

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Friends: Private letters from Africa give encouraging items of the work there among which are the following:

The European workers have visited the most of the faraway outposts and find in several places the people wish to build churches so the work be not hindered. These buildings have always been built of local material, such as sod or sun-dried brick or stone, at a small cost. The roof of grass and timber cut from the bush or bought from some farmer's wattle grove. One of such church buildings, very comfortable and durable, is at Mbuca (walls of stone). This cost about \$30.00, and the people just about paid for it. We furnished the few nails, a window and door.

Having visited most of these places, now needing buildings, I know when each place has its church the work goes forward and we have better prestige in the eyes of the people, especially the faraway outposts.

Please pray for Bro. MacDonald, who feels his responsibility and needs wisdom at every turn. There are problems continually arising that call for attention, and many things of a discouraging nature, but God is with them and the work is His, so though Satan hinders yet, we are persuaded God will give victory.

A young married couple were late in having their wedding celebrations—several months after the ceremony. Then when it was at its height someone got cross, went home, thus interrupting the whole affair, and gave the bride's owner, her brother, such shock at this breach of etiquette (Zulu) that he separated the bride and groom and carried her off home, greatly to her chagrin and distress. But as the marriage, by certain rites had been solemnized several weeks before, your missionaries felt sure the bride would be returned. Later news says she was.

Now you can imagine there was a bit of excitement at such a time, and marvel at some of the strange customs of these Zulu people, but remember part of this wedding celebration crowd were heathen.

Beloved, continue to pray much for this foreign work, for when God wants to bless, the devil always disturbs and hinders.

Yours in Him,

MRS. H. C. SANDERS.

PARENTS AND CIGARETTES

When every effort that can be put forth is used to entice our children and youth to take up the use of the cigarette, surely the parents of our land should become more concerned about the matter than they are. The advertising of this evil is coming into every home through some source. The tobacco interests are using every medium of communication to solicit the interest of the youth in the use of the cigarette.

If the daily papers, come into your home, they bring to your home the merits of certain brands of cigarettes. If a magazine comes, chances are it flaunts into the face of your children the great benefits claimed for the use of cigarettes. If you have a radio you will find them using it to advertise the choice brand of "casket fillers."

And thus we have from every source a subtle but effective influence to this moral evil. Surely parents should awaken to this subtle influence to get the boys and girls in the clutches of the cigarette habit and fight it.—Bethel Cook.

REFLECTING CHRIST'S IMAGE

One time we bought a box of mirrors, but hardly any two of them were alike. Some had air bubbles, different places and shapes; some had cloudy places; some reflected two faces where there should have been one; and one had what looked like a crack across it. These were cheap mirrors. Now, dear reader, is that not a picture of a lot of us who call ourselves Christians today? We profess to be Christians, but, like the mirrors, some of them were of little use to us. Are you of little use to Christ? Some of the mirrors we had to sell at a discount. Can men take you at your supposed value, at what you ought to be, or do they have to discount you? Are you the cheap kind, getting along easy, no real interest in or sacrifice for the work of God? It made no difference how much I polished or cleaned those mirrors, the flaws stayed there just the same. So Christ may have washed us in His own Precious Blood, but do our lives reflect His Image, or are we wanting things too cheap?

Now in the same shipment we had some plate glass mirrors. These were perfect. Look at them from any angle and the reflection was perfect. But they cost more. O, yes, we paid the price, but they were worth it. So if we would reflect Christ's image it will cost more, but, reader, "catch the vision," Christ, the Holy One, seeing a perfect reflection of Himself in our hearts and lives. Oh! the glory of it.

Some of the first lot of mirrors were better than others. So with some cheap Christians. Some gave a truer reflection, so with us. Still they all had flaws; they were all cheap. And so it is with us if we are not willing to put something into the struggle, and that something will need to be all there is of us, all we possess. Praise His Precious Name!

