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NOTICE TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

By the Editor

Dear fellow workers, I am greatly in need of help. Last year it cost us over five hundred dollars more to print our paper than we received from all sources. Our sources of income are chiefly our subscribers, that is why I am appealing to you.

You will no doubt be shocked when I tell you that after carefully going over our mailing list and books I find that there is now due The King's Highway in unpaid subscriptions about five thousand dollars (\$5,000). And friends you know that with our treasury depleted and paying out more than we are taking in we are bankrupt, unless our subscribers come to our rescue at once, and pay up where they are in arrears.

We are ready to admit that we have mighty poor business ability when we let the subscriptions of a little paper like The King's Highway go unpaid until they amount to \$5,000; and we are ready to put the blame where it belongs—that is, on the management of the paper.

And we know also that we have not got a dishonest person among our subscribers. But this amount due us is largely because of neglect on the part of our subscribers.

We know also that the paper is going to some people who did not subscribe for it themselves, but some kind friend sent it and paid one year's subscription price in advance, hoping that the receiver would like the paper and continue to pay for it, which they do in some cases.

Now my friends I am depending on you to help us, so we can keep this little messenger, with its message of full salvation, going on around the world. This is what I am going to ask you to do: Look at the little yellow label on your paper, the figures on it tell you the year you paid your subscription last. To be paid up to date the figures should be 51 for your subscription is payable in advance. Now figure the number of years you are back of 50 at \$1.50 a year and you have the amount you owe, then add \$2.00 for one year in advance. Then please send the amount to Rev. H. S. Dow, Head of Millstream, or Box 277, Moncton, N. B.

Now if you are in arrears and did not subscribe for the paper and do not want it, please notify us to discontinue it, for as long as you are receiving the paper we expect you to pay for it until we receive notice to stop sending it. But if you did subscribe for the paper and do not want to continue taking it, be sure to pay up your arrears when ordering it stopped.

Or if you like the paper, but don't feel able to pay for it, please notify us to that effect, and we will see that you still have it free of

charge. If all will pay their arrears up to date, we will again cut the subscription price to \$1.50 a year. Please let us hear from you, Friends, as soon as you read this notice, for we need the money to pay our publishers.

Thank you! H. S. DOW

"UNLESS THE SPIRIT"

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, sayeth the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6.

Back in the rustic community of my boyhood days we used to sing an old-fashioned song characteristic of the period before the age of amen gave way to the era of so what. It ran like this:

Brethren, we have met to worship

And adore the Lord our God;

Won't you pray with all your power

While we try to preach the word?

All is vain unless the Spirit

Of the Holy One comes down;

Brethren, pray and holy manna

Will be showered all around.

I like especially that line, "All is vain unless the Spirit . . ." The plight of many churches is summed up in the words of the father who brought his demonized boy to the disciples at the foot of the mount of transfiguration: "I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not."

We are powerless before a demonized world. And it is not because we do not have knowledge, equipment, programs, activity, money. Never has the Church had more—and less!

Missionaries tell us that sometimes chimpanzees imitate them by gathering wood and arranging it for a fire; but they do not know how to produce the fire. The Church has her wood in excellent order today. The system is perfect, except—we have no fire.

The Old Testament tells us how Elisha sent Gehazi, his servant, to raise the Shunammite's son. He carried the prophet's staff and observed the prophet's orders, "but there was neither voice, nor hearing." Today Gehazi goes about at Elisha's orders and carrying Elisha's staff, but although he goes through the prescribed motions the dead do not come to life. Although we say all the words, the demons do not depart.

Never has the Church had more wire stretched with less power in it. "All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down." Sad to say, we do not even seem to know that we have not the Spirit in power. If He ceased His work many church members would never know the difference. Like Samson, we wist not that He has departed but we keep shaking ourselves in the prescribed calisthenics.

Such was the sad plight of the churches in

Asia to which our Lord spoke in the Revelation. Ephesus was loveless and did not know it. Sardis was lifeless and did not know it. Laodicea was lukewarm and did not know it. "Thou sayest, . . . and knowest not" is descriptive of altogether too many churches today. In any case, "all is vain unless the Spirit . . ."

We go to extremes: we either freeze or fry. Some services are too formal and we come out like ramrods, having mistaken spiritual rigor mortis for dignity. We ought to be dogmatic plus, but sometimes we are dogmatic—period. So there are fellowships coldly orthodox, having the facts but no fire. Again, we sometimes go to the other extreme where we sit through a frenzy of evangelistic epilepsy and come out nervous, feeling more like we had been to a circus than to a church. In either case, "all is vain unless the Spirit . . ."

We do not have to choose between freezing or frying. Certainly most of the saints do need defrosting. One thing can stop Niagara—it can freeze! The same trouble stops many a church. Deep-freeze lockers are nothing new; we have had some on street corners with steeples on top for years.

We could stand a little emotion nowadays. The World Series baseball games almost stop business in many a section of our land, so intense is the interest. If a revival so interfered with our normal processes you would hear the complaint that we were going crazy. Indeed, that was a complaint made during the Welsh Revival.

We have already referred to Samson who wist not when the Spirit of the Lord departed from him. There was a time when the Spirit was with him. It is stated in a most interesting fashion: "And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, . . . and he had nothing in his hand" (Judg. 14:6). "Nothing in his hand"! We have too many things in our hands today, carnal weapons of our own choosing, and even God cannot fill what is already full. It was the invisible weapon that prevailed in Samson's case as with Gideon and his "sword of the Lord." God wants us empty handed when we go out that we may be full handed when we come in. Samson's hands were filled with honey for himself and others.

We are in serious danger of forgetting that it is not by might nor by power but by the Spirit of the Lord of hosts. We cannot meet the Goliath of this age in Saul's armor. When we try to grapple with the adversary in unsanctified strength we throw away our only chance of success. The Bible is one long record of men and women who dared to be utterly ridiculous in order to prove God. Abraham, the priest at Jericho, Gideon, David facing Goliath,

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