

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

Balmoral M. S.,
Natal, April 19th, 1922

Dear Brother Baker:

The 16th was "Big Sunday" when fifty-three partook of communion. Twelve were baptized and received into the church. Five children were presented to the Lord and a young couple made happy by plighting their troth before the church, and promising to walk in the commandments of God instead of the customs of the heathen Zulus. A Christian girl, who had accepted a heathen man, reported that she had left him, nearly a year ago, though he threatened to kill her if she deserted him, and she fears that he will keep his vow. And now she asked to be restored to full church membership. Another girl, interviewed Sunday, reports a desire for baptism, but she is engaged to a so-called Christian native, who already has one wife, married to him by Christian rights. Had he married the first wife by native custom he could, lawfully, take other wives. But not so when married by christian rites. She declares her purpose of leaving him though it will be hard as she still loves him.

Reports from across the Pivan are encouraging, giving promise of two new outposts. Paul contemplates a visit to Durban and his new parents at the Mission Station in Zululand. Mrs. Sanders and I hope to spend a few weeks across the Pongola, where there is a crying need for visiting and personal dealing with our weakening church members.

We had a special meeting last Saturday when God gave unusual blessing. There was a reaching up for a closer walk with Him, and a "sighing and crying" for the members of our flock whose weakness makes the stumbling blocks of God's glorious work.

The fight is strenuous. The weapons of our warfare are "the sword of the Spirit," "the shield of Faith," "all prayer," "the breast plate of righteousness" and the girdle of "truth;" all "mighty" weapons "through God to the pulling down of the strong holds of Satan." We are much encouraged in the Lord, by seeing how He pours his Spirit upon us, leading us out in prayer for the strengthening and extension of the work. The Spirit thus helps our infirmities and makes intercession according to the will of God. We can not, therefore, but believe that God will answer these Spirit-inspired prayers, and give victory all along the line.

Even the "wrath of man" God will make "to praise Him, and the remainder of wrath will He restrain." One may well add, even the wrath of the devil himself, God makes to forward His work. Did you ever notice the reading, "After the sop Satan entered into him?" and then Judas went out and, that night, betrayed the Son of God with a kiss, that led to the arrest, the mock trial, and the murder of the Son of God. Thus the wrath of Satan was harnessed to God's chariot of Salvation and made to defeat his own Satanic plans—but I must refrain from preaching in this letter. My soul shouts victory for I believe God. Let us continue to wait upon him in prayer, and exchange our weakness for His strength, enabling us to walk humbly

with our God and not faint, to run His errands and not be weary, to mount up on wings as eagles where we shall find sweet communion with the Most High.

Yours clad in His armour,
H. C. SANDERS.

Hartland P. O.,
via Paulpietersburg,
Natal, So. Africa,
April 21, 1922

Dear Homeland Friends:

I believe it has been quite a while since I have written you. We praise the Lord that at this writing we are well and happy in far off Africa. He has indeed been very gracious to us. A year has passed by since we arrived in Durban (April 16) and we have been lovingly cared for by our Heavenly Father. He daily loadeth us with benefits, and we do want to render praise unto His holy name for all His tender love.

We are thankful that our minds are more enlightened in the Zulu language than they were a year ago. Then every word uttered by a native was simply a blank to us, and even now it is much easier to talk to them than to understand what they say to us. They speak very quickly and I have to say "kuluma kancane" (speak slowly) when they talk to me. I expect they find it difficult as well as we, but they are always glad to say we are learning nicely and they remember us in their prayers.

We are living in our own home now, and we can truly say we are comfortable and happy, surrounded by so many tokens of love from the dear homeland friends. If only you dear people could know how much we do appreciate all that has been done for us, we should be so glad. Words fail to really express our gratitude, as we try to thank you for every gift and for your prayers and support.

We moved April 4th, and it was a great pleasure to unpack our goods and really set up housekeeping. Our things arrived in fine condition. Everything we have is so useful and seems to be just what we need. Please remember, each one of you, that we appreciate your part in making life homelike for us in Africa, and it is our prayer that we may live so close to Jesus that we will win souls. That is why we are in Africa today, and we do want His power to work in and through us and touch the souls around us. There are opportunities every day which we want to make use of and I praise God that my heart is encouraged in the way. How we thank Him for a real definite call and clear leadings. We know we are here in His will.

Paul and Ruth are going away in a few days, first to Durban and then to Ruth's home in Zululand. I believe it is Paul's first real vacation since he was in Canaia, though he has been in Durban for a few days sometimes. We will miss him very much; he is such a useful young man in every way.

We are always so glad to see any of them have a change, and would like to see them all enjoy a good vacation.

Pray for us, and we do remember the dear homeland in prayer.

Yours in Christian love,
ALICE F. STERRITT.

DO CAMP MEETINGS PAY?

Rev. P. F. Elliott.

We have often heard the question asked, "Do Camp Meetings pay?"—usually asked by some one who has no vision of a lost world. We know of no greater paying work for Jesus than holiness Camp Meetings and Conventions.

First, they are the places where sinners are converted and believers are sanctified. Thousands have begun the life of full salvation at the Camp Meeting altars.

Again, they are the places where saints are deepened into the secrets of the Holy Ghost, and where the church is stirred to a deeper vision of the needs of the heathen field.

Camp Meetings and Conventions, moreover, are the places where many young men and women are called to the mission field and many more are called to the ministry.

Again, they are the places where preachers get great soul food and new light which enables them to go back to their fields with new zeal, strengthened in the things of God.

God has used holiness Camp Meetings to promote the work of full salvation to the ends of the earth. It is at these meetings we have been privileged to meet some of God's great preachers and spiritual warriors. By their messages of fire we have become a better Christian and better preacher. Out from these meetings goes an influence like running rivers, never to die.

One of these things that attracted me to the holiness people eighteen years ago was that free spirit that dwells among them. Their singing was different; their prayers were different; and their preaching was different from anything I had ever heard. To see the saints under soul-burden was something I had never seen before in my life. It attracted my attention and fastened upon me holy conviction that has never left. Intercessory prayer certainly goes with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Let us pray God that that spirit of soul travail may not leave our camp meetings. We hear much said these days about great preaching—but little said about great praying. Daniel's reputation was that the spirit of the gods lived in him. Paul said that he prayed night and day for the saints at Thessalonica that he might see their face and perfect that which was lacking in their faith. It was said that the knees of the sainted John Wesley were calloused by long seasons of prayer. Queen Mary feared the prayers of John Knox more than she did an army of soldiers. The late General Booth said the great danger of the coming century was religion without the Spirit of God and prayer without power.

It has been the privilege of the writer to be a co-worker in many camp meetings, and I can truly say that those which have been the greatest soul-saving times have been characterized by much prayer. When Zion travails souls shall be born. Let us unite our efforts to the one great end that our meetings shall be bathed in tears and promoted in prayer—that the mighty shekinah of God shall fall upon the people and the slain of the Lord shall be many—The Pilgrim.