

CORRESPONDENCE

Benton, N. B.

Dear Highway:

I shall give my fourth and final report of the church year. From March 28th to May 2nd, I was engaged in a revival campaign in the R. B. Church at Amherst, N. S., where Rev. D. W. Marston is the pastor. Mr. Rogers was with me for a week and two days in the Amherst meeting. She and Mrs. Marston were a great help in special numbers. She was called to her father's home on account of sickness. Then for three weeks we were ably assisted by Lic. W. H. Mullen. He led the singing, sang specials and preached once on Sunday and once during the week. Brother Mullen had to leave after three weeks to take charge of a campaign at the Nazarene Church in Springhill, N. S. During the last four or five days of our stay in Amherst we were assisted by Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown, of Leeds, England. I was kindly cared for in the home of Brother and Sister Marston. There were over a score of souls at the altar during our meeting in Amherst. In some respects I believe this was one of the best meetings of the year. After I left Amherst Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown carried on for two weeks. Rev. and Mrs. Marston and their faithful little groups are to be commended for their work. The Amherst Church (small in number) with their new storehouse system of tithing will make many of our larger churches hang their heads in embarrassment. Honor to whom honor is due. May God bless the people of Amherst.

From May 9th to May 30th I assisted Rev. A. D. Cann at Westchester, N. S. On May 11th Lic. W. H. Mullen again joined us. He was at his best in singing and preaching too. He spoke twice during the week and once on Sunday. He and I held a few Sunday afternoon services at the Greenville school house during our stay in Westchester.

We were entertained in the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Cann. Sister Cann discovered that Brother Mullen and I were very fond of her special cookies. We had our dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rushton. To these kind folk we say "Thank you!"

Our crowd was not large during the week. The backward season and the busy time of year made it well nigh impossible for some to attend. Our Sunday evening crowds were very large. We didn't see a very great number at the altar, but we do feel we had a few clear cases. When I was in Westchester nearly five years ago we had at least one real clear case. May God bless Brother and Sister Cann as they leave for their new field of labor, and may God's richest blessing rest on the people of Westchester as they begin under the leadership of their new pastor and wife, Lic. and Mrs. Wilbur H. Mullen.

From June 6th through June 27th I supplied the Salem-Killam's Mills circuit. I had no car, but by the kindness of the church people I was able to get to my appointments and make over 30 pastoral calls. The interest in Sunday school and Sunday morning service at Salem was exceptionally good. The people of Killam's Mills desired special meetings. I had been their evangelist on two other occasions in the past five years. When we were unable to secure outside help they were willing for me to undertake alone even when I had already taken up the work as supply pastor. The Lord knew our need and sent some good brothers to help. Brother R. T.

Sellick gave two good messages and Brother A. D. Cann gave a good message during the first week. Rev. B. C. Cochrane gave special numbers, led the song service, and gave two fine sermons during the second week of the services. I preached during the week when no one else was there to preach and preached in the Sunday services.

There were a few seekers and some requests. One was baptized and two joined the church the last Sunday. They were just getting shaped up for a revival the last day.

I enjoyed laboring with the kind people of the Salem-Killam's Mills circuit. May God send a good pastor to them in the near future. May Heaven's blessing be upon them in the coming year.

I spent a little over three weeks in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Steeves. They were a father and mother in Israel to me. I was also entertained in many other fine homes.

I greatly enjoyed my supply work at the beginning and closing of my church year. In spite of a great physical handicap at times I enjoyed labouring for the Home Mission Board from Sept. 23rd to May 30th. During that time I took time out from the Board for a meeting with Rev. J. W. Turpel in Saugus, Mass.

My future field of labor is a bit uncertain on account of my physical condition. My future spiritually is bright and my soul is resigned to His sweet will and I am perfectly satisfied. Amen!

Yours for Holiness,

G. A. ROGERS

Black's Harbour, N. B.,

July 26th, 1943

Dear Highway:

Greetings in Jesus' Name. I'd like to drop you a few lines telling of the work here. We feel our work here is going on well. We had the privilege of having Rev. J. A. Owens, of Saint John, down with us June 16th over 21st. God blessed him in his preaching and we felt we had a gracious week-end meeting. Our son, DeVerne, was down for the Sunday services and we all enjoyed his singing. On June 27th we had a Baptism when four were baptized. We received same into church membership in the evening.

We thank God for the privilege of attending Camp. We are back home, starting on our fifth year here. God gave us a gracious day yesterday with four hands raised for prayer at the close of the evening service. We covet the prayers of our Highway readers, as we, wife and I and Paul go to Trenton, N. S., to begin revival services next Sunday, the first day of August, with Rev. Geo. E. Archibald, the Nazarene pastor of that town. We will be there at least three Sundays. Please pray that God might give a gracious revival. Lic. Thelma Rose is supplying for us here while we are away, so please pray for her.

May God richly bless our new editor and his good wife. Amen!

Yours for souls,

H. S. MULLEN

At the General Conference of the Free Methodist Church, held recently at Greenville, Ill., the use of musical instruments in the public services of worship of the churches of that body, was approved under certain restrictions.

Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 1:20.

In making our report this year, we cannot say that we can give a favorable one as to the abolishing of intoxicating drinks, although we believe there has been a curtailing in the using of hard liquor; however, not as a matter that the people have chosen it to be so but by circumstances at the present time.

We find that in many places folk are striking and trying to force our governments to give them more beer and it seems that some of the leaders of our country fear "the dragon," the demand for more, and do compromise for some reason other than for revenue.

Some others are awakening to the fact that the liquor traffic is the most expensive luxury in which any nation can indulge. It is an enemy of the common welfare, and deals its most deadly blow there. It has proven an enemy to any nation that upholds the manufacture and selling of same and worse than any dictator.

It has caused the fall of France and the bombing of many places in this war.

We were pleased when some of our leaders made known their attitude toward this curse which is destroying our land and ruining our boys, but again surprised to find that at this stage of the conflict we are engaged in, that so much labor considering growing of the grain, transportation, and manufacture of alcoholic drink is allowed, when so many are in want of the ingredients it takes to produce same.

We believe the church can do a good deal in prohibiting the manufacture and sale of this poison, by teaching the children the results of using it, to body, soul, society, communities, counties and nations, and take our stand continually against it in praying, fasting and tarrying until we see it completely abolished.

We saw an instance of what could be done in Halifax: A pastor of a church took his stand against a club that sold liquor to service men and without compromise stood for the place to be closed. He was condemned and criticised by both high and low, but by perseverance, patience and faith, saw it closed, and we believe that much more can be done.

The congregation of the Lord should rise up and inquire into the trespass that our nations have committed, and in the settling of things after the war, have representatives to take our stand against this curse; that our land might be a land of milk and honey instead of a land of booze and beer.

At present, according to reports, we understand there is no alcohol being manufactured in Canada for beverage purposes. Therefore we hope that at the close of the war, the manufacturing of alcohol for beverages will be completely done away with to the extent that it will never be resumed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee

Life at its best is life directed by the divine Guide.

"Every man at times has to walk in darkness, but no man needs to sit in it."