

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Hartland M. S., Paulpietersburg,
Natal, South Africa.

Dear Highway Friends: Once again we greet you all in the name of our Lord. We trust you are having victorious times in Canada and U.S.A. Our thoughts fly to Canada quite often now, for we remember this is the season for special revival effort. We trust many may be won to Christ at this season.

We had one of the best meetings here last Sunday that we have had for some time; it was "Big Sunday." We had Sunday school at 9.30, with twenty-six present, and the regular service began at eleven and lasted till four p.m. We began with a fine testimony meeting, and this was followed by a sermon by George Sanders which gripped the hearts of all. (We have found that unless we have a baptism that an intermission between services only detracts from the spirit of the meeting.) So since we had no baptism we had our communion and dedication service after the sermon.

The communion service was blessed, and after we gave a short exhortation folks started for the altar; others exhorted as they were led until twenty-eight were at the altar. We prayed until all but a few had received that which they were seeking; then followed another testimony service; each testified to having received definite help from God.

While all testified to having received help from the Lord, some did not get complete victory for the same reason that the white folk do not, namely, they were not willing to pay the price.

We rejoice for this victorious meeting and pray that we may see many more like it. The Wednesday classes were also exceptionally blessed this week. Amid the trying circumstances which we meet here, we find the "showers of blessing" come to refresh and strengthen our hearts, and we go on with fresh courage.

There are many encouraging signs, despite the difficulties. We are to build a church for Johan Kunene; this building is to go up at once, with little expense to us for they (his church) will do all the work, or at the most, it will only require native labor. I have promised our farm boys for getting the wood for lumber. We made application to the government for permission to build a church for Joeli in the Transvaal, but this has been refused, the excuse being that since there is another church on this farm there is no room or need for ours. Joeli wants to continue in this place, but if we are to be Bible teachers we must also follow its injunction: "Obey them that have the rule over you"—and to build there would of course open an unnecessary conflict with the government. We will seek to find a farm near his place where we can build, but if not we must give up this place.

This work could be carried on by visiting each kraal and then encouraging them to go to Altona or some new place we can locate nearer them.

We are sorry to report Samuel's condition is critical; it seems now to be developing into T. B. of the entire system, which will mean death in a short time. Doubtless Miss Alice has written to you from Durban and you will know how things have gone with Samuel. We are expecting Samuel and Alice home tomorrow.

Now friends, keep on praying for this work; we need your prayers. We want to see a revival that will sweep from centre to circumference of this work.

Sincerely yours,
D. M. MacDONALD.

DONATION

Meductic, N. B.

We wish to report a very pleasant incident from this corner of God's vineyard. We had just moved here on this circuit and had hardly got settled when a number of the people gathered in our home and gave us a donation. The river was not fit for crossing, so that the folk from the other parts of the circuit could not get here, but we spent a very pleasant evening, singing and meeting the people. The ladies then served refreshments, after which we were presented with a sum of money. The gathering enjoyed a sing-song, and after prayer returned to their homes.

The good people from across the river were not to be outdone, so the following week, as the ice became safer, they too gathered in our home and we had the pleasure of meeting them also. They also gave us a generous donation of cash, groceries, produce and wood. The total amount from both gatherings amounted to fifty dollars and fifty cents (\$50.50) in cash, and fifty dollars (\$50.00) worth of groceries, etc.

Our hearts surely did go out to these people for their thoughtfulness in this regard, and we trust our labors among them will result in a spiritual uplift and salvation of many souls. We are pleased to see the great number of young people on this field and covet them for God, and have faith that God is going to give us a revival, when a number of them will be gathered into the fold of Christ.

May the blessing of God rest upon all these dear ones who have done so much to encourage us on this our first field of labor. Pray for us that we may be a faithful and true minister and a winner of souls.

MR. AND MRS. EMERY COSMAN.

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Port Maitland, N. S.

