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EDITORIAL

GIVING TO CHRIST

The giving of gifts is ever associated with the observance of the anniversary of the Lord Jesus. That was the occasion when God impoverished heaven by sending His Son to earth to be the Saviour of fallen humanity. While the commercial spirit and the "giving expecting something in return" attitude, is prevalent in the world, yet I think there are some who appreciate, and are capable of entering into and enjoying the high motive which gave us the Christmas season.

As suggested, the true spirit of Christmas springs from God Himself, and the revelation of His love in the gift of His Son. The contagion of that spirit was revealed clearly at the incident of the visit to Bethlehem, of the eastern magi. "When they saw the star," the guiding light which brought them to where the child lay, "they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts." There is a picture of the spirit of Christmas in its original beauty and purity. The discovery of the Gift of God, the realization of the character and value of the same, and the pouring out of precious gifts as a spontaneous expression of love and gratitude.

The dollar-seeker, the pleasure-seeker, the self-seeker, may miss the way to Bethlehem and terribly abuse the sacred spirit of our Yuletide season, but we need not follow in their train. There were mercenary inn-keepers, fun-loving holiday crowds, and ruthless Herods at the time of Christ's birth, but the wise men followed the star, found the Lord, and fell at His feet in gift-worship. So we may reject and resist the worldly influences of this time-serving age, and, following the guiding light of the Gospel, go "even unto Bethlehem," until we have a personal revelation of the glorious Redeemer, and in the atmosphere of His saving presence realize and enjoy the true meaning of the nativity we commemorate. Let us go, let us worship, let us give!

"Christ wants the best. He in far-off ages
Once claimed the firstling of the flock, the
finest of the wheat;

And still He asks His own with gentle pleading

To lay their highest hopes and brightest
talent at His feet;

He'll not forget the feeblest service, humblest
love;

He only asks of our store we give to Him
The best we have.

"And is our best too much, O friends, let us
remember

How once our Lord poured out His soul
for us,

And in the prime of His mysterious manhood
Gave up his precious life upon the cross;
The Lord of lords, by whom the worlds were
made,

Through bitter grief and tears gave us
The best He had."

CORRESPONDENCE

Jonesport, Maine

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in the name of our Saviour and Risen Lord. We wish to take this opportunity to report the work here. From the time of Beulah until early fall our attendance was very small due greatly to many of our people being away following the fishing business, and an epidemic of whooping cough in the community.

During the first week of September I was able to visit with my father and mother for two days in New Hampshire.

Since the beginning of October our church attendance has been on the increase and now is better than any time since we began our work here. Our Sunday school is the highest with a new class added.

It is the custom for a number of the church group to meet at the parsonage at Hallowe'en, dressed in styles befitting the holiday, and it is the task of pastor and wife to discover their identity. After a pleasant time together we found upon their departure, vegetables, canned goods, money, etc., which all added up to a nice sum.

In October we began special prayer sessions for our special meetings. On Nov. 4th Brother Dunlop came to us for a meeting. The blessing of God was upon the services from the first. The Lord blessed our brother in bringing soul searching messages which were attended by great conviction, but many whom we knew God was calling, failed to yield. The services continued through Nov. 25th. The church was greatly edified and we are still praying souls will accept the Lord as Saviour, or renew their covenant.

We enjoyed the privilege of having our brother with us and enjoyed his fellowship in the home. We pray God's blessing on him in his future meetings.

To all The Highway readers we extend the Season's Greetings.

S. G. & MRS. HILYARD

Newport, R. I.

Dear Highway Friends,

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". As this year draws to a close we are

deeply grateful for the manifold blessings of God. It was our privilege to have Rev. Fraser A. Dunlop for a series of evangelistic meetings during the month of October. The inspiring messages were a blessing and uplift to the Christian, and resulted in definite work among the unsaved. We trust that the convictions that rested on souls will yet bear fruit.

We are looking forward to the new new year trusting for a greater harvest of souls.

To all our people we wish a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours in His Service.

NORMAN E. TRAFTON

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 4 convened with the church at Port Maitland, Nov. 29 -Dec. 2.

The opening message of the Quarterly was delivered by Rev. R. T. Sabine from Phil 4:13 Theme "More Than Conquerors".

On Friday afternoon a social service was led by Mrs. Kenneth Sullivan.

Friday evening's message was brought by Rev. B. D. Price, Text, Matt. 6:27. His message was on resting and trusting in the Lord.

Saturday afternoon the business session was held. Ministers present: Revs. B. D. Price, R. T. Sabine, H. S. Mullen and Lic. K. E. Sullivan.

Delegates: Sandford: Mrs. Everett Bain, Dorthea Landers.

Woods Harbour: Ruth Price.

Port Maitland: Iona Smith and Mrs. Edward Smith.

Havelock: Mrs. Judson Mullen and Lic. Kenneth Sullivan.

Churches reporting by letter were Port Maitland and Havelock.

Verbal reports were given from Sandford, Brazil Lake, Shag Harbour and Woods Harbour.

Preaching Saturday evening by Rev. R. T. Sabine, text John 4:13, 14. Theme "Two Wells". The Sunday morning Love Feast was led by Mrs. Judson Mullen.

At ten-thirty Lic. K. E. Sullivan preached his theme being "Rejoice Abundantly in Christ".

Sunday afternoon, Rev. R. T. Sabine preached from Jeremiah 18:4. Theme: "The Clay and the Potter."

The closing message of the Quarterly was delivered by Rev. B. D. Price, text John 6:35. This service closed with six young people at the altar.

We also enjoyed during the Quarterly, special music, solos, trios and quartettes.

We again give thanks to God for the blessings and times of refreshing from the Lord during the Quarterly Meeting.

LOIS HERSEY, Secretary.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To all the members of The Highway family the Editor extends sincere good wishes at this Christmas season. May the Christ whose birth we commemorate, fill your hearts with joy and peace.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6.