

Correspondence

ANNUAL MISSIONARY REPORT
TO ALLIANCE.Paulpietersburg,
Natal, S. A.,
May 31st, 1912.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:—

Once again we are sending you greetings from this far away land.

God gave us a wonderful journey, so free from storms or any evil. We arrived at Balmoral, Feb. 22nd, found Bro. and Sister Keirstead very glad to welcome us back to share the burdens and joys of mission work. For a few weeks we were very much crowded, as there were thirteen of us in one small house but we managed nicely and as soon as their two rooms were finished, in the church, they moved out and we were able to get settled. Of course when everything is packed away in boxes, this took some little time.

The people welcomed us back heartily and from the very first Dr. was in requisition, and has had patients daily ever since, with few exceptions.

The report of the church will show better than words of mine, just how we stand. Quite a few seem very weak indeed and there are a number of backsliders, some few have died. There are some who are old or sick; these do not get here very often. We had four evangelists at work when we came, but Peter Zondo is now having to shepherd 300 sheep for the Boer on whose farm he lives, and Aloni (Aron) has gone to work at a near by (a days journey away) gold mine. He told me he wished to go to this place as there were quite a large number of natives at work there and no missionary among them so he thinks to start work there for a time and earn money also. He is really still working as he finds opportunity. Samuel has a large field and really should have some one to help him. Solomon is working his field. These last two are across the Pongola river in the Transvaal. Lydia—I had forgotten to mention her—has been going from place to place, as need required, teaching and helping by prayer and meetings, but she is now our school teacher.

This is early winter with us, so the best time of year for a daily school as the children and young people do not have to be in the gardens watching amabele or weeding. Our school opened two weeks ago with eleven pupils but we now have sixteen or more. The church serves as school-room and the church bell calls them so they seem very nicely settled and doing good work. Some are real young, probably about 5 years old, some are quite grown up. Some are just beginning, others learning English (this we do not teach till they have first learned to read and write in their own tongue.) From 10 a. m. till noon they study when every scholar has some work given him for the hour and a half of recess. The girls are then taught dish-washing, washing, ironing, sweeping, etc., in the house, the smaller children may cut grass on some other little thing and the young men something else. At 1-3 to 3 p. m. they study again. All seem so happy to be learning how to do things as well as to read, etc. Each day Bible is taught for a short while, just now they have The Life of Christ. Friday afternoons will be devoted to the sewing class when all the girls will learn how to cut and sew their own clothing. This will greatly help me as there is always clothing on hand to cut and make for the young believers and it takes a lot of time. Every native school must have its industrial department.

Bro. and Sister Keirstead left on April 19th for a change and rest. They may be away some months in Durban and elsewhere.

As both horses, they had when we arrived here, have died, we cannot get

around much, as donkeys are exceedingly slow but we are hoping to have a horse when we need one.

We are going on the very best we know how and ask for much earnest prayer for wisdom to do what will be for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

All are in good health at present and feel God's presence in blessing with care and protection. Food will be scarce in this section of Natal this winter, but we cannot now tell how much of a famine it will be as 'tis a little early yet to decide. On our arrival we planted some table vegetables which we are now enjoying. The peanuts and sweet potatoes Bro. Keirstead planted in the early summer are now very much enjoyed.

May the Lord richly bless you all at Beulah this year and may a wave of revival sweep over us all this coming year.

Yours in His service,
MRS. H. C. SANDERS.Paulpietersburg,
Natal, S. A.,
June 12th, 1912.

Dear Highway:—

The owner of this farm surprised us last Monday, by stating, at last, he is willing to sell us Balmoral. He asks more for it now than it was worth seven years ago when we first rented it, but things have changed since then, and land is coming up in value. Our farm is eighteen miles from P. P. burg village through which a railroad is to pass. Two years will be required to complete this, but work is already begun at different points on the road, so there remains no uncertainty regarding its construction.

This is one factor that is raising the price of land, especially near the village; while another is the introducing of large flocks of sheep. These take the place of great herds of cattle that grazed on these immense farms before "tick fever" broke out and a large percentage, perhaps ninety, died off leaving the natives impoverished and Natal stock farmers to seek some other means of gaining wealth.

Sheep do well here in the winter and are returned to cooler lands for the summer months.

The grazing privilege of Balmoral was leased today to a Boer who owns a farm next ours and has 1000 sheep. In this letter I am not giving particulars regarding the buying of Balmoral as the Mission Board have the whole matter in their hands and will inform our friends through the Highway later.

It was Monday when the Boer let us know that we might buy, and I lost no time in getting word to the Board, hoping to reach them with the news while Camp is in session at Beulah.

