

about as a roaring lion. To expect deliverance from those which are occasioned by other men is to expect either that men should cease from the earth, or that we should be absolutely secluded from them, and have no intercourse with them; or that having eye we should not see, neither hear with our ears, but be as senseless as stocks or stones. And to pray for deliverance from those which are occasioned by the body is, in effect, to pray that we may leave the body: Otherwise it is praying for impossibilities and absurdities; praying that God would reconcile contradictions, by continuing our union with a corruptible body without the natural, necessary consequences of that union. It is as if we should pray to be angels and men, mortal and immortal, at the same time. Nay—but when that which is immortal is come, mortality is done away.

8. Rather let us pray, both with the spirit and with the understanding, that all these things may work together for our good; that we may suffer all the infirmities of our nature, all the interruptions of men, all the assaults and suggestions of evil spirits, and in all be "more than conquerors." Let us pray, that we may be delivered from all sin; that both root and branch may be destroyed; that we may be "cleansed from all pollution of flesh and spirit," from every evil temper, and word, and work; that we may "love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength;" that all the fruit of the Spirit may be found in us,—not only love, joy, peace, but also "longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, fidelity, meekness, temperance." Pray that all these things may flourish and abound, may increase in you more and more, till an abundant entrance be ministered unto you, into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ!

UNPROFITABLE PREACHING.

"The Christian Register," a Unitarian paper, has an article on the preaching in Unitarian pulpits. It speaks highly of the sermons of ministers of other denominations, and adds:

"In many instances our ministers seem to have no more questions to press upon the universe, no zeal in the source and destiny of it.

"This manifests itself in the comparative triviality of much Unitarian sermonic material. It is transient, newspaperish, thin, sometimes freakish, with no great principle, no profound issues at heart, for it has no heart, no grip."

There is nothing surprising in this except that it appears in a Unitarian paper. Modernism is not constructive, but destructive. It denies the inspiration of the Scriptures, without which there is no atonement or resurrection or future life. There is nothing in it to arouse zeal or urge one to seek the salvation of the lost.

Why should they warn sinners if they do not believe in sin or the wrath to come? Why should they preach if they have no Gospel?—Herald and Presbyter.

"He was a wise man who said he hadn't time to worry. In the daytime he was too busy, and at night he was too sleepy."

MISSIONARY MEETING HELD DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER, JANUARY, 1922, AT WOODSTOCK.

Our mission station is situated in the Province of Natal, South Africa, among the Zulus. This station is about 300 miles from Durban, the port where our missionaries land for the interior. They go by railway 28 miles to Paulpietersburg, the nearest railway station, and then by auto or horseback 20 miles. The mission station is situated on a farm of over 1000 acres. This farm is called Balmoral. It was bought from a Dutch farmer in 1917 for over thirty-three hundred dollars. Dr. Herbert C. Sanders and wife felt called of God to do mission work among the Zulus of South Africa and left St. John with their family September, 1901, just a little over 20 years ago. They remained in Durban vicinity nearly two years, studying the language. While seeking direction from God they heard of Balmoral—and moved there in 1903, and rented the farm for \$250 per year. There was at this time 25 native huts on it and about 150 natives. In 1905 Rev. I. F. Keirstead and wife were sent out to assist and relieve Dr. Sanders and wife, who returned home in 1908 and remained four years on furlough. Rev. Mr. Keirstead and wife remained in Africa eight and one half years, when they were compelled to return because of Mrs. Keirstead's health failing. We are glad to report that Rev. and Mrs. Keirstead are helping wonderfully in the mission work at home. Mrs. Keirstead's health is much improved, although it is improbable that she will ever be able to return to Africa. Being returned missionaries and full of zeal for souls in foreign lands, as well as at home, they keep the needs of our mission station before the people at every opportunity.

On this farm, which our missionaries at first rented and afterwards purchased, they planted fruit trees of various kinds, which now bear plentifully, such fruits as peaches, pears, plums, lemons, apricots, oranges, strawberries, grapes, bananas, apples, peanuts, tomatoes and many others, in all making over 20 different kinds. This is a great help in solving the food problem. They also raise many kinds of vegetables and grains, which with the rent from the native huts (which by the way is very small comparatively speaking) help to make the mission station partially self-supporting.

During the time since our missionaries went to Balmoral they have established not only the station in that place, but two more churches in the surrounding districts and several preaching places besides. They have been the means of turning hundreds of the natives from ignorance and sin to the worship of the true and living God. Last year Dr. Sanders reported an addition of 57 to the church, and a total membership of 313.

Last March, 1921, two more missionaries were sent out, namely the Misses Helen and Alice Sterritt, sisters and trained nurses, so that there are now on the field Dr. Sanders and wife, their eldest daughter, Faith, their eldest son Paul (lately married to Miss Ruth Keyes, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Keyes formerly of St. John, now of Durban, Africa) the

Misses Sterritt making in all seven grown up missionaries; besides these there are six other boys and girls, children of Dr. and Mrs. Sanders, ranging in years from nine to nineteen, who really are missionaries, according to their several abilities, the older boys already leading services and supplying outposts, etc. They are all bright, happy christians, even down to the youngest. The younger children who learned to speak Zulu as soon as English, are a great help to the Misses Sterritt as interpreters, enabling them almost immediately to begin teaching and preaching and visiting the sick. Besides these there are about 16 or 20 native evangelists, under Dr. Sanders' direction, who work part of their time among the natives. Our mission work in South Africa is very encouraging. God has wonderfully preserved our workers in South Africa and opened up the way before them and they have had marvellous success in winning souls. Dr. Sanders being a physician, has many calls for help among the sick natives. He is now establishing a hospital at the mission station where he may more easily treat the sick; and now that the Misses Sterritt are there he will be greatly helped. All our missionaries have been called of God for the work and are fully consecrated and efficient workers and we are believing for an extension of the work there with much success, under God's blessing. If in 20 years the increase is from 2 to 7 salaried missionaries, besides the non-salaried ones (meaning the children) and about 20 natives workers, surely we can prophesy that in the next 10 years our work and workers will double or even treble in size and numbers. Last year our denomination raised \$6,000 for mission work; of this the Woodstock Church raised \$605.82. Our money is raised by dues, taken at our public monthly missionary meetings, collections, quarterly thank-offerings and voluntarily offerings.

We try to make our monthly meetings both interesting and instructive, nearly always having a nicely arranged and well rendered programme. Whenever possible we have a returned missionary speak to us, and this helps wonderfully to stimulate interest along these lines. Our Sunday school has pledged to give \$100 every year towards Faith Sanders' salary. Every Sabbath each class contributes to this fund, aptly called "The Faith Fund," so in this way the school has a missionary object lesson every Sunday, even the littlest tots realizing that they are helping to send the gospel to those who have not Sunday Schools to go to. Our denomination is young and consequently our foreign mission work is younger, but God is blessing us wonderfully and each year we see a decided advancement. With our number of workers increased we know our foreign work will be extended this year. We are praying not only for our own, but for all workers in all lands, that the Lord may send forth labourers unto His harvest until the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters that cover the sea.

"What are Christians put into the world for, except to do the impossible by the grace of God?"