

Letters from Our Pastors

Saint John, N. B.

Dear Highway Friends,

Greetings in Jesus name.

It seems that rather a semi-annual report is due from us at this time, as it has been quite a while since we occupied any space in our good paper. We will try to be as brief as possible.

The first special effort of our new church year began in September 1945 when we were privileged to have Sister Laura Walker and her mother, Mrs. T. W. DeLong, from Waltham, Mass, with us, for a meeting. They both proved a real blessing to our church.

Sister Walker had the most beautiful scene-o'-felt pictures of the Bible, accompanying her messages and song, that the church had ever seen. Her work among the children and young people was also very impressive. Souls were saved and sanctified in this meeting, who are still going on, and enjoying God's blessing.

As soon as this meeting closed a great deal of repair work was done, and beautiful coats of paint were applied to our church buildings, outside and in, making a great improvement also a beautiful set of modern lights was installed, a gift by one of our good brethren, so that Thanksgiving day found us very grateful, to our Heavenly Father, for all these blessings and for the privilege of laboring with these good people.

In December we began another revival campaign with Rev. M. C. Willis, as evangelist, and again God came and blessed and refreshed our hearts. The attendance was not as large as the previous year, but several souls sought and found victory, and many of His children deepened spiritually, through fasting and prayer.

Then the Christmas season was upon us, with all its happy times of blessing. Different members of our church kindly remembered us with gifts and money, which were greatly appreciated as well as the many cards from far and near.

On a Sunday night in January, our hearts were made to rejoice again, as we received six new members into church membership.

So you see, God has a band of precious souls in Saint John, who are still "alive unto God."

Then last, but not least, was our week-end meeting with Brother and Sister Cochrane, February 22-24 inclusive. His messages were greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the church, and we feel our lives were enriched by their fellowship in our home.

The Youth Rally in the Gospale Tabernacle, where Brother Cochrane spoke on Saturday night, was said to have been "the best ever". Truly the unction of the Holy One was on our brother, resulting in many young people being stirred as never before, and one young woman finding Christ.

Pray for us, as we begin another campaign for souls with Brother Israelson, next month.

Yours happy in His service.

G. A. AND MRS. DELONG

TEMPERED TRUTHS

F. A. Dunlop

"For there are certain men crept in, unawares."
"But ye beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith."

We have here, Jude's recipe for dark days. In our last Highway article we spoke of certain dark days in the world's history. Also, pointing out the fact that in each instance the dark days of history were brought in as a result of spiritual decline on the part of God's people. Certain men,

had "turned the grace of God into lasciviousness." We are aware that many present day church leaders resent even the suggestion that our world is not growing better, but we are also aware of the fact that data gathered from the four corners of the earth present a rather dismal picture. Germany is floundering in a sea of destruction. Her murderous attempt has been repulsed, and frightful judgments have fallen upon her own people. Russia arises on the world's horizon as a threat to permanent peace. This fact in itself is sufficient proof that the Christian spirit in that land is all but extinct. Asiatic countries are in a constant state of turmoil, while England struggles to regain her national prestige and America grapples with an unprecedented crime-wave. The world is staggering under a burden that grows heavier every twenty-four hours.

"Certain men have crept in".

Jude tells us where to look for the cause. Germany had her revival of Deism, and her religious leaders have recently reported upon the justice of her judgments. Russia knew her long years of commercialized religion. The church grew rich through trafficking in souls. Then the populace arose in contempt of all claims to a supernatural religion and as a result Russia won for herself the undesirable title, "The Land of the Godless". In this land of ours, we have no reason to be shocked today when our young people pass by our churches on their way to the Sunday Movies, and the modern night-clubs. For the past twenty-five years or more, we have paid educators in our State Universities to rob them of their faith in God and everything supernatural. Even in our great church organizations, no man could get a peep into office unless he was an avowed modernist. These things make for a harvest of infidelity and atheism and we are reaping it today in real earnest. The past six years however, have thrown us back a bit, and many of our teen-agers are finding their way back into the evangelical churches. This is the most hopeful sign that I see anywhere on the church calendar. We pray there may be life enough in the churches, to whom they turn, to lead them straight through to a heart experience of saving grace. The Church is challenged today and her answer to the challenge will determine the outcome. Christ and history agree in this: When the spiritual thermometer of the Church rises, the moral standards of the nations rise, and when the spiritual life of the Church wanes the morals of the Nations take a plunge downward. "Ye are the salt of the earth, but, if the salt has lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted." Its preservative is gone when the Church loses her God-given salt. Hence, Christ has always been more concerned about the condition of the Church than the condition of the world.

The remedy for Jude's dark day was to be found in the Church. "But ye beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith." The remedy is to be found, if found at all, among the best. Jude is writing to the sanctified. The sanctified hold the key, and the key is an increase of spiritual life. "A building program" among the sanctified. This saved the world in Luther's day; this saved England in Wesley's day; this saved New England in Inney's day; and if our day is to be saved, it will be saved by the same means. The work of redemption will begin in the Church and will be universal enough to exert an influence of saving power sufficient to lift the world. As I read the Scripture I am led to believe, that one of the things which will hasten the Great Day of the Lord will be a loss of faith and power in the Church which renders her incapable of being

a salvation factor in the earth. According to Peter, "The husbandman waiteth for but one thing; the precious fruit of the earth." When this no longer is being realized sufficiently to satisfy the holder of events, the end will come.

I think there is more than a hint of this in Jude's epistle. Associated with conditions referred to, he quotes from a former prophecy, "Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all." The whole chapter seems to bear a "Last Day" setting. Would to God the whole Protestant church would arise and put on such a building program of spiritual power that the world would know once more, before Christ comes, what a revival of salvation can do toward correcting this world's ills. Will you be one that will help to begin it? Will I?

"NON-MISSIONARY IS NON-CHRISTIAN"

William Adams Brown, whose name is almost synonymous with "foreign missions," used to silence all thinking objectors in his audiences with this striking apologetic:

1. Every book in the New Testament was written by a foreign missionary.

2. Every letter in the New Testament that was written to an individual was written to a convert of a foreign missionary.

3. Every Epistle in the New Testament that was written to a church was written to a foreign missionary church.

4. The disciples were called Christians first in a foreign missionary community.

5. Of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus, every apostle except one became a missionary.

6. The only one among the twelve apostles who did not become a missionary became a traitor.

7. The problems which arose in the early church were largely questions of missionary procedure.

8. According to the apostles, missionary services is the highest expression of Christian life.—Sel.

OBITUARY

Robert Fraser of Seal Cove, New Brunswick, died March 2nd at the age of 81 years. He had been in failing health for the past few years. Mr. Fraser had been an interested member of the Seal Cove Reformed Baptist Church for many years. Although inactive for some time, he renewed his vows during the past year and left a clear testimony to this effect.

The funeral service was held from the home of Fletcher Harvey of Seal Cove. The Reformed Baptist mixed quartet rendered three selections in song. The service was conducted by Rev. G. R. Symonds.

Mr. Fraser is survived by one son, Kenneth, of Bear River, N. S., two daughters, Mrs. Fletcher Harvey, and Mrs. Otis Foote, both of Seal Cove; one brother, Cummings Fraser, of New York; and one sister, Mrs. Dr. Young, of Pictou, N. S.

To the bereaved we extend our sympathy.

Mrs. Diadama McLeod

The day after our last Highway went to press we received word of the death of our aged sister, **Mrs. Diadama McLeod**. Sister McLeod went to be with the Lord March 5th, ten days before her 102nd birthday. A more complete account of Sister McLeod's obituary will appear in the April 15th Highway.