

## CORRESPONDENCE

Mary, Wolfe Co., Ky.,  
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Dear Highway Friends:

It seems like a dream that good-byes have been said, the trip ended, and at last I'm at my post in this home mission field in the Kentucky Mountains.

Regarding my coming, the Lord blessed in all preparations. His guidance and presence was felt at every turn of the road. During all the tedious and complicated procedure necessary to secure a visa, I felt the assurance God was leading and would supply every need. He has been faithful. Praise His Name! During the days of travel His presence was enjoyed.

In this way I wish to express a heart-felt "thank-you" to everyone who made possible my coming to this needy field. Occasionally a donation of money was received when the donor wished to remain unknown. One such gift came from Brookfield, N. S. Again a certain person passed me an amount of money contributed by some people of the Moncton church. When I asked, "Whom am I to thank?", the answer was, "Thank the Lord." That I have done, for I know He prompted the giving. However, I would have liked to thank personally the individual givers. Another time I was made grateful to the Moncton church people when, on the occasion of a farewell party held at the home of Mrs. Caruthers, they presented to me a nice leather brief case. The financial and moral support of these people is appreciated. Since I have lived in Moncton a good part of my time, the people there seem dear to me.

The last week before leaving, I spent an enjoyable time at my home in Port Maitland, N. S. Farewell gifts of money and useful articles were given by relatives and friends. Generous sums of money were given by my home church there and the Sandford Young People's Society. Until I get time to write individual letters, kindly accept my expression of gratitude through these lines. May God bless all who contributed.

I am grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harding for the enjoyable week-end at their home in Cincinnati, en route to Kentucky. They left nothing undone that would make my visit pleasant, showing many places of interest in that city. I was particularly interested in God's Bible School. At first I was disappointed because there was not the usual Sunday afternoon service, but was glad after I learned the cause was due to a special campaign carried on whereby the students were going out in bands spreading the gospel in the city. For those who came expecting an afternoon service, a prayer and praise service was conducted by Miss White (better known to the students as "Mother White"). I enjoyed this meeting and appreciated the warm invitation she gave, to visit the Bible School any week-end.

After a day's journey the following Monday, I was met at Jackson, Ky. station by two lady teachers of Ky. Mt. Bible Institute. It was the desire of the president, Rev. Lela McConnell, that I stay for a week or so and get acquainted at Headquarters, where also is established the Mount Carmel High School, and about a mile from there, the Kentucky Mountain Bible Institute. The visit there was indeed a pleasure. From the first I was well impressed by both schools, which were kept so clean and attractive. The Bible School is quite

new, built in 1939 to replace the one washed away in the flood that year. Providentially the tragedy happened before school opened. However a number of teachers and workers were washed away with the building, which collapsed. Clinging to pieces of debris, some floated on the swift current down the Kentucky River. One lady teacher went as far as ten miles before being rescued. Several lives were lost, including Mr. Myers (preacher and Bible teacher) and his three young children. His wife is still teaching at the Bible Institute. She is a very sweet woman, and godly. I enjoyed being in a few classes taught by her, as well as those others taught.

What impressed me most at both schools was the beautiful spirit of love and fellowship among the workers there. Miss McConnell takes care to engage sanctified teachers and workers. Some have dedicated their lives to this work. None are on salary. All are provided for through faith in God. The products of answered prayer are seen in every department of this work. The doctrine of second-blessing holiness holds preeminence in word and life.

I am thankful for the same teaching which I've received through associations with the Reformed Baptist churches. Were I not in possession of this heart experience I'd not feel much at home with these spiritual workers here. However, I'm glad I speak the same spiritual Canaan-land language, and feel "one of them". I've been enriched by the atmosphere at Headquarters during my short visit, and was privileged to speak at a chapel service in each school.

On Wednesday, the thirteenth, I came to the church and parsonage at above address. This place is better known as "Devil's Creek", though not as crude as the name suggests. No doubt it was deserving of the name at one time. In many ways the mountain districts are no longer backward. The work of missionaries through the years, the war-work which has called many to towns and cities, and other means, have made their impression. Those who would be interested in learning the origin and nature of the work of this association may gain that knowledge from Miss McConnell's books, "The Pauline Ministry In The Kentucky Mountains" and "Victorious Faith", each priced at one dollar, and may be obtained from Lawson, Breathitte Co., Ky.

Both the church and parsonage here are in good condition, and newly painted white. The parsonage is near the church, the three rooms (and porch) are conveniently and cosily furnished. The buildings are on a hill, giving beautiful views, situated six miles from the nearest town, Campton.

For my co-worker I'm privileged to have Miss Teresa Brayton, of New York State, a graduate of Asbury College, and a former school teacher. She has pastored in the mountains for about five years. I know we'll have wonderful times here together as we labour for the Lord. We share the house work and pastoral duties. The school teachers have kindly given permission that we may hold a children's meeting at the school house for an hour on Friday mornings. This gives us a wonderful opportunity to speak to a fine group under the supervision of the teachers. Kindly pray especially for these meetings, as well as for the young people's meetings we are endeavouring to build up on Sunday afternoons. The people are kind and friendly but the

general spirit of lethargy is prevalent here also.

The season of Christmas is drawing near. I sincerely wish all readers the happiest Christmas they have known. Again I say thanks to all who have helped me come to this place where I am happy in God's will. Coveting your prayers, I remain

Yours in the Master's service,

THELMA ROSE.

Beals, Me.

Dear Highway Friends:

It is some time since I wrote anything to your columns. I trust that I have friends here and there who would like to know how I am getting on these days. For the glory of God I can say that my health is better now than it has been for two years past and I do praise the Lord. At the present time I am at Beals, Maine, assisting in revival services being held in the Reformed Baptist Church, Rev. F. A. Anderson, pastor, and Rev. F. A. Dunlop, the evangelist, and your humble servant is leading in the singing and is being ably assisted by a fine choir, organist and pianist. Brother Dunlop is certainly doing some great preaching, the pastor and people praying and we are believing the Lord for a break in the ranks of sinners. My soul is being blessed these days. I have been able to supply for some of the brethren and trust that I shall be able to do so in the future days, as I am not content staying at home and not doing much of anything while my brethren are at the battle-front. I still believe in the old time gospel of Full Salvation through the power of the blood of Jesus to regenerate the soul and sanctify the Spirit through the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire. Amen. May you all have a joyous and pleasant Christmas and prosperous New Year. Keep on praying.

Yours for true holiness,

P. J. TRAFTON

## THE PALESTINE CONTROVERSY

The land of Israel, the inheritance so coveted by Jacob, has been for centuries under Moslem domination. That these people called Arabs are the descendants of Esau, there is no doubt. It is clear from the record in the prophetic Word. There it is predicted that Esau would claim the land of Palestine as his birthright, to be spiritual head of the family, to carry out the promise made by Jehovah that he would make of Abraham's posterity a nation wholly the Lord's, within the borders of the land given to it for an inheritance.

Becoming strong, Esau was able to break the yoke of Jacob from off his neck and, seizing the opportunity given by the disobedience and dispersion of Israel, took possession of the land which was only for "the children of promise"—that is, for those to whom the covenant descended.

Since the land was promised to Abraham and his posterity, and also to Isaac and his children after him, they believe they are entitled to it, being as much the children of Abraham and Isaac as their cousins now called Jews. So Esau seized the inheritance which he had sold to Jacob with the birthright. Although at the present his control is lost to Britain, yet he withstands the return of Israel and the establishment of a Jewish national home. Thus does the "controversy of Zion" rage ever more firecely.

The "controversy of Zion," (Isaiah 34:8) will not be settled until Christ comes again.