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## THE KING'S HIGHWAY.

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## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

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superior. Yet when once in motion she kept going—steadiness was the one redeeming trait. Her improvement was slow but sure, until she finally became as desirable a house girl as we have ever had in this country. A miracle? Yes, for the change had been in her moral and spiritual nature as well.

Upon her arrival with us she was a candidate to become a spirit medium, like so many of the Zulus. Perhaps four in every hundred have, like witch of En-dor, a "familiar spirit". The initial pains were upon her and had been diagnosed by those who knew. These pains, by the way, trouble them only before they have learned to fully yield themselves to the influence of the spirit. When, finally, they understand their sensations and can be guided whither the spirit willeth, they are graduated as full members of the honored fraternity. "Honored", as these natives all aspire to this experience where they may be "enquired of" by their less fortunate neighbors. All this honor Losilina counted but loss for Christ. After weeks of prayer, His power released her from the spirit's painful grip and made her free indeed.

The great trial of her life was, her "skeleton in the closet," was that she had been sold to a man for whom she had no love. Only one brave effort she made to stand for her rights. She was severely beaten by her eldest brother, her owner since the death of her father. He then threatened her until she yielded and declared before the magistrate, whose attention we had called to her case, that she was not willing to marry her purchaser. Thus this matter was settled. But the poor girl never succeeded in teaching her heart to love him, though she was reconciled to her painful lot, and fully expected to marry him.

It was, however, ordered otherwise. She has never been well long at a time, and her would-be husband has been waiting for years to see her healthy and strong, that he might marry her without the risk of losing the purchase price. Because the custom is that if the girl dies before marriage the owner refund to her lover whatever cattle may have been paid. But should death follow the marriage, then the husband alone suffers the loss. Thus in this case, Losilin's eldest brother must pay back the cows, with which the man may buy another girl—in case he can find one willing and free to accept.

Losilina was slow and steady in her spiritual life as in everything else. During her last illness she seemed to weaken in her faith, but only for a short time. For the last months her faith never dimmed, but grew steadily brighter. The Saturday before death came she told Lydia, who was visiting her, that all was well with her soul. Monday she realized her condition and called the family together to say her farewells. She shook hands with them all, telling them not to mourn for her as she was but going "home." The way before her was open and bright. Then she sang, "You, Jesus You are My Help." Her next and last act was to offer prayer. At the end of this prayer as if by her own free will, she ceased to breathe and was away to be with Jesus.

We deeply feel our loss, and still more deeply her gain; and thank God that one more of our little band is safe in Heaven.

Hers was such a sad life, with no bright hopes for the future, like others, and little to make the present worth while. She was faith-

ful amid her sorrow and long sickness, sustained by a strong assurance of eternal life—which is now her happy lot.

It seems that God has immediately filled her place in the church, as, last Sunday we baptised a bright earnest girl, just budding into womanhood. Then, too, there was an old woman. So pathetic to see her baptised when her years are about spent. Later than the eleventh hour is her entrance into the vineyard.

The same day four babies were presented to the Lord, their parents taking solemn vows upon themselves to bring up these little ones in the ways of God and the church.

New seekers are continually coming to us and we feel more encouraged than for some time. Yet our trust is not in circumstances but in Him who is above all.

Yours in Him,

H. C. Sanders.

Paulpietersburg, Natal,

April 17, 1913.

Dear Friends,—

Probably some would like to know how our work is getting on—there really seems very little of real interest to write about. The plate-layers are working on both ends of the construction, some of the gangs are getting through. The past month there seems to be as much drinking among the men as ever in spite of our efforts to help them.

Sometimes Mr. K. brings men here from the bar, gets them sobered up and back to work. Others stay at the bar after pay-day until every penny is gone, even selling the clothing off their backs for drink. They have no home comforts or scarcely any one who has any sympathy for them, thus they drift along.

We now are praying for one man who, we believe, is near the kingdom, has been in a back-slidden state, once preached the Gospel to others.

