

## Missionary Correspondence.

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Dear friends:

Today Mnyisa, a chief across the Pivaan River called here and I had quite a talk with him about his soul.

Of medium height, rather stout man of about thirty-five, I judge, having twelve wives and thirty children. Being a chief, with a family as large as this, whose food consists mainly of meat and native-beer and also having been brought up in the full Zulu customs it is hard for him to enter the kingdom. However, I believe what he says and think he really is hungry to know Jesus Christ. Two of his wives are christians and he, and the other ten want to be.

I told him "Ye shall find me when ye shall seek we with all your heart." It is not enough to give up part of our sins, not enough to leave off getting drunk, but still drinking beer when thirsty, sin must all be given up. Then he asked if he would have to leave all his wives but one. I said "if you send all the others away where will they go? If they go back to their fathers they will tell them, 'go back to the man who bought and paid for you with cattle, you are not my property, ye belong to your husband.'" is not that true? will not the fathers say so? His answer was "yes", "then would they not go and marry other men"? His answer was "yes".

Indeed this is all too true. When a man pays the marriage dowry his wife is as much his own property as the cattle in the cattle kraal. He may beat her, yes, even kill her, and among themselves while they would be shocked still, is she not his very own? Knowing this what more could I say? Would not Jesus have answered thus "My friend you bought each wife with cattle, they belong to you only, therefore you are responsible for them and should get saved yourself, then do all you can to help them to get saved. Come and enter the kingdom of Heaven with your wives and children." I believe he would, so I answered in the above words.

My friend to separate wives from their husbands has made no end of trouble and I have learned through other Missionaries. These men married these girls before they had the light of God upon their hearts, and they, in the eyes of the Zulu people, are every one as much his wife as the first one he took. If he turns them away from him they have no other alternative but go live with some other man in adultery.

On the other hand, if they remain with him, each one counts him her husband, each has her own separate house and each one may become a christian and also live good lives—I have seen this myself.

Now let no one surmise that we encourage polygamy. Far from it, but we preach Jesus Christ and make no excuses for sin. I may add thus far have had no headman nor one with two wives in our churches as yet. It seems the price is too great for a headman to pay, for, should he give up all sin and really mean business he loses prestige among his fellow men and I suppose, you my Brothers can feel what this would mean for them. "If any man will come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Two head men are standing at the gate wanting to enter in and he saved, but so far something seems to be holding them back and we continue to pray and teach, plead and ex-

hort, but the time is slipping away and they remain unsaved, bound by Zulu customs.

It is the reaping time now and everybody is so busy, for any grain, pumpkins, etc., left in the gardens would soon be eaten up by the flocks and herds let loose over the land. However, our congregations are good and we work on, hoping this busy time will end and we will have a better chance to reach more people.

Tomorrow a wedding is to be held. A young couple, professing to be christians will come and be married in the church, but he has been a backslider for many years and I fear loves his beer too much to follow Jesus closely. His wife comes from far away and I don't know much about her, save she has known quite a bit about civilization and will not relish living in a small native hut and wants a nice square built stone one like many of the people are building now. It is easier to civilize these imitative people than to christianize them, but when they are really christianized they have gone a long way in civilization, in most cases, and it is really the only sure way to civilize them.

Yours in Him,  
MRS. H. C. SANDERS.

### PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

The past has gone, forever it has gone

From our reluctant grasp it slipped away:  
Man, angel, God, can never bring it back,  
Cannot recall a moment nor a day.

The past is pardoned through the precious blood

Of Him who died on Calvary for thee;  
Its sins, its guilt, its wretchedness and woe  
Are blotted out forever. Thou art free.

The future stretches out so far away—

It reaches on beyond earthly sight,  
Swept in the distance by dull clouds of dread,  
Doubt painting fears with scarce of fringe of light.

Hope whispers to the coming years for Him,  
Pictured with a joyous service and with love;  
Yet doubt nor hope can make the return now,  
It is beyond, the future is with God.

The Past is gone, the future is not ours,

The present only is within our clasp.  
Forget the past, the future trust with God,  
The present firmly hold within thy grasp,  
And send it up to Him a chord of praise;  
Whether in toil, in service, or in prayer,  
Each moment let us glorify our Lord,  
As Angels glorify Him there.

—Selected.

### DONATION.

I wish to acknowledge my appreciation of the kind friends of Penniac who gathered on Saturday evening the 15th inst. and spent a pleasant social time together, refreshments were served, and we were presented with a small purse of money, for which we wish to express our appreciation and thanks. We have some very kind friends in Penniac and will never forget their hospitality, and trust the Lord will reward them for all of their kindness to us.

H. SMITH.

### CAN'T AFFORD IT.

This is true, we can't afford to miss Riverside camp meeting. We do not say this to get a crowd. The crowd will be there anyway, but you should be there too.

## IN THE LAST DAYS.

written by Bud Robinson

Christ is still on the throne, and the government is still on His shoulder; and of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. While that is so, let us remember that death is on our track, eternity is in view, the judgment day is set, and the mighty angel is now standing with his sword drawn and ready to start at a moment's notice. Remember also that God knows where you live, and just how you live. Don't forget that we are in fearful and awful days. The Scriptures are already fulfilled, where it says that the blood will flow to the bridle bits of the horses. We all know that if the blood of one of the great battles were to flow down a ditch, that it would swim a horse, and it looks like Europe will be bathed in blood before the end comes. But remember that for the past ages Europe has been under the black hand of Rome and rum, the twin brothers of misery, woe, and sorrow. The protestant church is but little more than a high-toned infidel club, but, beloved, God will punish sin wherever He finds it. We also see that God don't always seem to be in a hurry to do this. God is angry with sin and merciful to the sinner. One reason God is not in a hurry to punish the sinner, is, that He knows that the poor dupe of the Devil is here on this little planet, and can't get off until God takes him off. And if he doesn't repent He has an everlasting eternity to deal with him. Again, remember, that we are in a dangerous world, and that sin and death are on every hand. There have been only two men who got out of this world alive, and they were both holiness men. Holiness is the most unpopular thing in the world, and but few people are willing to be unpopular. When the world is on fire, holiness will be the most popular thing, either in heaven or in the earth. Those who have it would not take a thousand worlds for it, and those who haven't it could not get it for a million. So don't forget that if you are a holiness man, you must look high, for the last time Christ was seen he was in the air. It is dangerous to look low enough to see plug hats and two big D. D's.

Remember, the government never sends a man to battle who has to use a walking cane. If you keep your christian experience you will have to fight both men and devils, and sleep with your Bible under your head. Your church may steal your Bible from you, and cast it on the scrap pile, and leave you a wondering out-cast. Less than twenty-four hours ago, I heard one of the best educated men I have seen for a long time, who is as clean as the blood can make him, as straight on holiness as a gun stick, say that the church of which he was a member had taken the fire out of hell, the gold out of heaven, the blood out of atonement, the inspiration out of the Bible, and had taken God out of Christ. He looked, acted, and talked like he was telling the truth. He said it in no unkind way. He simply gave it as a fact. Don't forget the Devil will steal your spirituality and give you carnal property instead. When you meet a bishop, and he smells like a Bull Durham factory, don't think hard of the poor fellow. He is dead, (at least to common decency). Don't let the Devil steal your gold and give you brass, take your fire and leave you hot air, The Bible is still true. When a preacher is so cultured that the language of Jesus and St. Paul grates on his cultured ear, just a few yards down the road you will find a blowout and a puncture. If you do, don't be surprised.

—Herald of Holiness.