

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

Hartland P. O.,

Natal, So. Africa, May 23, 1927

Dear Ones at Home: From far-off Africa we send Christian greetings to the Alliance and to Beulah friends. We would like to say for your encouragement that the dear Lord has given us some forward steps in this field of service during the past year, for which we do give Him praise. He is the faithful God, and so good to us.

We trust by the time you receive this letter we will be across the Pongolo laboring with the native workers over there. We have never gotten over the joy and comfort which the dear Lord gave us there last year, and we are longing to return just as soon as He permits, but we must wait until the people are free to hear the Word. Just now they are in their busiest time harvesting their food, and it will be nearing the end of June before the work is finished. We then hope to spend most of our time there, if it pleases the Lord.

When we first came here, our hearts longed that our home might be on that side; there were so many of us here and not one white person to stay over there, but there was no available place to build on at that time, and later Paul and Ruth took that work. Last winter was our first opportunity to get among those people, and it was a wonderful blessing and an inspiration to our souls.

Isaya Sangweni has a room for white people, and as winter is the most profitable time of all the year to reach the people, we are indeed looking forward to these weeks in the Transvaal. Recently a young woman in Durham presented us with a tent and stretcher bed, thinking it might be of value to us in our trips over there. This was a surprise, and we believe the dear Lord must see that it would be good for us to use at Etungwini and thus supplied it. We are very grateful.

Remember us in prayer, dear friends, that it may be a gracious time in the Lord, that we may have the wisdom from above which James tells us of, and that we may be kept in health, as it is a rather strenuous though blessed experience to live out among the people, and there are many dangers in these long and difficult rides over the mountains.

Our prayers are with you for victory and blessing in the homeland, and as we labor here it is so good to know that behind us are loving friends who are earnestly praying for us.

The longing of our souls is to be so low at his feet that He may be able to work through us for His glory and the salvation of many precious souls for whom Jesus died.

Yours happy in Jesus, praising God for the privilege of being in Africa.

HELEN AND ALICE STERRITT.

Hartland P. O., Paulpietersburg,

Natal, So. Africa, May 23, 1927.

Dear Friends: What a beautiful and glorious work we have to do in being witnesses for Jesus, any time and anywhere, but we cannot witness very well if we have lost out anywhere. I find there is no place to stand still, but ever there is room for moving forward and upward.

It would be delightful to be with you at Beulah this year and tell what God is doing for us, but we know He is able to save to the uttermost and to keep us from falling while we continue to "trust and obey." This is what my soul is doing

and I have the witness in my heart that "I am His and He is mine." He cleanses and fills my soul with love to do His dear will. He keeps me happy and contented. There is great contentment in living "all for Jesus."

This week we are to have a wedding. The groom wants to be a preacher, and the bride is a school teacher, but both of these need some training in our faith and doctrines, so please pray that the way may be opened for them to obtain this fitting for the work.

The people are so busy reaping now, as frosts have come, and so have the sheep from the high veldt farms. When the reaping is finished, then more children and young people will be free to come to school.

Now these Zulus are so slow, especially these in our district, to want a school the year round, and we have always had a hard time to keep one going. One may begin with 25 to 40, and before the term is out only ten or even less will come. Again, we are under the farm owners here, and there is always a high percentage of the young folks away in service, so it is not like Basutoland, Swaziland or the native reserves, places where the native's time is all his own and he can use it as he pleases.

However, we are not so ignorant now as we were in the early days, when no one could read or write. We are gaining knowledge in various ways and, I trust, will soon have a permanent school here all the year round, and at many other centres. Schools are the places to interest the young people in the Bible, as the New Testament is the first reader after the primer and almost their only book; that and the hymn book make up the library of these simple people.

Jolli, one of our evangelists, has lost his baby boy, and they feel very bad, of course, but it was good to talk with him yesterday and to listen to his testimony and trust in God, freedom from heathen customs, etc. How different from the dark outlook of the heathen is this child of God's faith in Jesus and the heavenly home. Praise God for His wonderful gospel!

Through some mistake as to the day, we only had half a congregation for Communion Sunday yesterday, but there were about 150 present and a good time.

A bright young Christian girl died recently, and it has come home to our hearts that death may come at any time and to anyone. We pray those who have been careless may take heed.

The outpost work is being well looked after, and good reports are coming in. You will rejoice with us over the number of new ones who have joined us the past year. Let us still ask for the heathen about us, for there are still many.

We feel well over having a real live delegate to represent us in Faith, this year, and pray God may use her for His glory.

We are asking in Faith and expect to hear of great blessing at Beulah. May we as holiness folks lift high the standard and live up to it!

Yours in Jesus,

MRS. H. C. SANDERS.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to report that we very much regret that there has not been in the past a more widespread interest in the enforcement of the prohibition law.

There have been some who have been earnest and wide awake—especially has the W. C. T. U. and the leaders of the Temperance Alliance been on the war path against the sale of

liquors and beers and against the weak kneed manner in which the Government and most of the officers of the law dealt with the flagrant offenders of the prohibition law.

Many who profess to be total abstainers themselves would not or did not take their responsibility of informing on those who were gross offenders.

We also regret very much that our Premier and his colleagues betrayed the great trust committed unto them in refusing to keep their pledge with the electors of the Province. Their's is the greater shame.

We earnestly recommend that all of our ministers and laymen unsheath their swords and fight an unrelenting war against the establishment of liquor stores in our communities and against the present liquor control bill in such a manner that the emissaries of Satan will be confounded and Prohibition remain as conqueror.

If liquor stores are established after we have done our utmost to prevent their establishment, let us gird on our armour tighter and fight them to the finish.

We also recommend that greater diligence be given throughout our churches to the matter of educating our children and young people in temperance, by continuing to teach as strongly as possible the temperance lessons and by re-introducing and using of pledge cards in the Church and Sunday Schools; and if possible giving the children some object lessons illustrating the harmful effects of strong drink upon the human body.

Let us also by our example and precept seek to build up characters strong in self-control, so that whether we eat or drink or whatsoever we do we may do all to the glory of God. Praying and relying upon the great Captain of our salvation to lead us through to a speedy and a permanent victory.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY ALLIANCE

Whereas the present Government has nullified the prohibition law and placed upon the statute books a measure seeking to bring about the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Therefore resolved that we the Reformed Baptist Alliance in session at Beulah Camp place ourselves on record as disapproving of their action in this regard, and further resolved that we express ourselves as opposed to the sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes.

Also resolved that we perpetuate our original attitude as expressed in our Church Covenant, viz., "We will not traffic in nor use intoxicating drinks as a beverage, but will use our influence to advance the principles of temperance, to aid in the legal suppression of the liquor traffic in order that ultimately it may be totally prohibited."

Furthermore we recommend the attitude of the N. B. Temperance Alliance, and with the other Christian bodies give to it our full sympathy in promoting temperance in this province. We also urge upon our own people to seek to promote temperance by means of pledge signing, instruction from the pulpit, and in the Sunday School, temperance rallies and any other legitimate means.

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