

CORRESPONDENCE

Woods Harbour

A baptismal service was held here on Sunday, May 21st, at 11 o'clock, when four candidates followed their Lord in this ordinance. Two were from here and two from Shag Harbour. There was a large number present. The water was calm and the air still. It seemed a very appropriate atmosphere for such a service. Services were held in the church following the baptism and in the evening. The church was filled in each service. Two of the candidates were received into church membership in the evening service. We had a trio to sing for us during the day from the Port Maitland Church.

We thank the Lord for the victory we have seen and we are looking for an old fashioned revival.

Yours for Holiness,
REV. G. R. SYMONDS

Natal, So. Africa,
May 8, 1939

Dear Homeland Friends:

Greetings in the Name of Him who though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be made rich.

Yes, He has made us rich, and we do feel that one of the items of great value in our royal inheritance is the love, prayers and support of our dear homeland friends. Like Paul of old: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." You, yourselves are our wealth in Him, and we do treasure your every memory and token. Your letters, dear friends, have cheered and blessed and encouraged our hearts so often. Some have come as a very special benediction and been shared with our natives too—read and re-read.

Now, with the coming of your latest representatives, our new missionaries, we feel it all afresh. They have told us about you all, your faith and sacrifice and labour of love and your poverty in this world's goods (though you are rich toward Him) and it causes us to realize anew what it costs in blood and tears on your part, to send and keep us all here, and we love you the more for it, dear friends.

We want to take this chance to thank all who have sent love and greetings, and for the many loving gifts so eloquent with their story of thought and wish prompting the doing. Dear friends, we do appreciate very deeply every fragrant offering. Accept our hearty thanks. Also we want to thank you for the gifts sent to the natives. Could you have seen their joy and gratitude you would be amply repaid.

We want to write personally to each kind friend who sent gifts. If you don't get a letter please accept this "Thank You" now any way.

With grateful hearts and much love,

Yours and His,

Dan, Faith, Maryella and Daniel MacDonald

Amherst, Nova Scotia

My Dear Co-Worker in Christ Jesus:

Greetings in our dear Redeemer's Name! Jesus said to Peter: "Lovest thou Me more than these? . . . "Feed my lambs." And we, too, have the privilege of proving our love for Him in the same way.

May I have a few minutes of your valuable

time to assist me in the Junior Crusade work?

Is there a Junior Crusade Group in your church? If so, will you please have the enclosed form filled in by the right party, and forwarded to me not later than the 20th June, that I may prepare my report in time for Beulah.

If there is not already a Junior Crusade Group in your church, would you, then, please, confer with the likely parties, and try to organize one; then have the form filled in and forwarded to me.

The aim of the Junior Crusade Organizations is three-fold:

(1) To win the children to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

(2) To provide a means of spiritual help and training specifically for the children, which will deal with them personally and individually each week.

In most communities this is the positive need (because of the absence of home influence of the right kind) and, I take it, is not neglected by Jewish and Catholic churches. In our own, if this was thoroughly done, it would result in a harvest of staunch Godly men and women for tomorrow—which is the third purpose of our Junior Crusade Group Organization.

Thanking you in anticipation for this co-operation, I am,

Your sister in Christ,

MARIAN SANDERS,

Pres. of J. C. G.

25 Russell St., Somerville, Mass.

Dear Brother Dow:

Am enclosing \$1.75 for subscription to the King's Highway. I enjoy reading the paper as of old.

One by one those of other years with whom I was intimately acquainted with are dropping out. Others who are laid aside from active service, which means they soon may go. These we read of with deep interest, and recall, with pleasure our association with them.

I have passed the four score mark but by the blessing of God am enjoying excellent health, for which I am truly thankful. But above all do I praise God for a good measure of soul health. I know that my calling and election is sure, and am rejoicing that the spirit abides within, and if called away in a moment's time I will meet those who have gone before where sickness and sorrow are unknown.

Mrs. Charlton is in very poor health, though not confined to her bed still is not able to take her place in the work of the household.

S. B. CHARLTON

PURITY AND MATURITY NOT

THE SAME

Spiritual life, moral purity, and Christian maturity are three prominent facts, distinct in Christian experience. Purity and maturity are often taught as incidental. This is an error, and a correct understanding of their distinction would save the church from much confusion and controversy respecting Christian holiness. Spiritual life is received in regeneration. Moral purity is secured by the cleansing blood of Christ. Christian maturity is the result of growth, culture and development.

Identifying purity and maturity as the same makes serious confusion, and is the

occasion of nearly all the objections made to instantaneous sanctification. Christian purity is a present privilege and duty, and differs from maturity which is largely a subsequent attainment, subject to the laws of growth, involving time and a progressive religious life. No one is converted or regenerated into a mature Christian, that being a question of growth and spiritual development. No one grows into a state of purity, that is by faith, is instantaneous, and is wrought by the Holy Spirit, and the cleansing blood of Christ.

Christian maturity is indefinite and comparative. There are "babes," "young men" and "men of full age" in a state of entire sanctification. There is a difference in entire sanctification in its beginning, in its infancy, and in its maturity as an advanced, established and confirmed state of purity. One just fully sanctified, and the other so grown and developed as to be "rooted and grounded in love."

Maturity is not a condition of admittance into heaven, while purity is; millions of Christians die in a state of immaturity and are saved. The heart may be cleansed from all sin, while the Christian graces are immature and the cleansing is a preparation for their rapid, unhindered and symmetrical growth.

This maturation is the process of advancement toward "the length, the breadth, the depth and height" of devotion and love of God. It is, "giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." St. John notes the distinction as—"Little children," "young men," and "fathers," in the Christian life.

Maturity can be predicted only of age, time, culture, discipline and growth, in which, after the heart is fully cleansed, the process of enlightenment, enrichment, adornment and endowment with love and power, may be carried forward more easily than ever before, as the destruction and death of sin gives free scope is a life of righteousness. Noting the fore-going plain distinctions relieves the subject of entire sanctification of difficulties which have perplexed many good men. It makes plain many commands, figures and passages of Scripture; it also harmonizes some conflicting items in Mr. Wesley's works on Christian Perfection.—The Sky Pilot.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The spirit of the Lord's prayer is beautiful. That form of petition breathes a filial spirit.—"Father."

A catholic spirit—"Our Father."

A reverential spirit—"Hallowed be Thy Name."

A missionary spirit—"Thy Kingdom come."

An obedient spirit—"Thy will be done on earth."

A dependent spirit—"Give us this day our daily bread."

A forgiving spirit—"And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us."

A cautious spirit—"lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from all evil."

A confidential and adoring spirit—"For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen."—Anon.