

enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power; that the faith of these people should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Yours for Jesus to do with as He pleases,
Faith Sanders.

Paulpietersburg, Natal, So. Afr.,
March 7th, 1916.

Dear Friends:

Yesterday was an exceptionally good day even for "Big Sunday." Church full, people eager to hear the Word, four baptized and taken into the church, a baby presented to the Lord and Lydia and Josepha announced their engagement.

Of this last I wish to speak more fully, as 'tis something new to you, this ceremony, and deeply interesting to all because 'tis Lydia, one of our first converts and probably the most deeply spiritual member in our churches.

Some will remember our mentioning her previous engagement to a promising evangelist, how he backslid and she broke it off because of it.

Since that time, more than four years ago, she has had great times of trouble arising from her father or brother, or both, demanding she bring the cattle, as the brother was looking to her for "bobola" cattle to pay for the girl whom he intended to marry. Time and time again they have called her to appear before the family council to give an account of herself. They have tried to force her to choose a husband, not caring if she loved him or not, nor if he was a Christian. Young or old, Christian or heathen, little cared they so long as he brought along the cows.

Poor Lydia! I have been with her, prayed, counseled and strengthened her at many such times. She was enabled to keep firm her trust that in His own time God would find her the right one, a man who would follow Him and serve Him as she was. One who would drop all the old heathen customs and help her to work for Jesus. Her prayers have been heard and her faith has been or is being realized in Joseph Ngoza.

Now for the other part of this love story. Josepha is about three years younger and was saved only a few years ago, but he is an earnest young man, knows he is saved, is a Bible student and a coming evangelist.

Some time ago, possibly over a year, he became engaged to a young church member and all was promising, as he had paid eight of the ten cows for her.

Then he went away to Johannesburg and Jeni thought she loved another and older man better than he, so she took up with him.

On Joseph's return he went to talk the matter over with Jeni, and found all to be true. Then he said, "I will give you three months, perhaps you will change your mind in that time. If not you may return the cows."

During most of that three months he worked here. I taught Bible classes in our night school and he and Lydia were the most eager students.

At the end of this time Jeni had not changed her mind, so told him her man had cattle and would return to him what he had paid for her.

Also, Mark, Lydia's brother, who has been away many months, sent word he was coming home. His girl would not wait for the long delayed cows so broke his engagement with him.

I knew the day he reached home trouble

would arise for Lydia, so I resumed my praying for God to show us whom He had chosen to bring the cows to Lydia. Then I talked with her, and from her manner I was very suspicious that she saw him, if not near, in the distance anyway.

I had a talk with Joseph, and I felt a confirmation of what I had suspected his feelings were for her. My heart answered "It is well."

Sunday being communion day they both desired the announcement to be made known before the church, which has been done. It is almost as solemn a service as marriage itself and we had individual talks with each, in which we stated the following: "There has been so much looseness and breaking of Jesus' command by so many about us and, alas, in our midst too, during the past two years, we need an example to enlighten the people and uphold what we believe Christ's word teaches on this line and they may be this. Since they are both teachers they must live before those they are instructing that God may be glorified by them.

Dearly beloved, to trace all this back in its details reveals God's care and His marvellous answers to prayer and we thank Him.

They expect to be married this winter and live across the Pongola river. Please pray God will open up the way for them to settle in a certain place which looks like the very spot which would be best suited to aid our work there, and pray for them that they may be true to God under all circumstances. I cannot tell you the heartaches nor temptations to discouragement we have had over bad engagements. Heathen customs are so against the teachings of God's Word.

Late good rains have come, but too late to save the crops, and hard times stares the people in the face. Across the Pongola corn is now selling for four dollars per hundred lbs., and we are on the eve of the reaping time. What will they be by spring? Perhaps ten dollars for the same amount, as they were the last big famine, the year we moved in this district. Well, we shall do our best to help what we can and leave the rest to the Lord.

Yours in Jesus,
Mrs. H. C. Sanders.

JUST A LITTLE BIT OF LOVE

Minnie Van Payne.

All around you folk are sighing,
For a little bit of love;
Hearts are breaking, souls are dying,
For a little bit of love;
As you heedless pass your way,
Hearts are aching every day,
For the words that you might say,
Just a little bit of love.

Christ calls not for deeds of glory,
Nor for riches or for gain;
But to tell the old, old story
Of the Lamb for sinners slain;
What a message you could bear,
Brighten sorrow, lighten care,
Others' burdens help to bear,
Wits a little bit of love.

Wilt thou then stand idly waiting
For some great deed from above,
While the brother men are bleeding
For a little bit of love?
Show to lives so dark and drear,
Tossed by doubt and torn by fear,
The true gospel of good cheer
With a little bit of love.

EASTER AND MISSIONARY SERVICE.

The Reformed Baptist Missionary Society at Fort Fairfield, Me., held an Easter and missionary service on Thursday evening, April 20th. The following programme was well carried out:—

Opening song, "I Love Him—By congregation.

Song, "Just Because I Love Him So,"—By Choir.

Scripture reading and prayer—By Pastor.
Song, "Ring the Easter Bells"—By several girls.

Recitation, "The Lilies' Sermon"—By Lillian Dean.

Recitation, "Easter"—By Margaret Haines.

Recitation, "An Easter Message"—By Pearl Nightingale.

Song, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"—By Choir.

Recitation, "An Easter Refrain"—By Mildred Todd.

Recitation, "Emblem of Easter"—By four boys.

Recitation, "Too Little to Come In"—By Bernice Manter.

Song, "Christ Arose"—By Choir.

Recitation, "The New Cable"—By six girls.

Recitation, "Before the Cross"—Three little girls.

Recitation, "The Message"—By Hazel Andrews and Hollie Kimball.

Song, "Are You Helping Others?"—By Choir.

Recitation, "Mary"—By Christian Hudson.

Recitation, "Aunt Mary's Thank-offering"—By Marion Curliss.

Duet, "Seeking to Save"—By Christian Hudson and Mildred Nightingale.

Recitation, "Who Will Roll the Stone Away?"—Mildred Curliss.

Recitation, "Dixie's Pennies"—By Hazel Andrews.

Song—Mrs. Higgins' Class.

Reading, "Shouter San's Backbone"—By Helen White.

Song, "The Ninety and Nine"—By Choir.

Offering—The amount of \$5.67 taken.

Song, "Jesus is Precious to Me"—Congregation.

Benediction by Pastor.

Rev. C. G. Finney once said, "I have often been struck with the state of things in families, where the parents or older persons had prejudices against the minister, and have wondered why those parents were not more wise than to lay stumbling-blocks before their children to ruin their souls. This is often the true reason why children are not converted. Their minds are turned against the Gospel by being turned against those from whom they hear it preached. I would rather have persons come into my family, and curse and swear before my children, than to have them speak against those who preach to them the Gospel. Therefore I say to all parents—take care what you say, if you would not shut the gate of heaven against your children."—Selected.

"There is a difference between tithing and systematic giving. The latter is a definite sum given regularly, the former a definite per cent. of the income." The two can be well combined.

"The sweet hour of prayer is only possible to those who live the life of prayer."