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EDITORIALS

OUR THANKS TO T.V.!

Much has been written and spoken concerning television. Attitudes of Christians have ranged all the way from unqualified rejection of the invention, to the use of it as a medium for the preaching of the Gospel. Good people differ in their opinions on this question, as they do on some others.

But this we owe to television: It has revealed a sad spiritual lack in some churches and with many professed Christians. It has underlined the urgent need for spiritual revival and revitalization. We may not be happy to make this discovery, but if the need is there, it is better that we know it, than to go on feeling that all is well.

Some pastors complain that Sunday evening church services must be closed before certain T.V. programmes are scheduled, or some of the congregation, (professing Christians among them!) will leave the meeting. Others state that attendance at Sunday evening services has fallen sharply, many professing Christians being among the absentees. In at least two instances, the writer knows of churches that have scheduled Sunday services at 5.00 o'clock in the afternoon in order that the people may (?) attend and get back home before headline T.V. programmes appear!

What shall we conclude from all this, and what should we do? Shall we blame T.V. and blast the invention as "a device of Satan", responsible for disrupting our Sunday service schedule, and keeping our people away from the House of God? Or shall we face the facts brought to light by this situation, facts that are rather unpleasant, but quite obvious?

When people put T.V. before God, the fault is not with television, but with the people. When professing Christians prefer to remain at home Sunday evening and watch the sights and scenes parading across the silver screen, rather than join in praise to the Lord and soul-winning efforts, we might as well face it—spiritual life has ebbed to an alarming low.

I am more concerned with what T.V. tells about people than what it does to them. When we have to explain or

excuse the sharp decline in church attendance, especially Sunday evening, by pointing to the television set, I think we had better point to the altar. Surely if there is the love for God, His cause, and the souls Christ died to redeem, that we have a right to expect from those who bear the name Christian, the church service will be an easy winner in competition with the television show.

Our thanks to T.V.! It has brought to light a need which should take every pastor and spiritual church member to prayer—to prayer for revival and the recovery of devotion to the Lord that will restore fervency and faithfulness to Christian experience and service!

PAUL MULLEN WRITES

Dear Highway Friends:

It's certainly time we were giving thanks to our wonderful Lord, and to His children through our paper,—'The Highway'. Truly God has been good, and there's nothing in our hearts today but Praise to Him for His exceeding goodness and mercy throughout these past several months. It has been our desire to reach as many as possible through personal correspondence, but time nor energy won't permit us to write everyone, so we hope that a few lines this way will be acceptable to those especially whom we have not written to.

It is hard to know just where to start, but first we want to express our thanks and appreciation to Revs. Cochrane, Symonds, Trafton, and Dunlap who were standing by our beds shortly after being admitted to the hospital, and who were faithful in calling and doing everything possible to make us comfortable during our stay there. Word reached us in a day or two that prayer groups were being organized here and there by our pastors and people over the denomination and elsewhere. This was wonderful news, because we believed in a God who hears and answers prayer. We know it's the answer to these prayers that we are here today and are as well as we are. We are all up and going. Paul is still on crutches, but his last x-rays showed a big improvement, and he hopes to be back in full time work soon, God willing. Carrie is still bothered with her hip some, but has been able to do her own work since late fall without hired help. Of course the church folk and friends have sent in lots of bread and good things. We will mention more about them coming to our aid later.

One reason why we have delayed our writing is to give you a more complete report on Danny. We have recently had him to a specialist in Halifax. Dr. wasn't altogether satisfied, so advises that we bring him back in six months time for another check-up on his head. He appears to be perfectly normal, and we hope everything will be satisfactory in the spring also—the doctor led us to believe that it would be.

Dad is finding these days very lonely, and very difficult to adjust to after such an active ministry,—then to meet with such a sudden change. The last two weeks or so, he has been undergoing x-rays at the Digby hospital, for he's been having considerable pain in his stomach lately. We are hoping everything will be alright. Please continue to pray for him.

David, Lois and Liane are all back to normal. David's three broken teeth can't be fixed for three or four years yet, the dentist says, because they are still growing. Lois has the bad scar on her forehead, but it seems to be fading somewhat. Liane's broken leg has healed completely and she is beginning to stand up by herself (ten months old).

Now to go back a little,—we would like to take this

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