

for this. We've added nine more to their number and it was our happy privilege to show these views of the Reformed Baptist work in South Africa to the Seal Cove people first.

A beautiful missionary program was given Monday evening by the Sunday School before the views were shown and it was indeed a very touching and impressive one. How it blest our souls and we do appreciate the effort put forth to stir hearts in behalf of the work in that dear land. God bless them all. We did have a happy week-end with Brother and Sister Cochrane and the church there.

We are sorry to hear of the poor health of Brother Archer, and his wife had a severe attack of arthritis confining her to bed while we were at Grand Manan. May the Lord undertake for them we pray. She was improving when we left there.

The tragic death of Captain McMurry of the Grand Manan boat was a sad event for all the island people. Through the kindness of Brother Albert Cook we were privileged to attend the funeral service on Sunday afternoon, which was very largely attended. We do feel deeply for those who mourn in this sad bereavement.

We had two wonderful days for crossing to and from this beautiful island of the sea and now are expecting to leave on January 14 for the Port Maitland and Havelock circuits in Nova Scotia.

We spent a very pleasant and I trust profitable visit in the upper Nova Scotian churches before the Christmas holidays, three days in Amherst, a week-end in Westchester and also had a service with the Nazarene people in Oxford and Springhill.

We do thank the Lord for all the kindness and love that has been extended to us in all these places, and pray that 1938 may be a specially blessed one for us all in His service.

We were glad to meet new friends and renew acquaintances with others whom we have remembered since 1920. It has been wonderful to us, dear friends, and only the Loving Father understands how much it has done for us in every way. We do praise Him from very grateful hearts and thank you all.

It was very interesting to have a meeting like we enjoyed in Amherst, where there were present those who knew "all about our Zulus"—the returned missionaries. Having once known these "other sheep" they can never be forgotten—we all agree.

Yours in Him,
ALICE F. STERRITT

Houlton, Me.

Dear Mr. Dow:

Just a line to let you know how thankful I am to you for sending me the Highway when it was past due, and how glad I am that I can pay up now for last year and this, and the rest of the five dollars to go to the Supplementary Fund. With prayers and best wishes for all the Highway family.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. JOSEPH DOWNING

Port Maitland, N.S.

Dear Highway:

We are trying to keep busy for the Lord. God's blessing is upon the preaching services and prayer meetings. We are not seeing all that we desire. However, God does give us a soul at the altar every now and then.

The Sandford meeting was a time of real blessing under the faithful preaching of Evangelist R. T. Sellick, of Oxford, N.S. Brother Sellick preached the Word with the unction of the

Lord resting upon him. The church was stirred and began to see its privileges and responsibilities. A member came to the altar to be reclaimed or sanctified. The evangelist remarked that he felt his work had been largely preparatory. We felt at the close of the meeting that we were in a good place as a church to begin to grip God for souls that had never been saved.

Evangelist Mabel R. Manning is to be our special worker at Port Maitland from Jan. 23 to Feb. 13. We solicit the prayers of the Highway family for a real revival. In the past two years death has claimed some of our workers. Many of our young people have gone to other places to train themselves for their life's work. Two of our young men have entered the ministry. For these different reasons our ranks have been broken somewhat. It is no time to give up. We find here many that propose to "strengthen their hands for the work" Amen!

The people here certainly appreciate the work of the pastor and his wife. This was manifested in a very concrete form in a special donation in September, in a special offering at the time of our special services in November and in the way of presents and a sum of cash at Christmas. God bless the saints here, elsewhere in our work, and outside everywhere.

We are longing for a revival the like of which has never yet come to our churches. We appreciate what He has done. He has promised to do "exceeding abundantly" more. Amen!

Yours in His service,
REV. and MRS. G. A. ROGERS

MORNING DEVOTION RADIO MESSAGE
JANUARY 12TH

By C. S. Ingraham

Phil. 3:13, Forgetting those things . . . behind.

