

# 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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### DEFINITE ACTION ON AN ACUTE PROBLEM

Our School!

The establishment of a denominational school has been a subject that has been discussed and rediscussed for a number of years. The conviction of its need, born out of a recognition of the value of Christian education and the character-building influence of such institutions, has been greatly strengthened as time has passed and colleges under different denominational banners and interdenominational government, have presented to a needy age thoroughly-trained, Spirit-filled, groups of aspiring youth. The marked increase in the number of young people within our denominational ranks has also forced the issue and urged those in authority to seek some solution to the problem of caring for talented, but under-privileged youth. To the great joy of those interested in the launching of the project, definite action was taken at Beulah Camp last summer. A committee composed of Revs. H. S. Dow, H. L. Robertson, S. G. Hilyard, B. C. Cochrane, and Lic. Eugene Kierstead, was appointed to study the problem during the year, and bring in definite recommendations to the Alliance of 1937. Said committee believe that immediate action should be taken to establish in some Maritime centre, a school that would be equipped with an efficient academic department capable of providing a standard not lower than accredited High School work, a strong theological department, and if possible, a musical department.

Nothing of greatness has ever been achieved in the work of God except as men and women found who were willing to attempt the "impossible." No outstanding work has been accomplished save through and by those who courageously faced situations of need, and with a fearless faith in God launched enterprises that, because of the glory of their purpose, He could not fail to prosper. In this, the hour of our denominational crisis, we need such people, who with a dominating spirit of faith, will "attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God."

Through the columns of the Highway, we are announcing the birth of a "School Fund." The Young People's Association have pledged the sum of twenty-five dollars that such a fund might be established, and we are appealing to our readers far and wide to rally to the support of this pressing need, and contribute to the building of a strong fund. Send your pledges to the undersigned, who is acting as secretary-treasurer for the committee. Let churches, young people's societies, and individuals, give largely, that we may, with your co-operation, be enabled to present definite suggestions to our Alliance of 1937.

Following are pledges to date: (To be paid before June 30th):

Young People's Association.....\$25.00  
Miss Lois Goodspeed..... 25.00

Norman C. Cochrane..... 10.00  
Send all pledges and cash to the undersigned,

On behalf of the committee,

BENNETT C. COCHRANE,

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### THE SIN OF SLANDER

By Wilbur H. Mullen

One of the greatest faults of our so-called Christians today, is the attitude they take toward gossip and slander. Many utterly deny that they would slander a fellow church member or neighbor; but gossip may be said to be the mother of slander, because how easy it is to slide from a little good natured gossip to words that cut and dig and tear apart someone's reputation!

As has been said by one noted preacher: "No Christian worker can take up the sword of slander and escape the consequences," for by the words of Jesus, "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." (Mat. 26:25). It is a mighty dangerous thing to slander God's children, both for yourself, and for the cause of God. We are in the hands of a just and infinite God, who keeps His creatures to suit Himself; and if we criticise or slander the creature through whom God is working, we are criticising God Himself. God will not allow us to escape for this great act of sin, and when we all are assembled before the throne of judgment, how we will wish that we had left the judging to the One who has power to judge justly. Jesus said, "Judge not what ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." (Mat. 7:1). The very standard we set up for the other fellow, shall be the standard by which we ourselves are judged; and most always, the very criticisms and slander we hurl at the other fellow, we are guilty of the same thing ourselves.

The last place on earth that slander should be found is in the church. What a blow to the cause of God, and to the standards which we hold, when a so-called Christian will slander in public or anywhere else, his pastor, or fellow church member! One reason why the church as a whole, and some individual churches are suffering, is because of some individual members who have slandered their own pastors and fellow members. People of the world look on with a critical eye, and when they see such proceedings, they must smile inwardly. Satan is the one who plants the seeds for slander, and those who slander are but tools of the evil one.

Quite often the young people of churches have a hard time at the hands of other members. For example: Maybe a certain one of the young people, who is doing his best to live a pure Christian life, happens to slip and make a mistake. He tries to rectify the mistake, and has stamina

enough not to lose out altogether, but keeps on testifying and praying in public. Other certain members see the young person's mistake, and instead of being glad that he did not fall altogether, they immediately begin to weave a web of tales around him, and start a string of gossip, that finally culminates in classifying him as a mature church hypocrite. The poor fellow's slip is exaggerated and made to appear worse than it is; but what hurts him most is the fact that his fellow church members, who are professing to walk the same road to heaven, and being guided by the same Leader, criticise his profession, and finally ostracise him from the church, and automatically dismiss him from their society.

The doom of such a class of people is sealed by the words of Jesus: "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea." (Mat. 18:6). How much better would it be, if when a young member errs, that the other members would go to him and give him a word of encouragement, and make him feel as much at home in the church as ever, instead of pulling their righteous robes around themselves and shunning him as an outcast? We as young people naturally look up to the older ones. Are you portraying true Christian love in front of us?

How some church members enjoy a good session of gossip and slander! They smack their lips in delightful anticipation, when they can meet again, probably after prayer meeting, and discuss the new "hear-say" about some poor, innocent, quivering victim. How it soothes their itching ears! And what waves of satisfaction sweep over their countenances! How horrified you would be if I was to invite you to a fine dinner, and set before you a steaming portion of a well-roasted neighbor. You would be shocked out of your senses at this horrible display of cannibalism; but yet this same type of society (ardent church members) will collect for a scandal feast, that is worse than the worst of cannibalism, and there tear to shreds the reputation of their neighbor, while they pick his bones clean, and leave them to bleach in the wilderness.

Talebearing is first cousin to slander. My! How some people will exert themselves to tell a new tale they have heard. Sometimes the tale might be true, but even so, it is no place for the Christian to repeat it, because he has no definite proof of its veracity, and the majority of the times there is no semblance to truth. Sometimes we might say something very innocently regarding another, but nine times out of ten the person you tell interpretes it wrong, and a tale is started that will rage like a fire lit by a little match in a dry forest. Before you start a tale, first consider if it will pass the three gates mentioned in the following poem:

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