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-Editorials-

HUMBLE YOURSELVES...

Is it not so that the most difficult thing in all the world is for a man truly to humble himself? Yet James says, "Humble yourselves . . ." (James 4:10).

It was more than by chance that when God declared his covenant with Solomon, II Chron. 7:14, that humility was the number one requirement. God said, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves . . ." As fundamental as are "prayer," "seeking my face," and "turning from our wicked ways," humility rightly precedes them. God refuses to show interest until He sees a humble heart.

Jesus lead the way here. We would do wisely to follow. St. Paul gave us dramatic insight into this truth in that wonderful passage, Phil. 2:5-9. The step from the divine to the human, from God to man, was a humbling one. Finite minds shall never be able to grasp the full significance or the mystery of it. The best that we can observe suggests that this was done at awful cost. But this was only the beginning. For St. Paul continues, "And being found in fashion as a man he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." What humility!

The depths of humility were plumbed when Jesus became humanity's scapegoat. From manger to cross, the whole span of Jesus' life was a continuing story of humiliation. St. Paul set the pace for Christ's followers when he said, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

Pride, humility's opposite, is the great enemy. Cut it in seven pieces, and each piece survives to haunt men further. When Satan runs out of things to make men proud about, he persuades them to be proud that they are humble (a most devilish kind of pride), or to be proud that they are not as other men, or even to be proud that they are orthodox. When God listed his most hated things "a proud look" topped the list (Prov. 6:17).

Could it be that our greatest need is a genuine humbling of ourselves—both pastors and people—until God is able to move among us and work a miracle of reviving?

E. M. Bounds in "Power Through Prayer" had it right when he said, "The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men . . . What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom Holy Ghost can use—men of prayer, men

mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer."

The process of humbling will be well on the way when we admit our need, our spiritual indifference, and begin to pray mightily for the power of the Holy Ghost in our lives. The promise is there. Claim it today. "Humble yourselfves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up."

FROM THE HIGHWAY — TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO!

A letter from Miss Alice Sterritt, in Johannesburg, Transvaal, telling how her sister, Helen, was thrown from a horse and fractured her left arm. Nineteen days after the accident, the arm had to be opened and plates inserted to hold the bones in place.

Farewell letters from Charles and Grace Sanders on the eve of their departure for South Africa as missionaries of the Reformed Baptist Church.

An excellent editorial by the late Rev. H. S. Dow on the subject "That I May Know Him."

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An article by the late Rev. G. A. Rogers "The Aims of Our Sunday School" in which he makes a plea for Spirit-filled officers and teachers, a vision for expansion, and a deep burden for the salvation of all.

A Quarterly Meeting report from Port Maitland, Nova Scotia, the following persons being responsible for leading services: Rev. F. A. Watson, Rev. H. L. Robertson, Lic. Gordon Symonds, Mrs. Everett Bain.

A report from the Fredericton Church by the late Rev. P. J. Trafton of an evangelistic meeting in which Rev. Mabel Manning, Nahant, Mass., served as the evangelist.

MRS. H. C. SANDERS WRITES

Dear Highway Friends,

Forgive me for being so slow in personally acknowledging to each one the receipt of your lovely Christmas and Birthday cards. I am so sorry I have been so slow.

Christmas day I was ill with the 'Flu, and have needed a little time to recover, but now am well again, and so thankful for God's blessing.

I think I must have received about eighty cards and many lovely letters from individual friends, and Missionary Auxiliary groups. Some contained gifts of money. Besides I received many lovely presents including two boxes of Chocolates, two handsome tins of fancy cookies, and many small gifts, all so deeply appreciated. Do you wonder I say, "You are my people!" For many years I have had a feeling that I am a member of one of God's families. And, Beloved Members, I never shall forget the dear fathers and mothers of you all who sent us to Africa, and supported us there! God bless the memory of them, and now of each one of you, My People. My grateful thanks, and prayers for each of you.

Will each dear giver please accept this as my personal thank-you to them for their thoughtful love. I so often pray for you all.

Yours in Jesus, Mrs. H. C. Sanders.