We can only do our best and leave the result with God,—but we do covet your prayers for this work—we need wisdom from on high.

We thank those who have sent literature for the men. May the Lord continue to bless you all abundantly, and give you constant victory.

Yours in Jesus' love,

Ida M. Kierstead.

## WANTED—MEN.

Men who know their duty and do it. Men who know the truth and tell it. Men who have principles and stick to them. Men who have convictions and preach them. Men who have a place and fill it. Men who have talents and use them. Men with colors to show who show them. Men who see an opportunity and grasp it. Men who seeing a difficulty surmount it. Men who see their weakness but rise above it. Men with character. Men with courage. Men with zeal. Men who know God. Men full of faith and the Holy Ghost. Men with humility. Men with love. Men who can prevail with God. Men with a purpose. Men with ambition. Men who stick to it. Men who conquer. Men who will go through. Men who bring things to pass. Men who are acquainted with Jesus. Men who never retreat. Men who know no defeat. Men of prayer.—These men are always in demand. On land and sea, in summer and winter, at home or abroad, in hamlet, town, city, state, country and church—everywhere—such men are needed—men of God.—Sel.

## QUARTERLY MEETING

The Q. M. of district No. 1 convened with the church at Lower Hainsville on Tuesday, May 20th, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. P. J. Trafton, president of the Quarterly Meeting preached the opening sermon.

Wednesday, 2.30 p. m., there was a social service led by Rev. P. J. Trafton. At 7.30 p. m. Rev. S. A. Baker preached.

Thursday 10.30 A. M. there was a social service led by Rev. H. C. Archer. 2.30 P. M. was the regular business session.

The following ministers were present: Revs. S. A. Baker, P. J. Trafton, H. S. Dow, E. W. Lester and H. C. Archer.

Delegates present, Woodstock, Bro. and Sister Samuel Coulthard. Millville, Bro. A. Sharp and B. R. Burt. Maple Ridge, Bro. H. Hoyt, Miss Grace Avery and Mrs. Chas. Dunn. Lower Hainsville, Bro. A. Chute and Henry Elliott.

The following officers were then appointed as follows: President, Rev. E. W. Lester, Secy. Rev. H. C. Archer, Treasurer Bro. A. Chute, Highway Agt. Rev S. A. Baker. Devotional Committee, Bros. A. Chute, H. Hoyt, S. Coulthard and Rev. E. W. Lester.

Reports were then read from the following churches: Hartland, Millville, Marysville and Lower Hainsville.

The other churches were reported by the delegates which were present. All these reports were very encouraging and revealed the fact that the blessing of God was resting upon our churches in their work for the Master.

The following resolutions were then passed: Resolved that all the members of the different churches of our denomination who were present be considered delegates from those churches.

Resolved that in the future the Secy. be requested to send the minute-book to the pastor in whose church the meeting is to be, on or before each meeting.

Resolved that we accept the invitation of the Millville church and that the next meeting be held there in September.

Resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to the people of Lower Hainsville for their hospitality extended to the delegates and ministers who are attending the Quarterly Meeting.

Thursday evening, preaching by Rev. H. S. Dow.

Friday 10.30 A. M. social service led by Rev. H. C. Archer. 2.30 P. M. preaching by Rev. S. A. Baker. 7.30 P. M. by Rev. H. C. Archer. Thus closed one of the best Quarterly Meetings which has been held in this district for some time.

There were seekers at nearly every service and some professed to experience Conversion or Sanctification as the case may have been. Bro. Coy came on Friday night to remain over Sunday to assist the pastor in the meetings.

H. C. A., Sec'y.

## NOTICE TO CHURCHES.

Will the churches please select delegates to represent them, who will attend the Alliance and assist in the business. Each church has the privilege of electing two delegates, and each mission society can elect one delegate. We hope to see a large delegation this year. Every pastor also ought to be present.

Let us all come this year beloved.—The Secretary.