

## CORRESPONDENCE

## ALONE WITH GOD

## FOOLISH SPENDING

St. Andrews, N.B.,  
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Dear Highway Friends:

I suppose many of you will be surprised to learn that we are still in Canada. A change in the sailing schedule of our steamer made it necessary for us to wait over for another month. As far as we know now we shall be sailing (D.V.) about March 6th.

In my last report I overlooked mentioning our missionary meeting and visit in Amherst. We were warmly welcomed by the Sanders family, our returned missionaries, and we spent most of our time talking about mission work and getting hints about our outfit and the voyage.

I have already reported our visits to Westchester and New Tusket.

We finally arrived in Sandford, my wife's old home, about the first of November. We had planned to stay there until our sailing.

Since that time both Gladys and I have been occupied with preparations for our trip; she with household cares and sewing and I with helping, Zulu, packing, and fixing up my trailer to haul freight and later to be a house or church on wheels.

During our stay in Sandford, I have had the privilege of 'supplying' for Bro. Rogers and carrying on the 'Bible lessons' in the Sandford Young People's Society. Gladys and I also had the privilege of speaking and singing 'over the air' on two different occasions.

We cannot speak too highly of Bro. Roger's kindness, fellowship, and pastoral ministry during the two or three months we were on his field.

We want also to express our grateful thanks to the church people and our friends of Sandford and surrounding communities who, by their fellowship, hospitality, and gifts, made our stay most pleasant and enjoyable.

Along with the other individual gifts and help in sewing, we wish to acknowledge two lovely gifts from the Sandford young people and church friends. The first an envelope containing \$10 that was used to buy a tent cover for the 'missionary trailer' and the second a beautiful piano accordion to be used in providing music at our various 'outposts' where there is no organ. All we can say is a 'big' grateful 'thank you' and may God richly bless is our prayer.

Our visit to Wood Harbour was most interesting. Our last visit had been when 'tent meetings' were being carried on by Bros. Mullen and Dunlop. To be greeted by one of our largest audiences in a nice new church was cause for great rejoicing. May God continue to bless and add to our numbers!

Missionary meetings were also held at Port Maitland, Brazil Lake, and Sandford.

It might be well to especially mention our Sandford meeting as that was in the nature of a farewell. Bro. Rogers called it the Nova Scotia farewell. A good crowd was present, not only our own people but many United Baptists who had been urged to attend, the week before, by their pastor, Rev. Mr. Bishop. A missionary offering of over \$70 was received.

Yours for Holiness and souls,

EUGENE A. M. KIERSTEAD

## THE VOICE OF CONSCIENCE—

Speaks all languages and dialects.  
Cannot be drowned in loud laughter.  
Always appeals to the best within any man.  
Is as patient and persistent as the law of gravity.  
Invokes no authority outside itself.  
Never allows itself to be misunderstood.  
Can be ignored but never silenced.—Sel.

It is not necessary to make long prayers, but it is essential to be much alone with God, waiting on His will, hearkening for His voice, lingering in the garden of Scripture for the coming of the Lord God in the dawn or cool of the day. No number of meetings, no fellowship with Christian friends, no amount of Christian activity, can compensate for the neglect of the still hour.—F. B. Meyer.

## SHEET-ANCHOR

"Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet-anchor of your liberties; write its precepts on your hearts and practise them in your lives."—Ulysses Simpson Grant.

Without this quotation, would you have known to what "sheet-anchor" referred? Grant was a soldier and the eighteenth President of the United States, but he read and believed the Bible. He possessed certain iron qualities of nature which caused him to receive the sobriquet "Unconditional Surrender" Grant. Note the estimates of this Book by a few other notables: Daniel Webster says, "I have read the Bible through many times"; Ruskin exhorts, "Read your Bible, making it the first morning business of your life"; Napoleon avers, "I never omit to read it, and every day with the same pleasure"; Horace Greeley once opined, "The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom." Space forbids admirable quotations from Adams, Jefferson, Dana, Herschel, Scott, Coleridge, Goethe, Carlyle, Hugo, Bacon, Locke, Newton, Milton, Garibaldi, John Jay, and an interminable list of men and women who knew it as "the book of life." Throw away the mass of the Bible, keep only its most "precious" truths and though what you save may be read in a "half hour" it is still a "sheet-anchor" for your soul.—Sel.

