

## LETTERS FROM OUR PASTORS

Moncton, N. B.

"My soul shall make her boast in the Lord, the humble shall hear thereof and be glad."

As we have been made to rejoice in the good reports that have come from various churches during recent months, we thought it might be a means of encouragement to others to know of the Lord's presence with us here at Moncton.

During the winter months the blessing of the Lord has been upon our services. Attendance has been good and interest keen in all the departments of the work. Our weekly radio ministry is shared by thousands of listeners throughout the Maritimes and God has wonderfully helped us in this very important undertaking. The young people's meetings have been largely attended throughout the winter months and the Sunday School attendance has reached an average almost 100% above that of four years ago. The future of our work here is promising, with these departments in a flourishing state.

Easter week we had a memorable Missionary Convention. Rev. W. A. Smith, of the National Holiness Missionary Society, Miss Pearl Young, of the China Inland Mission, Mrs. H. C. Sanders and the Sterritt Sisters were with us during the Convention, and each of these workers made a splendid contribution to the meeting. The interest of the people in missions mounted steadily through the week and the Convention created a vision and interest in the evangelization of those "who sit in darkness" beyond anything we have felt before. On Easter Sunday, in spite of very bad weather which greatly reduced our attendance, a record amount was raised for missions.

We are happy and thankful to report that a number of souls have found the Lord in our regular services during the past few months.

We are completing our fifth year of pastoral service with the people of Moncton, and we gratefully acknowledge the earnest and faithful support of a people whom we have learned to love in the Lord and with whom we have had very blessed fellowship in the Gospel.

With a steadfast purpose to be true to God and loyal to our high calling, we face the future with the expectancy of further advancement in the work, and earnestly solicit your prayers in our behalf.

Yours in the Master's Name

B. C. &amp; MRS. COCHRANE

Hartland, N. B.

Dear Highway Friends:

Christian greetings. We feel a report from this field is in order at this time. We have nearly completed three years on this circuit. The work is encouraging. We are aware that Satan is in opposition to the work of God and hence a constant opponent to any forward movement in the church. We have a mighty Saviour and he is working with us.

Our revival meeting in Hartland during the month of January was a great blessing to the church. Our faith in God and the great doctrines of the church was greatly strengthened. On the last Sunday of the meetings the Sunday School sponsored a rally which resulted in a record attendance. Brother Dunlop and Paul Mullen labored faithfully and a good foundation was laid for a second meeting at Victoria Corner. Here Brother N. M. Israelson, of Berry, Alabama, labored fervently in the Lord and a number of souls were saved and sanctified. These services were well at-

tended, not only by people from Victoria, but Marland, Perth and surrounding country. We had more visible results in this meeting than any previous meeting during our time at Victoria.

The last Sunday of the meetings our evangelist made an appeal to the folk over the circuit—Lower Brighton, Hartland, Victoria for an offering to assist the pastor in repairing his car or buying a new one. Well over \$200.00 in cash was given the pastor as a result of this appeal. To this kind-hearted evangelist and good people we express our deep appreciation. We would also take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Brother Grant, Brother McCrea and others from Perth who contributed much to our meetings by their attendance and help in singing, etc. Also to the students and faculty members of the New Brunswick Bible Institute and Holiness Bible Institute. The male quartette from H. B. I. was especially good and we suggest that these fine young men be kept busy for the Lord in this kind of work.

The church at Lower Brighton was beautifully redecorated in time for Easter Sunday. This was due to a gift of money from the late Brother Byron Brown and from present members of the congregation. The labor was done voluntarily by the church and people of the community. With all these good things we take courage to press on for the coming year, with "Holiness unto the Lord."

Yours for victory,

A. D. and MRS. CANN

Black's Harbour, N. B.

Dear Highway Friends:

Perhaps you would be happy to learn that we have had a revival in this place. We began our meetings March 31st, continuing over April 21st. We had as our evangelist, Rev. N. M. Israelson, who came to us in the fulness of the blessing and labored faithfully, giving his best; and this coupled with prayer and fasting, yea much earnest prayer by the church, brought God on the scene and as a result our church has been encouraged and strengthened. We had a goodly number of seekers for which we give God all the glory.

Yours in His service,

H. S. &amp; MRS. WILSON

## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

## HOLDING FAST—TO WHAT?

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering"—Heb. 10:23.

Ronald T. Sabine\*

Before we hold fast to anything we want to be sure to what we are holding. In the physical universe it is all important that we hold on to the right things when in places of peril. In the financial world, deciding the securities of permanent value is essential. But above all, spiritual holdings should demand our most careful and prayerful considerations.

We are in an age when mankind assumes many attitudes toward the profession of faith. Denominations give out to their followers various ideas as to what profession of faith means. Many even differ from the ideas as presented by their church leaders in this regard. We would like to approach this field from two angles—the external, profession, and the internal, heart possession.

Man was created a being with religious instincts. Our so-called Christian society has created in many a feeling of the necessity to adhere

to a profession of Christianity in order to be a respectable citizen. In following this trend, humanity has evolved a form of religion based on the outward appearance. How alike the Scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day whom He named hypocrites! Times in many respects have not changed.

Having gone and still passing through a period of scarcity of many things, we have learned, many times to our sorrow, that what we thought was genuine by appearance has proved worthless at the heart. Nothing which is unsound at heart gives lasting satisfaction.

From the beginning of time we have records of those who tried to give the impression as being spiritually alive but at heart were something else. King Saul, after he had failed to do God's command professed to Samuel that he had obeyed God and was still His man. What a terrible end came to this backslidden professor! Surely this warning ought to catch the attention of backslidden professors today. The fact that once an experience was enjoyed does not mean that it will always remain. It is kept by abiding in Him as the Master said.

In the case of Saul and his counterparts today, we find that a knowledge of disobedience is present but there is cowardice in admitting failure. And yet there is a desire of still having God's approbation and that of man. How prevalent is this type in the professed church. God help us to admit our failures and, as Peter, seek God's forgiveness by genuine repentance with all that it involves—confessions, restitutions, etc. What a different place the church today would be in if there were not so many holding on to copy professions.

Upon cleaving to such veneer religiously, the individual is unwilling to walk in light. No group is harder for God to do anything with than this class and the longer such a course is continued the sure destruction will follow.

Samson 'wist not that the spirit of God had departed from him.' He still held on his profession. Testifying of former joys does not mean present experience. It is truly sad when any professor shall lose God out of the life and not know it. It is evidence of a condition of no contact with Jesus Christ. How tragic when profession still goes on after the loss has occurred!

Profession is what one says he is but heart cannot take its place. A true heart possession is 'a pearl of great price', which, when having found, should be held with all care. This is the profession of faith to which the Scripture admonishes us to hold fast.

Profession is what one says he is but heart possession is the result of God's power in operation in the life. To the latter hold fast. It is something which far exceeds and transcends anything which man can conjure or devise. It is an inwrought work which works out in our every day lives. Our whole life—thoughts, attitudes, words, and acts—issue forth from its pure source.

This is that which really makes us Christ-like: that which puts Christ's kingdom first; that which puts self in a place of humility and exalts others; that which causes the soul to reach out for all that God has for him or her and goes to the limit to enable others to have God's best.

It is the anchor to the soul in the time of storm, yet at the same time, drives the soul out into the oceans of God's love, grace, opportunities, privileges.

Truly it is a mine of precious stones—the deeper it goes the richer it gets; the greater values the nuggets have.

It is a possession that as time goes on its value

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