

Missionary Correspondence.

Paulpietersburg
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Dear Friends:

"The entrance of they word giveth light." Nothing can be more true than the above in connection with our work in this land. Then, as far as we can prevail upon these people to walk in the received light, so far does our work count, to us. The past year has been one of much progress in spiritual things.

You will have noticed by Dr. Sanders report we have had 25 baptized. Beyond this several places have been more anxious for services at their kraals, or villages, and some four I think of these new outposts are very promising, two head men are seeking and a third says he is saved, but better than this there are some of our children members here at Balmoral who have gone away beyond anything they ever knew before in the deeper experiences and, if I can judge rightly are sanctified. This is indeed beautiful. Their lives show it in many ways. Their testimonies have the real ring in them and they are the ones most anxious to win others to Christ.

The prayer and class meeting and Sunday services are fairly well attended and are always seasons of refreshment and blessing. Sometimes a few from the Pongola get here to our class meetings and they are encouraged by it. There, too, the heathen all about us seem to be awakening, a little, to their great need and we are trying to stimulate this all we can.

On Easter Sunday a young girl was baptized and joined the church. Hers seemed a bright conversion. Last week she died. Her parents and friends are much moved by her sudden death and I hope it may be used for their benefit. She lived at on of our recently opened outposts and her brother was baptized with her.

There is still much to depress us but we are going on. Those who left us and joined Peters in forming the Zionists, have made no advance in spirituality so far as I am able to judge and I have diligently enquired, many have gone into sin. This grieves us. There are evangelists of other denominations that proselyte all the time seeking to draw away those whom we have dug out of heathenism. One of these churches excuse beer-drinking, but not getting drunk, snuff taking and some other heathen practices which we prohibit as detrimental to the Christian life.

Across the Pongola River our church there is gaining ground faster than anywhere else. They are earnest and faithful. Dr. Sanders' last visit there was on a showery day but the church was crowded as full as it could hold. I think he said three were baptized, we hope before another years goes by to have secured a site and put up a church building it is a crying need.

Many Dutch people are dead against missions and our people live on their farms. They can prohibit services being held on their property and in many ways hinder the people in their efforts to find God. Do pray over the matter of this new church site.

There are a number of outposts beside the central meeting place, and, as we have several young men over there who act as evangelists besides Samuel, we see scope for extension. Our Lydia is soon to marry one of these young men and, we expect, they will occupy a new site and fill the need long felt. This church across the Pongola is out of Natal into the Transvaal, and Swaziland is not so far away

but what we could reach it from this place. In fact we have people visit for one thing and another, who either live near or in Swaziland. However there are other denominations, whose outposts are not so very far from some of ours but so far, there has been little trouble.

In our own family. Our children are fast growing up and each one expresses no desire for any other calling in life than that of the missionary. This rejoices our hearts. 'Tis what we have prayed and worked for and, though we know the privations, sacrifices, hardships and difficulties, of such a life, only too well, still we have not held back one child from walking in the same pathway. It is the best paying, most satisfactory and happiest investment to be found in which to invest ones life. I do not mean from a worldly point of view, nor from worldly gain, but I am viewing it from the light of Eternity. Paul and Faith have regular mission work and have sent in their reports from time to time. Both are well saved and talented young people. Judson has lately began to enter our mission work also. He is twelve years old and a bright little Christian. The five younger ones are coming along nicely. Thus we are a band of missionaries and find plenty of work to do every day.

We thank you all for your prayers and support and ask that you make a special petition that this year may see a mighty revival right here among the enlightened heathen about us.

The Lord pour out his blessings upon you all.

Ever yours in Him.

Mrs. H. C. Sanders.

SPEAK GENTLY.

Speak gently: it is better far

To rule by love than fear;

Speak gently: let no harsh words mar

The good we might do here.

Speak gently: love doth whisper low

The vows that true hearts bind;

And gently Friendship's accents flow;

Affection's voice is kind.

Speak gently to the little child:

Its love be sure to gain;

Teach it in accents soft and mild—

It may not long remain.

Speak gently to the young for they

Will have enough to bear;

Pass through life as best they may,

'Tis full of anxious care.

Speak gently to the aged one:

Grieve not the care-worn heart;

The sands of life are nearly run—

Let such in peace depart.

Speak gently, kindly to the poor:

Let no harsh tone be heard;

They have enough they must endure

Without an unkind word.

—Selected.

"We need more people who dare to stand up squarely always and everywhere for the right—more who will say the brave and loyal word, and do the helpful encouraging deeds for the fallen and the weak—more to stand up and be counted on the side of right, even if it means to stand alone. The question is not, What do others say or do? but, Is it right? Every day brings its calls of courage. Do we always respond?"

W. C. T. U. Column.

THE PRESS AS AN EVANGELIST.

Perhaps there is no factor so powerful, so far-reaching in its results as the press. It may well be called the giant wheel that turn the machinery of civilization. On the one hand it echoes the mind and sentiment of the public. On the other it sways and influence the public mind.

Paul has referred to the scripture as the demand of God; or it has been spoken of in modern language as the dynamite of God and what a magnificent and stupendous opportunity has the press in carrying this dynamite of God to the four corners of the Globe.

Its massive voice could send the clarion call of the gospel far and wide so that land and sea would revibrate with messages from on high.

Denominational papers are striving against terrific odds to make its influence felt, while too many of the average newspapers of our Christian world devote a large portion of their valuable space to what takes place in the sporting and theatrical, and social world and rarely allude to evangelistic work or the printing of sermons, and yet, what a host of good might be wrought for thousands of men who never attend church or listen to a sermon might read one if published.

The far eastern countries emerging from darkness are seizing upon the publishing of Christian literature in their leading newspapers as the best method of spreading the gospel, and the best advertising spaces are used for parts from the Bible such as Christ's sermon on the mount, etc., while many of the newspapers of our land use the best advertising space for liquor advertisements, which link in something taken from the Bible to substantiate their arguments. In Japan last year three of the leading papers published as a serial the Life of Christ.

In India there is a paper called "The Social Reformer," and many of the leading men and great intellects of that country are standing by the missionaries and through this paper they are using every effort to break down caste and idol worship, to lift women out of the degradation in which she has been placed, to expose the vileness of the priesthood, and in its place to proclaim the gospel and establish Christianity.

True, too, some of our editors are busy men and we each might help them out by contributing something from the fullness of our hearts and the depths of our soul for

From far and near the call we hear

God's message to proclaim.

Nor cease awhile, but labor on

with heart, and tongue and pen.

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A gentleman of Boston, an intimate friend of Professor Agassiz, once expressed his wonder that a man of such abilities as he (Agassiz) possessed, should be contented with such a moderate income. "I have enough," was Agassiz's reply. I have not time to make money. Life is not sufficiently long to enable a man to get rich, and do his duty to his fellow men at the same time." Christian, have you time to serve your God and yet to give your whole soul to gaining wealth? The question is left for conscience to answer.—Spurgeon.