

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Paulpietersburg Natal

Dear Friends One and All:

Once again we greet you from this our beloved adopted land. We trust you are all as happy as we are. We are not happy because circumstances are so much nicer and battles fewer and lighter but because the God who has kept us in the home land and the other lands we have sojourned in has power to keep us happy and in His will here in dark Africa. Our battles have come thick and in many unexpected ways but our God has given victory all along the way. Not the measure we had hoped for in some ways but much more than our most sanguine expectations in other lines.

We thank God for the wonderful way He has manifested his power in this revival. Over two hundred souls have been helped, many demoniacs delivered and the end is not yet. The revival is still going on. Almost all the outposts are giving reports of special meetings and souls seeking God. Yesterday George and I were over to Mfoca's, where we had a fine meeting, Paulina's outpost, Twenty-four stood up for prayer and all really prayed, some still in heathen dress, others who have donned the dress of the Christian, but had not donned or put on Christ. Every week there are some special meetings in the outpost which can be reached in one day and enable a few who are willing to go and leave the work to be home the same night to look after their families. These meetings have proven a great blessing to the communities.

Our attendance at all our meetings is good and the interest shown by Christian and heathen is good. We have had some of the worst cases in type at these meetings. Some have prayed through to victory, although there are many who have not. We believe more will and that this revival shall be felt in the years to come. This is our earnest desire. We believe the faithful work of our predecessor has had much to do with the results we are now seeing here. "Paul may plant Apollos water but God gives the increase." We are grateful to you in the homeland for your prayers for this work and covet your continued prayer for us and this work. We pray for you and rejoice to hear of the revivals in the home land and trust the special efforts being now put forth in many of the churches will result in many souls won.

We have started a night school which is primarily meant for the young native workers, but we invite any who care to come. We have had a fair attendance so far and the interest is growing. Many cannot come regularly but come Wednesday to the other meetings and stay over for the night meeting and return early Thursday morning. Our plan is to make these Wednesday nights a sort of review of the week's classes. This affords all a chance to get some help as each one is given a copy. We are compiling a book from these lessons and each week add a few more chapters or pages to the foot. This keeps the scripture taken up in a handy form and enables those who cannot attend all the meetings to have the scripture any way.

Now, friends, I must close.

D. M. MacDONALD

Let God's grace just open a window and let the light into a man's soul, and he will stand astonished at what a distance he is from God. —Spurgeon.

"MORE THAN CONQUERORS"

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulations, or distress, or persecutions, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long. We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Paul appears in the arena of life as a challenger of all opposing forces. He conditions all upon individual acceptance of Jesus Christ as intercessor and Saviour. "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea, rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." With a continuous trust in Christ as our Intercessor and Saviour, who, asks Paul, shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall death by martyrdom in the worst form? Nay! Shall life with all its glitter, show and tempting allurements? Nay! Shall angels, good or bad? Nay! We will neither worship good angels, nor yield to the temptations of bad ones. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Paul ascribes their conquest to Christ "who loved us." With our love for Christ overflowing continually, and Christ's love overflowing toward us and in us, "who shall separate us from him," asks Paul. "Man's nearest approach to Omnipotence" was the subject of a recent sermon. Character and conquest is the sum of it. A Christlike character in love and conquest in his name is a safe, sane and "nearest approach to Omnipotence."

When Daniel Webster said he would choose a certain life profession, his friends said: "The professions are overcrowded." Webster replied, "There's always room at the top." So there is always room to breathe on the mountain peaks of grace which have their eternal foundations in God's love. What is the soul of existence, and the goal at "the end of the way?" "The love that never faileth." A book recently issued is entitled, "If I only had one sermon to preach." Paul's summing up in sermons is the possibility of conquest, life conquest through Jesus Christ. Glory be to God!

What is it from which all evil forces cannot separate us? It is "the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." O Love, Immortal Love, thou art the soul of religion! Thou dost fill and encompass angels and blood washed saints. O exalted and exalting love, thou hast reached thy human zenith in Jesus Christ! Happy are we when all can sing:

"O Love, thou bottomless abyss,
My sins are swallowed up in thee.
Covered is my unrighteousness.
Nor spot of guilt remains on me."

B. T. GASKIN

STANDING THE TEST

A beautiful, talented, cultured young woman, a stenographer in a big oil company office in a Texas city, was happily converted to God in a revival meeting. She immediately notified her employers that she had been converted and was now a Christian and therefore could not work any

more in their office on Sunday. The matter was then dropped for the moment without discussion. In the absence of the young lady, her employers, a set of godless men, decided to test her sincerity the next Sunday by offer of extra pay, and even an interest in the company if necessary, in order to get her to break her vow to keep the Sabbath day holy, as a Christian. The matter was dropped until the following Sunday morning, when, about 9:30, she was called by phone from the office and told that a few letters had to be written, that it would not take long and that she would have plenty of time to do that little work and then attend church.

"I am a Christian and can not do that work today," was her reply.

"It will only take you a few minutes to do this necessary work and we are willing to pay extra for it," was the reply from the office.

"I can not do it today," she answered.

"Well, if you can not do our work when we want it done we will be compelled to get some one who will."

"All right," was her quick decision expecting to lose her position and high salary as a result of becoming a Christian and living a life of obedience to the teaching of the Bible.

"But," came as a reply from the office, "you have given us perfect satisfaction as a stenographer and you know our business and we prefer to keep you and if you will come and get out our letters this morning we will pay you well for the extra service."

"There is no use in discussing this matter any further," she answered. "I am a Christian now and intend to keep the Sabbath holy and if for that reason you want to get another stenographer, you are at perfect liberty to do so and to do it at once."

"But listen just one more moment," a voice from the office continued, "we know your business capabilities and we want you to be a member of our company and if you will come on to the office and do our little work this morning we will make you a stockholder in our company, we will give you a big share, and you know what that will mean to you in the future in a financial way; you will be perfectly independent."

"I have nothing further to say, my heart is fixed on the Christian life which is worth more than all the world besides. Good-by," she said as she hung up the receiver.

The oil company officials in the office who were applying the severest tests known to them to the sincerity of the young lady who had just been converted were almost dazed at her firmness and declared that there must be a reality in Christian experience known only to those who have it. They were convinced that her conversion was genuine. She was called to the office Monday morning when the plot to test her sincerity was fully confessed to her and due apologies made.

She was not discharged but from that day and received a handsome increase in salary without asking for it.

What was the result of her carrying out her determination? What would have been the result with herself, with the oil company and with her influence had she yielded to the empty temptation? Think!—*Christian Witness*.

"If you shift onto the shoulders of another the burden that belongs to you, you will find at last that you have also surrendered to him your crown."—*Wesleyan Methodist*.