

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Friends:

At the present time I am sixty miles from home and about six miles from our church at Kwalembe. I am trying to rest a little as I greatly needed a change and rest and God opened up the way quite unexpectedly by the offer of one of our Dutch winter neighbors to take me up with him to his high veldt farm for a few weeks. Everybody at home thought I should go, so in about an hour I was ready and now have been here nearly two weeks.

The climate here is so very different—cold like late October and November weather. It is very refreshing and bracing to me, as the long hot summer at our place has been most trying this year.

Their servants come from our part of the country and several are seekers. I have had the privilege of holding prayers with them in the kitchen each evening, and all seem to enjoy it. As many as twelve have been in at a time. One evening eight held up their hands as seekers for Jesus and I am so pleased to help them.

This farmer has two thousand sheep and more, many cattle and horses, several mules and lots of donkeys, as high veldt is good for stock farming.

Yesterday morning before breakfast I went with my friend to see her husband and the young Dutch boy, his shepherd, count the sheep as they were to trek down our way for the winter grazing.

The useful Australian sheepdog was watching a large flock of sheep, rounding up all strayers and keeping them together. I was asked, "How many sheep are those there?" I answered, "Three hundred." The answer was, "One thousand." Those were his ewes ready to go down to lamb on the warm pastures below.

In another clump there were about as many of mixed sheep to go too. It was most interesting to watch how they counted them. First, the owner and his shepherd separated out about six and drove them five or six yards away from the main flock and then a way was made between these two men so two or three sheep at a time could go between them and join those first separated few. The native servants kept the main flock together so they could not separate, and a farm yard wall was of great service too. It only took a few minutes for the work to be done.

The little daughter in the meantime had brought the pet sheep-dog his breakfast, as he was so keen about his work as to pay no heed to being called. However, in a short time she had her arms around him and succeeded in getting him to take a little food. Then, she and a little native girl held him and carefully greased his paws so his feet would not get sore as he must run all day long over stony country, and for days be very busy while the sheep are on trek. He is very faithful and his owner would not take one hundred and sixty dollars for him. He is more faithful than native servants.

That one thousand ewes are worth today more than five thousand dollars, so one can appreciate the money in sheep.

Not always are sheep so valuable, as wool is often away down in price, but it is now high so accordingly sheep are dear. These are merino and the wool is very fine indeed.

Each farmer tries to improve his flock so those reserved for slaughter are coarse-wooled or some defect found in them. Rams are imported, and often large sums are spent to secure especially good-wooled ones.

So the young man left. First, the two immense flocks were sent away, kept from mixing, by the servants and the faithful dog. Next the small wagon with his bed, food and necessaries, was sent off. The donkeys being driven by native servants, two is the required number for a waggon, one to be leader, the other for driver. Last the young man on his good horse said good-bye and left.

These shepherds, often beginning as a poor boy of say, eighteen, by faithful, hard work have, after five or six years, become owners themselves of sheep, cows or horses; wool and sheep being good investment, and he being a thrifty young man soon becomes a farmer himself and, like my friend's husband today, may also become rich, owning several farms, large herds of stock, etc.

The country up here is more open. Hills not so numerous and vast plains covered with grass, lie between these mountainous hills.

I was glad to have about a dozen of our church in this Utrecht District come to see me. I had a very nice service and the Lord blessed us much. There are three ready for baptism, a young couple to be married and six or more young children to be presented to the Lord.

There are aching hearts and burdened lives wherever one goes. I find it so and often God gives a word of comfort for those I meet through His word.

Beulah is drawing near. May God's richest blessing rest upon the camp ground this year and many precious souls be led out into deeper experiences.

Ever yours in Him,

MRS. H. C. SANDERS.

REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 3 convened with the church at Wood Island Thursday, June 5th, 1924.

The first meeting was held on Thursday evening, when Brother F. A. Dunlop preached the word in the power of the Spirit, followed by a good stirring testimony meeting. The text was Titus 2:11-14, with special emphasis on Verse 12. The speaker pointed out that the Christian life meant self-denial on the one hand, while it meant just as truly on the other that we live soberly, righteously and godly.

On Friday p. m. at 2.30 a social service was held, led by Brother S. H. Clark, reading Roman 12:9-21. In the evening H. C. Mullen was the speaker, using as a text Gal. 4:30. The lesson was drawn from the story of Isaac and Ishmael, illustrating the facts that in the same house could not exist mere human religion with supernatural law with grace, nor carnality with the divine life. "What saith the scripture? Cast out the bond-woman and her son."

One must eventually give place to the other.

Saturday p. m. the regular business session was held, President S. H. Clark in chair. Meeting opened by scripture reading and prayer. Minutes of last quarterly meeting read and approved. The roll call of ministers and delegates was taken.

Ministers present—S. H. Clark, H. C. Archer, Hartley E. Mullen, Handly C. Mullen and Fraser Dunlop.

Delegates—Wood Island, Eugene Wilcox, Percy Green; Seal Cove, Charles Foster, Jack Wilson; North Head, Mrs. Alfred Thomas; Jonesport, Mrs. Ethel Kelly, James Beal; Beals, Mrs. Alonzo Alley and Mrs. C. H. Beal.

On motion, Brother Archer was received into this quarterly meeting district.

Election of Officers for the ensuing quarter resulted as follows: Hartley E. Mullen, President; H. C. Archer, Vice President; H. C. Mullen, Secretary; Percy Green, Assistant Secretary; H. C. Archer, Highway Agent; Eugene Wilcox, Treasurer. Devotional Committee chosen by the President—Jack Wilson, C. H. Beal and James Beal. This committee reported as follows: Saturday evening preaching by Brother Rue Ingalls. Sunday, 9.30, love feast, led by Percy Green. 11.00, preaching by H. C. Archer. 3.00 preaching by S. H. Clark. In the evening preaching by F. A. Dunlop.

Reports from the churches were read.

Wood Island reports—"Since we last met God has been with us. Although we have not seen as much of God's Spirit poured out upon us as we would have liked, yet we are looking to him for victory. Our meetings are quite well attended. The most of the young people who started are still taking part."

Seal Cove—"Since we last met in quarterly meetings the Lord has been with us and given us victory. Our services are good and fairly well attended. Interest in the Sabbath school good. Our pastor is faithful and preaches a straight gospel."

North Head—"Since last meeting two members who had not been serving the Lord have decided to live Christian lives once more. One sister, a charter member, recently removed by death. She was faithful, and died in the faith."

Jonesport—"We are glad to be able to report victory since last quarterly meeting. Three have united with the church. Our Church is in a good condition and is a place where the Spirit can be felt in mighty power. Average attendance at Sunday School between forty and fifty. The Lord has blessed Brother Dunlop's labor here; he is a preacher of pure holiness."

Beals—"Church in fairly good condition spiritually. We have a goodly number that can be depended upon at all times, and the burden for lost souls is on their hearts. Our prayer meetings are times of refreshing. Our pastor is faithful in bringing to us the gospel of full salvation."

Sister Melvin Wallace reported by letter for the mission started at Alley's Bay during the winter—"Since the special meetings closed at Beals we have held our Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evening meetings. Our pastor comes over Wednesday evenings, which is a great spiritual