

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

P. O. Hartland,
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Dear Highway:

We were greatly pleased to have a visit from three young people belonging to our church near Utrecht. I had a long interview with them, getting a report of the spiritual condition of the forty-four names in connection with our work at that place. Timoti is their shepherd, supported by Mrs. and Miss Foster.

These were baptized last Sunday and seemed to be very earnest Christians.

We hope to visit them shortly and look forward to a time of much needed spiritual instruction. We now have a car as the motor-cycle did not prove satisfactory. This car is an old ford and much the worse for wear, yet we hope it will take us over the mountains to our Utrecht church, and make it easy for us to visit that work more frequently.

It grieves us that our faithful worker, Johan Sukazi, is getting very low and cannot be with us much longer.

Today we have sent Bible women to visit two sick girls who live near by. One has been sick a long time and will soon pass beyond.

These deaths are sad, and yet 'tis the fear of death that brings, perhaps, the majority of our Zulus to seek salvation.

We make much of visiting the sick, praying with them, teaching them the way to Christ and are always sending them better food than they have at their homes.

Since the Spanish Influenza came, there have been many funerals. We are always ready to furnish the winding sheet and help in every possible way. Naturally the Natives, even the heathen, very much appreciate help at such times and never forget such kindnesses. They associate these aids with the idea of Christianity and inwardly are more nearly persuaded to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

Thus we become "all things to all men" and catch them "by guile."

We are trying to keep our preachers home. As you know, they frequently leave the "ministry of the word" for six months or more for the sake of higher pay.

Johan Sukazi did this and is dying of miners' phthisis. Aloni insisted on going away recently to work in the coal mines at Paulpietersburg and was brought home with a broken rib and generally bruised body, the result of a cave-in.

The Natives do not look upon these circumstances as co-incidents but as Divine visitations indicating that such ones should trust God and try to get along on their small salary.

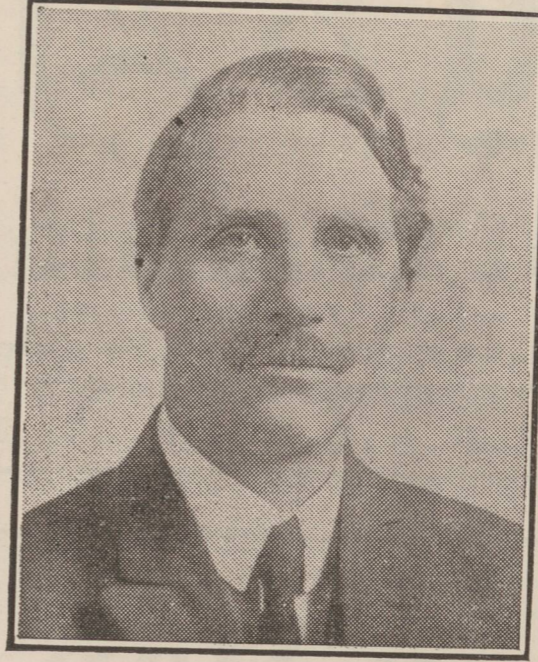
It was splendid of Messrs. Smith and Clark to donate so liberally. We are greatly encouraged and trust to soon see the new missionaries.

All our Native workers are bringing in good reports. Paul and Faith are with us, and we thank the Lord that the work is going forward to his glory.

Ever yours in Him,
H. C. SANDERS.

My Dear Sister Baker:

Our hearts are rejoiced to hear of the progress you are making at home. The



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Camp Meetings, grounds, hotels, etc., etc., all needing more accommodation for the crowds who wish to attend. Surely God is using our people to be a light, a help, and in many cases a tower of strength to others. I hope this may continue more and more as these evil days advance, for we surely are living in perilous times, and God's saints (no matter what their church name) need all the help they can get from each other, in order to have their hands strengthened, lest they grow "weary in well doing." I know could I slip into one of the camp meetings for just one meeting I would feel as if I had gotten into a heavenly place and come away bettered for the little time I had spent. My soul hungers for such fellowship of the saints. I have learned to draw from God what I need on this as well as on all other lines. He never fails.

We are all well at present. Faith growing in weight and strength very fast since her return from this last trip to Durban. Charlie has about regained his strength from the attack of fever which he had in January. Failing to get a teacher for our own children, I have been filling the position since February, when the new term began. I still have the old cry—Oh, for a good school teacher. However, I feel thankful I can keep the school machinery running and time will tell how they succeed during examinations. I am appreciating now the good, thorough education I had when a girl. It has always been useful. I can help in most any thing on this line and now am able to help the children to go on with theirs instead of standing still. I do feel sometimes I have not time. I must crowd in after school hours a little cooking (fruit, etc.) or sewing or a visit perhaps, but I have good health most of the time so am able to do more than if I had not.

Wednesday class meeting Faith took as I was teaching school—was a good one. She told me of the testimonies, as we took a walk and called on our farmer's wife. Some of them were unique in their wording but most of them showed real spiritual progress. Here are a few I remember: Jostina Sukasi—She praised the Lord for his goodness to her. Miriam, her baby girl was very sick but God heard prayer and raised her up. For this she felt she would like to show God her gratitude and decided she would take a day and go with

several others to visit and pray with a sick girl who had requested prayers. So she did and now God had been so good in Aloni being spared to her in this accident. She felt she should like to do something else for Him, etc., etc.

Aloni left the work and went to one of the near coal mines for work. He had only been gone two weeks when a rock of coal fell on him and another man and they escaped death as by a miracle. He was much bruised and had one rib broken.

Filita Hadebe: "I thank God for my children. I haven't a goat nor even a hen (she is a widow) but I have my children. Sometimes I can't sleep for the loneliness but God helps me."

Our classes are times of drawing near God and refreshing and God is hearing prayer for the deepening of the spiritual life of the church.

New ones asking for prayers all the time. I think I wrote of one woman to whom I showed Jesus the way of life—she died a few days after. Now a man is asking for prayers and I am hoping to visit him tomorrow (D. V.) as my heart is drawn to go. It will be such a help if three new ones come to us.

I trust they come filled with the Spirit, and will be able soon to take up all we are doing, for a time at least, so we can have some kind of a rest. We need a change sorely and the sooner the better. This work is so different from work at home. It is more arduous, needs closer inspection and watching. There never seems a time for us to let go—even for two weeks. It is because there is no one here with us who can "exchange pulpits," and new ones from home will be qualified to do so, to know the language, get acquainted with people and their customs, know individual cases, etc., all so important, and then teaching school, holding classes and meetings, visiting some, but superintending the evangelists and workers, etc. They are children in so many things and one always must carry them like Moses did the Children of Israel.

There have been many changes in our civilization here, since Brother and Sister Keirstead went away. We have now a good road as far in as Mr. Ferrera's, our nearest neighbor. We have many farmers come in here with their sheep, in winter, so every farm has as many as it can

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