

REMARKS HEARD WHILE WE WERE
ACROSS THE PONGOLA.

"We don't forget "Umfundisi" Kierstead. We remember his love and work among us. It was he who first gave us the Word of God, and there are many women today in this church due to his love and toil in bringing to us the Word of Life."

"Yes, 'Umfundisi' Kierstead, when he did not have a horse went by his feet over these hills to give us the Light. And gladly ate the food of the people (inkobi) for the sake of the Gospel."

"It was a thing surprising indeed when I saw "Umfundisi" Kierstead climbing up a very steep hill on his hands and knees to read to us the Word of God."

"'Inkosikazi' Kierstead was with great mercy to us. She always remembered the widows."

These remarks came from the natives without any questioning on our part, and I am sending them to the Highway to show that Brother and Sister Kierstead's work in this far away land is still going on.

Yours in Christian love,
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HUMILITY!

To work successfully for God there are many conditions to meet. Intelligence, education, training, all play their important part, but without the grace of humility no one can do efficient work for God.

Our best example is the Creator of the world, who laid aside His power and glory and said, "Of Myself I can do nothing, the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works." Was He humble? Hear Him: "Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly." Born in a manger, reared in a humble home and sought not His "own glory."

His followers are to walk in His steps and be content to wait until God's time comes to exalt His church at the coming of Christ in His glory, as King of Kings. We are to beware of the worldly spirit that often enters the church and exalts the preachers or any members above due measure.

It is one of the signs of the times when we read of the recent Catholic Eucharistic Congress in Chicago: "The adoring masses who lined Firth Avenue (New York) to gaze upon the visitors were as reverent as though Cardinal Bonzano and his escorts were God incarnate. And in Chicago the papal legate was enthroned with grandeur that excelled the glories of any earthly king."

Our mind naturally goes back to a scene in Jerusalem. It was at the temple gate, "Beautiful," where lay a man incurably lame. Hehe came two men who look kind, **so the lame man "asked an alms."** Then, said Peter, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walg." But this was before the church of the lowly Nazarene had exchanged her power for riches and honour.

When God wished to use a man through whom He could work and do the mightiest miracles the world had ever seen, He chose the "meekest man" there was, and then had it especially recorded for our instruction. The good old Book is full of

examples, illustrating this invariable law of the kingdom.

Can you imagine Gideon threshing wheat behind "the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites?" Why did the "angel of the Lord" appear to him and not to some other man? Listen: "My family is poor in Manassah, and I am the least in my father's house"—humility! We notice also a second qualification in this man, that is common to all truly used of God—Faith. Notice: "Where be all the miracles which our fathers told us of?" Bless God for fathers and mothers who tell their children of God's wonder working power until there grows in the youthful hearts a mighty faith in our God.

Such a son or daughter God can use. They need but to be certain that they are called of God to do his work, and they can easily believe for the wonder working power. Faith is reason counting God in. Whereas unbelief is reason counting God out. Therefore we read, "They that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits."

God was not displeased when Gideon asked his signs and proved that God was with him. As I write I recall old "Mother Brown" standing in a prayer meeting and saying, with great emotion, "I have proved Him in the wet fleece and in the dry!" Today her granddaughter preaches this faith in heathen Corea. There are many such, rich in faith, which they received as an inheritance (teaching by precept and example) from godly parents and grandparents.

Even Moses would never have been chosen for his great work but for such an inheritance. The voice from the burning bush said: "I am the God of thy father. His parents were rich in faith and therefore feared not the king's wrath, and command to drown all the male children. We may not have "gold and silver" to bequeath to our children, but we can leave them a legacy of faith in God.

A third equipment necessary for successful work for God is courage. This courage is God given and may rule in the timidest breast. It is the inevitable fruit of faith. Physical bravery was not sufficient for Peter, "for they all forsook Him, and fled." But noe so after Pentecost! We read, "They beheld the boldness of Peter and John; they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." God purposely causes the weak, for in weakness is His "strength made perfect."

There is one more thought which I wish to add. Humility, faith, and courage go with the knowledge that God Himself does the work.

We read that He works in "you to will and to do." What was Sampson without God working in and through him? Paul: "I live, yet not I; but Christ liveth in me." We all "have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may of God and not of us, that no flesh should glory in His presence." Returning to Gideon: "Too many. . . lets Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, 'Mine own hand hath saved me.'"

This knowledge that God does the work Himself is the foundation stone in the super-structure of Christian usefulness. From this foundation arises humility, faith and courage. We may not glory in education, intelligence, wealth, or

strengh, but we are permitted to glory in that we know and understand God. This item of knowledge is more important than all other knowledge, even that gained from the world's best colleges. This is true wisdom that equips the man of God to be "strong and do exploits." Also it fits him for the future life, for "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

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THANKSGIVING!

By I. M. K.

Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. Psalm 100:4.

As the time draws near in which to celebrate our national Thanksgiving Day, we wonder how that day will be spent.

To many it will only be a day of pleasure and feasting, a day of family reunions—all these may be quite legitimate, but we believe it should mean more than this. Our text implies that thanks and praise go hand in hand, yet many seem thankful for blessings, who do not praise the Giver of all blessings.

Surely our blessings are more than can be numbered.

The children of God have a purer conception of the value of these blessings than those of the world, we feel sure. Let us be reminded of some of the things to be thankful for:

For our beautiful country, whose "Dominion is from sea to sea," which is so free from earthquakes, cyclones, floods and devastating storms that other countries are passing through with its awful toll of life.

For the natural resources, our grand river and lakes and water-falls, which is unsurpassed in beauty. These turn the wheels of industry.

For our broad fertile fields, which provides food for man and beast, and for the wealth of minerals. Surely we live in a favored land where every need has been supplied by our Heavenly Father.

Then we praise God for the beauties as well. The autumn colors, when every twig and bush and tree delights the eye, with its crimson and gold. Yes, and for the magnificent sunsets which cannot be described, and for the starry heavens and the "Milky Way." We get bewildered when we remember that "He calleth them all by names by the greatness of His might, in that He is strong in power, not one faileth." But most of all do we praise Him for the great plan of salvation—for Jesus our Saviour and the Holy Ghost the great Comforter, who came to abide with us forever.

This year we should enter into His gates with more grateful hearts than we have ever had before. Yes, and be thankful unto Him and bless His name and as we pour out our thanksgiving to the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, let us be determined that we shall retain that spirit of thanksgiving in all the coming days.

We will thus honor our Lord and I feel sure we will want to share our blessings both temporal and spiritual with the needy ones about us.