These words have had peculiar significance as we've stood on the verge of the passing and coming year. The past is gone and a new period has opened before us, and in retrospection we go back to the things behind, and prospectively we look to the things before. How far as Christians should we forget the past and how far anticipate the future? There is much in the past that we should not forget: Its mercies, blessings and our inheritance of grateful praise; the precious things it has brought us and left us, are a part of our present life and future heritage.

But, there is much that we must forget if we expect to rise to the vision of our text, and the spirit of all those who aspire to the everlasting prize of our high calling in Jesus Christ.

The figure is that of an athlete in some strenuous competition for a great and tempting prize. Much of the course is traversed and the goal looms into view. Everything depends on the home stretch and no time must be wasted on distractions or on a self-complacent looking back on achievements, "forgetting those things which are behind."

Our past sinful life must be forgotten. Faults and crimes we have confessed at the cross, and are buried under the precious blood must not be recalled to depress and to discourage us. They are no longer ours but have been imputed to Jesus Christ, settled by Him and buried in His bottomless grave. To dig them up is to crucify again the Son of God afresh!

We must forget those things we have surrendered to God which include the present evil world with its idols and ephemeral attractions which would impede our heavenly race. The enemy would have us to regret this sacrifice. It was of this Paul was thinking when he said "I count all things but loss that I may win Christ."

It was the backward look upon her perishing treasures which transfigured Lot's wife into a pillar of warning and judgment. "Remember Lot's wife!"

Our beginnings are imperfect and how the adversary takes our mistakes to discourage us. The Lord Jesus was always patient with His first disciples, and we should remember that we are a lot of Simon Peters and doubting Thomases, however, our Lord will not reject us because we learn so slowly. Indeed, our very best lessons sometimes come through our humbling failure, but Christ is so desirous that we "press on," and after all our mistakes do not grieve Him so much as our lack of love for all His benefits. We must forget our best achievements if they cause us to rest as if the goal were won.

"If conquered, for tomorrow's fight prepare,
If conqueror, of tomorrow's fight beware!"

"Make this valley full of ditches," said the Prophet, "and the valley shall be full of water."

May we dig deep and open the channels wide in our spiritual need and count all that we've ever done as but a few sand grains on the shore of a boundless ocean. It is a Divine touch of nature and one of the proofs of immortality that the soul is ever reaching out into the infinite and eternal, "those things which are before" and rising from the limited present to a greater future. The Greek word for man, "anthropos," means a being which looks forward. This characteristic separates him from other animals.

How poor are our hopes of earth, to the glorious outlook of the Christian's hope and faith! How different is the prospect of the poor sinful mortal looking down to the grave, and the redeemed saint looking up to the light of the resurrection and the coming glory.

When the Holy Ghost illuminates us with the vision which the apostle records in Ephesians, "The hope of our calling and the riches of the glory of our inheritance" then all our experiences seem like a wilderness compared with the vision of His grace and glory. These larger ideals should possess the heart of every Christian and they should make him intensely hungry for God's best rather than to make him intensely satisfied. The difference between an annual and a perennial plant is that when the flower and seed of the first have been perfected it dies, but when the leaf of the latter has fallen in October and the frosts of December have locked up the circulatory channels its life is not extinct and you find the blossom, fruit and leaf of the coming spring wrapped up in its organs. And so in the spiritual world the Holy Ghost puts the germ of our coming experience within us, and something in our hearts reaches out with insatiable longings for the things which are not yet actually realized.

After all, how fragmentary are our best attempts. How unsatisfying our ministries. How much the dear Lord has laid out for us. The Holy Ghost had Paul's campaigns planned in advance and reassured him with "Thou must testify before Caesar," "Thou must see Rome."

Therefore, since the year just opened is a new field of fertile soil, let faith plant it with the living seed of God's own life and truth. Let prayer water it with the rain of heaven. Let hope shed upon it the warmth of God's unclouded sun, and may we watch with all vigilance for the harvest from the Person who never fails.

The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do.—Elbert Hubbard.