

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

Hartland P. O.,
Paulpietersburg,
October 7th, 1921.

Dear Mr. Baker:

For a very long time I have been wanting to write to you, but have been hindered. My wife has been "sick-in-bed" with malaria fever for over seven weeks; however, I praise the Lord that she is now convalescent. It has been a very trying time, but the Lord has brought us through victorious and together we praise His name for it.

Father wrote you of our wedding, I believe; it was celebrated at "Concord," a missionary home in Durban, the place where the Sterritt Sisters stopped during their stay in Durban.

My bride's father, the Rev. W. W. Keyes, whom you may have met, was unable to attend as it was impossible for him to leave his mission station in Northern Zululand. Mrs. Keyes and her son, Howard, were present, together with a number of missionary friends.

The day before I had engaged a motor car to take us from "Concord" to the station (there was a tram car strike on, and motor cars were doing all the passenger traffic). In my hurry I did not notice what a rickety old car it was until too late to alter the arrangements. I felt I had made a great mistake, but committed it to the Lord and he answered me by sending along an almost new Overland car. That evening we boarded the train for Paulpietersburg, where we arrived safely the following day. These South African trains are divided into compartments or little rooms. At first the booking officer said the train was going to be crowded (seats have to be booked ahead) and we could not get a seat. This also we committed to the Lord and he did not fail us, but supplied us with a little room all to ourselves. At Paulpietersburg we found that our telegram warning the people at home of our coming still in the post office.

I had engaged a car and we had a very enjoyable drive from Paulpietersburg out to Balmoral Mission Station, where we arrived greatly surprising everyone, as even the letter written in Durban telling of our arrangements was in Paulpietersburg when we arrived there.

Enclosed is a photo of the bridal group, taken immediately after the ceremony on the front steps of "Concord" Missionary Home.

We were glad to hear of the good meetings you had at Beulah and Riverside.

Please pray for us that the Lord may fit us spiritually and physically for the work he has for us in his great harvest field.

The hot weather has set in and we are feeling its depressing effects already.

With heartiest Christian greetings from my wife and myself, yours in his service,
H. PAUL SANDERS.

Balmoral Mission Station,
Paulpietersburg,

Natal, Oct., 10th, 1921.

Dear Brother Baker:

You will be glad to hear that six prom-

ising candidates were baptized and received into the church here yesterday. Two services were held, both much blessed of God. The large audience was attentive and there were testimonies. The pervading impression of our meeting was the blessedness of salvation.

A test was put at the close, "How many are ready to meet Jesus?" Only a few could stand, but let us thank God for the few. One of them is a young girl, Paulina, whose life is true and filled with joy—"the joy of the Lord." Two of her cousins were among those baptized and they as well as others, are wonderfully helped by the words and example of our Paulina.

Today she came for medicine for her body and prayer for the soul, saying she was hungry for new blessing. Such ones as she who know the Holy Spirit and can appreciate the teaching of the deep things of God are a comfort and inspiration, making us feel that our labour is not in vain in the Lord, but really worth while.

This morning one of our kitchen girls came saying she was not well enough to work. I said, "Sit down, while I get the thermometer." "No, but the pain is in my heart, Mfundisi." So in a fatherly way I did my best to comfort her. She had heard that her "man" had told that he did not love her. You know of the custom of "Lobola," which means the paying of cattle for the native wife. Well, her father wanted cattle and persuaded the girl to choose one of her several suitors. This was only two weeks ago, and she had been very happy ever since.

I wrote a letter asking him to come here. Then we will hear what he has to say. "The report may be false," I told her, "and should it be true, you must take it as from your heavenly Father and for your good." She seemed comforted, for her faith is simple and strong. She even was able to go on with her work as usual.

In the afternoon, another love or lack-of-love affair came up. This time a young man who has, or rather had, two wives, He lives across the Pongola and is one of our best. The young wife has left him and joined herself to another man. According to Zulu custom and law, her father must now return the "Lobola" cattle to the husband, Joeli. We show ourselves interested in all their troubles, and teach them what God says about such matters.

We have often spoken of our Lydia, whom Mrs. Sanders supports. While Faith is away to Durban, Lydia is helping me in the native correspondence. Our church boys go away to the towns for employment. We have them write us regularly, and always reply promptly, giving them items of news from the church and their own homes, as well as the usual advice. I give Lydia an outline and she does the rest. She is one of His jewels.

The day has been cool, which is unusual for this time of the year. Our Sisters Sterritt, with Judson, George, Grace and Charley took advantage of this and visited one of the beauty spots of the Intombi River, enjoying a much needed rest. The school children went along with them. The little girls clapped their hands and jumped about just like I have seen their little white sisters at home, when they are first told of a proposed picnic.

Ruth is recovering her strength rapidly under the faithful nursing of Paul and the kind sisters.

Aloni Josefa and Fileta report today of their praying with the sick. God has given us faithful helpers and we thank him.

We all need your prayers and are grateful that you remember us.

Ever yours in Jesus,
H. C. SANDERS.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF
WOODSTOCK CHURCH.

Dear Brother Baker:

You will be looking for a report of all day meeting on November, 3rd.

Well this was the thirty-third anniversary of the organization of our church as well as of the denomination.

Some brothers and sisters gathered in from Waterville, Hartland, Fort Fairfield and from other places.

The visiting ministers were Revs. H. S. Dow, P. J. Trafton, H. S. Clark. The resident ministers were our pastor, L. J. Alley, J. H. Coy, A. H. Trafton and B. Colpitts. The morning meeting was led by Rev. L. J. Alley and took kind of a reminiscent turn as some of the older ones gave some experiences of the early days of the Holiness movement. All present seemed to enjoy themselves.

The afternoon meeting was led by Rev. H. S. Clark, who read the church covenant and commented on it after which a number of rich testimonies were given as well as some good history and one young man said it was just what he wanted to know. Sister S. Hayden Shaw and Brother George Gray from Hartland spoke of being there at the organization.

The evening meeting was opened by the pastor, who called on Rev. P. J. Trafton to preach who took for his text Exodus 14:15, "And the Lord said unto Moses, wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." He spoke strongly of the forward movement in a spiritual sense and said if we did not move forward individually and as a people we would soon lose our place and the Lord would soon raise up some other people to keep the holiness cause on the move. It was quite a searching time and made the people present think deeply.

Had an altar service for all who felt the need of moving forward as well as those in need of help from their backsliding. A large number came forward and had a good time praying and victory certainly came. Two souls got special help, and thus closed a real profitable day for the church and all present especially the obedient ones as is always the case; but the ones who failed to respond as they should have did not gain very much.

So let us make the words "Go forward" enter into our lives and hearts and act upon them and we will see victory all along the line.

From one who means to do so,
B. M. COLPITTS.

Continued sin is an anaesthetic which deadens the soul to the keen piercing of truth, until conscience is killed. "Men of faith consider conscience of more importance than knowledge."