

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

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Dear Friends:

What about people being possessed with demons? Have you any knowledge of such things in your churches, or do people come to any of your pastors and ask for prayer to be delivered from them?

We have many people in this land who are, or believe they are, possessed with demons. It is sadder still to learn there are doctors who profess to have the power to put these evil spirits into those who are sick. They believe the demons feed upon the disease and then the person will get well. But after the sickness has gone what about the demons? Do they go out with the disease or not? They do not. We have some cases coming to us for help and to be prayed with that the demons will be cast out.

It is sad to see one under the power of these spirits. Unconscious of all they say or do, tearing their clothing, fighting any one who would hold or bind them, kicking, scratching or biting them too and all the time making hideous noises like a pig, a steam engine, etc., until exhausted, often trying to run away.

We have had a girl here for about two weeks now, who has had a spell every other day for a while and, many times, giving much trouble. The poor girl is seeking Jesus and says she believes God has undertaken for her and will deliver her from these evil spirits. She has not had a bad spell now for nearly a week but one, and that was mild and of short duration. We are just now trying to have her stay a few days longer so she can continue to receive help and prayer two or three times daily, so as to be perfectly delivered. She told me yesterday she believes Jesus has forgiven her her sins. Also she realizes it is His help that she has not had a spell or so bad a one for these days.

Now her folks have sent to call her home. The devil doctor has returned and says he will put another demon in which will overcome these others.

We must devise some means to have this frustrated so this soul can go free and be saved. Pray for her and others of like condition.

It seems almost past belief to think a native doctor can command demons at his wish and cause them to enter persons at his pleasure. But so they tell these Zulus and they quite believe them.

Fear rules them. Sickness comes through bewitching and there are demons many. Superstition binds those who are hungry for God but Jesus can free them.

I was just counting up how many different ones I have talked with today. I will tell you of them.

After breakfast I went out of doors and saw a woman sitting on the stone pavement by the kitchen. She had brought her cooking pot with her to be mended. "Ah, woman, I see you have broken your pot. How did that happen?" "Sa-ker bana Mkasi-kazi (Good morning, Queen).

Yes, one of my children knocked it over and broke one of its legs. "Oh, that is too bad. Now that is the way with children, but you can have it mended by one of my young men," etc., etc. I asked her why she had not finished the business of coming to Jesus and getting saved. She told me the following facts. When we first came in here and lived in a tent she had just married and has lived down by the Pongola ever since. She had lost many friends and relatives but God had spared her and now her heart was so hungry to get saved. She had given up snuff, eating of meat that died of itself and some other foods that all these heathen give up when they become Christians, but beer was her difficulty. It was hard to find strength to overcome that.

How good to be able to tell her Jesus had all power and came to free her.

She listened intently and seems real earnest. She attends our meetings at an outpost not far from her home. This is another case for you to help by prayer.

Then I had a nice little talk with this poor demon possessed girl and found her faith seems much stronger than a little while back.

Several young men passing by gave me some more opportunities to call them to follow Jesus. There are always these daily chances to help souls. Times, too, to pray with the sick, encourage the weak and warn the erring or stubborn ones who turn out of the way so easily.

Continually giving out, continually putting forth energy and strength. How do we keep at it? If a vessel continues to give out it will soon be emptied unless there is an infilling and we realize this more here than in some places. But the infilling keeps the vessels full so there is always plenty and to spare.

We must continually feed on the Word of God. Be much in prayer. In fact the best way is to keep prayed up, keep one's heart full of some of God's promises or with some of the wonderful experiences we have written in the Lord for our instruction and help. Because one never knows when a sudden need may arise to help some poor soul who has all their life long been bound by Satan.

Such promises as the following are wonderful to have to teach these who have never had a helper. "I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." "Able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

"Able to succour them that are tempted."

"Able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

"Able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." And so many others so dear to us who have tested, tried and proved them true. They are anchors to our souls and keep us steady in stress and temptation. But these people never knew about Jesus who came to die for them, nor about these precious promises until missionaries came and told them and there are still many more who are waiting for some one to tell

them. Perhaps some are waiting for some of you to tell them.

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

P. S.—Glad to add this demon possessed girl got deliverance this a. m. at early prayers and is happy knowing her sins are forgiven and the demons cast out. She prayed such a wonderful prayer, they say, and when the demon waited to make a demonstration she commanded them in Jesus' name to depart.

Praise the Lord nothing too hard for Him.

Pray for others likewise demon possessed. Faith visited one today who is in this condition. She believes and she said "If I did not have my husband and children to care for, I too could go to the 'Umfundis' teacher's and stay to be prayed with till they were cast out." Do pray for her to get victory. She is a seeker too and so is her husband, who wishes prayer to give up snuff. The Lord put upon you—some at least—a real burden of prayer for these hungry, seeking, heathen who also have demons!

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

Hartland P. O.,  
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Dear Highway Friends:

This is a very rainy day and rather cold. Of course the summer weather is drawing to a close, but no doubt we will have many days yet of extreme heat.

Yesterday was a cool, dark day, and I left home quite early in the morning to visit the man with the broken leg; we have written about him before.

He was carried to his home on a stretcher about three months ago, after being laid by at a relative's kraal for six months near us, where we were able to attend him daily.

He is now able to walk a little, and the wound is nearly healed. They were indeed very pleased to see me. He and his wife are both getting tender in heart, and are beginning to think about their sins. May the Lord greatly convict them is my prayer. They have six nice children, the babies are twins. After talking, singing, reading the word and prayer, the two oldest children got their primers, and wanted me to help them. I find they are both very bright and read very nicely. Of course their parents are pleased.

After stopping with them one hour or more I started for home, calling on a sick woman by the way. It was quite a long distance over the hills, and before I got home the rain came down heavily, so I got a good drenching. It is not a very pleasant experience to be out on horseback in a pouring rain, but after all it is only a passing thing.

Well, we have been having a spirit of revival in our church for which we take courage, and thank God. Ngetshe, one of the little farm boys, became very much troubled about his sins, and some others as well, but this boy seemed so determined to go through he confessed many sins to Dr. Sanders of stealing, lying and other things, and he confessed to us about stealing a hen. Of course we freely forgave him. It is nice to see him rejoicing in the Lord. It is my prayer that