

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

—ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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EDITORIAL

"THE ACTS OF THE REFORMED BAPTISTS"

This edition of The Highway is dedicated to the work of Home Missions. In thinking of our task and the ability we have of fulfilling our obligation to all mankind, one felt compelled to peruse through the opening chapters of the Acts of the Apostles and discover how the early church began to make itself known and felt to the world in general.

The early church listened too and heeded what the Spirit said unto them. Despite the fact that Jesus showed Himself to the disciples after He had risen from the dead, there had to be a period of ten days silence. No visible appearance of Jesus, nothing supernatural took place. A waiting patient few assembled in the Upper Room, looking for the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus. "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Between the ascension and the fulfillment of the promise ten significant days passed by. Days of prayer, supplication, and preparation. These three things if done by any individual or a group of people brings the Pentecost experience. They never fail.

The Acts of the Reformed Baptists' chapter I. must read, "And they listened to what the Holy Ghost said unto them, pray, supplicate and prepare.

The early church experienced the blessing of Pentecost. Pentecost meant POWER. Power not to do extraordinary things but to be enabled to do the supernatural things in an extraordinary way. The Holy Ghost without. Inward cleanliness meant outward Holiness. Power to WITNESS. They knew within, others knew without, that something had been imparted to them that heretofore they did not possess.

Acts of the Reformed Baptists' chapter II. "They experienced the blessing of Pentecost and witnessed to it."

The early church Witnessed at Home: In Jerusalem: Their sphere of operation was Jerusalem. This was the place where the most misunderstanding, persecution, trial, test, and tribulation faced them. If they could stand the test there they could be victorious anywhere. The hot-bed of Satanic opposition to the cause of God is found where the home fires are kept burning. If He could have burned the Apostles to death at home the campaign of Christianizing the world would have never begun. He was defeated from the beginning, for the fire of Pentecost burnt up all that the devil owned, and the Apostles went out to conquer.

Home Missions was a successful enterprise. Synagogues were made over for Christians to worship in. Three thousand souls were gathered into the fold in one day. Jerusalem was ablaze with the glory of God. Unity prevailed, the disciples had all things in common. Nothing can stop the people of God going on to conquer. All heaven is at their command. The riches of Christ Jesus, the company of a great cloud of witnesses, the glory of attempting the impossible, lies before us.

Acts of the Reformed Baptist chapter 3. They went here, there and everywhere, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To the Glory of God and the cause of God churches sprang up and many names were added to the Lambs book of life. Many shall rise from the dead and call them blessed.

SOCIETIES

Do you realize that you have a church today because some one some time came to your community and preached the Gospel. A messenger of God took your community upon his heart and came in fear and trembling to your locality. Because of his words and God's blessing some people were saved and began a church. Your society stands today because of what others have done. Why not each Society give a special offering for the work of Home Mission Sunday, October 28th.

CAN IT BE DONE?

Each young person in your community invited to church.

Each young person won for Jesus Christ.

Each young person keeping themselves in the love of God.

Each young person a soul winner.

Each young person tithing and giving.

Each young person tithing the Will of God.

Each young person willing to sacrifice until it hurts.—Ed

HOME MISSIONARIES

We hear much of Foreign Missionaries, little if any of Home Missionaries. Are you a home missionary? A young person that stays at home and never tries to go visiting others. A missionary found at home will never be blessed of the Lord.

Are you a HOME MISSIONARY? Do you get around in your community to visit the sick, those in need, the unhappy, the discouraged? There is so much to be done. Don't laze the hours away at home. Your Master has need of you. Put your coat on and go visiting, someone needs you. You can be the means of bringing cheer and hope and salvation to your next door neighbour if you would only put yourself to the task.—Ed.

NEEDED

A Holiness Church in every community large or small.

Support for our Home Mission program.

Prayer, to open doors of opportunity.

Wisdom to think our way clear, and to preach our way right.

Grace for all trials, help from above, un-failing sympathy, undying love.

THE CHRISTIAN

When gold was first discovered in California, they used to saw timber in New England, and frame it into buildings ready to be put up, and stow them into the holds of ships, and carry a whole village in one ship, to be put up in that new region. And suppose a man, on hearing that there was a whole village in the hold of a ship, had gone down to see what a village looked like? When he gets where it is, all he can see is an immense heap of bricks, and lime and tools, and planks and boards, and timbers, and they have all sorts of holes in them; and he goes up and says: "Well, if that is a village, deliver me from a village!" He laughs at it. No man can convince him that it is a village. That have been fitted and these boards that have been planed and painted and fixed, on the far-off New England shore, and carry them up under the shadow of an evergreen hill, and put them together, making of them

cozy white houses, with their little yards, and their flowers; and then bring this man out of the ship, and say: "There is the village, cut out on one shore, and set up on another!" Would he not change his mind?

This is God's sawyard. He is sawing out timber; and you are that timber. Today He is ripping you with the saw. Tomorrow He is smoothing you with a plane. The next day He is rubbing up the surface with some kind of a rasp. He plies you with hammer, and nails, and screws, and bolts, and all sorts of instruments. This great world carries you like the hull of a ship. You are sailing to that land where all these things, which are being fitted and prepared here, are to be set up. And you can never imagine from what you see here what is to be there. You would not know yourself if you were to see yourself as you are to be. If a man could be projected outside of himself, and walk by himself, as he will be in the other life, he would say, "Who is that?" He would not know himself, such is the exceeding glory of that change which will be wrought in us, when all parts of our being have been developed and educated, and we are what God thought of and meant when He invented man.—Beecher.

DON'T WAIT

To the young we should say, don't wait until middle life before you offer yourselves for Christian service. Put on your armour now. Remember, Martin Luther was only twenty-seven when he climbed the Santa Scala at Rome. George Whitefield at twenty-one was moving England. Dwight L. Moody in his twenties was doing missionary work as an evangelist. C. H. Spurgeon at twenty was preaching in the great London Tabernacle. David Livingstone at twenty-three was spending himself for Christ in darkest Africa. They were all adventurers, and both young and old can emulate their glowing witness as they throw off the shackles of officialdom and abandon fetishes for the fuller life of a free unhindered faith in God.

Ingratitude, like an all-consuming fire, destroys all goodness within the human shell that harbours it.—Van Amburgh.

A WALK WITH THEE

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me life.

—W. Gladden

I am convinced that nothing in Christianity is so rarely attained as a praying heart.—Finney.