

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

Hartland P. O.,  
Paulpietersburg,  
Natal, So. Africa,  
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Dear Friends:

So glad Faith was able to be with you at Beulah this year; also that the raising of her passage money came easily. The Lord bless you all for helping, and may she be a blessing to you all!

You have so lovingly made her feel she belongs to you and she is so delighted to be in Canada. How we miss her you can only imagine. She has grown up amid these Zulus, has their language so well, and has learned to think in it. This, I may say, does not always come to us who study and learn this tongue. It is so difficult and full of difficult clicks and turns that only the children born here really get the hold of it that understands how the native thinks and reasons. Too many of us are apt to think they reason after the same manner as we do till some one of them gives us a big disappointment after long teaching them the right way, and we are almost discouraged because of their stupidity when perhaps 'tis we who are stupid in not getting hold of the method of their reasoning.

I do not think our children will ever be bothered the way we are. They, from the language and customs, etc., have an education which the best college at home could not give and have grown up in it without having had to give years of straining effort to obtain it. It is part of their inheritance. We older ones who come here after thirty must always study and only a rare few do even become perfect in this Zulu tongue.

How often have I sat and almost envied, as I listened to one of our children—now young men and women—put a testimony or an exhortation into Zulu. It was not as eloquent perhaps as their father, it did not contain the logical and well thought-out sermon that he can give, but it was rendered in such understandable and beautiful Zulu that all took in every word and understood it all perfectly. While we, their parents, have the language and can make ourselves understood, but not smoothly, it is more laboured while they speak "as the language born." Other schools have been much denied them but in this they surpass the learning of other schools.

"His name shall be called Jesus for He shall have His people from their sins." What a glorious declaration and promise! This wonderful Jesus was "manifested to take away our sins, and in him is no sin."

"And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."

What joy wells up in our souls as we realize our sins are all forgiven and we are free from condemnation! Jesus saves, fully saves and keeps by His power divine.

I marvel at the greatness of this power in these poor black people. The contrast is so great, lives so changed they really are new creatures in Jesus."

Many heathen are saying "When I become a believer I want to be like the people of "Umfundisi" (teacher), because when they join your church they have to give up beer, snuff, etc., etc., but some who say they are Christians give up nothing. They drink, yes, even get drunk. They do just like we do only they dress. I don't want to believe with just clothes." This is a good testimony to those of our Church who are striving to follow Jesus.

The sweet messages of Jesus exactly fits these heathen, "I am the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." They know what darkness is. Superstition rules them so strongly they are afraid of the night, and one often finds a young man afraid to travel even a short distance alone in the dark.

Evil spirits abound, many are possessed by them. They have spells, beat their own faces, tear their clothes, pound their heads on the ground, run miles at a great pace and exert themselves to such an extent that they completely exhaust themselves and awake to consciousness with a sore head and a weary body.

Death is such a terror and there is nothing in all their beliefs or witchcraft that can ease this terror.

They never knew anything about the blessed Resurrection nor Heaven till missionaries came and brought this glorious news. It is so new, so entrancing they can't seem to accept it at once; it is "too good to be true unto them."

Now when some among them get really saved and accept Jesus, have the witness of sins forgiven and get answers to prayer, get a victory over sin and find Jesus a present help in time of trouble, when some one of these come down to death and say, "It is all light ahead of me, there is no darkness, I am so happy in Jesus and He is coming to go with me across the river of death, etc., etc," you may imagine what an effect this has on those who are the heathen left ones.

Ah, Beloved! I cannot tell you the joy my heart has as I tell a raw heathen about this wonderful Jesus.

Often when having travelled far through a hot sun and over a difficult stony mountain path, one comes to a kraal (village) and finds heathen but hungry hearts, one forgets the weariness and bodily discomfort and rejoices that God has given so many beautiful messages to the unsaved, and preaches "Jesus unto them." Our words at best are so poor, they fail to convey to the sinner the simple way to the cross, but Jesus' words or some one of the disciples preaching is so direct and easily to be understood that even the uncultivated heathen minds can grasp it all.

Praise the Lord for His salvation and for ever calling us to "preach Christ among the heathen!"

"Let us not grow weary in well doing for we shall reap in due season if we faint not."

Yours in Jesus,  
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Dear Home Helpers:

Paulina reports new conversions, clear and bright, in her section as well as new names beginning to seek the Lord. One, rejoicing in the witness of the Spirit, was a witch doctor. Lately, people in need of counsel came to him asking for a seance. That is that he would consult the spirits in their behalf, but he refused, even when offered the money (the reward for divination) saying I have given myself to the Lord, and henceforth will have nothing to do with serving spirits. And now, as we would naturally expect his children are giving themselves to the Lord.

The consulting of the witch doctors reminds me of my experience last Thursday. I had planned to go to Paulpietersburg, but was impressed to remain at home and send letters instead. Peace filled my heart, and an assurance that I was Divinely guided. In the afternoon a very raw looking heathen man came asking me to help a woman in great distress. His reason for coming so late in the day was that they had gone first to consult a witch doctor, who had advised them to send for me. The witch doctors of this district have learned what to advise in such difficult labour.

The stars were out when I reached the home of Christina, a young Christian woman with whom I am well acquainted. When the child was delivered, after decapitation, we had a season of prayer and praise that a precious life had been spared. For decomposition had already begun and another day's delay would have meant death to the mother. This was on the "Big Hill," where Jostina holds forth, and will, without doubt, strengthen our work in that section. For to them the saving of this life was like a miracle.

At ten o'clock I reached home very grateful to be in just this work where God has placed me.

On my way there I was stopped by Peter Zoudo, the Zionist leader, who left us taking about one-third of our members at that time. He wanted a tooth extracted, but was finally content to go on to the Station when I said, "Judson now extracts teeth instead of me." Perhaps I mentioned what a woman said to me recently, when I was at Emfeni, across the Pongola to help a woman four days in labor. She said, "We hope you will teach your children to do all this kind of work—and to extract teeth." For the native way is to pry them out with a sharpened nail or perhaps a pocket knife blade—this after the gum has been they say, "skinned away."

In Jesina's section, across the Pivaan, a widow and her two daughters, members of the Dutch Reformed Church, and helpers therein, are asking to join us as they have no church in that locality.

Joseph reports from a new place, near Paulpietersburg, where several have lately started to seek the Lord. One of these is a married woman, about forty-five years of age, who, as a girl, was a Christian. Here where she found herself, at her marriage, among heathen only, she gave up her Christianity. Until now she sees her first opportunity to again come