

The King's Highway

An Advocate of Scriptural Holiness

— THE ORGAN OF THE —
REFORMED BAPTIST ALLIANCE

Published Semi-Monthly at Moncton, N. B.

by a Committee of the Alliance.

Editor - Rev. B. C. Cochrane

Associate Editor and Business Manager

Rev. E. W. Tokley

Contributing Editors: Revs. F. Dunlop, C. E. Stairs,

A. D. Cann

Other members of Committee: Revs. W. L. Fernley,

L. K. Mullen

— SUBSCRIPTION PRICE —

Per year, in advance.....\$3.00

United States Subscribers..... 3.00

SPECIAL NOTICE

All correspondence for the Highway should reach us before the 8th and 23rd of each month.

The King's Highway, Box 277, Moncton, N. B.

Printed by Moncton Publishing Co., Ltd.

Printers and Publishers, Moncton, N. B.

AUTHORIZED AS SECOND CLASS MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPT. OTTAWA

MONCTON, N. B., APRIL 30th., 1960

— Editorials —

"WHEN MOTHER PRAYED"

Many people owe an everlasting debt of gratitude to God for the blessing of a praying mother. I am one of that number

In the days of my childhood, my mother's prayers were a benediction to my life. During the years of adolescence, her prayers pursued me as I travelled through some of the danger areas that many young people seem bent on exploring. And the earnest, fervent, faithful petitions of a mother's heart were, in my opinion, a major factor in my being brought to the Saviour a few months before my twenty-first birthday. Across the years that have passed since her translation to "the better land", the prayers of my mother have exerted a profound influence upon me, for "she being dead, yet speaketh".

Many men have paid tribute to the contributions that godly mothers made to their lives. John Newton bears witness of the power of a mother's prayers that brought him back from a life of sin and debauchery to proclaim his wonderful hymn-testimony "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see". D. L. Moody said: "All that I have ever accomplished in life I owe to my mother". And in language quite similar, Abraham Lincoln declared: "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother". Thomas Edison wrote: "I did not have my mother long, but she cast over me an influence that has lasted all my life. The good effects of her early training I can never lose. Her firmness, her goodness, her sweetness, were potent powers to keep me in the right path. My mother was the making of me. The memory of her will always be a blessing to me".

On May 8th. we will join hearts and voices in tribute to our mothers. We thank God for those "loved and lost awhile". We are grateful for the good and godly mothers of the present generation. And we hope that the ranks of praying mothers will be greatly strengthened during these days of crisis. We could win the battle against evil and threatening destruction with an army of praying mothers!

A RULE TO REMEMBER

The democratic system of government has its weaknesses. The congregational system of church polity has its perils. We should not scrap a governing system because of its imperfections, but we should be alert to the dangers that such imperfections create and seek to guard ourselves against damage that might result from them.

An autocratic form of government demands respect and co-operation of its people. The episcopalian system of church polity requires a high, if not a complete attitude of consent to the wisdom and authority of the episcopate. Under these systems people are expected to manifest a high (some times too high) degree of respect for their leaders and an almost unquestioning submission to the rules by which their organizations are governed.

Under our democratic and congregational systems, the desires and the opinions of the layman are considered and respected. The voice of the individual, whatever his rank, is given place in our assemblies, the rights of the people are consulted in our deliberations. We do not preach from the pulpit or preside over the conduct of business in a dictatorial mood. At least, we are not supposed to.

The margin for independent thinking and action which our system allows for can be dangerous. If the layman adopts a questioning, challenging attitude toward the minister of God, and claims the right to dispute his judgment, without due consideration, he may do harm to himself and the church.

If the preacher of the Gospel is regarded as a man called of God, he should be given the respect due a man under divine appointment. His message should be considered most carefully with the purpose to "prove all things, hold fast to that which is good", and everything that is right and proper should be done to strengthen him in his position as overseer of the church of God. We who believe that no man has the right to claim infallibility of judgment or dictatorial authority, may do well to recognize the danger of leaning too far in the other direction, to the loss of respect that is owing the minister of God.

In ancient times the Almighty gave a rule that we might well consider with care. "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm", Psalm 105:15.

Perhaps both ministers and laymen would profit greatly by deliberate consideration of the dignity and responsibility of the Gospel preacher.

★ ★ ★

A MOTHER'S SECRET

SOMEONE asked a mother whose children had turned out very well, the secret by which she prepared them for usefulness and for the Christian life.

Without hesitation she said: "When in the morning I washed my children, I prayed that they might be cleansed by the Saviour's precious blood.

When I put on their garments, I prayed that they might be arrayed in the garments of salvation and in the robe of God's righteousness.

When I gave them food, I prayed that they might be fed with the Bread of Life. When I started them on the road to school, I prayed that their faith might be as the shining light, brighter and brighter to the perfect day.

When I put them to sleep, I prayed that they might be enfolded in the Saviour's everlasting arms."

No wonder her children were early led to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ; and became adornments to the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things!