

## East Ferry, N. S.

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in the name of our Lord.

It is certainly past the time that we should be writing a letter to each of you through our paper.

We do not have as good a report to give as we would like, but we do praise God for the progress which He has given us.

This is our first letter, therefore, we will give a review of the past months.

We all know what times of discouragement and disappointment are, but praise the Lord, those of us who have experienced these times also have the privilege of enjoying the great blessings of God. This we also have enjoyed to the fullest.

Our first real ray of hope in the work here at East Ferry appeared with a visit from the Libby Family Band—the result of the service was six or seven seeking God at an altar of prayer, most of which were children. This was followed by the organization of a children's prayer meeting in which the children are very faithful.

Our Young People's Society was reorganized with a small group, but we have found the Attendance Contest helpful in which we had an average increase of 100% over last fall. At present, the Y. P. S. is more encouraging than before.

Junior Crusaders has been organized for the first time and exceptionally good interest has been shown on the part of the children. Usually we have from 20-30 in attendance.

A guided Bible Study is also held on prayer meeting nights by extending the length of the prayer service. Interest is shown in this and help is received by all of us.

The Church received a great Spiritual uplift during the campaign with Miss Graham last Fall. We were sad to learn that she has had to cancel her Spring booking with us as the church and community have been looking forward to having her come.

We have much to praise God for of late as we have seen His working in many ways. We especially have seen God assisting in the Sunday School work as during our Attendance Contest we broke three records. The previous record attendance at the Sunday School here in East Ferry was 62. This record was broken first by 63, then 66 and finally on the last morning of the contest the New Record became 83. Praise God for His help.

Special effort is being made now for our regular services on Sunday and God is blessing. This great need was made clearer when a week ago the attendance in the morning service was only four adults and a few children. God visited the scene and the morning service became a Prayer Service and special prayer pledges were made. We were going to ask God for at least one soul the next week.

Praise God that Sunday Night there were over 30 in service and the next Sunday morning there were over 50 and on the following Monday afternoon a Navy lad, visiting one of our church members, found Christ as his Saviour while the family were having prayer in the home before his returning to duty.

Praise be to God who still answers Prayer. Our people are not satisfied. Now they are asking God for at least one more soul this week.

There have also been repairs and changes made to the inside of the parsonage last Fall and this Spring. Also repairs are planned for the outside and the grounds.

The Digby work is also very promising provided a

means can be made for more effort there.

The organization date for the church in Digby is May 1st. We ask that you pray much for this.

The Digby Church also covers your prayers that a full-time pastor can be provided for this year. Also plans are that God will supply or make possible the purchasing of a lot for a church for the people to call their own.

The desires at present this year of the people in Digby are:

- (1) Church Organization, May 1st.
- (1) Full time pastor.
  - (3) Lot for a Church
  - (4) A Church Building

We ask you to pray earnestly. God has proved He still answers prayer.

Yours in Christ's Service, George & Hazel Hopkins.

## Houlton, Haine

Dear Highway Friends:

I have never written to the Highway before, but feel strongly impressed to make a report of our work, here, at Houlton, Maine, from a layman's viewpoint.

As you know, this is a new work here, (only about five years old) but we have a fast-growing Spirit-filled church who love the good old Holiness way of full Salvation.

We have a number of loyal, devoted, and godly people who regard no sacrifice too great for the cause of God. We have people in our church, who have not missed any of the services in a year. With loyal people like that, God is sure to honor any church.

Our church is located on Military St. opposite Ricker College, in one of the best locations in town, with a fine parking lot that will accommodate twenty-five or thirty cars.

We have had a building program going on since last Fall, and now have a nice church with a seating capacity of around 175, with a nursery, Sunday School Rooms in the basement, with more to be completed this Spring.

For a small church, we have a lot of musical talent, and a choir of 24 voices which is adding a lot to our services. We have real talent in a Ladies' Quartet, Trios, and Duets and all special music.

Bro. Donald Harding is our choir leader and is doing a splendid job.

We, also, have a wonderful group of young people that have their meeting at 6 o'clock Sunday night, with an attendance of over 30.

Our Sunday School has showed a phenomenal increase in the last year, from an average attendance of 45, last year, to well over one hundred and a record attendance of 151. We have all devoted and consecrated teachers with an evangelical approach and a Holiness emphasis.

We are fortunate in having a good pastor, Rev. D. C. Webb and his lovely family. So we are expecting great things from the hand of God in the next year.

We realize that the devil is never too busy to rock the cradle of a sleeping Christian, and we, as a church, are conscious of the fact that the devil's best weapon is a wedge which he uses to divide God's people. So we are heeding Peter's admonition, to "be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour."

In closing I would say, "To God be all the glory, great things He has done."

Yours for Full Salvation, Kenneth V. Cogswell.