Dear Highway: I wish to report victory in my soul these days. I have been unable to preach for three Sundays on account of tonsilitis. The people here have been very considerate and are supporting me even though I am unable to preach. They have called me to remain another year on this circuit and I have accepted the call. As a church, God is with us, and services are seasons of refreshing.

Remember me in prayer that God may restore me to health so I will be able to carry on His work.

Yours seeking the lost,
HARTLEY E. MULLEN.

Woodstock, N. B.

Dear Mr. Trafton: Enclosed please find a cheque for renewal of Highway. I love to read its clean pages. Yours truly,

MRS. C. C. SHAW.

Woodstock, N. B.

Dear Brother Trafton: Enclosed please find postal note for my renewal to the King's Highway. The paper has lots of inspiration and encouragement in it, especially for one shut in like me. This paper, together with the Lord's Word and other good literature, I find is food for my soul. My heart says amen to His sweet will and I believe that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord, and I believe I am His, all that I have or expect to be. Praise His Precious Name.

Yours in Christian fellowship,
MRS. HERBERT M. JONES.

PURITY AND MATURITY NOT THE SAME

What is purity? By purity is meant a heart in which all the graces exist in an unmixed state: love without any hate; faith without any unbelief; humility without any pride; and meekness without any anger.

Maturity means all this; but it has also the sense of ripeness by time of natural growth. Purity implies something removed, maturity something enlarged. In purity the soul is restored to health. (Holiness is healthfulness.) In maturity it knows the blessings of well-developed mankind. Purity is the preparation for growth. Maturity is the consummation of growth. Purity is instantaneous, maturity is gradual. Purity is never obtained by growth, nor maturity by simple cleansing. Purity respects quality, maturity respects quantity. Purity does not store the mind with Bible knowledge. That is gained by time and research. Purity will keep us loyal to God and to His cause. Purity preserves us from wrong intention—maturity from improper acts. Purity is a standard.

There are certain adjectives which do not admit of comparison. You cannot say, "pure, purer, purest." To say that a thing is pure, and another thing is purer, implies that the first is not pure, so with the word clean. The blood cleanseth from all sin (1 John 1:7). When you have gotten all the filth out of your linen you may go on washing for a month, but you cannot get any more dirt out. Clean is clean. The standard is perfect, as He is perfect (Matt. 5:48). Clean as He is clean, Holy as He is holy, Pure as He is pure. (1 John 3:4). When your hearts are purified, they are pure as He is pure, for purity is derived from Him. God is the great ocean, but we are the drops, just the same in quality. (God is the great ocean.)

You say, Have we, when we are purified, reached the top? No; we may go on developing forever. To come back to the other figure of washing linen clean: When it is washed it is full of crimps and wrinkles, and in some cases there are holes in it. We have clean hearts, our robes washed and made whiter than snow; yet some are full of crimps and wrinkles, and even have holes in our garments. Improperly of such is a wrinkle, and well-meant blunders and mistakes are holes. But you know the wrinkles will come out with a hot iron, and the Lord, by hot discipline, will take out all the wrinkles. Yea, He will present us before His throne entire, complete, unblemished in holiness, with beautiful flowing robes, not only without spot, but without wrinkles or crimps, or holes, or any such thing.—Selected.

"HE IS RISEN, EVEN AS HE SAID"

Among the pyramids of Egypt, Professor Lindsay, the great English traveller, once found a mummy that had lain there for two thousand years. In one hand tightly clenched was what appeared to be the bulb of a flower.

The scientist took it, planted and watered it and watched it with intense interest. Soon a tiny green shoot appeared. Under watchful care it grew and grew and finally one day a strange and beautiful blossom opened its petals to the light of day.

The bulb had lain for two thousand years in the grasp of a mummied hand, but when brought forth and touched with God's sun and rain it was transformed into a flower of wondrous beauty and fragrance.

"Why should it be thought incredible that God should raise the dead?"—Sophie Bronson Titterington.