

CORRESPONDENCE

Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Friends:

The Lord has been good to us and in answer to prayer has given us a gracious revival. Brother M. C. Willis, of Columbus, Indiana, was the evangelist. This zealous young man brought helpful messages and conviction rested on needy souls and the scenes at the altar were blessed. The attendance was good, finances came easy. Brother DeVerne Mullen was with us for both Sundays and sang with the blessing of God upon him. He was a great help in the services. We feel encouraged to press on. The people of Fredericton have been very kind and co-operative since our coming here as pastor. We trust that God will help us to be a blessing to them as we labor together.

H. E. MULLEN

Port Maitland, N. S.

Dear Highway:

The time has come for me to report to you again.

On the evening of the 22nd of October the people of our churches at Port Maitland and Sandford gave us another great surprise when at about eight p. m. they began to crowd into the parsonage. I think fifty-three came in. A very nice evening was spent. God did bless while we sang His praises. We had solos, duets, mixed and male quartettes. The ladies served a very nice lunch and Mrs. Mullen and myself were presented with a nice purse of money. We tried to thank the people and then gave thanks to God for all His goodness to us.

Shortly the crowd scattered, one this way, another that, and wife and I were alone. We noticed a lot of groceries had been left behind. We began packing them away and there must have been twenty-five or thirty dollars worth. Surely these people know how to take care of their pastor. Again we say, thank you, and praise the Lord.

On Nov. 6th we began revival services at Sandford with Rev. G. E. Archibald as our evangelist. We closed the 20th. Brother Archibald brought us some great messages. We were sorry to see so few finding their way to the altar of prayer, but we thank God for the few that came and trust to see more in the near future. God bless you all.

Yours for souls,

H. S. MULLEN

Moncton, N. B.

Dear Highway Readers:

We greet you once again in the name of Him that "liveth and was dead, and is alive forevermore. Amen."

On Sunday, Nov. 11th, we opened a three-Sunday campaign with Dr. C. W. Butler as guest speaker. From the beginning the seal of the Lord was upon this meeting. The weather was splendid throughout, with only a couple of days which were unpleasant. Attendance at the services was fine, the church being well filled for many of the week night meetings, and of course on Sundays. Dr. Butler brought wonderful messages from God's Word. Although we had been under his ministry a number of times before, it seemed that he was richer and under Divine anointing more than at any previous time. It is not possible for us to place a true evaluation on the ministry of this great servant of God, but we felt that he was constantly strengthening the bulwarks of defense against sin and error. Growing deeper with the passing years, Dr.

Butler stands as a tower of strength in the holiness movement, being unusually adept in "rightly dividing the word of truth." While his ministry to us was more of a teaching ministry, the meeting was not without definite altar results, a number testifying to definite victory, and a good group praying through in the closing service.

It was our privilege to have with us for three days, about twenty-five pastors and Christian workers. The presence of these ministers and their wives, missionaries, evangelists and singers, added great spiritual strength to the meeting, and the Moncton church felt honoured to have these servants of God present. We shall not soon forget the happy time of fellowship we had with them.

The work at Moncton is going ahead under the blessing of God. We are endeavouring to be true to our great and holy calling, that of spreading scriptural holiness, and are seeking to use gold, silver and precious stones in the building of a church which we trust will stand the fiery tests of time and eternity.

We shall appreciate your prayer interest in our humble efforts.

Yours in holy bonds,

B. C. AND MRS. COCHRANE

SOME THINGS A REVIVAL MEETING WILL NOT DO

For some fourteen years I have been holding evangelistic and revival meetings in various denominations throughout the United States. God has granted seekers in every meeting or campaign but in some places we have had real revivals while elsewhere we have had just protracted meetings that seemed too protracted, even for ten days or two weeks! There are some things that seem to be expected of revival meetings that these meetings just will not do.

1. All the special services and revival efforts in the world will not compensate for a lack of pastoral calling during the rest of the year. A fanatic is one who expects results without due care to the conditions that precede those results. Many a pastor has been disappointed in the results of his revival campaign, but the evangelist can not accomplish in a few nights of preaching what should have been accomplished by pastoral calling and door to door visitation long before the meeting started.

2. A revival meeting will not compensate for a lack of personal evangelism on the part of the laity. John the Baptist brought his disciples to Jesus, Andrew brought Peter, his brother, to Jesus, and Phillip having found for himself the Messiah of Israel, went and told Nathaniel and brought him to the Lord. So the early church grew by that personal contact and witnessing for Jesus. There are many people that can be brought to the house of God by this means, whom advertising and a special program will never reach. A successful meeting depends much upon the laity bringing their friends, families and kinfolk to the meeting.

3. A revival meeting will not bring a burden of prayer. It is too late to urge the people to begin to pray and attend special prayer services at the time the meeting starts. With services every night added to the cares and busy hours of everyday life, there will not be found just too much time for special prayer. Far better that special prayer meetings be held several weeks prior to the meeting and that a chain of prayer be formed and working long

before the evangelist preaches his first message. When these special prayer services are held for weeks before the meeting and people have been praying and fasting for a meeting and souls, half the battle is already won. Have the people and church prayed up before the meeting begins.

4. The best evangelist in the church has no appeal to the outside world unless they know he is in town. The crowds gathered to hear the preachers of the early church as it was "noised abroad." Advertising will pay big dividends if it is the proper type. Of course, a big sign on the church is a necessity. Notice the display of signs and lights on the average theater today. Newspaper advertising is very effective if it is kept up for a period of time. Radio is good and handbills are just fair. But what ever the advertising, see that it reaches the outside world. In the past few years I have seen hundreds of dollars worth of handbills, cards, etc., left lying on the piano, the pulpit or some table after the meeting closed. Nor does it seem worth while for the church people to take a number home with them and never pass them out. Far better to buy some one cent stamps and get the telephone book and send the advertising to strange names in your section of town. Any meeting and any preacher is worth your best in advertising.

5. Finally brethren, don't have too many revivals in one year. A church becomes decidedly lop-sided if it has too many meetings in a year. Far better for the pastor to "do the work of an evangelist" himself and make his services from Sunday to Sunday times of strong evangelistic appeal. I have observed that where a church has one or two special meetings a year, and in between these meetings strives for spiritual devotional services with people at the altars during the regular meetings, it is much easier to have a victorious evangelistic campaign. Change your type of evangelist from meeting to meeting and don't be afraid to call some of the men that are not so well known. Some may like those that you do not especially care for and every man will reach some. Above all, let the glad news go out, "Christ receiveth sinful men."—Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

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punish His rebellious creatures who reject the salvation freely offered through the death and resurrected life of Jesus Christ.

But Jesus taught a heaven for the redeemed and a hell for the unrepentent. He clearly teaches that here in this life we may make the choice which will issue in our eternal destiny. One cannot read the Scriptures with an open mind without being convinced that an awful doom awaits the wicked who do not in this life turn from their wickedness to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Likewise it is as clearly taught that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for those who will be His disciples.

Heaven is a place of exquisite beauty. There we shall have relief from temptation, suffering, sorrow and death. There we shall enjoy the rewards allowed to us according to our works. There we shall be known as we are known. We shall join with the great throng in worshipping and serving Him who hath redeemed us to God by His precious blood.

I would not want to miss heaven; would you?

we live for Him, today!