

Pray that these workers will be successful as they start from scratch in their undertaking to spread the Gospel.

I wonder if I told you about the two hundred acre Mission site the African church has pledged itself to buy within the next two years near Grootspuit? We have nearly obtained our objective as far as pledges is concerned as there are now more than for hundred and seventy-five pounds pledged.

Our Shangaan preacher, Simon Mabasa, is preparing to move to this site. Alfred Metula will probably follow him next winter in July or August. When these moves are complete all of our preachers except one or two will be residing on Mission owned or Mission leased sites or in Government Locations and Reserves.

Yesterday I ploughed up a spot above the Mission house as the first step in building a new church building at Altona. We shall first level off the site and then start on the foundation and build as long as our money lasts. Those who gave Memorial Funds to the Altona Church will have their money go into this project. We shall make this a permanent building as we shall use burned brick, and cement for the foundation. We probably will take several years to finish it as we shall need to wait for funds from time to time. We also want to make the new building larger than the one built by the Sterritt Sisters as the present building gets very full on special occasions.

Continue to pray for your African work as we need your prayers on every line—for evangelistic work, building, schools, hospitals, and extension.

Yours in His glad service,
EUGENE A. M. KIERSTEAD.

LETTERS FROM OUR PASTORS

Perth, N. B.,
Nov. 11, 1946

Dear Highway Friends,

Greetings in Jesus' name.

We are glad to report victory in our souls. The work of God in this part of His vineyard is holding steady.

We solicit the prayers of all God's children to pray for the work here that He will visit it with a gracious out-pouring of His Holy Spirit until we shall witness a revival.

Yours for souls,
M. M. and Mrs. Grant.

Hartland, N. B.,
November 6, 1946

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in Jesus' Name. Recently we held revival meetings at Gordonsville and Victoria Corner. The churches were fortunate in having Lic. Percy Green in the former and Rev. and Mrs. N. E. Trafton in the latter, all Spirit filled, willing workers.

At Gordonsville there were immediate results from the preaching of the Word and we know that results will follow at Victoria.

The work at Gordonsville is encouraging. The young men from our Bible School supply on Sundays and their labors are deeply appreciated by the people.

Yours for souls,
A. D. Cann.

P. S. In making this report I would like to make special mention of Sister Trafton who came to our work for the first time. We found her to be a fine Spirit-filled Christian and her fellowship and ministry in song were greatly

appreciated by our people. Our churches are fortunate in having so many fine evangelists in the field this year. May the Lord help us to see our present work built up and some new churches established.

A. D. C.

HOLINESS VERSUS WORLDINESS

A contribution to the Highway by
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The Apostle Paul exhorted the brethren of the church at Thessalonica saying, "ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more (in faith) . . . For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication." Then by way of comparison he asserted, "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." I Thessalonians 4:1-7.

Under the caption of this word "uncleanness," there is an ever-widening category of wickedness and sin, all of which is in direct opposition to holiness. There are only two classes of people in the world, namely, the unclean, and the holy. Having become a "partaker of the divine nature," and living in conformity to the perfect will of God, one is essentially distinguished from the unrenewed worldlings, and is no longer actuated by their principles and precepts, nor governed by their maxims and customs. Thus we have "escaped the corruption that is in the world," for we are "called to glory and virtue." II Peter 1:3, 4.

Every child of God is anxious to subscribe to the whole will of the heavenly Father, and earnestly seeks to know what his will is. A careful study of God's word, and by giving heed to the definite leading of the Holy Spirit will reveal unmistakably the will of God concerning us. In the above text, we see his will is that we "abstain from fornication"; in the Greek text, this has reference to both physical and spiritual fornication. We also learn from this text that God's will is that we are to be sanctified.

The new birth severs us from the world, and transforms us into the kingdom of grace. James tells us that "the friendship of the world is enmity with God. Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." The Greek text reads, "Whosoever therefore may wish to be the friend of the world, renders himself the enemy of God." John Wesley renders "the friendship of the world" as meaning "the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eye, and the pride of life, or courting the favor of worldly men. Whosoever seeks either the happiness or favor of the world, does thereby constitute himself an enemy of God."

It is an axiom that we of the body of Christ, and also the outside world, expect to find "fruit unto holiness" within the Church, but upon close investigation of the average professing church, the poor old half-damned world finds all sorts of worldliness, and a sad lack of spiritual power to answer their heart's cry and give them the message of full salvation, hope and cheer. Thus the sinner is turned away sadly disappointed. Many a prodigal comes asking for bread and gets a stone; asking for fish and gets a scorpion. Instead of a burning passion for souls, and revival fires burning, there are pageants, programs, pride and dead religion.

We read in Paul's letter to the Romans (12:2), "Be not conformed to this world." From the Greek text this reads, "Be not fashioned after this world." Much is said of "fash-

ions" these days, and comparatively speaking, there are few people who are not bowing the knee to the god of fashion. New fads sweep the country overnight, and worldly-minded people swing in line regardless the cost, or how ridiculous it looks. The churches are beset with these worldly-minded people, with their fashions, pomp and pride, and the blessed third person of the Trinity has been grieved and crowded out. Some choirs are filled with worldliness, symbolized by bobbed hair, painted faces, lips, and finger-nails; short skirts, sleeveless dresses, anklets, toeless shoes, rings, ear-rings and jewelry which things are strictly forbidden by the word of God among "holy women." I Peter 3:1-5. The American people spend \$1,000,000,000 a year for jewelry, and the tax alone on cosmetics cost Americans \$45,000,000 in 1944. This sum of money would go a long way to evangelizing the world. Who dare say this is not "spending money for that which is not bread", Church members who would rather adorn themselves with jewelry than with "the beauty of holiness," who spend more time before the mirror than before the throne of grace, will some day answer to God for part of this extravagance. The late Dr. W. B. Godbey said, "If you get sanctified, you no longer need artistic beauty in any of its forms or phases, as you have the beauty of holiness which so eclipses all other as to bury them away in eternal oblivion." Friends, it is the time for a general renovation of every form of worldliness in the holiness movement, and to set our spiritual house in order that the Holy Spirit may return to his temple and continue his mighty work of convincing and converting souls to God.

God designs His Church to be holy, and has amply provided for this. "Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate." Holiness is the nature and attribute of God; having his nature we are therefore holy, and with Paul we can say, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me." Again he said, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross . . . by whom the world (its system, fashions and ambitions) is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Galatians 6:14. Full salvation effects a death to all sin. Worldliness is the outward manifestation of a sinful heart. Churchanity, being baptized, repeating the apostles' creed, partaking of the sacraments, or taking on some form of religion will never remove inbred sin from the heart: it must be cleansed away, entirely eradicated by the efficacious blood of Christ through the administration of the Holy Ghost.

Holiness is the normal life of a saint. Holiness is not optional: it is definitely mandatory. If you reject holiness, it is because you do not want a pure heart. Unless we have a mighty revival within the professing church, we can never expect a turning to God among sinners. The revival for which we pray, desire, and all agree is badly needed must first begin with the professing church: then it will spread outside our borders and reach our unsaved friends and loved ones. Let us seek to live consistently before others and thus bring glory and honor to the name of Jesus. If you profess to be a Christian and do otherwise, you dishonor His name, and impede His cause, for you are a stumblingblock to others, especially the weaker ones. If you persist in so doing, you must give account at the judgment. May God help us all to live godly lives before this present evil world is my sincere prayer.

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