

CORRESPONDENCE

Amherst, N. S.

Just a few lines to let you know that we are nicely settled in our new home in Amherst. We arrived here July 26th and found a loyal little band of Christians heroically carrying on. They have shown us every kindness and on the evening of September 11th they came to our home bringing a nice donation of groceries and spending an enjoyable time together. We like this town very much; have splendid neighbors who are very friendly and know how to make newcomers feel at home. We like our living quarters and have only to step down stairs to go to church. We have done some work to the church such as raising the floor back to its proper place, putting in some timbers and other work in the basement. We also built a shed to keep our wood in, and have done other odd jobs such as cleaning the yard, adjusting doors, making screens for the windows, driving a nail here and there, tightening screws and other minor repairs. We like the church building and enjoy our services, and feel we have here some of the Lord's beautiful sheep in our little fold, and pray we may be able to feed them with the bread of life and shelter them from the wolves of worldliness, sin and pride and through them reach others with the message of salvation.

We were sorry to leave Havelock and our good friends there, where we have spent so many years of our ministry. We have kindly remembrances of them always and pray God's richest blessing upon them.

Yours in Christian service,

P. W. AND MRS. BRIGGS

Perth, N. E.

Dear Highway Friends:

On leaving Amherst for our work in Perth, there were in our hearts mixed feelings—feelings of sadness to leave old friends and anticipation respecting our work at Perth. Before we left, our friends presented us with a beautiful bed spread. May God bless them, is our prayer.

Since coming to our people here in Perth, we are making ourselves at home. We thank the Lord for these kind people. There is a blessing in their fellowship and they have been a blessing to us also in a material sense, for they have brought us many good things from garden and farm to enrich our table for which we thank them and praise God.

We are planning revival meetings in our church here in Perth this fall, D. V. Please pray with us that there will be a great ingathering of souls into the Kingdom of God through this special effort.

Yours for souls,

LIC. & MRS. MERED GRANT

REVIVAL RECIPE

One of the surest ways for one to have a revival is for him to confess his faults as well as his sins. An humble person is more apt to become revived than an arrogant person is. "A broken and a contrite spirit will he not despise." In Matthew 5:24 we find that we must leave our gift at the altar and go and be reconciled to our brother before we offer our gift. If we will become reconciled then God will accept our gift. We are to consider three different cases where reconciliation is necessary.

1. Has my brother ought against me? Have I wronged him in the past? Has my conduct

been such that he has lost confidence in me? If I have wronged him in any manner, then the only way to become clear before God and get clear myself is to go to him humbly and ask his forgiveness. I must take the full blame and go the full length in my confession.

It may be that due to some misjudgment on my part I have treated him with coldness. My misjudging him might have caused me to feel that he did not have what he professed and consequently I have had him at a distance. Due to this attitude he may be made to feel that I have somewhat against him. This may seem like a small thing but it is enough to cause him to "have ought against" me and I must go and be reconciled.

Then again it may be that there has been some inconsistency in my life which has been a source of grief to him. I may not be conscious of the inconsistency but may have noticed that he seemed to have somewhat against me. What ever the reason has been that has caused him to have somewhat against me I must go and be reconciled. I must take the blame.

Mr. Wesley once rebuked a young fellow-minister for something he had done wrong. He asked this young fellow to apologize for his wrong but he refused to do so. "Then," said Wesley, "it is my duty to ask your forgiveness." This humble attitude on the part of Mr. Wesley caused the young man to break down and ask forgiveness.

"Has my brother ought against me?

Have I wronged him in the past?

Have I harbored unkind memories?

Have I false aspersions cast?

Have I treated him with coldness?

Passed him by—the other side?

Then, forgive me, oh! my brother,

Do not stem Revival's Tide."

2. Have I ought against my brother? It may be that I have heard something about my brother and from then on have held it against him. I did not make investigation to see if it was true but said to myself, "I know that the brother who told me is truthful and therefore it must be true." Then in spite of all my effort (?) to the contrary I cannot help feeling that he has done wrong and I shall anxiously look forward to his confessing it so that he can get back into the favor of God (?) (So that I can have the satisfaction of saying, "I told you so").

It may be that I know it to be a fact that he has done wrong and have that against him. It may be that instead of going to him alone about the matter I have discussed it with others or taken it to the church. If this is the case I have committed two evils, I have broken the command: "Speak evil of no man," and I have not been my brother's keeper.

It may be that he has acted cold or distant toward me. The suggestion keeps coming that he does not care for me as formerly. Due to this fact I become cold and distant. "A great gulf" has become a separating barrier which only confession and reconciliation will bridge.

John Wesley said, "Tell everyone what you think wrong in him, lovingly and plainly, and as soon as may be, else it will fester in your own heart. Make all haste to cast the fire out of your bosom."

"Have I ought against my brother?

False?—Imagination?—True?

Have I thought him cold and distant?

(Helped by Satan thus to view.)

Has some fancied hurt or slander,

Raised some form of injured pride?
Then forgive me, oh! my brother,
I'll not stem Revival's Tide."

3. Has my Saviour ought against me? It may be that Jesus says of me, "I know thy works nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." It may be that my love for him has been supplanted by a love for something else. It may be that I love his gifts, blessings, or favors more than I do him. It may be that he sees that I love one or more of his creatures more than I do him. I may love the work he has called me to more than I do him. If this is the case then I have left my first love, for He is my first love, and he has this against me.

Again he may say of me, "I have a few things against you because thou (holdest) the doctrine of Balaam.' Balaam taught the children of Balak to marry the children of Israel and thus bring the curse of God upon them. Someone has said that "The doctrine of Balaam is the corrupting of the Saints." He may see that I am prone to want to mix the world and godliness. I want to mix with the world enough to keep free from its finger of reproach or scorn. At the same time I want to have enough of God so that I can fellowship the saints.

He may say of me, "I know thy works, that thou are neither cold nor hot. I would that thou wert cold or hot." He may see that my love has not been supplanted but that it has grown lukewarm. It is not icy but simply less fervent than it used to be. I do not love the Lord with "a pure heart fervently."

"Has my Saviour ought against me?

Have I lost my first fond love?

Have I lost the one time fervor?

Lost the fire sent from above?

Have I cooled in my affection

For my Saviour, He who died?

Oh! forgive me, blessed Saviour,

I'll not stem Revival's Tide."

"Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother (or thy Saviour) hath ought against thee (or you have ought against your brother); leave there thy gift before the altar, and go by way; first be reconciled to thy brother (or thy Saviour) and then come and offer thy gift" (Matt. 5:23-24)—Immanuel Missionary.

TRAVAIL

During the winter of 1885-86 we were called to hold a revival meeting in Michigan. During the first days of the meeting we found many difficulties, and the powers of darkness arrayed against the work. Keenly realizing our need, we went to God in earnest prayer, and soon experienced a wonderful travail of soul for the desolation of Zion. In less than twenty-four hours from the time this wonderful spirit of wrestling prayer was given us, the work commenced to move in earnest. The pastor, in sobs and tears, confessed that he was backslidden, asked pardon of some of his members, and came to the altar seeking forgiveness of God. Many professed Christians followed his example, and in a few days the whole country was in a flame of revival, such as had never been known in that section of the country. The spiritual condition of the community was so changed that for years sinners were converted at almost every public gathering of God's people. Never elsewhere have we witnessed so sweeping and thorough a work of grace, and such wonderful manifestations of God's presence and glory.—Old Time Revivals.