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## THE KING'S HIGHWAY.

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## Missionary Correspondence.

Paulpietersburg, Natal, So. Africa, Feb. 3, '13  
Dear Highway:—

My, but we had a "stuffy" time of it yesterday. We try (but fail) to all crowd in to a little square built hut, nineteen feet by nine, and owned by a native. There are three, so called, windows, each having three eight by ten panes of glass. The floor is, of course, clay and the roof thatch, while the walls are built of sundried brick. When I went over yesterday morning quite a number were inside having the usual Sunday morning prayer service. As is their custom, the door and windows were all closed. You see, these people like warmth, and seem insensible to the vile odor of the exhalations from their perspiring bodies. The baby organ, serving now as organ and pulpit, as there is no room for more, was placed near the door way, where a grateful draft of pure air came in rendering the intense heat bearable and wafting the stench through the tiny windows. Friends, a good sized church building is a crying need. We expect, too, that your gifts will furnish this without delay.

But when, at the close of our second service, we baptized a young man and three girls, all such earnest candidates, the unpleasant side was lost sight of and our hearts filled with gratitude to God for manifesting His saving power in our midst. There was a slight hitch at the baptism, but no one was embarrassed. It was only that one of the girls had forgotten her name. These converts take new names when they leave the old life and are baptized. Generally they have a name in mind for a long time that they wish to be called by. This little girl, however, had none. A month ago when we questioned these candidates we helped her by suggesting a number of names until we came to "Nellie." This suited and was duly noted down preparatory for entry into the church records. I did not charge my mind with the four new names, trusting to the owners. When Nellie learns that she has not lost her good name she will be very glad, especially as she is the only Nellie we have.

All these years our baby organ has done double service for house and church. Twice every week it goes to church and returns. Then, too, it is not very satisfactory with its short key board and lack of stops. We have a secret hope that some one will send out a good organ for this work, worthy of our coming new church building.

More details from the last storm have come in confirming first reports of the people struggling to hold their departing huts. Some of the grass houses have since been brought back while others were damaged beyond repair. The area where gardens are devastated is over two thousand square miles. These natives were just beginning to eat the first ripe corn, and must now go buying again until next fall as the time for planting is passed for this season. Some of the heathen consider this calamity an "accident of the clouds" while others say it is a manifestation of God's displeasure towards them for refusing the gospel. "For when Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."

Yours in His service,  
H. C. Saunders.

"If you want to miss success in life, just keep missing daily opportunities, and there is no question about failure coming by and by."

Paulpietersburg, Natal,  
February 21st, 1913.

Dear Highway,—

It has been some time since we have written, but we have been doing our best in the work among the navvies, and trust one here and there have been in a measure helped, though none as yet have taken the stand for Christ which we would like to see.

They are without doubt a more difficult class to work among than even the natives of this country; but all things are possible with God, and we are looking to Him to accomplish His own purpose in sending His word among them. Rev. T. Perry, of Johannesburg, and Rev. Chapman, of Maritzburg, have kindly sent me literature of a helpful nature, some of Spurgeon's sermons among it, to distribute among them. They appreciate almost anything along this line.

We are doing a little here and there among the natives and no doubt shall be doing more along that line in the near future. Last week it was our privilege to visit our work among the natives over in the Transvaal on Solomon's and Samuel's fields. We found the work there in a low condition, partly because of the fact that they had not been visited before for nearly a year. Dr. Saunders being unable to travel because he has no horse to ride, and a journey of forty miles is too far to go with a donkey. Someone who has means at home would be doing the work a good turn by supplying the Dr. with a means of travelling.

Three or four months from now a thousand or more natives will be coming along laying the rails on this construction and we shall then have opportunity to work among them. Later we may take a tent and go over in the Transvaal for two or three months to work entirely among natives, but most likely we shall make this our headquarters for the next twelve months.

Now we trust you are having a successful time at home in the work of the Lord, because of the presence of the Master among you.

He is still our strength and shield, and a very present help at all times. Our highest delight is to do His will and learn more of the secrets of His love.

Yours in His service,  
I. F. Kierstead.

## Correspondence.

Sussex, March 18th, 1913.

Dear Brother Baker:—

Please find enclosed my renewal for The Highway. I like the paper and enjoy reading it very much. I am glad to say, too, that I am rejoicing in God, and my heart is fixed trusting in Him. I am having blessed victory in my soul, and I have proved that—

He is not a disappointment,

He is all in all to me,

Saviour, Sanctifier, Keeper,

The unchanging Christ is He.

He has won my heart's affections,

And He meets my every need.

He is not a disappointment,

For He satisfies indeed.

Yours in Him,

Mrs. J. D. Patton.

Dear Highway:—

We are still standing for the truth. We are expecting an evangelist in April to work with the church at Norton. Some think they

get all at one look. I know a great deal comes from a look. The bitten Israelites were healed by a look at the brazen serpent. Peter's heart was broken by a look from his Lord. Thousands are in hell because they disobeyed God's command and looked upon the wine, "when it is red." We are told not to love the world, nor the things that are in the world. "If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him." The great trouble of to-day is that the church is flirting with the world.

We may be blessed by a steadfast look, "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.—T. W. Moses.

Dear Highway,—

I am glad to report victory to date through the precious Blood. I am very much encouraged in the work of the Lord in this place. We had Brother Huggard with us for a few days; Brother Huggard is a member of the R. B. church at Norton, Kings Co., N. B. His visit was very much appreciated by our people. We also had Brother C. S. Hilyard with us for a ten days' meeting, which resulted in strengthening the church very much and the restoration of one who had been on the background. Evidently Brother Hilyard devoted himself to study and has stirred up the gift that is in him since we last heard him. We were all pleased to note the great improvement in his preaching; nor is he any less a holiness preacher since he went into Maine among the F. B. brethren. It will be seven years, by the meeting of the Alliance, since we took up the work here. I am glad that we still enjoy the confidence of the people, who have again given us a unanimous call to remain for another year. I am not sure as yet whether we should remain or not. We are seeking light from God. I had a very pleasant visit on Brother Hilyard's circuit, and preached for him ten days. I enjoyed his nice home very much with his interesting family. Brother Hilyard's church at "Four Corners" is a company of whole-souled people; some of them are in the experience of full salvation.

Since returning home I paid a visit to Seal Cove, Grand Manan, N. B. It was very pleasant to meet the kind friends again to whom I ministered as pastor in the past. I was sorry to find Brother C. B. Harvey in poor health, but trust he will soon be restored to his former good health. Brother and Sister Harvey's home has been the resting place for our ministers for many years. We missed the kindly face of Aunt Hannah, who has passed to her eternal reward since we last visited the island. We were sorry to find Sister Hattie Cronk very sick and nigh unto death. We hope she may recover her health. We are expecting Sister Ella Slipp about the first of April.

We had a very interesting Easter entertainment last night which was enjoyed by all present. The music was excellent.

Yours in Christ, H. H. Cosman.

Beals, Me., March 24, 1913.

A candle that won't shine in one room is very unlikely to shine in another. If you do not shine at home, if your father and mother, your sister and brother, if the very cat and dog in the house are not the better and happier for your being a Christian, it is a question whether you are really one.—J. Hudson Taylor.