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EDITORIAL

"I AM DEBTOR"

One reason that Paul gave for his readiness, his eagerness to preach the Gospel at Rome, was his sense of obligation to others. He said, "I am debtor." Evidently his relationship to God, the genuineness of his consecration, and his appreciation of his spiritual privileges, made him to realize his responsibility to others unprivileged and underprivileged. The outcome was, his eagerness to do all within his power, and his willingness to travel anywhere on earth, to pay his debt to them.

Now is his profession and practice the Apostle sets us a pattern. We, too, privileged as we are, blessed and consecrated as we claim to be, ought to be possessed of a like willingness, readiness, eagerness, to give the Gospel to those in need, regardless of the cost to ourselves, or the sphere in which we may be called of God to labour. But such a readiness can only be where there is a like sense of obligation. The person most likely to say "I am ready" is the one constrained to confess "I am debtor." A realization of such responsibility is not sufficient, but it is basic.

This same principle of truth applies also to our Denomination and its work. While many of our pastors and people show an eagerness to fully support every department of our denominational work, it is evident that some do not. We wonder if the reason is not a lack of a sense of personal responsibility, or obligation.

We have heard of those who claim to have no responsibility to support certain denominational undertakings and workers. They acknowledge no indebtedness. But surely our relationship to the local church, and to the denomination as a whole, must mean that we have a moral obligation to faithfully support, financially and in other ways, both the work and the workers.

Yes, pastors and people, we are obligated; we all do have responsibility. We do because the work and the workers are God's. We do because of our relationship to both God and His work. Let us all acknowledge our indebtedness and surely an eagerness to faithfully meet our obligation will be the result.

—E. W. T.

I AM EMBARRASSED

I am embarrassed because we as pastors and people have "let down" our church-paper editor. Our carelessness has made our editor's work more strenuous and more difficult. It is not right that he should serve us if we do not support him. And after all, the problem belongs to us as a people. "The Highway" is our paper.

Our failure relative to "The Highway" has been in at least two regards.

Generally speaking, we have not paid the small budgets allotted to our churches for the purpose of supplementing "The Highway" funds. (See 1953 Minutes of the Alliance, page 15. Each church treasurer and pastor should know the amount of the budget allotted to their church). The Editor has stated that help from budgets has not been forthcoming and "unless we get help very soon, we'll not be able to keep going until Beulah."

It will be remembered that the budget system for supplementing "The Highway" was approved rather than increasing the subscription rate of the paper. At Alliance time the writer was rather skeptical as to whether or not pastors would bring the budget idea to the minds of their people and whether the people would consider the matter with any degree of concern. The present situation of "The Highway" finances reveals in the words of a well-known poem, "someone had blundered." Our failure this year may necessitate increased subscription rates next year.

But let us do something now. Let us find out if our church's allotment has been paid. If not, it could be raised in the next week or so and sent to the Editor. (All allotments were small.)

End-of-the-year payments of budgets do not help meet the monthly expenses of financing a paper.

Bouquets to the Editor at Beulah will not mean as much as budgets now.

(The other matter of neglect will be considered in a future issue).

A Member of The Highway Committee

"BEHOLD THY MOTHER"

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Superior men often owe their superiority to superior mothers. Lincoln said, "All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." The Prophet Samuel owed much to his believing and praying mother, Hannah. I would like to have met the mother of the Apostle Paul.

It is well to call attention to common, everyday blessings which we usually take for granted. Every holy day is commercialized; but we can lift the best things to a higher level. It is well to set apart at least one day every year in which we recognize sacrificial and consecrated motherhood. Flowers should be worn; a white flower if mother is dead, a red flower if she is living. I'll wear a white one.

We pay tribute to others; why not to mothers who deserve it? And why not encourage mothers who are now alive? They have many trials yet to face, many heartaches yet to suffer, and sons and daughters yet to encourage and direct in the ways of righteousness. Flowers on a coffin are a poor substitute for words of appreciation never spoken. Why not say them today?—Christlife Magazine.

Holiness The Stabilizer

Milton W. Bagley*

Since the fall of man in the garden of Eden he has been unstable, but it is the plan of God that "He may stablish (our) hearts unblameable in holiness before God."

Many people frown on holiness churches and holiness people, but I find that the Bible itself is a Holy Bible and in it the word plainly declares that the call of God is to holiness and that the will of God is our sanctification.

Sin is of a two-fold nature — the outward transgressions and the principle within which causes one to commit the wilful transgressions.

The reason we see so many Christians who are unstable, blown about by every wind of doctrine, and not growing in grace is because they have failed to walk in the light of holiness.

But when one allows Christ to come in His sanctifying power the principle of sin is destroyed (eradicated) and in its place will be planted the love of God which will thus stabilize the heart, and through the heart the life of the Christian. Now, since the source of the eruption has been removed the necessary result is stability.

Now let us note three of the outward manifestations of this heart stability:

Going—Our first obligation will be to our own church and regardless of how many special events may be going on in town we will be at our own church endeavouring to promote the cause of holiness. Therefore, we see that the experience of sanctification ought to stabilize our church-going.

Giving—Also one will find that his giving will be systematic and regular. When the Holy Spirit abides within we will be inspired to give our tithes and offerings and we will give them humbly but very cheerfully.

Growing—The fact that holiness stabilizes one's Christian life does not mean that he ceases to grow in grace; rather, it provides the necessary requirements whereby one is enabled to grow and abound more and more.

Even in times like the present day with the political, social, and moral upheaval, turmoil and instability, it is possible that "He may stablish (our) hearts unblameable in holiness before God." Praise God for the glorious privilege of heart stability in times like these.

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Prayer continues in the desire of the heart, though the understanding be employed on outward things.—Wesley.

IT MATTERS GREATLY

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churches on lipstick and other articles for self-beautification.

In view of the appalling shortness of time before our Lord returns, in view of the tremendous need of the Gospel on every continent, in view of the challenging opportunity that God has given to America alone today—yes, in view of our own spiritual welfare and God's glory, Christians in America must re-examine their spending in the light of Eternity.

God says, "Give and it shall be given unto you." Yes, give God now and He will give you eternally, "good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over."—Wesleyan Methodist.