

## SOUTH AFRICAN LETTER.

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Dear Homeland Friends:

I fear that we do not write as often as we should. We know that your prayers and faith are blended with ours for this work and we must not disappoint you in failing to report how it is with us in far off Africa. But the days pass so swiftly by and before we know it the weeks have flown and many letters yet unanswered.

Winter is nigh, already we feel the real chill morning and evening and the days are much shorter and the real heat is past, though at noon time we feel it hot enough yet. Today has been an especially beautiful day, so clear and a cool breeze which made it so pleasant. We never tire of looking at these grand hills and I do praise God so much for placing us where there is much that is beautiful. I see by the date that it will be three years tomorrow since we arrived at the mission station. I was very happy to reach the land and people to whom God called us, but I can truly say from the depths of my heart that I am happier tonight and would not be any place else in the whole wide world unless God willed it so. These past few weeks God has been doing wonderful things for me and I cannot praise Him enough. He has so beautifully cleared my vision and caused me to see as He caused the servant of Elisha to see the horses and chariots of fire. How good He is! My spirit was so in need of this gracious anointing which He has bestowed and I praise Him with my whole heart. I expect some of you dear homeland friends have been specially praying for your missionaries and He has answered your prayers and ours. Keep on praying, for we "shall reap in due season if we faint not." He just fills my heart with encouragement and praise and love, and the power of the cleansing blood is so real in my soul.

"Oh this precious, perfect love,  
How it keeps the heart aglow,  
Streaming from the fount above  
Where the healing waters flow."

Yesterday at the kraal where we have Sunday services about fifteen were present. Some of them left watching their amabele to hear the Word of God. They have to stay in the field day after day to drive the birds from the grain, and it is comforting to see them here to attend the service. They listened very attentively to the parable of the sower and the seed. The dear Lord blessed my soul and helped in Zulu and we leave the seed to be watered by Him who giveth the increase, trusting it will bring forth fruit. How our hearts yearn over them and we long to see these "other sheep" enter the fold of the Good Shepherd, who gave His life for them. I know they are hearing His voice.

We had very nice services on Easter Sunday. I am sure the Lord spoke to hearts. Friday and Saturday there were special services too and souls were helped. A heathen girl who had been here sick came back to attend service on Easter and is asking for meetings at their

kraal. The Lord gives us many tokens of His working on the hearts of the people and we thank God and take courage. Yesterday He gave me this beautiful Word to strengthen my faith, "And the heathen shall know that I am the Lord when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes;" so my business is to keep sanctified and let God fulfil His Word.

Mrs. Sanders has gone to Utrecht for a visit. The weather is just lovely now and we all feel refreshed after the intense summer heat. Our winters are certainly beautiful here.

We received the lovely box from Moncton and thoroughly appreciate its contents. Everyone was lovingly remembered and we feel that the homeland friends are very gracious in their gifts to their missionaries. May the dear Lord give you a gracious reward for all you have done and are doing for us.

We rejoice to read of the salvation of souls in the homeland, it does cheer our hearts. Already we are praying for the Alliance and Beulah, that God will have His way and greatly bless. Pray for us always.

Yours in Jesus,  
ALICE F. STERRITT.

## THE TERRIBLE CIGARET BEETLE.

The Tobacco Record devotes nearly a column to the damage done tobacco in the Philippines by the "cigaret beetle," in some former years the loss to tobacco from this pest reaching as high as \$2,000,000. The damage is done by boring holes through the tobacco in the warehouse.

Another kind of cigaret beetle is boring holes into the brains of hundreds of thousands of boys and young men, figuratively speaking, and also into the hearts, lungs, kidneys and other organs, and thus causing a loss of many millions of dollars each year, by making victims incapable of success along financial or other lines—and yet the Tobacco Record does not get stirred up over this loss. Isn't it high time that thinking men become as much aroused over the destruction of boys as of tobacco?

Much is said of "Turkish atrocities," but nothing in modern life is as atrocious as the Turkish and other cigarets in their effect upon the youth of our land. While Turkey may slay her thousands, the cigaret is slaying its tens of thousands.

What tobacco will do to the youth of a country is shown in Cuba, where everybody smokes—men, women, boys and girls. The growth of illiteracy in the island is causing alarm. Illiteracy among the white boys and girls there, between the ages of 10 and 14, has increased 45.5 per cent between 1907 and 1919, and among the black children, 22.3 per cent, making the percentage of those who read and write 55.1 and 47.6 respectively.—Will H. Brown.

"The devil gets his rest when the church is quarrelling."

"Don't get discouraged! It is often the last key on the bunch that opens the lock."

## MODERN RELIGION COMPARED WITH BIBLE SALVATION.

J. A. Sneed.

The most peoples' religion consists of their opinions, ideas, ambitions, and personal aspirations, only accepting the inspired Word of God, in so far as it can be made to promote their formula, and give flavor to their standard of religious ideals. And from that view point, wonderful religious systems have been inaugurated that are not even spiced with the salvation of Jesus Christ. Of this type the world is full. Each child of the religious family, being christened with a name to give it distinction in religious history, and if possible, to bring it in prominence before the world, with slight regard for scriptural decorum, and spiritual piety. And what is here suggested of various religious orders; often wears the outward paraphernalia—holiness, as a signia of religious distinction, for extraordinary piety; while the fruits in character are the "apples of Sodom."

Now the contrast, let us take a scriptural view of the salvation of Jesus Christ, as the Divine patrimony, of personal experience, and visible spiritual character. Salvation as provided through the atoning merits of Jesus Christ, must be accepted by the individual of God's revealed terms, which are forgiveness, justification, regeneration, adoption, witness of the Spirit, and entire sanctification, by God the Father, who preserves the sanctified blameless in that grace, which is to be followed at the coming of the Son of God with a glorified body, through the first Resurrection.

Let us briefly analyze the above outline. Forgiveness, justification, and regeneration, which are distinct elements of grace, but inseparable in the work of personal salvation: Freedom from all transgression, and the impartation of the Divine Life, is never experienced, till the individual fully surrenders and meets every Scriptural condition, governing the law of pardoning grace.

**Sanctification, which is the work of cleansing the individual from inborn Sin**—to make pure, to make holy cannot be received by the justified saint of God, short of perfect consecration to all the revealed will of God. (Rom. 12:1). This consecration is sacred, and not to be broken. Then follows the visible fruits; the "oneness" of all the sanctified; hatred supplanted by love; personal ambition, surrendered for the salvation of the lost; evil speaking, substituted for prayer and sympathy; ease and pleasure, sacrificed to a life of self-denial for the good of others. In brief, the glory of God, and the promotion of His cause among men, is to be embodied in every act of His sanctified ones. "By this shall all men know ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another."—Holiness Banner.

Holiness is the crowning grace in the scheme of redemption. It is the acme of Christian experience. This grace should always be distinguished from the gifts and callings of God which are without repentance.