Tuesday morning I started for P. P. Burg where the Boer was to sign a written statement giving us an "option" of buying. Failing to secure a horse from our neighbor I went the first six miles with Bro. Keirstead's useful donkey. A few incidents of the journey may interest the children and throw some light on our surroundings. You notice I said "with" the donkey, for I did not ride much of the way. Up hill and down I walked, and over the rough, stoney parts of the path. Once when I delayed getting off at the brow of a hill the knowing animal lay down most as quickly and easily as a kitten. Upon reaching a Native krall, where I had hoped to get a horse I found none at home so did the next six miles on foot, leaving Mrs. Donkey to the care of a Native horse owner.

The whole country is now alive with sheep, sheep everywhere, and white men on horseback, or coming or going in wagons. We met about a dozen wheeled vehicles, and as many horse back riders. Four years ago to have met one quarter of this number would have been extraordinary. I indeed marveled at the strange sight, but sheep farming is the explanation.

My second six mile stage ended when I reached the home of the owner of Balmoral, Mr. Fonroyjn. And here were his four sons, and four visiting Boers, all owners of farms and sheep. They sat and smoked and chatted in Dutch, speaking to me occasionally in English, until the tea was steeped, when we were all helped to a cup. This is, a hospitality never neglected among this Dutch people. Just on my way I had called at one of Mr. Fonroyjn's sons where coffee had been served without delay, as, generally, it is kept hot and in readiness.

Another son has his house near the father's, and this is another Boer custom, the sons settling on farms given them by "the old man."

It was now one o'clock, so after partaking of the usual and very simple fare, called dinner, we were ready for the last six mile stage of our outward journey. Mrs. Fonroyjn accompanied us as she had some sheepskins to sell at the village. These with all the geese, hens, etc., belong to the wife, while the husband owns his portion of the farm property. She is a smart, talkative woman and gave me many points on the raising of geese, guinea fowl, etc. Our great drawback being that all our conversation was necessarily in the Zulu tongue.

By the way, we rode in style in a lumbering, covered wagon, built for this rough country, and intended for six passengers. The horse and the mule that drew it had a hard pull, so that next day a larger horse was used with the mule to bring us back.

It was not easy to arrange terms of selling so the matter was left over for a second day's negotiation. The mule and horse returned home while I remained, improving this opportunity of attending to some necessary business, as this is my first visit to the village for over three months.

The homeward journey was practically uneventful. The second six miles was by mule back, and the last "with" the missionary donkey. O yes, there was a slip of the saddle, a spill and a very lame wrist, while home was reached long after dark.

I am aware that this is my first Highway letter for a very long time, in spite of my firm (?) resolve to write often. I still intend to, and for excuse have only this to offer, that I have been so busy working that there has seemed to be no time to write or talk about it. As a missionary once remarked to me that he found that the ones who wrote the most generally did the least, and the busy ones found no time to tell of their work. But I really do purpose writing often though the coming months hold work mountains high.

Yours faithfully in Him,
H. C. SAUNDERS.Norton, N. B.,
July 23rd, 1912.

Dear Highway:—

On Sunday, 21st inst., we had our first meeting at Millstream in the new church since the dedication. We were quite surprised to find so many out, as there were nearly as many as were there on the Sunday evening of the opening.

I believe that God is going to bless this church in the saving of souls. We expect to have special services here soon, and trust that the Lord may send a good evangelist to help us in the work. We would have been pleased to attend the Riverside Camp Meeting but are unable to do so.

God is blessing us in our work since we came home from Beulah and we are believing God for greater victory in the future.

Our meetings at Norton on Friday and Sunday were seasons of blessing.

The people who were able to attend Beulah Camp Meeting were much refreshed and blessed and returned to take up the work with renewed energy. I am praying the Lord to wonderfully

bless the church here. My soul is filled with God's blessing.

Yours in the Work,
T. W. MOSES.Somerville, N. B.,
July 23rd, 1912.

Dear Highway:—

You will find enclosed my renewal to the paper. I enjoy reading it so much, and after I read it myself I always pass it on to some one else. I am still trusting in God, and the Spirit abides with me. Often about my work, as I am meditating upon the goodness of God and of the great salvation which I have received, and do enjoy, I burst out in praise to Him, who has made all these blessings possible.

Yours for Jesus,
MRS. E. M. SIPPRELL.

OBITUARY.

