

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Hartland M. S.,  
Paulpietersburg  
Natal, So. Africa,  
May 13th, 1929

To the Alliance of the Reformed Baptist Denomination of Canada:  
Greetings in the Name of the Lord:

First I want to thank the Lord for the past year, for the blessed fellowship in Him, for the sweet fellowship of our brethren in the the ministry and laity.

One year ago when I offered myself to the church I felt that I was in Divine order, and during the past year I have never for one moment doubted His leading. I praise the Lord for the church I left, and for the sweet fellowship I had with them, and for their love and prayers which have followed me, and for their recognition of Divine leadership into our Church. I thank the Lord for all the experiences of the past year, for the opportunity of visiting all the churches and becoming acquainted with the preachers and laity, for the manner in which they received me, and for the confidence they have placed in me and trust by the grace of God never to betray this confidence.

I trust that God will give you all one of the best years possible, and a good camp meeting. I crave an interest in your prayers for us and for this work here, for we need your prayers.

I want to testify today that He saves and sanctifies me. I was never more conscious of the call to preach and the woe is me if I do not. His will is sweeter to me than life. I love souls. I love these black souls. I have loved them from the first time I have seen them, and have felt ever since coming that God has led us here and my prayer is that at any cost He will help us to win some for Him here.

Yours in the fulness of the blessing,

D. M. MacDONALD

Beulah,

July 11th, 1929

Dear Friends:

My heart rejoices in the Lord and with my soul do I praise Him for all His wondrous blessings and help.

We are staying on the Camp Ground for the present and enjoy its loveliness.

Most of the friends who return to their homes early have gone. We shall miss them all, but rejoice for the help and strengthening each surely received from the strong preaching and clear teaching of Brother Angel, the evangelist for this year.

My own soul was greatly refreshed and filled with praise, as I day by day listened, and Jesus caused me to see deeper depths and higher heights as displayed in the word of God.

How pleasant it has been to meet again some of the older ones! Again though we rejoice with those who have crossed over into Heaven, we miss them and seemed to hear them testify to the saving and sanctifying power of God. They have passed through just such tests, temptations and trials as we may be having now, but through Jesus they conquered, and leave behind them a bright example to us. Let us follow on.

It seemed to me that each of us will take strong courage and go back to our fields of labour strengthened and more determined than ever to battle with sin and start revivals

wherever God could bless the people with salvation.

My heart was saddened as I sought out souls at altar calls or dealt with some there. Some backslidden but I spoke to many young people who seemed to be losing faith in God's word, His people and His salvation.

Once I was forcibly reminded of Jesus' words: ". . . but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and robber." But there is no other way. ". . . no other name given under Heaven nor among men whereby we must be saved." But Jesus can save, and such conditions plainly show the Bible to be true according to 2 Peter 2:1. "But there were false prophets among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction." Let us beware.

Yes, we expect to be at Riverside, and pray God will bless everybody who comes.

Everybody has joined hands to give us a royal welcome "to our own, our native land," and we have deeply appreciated this, for this land has that soft climate, the wooded hills, lovely glades and flowing rivers which delight us so much to behold it all, and we love it. But I know a land, a far-away land, my adopted land, which seems to pull me back. I see in my mind's vision outstretched hands for the bread of life and know of the great number of lives needing Jesus, and the burden rests upon my heart for them. Opportunities past number await one to come and seize them, waiting hearts burdened with such heavy loads of sin, and they need Jesus. Whatever work He has for me here I rejoice to do. Whoever I can help in my dear native land I shall be so glad to help, but oh—Africa.

Beloved, we are rich in such a band of young men who have arisen and are filling the places of the preachers I remember so well. God bless and strengthen each as he goes back to his work!

It seems to me conditions have changed so much and things have combined to make a minister's position much harder. Souls are counting sacred things common. Some have been listening to other voices than that of the Spirit and some have slipped back, away from Him. But there is still power in Jesus' blood, so let us each be faithful.

Yours in Jesus to push the cause of Holiness.

MRS. H. C. SANDERS

To the Alliance of the Reformed Baptist Denomination of Canada:

Dear Brethren:

Just a few lines of greeting and gratitude, not only for your financial support, but for your prayers which have been such a factor in this work, and which are needed more than ever.

Although remaining behind while I could have gone, I have not had a minute's doubt or regret as to the Lord's will in this matter. He has been preparing me for this by calling me to a deeper consecration than ever before. To this He has responded with a mighty anointing which has filled my heart with such joy that the departure of my loved ones has failed to sadden me and I go on rejoicing in this new found joy in the Holy Ghost which makes the will of God daily more dear to me, and strengthens the call of God in my heart to preach holiness.

He saves and sanctifies me now, and I close, wishing for you that each one may be used of

God to do his part in bringing down the great blessing which God has for you and which it is our privilege to enjoy.

