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THE KING'S HIGHWAY.

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MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

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may indicate as His will for us. But do not pray unless you are willing to be shown His plan.

One of the lady workers at Mbabane told me that she had been interested in Swaziland for years. She had labored to interest others and prayed—"Yes, I believe I prayed myself out here," is what she said.

I wonder how you, at home, feel. For my part I have a consuming desire to give the glorious gospel to the neglected and very needy ones. Even the highways and by-ways must be canvassed. All are to be invited until souls are won from every tribe, and kindred, and tongue and nation. Let this be the question we ask ourselves, "Were Jesus in my place, what would He do?"

Yours to do, by His grace, as He would.

H. C. SANDERS.

Paulpietersburg, Natal, July 24, 1913.

Dear Highway:—

We will receive in a few weeks home reports from Beulah and expecting you have had victory there as of yore. When we first came to Africa it seemed so long to wait until we could reasonably expect letters from our precious friends, but think during the last eight years we have at least learned to have a little patience.

We praise the Lord for these years of service for the Master. What a pleasure it has been. How we have rejoiced in seeing souls liberated from heathenism, and made free in Jesus, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ." There is no service on earth equal to soul saving or "working for a crown."

How gladly we would spend as many more years in this dark land if our strength would permit—but we find there is a limit, in this trying climate.

Our high winds are most trying these days. They usually last two or three months, then the rains set in. At Cape Colony they are having rains now but later on the rains will cease then, they, too, will have continual heavy winds. It has been real cold here at times during the winter. Influenza was very common.

I saw an article not long since in a home paper, stating that a real African was never known to sneeze or even a European living in Africa as there was no cold weather or dampness there. It only proves that the writer has never been to Africa.

Our missionary friends, Mr. and Mrs. Rosine, have returned from furlough, but she is so poorly they fear they must take her to America for a real change and rest.

We praise the Lord for His dear presence and the assurance of His love and care over us. The Holy Spirit abides in all His fullness. Bless Him.

With Christian love, yours in Jesus,

IDA M. KIERSTEAD.

BEDDING FOR RIVERSIDE HOTEL.—

(Continued.)

A. L. Tompkins—Bedstead and spring.

Mrs. Jacob Cummings—2 sheets, 2 pillow cases.

Mrs. A. B. Craig—1 comfortable.

There were other contributions of bedding, but we failed to get the names of those giving them. If persons will please send their names we will be glad to acknowledge their gifts.

S. A. BAKER.

ITEMS OF INTEREST ON MISSIONS.

By Mrs. H. C. Sanders.

There is a native church on the Kongo which has made it a rule that every member shall tithe his income, and that one person in every ten of their number shall give his entire time to preaching the Gospel, receiving his support from the lay members. The first convert was baptized after three years, and at the end of the next year thirty-one savages, from seven warring tribes, were added. The membership has since increased to more than two thousand.—*Malaysia Message*.

The Voice of Missions reports that there are working in the Philippine Islands, ten societies with 167 foreign missionaries and 880 native workers. There are 60,000 Protestant church members and many more adherents. The remainder of the 7,000,000 inhabitants are Roman Catholics, Moslems and Pagans.

The Islands of the Sea are said to have 1,000,000 Pagans untouched as yet by the Gospel.—*Sel*.

About one hundred thousand Testaments and Gospels were given out to the soldiers in the armies of the Balkan States and Turkey, at an approximate cost of \$5,000. Even the priests of the Greek orthodox church helped in this distribution.—*Sel*.

Religious statistics from England tell us that both the Baptists and Congregationalists have had a year of decline in both church and Sunday school. This is not surprising when we remember the advance of higher criticism in the ranks of almost all denominations.

Everywhere in China the work of the Lord seems to be progressing rapidly since the revolution, except in such places as are still in an unsettled condition.—*Sel*.

Bible sellers in Bulgaria find a ready sale for the Scriptures among the middle classes.—*Sel*.

A Denver U. S. A. judge gives a pocket Bible to every prisoner he sentences. He does this on the advice of Detective Pinkerton.—*Sel*.

At Bonny, a town in the Niger delta, a church, to build which native Christians gave £2,000 stands close to the spot where formerly was a heathen temple with its pillars festooned with human skulls.—*Bible Society Gleanings*.

Thirteen years ago there were practically no Protestant Christians in the Philippines. Now there are 60,000.—*Sel*.

A little over one hundred years ago Canton was the only city in China open to foreign residents. Now the whole empire is open.—*Sel*.

Wherever the Mohammedan merchant goes he is a missionary. Christian traveling men should be the same.—*Sel*.

"I cannot get interested in missions, exclaimed a petulant young lady. "No, dear," said the aunt, "you can hardly expect to. It is just like getting interested in a bank. And the more you put in—time, or money, or prayer—the more the interest grows. But something you must put in, or you will have no interest. Try and see."—*Sel*.

Indifference to foreign missions is a crime deeper than refusal to feed the hungry. It is forgetting to deal out the living bread.—*Sel*.

The only country in the world that forbids publishing the Bible in the language of the people is Greece. Bible societies are urging a change in the law.

How a man can anticipate the joys of heaven and do nothing to save others, when he knows that 900,000,000 souls have never heard of Christ, is a mystery.—*Sel*.

WHAT SOME MEN WISH THEY HAD KNOWN BEFORE TWENTY-ONE.

"Things I wish I had Known Before I Was Twenty-one," was the subject of three addresses delivered at the Y. M. C. A., Cleveland, recently. G. Leonard Fels, the first speaker, read a list of answers given. He had canvassed the membership, and these were the answers he received.

I wish I had known—

1. What I was going to do for a living—what my life work would be.

2. That my health after 30 depended, in a large degree, on what I put into my stomach before I was 21.

3. How to take care of my money.

4. The commercial asset of being neatly and sensibly dressed.

5. That a man's habits are mighty hard to change after he is 21.

6. That a harvest depends upon the seed sown—wheat produces wheat, thistles bring forth thistles, rag-weeds will spoil a good pasture, and wild oats once sown will surely produce all kinds of misery and unhappiness.

7. Things that are worth while require time, patience and work.

8. That you can't get something for nothing.

9. That the world will give me just about what I deserve.

10. That by the sweat of my brow would I earn my bread.

11. That a thorough education not only pays better wages than hard labor, but it brings the best of everything else, namely, more enjoyable work, better food, more of the wholesome luxuries and pleasures of life, better folks to live and deal with, and, best of all, the genuine satisfaction that you are somebody worthy of respect, confidence and the priceless gift of friendship.

12. That honesty was the best policy not only in dealing with my neighbors but also in dealing with myself and my God.

13. The value of absolute truthfulness in everything.

14. The folly of not taking older people's advice.

15. That everything which my mother wanted me to do was right.

16. That "dad" wasn't so old-fogey after all; if I had done as he wished me to do, I would be very much better off physically, mentally and morally.

17. What it really meant to father and mother to raise their son.

18. What hardships and disappointments would be entailed by my leaving home against my parents' wishes.

19. More of the helpful and inspiring parts of the Bible—particularly the four books dealing with the life of Christ.—*Select-ed*.

NOT SO EASILY SPOILED.

A little teetotaller was about to be apprenticed. The foreman offered him a glass of beer.

"I never touch that stuff."

Foreman: "We never have teetotalers here."

"If you have me you'll have one."

Foreman: "You'll either have this glass of beer inside or outside."

Boy: "I brought my clean jacket and a good character; you may spoil my jacket, but you shan't spoil my character."—*Christian Standard*.