

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

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Dear Friends:

We are doing all we can to enlighten, warn and teach these people but only a few are desiring to be saved; the multitude passes by as they did when Jesus was here.

Yesterday on my way to the class meeting I met about eight young men, preceded by two or three young women. All were dressed up in the best heathen fashion with much head-work and grass woven rings greatly adding to the effect. They were gay and full of life and health as they tripped along to a native wedding a mile or so away.

When I called to them they stopped and listened respectively while I quoted John 3:16 to them and spoke a few words, then they passed by moving in a graceful sort of trot.

I thought how little they take in of what I have told them. But we are to sow beside all waters and surely some time God's word will accomplish what He has said. If it does not sink into the heart for salvation then it must condemn.

Yesterday morning I went into the store for a few minutes and met one who left our church and joined another that permits taking beer. The talk was timely for his heart seemed hungry and I found out the plain, straight teaching he had while here still was telling for God in that he knew he was not going forward in "the way" as when with us and was living under condemnation. He asked me to pray for him. Poor fellow! Will some one take him on your heart and ask God to bring him back. His name is Filimone.

This morning I had a long conversation with one of our evangelists on debatable points and gave him a lesson on "questions to no profit," "that gender strife," etc. Very much needed for him—and others who are forever seeking some new thing but not going forward into Holiness as they should—I pointed out that time so spent in debating these questions was more often profitless than profitable, while there were many all about us who needed cheering, strengthening or comforting, etc., by the way, and prayer with or for them was what was needed. Well, it was good to have that opportunity. I had been wanting such a chance, and yesterday took time to look up certain texts, so when the chance came I would be ready.

Perhaps some one would like to see these texts, so here they are: I. Tim. 6:3-6, 2 Tim. 2:22-26, Titus 3:9-12 and one or two others. It is so good to have the Word of God to turn to at all times and be able to give them, "Thus saith the Lord." Vain indeed, at times, are all we can say.

One of our kitchen girls is the granddaughter of Pengula, an old witch doctor who died several years ago. This child is frail and lately says she is greatly persecuted by the "Amadhlosi" (spirits of our fathers) who come to her in the early evening just after the sun has set, and

scold her. They ask her why she is here, why does she not go home and numberless others. She is really afraid of them and cries when night comes.

After talking and explaining a bit, I told her only one thing could help her, that was prayer and faith in God. Again "The Word" was the great help and several texts were chosen. Then I prayed and got her to do so and finally she was told not to fear but trust. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

The dreadful oppression of the devil is so real in this land. Spiritism is their religion. Worshipping demons. Seances are common.

But God is rescuing some even of these mediums (witch doctors) and we do praise Him for it.

Dr. Sanders and Paul are away hoping to secure from a Dutchman leave to have a mission station on his farm across the Pongola. We cannot say yet anything. When we know then we will tell you.

This Pongola river has claimed fourteen people this year and Solomon Sukazi, our blind boy, was nearly carried away by it in crossing to come here yesterday. When we have so rainy a summer as this the ground is saturated, hence a down-pour above fills the river in a short while, miles above and while some are crossing suddenly a wave of water sweeps down upon them from behind some bend of the river and they are carried away.

Yours in Him,
MRS. H. C. SANDERS.

OUTLINE OF A SERMON FOR CHILDREN'S DAY.

By Rev. S. A. Baker.

Matt. 19-13-14-15: 'Then were there brought unto him little children.'

Bringing the children to Jesus. How? When? Where?

The disciples rebuked their parents, probably because they thought the children were too young.

A child that is old enough to love its parents, is old enough to love Jesus.

Children who are brought up in prayerless homes don't have a fair chance—they are robbed of their rights.

Every child has its rights which should be recognized, home, clothing, food, education and a knowledge of God and his Word.

The first four, let them be ever so ample, fall short without devoted christian example and parental teaching, until they really become acquainted with Christ.

We believe that every child will accept Christ if it has proper example and teaching. This would defeat all forms of evil in thirty years.

Sin and the devil should not have the first chance at the young life.

If the parents shed a few tears in their prayers with their children, they would shed less tears about them when they have grown up. Righteousness is a great preserver from evil, premature death and disgrace.

Sermons should be preached to the parents and let them practice with their children.

MISSIONARY MEETING AT LOWER BRIGHTON.

On Easter Monday, April 2nd, 1923, we held our monthly Missionary Meeting in the Reformed Baptist Church at Lower Brighton. Programme consisting of Easter and missionary pieces.

Programme opened by singing "On the Cross of Calvary."

Audience recited parts of 27th and 28th chapters of Matthew. Prayers by several.

Hymn, "Christ Arose."

Minutes of last meeting and Roll Call.

Greetings, "The Easter Story," by Ada Dickinson and Tressa Brown.

Exercise, "He did not know how to spell Easter."

Duet, "From glory to Calvary," by Alice Tedlie and Wm. Nixon.

Reading, "The Easter Spirit," by Mrs. Geo. Tedlie.

Exercise, "Easter Banners."

Recitation, "When He Arose," by Mrs. Bryant.

Singing, "Crown Him," by choir.

Recitation, "Let there be light," by Edith Jennings.

Exercise, "Rays from the Cross," by 4 girls.

Solo, "He died to save me," by Wm. Nixon.

Recitation, "The Easter Lesson," by Edith Nixon.

Recitation, "The Little Hinder Widow" by Alice Dickinson.

Duet, "Little brothers and sisters have I?" by Ula and Muriel Lester.

Singing, "Speed the Light," by choir.

Recitation, "A little girl's story," by Ada Dickinson.

Recitation, "A great gift," by Harold Noble.

Singing, "We will send it out," Choir.

Recitation, "Go," by Mrs. Edwin Jennings.

Recitation, "Collection Speech," by Willis Brown.

Collection was then taken, which with the dues amounted to \$13.66.

Brother Lester spoke a few moments.

Closing hymn, "Go tell the world of His love."

Benediction by pastor, Rev. E. W. Lester.

MRS. F. K. BROWN.

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DIVINE INSPIRATION.

I beg leave to propose a short, clear and strong argument to prove the Divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures.

The Bible must be the invention either of good men or angels, bad men or devils, or God.

1. It could not be the invention of good men or angels, for they neither would nor could make a book and tell lies all the time they were writing it, saying, "Thus saith the Lord," when it was their own invention.

2. It could not be the invention of bad men or devils, for they could not make a book which commands all duty, forbids all sins, and condemns their own souls to hell for all eternity.

3. Therefore, draw the conclusion that the Bible must be given by Divine inspiration.—John Wesley.