

OBITUARY.

Mrs. George Bates.

Hester M. Bates, wife of Deacon George Bates, of Lennins, Maine, departed this life for a mansion above, Dec. 11th, aged 68 years, leaving to mourn their loss a sorrowing husband, four sons and one daughter. The sons are Elmer, Howard, Kearney and J. Gordon; also Martha, now Mrs. Little, all of Lennins, Me., as well as a host of friends. Sister Bates professed religion when a girl and united with a F. B. Church in the Province, later united with the New Limerick Church, Me. Last year she sought and found the blessing of a clean heart at Riverside Camp Meeting, and testified to enjoying the blessing in our church at Ludlow a few days before her death. We sympathize with Brother Bates and family. Funeral sermon by the writer.

H. H. COSMAN.

Joseph Kaddick.

At New Limerick on Dec. 20th, little Joseph Kaddick, aged two months, only son of John and Zelpha Kaddick. Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

H. H. C.

Zenos L. Coy.

At his home, Sacramento, Calif., U. S. A., Zenos Lincoln Coy, aged eighty-six years, leaving a wife, one son and one daughter, two brothers, Rev. J. H. Coy, of Woodstock, Car. Co., Edward B. Coy, of Weymouth, Mass., one sister, Mrs. F. Howlett, of Portland, Me., besides a number of other relatives to mourn.

Mrs. Fraser Richardson.

The death of Mrs. Fraser Richardson took place at her home in Lower Brighton, N. E. B., on Dec. 30th, 1919. The deceased had suffered with cancer, having undergone an operation some time ago. Since last April she had been failing and was partially helpless before her death. It was the privilege of the writer to call on her just a week before her departure and upon inquiry as to her faith she witnessed her faith was strong in the Lord, and she praised Him for His faithfulness. The deceased is survived by her husband, four daughters, four sisters and three brothers. Her maiden name was Birmingham. The funeral was conducted by the writer on New Year's Day.

H. C. MULLEN.

Mrs. John W. Read

Mrs. John W. Read, mother of Mrs. Marry R. Hickson, well known to our people who attend Beulah Camp Meetings, passed peacefully away at her residence, 10 Lower Victoria street, Amherst, N. S., on Dec. 13th, aged 81 years. She left a beautiful testimony of a blessed hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ. "Forever with the Lord."

Sister Hickson says: Mother is another of our little company who will not go again to Beulah Camp Ground. Our num-

ber is growing less here. The way is growing brighter and Jesus is more precious. My mother enjoyed reading the Highway.

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant, they marvelled: and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.—Acts 4:13."

ANNUAL TREAT.

The annual concert and treat of the St. John Reformed Baptist S. School was held on the evening of the 7th inst. in the S. S. Room of the Brussels Street Church. A good and enthusiastic congregation was present to enjoy the exercises. Mr. A. E. Whelpley, the Supt., was chairman and in a few well chosen words, gave a welcome to all. After scripture reading and prayer by the pastor, the children of the school took up the program, which was well arranged by Mrs. F. Clark.

Reading by Mrs. Arthur Cody and Mrs. G. S. Cosman.

Recitations by Olia Allen, Grace Saunders, Frances Saunders, Masters Percy Foley and Alfred Foley, Fred Parlee, Marion Saunders, Miss Helen Cosman and Mrs. F. Clark.

Two beautiful duets were rendered, one by Misses Ethel and Helen Cosman, the other by Mrs. Fowler and Miss Ferris, also a solo by Marvin Peters.

Two exercises were given, one by Mrs. Clark's class, the other by three little girls.

After remarks by the pastor, the distribution of the candy bags made the whole school exceedingly glad, both the children and the adults as well as the visitors enjoying the "sweets" greatly.

After singing and the benediction, the company dispersed.

P. S.—This school is growing in interest and power and a great help to the church.

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MISSIONARY.

Hartland P. O., Paulpietersburg, Natal, So. Africa, Nov. 24th, 1919.

Dear Friends:

Another record crowd of over 200 people here seen.

The church during the first meeting filled up, overflowed and a large number had no chance to get in. But we had many good sensible testimonies and they told of testings and trials, of sickness and regaining of health, of answers to prayer for numerous things and some told of simple little things that bothered them. One young man spoke of a bad dream he had had that troubled him as he feared something might come of it, but all these testimonies only revealed how intensely human these people are, and, like ourselves, they learn to trust God in times of difficulty and trial. One woman praised God for sending Dr. Sanders with his medical skill for he had last week saved two lives by his timely assistance when the natives about him were helpless and, she said, "My sister lives and the baby, though sick, we think will live too. Altogether the people were helped and were

happy in the Lord.

The preaching service, the baptism and Communion also were blessed times and eight more young people followed Jesus in this new way. Also a baby was dedicated to the Lord.

Quite a party of Europeans came to the water, as baptism by immersion is a very rare thing and the past six months we have had different visitors to see the service.

There were several very young children among the converts and these especially need your prayers for 'tis one thing to get them into the church and quite another to train them to make good church members.

The work seems to be going forward with leaps and bounds the past six months and there is very much to encourage us in every way. Our workers are doing excellent on all the fields, the Bible women especially.

Johan Sukazi, across the Pongola, is very ill and Dr. Sanders fears he may be going in consumption as his brother did. Please pray much for him at this time. He is a valuable helper and should he leave us will be greatly missed but I am sure God knows just what is best about these black children of his.

We are having a bit of trouble with the church at a certain outpost but trust it will soon be amicably settled and the work not hindered.

Seven or eight church members at another outpost went away with the moving of a village to another place but we hope we have not lost them, only may be able to use them as a centre for another outpost. This will be from twenty-five to thirty more miles from here, but one can easily reach them.

Then across the Pivaan River we have, during the past three months, gained another opening which seems needy enough.

Hlahlanahlela and a place lower down but also across the Pongola are both going ahead nicely. If only the water is low enough for Dr. Sanders to cross next Sunday I expect he will have more good news to tell.

I must not close without telling you a little about Aloni's mother. She was the only old person baptized last Sunday and must be way past sixty years. She is a dear old soul, coming fairly regularly to the services for all she is so old and is quite deaf too. She has a bright face and though not gifted with much speech always has a good testimony stating her "heart is right with God and he looks not at clothes but at the heart when he sees people." It did me good to see her.

Thus you see our labour is not in vain in the Lord and he does give us souls for our hire.

Many of our young men are away either with farmers on higher veldt or in the towns but we welcome them home on their return, write to many while they are away and try to help them all we can.

Continue to pray much for us to be kept by the power of God during the days to come for we live in perilous times and know not what new thing may arise to hinder or prevent our work.

Ever yours in Him,

MRS. H. C. SANDERS.