

Mrs. Sanders text was "For this is the will of God even your sanctification" and the native workers, as usual gave beautiful and unctuous testimonies, witnessing to the truth they had heard. We do so much enjoy meeting at Entungwini and hope to visit there more often when the winter season comes.

It was 5 o'clock before meeting closed and before we reached home we were well soaked with rain, not having taken our coats. We were so grateful for the rain, it is so greatly needed. We have not heard how Mrs. Sanders and Joeli made out, but it would be quite dark before they reached Hartland.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to the arrival of Faith and her husband which is not far distant now. They will probably reach Durban about March 1. It will be a very happy day for many hearts and we praise the dear Lord for them both.

With Christian love from us both, I am,

Yours, happy in this far off land

ALICE F. STERRITT

Hartland M. S.

Natal, So. Africa,

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To The King's Highway and Friends:

Greetings in His name from our new field. We thank God for a wonderful voyage for the friends at home who have been praying for us and for all the mercy that has been granted. We just escaped storm after storm on our journey and had fine weather and calm waters and a very pleasant ride to the Mission Station.

We had two days in Durban and were enabled to look after our goods and find everything is coming soon.

We found a grand welcome both at Durban and at the Mission Station, just one blessing after another all along the way.

We were in time for the class where over fifty natives were gathered and a good meeting followed. I spoke through our interpreter, i.e., my wife. The meeting I am told was one of victory, reports coming from the out-posts were all encouraging in every way.

We thank God for being here at last and thank you all for your prayers and interest up to this hour and are trusting in your continued prayers on our behalf. I cannot tell you how glad I am to be here. I have felt the Lord wanted us here now and am fully convinced in my own mind that He will help me to be all that He intended when He called me to this field.

We can see God's power manifested here and know the lives that have been invested for the salvation of souls was not a poor investment. God has blessed them and is blessing them now.

We again found the unity of the spirit with these in Africa to be like that sweet spirit we found at home. You may well expect a treat when these servants of God go home for all are spirit filled, young as well as old. Trusting that God will bless you all, I remain,

Yours in Him

D. M. MacDONALD.

TRYING TO IMPROVE THE NET

"But the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets."

Read St. Luke 5: 1-11.

St. Luke tells us that these men had labored all night and had taken nothing. We know not the reason for their failure. The context proves that there were aplenty of fish in those waters.

However, it would appear that these fishermen believed the trouble to lay in the condition of their nets. Therefore they ceased to fish, rowed to the shore and gave attention to their nets.

How like the church of this present day. God has given the church a net viz: "the gospel of Jesus Christ which is the power of God unto salvation". This is God's plan for bringing men from the sea of sin into the church of Christ. When the prophet Ezekiel was shown that valley of dry bones, God said. "Prophesy son of man, unto these dry bones, and say, thus saith the Lord."

When Jesus commissioned His disciples His command was, "Go, and preach the gospel". In John 17 He said "sanctify them through thy truth thy word is truth." Paul said, "I am determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified". When Philip went down to Samaria the account says, "he preached Christ unto them." This is God's method of saving the world. And yet brethren, in this dark night of apostasy and "falling away", in these days when men will not endure sound doctrine, the great temptation of the ministry (I say the ministry because I believe in most cases the ministry leads the way) is to become discouraged with our seeming failures to reach the world and like the fishermen in our text seek to improve our nets.

Brethren, we will never improve conditions by changing the nets. Thousands have tried it. The Universalists, the Christian Scientist, the Latter Day Saints, the Russelites, the Modernist, and scores of others have tried it, but what they catch in most cases are nothing fit to put on the market.

But, the temptation that is far more subtle to our holiness work than to change the gospel net is that temptation to add to or supplement by resorting to worldly expedients, such as, church suppers, concerts, Play Rooms, "stunt nights", boy scouts, etc. Especially are these things a temptation when we see other churches building up a church membership and increasing their attendance by these means. Not so very far from here we have a church that indulges in most all the above mentioned with an addition of "pictures" Sunday evening. Do they get the people? Of course they do. That is where the temptation comes in. I firmly believe that these things are beneficial in filling our pews, but when it comes to converting young and old from a life of sin to a life of holiness and usefulness to the Master, these things are not a help but a hindrance. The first step in converting the sinner is not to make him believe he, or she, is fit to take part in the religious exercises of the church, but show them by God's rugged truth that without the grace of God they are only fit for damnation. We had better continue steadfastly in the 'apostles' doctrine' and in breaking of bread and prayer, trusting Christ to come on board, lead us out into the deep waters and fill our gospel net, whereas, the people who are caught by the gospel are the only ones who are fit to put on the market.

We find when Christ came on board He took the same net these men had been using, led them out in the same waters and filled it to overflowing. Praise God, we may labor long and hard but when Christ comes on board He always repays us for our efforts.

According to this account we see Peter's "partners" were benefited by this revival. Notice it says "partners". That does not mean "Opposers" like some evangelists would have us believe.

When an evangelist says, get "the blessing" then go back to your churches and live it, you can put it down he is working up a reputation for being a big "catcher" and does not mean what he is preaching. Any man should know a person has slim chances for keeping "the blessing" whose denominational creed and leaders oppose them.

These men who shared with Peter were "partners". In other words they worked to the same end. I was assisting in a meeting a few years ago in one of our churches. A few women were attending the services and I noticed they always sat together. I also noticed when I preached along certain lines such as "joining a church, not equivalent to salvation" and "when a person receives the Holy Ghost, they will know it," I got some hearty amens from their corner. One night one of their number came to the altar and immediately the entire group gathered around her and took possession. Then without giving the woman a chance to even leave a word of testimony, they took her under their wing and went out. That was one "fish", I never saw afterwards. I do not favor the crowd that seizes our "catch" and runs with them.

Again I see it is not to be wondered at if a few folk break the gospel net and get away. We find it happened in this case. I do not find though that Christ ever insinuated that Peter was responsible for the break. It is rather amusing to me to hear folk talk sometimes about revivals. After we have made a good catch we hear some folk saying. "We" have won a great victory, "We" have something to do to lead these young converts on. Of course all the converts seem quite lively, but in the regular course of time the tests come on and "WE" begin to see who are going through and who are not, and like it so often happens a great many "are not."

It is then that that "WE" word drops out of existence and the words 'he', 'him', and 'his' become very popular until sometimes "he" is caused to wonder how any one ever did backslide before "he" came around.

Well, bless God, there are very few revivals that do not pay, and the 'Gospel Net' can never be improved upon and Christ's call to us is from "henceforth thou shalt catch men." So let us continue to stick to the job, keep Christ on board and do our best to fill the boats (churches) with God-fearing, holiness-loving, spirit-filled, believers.

Yours for deep waters

F. A. DUNLOP

SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD

Dr. J. G. K. McClure tells about an invalid woman residing in Springfield, Illinois, who had been bedridden for seventeen years, and was almost helpless. For many years she had been praying to God in a general way to save souls. One day she asked for pen and paper. She wrote down the names of fifty-seven acquaintances. She prayed for each of these by name three times a day. She wrote them letters telling them of her interest in them. She also wrote letters to Christian friends, in whom she knew these persons had confidence, and urged them to speak to these persons about their souls' welfare and to do their best to persuade them to repent and to believe. She had unquestioning faith in God. In her humble, earnest dependence upon Him she thus interceded for the unsaved. In time every one of these fifty-seven persons avowed faith in Jesus Christ as his Saviour.—*Safeguard*.