

CORRESPONDENCE

Norton, N. B.

Dear Highway Editor and Readers:

I see my name in your iast issue requesting prayers be made for me as I was sick, and want to thank every one who breathed a prayer for me. My health is much better and my soul has been wonderfully blest, and want to thank all the Highway family for their intercession at the throne of grace, and to praise the great God of Heaven for His great manifestation in response to the cry of His children, and I want to congratulate the different writers on the grand messages that I find in The Highway.

Yours in Christ,

W. R. CARSON

Amherst, N. S.,

R. R. No. 3

Dear Highway Friends:

Since coming back from overseas I have been more or less convalescing. However, I praise the Lord for being spared to return again to the work of the Lord. God has been my shield and buckler and my strong tower in the evil days.

Therefore the life that has been spared I wish to give in His service for the glory of God and salvation of many precious souls, and may I add that I am open for a call wherever my Lord may lead.

Yours, awaiting His orders,

LIC. MERED M. GRANT

North Head, N. B.

Dear Highway:

Just a few lines from this corner of the vineyard again.

We had a few special services prior to the Quarterly Meeting in which Brother Symonds was our helper. He brought deep soul-stirring messages which were appreciated by both pastor and people. The Quarterly Meeting was also a time of blessing. Although we didn't see as great results as we hoped for, we were glad for the eleven souls who were forward, some to be reclaimed or sanctified; and some for the first time. The new testimonies are still gladdening our hearts, and we are looking forward to baptism in the near future. We also had a week of pre-Easter services, during which the pastor brought the messages based on the last week of Jesus' life on earth, and Mrs. R. C. Smith, of Port Maitland, was guest soloist. Her singing was enjoyed by all.

The work here is encouraging, all the services are well attended and God's spirit is felt in blessing and conviction in all the meetings. There are still a host of souls who need the Lord, and we are continuing to believe for their salvation. At the present writing Mr. Owens is assisting Brother Cann in special meetings in Victoria Corner, N. B. May God's richest blessing rest upon all of His flock and workers, and trust that during these spring and summer months, much new territory may be taken for the cause of Holiness.

Yours in His will,

MRS. J. A. OWENS

Worry is wrong: but there is such a thing as taking things too easy. Appearance is not our main motive; but if we have the blessing we owe it to all concerned to keep up appearances accordingly. Hebrews 3:1.

TEMPERED TRUTHS

"RISEN WITH CHRIST"

The first ten verses of Colossians, chapter three, provides the basis for this article. The Christian world has once more celebrated the wonders of The Resurrection. Christ, the risen Lord, has been proclaimed Conqueror. The resurrection, however, means much to us only as we have felt its power in a personal resurrection from the death of sin. This is our privilege, and who would not glory in the prospect.

Associating the thought with the context we discover three very practical things, namely: A Test, a Triumph, and a Task.

The "test" hinges on the word "If." "If ye then be risen with Christ." If we know the resurrected life with Christ, then certain things will obtain. The first evidence of this fact will be a heaven-directed seeking. Something will have happened in our affectional sensibilities. The things of the world will lose their charm and a heavenly-mindedness will pervade our whole being. We will have no more appetite for the world's places of amusement. Love for Christ, for church, and for the Truth will be much in evidence. We will understand what our fathers meant when they testified: "The things I once loved, I now hate, and the things I once hated I now love." I am convinced that such a change is a mark of the resurrected life, and where it is not evident there is a good reason to question the genuineness of our experience. One of the outstanding characteristics of the unregenerate is an insatiable desire for things worldly. "Give me more of what this world has to offer," is the heart cry of the unregenerate. "More of its pleasures, more of its bold, more of its glamour." Since this is so, the heart cry of the Christian will be the opposite. "More of Christ, more of truth, more of grace." And this being so, we will absent the places and the persons, that are detrimental to spiritual life, and "seek the things which are above." It requires no great amount of intelligence to discern the difference between these two ways of life. Say that tonight, I attend a "movie." Someone meets me there with the question: "What are you doing here?" I answer, "Seeking to be more Christ-like, to be more spiritual." Do you know what I would get? I would get a laugh. Say that tonight, I spend several hours on the dance floor. During the evening I am faced with the question: "What are you here for?" I answer: "I am seeking to be more Christ-like, to be more spiritual." Do you know what I would get? I would get a laugh. But, say tonight I attend a prayer meeting, a preaching service, a missionary service. Someone asks me: "What are you here for?" I answer: "I am seeking to be more Christ-like, to be more spiritual." What would be the answer? "My friend, it looks as if you mean what you say."

But the Test continues. "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Our old life sloughs off and the new life in Christ begins. It was said of the disciples of our Lord, that "men took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus and learned of Him." Men looked at Peter and saw Christ. Men looked at John and saw Christ. Men looked at Stephen and saw Christ. When men watched their lives, even under great pres-

sure, all that they could think of was how greatly they resembled Christ. We New Brunswickers are justly proud of the beautiful Saint John River. Into this river flow many tributaries—the Aroostook, the Tobique, the Pokiok, the Nashwaak, etc. All of these rivers lose their identity in the greater Saint John, and we see naught but the one River. In some such manner the believer's life emerges with his divine Lord. Hence, the disciples were called "Christians" or Christ-ones. This "Test" therefore, combines a test of affections and a test of attitudes. Affections, that seek "above-things," and attitudes, Christ-like.

Then we have the Triumph. "When Christ, who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory."

Who can describe this joy? To appear with Christ in Glory, is the ultimate end of the Resurrected life. This is the Christian's "glorious hope." This is the highest honor Heaven can bestow. To stand with kings and emperors has been the dream of men, but to stand with the "King of Kings" is the heritage only of the child of God.

This will be the "glory" of relationship. A relationship in kind as well as of birth. The "sons of God" will also be "the saints of God." "We shall be LIKE Him, for we shall see Him as He is." This will be the "glory" of citizenship. In that day it will be citizens of Heaven or citizens of Hell. How fortunate for those who are "fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of faith." It will also be the glory of ownership. "Come thou blessed of My Father," will be words sweet to hear in that Day of all Days. Men who have known hardships and deprivations here will know the meaning of "many mansions" there, but the Glory of that Day will be the shining of His face, and the joy of standing in His likeness, washed whiter than snow.

And thirdly, we have the Task. "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry." Here we have a sorry list of things to destroy. We are reminded of a statement in St. John's epistle: "And every man that hath this hope in him (the hope of seeing Christ) purifieth himself, even as He is pure." Paul, here, enforces the same argument: If we are to "appear with Christ in Glory," it will be necessary for us to be cleansed from all sinful defilement, since holiness is the essential condition to our seeing God. In Paul's letter to the Thessalonians he writes: "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye may abstain from fornication," etc. So we see that the believer's safeguard against the sins mentioned in the context is the sanctification of the heart. Hence, our task, as is here set before us, is the mastering of inward defilement by the cleansing of the heart from all sin. Since such a cleansing can only be realized by the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, it is therefore incumbent upon the believer to seek and obtain this grace of purity. This is our Task, and to overlook the same is to endanger our whole Christian prospect. Our victory here, and our joy hereafter, depend upon an experience through Christ's atoning merit that knows a complete deliverance from the inbeing of sin.

Take your New Testament and turn to this third chapter of Colossians and read it again with these three thoughts in mind—the Test, the Triumph, and the Task, and I believe you will find blessing as I have. F. A. DUNLOP