Harris Cox, a well known resident of Victoria, Car. Co., died very suddenly on Thursday, July 18th. He had suffered from heart disease for a long time but was able to attend to his work and he never laid up. On the day of his death he had worked in the hayfield and the unusual exertion was apparently too much for him. He expired about noon. Besides his wife he leaves three sons, Birdsall of Hartland and Howard and Paul of Victoria, and two daughters who are Mrs. Guy Hughes and Mrs. Tompkins. The funeral was held on Saturday forenoon, the services being conducted by Rev. H. S. Dow. There was a large concourse of people present to pay the last respect to an honest and upright fellowman. Mr. Cox was an active member of the Reformed Baptist church. George Cox of Millinocket and Nathan Cox of Somerville are brothers, and Mrs. John McGraves of Somerville is a sister.—Hartland Observer.

THE SLAYING POWER OF LAZINESS.

The habit of persistent industry is a large asset to any Christian worker. Diligence in the King's business is as essential as in any business. Prayer and faith without work, where work is clearly required, is dead. No Christian enterprise can go forward without toil. And yet there are some who evidently think otherwise! A mission superintendent, for several weeks, had been praying for the prosperity of his work. In words he had said he was much concerned about it. But his mission hall had not been cleansed for two months! The floor, benches, and speaker's desk were covered with dirt and dust! He had been absent from the sessions of the Sunday School for several weeks! He had made but an occasional visit in the thickly populated district where his work was centered! That man's prayers were vain because the iniquity of laziness was laid in his heart. That was the path in which the devil met him and slew him. And the devil is still going about trying to find that path in every man's life!—Selected.

HOLINESS.

Holiness is the good seed growing in the ground from which all weeds have been extracted. It is the removing of the diseases of the soul of the child of God. It is the separations of all the dross from the pure gold. It is the removal of the taint of bitterness from the pure waters of the fountain; it is the laying aside of the sin (carnality) that does so easily beset us. It is the correction of the heart's deformities. It is the extraction of the poison caused by the serpent's bite. It is the spiritual atmosphere purified from all malaria. It is the removal of the beam from the eye of the soul. It is the cleansing of the temple to fit it for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It is the removal of those weaknesses that cause backsliding. It is the cure

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

By Mrs. A. P. Hatheway.

In reading Paul's advice to Timothy we find the same earnest injunctions are applicable to the youth of to-day.

One prominent precept is this—"Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." The study and experimental knowledge of the Word of God, seems in Paul's mind, to be a very essential part of the foundation of Christian character. There seems to be a little difference between Paul's ideals and those of some workers of to-day. Paul did not "beat about the bush" and; he did not say to his co-workers, "Now we must try to bring as many young people into the church as possible. Never mind if they are not saved. Just get them to doing something, and they will soon be all right." No! we cannot imagine his saying anything of the kind. Even to Timothy, who was a young minister, he says "Flee also youthful lusts."

"Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Many of the activities for the uplifting, so-called, of our young people of to-day, seem to reach only the surface of their lives. Instead of spirit-filled Christians who travail in soul until these young souls are born into the kingdom of God and become weaned at once from earthly pleasures and ungodly associates, we have a sort of second rate affair, partly secular, partly religious, which is supposed to "draw" the young people; to get them interested in pool, music, clubs, etc., under the name and cloak of religion. It is sickening to those who have "passed from death unto life" and have been "delivered from the power of darkness" and "translated into the kingdom" of God's Son, to see this mamby-pamby way of dealing with souls. There is need of saints like this one of former days who visited in a home where there was an unruly girl, who greatly needed transforming. After leaving, he prayed, "Lord, show that girl her heart." When he came again he found his prayers had been answered, and the child was miserable under God's convicting power. This time he prayed, "Lord, show her thyself." The girl soon found peace through pardon, and in her spirit was laid the foundation of a glorious character. No good is done, but harm, by placing before young people a form of amusement, even though it be in a Y. M. C. A. or Y. W. C. A. building, which has worldly associations, and is closely connected with that which savors of the pit. All this bringing of the world into the church is having its effect. It may "draw" the young people, but it will never satisfy the soul; it will only be a "stone" in place of the "bread" they need. Let us teach them the Truth—the Word—and agonize in prayer for them until Jesus shall "see of the travail of His soul"—in them, and be satisfied." Then, and only then, are they fitted for His use. God be praised however, for every truly wise worker, who "winneth souls."

God says, "The just shall live by faith; but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him."

of "heart troubles." It is the removal of all internal ailments that hinder perfect soul rest. It is the fortress with all the enemies on the outside. It is the human heart minus sin and plus the fullness of the Holy Spirit. It is the clear, undimmed light without a shadow; endless day without a cloud. In short, it is the abstraction, subtraction, elimination and removal of sin from the heart, and the incoming, replenishing, infilling and perpetual indwelling of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.—Selected.