

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

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To the Christian Endeavour Society,
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Dear Young Friends: Miss Beulah Shaw, a dear young friend of mine, has written to me on your behalf, asking for a letter for you which I am very glad to write.

First, I want to thank you for your kind intention which she mentions regarding the proposed Missionary Box in which I hope the Lord will bless you and give you much joy.

Second, I should like to "enquire after your health" (as our friendly Zulus do). Do you have in your heart today the witness that your sins are forgiven and your name written in the Book of life? Having that sweet joy have you "gone on unto perfection" and have your hearts been "purified by faith" from that awful indwelling monster, "the old man." "the body of sin" or as some call it, "Carnality?" Has the Holy Spirit come into your heart as your Sanctifier, and is He through your obedience and love allowed to have full control of your being's every power, and bring forth His beautiful fruit in your life?

You may think these very personal questions, and strange of me to ask them, but the most important thing in life is to be ready to meet Jesus should He come today, and I am convinced that if we have not the two above named experiences we shall be found like the foolish virgins, with no oil in our lamps. You read this account in Matthew 25:1-13, and see if you do not believe Jesus teaches this truth here, "Without (Holiness) no man shall see the Lord." It was when I was convinced of this fact, as a young girl, that I became "desperate" and began to "groan after" this great gift till He came in mighty cleansing, filling power, and, oh, what a change it made in my young life. Praise God, He abides still, and today amid the burdens and conflicts of this great battle in a heathen land gives constant inward rest and peace and joy unspeakable, and full of glory.

One more question—and I hope God will help you each one to answer them honestly before Him, even if you never answer me—Should you be called to meet Jesus today, would you have to go empty-handed, or has He already given you the joy of finding some one and bringing them to Jesus? (as Andrew did Peter in John I.) May God help us so to walk and live that our hearts may be "pure from the blood of all men."

While writing this "Old Lois" came in to report a prayer meeting which she and some others went to hold with an old sick man. Poor old Lois has had an awful lot of trouble, most of which she has made for herself with her "untamable" tongue. She has been a backslider and a trouble-maker for years, and a most hopeless character. In one of the first meetings in our revival poor old Lois found Salvation. With shining face and eloquent tongue she told the beautiful story. There was such a mighty ring of triumphant praise as she sang "I am now saved." I see "the way" (of life) and she has been a transformed creature ever since. Now it is a blessing to meet and talk with her. Whereas before we dreaded her visits, now we welcome them.

The old man they went to pray with is the husband of one of our Bible women. As a very young girl her father sold her to this

ugly old man, whom no girl would accept. Later on when she came to young womanhood she fell in love with a handsome young Zulu who, unfortunately had no cattle to pay for her. Her brothers, fearing that she would elope with this "cow-less" (money-less) lover, and they have to restore those already paid by the old man, tied her hand and foot and carried her off to his home where she had to marry him whether she wished or not. The years rolled by and gradually she learned to love the poor old fellow, who seems to be really half foolish. They have three fine bright children.

Bertha, as she is now called, was a wild, reckless young thing, full of mischief and pranks. For a long time she was hard against the gospel, but by sorrow and disappointment, her hard heart was tamed and at last she yielded to Jesus and was brightly saved. Later she was wholly sanctified, and is a good worker and soul-winner.

Her old husband was a drinker and snuffer, and very disagreeable till grace changed him. For some years none were more faithful in attendance and he gave a clear testimony to Salvation. However, he lost his witness and his interest and for a year or two was never seen within the church doors and his old disagreeable ways made poor Bertha's life very hard.

God put a special burden on the heart of some of the rest of us and soon in answer to prayer he began to attend again and has been to the altar several times in earnest seeking. We trust soon to see the former shine on his poor old face.

I believe you will want a part in this great work and pray with us for the souls of these Zulus till when Jesus comes there will be a company of them ready to meet Him.

With loving thanks to you all.

Yours for Holiness in Africa,
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Note.—This letter was loaned us by Rev. E. W. Stahl, pastor of the Evangelical Church of Lowell, Mass.

PREACH THE GOSPEL

Our Lord gave the commission to "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Thus in a few words, we have tremendous propositions set forth. They are gigantic. And but for the consciousness of His wonderful power, we would be awe-stricken at the very thought of such a task. But He who said, "Go," also said, "all power is given unto me both in heaven and in earth;" so realizing our own weakness we depend on Him for wisdom and strength and go forth with a conquering tread. Indeed, that little company of faithful disciples that tarried in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high, began the gigantic task on the day of Pentecost, and testified that they had accomplished the task before the last of them had been executed for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

They felt an inward pull that knew no let-up. They went everywhere preaching the Word. The great apostle Paul said, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel." We need more such preachers today. Men who will hazard their lives for the Gospel of Christ. Men who will feel the "woe" if they fail to preach the Gospel. Some seem to have the

idea that they can preach if convenient or go their way if they so desire. Paul did not feel that way. They gave themselves unto prayer and the ministry of the Word. If they needed to do that, so preachers today need to do likewise. We need more preachers who will preach the WORD. Preachers who are "delivered from the people." Preachers who will let tradition go to the four winds and preach the Word. People need the Gospel of Christ. They have so many opinions and traditions now they can hardly receive the Word. Preach Christ to the people. The Gospel of Christ will deliver them from sin. The preaching of ideas and traditions only brings into bondage those who obey such. God's Word is truth, and Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

If you are handicapped by lack of education and training, do not be discouraged and quit—do your best, preach what you know, and God will bless your ministry. You are not required to preach what you do not know. Get a burden on your heart for the salvation of men, pray much and study your Bible constantly, and God will make you a fisher of men. Keep at it. Be instant in season, out of season. God will bless you. Preach the Gospel and neither God nor His people will be ashamed of you, and you will not be "ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

—Church Herald and Holiness Banner

TEMPERANCE

A very instructive and inspiring temperance address was given by Mrs. Vernon Miller of Halifax, a well known W. C. T. U. worker, at the R. B. Church, Saint John, Friday evening, November 20th.

Her subject was "Canada For Christ" and her lecture was illustrated by illuminated pictures. She referred to Canada's annual expenditure for liquor—a dark blot on our fair Dominion, and claimed that statistics indicated that Canadians are preparing themselves for hospitals, and insane asylums, and a list of tragedies too numerous to mention. She referred to the financial depression, and said, "If our reverses bring us to our knees in prayer seeking forgiveness and divine partnership, we should thank God for these reverses."

In the part of the lecture devoted especially to the home, the speaker made touching reference to the childhood and young manhood of Christ and said that there is only one way that Christians can win Canada for Christ, that is by purifying, cleansing and ennobling the homes.

Mrs. Miller emphasized the importance of cooperative prayer, and work, to bring about Prohibition, and said we want an army of total abstinents to vote when the next election comes on.

She closed her address by a fervent prayer for wisdom for the responsibilities that are before His people.

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"At the very gateway of disciplinship He puts this challenge: 'If any man will be My disciple, let him deny himself.' This is a demand that the great, greedy monster sin shall ground arms and submit. Sam Jones is right when he says that Hell is only human selfishness on fire. The perpetual battle of Christian principle is with that artful, cunning, many-headed sinner, SELF. Pardon and eternal life are free gifts, but self-conquest is not a free gift—it is an achievement."—T. L. Cuyler.