

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

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Dear Friends:

Let me tell you a little about our present work and the outlook. For the first, we have more than we can get through with as it is extending fast in every direction and new places are asking for meetings to be held in them.

Then, too, which is most important of all, yes away ahead of great numbers, the work is taking a deeper hold of real spiritual life. What it really means to be a Christian and the endeavour to live it.

For seventeen years now we have been holding high the Lamp of Life and it has made the blackness of real heathenism so appalling that many did not see the real life or failed to understand that it was more than education or dressing. Now, after all these years of preaching the truth and no compromising the people all about us are seeing the "Way" and are choosing "Life" rather than "Death."

This is the first winter we have been able to keep a daily native school with so good a success.

The mid-week prayer meeting is good. Numbers increasing, often as many as sixty there. Evangelists all doing good work and we could use more. It takes time to find them but we use every one available. Bible women seem to be able to do as effective work as the men, wish there were more willing to be such.

We are also having opposition, different ones coming almost to our door and trying to draw away from us. I have in mind the latest—an evangelist of an old established church in this land. He is on the next farm to us, but preaching that beer, tobacco, etc., were all given by God for man, etc.

Wonderful to relate, even the heathen seem to see this is not the Bible teaching. We praise the Lord for his blessing upon us and our efforts for him.

We have not yet had a report from Beulah but of course there is hardly time. We should have one this next week. I expect it will be one of victory and blessing. The good news that Sisters Sterritt will be coming soon comforts our hearts, for never did we so need help as now. The medical work has been heavier the past eighteen months and seems to be increasing all the time. Dr. Sanders must have some one every day to help him in the office for hours at a time.

Is there no one qualified as a teacher who could teach all grades to High school, whom the Lord has called or touched to come to our help? This is so imperative a need as a new missionary whose work will be more or less among the Zulus. I cannot get one here as Natal needs more than she has and it is a keen trial to know my own are not getting on as they should. The past six months I have tried to fill this need but it over-crowds with my other work. However, I believe the Lord will supply and I am trusting him for it.

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

## MISSIONARY TOUR.

Up at 4.30 Monday morning and started while yet moon-high. Made a call on Brother and Sister Harry Weade at Centreville before train time.

All along the first part of the journey I revelled in the magnificent colorings of every shrub and bush and tree. The predominating colors being red and yellow with here and there tints of more delicate shades making a handsome picture. Then it came to me that the Divine Artist had painted all of that beauty for his children to enjoy and my heart was filled with praise and glory. Reaching St. John was met by Brother and Sister Springer Cosman who took me to their home and gave me a warm welcome. We then made some calls. Had the pleasure of meeting Sister Bessie McAvity, whom many of the readers know, and of her godly life. She was a real inspiration to us, as with shining face she extolled the name of Jesus. Attended a cottage prayer meeting in the evening at Carleton. Brother Whelpley led and the Lord surely blessed each one. Took the boat at 7 o'clock Tuesday for Digby, the trip was uneventful, rather dark and showery, but had a smooth sail, for which I believe was a direct answer to prayer—for I am no kind of a sailor.

After a wait of three hours spent in taking in the town, getting dinner, etc., boarded the train for Weymouth. Here Brother Briggs met me where I joined the Sterritt sisters to do work for the Master. Being detained for a few days by stormy weather they had their services before I reached there, so found I was booked for that night and the three following ones. Met some old friends whom I met at Beulah, dear sisters of God who have been true through many years.

The people were exceedingly kind to us which we appreciate very much. We became in love with New Tusket and its people.

Had services at each church on the circuit and two at Tusket, full houses and good interest. They listened attentively to the gospel messages as well as missionary addresses. Glad to find Brother and Sister Briggs so comfortably situated in their new parsonage. We enjoyed their fellowship and spent a pleasant time in their home. Believe they have done good work on that part of the field. The Lord seems to have a special liking for the Mullens already. He has called four young men from that place and more to be heard from. Then Brother Sabine was also called in the work from there. The pastor says he cannot keep many young men, for when they get saved they are called to preach, and leave home for school or fields of labor. Our sisters were loved by all and greatly appreciated as they told of their call and visited the people.

I. M. K.

A preacher who found no one at prayer meeting began to toll the bell. A dozen folks came running in, and one asked, "Who is dead?" "The church," replied the preacher as he pulled away at the rope.—Selected.

## WILL THE HOLINESS MOVEMENT HALT?

Will the time come when the holiness movement will be a spent force? It might be well to consider this question. Stranger things than this have taken place. The facts of history show that all spiritual movements of the past have had their day and disappeared leaving only their fossil remains. The pentecostal church, the church of the Reformation, Quakerism and Methodism have followed this law. Is it too much to expect that the modern holiness revival will share the same fate?

If it does it will be for the same reason that the others have failed—because they have not been true to their original principles that gave them existence and power. If the holiness movement frazzles out, it will be because the preachers no longer preach definite holiness doctrine, but confine their efforts to constructing great sermons and the people develop itching ears, and demand preachers who shall entertain rather than convict men of the need of the second blessing. In self defence the preachers will say that the doctrine needs to be "restated." It is not up to the times. That has always been the cry when the church has begun to degenerate. They will say, "We are tired of proving the second blessing. We want to preach the ethics of holiness." They will thus show that they have failed to heed the voice of history that teaches that all movements have lost their vitality when doctrinal preaching has disappeared; that the ethics fall with the absence of doctrinal instruction.

They will fail to notice that the carnal mind is as much arrayed against the second blessing as ever and therefore the doctrine needs to be preached as strong as ever.

They will fail to bring on the battle against carnality and will become popular with those who hate real holiness. They will begin their declension by preaching at so called "holiness meetings" general discourses that any one could preach who does not believe in the second work of grace. They will then invite seekers for holiness although the subject has not been mentioned. Seekers will be asked to believe, they know not what, as no instruction on holiness has been given. As a result a shoddy type of holiness profession will be made and the country will be flooded with a spineless jelly fish class of "holiness people" and fire will no longer fall from heaven and the holiness movement will be relegated to the scrap heap of dead ecclesiasticism. And if we are not mistaken, things are drifting that way.—Christian Witness.

Note.—This is worthy of prayerful consideration. Editor McLaughlin has been noting this trend of holiness preaching for some time past. The warning should be heeded seriously.—Ed.

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