

on the parable of the ten virgins, and he did demonstrate some in illustrating the truth that he was trying to bring, and all that he said was good and scriptural too, but, when he made his altar call, there was no response, it was very obvious that there was no conviction; of course he was greatly disappointed and said to this writer, when I preached that message at F—I had nine seekers at the altar and a great service. We ask again, why the difference?

We have been in meetings where the preacher seemed to be very tender in spirit and seemed to get red eyes and shed tears, then we saw him do the same thing when he was imitating someone else crying, and a young woman who also had been attending his meetings said, that preacher can't fool me any more, that crying of his is all put on.

Well, we believe that if the Holy Spirit moves or inspires the preacher to jump, shout, laugh, sing, or cry, or what not, and he obeys, that his demonstrations will be beneficial. But, when he without much prayer and waiting upon God for his messages, depends mostly upon what he has learned and the sermons that he has in his head, or case, as he travels from place to place, and though he may go through the same demonstrations that he had been moved to, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he will have no more power to move souls than Sampson had after he was shorn of the seven locks of his head.

It has been said that the preacher is most successful the first ten years of his ministry, before he learns how to preach and while he depends upon God and not upon his own ability, which thing may become a worthless substitute or as the prophet puts it a cistern, broken cistern that can hold no water, or (No Blessing). So, God have mercy on us and help us to hold to Him, and to depend more upon the Holy Spirit, the fountain of living waters.

## Letters from Our Pastors

Port Maitland, N. S.

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in the name of Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us, even Jesus.

This is your humble servant, H. S. Mullen coming asking for a little space in your columns.

I am sitting up some now every day, though am far from well, don't seem to be gaining strength very fast. I'm sure you have all been praying for me. I ask you to please keep it up. Perhaps God will give you, some one of you, the prayer of faith. While you pray for me don't forget to include my dear wife for she is not at all well either. The other night we thought for sure she was leaving us but thank God He has spared her to us this far. She has high blood pressure along with other troubles.

The very severe attack of coronary thrombosis has taken a great deal out of me. I don't know when I'll ever preach again, or if ever. I'm hoping and praying that God will touch and heal and let me have a little more time to labor in His blessed vineyard. I'm in His hands and want only His blessed will to be done.

It did seem quite hard to be laid aside so suddenly for such a long time, over two months, not being able to sit up for five minutes even. Some of the time I felt quite near the border, my soul seemed to be playing about the hearth of my heavenly home. How

blessed to know in such times as this that you are right with God.

I want to thank all who have been sending me "get-well" cards. They've come from far and near and so many of them, and in different ones there were gifts to assist us in paying the doctor bills. Thank you. Again I want to thank my dear people here on this circuit who have been so very kind and thoughtful of the pastor and wife in their illness.

On account of my illness they thought they would not be able to have the usual gathering at the parsonage, so on thanksgiving night a few people from the Port Maitland Church and also Sandford came with a truck loaded down with good things. They carried in till you'll wonder where it was all coming from and when they finished passed over a nice purse of money. And now at Christmas time they have again been bestowing upon us deeds of love and kindness. Brazil Lake, as well as Sandford and Port Maitland have given us purses of money, besides this individuals have given us lovely gifts. We do thank them all so much for all they have been and are doing for us.

Now just a word of thanks for the two hundred and over Christmas cards we have received, many of them having cash inclosed to help along the way. We do appreciate all these kindnesses so much. Thank you all again and God bless you for same.

We were unable to attend any of the meetings during our two revival campaigns at Brazil Lake or Sandford, when we had Evangelist M. C. Willis as our special worker. He and son Paul, seemed to make a very good team and the people stood by and God blessed and we thank the Lord for the good results that we were told about night after night when they would come home.

We are now looking forward to February when we expect to have Rev. N. M. Israelson here at Port Maitland for revival services Feb. 2 over the 23rd. Please pray that God will give us a gracious revival.

Wishing the editor and all readers of the Highway a very prosperous New Year, will close. Pray for us.

Yours in Christian love,  
H. S. AND MRS. MULLEN.

## GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY

By the Rev. E. E. Shelhamer

"The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness".  
(Proverbs 16:31).

There are two kinds of people—those who are mellow and inspiring, and those who are the reverse. Let us first study "Whatsoever is lovely."

1. **Growing mellow.** As one grows older, his voice and manner should lose its harshness and loudness and become soft and tender.

2. **Being slow to speak.** How blessed to see an elderly person, whose words and advice are like "apples of gold in pictures of silver"—(Prov. 25:11).

3. **Growing more sympathetic.** This lovely quality is one thing that can be retained, though health and beauty fail. Thank God that it is possible to "Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep"—(Rom. 12:15).

4. **Being considerate toward youth.** It is too bad when sensible youth find no fellow-

ship with the middle-aged and old. Grant that young people sometimes are noisy, awkward and stubborn, yet it is beautiful to see a mature saint who is full of forgiveness and consideration.

5. **Being well poised.** Young people as a rule are given to rashness and readiness to answer back. Not so with one who has come through much sorrow and suffering. He waits until all have gushingly expressed themselves; then, if he is asked, he gives his opinion, well "seasoned with salt" (Col. 4:6).

6. **Self-forgetfulness.** This is a world of hate and selfishness. But instead of fighting for your own rights, or pitying yourself, it is blessed to forget your troubles in trying to assuage the grief of others. Self-forgetfulness is beautiful in all, but especially in one who himself has had much sorrow.

## Notice the Unlovely Side

7. **Being untidy.** It does not cost much to have spots removed from clothes; to keep clean ears, collars and fingernails; shoes should not be run over, or lack the shine.

8. **Being close.** Why should an old person skimp or go without, especially if he has more than he is likely to use? Stinginess grows upon one. Why leave your property to ungodly relatives? Answer, **Covetousness.**

9. **Bad table manners.** Babies must have bibs and even then they frequently upset things. But a dignified old gentleman should be too orderly to act as though he were half-starved. His spoon and fork should have their proper places.

10. **Being grouchy.** How sad to see an old person, who at church or home, is hard to please. He must have a certain seat, a certain knife, and in other ways he is touchy and unlovely. God have mercy!

11. **Relating things over and over.** In his talk he harks back to the past and repeats himself, so that he is no longer inspiring. "The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways" (Pro. 14:14). This might apply to some preachers.

12. **Being queer about little things.** Why should a big man, or woman be unpleasant around home? Why insist on a certain way of building fires, drying dishes, ventilation, placing furniture and a dozen and one other things? Why not study how to be agreeable and work for peace, even if you cannot have everything according to your liking? Let us strive then to be holy, happy healthy and honorable.

## "ONLY ONE LIFE"

"Two little lines I heard one day  
As I plodded along in my usual way,  
And they rang in my ears again, again,  
Repeating in solemn, sweet refrain:  
'Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.'

"Only one life; The still small Voice  
Gently allures to the better choice,  
Bidding me never to let selfish aims  
Overshadow my Saviour's claims.  
Give me, Saviour, a purpose deep,  
In joy or sorrow Thy trust to keep.

"And so through trouble, care and strife  
Glorify Thee in my daily life.  
'Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.'"

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