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UNPOPULAR PREACHERS.

There is a question if a really scriptural type of preacher of the gospel could be a popular preacher with the majority of the members of the churches and their congregations in the present day.

A scriptural preacher goes to the Bible for his messages, his inspiration, his light, and his power, and his purpose is to please his Master alone. He hears the prophet's command:

CRY ALOUD, SPARE NOT, LIFT UP THY VOICE LIKE A TRUMPET

And show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

In this he gets the pitch and tone of his voice, and the people soon discover he is a man "with a message," for he begins with the church, "And shew my people their transgression." This always requires a man of courage, a real God sent message. For this is not a pleasant thing to do; it is never popular. Many churches would rise in their dignity and say: That is enough for me; I do not care to hear that man any more, and the officials would notify him that he was a misfit for their church.

The church may get rid of the messenger more easily than they get rid of his message. But God took care of Isaiah, and Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, and Nehemiah, but John the Baptist and Paul lost their heads but they got to heaven. Their messages hit the mark. Even our Lord was only popular while he did wonderful miracles and fed the multitudes, and when he began to preach the deep things of the gospel which destroyed the old carnal nature, his followers cried out, "This is a hard saying: who can hear it?" and they they never returned. But there were a left him, and so far as the record reveals few who remained as there are always a few who stand by the truth, and the true messenger.

But there is a great temptation to the preacher. If he can in some way tone down his voice, and no longer lift it up like a trumpet and he can soften the message, and not be too definite, and round

off the points, and make it more agreeable, he is likely to do. This is going on continually, and today it is being practised in even among the holiness preachers and evangelists. We have seen frequent intimations that the real definite points which are objected to by the nominal professors of religion, are being kept in the background, and the rugged truths set forth 25 years ago are evaded.

It is not agreeable to man's old nature to be an unpopular preacher of full salvation, who is true to God, and his word, and really true to souls.

FOR WITHOUT HOLINESS NO MAN SHALL SEE GOD.

And there is only one way to obtain holiness ,that is by the "double cure," "which saves from sin, and makes us pure."

A man must be much with God who holds the truth, and walks in the light as God is in the light, and is always conscious that the blood cleanseth him from all sin, who can say with Paul, "I have coveted no man's silver, gold or apparel."

When we speak of the unpopular preacher, there is a big crowd of self-appointed men who go about that we do not mean, but the type of unpopular preachers which we do mean are not at all plentiful.

They are unpopular for the truth's sake. Men who are called of God and used of God, honored of God, who commend themselves to men's consciences.

NOTES FROM OUR PERSONAL LETTERS FROM AFRICA.

Sister Helen Sterritt says: Alice and I have both come to the conclusion that it would be best for us to live in the old church with another room added to it. It will be much cheaper for the Mission Board at home, and we are not fussy about a house, ad we will be content until we have a home later on, as we know, "all things work together for good to those that love God." Our freight has not all arrived from Paulpietersburg (June 28). We have our two rocking chairs which are very nice and we are thankful for them. I think most of the boxes have arrived. We were very glad and thankful for the writing pads; you see we are using them, and the glass dishes were lovely (given by Mrs. James McNeill). There were some lovely things sent for the members of the Sanders family. They really got some lovely presents and of course they were all delighted with everything. . . . We feel so thankful to the dear Lord, and to all the home friends who have so kindly provided for us these needs of life, and also the "Missionary Board," who have given us the furnishings for our house. We do appreciate all these things so much. We trust to prove satisfactory missionaries to you all.

Sister Alice Sterritt says: I can imagine the Camp Ground (Beulah) presents a busy appearance and everyone working hard to get ready for the meetings. Dear old place! how real it seems to me today, but in spite of precious memories, and natural desires I am perfectly contented right here in far-off Africa. Perhaps some day the dear Lord will let us look on the dear faces and scenes once more unless

he comes before, or we pass beyond, until then we want to do our best for him in this land to which he has so clearly led us. We do remember with grateful hearts our meeting with you last year, and the kindness and love of the dear people. . . . We thank the Lord for the kind provisions of the "Board" of the household goods. May the Lord reward abundantly. Dr. and Mrs. Sanders' trip has done them much good. We had a great day opening boxes (June 17th). The presents were certainly lovely. They were no mean missionary boxes I can tell you. Faith's presents seemed especially beautiful and numerous and she deserved them all. Mrs. Manford Hicks' bureau scarf is beautiful, and Mrs. Wiggins sent a beauty too.

The boys brought the boxes to the front of the house and opened them, and we went into them, calling out names as though it was a "Christmas tree;" and indeed some of them were Christmas-like in appearance. We were so pleased with those pretty dishes in the Moncton box, and also the writing paper.

The rockers are very comfortable and we like them very much. I am sitting in one of them now as I write, for we have them in our bedrom.

I wish you could be here to enjoy the sunshine of Africa for a while. I really do wish you could visit the missionary station.

We think we have a comfortable mission station. This farm is certainly a great blessing. We enjoy the home news much. A school teacher with the mission work at heart is a real need, and a great need. The Lord is helping us with Zulu.—Alice F. Sterritt.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Rev. S. A. Baker:

Dear Sir: Enclosed find my renewal for the Highway. I enjoy reading its pages very much. They are all holiness. The Lord is merciful and can save to the uttermost.

Yours in Him,
MRS. CASPER RIEDLE.

OUR HAPPY MISSIONARY GIRLS.

The Sterritt Sisters say that they are making good progress in their study of the Zulu language and they would not be in any other place. Part of the home boxes arrived at the missionary station on June 17th and there was lovely things in them for the Sanders family as well as for themselves. We can well stand by our happy devoted missionaries.

A young son of a minister, whose mother wanted to get him ready to attend the Sunday morning service, replied, have I got to go to meeting? I thought we came up here to get away from going to meeting!

"Nothing lies outside the reach of prayer, except that which lies outside the will of God."

"A man's true wealth is the good he does in the world; not so much its bulk as the spirit of it and its proportion to opportunity."