

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Brother Dow:

Enclosed please find money order for Highway.

We do enjoy the Highway in our home, with all the good things it brings to us.

We praise the Lord for Salvation these days more than ever before.

Yours in Him,

MRS. OLIN HILLMAN
Perth, N. B.

Greys Mills

Dear Brother Dow:

I am well and trust you are also feeling fine. I received the extra Highways of the July number and distributed the same. I have been continuing on the Colporteur work through Charlotte County. I have had grand success—my sales for June and July far exceeded any previous two months in value and numbers I have ever had in my 13 summers' work. I visited Brother and Sister Greenlaw, of this place, Rolling Dam, and had dinner with them yesterday, and enjoyed sweet fellowship with them for a few hours. Brother Greenlaw is over 80 years of age, and is very poorly—has a gangrene foot, which is very painful. (He told me he was very sorry he ever left our Reformed Baptist people) but however he is now waiting the end and is ready for the call to come up higher.

I was home over last Sunday and enjoyed the blessed privilege of seeing 4 of my grandchildren baptized at our beach. It was a grand and glorious service. Brother (Rev.) Arthur Owens preached a good sermon on Baptism, and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, to a goodly congregation at 11 a. m. Baptism at 12.30 noon. There were 5 baptized, our 4 and Irene Flanders also. The services have been good since camp meeting and a good attendance on Sundays. I have been home each week-end.

I consider that your labour of love among us was far-reaching, and the end is not yet. God bless you and encourage you in your work.

Dora is home now for 2 weeks visit. She is going to leave for Middleboro Monday evening. I will be home for over week-end and to see her off. She came and goes by train this summer. She is assistant matron in the Shaw Home for the old-aged folk at Middleboro, Mass.

Your brother in Christ,

S. H. BRADLEY

Calais, Maine

On June 12th the pastor and wife were very happily surprised when the young people and a few older folk from the Crawford Church came to the parsonage.

The young people held their regular weekly meeting including Bible study and prayer, led by the President, Mrs. Brewer Andrews. After the meeting a social evening was spent. Refreshments were served by the young people. A generous donation was presented to the pastor and wife by Mrs. Andrews for which we are very thankful to our Heavenly Father for Christian young people and His many blessings upon us.

Yours in the Master's Service,

H. L. & MRS. ROBERTSON

Oftentimes excusing of a fault doth make a fault the worse by the excuse.—Shakes-

WHAT IS A LIVE CHURCH?

By Rev. A. B. Harrell

In order to live there must be pre-existing life. This is as true of spiritual as of animal or vegetable life. A live church must be made up of live members. A church is a living church only as its individual members are alive. Jesus says, "The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). If Jesus came to give man life, it was because man needed life. If man thus needed life, it was because life was what he lost in the Fall. This was not physical nor mental life, but spiritual life, that life which God breathed into man's nostrils in the Garden of Eden. This is what man lost, and what man must receive through Jesus Christ, in order to his present and future salvation.

No man will be saved because of what he does, neither will man be lost because of what he does, but every man will be saved or lost because of what he is, his inner nature. (But his judgment for reward, good or bad, will be based on his conduct, or his work. See Rev. 20:12, 22:12; 2 Cor. 5:10).

Man must have this spiritual life restored to him, this life which Jesus came to give, in order to be saved. Without it he is lost. This restoration is what Jesus calls being "born again—born from above—born of the Spirit" (John 3:3-5). So in order to be a "live church" each member must be thus "born of the Spirit."

This church which has a "twice-born membership" in order to remain a "living church" must have a program, and do something in order to succeed in that which God has called it to do.

The twice-born member is a responsible one, and feels his responsibility, and is not afraid to assume the same. Such persons can be depended on. Unless hindered by some pronounced providence, they will be in their place at preaching service and the mid-week prayer meeting. If official members, they can be depended on at the conference meeting.

The twice-born members are Bible readers. They read the Bible because of their love for it—because it is their Father's Word, His will, and it is food to their souls. They understand that it is one of the means by which Christian character is developed. Without this food there is failure.

The twice-born member is a praying member. He will have a place of secret prayer and devotion. This is his "trysting place," where he meets his Saviour and Lord and they have sweet communion and fellowship together. In his prayer life there will be a burden for God's work and the souls of the lost.

The twice-born member has a personal testimony. That spiritual life within will give expression, not only in the life he lives, but in the words of his mouth. Paul says, "By him (Christ) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually; that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name" (Heb. 13:15). Personal testimony to the grace of God, in our hearts, many times has a greater influence than the sermon from the pulpit.

The twice-born member is a personal worker. With the Psalmist David, he will often be saying, "Come and hear, all ye that fear the Lord, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul" (Psa. 66:16). He will use the "personal contact" method of dealing with the lost.

The twice-born member is a paying member. He will not draw back from the use of his means in the furthering of God's cause. When a problem arises where money is involved, he will not say, "How much is it going to cost me?" but

"What is my share?" He is always ready to do his part. In this day of Bible knowledge methinks he will be a tither.

But why say more? The living church will be a succeeding church; the preacher will seldom, if ever, have to preach to empty seats; that is, if the preacher himself is a "twice-born man."

If someone should ask of me what I thought was the greatest need of the church today, I would say, a revival of spiritual religion.

A BURNING APPEAL

"Not called!" did you say? "Not heard the call," I think you should say. God has been calling loudly ever since He spoke your sins forgiven,—if you are forgiven at all—entreating and beseeching you to be His ambassador. Put your ear down to the Bible, and hear Him bid you go and pull poor sinners out of the fire of sin. Put your ear down to the burdened, agonized heart of humanity, and listen to its pitiable wail for help! Go and stand by the gates of hell, and hear the damned entreat you to go to their father's house and bid their brothers and sisters and servants and masters not to come there! And then look the Christ in the face, whose mercy you profess to have, and whose words you profess to obey, and tell Him whether you will join heart and soul and body and circumstances in this march to publish His mercy to all the world. Get up! Shake yourself! Act! Do something! Do it at once! Go on doing it! Do it with all your might! Spare no pains! Never stop any more! Read, pray, talk, sing, give! Do anything you can,—everything that seems likely to make people know the truth about themselves and heaven and hell. God will help you! He helps those that help themselves, and especially when they are trying to help somebody else. He is pleased for you to help yourself to all the big salvation He has to give you, but He is ten thousand times more pleased when you set to work to help other people.—General Wm. Booth.

VOTERS REJECT WHITE HOUSE CHOICE

Dallas, Texas.—The election of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel as United States Senator to succeed the late Senator Morris Sheppard puts another bone-dry advocate in the upper house of Congress at Washington.

O'Daniel's election on June 28 is looked upon by many as a humiliating rebuke to the present New Deal administration, who not only favored but sent some of its best lieutenants into Texas to work for the election of Representative Lyndon Johnson, White House-sponsored candidate for the Senate. There were twenty-five candidates in the race.

In his campaign the Texas governor told the people that he wanted to go to Washington "to twist the tails of professional pussy-footing politicians who surround President Roosevelt."

The new Senator from Texas is strong for national defense, but is utterly opposed to entering the European war. He is an ardent supporter of bone-dry prohibition, and will begin immediate work for the full enactment of the Sheppard Bill, S.860, which has now been restored to the Senate calendar. O'Daniel will now carry forward the banner so long held high by the late Senator Sheppard.

Drys all over the nation are urged to write to Senator O'Daniel in Washington in support of the work he will do for the Dry cause.—National Voice.