The flaws in the cheap mirrors were not all the fault of the one who made them, but of the one who made the glass itself. When the glass had hardened, the mirror maker could not remove the bubbles, etc. The faults in us are not the fault of Christ, or in other words, we were born that way, it is in us. Christ has the advantage of the mirror maker, for Malachi 3:3 says, He will sit as a refiner of silver and gold and will purify the sons of Levi (or His own). He is not using glass. He is using gold and silver. When He sees the flaws, He allows the fire to grow hotter if need be, but never too hot, or until the dross that caused the trouble is burned away.

What is the flaw that is hindering Him from getting a clear reflection in your life. Have you allowed your love for your precious babe or some one else to come between you and God. Does your car your love for the pleasures of this world jealousy of someone who has been noticed a little more than you have, someone who is in a little better financial position than you are, come between you and God's will for you, or is it the fear of man? Whatever the flaw is, the Great Refiner will temper the heat just right. He may allow it to be real hot. Death may take the one we are letting hinder us, sickness may force us to drop our work that is so dear to us. Poverty, persecution, misunderstanding, separation, danger and unfaithfulness in others, etc., may be some of the means used. He does not use the same method with all, but uses what He sees will best purge away the dross. Oh, how hot it is sometimes, but I think Paul must have caught the vision of it when he cried out, "I rejoice in tribulation also knowing that tribulation worketh patience," etc. Paul had had a real vision of Christ and he wanted His image reflected in his

own life. Do you? If you do, you will come forth as gold tried in the fire. Then you will be a real living witness for Him and those you come in contact with will take knowledge that you have been with Christ. Did you ever get with some precious saint of God that put you under conviction, made you seem (to yourself) so small and useless? They had been tried until Christ's image was stamped on them. As with the good mirrors, we got a good reflection of ourselves, so God wants us to reflect Him that our lives will cause others to see their need and they will get hungry just as we did for a salvation that will be equal to their need. Then precious souls will come to Him, for when they look at us they will not see us, but Christ in us, the Hope of Glory, the Living One, the One that is altogether lovely.

MRS. HENRY J. SEELEY.

CORRESPONDENCE

Houlton, Maine.

Dear Highway Friends: I would say something like this: Praise the Lord, I am seventy-one years old and the Lord has used me well. I want to call upon His name as long as I live.

I think the Highway is a great paper. I keep reading it over and over.

C. A. MacLEOD.

Four Falls, N. B.

Dear Brother Trafton: Please find enclosed post office order for my renewal to the Highway. It is a great source of comfort to me. I do not like to think of being without it even once. My testimony is: I am pressing on the upward way. He gives new blessings every day. Praise His name. The dearer he grows to my heart each day the closer I live to Him. Oh, I feel His love filling my heart just now. Glory! Glory!

MRS. A. A. HARTLEY.

Brookline, Mass.

Just a few lines to the Highway to add my testimony with the Holiness people. I am glad to say this morning that I belong to the King, the great King of Glory. Jesus saves me this morning and His blood cleanses me from all sin. I cannot write and tell you people how precious my Saviour is to me this morning. Heaven is a holy place; God is holy, and it takes holy people to go to Heaven. I am so glad that Jesus understands all of us. I cannot deceive Him, praise His Holy Name for His many blessings to me.

I did not go down to Beulah this summer, but I had the pleasure of going to Silver Lake Camp Meeting, and I did enjoy the meetings, and God's people so much. Surely they were a treasure to me.

The singing and the music were beautiful. Best of all were the wonderful Godly sermons, and Rev. Brother Link preached Holiness in the highest figure. And Mrs. Link, I must say, was a darling sweet spirited woman. I just loved her; I loved the rest as well. Oh, I shall never forget Silver Lake Camp Meeting. Everything went on like clock-work. I was there the whole ten days that it lasted, and I met so many lovely Christian people. Oh, yes, and the saints of God. Thank God for His many blessings and His tender care to me.

Your sister in Jesus' precious name,

MRS. ANNIE HORTON

"Rejoice evermore"—take everything from God. "Pray without ceasing"—take everything to God.—Selected.