

## — Our Missionaries Speak —

### HIGHWAYS OF LIFE

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The course of history can be traced in the highways man has made and used; the Red Indian followed "spots" on trees; primitive peoples use only footpaths; simple agriculturalists have sledge or "drag" trails; the early pioneers built turn-pike roads; the Romans built stone-paved roads; present day roads are macadamized and may have several lanes.

The Bible tells us of many "ways" of life, Religious leaders have so meddled with them that many travellers are confused as to the importance and safety.

Broadly speaking, there are two ways of life: (i) the broad way and the narrow way (Matt. 7:13-14), (ii) the way of light and the way of darkness (Job 38:19; Proverbs 4:19), (iii) the way of the wicked and the way of the righteous (Job 22:15; Psalm 1:6).

Many people deliberately or ignorantly get on the wrong road; others get lost or confused about the right road to take. Thomas, the Disciple, once said, "Lord, HOW can we know the way?" John 14:15.

It may be helpful to list some of the characteristics of the TWO ways of life:

A. Wrong Roads: (i) the way of the fool (Proverbs 12:15), (ii) a way that SEEMETH right, (iii) the broad way (Matt. 7:13), (iv) the way of the ungodly (Psalm 1:6), (v) every false way (Psalm 119:104).

B. The Right Road: (i) the good way (1 Sam. 12:23), (ii) Jesus, the way (John 14:6), (iii) the way of the righteous (Psalm 1:6), (iv) the way of truth (Psalm 119:30), (iv) the way of love (1 Cor. 13), (vi) the way of holiness (Isa. 35:8), (vii) the way of salvation (Acts 16:17).

C. Danger Signs along the way of life: (i) the way of man is not in himself (Jer. 10:23), (ii) the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes (Prov. 16:2), (iii) broad is the way to destruction (Matt. 7:13).

D. Important Road Signs: (i) let the wicked forsake his ways (Isa. 55:7), (ii) ask the way to Zion (Jer. 50:5), (iii) amend your ways and doings (Jer. 7:3), (iv) let us search and try our ways (Lam. 3:40), (v) seek of him a right way (Ezra 8:21), (vi) this is the way walk ye in it (Isa. 30:21).

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### I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU

Wouldn't this old world be better

If folks we meet would say,

"I know something good about you!"

And then treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy

If each handclasp warm and true

Carried with it this assurance,

"I know something good about you"?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,

If the good that's in us all

Were the only thing about us

That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy

If we praised the good we see?

For there's such a lot of goodness

In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice

That fine way of thinking, too?

You know something good about me!

"I know something good about you!"

—Anon.

### NECESSITY OF DISAPPOINTMENT

Dr. F. G. Banting, the famous discoverer of insulin, tells of the disappointing days when he had set up an office in which to practise medicine, after his return from war.

It was in a comparatively small city, and for twenty-eight days he had not one patient. We can imagine how disappointing this must have been to the young doctor just starting out in his chosen profession. Suppose that those disappointing days had discouraged him so much that he had given up medicine and turned to something else to gain a living. Think what the world would have missed.

Who knows but those idle days were sent to him in order to give him an opportunity to work out his great discovery, for it was during his residence in that place that he made his first notation in his studies that led to the discovery of the remedy for diabetes.

Surely this ought to teach us to remember that the closing of one door may lead to the opening of a far greater one, as we so often have been told.

We will be wise indeed when we learn that disappointment is simply His apointment to those who allow God to rule their lives.

It is for us to find the rich blessing that lies in every disappointment that falls to our lot.—Sel.

### "I SHALL NOT WANT"

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

I shall not want rest. "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures."

I shall not want refreshment. "He leadeth me beside the still waters."

I shall not want forgiveness. "He restoreth my soul."

I shall not want guidance. "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake."

I shall not want companionship. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me."

I shall not want comfort. "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

I shall not want food. "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies."

I shall not want joy. "Thou anointest my head with oil."

I shall not want anything. "My cup runneth over."

I shall not want anything in this life. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

I shall not want anything in eternity. "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."—Selected.

### BEGIN THE DAY WITH GOD

Begin the day with God!

He is thy sun and day,

He is the radiance of thy dawn:

To Him address thy lay!

Thy first transaction be

With God himself above:

So shall thy business prosper well,

And all thy days be love!

—Horatius Bonar.

### BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ the son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name (John 20:31).

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God (1 John 5:13).

The King's Highway