

LETTERS FROM OUR PASTORS

Port Maitland, N. S.

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We praise God for this beautiful day. The sunshine about us seems to speak to us of our God. The sunshine of His love is filling our souls. How wonderful is the salvation of our Christ!

We have just heard of the death of our dear brother, Dr. Miller. It made me wonder a bit just why I was left and such men as he called away, but God knows best. We were so near death's door but God has seen fit to raise us up and let us continue on for a while yet. I think our last year has been one of the busiest and best years of our ministry. We have seen definite answers to prayer and some real definite work done for the Lord. Praise His Name!

Since Beulah time we've made nearly two hundred calls, had two Quarterly Meetings here on our circuit, a four-Sunday revival campaign, a Young People's Rally and two other week-end meetings. We have our evangelists engaged for a meeting in February and another in the early spring, so surely we have much to praise the Lord for. It doesn't look like we were very sick now. We give God all the glory.

The time of year has come when we are having our business meetings again, when we as pastors are either resigning or open for a re-call at the present location. By the time this letter appears in the Highway, I will have resigned my pastorate here and am open for work elsewhere, in the will of the Lord. If any church would like our services for the ensuing year, give us a call and we'll answer to the best of my knowledge as to whether we'll accept or not.

Please do not write or telephone asking if I'll consider a call. I don't believe that ever ought to be done. It is not right in respect to the present pastor and it puts the one written or phoned in a very hard place. Nor do I feel that two or three or four should get together and give a man a call. This is absolutely wrong according to our own constitution. No pastor knowing same would accept such a call. Have a regular church business meeting when all will have a voice, from the least to the greatest.

We have had three and a half good years here and expect the last half to be great. We've seen more members received into church membership than had joined for years previous to our coming; have seen more money raised by far than has ever been raised before in the history of this circuit. You say, "boasting." No, only in the Lord. My predecessors have been my superiors. God has answered prayer and in spite of what sickness I've had the work has gone steadily on for which we praise Him.

May God richly bless all Highway readers, and please pray for us that the ensuing year will find us in the center of God's will, whether it is still here labouring for Him or in heaven. Amen!

Yours for holiness, with no side issues,
H. S. and MRS. MULLEN

A WORK OF FAITH

Amid shouts of praise and tears of joy, a new Reformed Baptist Church was organized at Bloomfield, N. B., on Wednesday, Jan. 26th. This organization meeting was a climax to a remarkable work of God that has been going

on in this New Brunswick community during the past six months.

About a year ago, Rev. Hollis Kimball, pastor of our Church at Royalton, N. B., lay critically ill. Praying to the Lord for help and healing, Brother Kimball heard the voice of the Holy Spirit asking if he would go to Bloomfield and hold special services if his health were restored. To this our brother answered: "Yes, Lord." His health was restored, and, obedient to the heavenly vision, Brother Kimball erected a tent at Bloomfield on July 25th, and, as he states it, "without fanfare or advertising," began to preach the Word. A person to person, house to house announcement of the meetings brought a ready response, and before the campaign had advanced very far the tent was filled with interested people. The hand of God was upon the venture from the first, and any doubts suggested by the devil soon vanished. With the tent crowded and many standing outside, the Spirit began to move mightily. Young and old responded to the Gospel invitation, and night after night six, eight, ten, twelve or more souls sought the Lord. Rev. G. R. Symonds, of Perth, N. B., and Rev. A. D. Cann, of Hartland, N. B., with some of their people, came to lend Brother Kimball a helping hand and the blessing of the Lord increased.

Services were held in the tent as long as weather permitted, and late in September a baptism was held. In the service following the baptism, the building of a church was proposed and with one accord the people responded with the cry, "Let us arise and build." A lot of land was given for the purpose and \$1800 was subscribed towards the project. On Nov. 11th the sills were laid and in a matter of weeks, services were being held in the building. The work is now nearing completion and the worshippers have a fine place in which to meet for spiritual fellowship and edification. More than \$2,000 has been raised in cash, and over \$1,000 donated in material and labour. There is no indebtedness standing, and the prospects are good for the dedication of the church, complete with pews, without one dollar against us. This is a worthy accomplishment and a splendid testimony to the consecrated spirit of the pastor and people of this new work.

At the organization meeting, already referred to, Rev. H. M. Kimball presided, and was assisted in the service by Revs. G. R. Symonds, A. D. Cann and B. C. Cochrane. The blessing of the Lord was upon the meeting in rich measure, the high point being reached when twenty-five fine candidates lined the front of the church to receive the right hand of fellowship from the pastor and become charter members of the Bloomfield Reformed Baptist Church. It was a sight to bless the soul!

After the members were received, the Superintendent of the Reformed Baptist Alliance welcomed the new church into the fellowship of the denomination and preached the sermon from Matt. 16:18-19. Revs. Symonds and Cann also spoke briefly.

At the close of the service a brief business meeting was conducted by the pastor, with the following officers being elected: Deacons, Frank Jewett and Arthur Pryor; Clerk, Ralph Adams; Treasurer, Mrs. Donald Stokoe. Fifteen new subscriptions to The King's Highway were also received, and we are happy to welcome our Bloomfield friends into The Highway family.

This is indeed a work of faith. The revival spirit is still on. The new church will entertain the Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 in March and we expect to hear reports of the progress and enlargement of the work of the Lord in this community and the surrounding district.

THREE DAYS

YESTERDAY is gone. Like a phantom ship it glides

Noiseless into distance dim upon the tides
Of time, a cargo bearing on of good or ill
To Him who all things judges with impartial will.

Call it back I cannot, e'en though my hidden fears

Fill me with their torment, and deluge me with tears.

On it goes forever down the abysmal past
To hereafter meet me, and bless or curse at last.

TODAY is here. It came to me while I slept,
And at my bedside its faithful vigil kept.

It laid its finger softly on my closed eyes,
And bade me from the grave of sleep to quickly rise.

It placed within my hand a leaf of spotless white,

And bade me on it with the pen of life to write.

God help me so to bear myself till set of sun
That no regrets will sting me when the day is done.

TOMORROW'S at the gate. I hear it swing ajar

To admit the stranger that hails from realms afar;

Mystery enshrouded, its face I cannot see,
And know not whether it brings joy or pain to me.

But this I know, it comes a messenger from God

To smile upon me, or to smite me with its rod.
Yet, though I know not, and my eyes of faith are dim,

I'll go bravely onward, and trust my all to Him.

—Campbell Coyle in "God's Revivalist"

MARIOLATRY

The "Assumption of Mary," as described by the Catholic Our Sunday Visitor (Aug. 24, 1947), is unutterably awful. "Amid this glory the most Blessed Mary arrived at the throne of the Most Blessed Trinity and the Three Divine Persons received her on it with an embrace eternally indissoluble. The Eternal Father said to her: 'Ascend higher, My Daughter and My Dove.' The Incarnate Word spoke: 'My Mother, of whom I have received human being and full return of My work in thy perfect imitation, receive now from My hand the reward thou hast merited.' The Holy Spirit said: 'My most beloved Spouse, enter into the eternal joy, which corresponds to the most faithful love; do thou now enjoy thy love without solicitude; for past is the winter of suffering, for thou hast arrived at Our eternal embraces.'"

Christ denounced the Pharisees for honoring the traditions of the elders rather than the revealed Word of God; what would He say to modern religious leaders who make up such stories about Mary when they have no basis whatever in the Scriptures?—Selected.