

CORRESPONDENCE

Westchester, N. S.

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in Jesus' name.

Our Riverside camp meeting for 1935 are soon to begin. May God richly bless and prosper the services this year. Those who can not attend will be there through the medium of prayer, no doubt.

Friday night we had a covenant meeting which proved to be a service of peculiar blessing. Earnest testimonies were given and a time of covenant renewal seemed to claim our souls' attention. We miss the sacred service of attending the Lord's table, but feel rejoiced by God's special interest in the covenant meeting. We intend to have these every month.

Let us continue to pray that God will show Himself strong in behalf of His people scattered abroad.

Yours in Him,

CHARLES D. SANDERS

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Cambridge, Mass.

Rev. H. S. Dow,

Dear Brother: Sending my renewal subscription to the Highway. Please find enclosed \$1.75 for one year in advance.

The Lord is keeping us day by day. Bless His name.

Kind regards from Mr. and Mrs. C. Clowes Patterson to you and family. The Lord bless and keep you.

ARE WE RIGHT?

Statistics recently published or estimates made show part of America's annual waste bill as follows:

For tobacco	\$1,250,000,000
For liquor	800,000,000
For jewelry	500,000,000
For lodge-membership and activities	200,000,000
For amusements	700,000,000
For the five items	\$3,340,000,000

The amazing thing about this waste is that professed Christians—people who are members of churches—pay about forty per cent of the bill, or \$1,380,000,000. These professors of religion do this while the hungry go unfed, while their fellows need clothing, and while hundreds of millions of our neighbors in heathen lands live and die in awful night. We "Christians" have not money enough to send to them the gospel!

Beside the waste of money, indulgence in these things has other evil or corrupting effects upon the participants. However, it is the money waste alone that is here discussed.

No defence can be made for this sort of thing. The ministry everywhere should cry out against such wanton, cold-blooded mis-use of money. Why is it not so? Why is this waste tolerated and countenanced in church-membership? Well, the ordinary church is so full of members who so use their money that any preacher who cares to proclaim God's displeasure with it all will find himself an unwanted man. The big popular preachers dare not positively proclaim against popular sins. Because liquor is in ill-repute some of them declaim against that curse. But where is the great, popular man will take the position that he knows he ought to take

against tobacco, lodges, jewelry, picture shows, etc.?

Are the churches which make participation in such unchristian conduct a test of church-membership right? We are. We know that we are. Every sinner knows that we are right, regardless of his own association with such things. The church which has such a standard can not hope to be a popular church or a large church. But such an organization can offer a church home to people who are "in earnest to get to heaven." It can offer a place in the ministry to those who would rather be free men and preach their convictions than to have a large salary or great popularity. And such a church can "lift up a standard" for the people.

And, after all, is it the business of a church to find out how the people want to live and then place a standard in conduct which any sinner might meet, or should the church lift up a standard which can stand a New Testament test? Some of us know that the churches with a standard are necessary to save our Christendom from a total collapse. And some of us are willing to pay any price necessary to help such a denomination to hold its light high.

On this earth we will always be in the minority, but God's approval on our position is of more permanent value than any good which a compromise position has to offer. — The Free Methodist.

OBITUARY

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Revelation 14-13.

Evans W. Rodney

The death of Evans W. Rodney took place at his home in Sandford, N. S., Thursday, July 25th, in the 60th year of his age. Brother Rodney had been in failing health for almost two years, but was around as usual until the Monday evening previous to his passing.

He was a member of the Reformed Baptist Church. He became a Christian in early life and was regular in his attendance and gave testimony to the saving power of Jesus Christ. He was a very active man up to the time of his failing health.

He leaves to mourn besides his wife, two sons, Lewis of Yarmouth, N. S., and Hugh, at home; two daughters, Mrs. E. A. Keirstead, of Plaster Rock, N. B., and Miss Kathleen, at home; three grandsons, two brothers, Ralph Rodney, of Sandford, N. S., and George Rodney, of Calgary, Alta., numerous other relatives and many friends. The funeral was held on Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Reformed Baptist Church in Sandford, where many gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed, and extend their sympathy to the bereaved. The service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Lic. Walter Wood, U. B. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. Interment was in the cemetery at Chegoggin. To the sorrowing ones we extend our sincere sympathy.

P. J. TRAFTON

Mr. Floyd Cook, of Seal Cove, passed away at his home Monday, July 15th, after being in poor health for the past two years, age 54 years. He is survived by his widow and one son, Paige, of Seal Cove, also one brother, Albert, of the same place. During his last sickness he claimed salvation and testified that he was saved.

The funeral service was held at his home on Wednesday, July 17th, conducted by the wri-

ter. The large gathering at the funeral spoke of the esteem in which his many friends held him.

Mr. Rue Ingalls and Miss Harvey sang a duet at the home. The Reformed Baptist Quartette sang two selections at the grave. To the bereaved ones we extend sympathy.

L. J. SEARS

To the sorrowing young parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Shriver, of Woodstock, N. B., the community and friends extend sympathy in the loss of their infant daughter, Juanita, who passed away on Friday, August 2nd, being seventeen days old.

The funeral service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jennings at Upper Woodstock on Saturday, conducted by Rev. L. T. Sabine of Woodstock. Interment was made at Lr. Brighton.

Mrs. William Bowen of Charlotte, Me., passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Smith at Calais, Me., on Saturday afternoon, July 27th, after an illness of several weeks' duration. She is survived by her husband and mother, Mrs. Joseph Corbett, and two sons Ralph and Clyde of Charlotte, and three daughters, Miss Irene at home, Mrs. Harold Hawks of Cambridge, Mass., Mrs. Herbert Smith of Calais. The funeral service was held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Smith, at 2 p. m. Monday the 29th, conducted by the writer. Interment was in the cemetery at Charlotte. To the bereaved ones we extend sympathy.

H. S. WILSON

SCORPIONS INSTEAD OF EGGS

Jesus gives us to understand that it would be impossible for an earthly parent to give his hungry child a scorpion when the child asked for an egg. No true parent would do it. Love for the child would forbid this. The parent loves the child too much to give it a poisonous reptile to eat. He declares, "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." Is not this a rebuke to that class of people who say, "Holiness is a dangerous subject." "It does a great amount of harm," etc.? Are not such sentiments really an arraignment of the Divine Father, an accusation that in giving holiness, He is giving a scorpion? Is not this argument of Jesus a rebuke to those people who are afraid of the consequences if they should become sanctified? Does it not show a want of confidence in God? Let us be careful that we do not accuse Him of unkindness by refusing His great gift of the Holy Ghost.—G. A. McLaughlin.

AS TO CHURCH-MEMBERSHIP

Speaking at the dinner-table a lady remarked, "My friend says that even though the church to which she belongs is far departed from God she thinks she ought to stay in it for the good which she can do. What do you think about that?"

My friend at the other end of the table replied, "Tell her that a refrigerator is a good place in which to keep dead chickens, but not a very good place for live ones."

We learn wisdom from failure much more than from success, often discover what will do by finding out what will not do, and a discovery. Horne Tooke used to say of his studies in intellectual philosophy that he had become all the better acquainted with the country through having had the good luck sometimes to lose his way.—Samuel Smiles.