#### DECEMBER 31ST, 1932

# THE KING'S HIGHWAY

Alfred Metula's Filimon Nkosi's where it is, "build at once or loose the opportunity." There are many other cases like this where I have had to finance the building of the church or loose the opening, the cost per church being from twenty to ninety dollars. Now at home, in extension work, there is usually an immediate return to the treasurer but here you can have no such return, and it means, as it has in this and many other such cases that the Missionary has to foot the bill and go without needed food, clothing and other necessities.

We have been asked, "Can not these Natives be trained?" How can they be trained except by teaching and example? We are giving them both but you cannot take blood out of a stone. We teach and practice, we believe we are doing all that is within our power in the line of giving and sacrificing, every one on our force, both here and at Altona M. S., but when our money is finished, our food gone, we can do no more but pray that the Lord may send help from some other source. I feel that this should be the burden of the Home folk a little longer.

We are not complaining, we are not "crying" for ourselves (as the Natives say). Many times we have gone without the necessities of life, and are willing to do so as far as it is possible. I want to testify that the Sterritt Sisters are doing the same. They are sacrificing till I have feared many times for their health, because of the fact that I believe they have been undernourished, in need of better food and rest, but no money to buy food or get the needed change. They have never complained. I have been in their home when if some neighbouring Native had not sent in food we would have gone hungry. When we have been going out on a hard ride, there was not food enough to put up a proper lunch for themselves. They are teaching by word and deed. I am not boasting for them or for myself, but I am telling you some plain facts that I feel it is good that you at home should know. We are doing our best to get these people to be self-supporting. We cannot hope for this in the near future, but they are responding nobly up to their ability. We have at present about fifteen self-supporting Native evangelists here. One is supported by the tithe of what you send over for the seven men whom you are supporting. I have been enabled to carry a great deal of this finance because I was receiving a small war pension on account of the condition of my lungs. The Lord has undertaken for me physically, my lungs are better than they have been for years, and consequently my pension has been cut down, and may, at any time be taken away altogether. If so, I will be unable to carry on the way I was. It may be the Lord allowed me to come here for these years of depression with weak lungs and thus enable me to carry more burden than I could if I had good health. Now we must have more financial help, and I do not see how it can come from this side. I mean more help for the opening up of new fields. Will not some one make this a matter of prayer, and I suggest that there be a corner somewhere in the Highway for "The Opening of New Churches in Africa".

We are fully conscious that the folk in the Homeland are making sacrifices, and deeply grateful for what the Lord has enabled them to do in this land. The hundreds of souls that have been brought out of darkness into His marvelous light bear testimony to the value of this sacrifice. Eternity alone can reveal the full reward.

We have tried not to bore you with a detailed account of our difficulties, nor have we begun to enumerate the burdens borne by our Native Christians, but we are stating the above facts that you may have a more intelligent sympathy and be able to pray better for us and for them. We thank God for a loyal corps of workers both white and black, and for the love of Christ which constrains us and makes us one in Him. We are grateful for the work accomplished here by all our predecessors, white and black. Some of the black are in the Glory land because you in the Homeland were willing to make a sacrifice.

Yours for the furtherance of His cause both here and in the Homeland.

D. M. MacDONALD

### CORRESPONDENCE

Kingston, N. B.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Please find enclosed M. O. for my renewai of the Highway and balance to apply on Sup. Fund. Wish it could be a very much larger amount. Surely we are realizing more and more our need of a comforting Saviour and a faithful God, who is almighty to save and to keep in these days of depression.

It looks like a blessing in disguise for the people of God, a great opportunity for every one to let their light shine, for so many blinded souls are looking in vain to this world for comfort. Disappointments arising from all quarters but not despair for those who have tested and found that the Lord is gracious, and chastens with love to save us from our sins, that we may escape the wrath to come upon an ungodly world. How thankful we are that God has given us His Word as a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. We praise God for the truth and that it is our privilege to know the truth and be made free by its wonderful working power. Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and His wonderful works to the children of men. We are cheered and encouraged by many of the reports of the last Highway; in fact none come to us without comfort; through it we learn that God's people are meeting with His blessing upon their labours, and that He will not suffer His holy cause to be defeated. The world conference for the promotion of Holiness should deeply interest every child of God, irrespective of race, color or creed; how can we love a holy God without loving holiness and its promotion. Nothing but the holy love of God shed abroad in the hearts of men by the Holy Ghost can save this world from eternal ruin. We are hoping and praying for a revival of the old time religion, to yet sweep over the world before Jesus comes. How it stirs our hearts when we think that every one who names the Name of Christ should depart from iniquity, and take their place in the promotion of His holy religion. Other men or individuals may not see and know our place as God sees it and reveals it to those who love to follow Jesus. Let us all be true in prayer to God and meet Him on the conditions that He has made with His people according to II. Chron. 7:14.

May the Lord bless, comfort and sustain you in your own particular place with Him in this great work.

Wishing all a Happy New Year, I remain, Your brother saved by grace,

J. W. COSMAN

Dear Brother Trafton: Sussex, N. B. Please find my renewal for the Highway and that for Mrs. Nason. I have just finished reading the missionary columns which I am so interested in. I hope their hard work will be greatly rewarded.

I close, wishing you a Happy New Year. MRS. GEORGE SMALL

Gordonsville, N. B.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Please find enclosed my renewal for the King's Highway. I can say this morning that Jesus is precious to me these days, and I mean by his grace to go all the way with Him.

MRS. J. T. CAMPBELL

## North Head, N. B. December 23rd, 1932.

Dear Friends:

"The Lord is good unto those who wait for Him, to the soul that trusteth in Him."

Once again I want to testify that God never fails. He does fulfill His promises and not one has failed, praise Him!

Our girls came home the 21st, full of joy and gladness for the goodness of the Lord in opening up the way, supplying their needs and giving them journeying mercies. The day was fine so the trip over from St. John was good even if it was a smaller boat than our Grand Manan II.

Saturday we expect our three boys and then we will have more to praise Him for.

This church here is busy with good works, remembering to send a little cheer to sick and afflicted and those who need.

It is a very poor lobster season again, and fishing this summer has given very small returns, so the prospect seems dull and little returns for a lot of hard work for the fishermen, but the

We are grateful for the sacrifice that the Home folk have made and are making, and we know that this work has meant all through the more than thirty years of its existence. I have had cases come to my personal knowledge where folk have gone without needed clothing and medical attention that they might give to the work of the Lord, and know of many other such sacrifices on the part of those in the Homeland. promise reads: "Trust in the Lord and do good so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed". I believe God means just that, don't you?

> Yours in Him, MRS. H. C. SANDERS

#### Woodstock, N. B.

Dear Brother Trafton:

The other day when sending my report, I intended enclosing my renewal for the Highway but overlooked it, but you will find it in this. Am always looking ahead for its coming for I enjoy the good things therein, especially the news of Ministers and Churches and occasionally we see a letter from some of them. Rather scarce though. May the Lord bless you and all the rest of them is my wish and prayer.

Yours in the Faith,

B. M. COLPITTS

Dear Brother Trafton: Plaster Rock, N. B. Just a hurried note to send you a Money Order to cover my renewal for the Highway.

We are all well and are liking Plaster Rock fine. As you can well imagine, I am having plenty to do with a school as large as this.

Yours in Him, EUGENE A. M. KIERSTEAD