Yours to do my part here in Africa till He leads further,

GEORGE SANDERS

## DISCOURAGEMENT VS. ENCOURAGEMENT

A well to do farmer moved from surroundings advantageous to himself and family to a district being newly settled, and which he thought would ultimately prosper. His enterprising, far-seeing boy saw the prospect of a lifetime of hard work with uncertain returns, and left home to invest their strength of manhood elsewhere. A minister who was acquainted with the farmer came to see him. After the usual salutations had been exchanged, the farmer referred to his new surroundings. The minister said, "What in the world led you to move into a district from which your sons had to flee in self defence?" The farmer answered, "Somebody's got to do it!" The minister replied, "Some people are born in hell, live in hell, go to hell, and never know what happened there. Let that old somebody do it."

Parents should seek surroundings that encourage their children rather than those that discourage them. Lot pitched his tent towards Sodom—though he was moving his family into most wicked surroundings. The lure of Easy Street blinded him to the best interests of his family. He chose the well watered plain; but the cities of the plain were there where his daughters found no encouragement in religion, virtue and morality. Some of them married godless husbands and perished with them when Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. Children should have the utmost possible encouragement written all along the sky-line of their life—something to aspire to—something worth striving for. They should not be discouraged because ambitious "Somebodies" choose disadvantageous positions. One of the best investments of parental effort is do their best in God's name and power to make their children feel that

"There's no place like home."

Many of them seem to feel that here's no place like away from home. There are wayward sons and daughters who resent proper home restraint because of a love of having their own way. Others are discouraged so that they leave home; and not infrequently parents ask their own hearts:

"Where is my wandering boy (or girl) to night?"

Let us pray for love-ruled homes.

B. T. GASKIN

## "IN THE BEGINNING GOD"

Those who are so sure as to the origin whence man sprung would do well to recall what Sir William Dawson has said: "I know nothing about the origin of man except what I am told in the Scriptures—that God created him. I do not know anything more than that, and I do not know anybody who does." And a greater than Sir William, Lord Kelvin, declared in his address before the British Association: "There is nothing in science that reaches the origin of anything at all."

If the cabinet of the body is so curiously wrought, what is the jewel?—Thomas Watson.

## QUARTERLY MEETING

Sandford, Yarmouth, N. S.

The 30th Session of the Quarterly Meeting of Dist. No. 4 convened with the Church at Port Maitland from 12th June until 16th inclusive.

Wednesday evening Rev. Geo. Rogers preached from 3rd Chapter 1st Cor. and 9th verse.

"Ye are God's husbandry." This was a grand meeting. Brother Rogers said it was first a simple lesson on land and preparation. But we were all caused to wonder what people see growing on our land.

Thursday night Scripture was read by Brother Rogers from 4th chapter Genesis. Text: "If thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. Sin lies at or before our door as a "couched," or "ready to spring" animal. Sin will try to hide or conceal. It will be exposed in time. Let us bring our sin out and name it as Achan, David and Saul did.

Friday evening preaching by Brother Rogers from 23rd verse 16th Luke. "In hell he lifted up his eyes being in torment."

We can experience Hell in our hearts and in our homes. Not only the wicked go to hell, but the unbelieving, and he that hateth his brother.

Saturday afternoon the business meeting was held.

4th chapter 1st Peter read by Pres. Mrs. Edmund Churchill.

Prayer by H. E. Mullen.

Delegates: New Tusket, Annie Greene, Florence Mullen; Port Maitland, Fred Sollows, Mrs. Riley Haskell; Grand Manan, Henry Benson, Stuart Benson; Sandford, Aaron Churchill, Geo. Landers. Same President and Secretary elected for another quarter. Brother H. E. Mullen appointed treasurer. Brother George Rogers, Highway Agent. Devotional Committee, Fred Sollows, H. E. Mullen, Dorothea Landers and Annie Greene.

Talk on Highway by Brother Rogers.

Moved ministers and delegates be given a seat in the Quarterly Meeting.

Reports of Churches as follows:

## NEW TUSKET

We report victory. Our attendance is good and God is blessing us. Rev. H. E. Mullen has been with us every first and third Sunday. We have enjoyed his messages of truth. Rev. H. C. Mullen will labor with us during the coming year and we are looking to the Lord for victory.

C. GREENE, Secretary

## PORT MAITLAND

Dear Brothers and Sisters: At this, another quarterly gathering, we can say again that our Heavenly Father has bestowed upon us as a Church many blessings in the past year. All services well sustained and good interest manifested. A good straight, clear gospel preached to us by our pastor, Rev. H. E. Mullen.

MRS. WARREN SOLLAWS,

Clerk

## SANDFORD

The Sandford R. B. Church to the Quarterly Meeting convened at Port Maitland sends greetings and reports as follows:

Brother H. E. Mullen is our preacher and under his ministry and by his ministry, and by the Grace of God we claim victory. Two have been added to the Church since last Quarterly. All the branches of the church work are regularly attended and sustained. Our young people are feeling they have a large place in building up Zion's walls, and

are wholly responding. Even the children are an inspiration as they give their testimony for Jesus for which we give thanks and take courage, trusting our Heavenly Father will wonderfully bless and set his seal upon the Quarterly Meeting. I am yours reporting for and in behalf of Sandford Church.

