. George Gilman, Mrs. Jas. G. McNally and Mrs. W. T. L. Reed.

On November 3rd of the same year, 1888, the Reformed Baptist Denomination was organized at Woodstock, N. B. This was brought about by the action of the late Free Christian Baptist General Conference in withdrawing fellowship from several ministers of that Denomination who advocated the Doctrine of Instantaneous Entire Sanctification as a second definite work of Grace in the Christian Life.

In February, 1910, another Holiness Convention was held in Fredericton by Rev. G. B. Trafton, assisted by Rev. C. W. Ruth, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Rev. P. J. Trafton.

This was followed by the organization of the Fredericton Reformed Baptist Church on March 6th, 1910, by Rev. G. B. Trafton and Rev. P. J. Trafton.

First Officers of the Church:

Pastor: Rev. S. A. Baker.

Deacons—Mr. D. F. Knight, Mr. J. C. Maxon, Mr. George H. Hyde, Mr. Robert Barr

Trustees—Rev. S. A. Baker, Mr. D. F. Knight, Mr. J. C. Maxon, Mr. George H. Hyde, Mr. Robert Barr, Mr. Joshua Howard.

Clerk—Mrs. A. S. Lamson.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. McFarlane.

For some time previous to the organization of the Church a Union Holiness Prayer Meeting was held at Fredericton, assisted by the late Rev. G. B. Trafton, pastor of the Marysville Reformed Baptist Church, and several members of that church, including Mr. Burt MacDonald, Mr. W. L. Estabrooks, Mr. John Mitchell and others.

Rev. S. A. Baker was the first pastor of the Church, from June, 1910, to October, 1916. Rev. H. C. Archer, from Oct. 1, 1916, to June 15, 1919; Rev. P. J. Trafton, from June 15, 1919, to June 15, 1925; Rev. I. F. Keirstead, from June 15, 1925, to June 15, 1929; Rev. F. A. Watson, from June 15, 1929, to present time.

The financial foundation for the erection of a church building was laid by the late Rev. William Kinghorn, who gave \$500.00 for this purpose. This was increased by the generosity of Mr. D. F. Knight with a gift of \$2750.00 and \$500.00 from Mrs. Knight; also \$150.00 from Miss Margarette Golding. Other gifts of from one to fifty dollars made a total amount of \$4,288.79, being the cost of the Church with furnishings, which was dedicated free from debt.

In December, 1910, Mr. D. F. Knight gave \$1000.00 for the purpose of securing a parsonage.

With this amount a property was purchased on King Street and fitted up for a temporary parsonage. This property was afterwards disposed of and the present parsonage property on Aberdeen street was purchased in 1919 for \$3200.00, and has since been improved and kept in good repair, making it a very desirable residence for our pastor.

The work of the Church has been carried on very successfully in the past twenty-five years, and we look forward to the future with confidence that still greater good may be accomplished.

(Sgd.) C. N. GOODSPEED,
Clerk

HINDRANCES TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Lic. Hazel Owens

Text: Galations 5:7—"Ye did run well, who did hinder you?"

Some time ago we wrote an article on "Spiritual Growth", and at this time we shall endeavor to mention a few "Hindrances to Spiritual Growth". The individual who starts out to serve the Lord with the idea in mind that everything is going to be in his favor will soon find out as did Christian in "Pilgrim's Progress" that there are enemies, giants, steep hills to climb, the "slough of despond", and many other wiles of the devil to side-track and divert the attention of him who has left as it were the city of destruction and is now headed for Mt. Zion. It has ever been Satan's purpose to destroy God's plan for humanity, and the sooner he can persuade one to turn back, the better satisfied he is. The better the start one gets, the more eager the devil seems to be to stay their progress.

Every one, no doubt, has been noting with interest during the past few weeks, the growth of the gardens. There is nothing that gladdens the heart of the farmer like seeing the vegetables and grain growing; and on the other hand, there is nothing quite so disappointing to him, when

after he has tilled the soil and planted the seeds to have his crop become a failure in not yielding what he hoped it would.

Everything in this world has its enemy even our gardens. How quickly the grubs and cut-worms destroy the tender plants. Too dry or too wet a period of weather, oftentimes is detrimental to any garden, also the various weeds steal from the plants much of the nourishment they should be getting, and would eventually choke them out unless dealt with by the farmer's hoe. In much the same way, *man's spiritual growth is hindered*. The enemy of souls is ever seeking to cripple, if not altogether destroy the work of grace wrought in the heart of the individual who turns to God. He is a great deceiver, beloved, so let us beware of him. So many dear ones who were once flourishing in spiritual graces and whose steady progress up the shining way was a real inspiration to less active ones, have been overcome by the subtle foe, and today when they should be yielding precious fruit, their influence is not what it should be, and the saddest part of it all they seem to be unaware of their danger. What has turned the tide in their spiritual life? They ran well for a season, who or what did hinder them?

Let us notice briefly some ways in which Satan hinders. After all, not even Satan himself can cause us to lose our interest, or slacken our pace downward, if we are persuaded with Paul not to let anything separate us from the Love of God which is in Christ Jesus; it takes all there is of us, plus the Grace of God to keep so minded. Satan hasn't much chance with the soul who keeps fortified, and continually upon the watch tower. It is those who become careless and prayerless that become easy prey for the enemy.

In the first place, watching others, and taking note of their failure and inconsistencies has been a great hindrance to many a weak saint. If only folk could realize that we are exhorted to keep our eyes fixed upon Jesus the great example. Nowhere in sacred writ are we told to look to others as a pattern to live by, yet how natural it seems to be to do this. Every professed child of God is human, no matter what state of grace he or she professes to be in, and failures and mistakes are often many. Even if some one commits known sin, and utterly fails, this should but be a goad to spur us on to greater endeavour, instead of letting it discourage us. Naturally, Satan magnifies the misdeeds of professed Christians, and in his cunning hands this is often an effectual weapon.

Then again, some one feels they have been wronged in some way, which in many cases is only imaginary, and that perhaps by some brother or sister of their church. How easy it is to brood over such things, until their spirits have become sour and unforgiving.

Allowing ourselves to become critical, and fault-finding, will be a great hindrance to our own spiritual life. Beloved if we are not doing more than the other fellow, we should not criti-

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Mrs. Hartshorn Mullen,
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