

CORRESPONDENCE

Victoria, N. B.

Dear Brother Dow:—

Please find enclosed one dollar for my Highway and one dollar and fifty cents for mother's Highway. I feel the great need of keeping this great paper coming in my dear ones home.

I am so glad when the Highway arrives through the mail, as it seems like getting back to Beulah Camp again and meeting Christian workers when one reads about their good works through the wonderful paper, the King's Highway. Sorry I did not send the money to you before.

May this be a blessed year in the Lord's service and when the year comes to a close will see many souls saved.

Yours truly,

MAUDE W. CAMPBELL.

Beals, Maine.

Dear Highway Readers:

For some time I have felt that it was God's will that I should testify through the Highway to what the Lord has been to me. I wish I had words to really tell what He means to my soul. He is my abiding comforter, a present help in time of need. Since the time the Lord became so real in my life I have learned to trust Him at all times. He is a great prayer answering God, one who never fails nor forsakes. Praise His name. Every disappointment will cause us to lean harder on the unwavering arm, every shock will make us sink deeper into the unshakable rock. Praise His name forever and ever. I do love the teaching of Holiness; it saved me when I was in sin and away from God. I do praise Him for the precious blood that covers all my sins.

Your Sister in the battle of full salvation,

MRS. C. H. BEAL.

Havelock,

Digby Co., N. S.

Dear Bro. Dow:—

It seems there is not much that is new to report from the work here. Due to stormy weather, and an unusual amount of sickness in the community, we have been unable to hold many of our Sunday and Thursday services, which we regret very much. While our numbers are small we have some members who are faithful to their pastor and the work here, and even though they have been unable to get to the services, have either given or sent us their offerings, and all of the vegetables which we have needed have been supplied by the people, also a good amount of meat and other provisions. Last September one of our members let us have a cow, and others have supplied us with hay and oats, which has certainly been a great help to us.

We would also like to express our thanks to the friends who have sent us kind wishes and gifts of money, at, and since, the Christmas season.

We have given in our resignation so as to leave the church free to call whoever they think best for the coming year, so we are open for a call, and are waiting God's leading regarding our work for the next year.

Yours in His service,

F. A. AND MRS. ANDERSON.

Westchester, N. S.

Dear Highway:—

Once again I am privileged to write from this part of God's vineyard.

Before Beulah, last year, according to our custom, I tendered my resignation as pastor here,

and the Church kindly asked me to stay on for the coming year. Contrary to what might have been expected, God did not allow me to accept this call, yet, in His providence, I have been privileged to remain as their pastor up to the present time. The time has now come, which the fore-knowledge of God anticipated in thus directing me. Last Tuesday I again tendered my resignation, as I felt led to do so, or, shall I say: merely pressed the claims of the original one.

Until the Westchester Church has time to realize God's further provision, I shall continue to give of my services, when God permits, and in my absence try to have a substitute as I have done in the recent past.

My stay here has been much enjoyed and I wish to thank the kind people who have contributed to this end. God has been very good to us as we have worked together to extend His Kingdom. One thing I have esteemed most highly is the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit in our meetings. Tuesday night in the little prayer meeting He seemed to move on the service in a spiritual way. Praise His name.

May God bless this people in the time which lies ahead, is my prayer.

Yours in Him,

CHARLIE SANDERS

QUESTION

1 Timothy 2-9 says: In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel—not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array. Does this mean it is wrong for a woman to curl her hair, and wear an engagement ring, or wedding ring?

ANSWER

In answering these questions I will give first the comments of two very godly and well educated men on the foregoing scripture. Here they are:—

Dr. Adam Clark says, "When either women or men spend much time, cost, or attention on decorating their persons it affords a painful proof that within there is little excellence, and that they are endeavoring to supply the want of mind and moral good by the feeble, and silly aids of dress and ornament. Were religion out of the question, common sense would say in all things: Be decent; but be moderate and modest."

Rev. John Wesley says: "On the subject of dress I will conclude in the words of a late writer: 'What harm does it do to adorn ourselves with gold or pearls or costly array suppose we can afford it?' The first harm it does is, it engenders pride; and where it is already, increase it. Nothing is more natural than to think ourselves better because we dress in better clothes."

In regard to wearing a wedding ring, or an engagement ring, I would not speak one word of censure against some godly women who feel that they cannot glorify God and wear them. There are so few these days even in our churches who seem to have any conviction at all on the question of dress, or any mind of their own. They seem to be guided wholly by the styles that are set by worldly minded people, instead of consulting the word of God. However, I would call the attention of our readers to the fact that the apostle is speaking on the question of adornment. He says let the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, etc., not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array. It seems to me that a woman might find a reasonable excuse for wearing a wedding or perhaps an engagement ring other than for adorn-

ment namely as a token of her marriage contract, providing they were inexpensive and plain. But when a woman curls or crimps her hair and especially when she spends money to have it done, we can see only one reason for her doing so, that is because she wants to look like the many who follow the foolish fads of the world, and try to adorn themselves to attract the attention of other people which is wrong, vain, and is an expression of the pride of their hearts.

—H. S. D

POOR PREACHING

(Rules for poor preaching by T. DeWitt Talmage)

First: Keep your minister poor. There is nothing more ruinous than to pay a pastor too much salary. Let every board of trustees look over their books and see if they have erred in this direction; and if so let them cut down the minister's wages. There are churches which pay their pastors eight hundred dollars per annum. What these good men do with so much money we cannot imagine. Our ministers must be taken in. If by occasional fasting for a day our Puritan fathers in New England became so good, what might we not expect of our ministers if we kept them in perpetual fast? No doubt! their spiritual capacity would enlarge in proportion to their shrinkage at the waistcoat. The average salary of ministers in the United States is about six hundred dollars. Perhaps by some spiritual pile-driver we might send it down to five hundred dollars; and then the millennium, for the lion by that time would be so hungry he would let the lamb lie down inside of him. We would suggest a very economical plan; give your spiritual adviser a smaller income, and make it up by a donation visit. When everything else fails to keep him properly humble, that succeeds. We speak from experience. Fourteen years ago we had one, and it has been a means of grace to us ever since.

Secondly: For securing poor preaching wait on your pastor with frequent committees. Let three men some morning tie their horses at the dominie's gate, and go in and tell him how to preach, and pray, and visit. Tell him all the disagreeable things said about him for six months, and what a great man his predecessor was, how much plainer his wife dressed, and how much better his children behaved. Pastoral committees are not like the small-pox—you can have them more than once; they are more like the mumps, which you may have first on one side and then on the other. If, after a man has had the advantage of being manipulated by three Church committees, he has any pride or spirit left, better give him up as incorrigible.

Thirdly: To secure poor preaching, keep the minister on the trot. Scold him when he comes to see you because he did not come before, and tell him how often you were visited by the former pastor. Oh, that blessed predecessor! Strange they did not hold on to the angel when they had him. Keep your minister going. Expect him to respond to every whistle. Have him at all the tea parties and "the raisings". Stand him in the draught of the door at the funeral—a frequent way of declaring a pulpit vacant. Keep him busy all the week in outdoors miscellaneous work, and if at the end of that time he cannot preach a weak discourse, send for us, and we will show him how to do it. Of course there are exceptions to all rules; but if the plan of treatment we have proposed be carried out, we do not see that any church in the city or country need long be in want of poor preaching.

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