

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

Hartland P. O.,  
Natal, So. Africa

Dear Friends:

"To deliver their souls from death and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waiteth for the Lord; he is our help and our shield."

What glorious work! Pointing the lost to Jesus and guiding feet in the way of Life, that have but newly entered in. Explaining what true holiness means so they may not be deceived by that which is spurious, sympathizing with burdened and sorrowing ones. Pointing out sin to others who have, by that, stumbled and fallen, and encouraging the weak, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, administering medicine to the sick, helping to solve knotty problems for others and many other things all come our way in serving these poor, black people and trying to help them climb upward to Heaven, out of the pit of sin and heathenism. Do not pity us in our isolation, but rather envy us in the multitude of glorious opportunities that come our way. We are happy to be able to serve Him who has done so much for us and blesses us so richly in our souls day by day.

Sometimes we have so much of joy we can hardly contain it, but sometimes the burdens weigh heavy and we must run away to Jesus with the load or sink beneath it.

Yesterday was a beautiful day, Communion Sabbath. We had prayed much for the services, the native preachers, the hungry hearts and weak ones. What a longing to see them filled with the Spirit!

Saturday's meeting was good. Sisters Helen and Alice led this and gave good messages. Helen's especially was very pointed and straight.

About 325 was the full number of the congregation and our Church crowded. A very noticeable feature was practically all are young people. Of course we have some middle aged, but very few of real old folks. Young men, young women, what an army for God when they all get sanctified! Keep on praying to this end. God hears and will answer. He never fails.

Ten babies and young children were presented to the Lord, and one man joined the Church. He has been wanting to join us for a very long time, but only lately has succeeded in severing his connections with the Church he wished to leave because it was too far away for his family to attend and they were not shepherded. Pray for this man, Johan Kunene, and his family (his wife hoped to join with him yesterday, but will in August). He is a good worker already, as he has been praying with the sick and helping hold meetings.

My heart is touched as I look over the congregation and see so many take Communion. How reverently they take the cup with both hands and sip it "in remembrance of me!" My mind wandered back 20 years and more when we had our first baptism and first Communion, when the five newly baptized ones, including Faith and two who were the only professed believers we found when we came here. Of these last I am not sure they partook with us. The congregation was very small also, probably less than 30, and yesterday over 230 of a congregation at Communion and over 50 partook. Then many other changes have taken place too, not the

least is the increasing good order and attentiveness of our congregations now in comparison with those of earlier years. Then we worshipped in a broken down stable; yesterday in our nice neat church.

Another impressive thing was the thanksgiving offering brought in various sized dishes, bags and small blankets, but all given with a whole heartedness that was good to see.

Half to three-quarters of a bag of millet (ameble) 4 or 5 bags of mealies, small lots of corn, peas, ground bean, peanuts and pumpkins with a few citron. It made quite a show, but our hearts rejoiced to see the advancement on this line year by year. When we consider this is a year of scarcity, especially on corn, and then saw the amount brought, we cannot but rejoice.

Another hinderance: Though the women are the gardeners and often do it all, even to the plowing with oxen, the men call the food theirs and many are heathen, so will not allow their women folks to give the tenth or hardly any. So we thank God and take courage and look up in faith for better things to come.

Here is a matter for you all to help us with. Pray much for these black people in this dark land, for communism is raising its head of iniquity and no one can tell what the next big thing may be here.

I will quote a few extracts from Natal newspapers of the past month:

There is a society called "The Industrial and Commercial Workers Union," among natives commonly designated by the three capital letters I. C. U. (meaning I see you). Mr. Clements Kadalie is an American negro, as I understand, and at present in Europe, and is the organizing secretary of this society.

The I. C. U. have issued pamphlets in connection with a great Free State campaign, which is to begin at Kroonstad on Sunday. . . "The Call to Action" is typical to the native mind the following being extracts from documents: 'Now is the time to consolidate and strengthen the labor movement in preparation for the Socialist Commonwealth. . . "Workers of the world united, you have nothing to lose but your chains."

This called together a great gathering as the following will show:

"4,000 demonstrators attend Kroonstad mass meeting.

"In a speech, a leader of the organization denied that here was any prospect of a native raising. He claimed that such reports were circulated to play upon the feelings of back veldt farmers who were anxious to incite the natives to violence in order to shoot them down.

"On the other hand, it was declared (if the Europeans did not listen to the natives' grievances, the black races would embark on practical action." . . . "The speaker referred to a day on which the natives were to unite in ignoring the Pass Laws. The date of the contemplated resistance was not given. . . It was stated 200 natives had been given a mandate to canvass the back veldt farms of the Free State to enlist recruits for the I. C. U. Eight shillings a day was suggested as a fair wage for all workers, black or white. This, said the speaker, would enable them to clothe their wives in crepe de chene and permit to indulge in pudding, the luxury of Johannesburg mining magnates. . . He condemned the Sedition Bill because the government was trying to throttle the native organization."

A court case was made of natives not paying town rates for water, etc., in Kroonstad, and though the I. C. U. had a lawyer they lost their case (the native at fault was in debt for some time and did not try to pay up—he ran an eating house—so instead of ejecting him as is usual, he was fined £1 or 14 days in jail.)

Last week three collieries within 100 miles of us employing about 5,000 natives had a big strike, supposed to have been instigated by this I. C. U., but the firmness of the owners was able to cope with the situation and "all returned to work on the night shift."

By the above you may form a tiny idea of what we are coming up against, and, remembering China, will perhaps pray earnestly for this land to be saved a native uprising. It will take great wisdom to be able to continually help and lead our native congregation against this evil way to gain better conditions for native laborers. Read 2 Tim. 3:1-8 and 2:1-3 is being fulfilled with Matt. 24 and Luke 21 in our days. Let us take warning and be ready to meet our King Jesus when he appears.

Yours in Jesus,

MRS. H. C. SANDERS

## SILVER LAKE EVANGELICAL CAMP-MEETING

Silver Lake, Mass., Evangelical Camp Meeting closed Sunday night, Aug. 14th. It was a great meeting, the best ever held at Silver Lake, is the unanimous testimony. Weather was ideal and attendance good. More campers on the ground than ever before. There were very few barren services. Time and again the altar was filled with earnest seekers for pardon, reclamation or holiness of heart. The manifestation of spiritual power reminded one of former days.

Evangelist Elsner, of New York, proved to be God's man. He brought a gripping, soul-stirring message, and was backed up by all the pastors and presiding Elder Laite. The closing service found fully twenty-five definite seekers at the altar. Much appreciation is due of the enthusiastic, sane and intensely spiritual leadership of Elder Laite, and he has the loving and hearty co-operation of all his preachers.

Miss Lulu Barnard, of Lowell, proved to be a most efficient song leader. Finances came easily. Besides meeting current expenses, more than five hundred dollars was subscribed on a three months basis to meet a note soon due.

An invitation to co-operate with the Nazarenes in their Camp Meeting at North Reading over Labor Day was unanimously accepted by the camp meeting board.

Every pastor goes back to his charge more fully determined than ever to push the battle for salvation and holiness.

W. EDMUND SMITH,  
Reporter

Lowell, Mass.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Enclosed please find my subscription for the Highway, the balance as you see fit. The way grows brighter as I travel on.

The blood cleanses, the fire burns, Jesus is real, the Bible is a gold mine. God is our Father, Jesus is our Saviour, the Holy Spirit is our Sanctifier and the devil is no relation at all! Hallelujah!

Sincerely,

MRS. CHRISTIE W. HILL