1. Give your pastor a large place in your daily prayers. This will help you and him and your mutual relations.
2. Have confidence in him and in his ability to succeed under divine direction.
3. Stand by him and co-operate with him in his plans for progress.
4. Stand up for him when he is criticized and talk up his good qualities in the community.
5. However new and different his ideas may seem, give them a fair, unprejudiced hearing. If they are untenable, talk them over privately with him.
6. Help to preserve his hours of study for him.
7. Tell him about it, when he preaches well.
8. See that the comforts of life necessary to his greatest efficiency are provided for him and that his salary is paid promptly so that he may preserve his own credit.
9. Let your criticisms of him be to his face, and then always in love and helpfulness.
10. Promote co-operation for his administration in all departments of the work.—Selected.

Men reap what they sow. Their actions upon others are followed by reactions upon themselves. As it is with men, so it is with nations. Those who have given up their resources and strength in the service of mankind have received as a reward the friendship and esteem of other countries. Those who have been grasping, pugnacious and animated by a desire for military glory have gathered as a result the resentment and distrust of the world.—Calvin Coolidge.

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour

Perhaps the average man spends enough foolishly each year to run far into the dollars. When this is kept up through the years it amounts to many hundreds and even thousands of dollars.

I remember some years ago making statement in one of my sermons to the paper that many a man could have a good home of his own, and it paid for, if he had the money he spent for tobacco alone. One of my readers in a distant state read my statement and wrote me that when he was a young man he figured what it would cost him each week to use tobacco, then decided to save that amount, and with it he had built himself a nice home and had it paid for. That was what would have been his tobacco money. He didn't use tobacco. Oh, the millions, millions of dollars our American people thus spend each year for tobacco, many of whom wonder why they are so hard up for money!

Perhaps multitudes of people spend about as much for luxuries and non-essentials, or foolishly, as they spend for the actual necessities of life, and as a consequence they have no home of their own oftentimes, have no property, and just barely able to "make ends meet." They have nothing to give to the cause of God, nothing to help their fellows with in great need, and lay up for themselves no treasures in heaven. To many people is a curse instead of a blessing, because they wreck themselves with it, soul and body.

The idea of foolish spending not only seems to have gripped the individual, but our government is likewise possessed with it. If the billions of dollars we have spent foolishly as a nation could be collected today it would almost pay our national debt, or go far toward it. When the government sets the example of foolish spending, it is but reasonable to believe the individual will do likewise. He will follow the example set, especially the wrong example. Until our leaders stop borrowing and spending money foolishly we are going to see the national debt mount higher and higher, and the people will be burdened with taxes more and more. Surely a little good common sense would help a great deal, to say nothing of salvation. If our leaders were men of God this would stop their borrowing and spending foolishly.—Wesleyan Methodist.

"Once it was my working,  
His it hence shall be.  
Once I tried to use Him,  
Now He uses me."

## THE CALL TO PARENTS

When things go wrong, when home life is out of control, when children become obstreperous and unwieldy, when parents are at odds with each other, when moral defeat stares them in the face, they cry like little babies because they do not know what to do, and all the while they have been practising a code of conduct that has produced such sorry situations. It is a case of the blind leading the blind, for the parents live in a moral shamble, even more than their children, and must take the consequences of their negative habits.

Not until our Christian homes and our Christian parents sense the positive importance of sound Christian and moral education and take steps to align themselves with Christ and His Teachings will there be any hope for our homes developing a sound, moral and Christian life. There is a ringing call coming today and that call is this: Parents, Get Right with God.—"The Presbyterian."