

disappoint but will be unto us all that we need.

May God be near you all in a special way is my prayer.

Yours, resting in Him,
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CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Editor:

For the past four or five years I have been doing some private teaching and among my students two are now in training at Bethany Bible College, Yarmouth, N. S. My purpose in writing the Highway is that it might be known among the young people that I am still desirous of doing private teaching and if any are interested in taking work in preparation for Bethany or otherwise I would appreciate correspondence or contact with the same.

This proposition might be more applicable to a young married man who feels a definite call to Christian work, but perhaps may lack funds for entire college training. The academic training could be obtained from me with a minimum amount of time and money, providing student would be willing to work part time on the farm. I have a small partly furnished house with some modern conveniences which could be available to said young man. Thanking you for this space, I remain,

Yours truly,
RUSSEL BROWN.

Note: Mr. Brown is a splendid teacher and well qualified to assist anyone interested in academic training.—Editor.

WHAT HURTS YOU?

We were struck recently by this sentence in one of our exchanges: "The caliber of a man is indicated by the size of things that offend him." That is a sentence to use in a few moments of introspection and self-judgment. Babies cry for slight hurts, or simply to gain attention. Small souls get little sympathy from those who know them, because they have "almost died" for so many reasons. A man learns not to wince at every little pinch and pain.

The smallest people suffer most from personal slights and affronts. They writhe because of insults real or imagined. There are people who stay away from church because someone didn't say quite the right thing, or perhaps because he said nothing at all. Long-standing grudges and feuds often have their beginning in infinitesimal personalities. These small souls fume in high dudgeon because the vote went against them or because their opinion was disregarded. The person who is easily hurt betrays by that fact what a puny runt he is.

Not much better are those who are hurt by a lack of appreciation. They mourn and pine because they have done something for someone and he hasn't even thanked them. They begrudge the dollars and doughnuts that they have given away when they see an apparent ungratefulness. They resolve not to repeat favors until those favored change their attitude. Their one great regret is that they did so much for such unworthy people. They are diligent accountants in seeing that appreciation balances giving. Their hearts bleed in

self-pity because they have done so much with so little recognition.

There are those who suffer chiefly from personal frustrations. The great sore place in their lives is the fact that they could not be and do what they had planned. A thwarted ambition has become a festering regret. To die something short of the cherished goal of wealth, place, or accomplishment is the prospect that turns life's twilight into dour unpleasantness. God pity those tiny people who sorrow chiefly for what might have been and is not!

Of much greater stature are those who are hurt by their own sins. They ought not to have sinned. But since they have, a godly sorrow is a worthy thing. David shows his greatness in his sincere penitence. Peter towers above Judas because his stricken conscience led him back to a Savior. People who can sin without compunction and regret reveal their Lilliputian souls. God's worthies are always people with a great capacity for repentance.

To grieve for the sins of others is another sign of spiritual stature. When blasphemous talk and filthy innuendoes and fleshy appetites and lying dishonesty do not cause us to cringe in pain, we can't have grown far in the kingdom of God. Statistics of crime, delinquency, and moral perversity are more than a curiosity to the Christian man. These facts stab him with pain and drive him to renewed effort to win others from their godlessness, and to keep himself from all these outcroppings of carnality. No spiritual giant can disregard the morass of sin in which the world struggles.

Failures of the church are a real pain to the spiritually sensitive person. The sins and shortcomings of its members, particularly of its leaders, are an unhealing grief. Evidences of self-sufficiency, of maternalism, of carnality, of coldness send him to his knees to confess the corporate sin, as Daniel confessed the sin of his people. Such a mature Christian is grieved when the church lacks in evangelistic zeal and missionary outreach. He refuses to rejoice in mere statistical gains when he sees on every hand the signs of spiritual loss. The affliction of Jacob often brings him tears of regret and confession.

Possibly the greatest height of all is seen in that Christian who is hurt chiefly by anything that detracts from the glory of God. He knows that God made all things, particularly man, to bring Him eternal praise. And so when he sees God going without that which is rightly His, his heart aches. This is the futility, the frustration, that chiefly concerns him—that God should have created men in vain, that He should even have raised up a church which comes so far short of the mark. This is the sorrow supreme, that the Master of the vineyard has planted and pruned and watered, but the grapes prove to be wild.

How big are you? Judge yourself by this rule of what hurts you.—Gospel Herald.

WORTHY ADVICE

If your cup of trial is sometimes bitter, put in more of the sugar of faith. If you feel chilled by the disappointments of your plans or the unkindness of others, get into the sunshine of Christ's love. If income runs down, invest more in God's precious promises. A good, stout, healthy faith will sweeten the darkest hours that may lie between this and heaven. Adherence will bring assurance.

—Theodore L. Cuyler.

THE PEACE THAT GOD GIVES

J. B. Chapman, D. D.

When the artist would represent peace, he first painted a turbulent waterfall. Then he placed a mother bird upon her nest so near to the cataract as to be dampened by the spray, yet resting in evident security. When Jesus would make us know how independent His peace is of all external circumstances, He waited until the very night upon which He should be arrested, and when the shadow of the cross was definitely giving way to the substance of the cross. There, to His harried and distracted disciples, He gently said "My peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled; neither let it be afraid." David emphasized the enduring qualities of the peace that God gives, and set forth its complete indifference to all that can possibly come to one who is sure his heart is right, when he said, "Great peace have they which love thy law, and nothing shall offend them."

St. Paul described this peace as "the peace of God," and this phrase is descriptive of measure, as well as of source. It is like the instance of King David who sought for any who might remain of the house of Saul that, for the sake of his old friend Jonathan, he might show "the kindness of God unto him." This meant that he desired to show the greatest possible kindness. And as Paul continues his description, he says this peace "passeth all understanding," and keeps the heart and mind by Christ Jesus.

This peace is an active principle, not a static force. Its type is not a lake, but a flowing river. It has action without monotony.

It is not a human thing, the product of assumption, it is a divine gift. It cannot be had by faint wishing, but comes in answer to decisive choice. Its condition is faith, its prerequisite is pardon, its sphere is purity, its source and end is heaven, and its habitat is the sanctified human heart. No mortal donor can give this peace, and no power or authority outside of the Godhead can take it away. Health, wealth, popularity and pleasure are too far beneath it to be classed as substitutes. Sickness, poverty, adversity and sore pain cannot engulf it. Principalities, powers, things present, things to come, height, depth, and all other creatures are its servants, but never its master. The most forsaken trusting heart in the whole world can have this priceless boon—"Sweet peace the gift of God's love."

MY HIGHEST POSSIBILITIES

I am persuaded that I shall obtain the highest amount of present happiness, I shall do more for God's glory and the good of men, and I shall have the fullest reward in eternity, by maintaining a conscience always washed in Christ's blood, by being filled with the Spirit at all times, and by attaining the most entire likeness to Christ in mind, will, and heart that it is possible for a redeemed sinner to attain in this world.—M'Cheyne.

One thousand trained missionaries for Asia and the Orient in the next ten years was the challenge issued to the Protestant churches by John H. Reisner, executive secretary of Agricultural Missions, Inc. Mr. Reisner has just returned to the States from a seven-month tour of the Orient in behalf of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.—Sel.