

THE SHEATHED SWORD . . .

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Father hath given Me, shall I not drink it?"

This was the spirit of Isaac. When he digged a well, the Philistines strove with his servants for it; so he digged another; and when they strove for that, he removed and digged yet another, "and for that they strove not; and he called the name of it Rehoboth" (margin, room): "and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land . . . And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham, thy father; fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed" (Genesis 26:22-24).

This was the spirit of David, when Saul was hunting for his life; twice David could have slain him, and when urged to do so, he said, "As the Lord liveth, the Lord shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle and perish. The Lord forbid that I should stretch forth my hand against the Lord's anointed" (I Samuel 26:10-11).

This was the spirit of Paul. He says, "Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted we suffer it; being defamed, we intreat" (I Cor. 4:12-13). "The servant of the Lord must not strive," wrote Paul to Timothy. "but be gentle unto all men." This is the spirit of our King, this is the law of His Kingdom.

Is this your spirit? When you are reviled, bemeaned and slandered, and are tempted to retort, He says to you, "Put up thy sword into the sheath." When you are wronged and ill-treated, and men ride rough-shod over you, and you feel it but just to smite back, He says, "Put up thy sword into the sheath." "Live peaceably with all men." Your weapons are not carnal, but spiritual, now that you belong to Him, and have your citizenship in Heaven. If you fight with the sword; if you retort and smite back when you are wronged, you quench the Spirit; you get out of the narrow way, and your new life from heaven will perish.

An officer went to a hard corps, and after a while found his predecessor was sending back to friends for money which his own corps much needed. He felt it to be an injustice, and, losing sight of the Spirit of Jesus, he made complaint about it, and the money was returned. But he got lean in his soul. He had quenched the Spirit. He had broken the law of the Kingdom. He had not only refused to give his cloak, but had fought for and secured the return of his coat. He had lost the smile of Jesus, and his poor heart was sad and heavy within him. He came to me with anxious inquiry as to what I thought of his action. I had to admit that the other man had transgressed, and that the money ought to be returned, but that he should have been more grieved over the un-Christlike spirit of his brother than over the loss of the five dollars, and that like Sutaieff he should have said, "Poor fellow! he must be hard up; I will send him five dollars myself. He has taken my coat, he shall have my cloak too." When I told him that story, he came to himself very quickly and was soon back in the narrow way and rejoicing in the smile of Jesus once again.

"But will not people walk over us, if we do not stand up for our rights?" you ask. I do not argue that you are not to stand up for your rights; but that you are to stand for your higher rather than your lower rights, the rights of your heavenly life rather than of your earthly life, and that you are to stand up for your rights in the way and spirit of Jesus rather than in the way and spirit of the world.

If men wrong you intentionally, they wrong themselves



LOWER HAINESVILLE, N. B.

Greetings to all the Highway family in the precious name of Jesus.

We have recently concluded a Revival Campaign in our church at Springfield with Rev. Kenneth G. Jewett, as evangelist, Marven Durling, as soloist and song leader, and with the blessing of God truly upon the scene, attendance was good thru-out with the Holy Ghost working with convincing and convicting power. Our hearts rejoiced in seeing souls finding their way to the altar of prayer. The entire church has been strengthened, while 14 precious souls have been wonderfully saved through power divine, one walking on into the light of holiness. Praise the Lord!

On Good Friday, we were pleasantly surprised to find at the parsonage, upon our return from Millville, a number of our church people who came to spend a pleasant evening of fellowship, presenting us with a fine assortment of pantry supplies, including all that was needed for Easter dinner, and an envelope of cash. Words fail us, in expressing our deep feeling of appreciation.

God bless these good people who are so thoughtful of our every need. We are confident He will openly reward them for their effort.

Then on Saturday, we were invited to a supper, and again presented with a generous purse. Again we say "God richly bless you, one and all".

Now we are looking forward to Special Services in our Lower Hainesville church with Rev. R. G. Morehouse, as our evangelist, trusting God, and believing He is going to give us a harvest here, for we feel revival has already begun. We covet prayers of all God's people for this special effort, which starts on May 26th.

Yours in His Service,
B. D. and Mabel Price.

NOTICE OF ALLIANCE SESSION

The 69th Annual Session of the Alliance of the Reformed Baptist Church will be held at Beulah Camp, beginning Wednesday, July 3rd. There will be a devotional service at 10.30 a.m., and the first business meeting will be at 2.00 p.m. Each church of the Alliance is entitled to send two delegates and each missionary society one delegate.

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far worse than they wrong you; and if you have the spirit of Jesus in your heart you will pity them more than you pity yourself. They nailed Jesus to the cross and hung Him up to die; they gave Him gall and vinegar to drink; they cast votes for His seamless robe, and divided His garments between them, while the crowd wagged their heads at Him and mocked Him. Great was the injustice and wrong they were inflicting upon Him, but He was not filled with anger, only pity. He thought not of the wrong done Him, but of the wrong they did themselves, and their sin against His Heavenly Father, and He prayed not for judgment upon them, but that they might be forgiven, and He won them, and is winning and will win the world. Bless God!

"By mercy and truth iniquity is purged," wrote Solomon. "Put up thy sword into the sheath."

The King's Highway