

THE REFORMED BAPTIST MISSIONARIES.

By Rev. S. A. Baker, Missionary Treasurer.

For the help and enjoyment of the supporters of our missionary work in South Africa, we have been impressed to open up in the Highway, by consent of the editor, special features of information, giving our people the fullest and newest notes regarding the missionaries and their work, and will begin with our Brother, H. Paul Sanders.

Our people generally know comparatively little of this estimable young brother. Being of a naturally quiet disposition he has written nothing for publication in the Highway, but his recent marriage to Miss Keyes has brought him before the home people in special interest.

Having a desire for medical instruction to help him in his work, at least in first-aid, as he would be located some distance from a regular doctor, he made application to Dr. McCord at Durban, who kindly offered to take him into his hospital, and give him the advantage of coming in contact with the lines of medical work most needed among the natives among whom he is to work.

Dr. McCord immediately wrote the writer about the application of Brother Paul and offered to give him all possible help in the most practical way, and the Missionary Board gave immediate consent, and the following letter, a bit of information as to the present situation, which all will read with much interest:

Dear Mr. Baker:

I feel very thankful tonight as I write this to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 12th, and the quarter's salary enclosed. Thank you very much for same, and also for your advice re going into debt. I trust, Mr. Baker, that by the Lord's help I shall never go into debt.

I wish to thank you and the other members of the Mission Board for consenting to my staying here. I am sure it will be time well spent. It is about a month and a half since my return from Zululand, where I visited Rev. and Mrs. Keyes, my parents-in-law. It was a very enjoyable trip, and I was very sorry Mrs. Sanders could not have gone with me.

The game in that part of Zululand has been killed off a great deal on account of it carrying the "Tetsi" fly, which is so deadly to cattle; however, I saw over two hundred "Brindled Gnu," of which I shot eleven; I also shot a number of antelope.

Mr. and Mrs. Keyes have a large boarding school for native boys and girls. I was very much interested in this; also in the Bible Class of young men who were training for evangelists.

There were fifty-four pupils attending during my visit and it was really fine listening to the testimonies some of them gave of the saving and keeping power of Jesus. This year they are having a very trying time as there is famine in their part of the country.

Mrs. Sanders is quite well now; she began to improve right after our arrival in Durban. We are both working, and feel very thankful to the Lord for His many blessings and for His providing for our every need.

We went two Sundays to hear Mr. Fred

Elliott, a Scotch evangelist from Scotland; he spoke here in Durban on the Holy Spirit and we were much blessed.

Am sending a couple of snaps, one of the matron and nurses here at Dr. McCord's Hospital, and the other of a gnu I shot while in Zululand.

Will close now with love and best Christian wishes.

Yours for His will and glory,

H. PAUL SANDERS.

GRACE AND GIFTS.

A. W. Barbezat.

Both have their places, gifts being subordinate to grace. Yet the constant tendency is to give more attention and consideration to gifts than to grace.

The spectacular, audible, tangible things absorb and fascinate the mind more readily than the doctrines of grace. Especially is this true of those who lose their relish for spiritual things.

It is quite evident that when people think more of feeding the poor, talking in tongues, divine healing or even building up a work, than they do of Jesus, they have as yet not reached a very deep stage of spirituality. These things appear religious; consequently are easily substituted for an evidence of real spirituality. It gives them a hope that they are right with God, because of their service or interest or supernatural manifestations.

This was the state of affairs in the church at Corinth, when Paul wrote his first epistle to that church. They were ready to make great sacrifices, and could talk in tongues, yet they were carnal.

There is a form of fanaticism in which people are more devoted to their ideas than they are to God. This of course, is the devil's work; this is one of his deceptive ways of getting people away from God. The natural consequences are, that they will try and substitute their inflated devotions to their themes, for devotion to God.

The greatest asset that can be realized in life is grace. Oh, the unsearchable riches of Christ! Gifts belong to the church. Having found the proper place for them, let us ask God to bestow them upon us as we are able to handle them. They are not as prominent among us as we might expect.

WE MUST PRAY.

One thing you must learn to do. Whatever you leave undone, you must not leave this undone. Your work will be stunted and half developed unless you attend to it. You must force yourself to be alone and pray. Do make a point of this. You may be eloquent and attractive in your life, but your real effectiveness depends on your communion with the eternal world.—Forbes Robinson.

When our Lord Jesus died upon the cross the veil in the temple which hung over the holy place was rent from top to bottom. The priestly office passed away; there was no need for further sacrifice for sin. The Lord Jesus has offered one sacrifice for sins forever. Types and shadows had given place to a glorious reality.

RELIGION FOR EVERY DAY.

That religion which isn't good for every day is not much good for any day. If it doesn't stay with a man on Monday, it was only a cloak and mockery on Sabbath. If it doesn't show itself in the home, breathing upon every one therein a kindly and helpful and strengthening influence, then it will make a fine show in the house of God to very little purpose, indeed. If religion doesn't grip a man's soul, if it isn't the one thing in his whole life, Sabbath and Saturday, day and night, then it becomes so near to being nothing that it is scarcely worth reckoning at all. When we speak of every-day religion, we speak of the only genuine kind of religion that there is. And it is its homely, every-day quality that will commend it to the world, and will in the end win for it the allegiance of human hearts.

Religion is for every day. Its blessings and benefits, its comforts and its sweet consolation, its guidance and its inspiration, are for the commonplace days in the commonplace lives of commonplace men and women. It is something to take with one, something that will never be out of place anywhere, something that will add to life's joy its best touch of sweetness, and will mix with all life's sorrows, hope and courage and power. A man who has the every-day religion in good, wholesome quality can easily afford to be without a good many other things.—Exchange.

GIVING UP TOO SOON.

One of the saddest episodes in the history of the Great War is that of a campaign which failed because the attacking forces withdrew just when the enemy were at the point of surrender. To have kept up the siege a few days longer would have changed defeat into victory. We will have our share of failures and disappointments, no doubt, but let us make up our minds not to lose by giving up too soon.

SIT AT THE FEET OF JESUS.

Rev. G. Campbell Morgan.

In this busy age, with its action and, oftentimes, its ungodly competition; in this day when men must rise early and retire late, to keep right abreast and ahead of the times, men and women, you must, whatever else comes or goes, you must find time to sit at the feet of Jesus. O Marthas, Marthas, Marthas! cease your serving, and get ten minutes with your Lord. Get to know Him while the sun shines before the sorrow breaks upon you, so that when the sorrow comes you will be able to sit still in the house until He calls you forth and through that deep lesson you will come to the highest realm of Christian life.

"We fear there is much preaching of the character which rather comforts people in their sins and failures than convicts them and sends them to the Lord in prayer and penitence for larger grace and more power for Christian living. The need of the hour is for Daniels who will face the lions in the pews and be true to God in the den of the modern pulpit."