HOWARD THURSTON, Clerk

Short talks on different circuits by Brother Rogers, H. E. Mullen, Percy Green, Henry Benson and Stuart Benson. Brother Percy Green and Brother Rogers gave short talks on "Temperance" as regards "Government Control."

Sunday morning Love Feast led by Henry Benson. This was a "Feast" in reality.

Preaching by Brother Percy Green from text "Holiness." He gave an explanation of seven different letters in the word.

Sunday afternoon Brother Rogers preached from the text, "Faithful is He that calleth you who also will do it." Theme: Entire Sanctification.

Duet and Quartet during service.

Sunday night: Preaching by Brother Green from 18th verse 27th chap. Acts. They lightened the ship or "Voyage of Life." Living is a very serious thing. Devil tries to load us up early in life. God will reveal it. Let us not try to get ashore (Heaven) in a little boat, as these men did, but stay by the ship (or God's way) and all will be saved.

This was a grand Quarterly Meeting from first to last.

A good number were at the altar and several got definite help. I believe this was a good meeting in answer to prayer.

GEORGE LANDERS,

Secretary

## SOME FAULTS OF PREACHERS

The Canadian Free Methodist publishes the following article which may be helpful, especially to our younger men in the ministry. The author is unknown:

1. Apologies. They are rarely in good taste, and often offensive. How often we hear this in substance, "Brethren, I had no idea that I would be called upon to preach. I came to hear and not to speak, and I am sure others could preach you a better sermon. Besides, I have been travelling, and am suffering from an affection of the throat," etc., etc. Now the chances are he did expect to be called upon, and the tired feeling and throat trouble are largely imaginary. What then? Do preachers lie? No, it is only a habit they have contracted of apologizing. The apology ought to be forgotten.

2. How often the preacher says, "I want to say." If he wants to say, why doesn't he say? It will be readily understood that he "wants to say" else he would not be in the pulpit. But let him proceed with his remarks without such preliminaries.

3. Just one word. A preacher who begins his remarks with this expression should be limited to "just one word." He doesn't mean it, and should be taught a lesson not to say what he does not mean. Such preachers usually spin off a long story.

4. What help does it bring to the preacher, or what favorable impression does it make on the congregation for him to be fumbling with his handkerchief, twirling it with his fingers, throwing it upon his desk, picking it up again, holding it in clenched fist, shaking it at the congregation, etc.? We get entirely away from the preacher and his subject, some-

times, in anxiety about the fate of his handkerchief.

5. That awful clearing of the throat at the conclusion of almost every sentence. A habit positively hurtful to the preacher and seriously annoying to his audience. If preachers could understand how seriously this habit interferes with the effectiveness of their sermons, we think they would make special effort to rid themselves of it.

6. How strange it is that so many speakers on the subject of religion assume an unnatural and loud tone of voice. When they pray, or read the Bible, or preach they assume a tone so unnatural as to be positively repulsive to thoughtful people.

Preachers ought to cultivate a natural and easy manner in the pulpit, studiously avoiding eccentricities in speech, dress or style, which would make them more effective in their pulpit work, and much more highly appreciated. Who will tell them?—Sel. by J. M. E.

## DON'TS FOR THE PULPIT

Don't imitate others. Better be a poor original than a fine copy.

Don't mumble your words. Chew your food but not your language.

Don't preach too long. Better leave the people longing than loathing.

Don't preach old sermons without revision. Grown men look awkward in boy's clothes.

Don't indulge in mannerisms. Simplicity is desirable in high places—the pulpit especially.

Don't speak in a monotone. The voice has numerous keys; play on as many as possible.

Don't catch the pulpit twang. Talk to men in as natural a tone as you talk with them.

Don't indulge in long pulpit prayers. Always remember the stranger.

Don't introduce politics into the pulpit.

Don't neglect closet prayer. The finest pipes can give forth no music till filled with the divine breath.

Don't scold your congregation. Attack measures and hit people only when they stand between you and the devil.

Don't harp too much on one string. Variety is pleasing, and God's Word has given ample choice of themes.

Don't drop your voice at the close of a sentence. Men have as much need to hear the end as the beginning.

Don't be satisfied without fruit. The hand should pluck a few ears, though the sheaves have to await the harvest.

Don't forget the boys and girls. Their attention is worth gaining, and you may often reach old hearts through young ears.

Don't bawl or scream. Too much water stops millwheels and to much voice drowns sense. Thunder is harmless, lightning strikes.

Don't ramble. Aim at the mark. Hit it! Stop and see where the shot struck and then fire another broadside. Pack your sermons.

Don't be disheartened if every sermon does not save a soul. Hearts may be pierced, though we see not where the arrows lodge.

Don't tire people out with long introductions. You can spoil the appetite for dinner by too much thin soup.

Don't go on after you are finished, saying, "As I said before." If you said it before, say something else after. Let the clatter of the mill stop when the corn is ground.

Don't be discouraged on stormy days. Preach your best to small assemblies. Jesus discoursed to one woman at the well, and she got all Samaria out to hear Him next time.—Rev. Stephen A. Northrup, in The Treasury.