

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Highway Readers:

We wish to report our special services, which began May 30th, and continued over five Sundays. Lic. Miriam Sanders was our evangelist. This was a good meeting. Our sister proved to be the chosen of God for this time. The people enjoyed her preaching very much. Some twenty-five souls were at the altar either for pardon, to be reclaimed or sanctified. The people had a mind to work, finances came easily, and the altar services were blessed of God, with souls praying through to real victory, and the saints rejoicing in the Lord. On the last night of the meetings people were still under conviction with hands raised for prayer. We found our sister an able minister of the word, a splendid co-laborer and one we can recommend to any church needing a revival.

P. W. BRIGGS

Millville

Dear Brother Dow:

Enclosed find renewal for my Highway. I enjoy reading it. The Lord is my comfort at all times.

MRS. JAMES CURRIE

Brighton, Digby Co, N. S.

Dear Brother Dow:

Enclosed please find money for Highway. We do enjoy the Highway. It is a great blessing to us as we read its clean pages, and I can say today, the Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

MRS. FRANK SULLAVIN

JEWISH POPULATIONS

"Poland" has the largest number of Jews among the nations, ten per cent of the population being Jewish. But, according to Dr. Conrad Hoffman, Jr., America comes next. At present three per cent of our population is Jewish. New York City, with over 2,000,000 Jews, is by far the largest Jewish city in the world. Chicago, with almost 400,000, ranks second. Next comes Warsaw (Poland), and then Philadelphia with around 300,000. There are five times as many Jews in New York City as in all of Great Britain and Ireland, and almost four times as many as were in Germany when Hitler began his campaign against them. When Hitler came to power, less than one per cent of the population of Germany was Jewish. Let us pray that as long as Jews remain in America they shall enjoy full citizenship privileges. God has promised to bless the nations who are friends of Israel.—Pentecostal Evangel.

DICTATORSHIPS

Henry Hitt Crane, in the Michigan Christian Advocate, puts it thus: "All dictatorships are born in the dark. They survive for a time in the shadows. They invariably die in the light. The one thing tyranny cannot stand is publicity. It must gag the press, stop free expression, silence the pulpit, censor the radio, control the movies, propagandize the public with half-truths, which is the shadiest way of dying there is. The real bulwark of democracy is not the ballot-box but the honest newspaper.—United Presbyterian.

THE PASTOR'S WIFE

Mrs. Julian Howard

One of the places of greatest responsibility for women in the service of the Lord is that of being a pastor's wife. Though she is seldom heard of when the reports are sent in, yet much of the success of the year's work is attributed to her. We wish to discuss the office of pastor's wife under the following topics: (1) As a Christian; (2) As a wife; (3) As a co-worker in the ministry; (4) As an example to the young people of the community.

The first requirement of the pastor's wife is that she really know God and be personally acquainted with prayer. She should have a definite experience of regeneration and sanctification and know how to bring to the work the grace of God to help solve the many perplexing problems facing her. It is not necessary that she be able to pray loud and eloquently, but it is absolutely essential that the wife of a pastor should know how to pray effectively and that she have that fervent love of God and His work that keeps the heart glowing and burning to do something for Him. Without real piety and depth of exercise in the love of God, the work of the pastor's wife will become so grinding and unbearable that wreckage of life and hopes must result. In this sphere of life she should know how to bear soul burdens when God places them upon her heart and should be able to pray the prayer of utter self-forgetfulness until God undertakes and answers the petition.

Let the pastor's wife not forget that her husband is a man as well as a preacher and that his work as a minister will never satisfy his need of home life. Let her not think of him only as a preacher but as a husband who needs her love and interest just the same as other husbands do in other spheres of life. If a wife's love turns to merely professional interest in her husband's work, then a loveless home will be the result.

Let her neither nag nor schold but work together with him in the building of an exemplary home. There will come times in his work when it will seem that every one has lost faith in him and that he is an utter failure. In those times it means much to have a wife who assures him that she still has faith in him and is praying for his success. Then if success in pastoring comes, let them still be man and wife together. If that simplicity of relationship and love is ever destroyed the home can never be the same again.

As a wife let her be neat in her appearance and dress. She will need also to be economical in her management of the home. The financial management of the parsonage household will probably be left to her own judgment so she should know the value of money and how wisely to use it. Happy is the pastor whose wife can take little and transform it into an attractive home or a tempting meal, etc.

The pastor's wife should remember that in becoming a minister's wife she is at the same time assuming a large portion of his call and responsibility. Many are the problems which will be brought to her to help solve in the daily life of the parsonage.

Among the qualities I would mention here would be (1) godliness, (2) cheerfulness, (3) sympathy in other people's problems, (4) courage, (5) and lots of patience. Let her remember that pastoring is largely a work of faith and that she may have to labor for years until God brings about the desired result. She

should be able to constructively criticize her husband yet in such a way as would neither embarrass nor discourage him. One thing needs special emphasis here—Let her never criticize her husband before other people and never tell his faults to the congregation. While it is true that she knows more of his faults than does anyone else, yet at the same time she is in a better position to help him than is anyone else.

Mrs. Ruby Wise says, "She needs to understand his problems. The very nature of his work often makes it inadvisable, if not impossible, for him to discuss his difficulties outside the home and if the wife is incapable of sharing in these problems, the husband is handicapped indeed."

She should know how to keep secrets. Confessions will be made to her and the husband that must never be repeated outside the home. For her husband's sake and in the interest of the cause of God let her lock such matters in her heart and forget them except in times of prayer.

The parsonage should be the model home of the community in love and in the abiding Spirit of Christ. The young people of the church, especially the girls and young women, will look to the pastor's wife as an example in Christian character. In her dress, conversation, deportment, and character she should be a living testimony for God.

If perchance your heart should fail you because of the rigid requirements remember that to you is afforded the most glorious privilege on earth to enter actively into your husband's life and ministry. Your opportunities are limitless; your influence is great; and your reward will be truly wonderful. The faithful pastor's wife who has toiled alone behind the scene will receive an equal reward with her husband when God shall reward the faithful. So I say, the God of abounding grace will help you at all times to meet the need of the hour and many in that great day will rise up to call the pastor's wife, "Blessed indeed."—Selected.

ON READING THE BIBLE

By John Bunyan

Read the Bible, and read again, and do not despair of help to understand something of the will and mind of God, though you think they are fast locked up from you. Neither trouble yourself, though you have not commentaries and expositions; pray and read, and read and pray; for a little from God is better than a great deal from man; also, what is from man is uncertain and is often lost and tumbled over by man; but what is from God is fixed as a nail in a sure place. There is nothing that so abides with us as what we receive from God; and the reason why Christians at this day are at such a loss as to some things, is because they are content with what comes from men's mouths, without searching and kneeling before God to know of Him the truth of things. Things which we receive at God's hand come to us as things from the minting-house, though old in themselves, yet new to us. Old truths are always new to us, if they come to us with the smell of heaven upon them.

Christianity as Christ taught is the truest philosophy of life ever spoken. But let us be quite sure, when we speak of Christianity, that we mean Christ's Christianity.—Phillips Brooks.