

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Altona M. S.,
Transvaal, So. Af.,
Sept. 14, 1936

Dear Homeland Friends:

Just a few lines today from this corner of His vineyard to let you know we are well and happy in His service. About all of August I was absent from Altona except for a few hours weekly, having been called to care for old Mr. Steenkamp, on his winter farm about five miles from us. He was suffering from a very bad form of heart trouble and had been told by the doctor how serious his condition was. I found him hungering for God's mercy and forgiveness and had the joy of seeing him find peace and rest of soul. His passing away on Sept. 3rd was peaceful indeed. God did graciously come to his hungry heart and it was beautiful to see the change He wrought. "Thanks be to Jesus, His mercy is free." My own soul has been greatly blest during this ministry and how often I was reminded of God's goodness and mercy to my dear old father as I cared for this man whom God had waited for for 73 years.

Helen and I were both taken to his funeral at his beautiful home in the high veldt—ten miles beyond the town of Ermelo, a distance of 120 miles from here. We were gone from Friday until Sunday and it was a very blessed experience for us. The climate in the high veldt is very much like the homeland and was very bracing indeed. It is a beautiful country also and we met many friends and relatives of the deceased who were most kind to us. The funeral was conducted in the Dutch language, but was made known to us in English. The large attendance showed how widely known this old gentleman was. For sixty years he had been coming down from Ermelo for the winter and the natives on his farm here were deeply affected by his death. They showed great respect and love for him, which was very touching. They say he was very fair and just in his dealings with them—and the natives greatly appreciate justice.

Our winter season is passing now. We have had a great rain—first for four months—and though it was a very cold one we can see the signs of spring, the wattle blossoms are bursting forth and the air is sweet with their fragrance. The wind is cold today but the air will soon be much warmer and soon we will feel the heat of summer, while you will be facing the biting winter weather in the homeland.

Helen rode with our native boy to Hartland Saturday to attend the Quarterly Meeting. The months pass swiftly by and before we realize it Christmas will be at hand.

Yesterday I rode to Emozane to have service. About 50 present and a young man chose the Lord. We pray that it has made him feel his responsibility to God. I have never seen him in a service there before and he listened very attentively. A number of young men have been coming out on the Lord's side in that section lately, also some heathen women. It does mean much for them to separate from many Zulu customs which are not lawful for Christians. Unless they have chosen whole heartedly they cannot stand the test. Remember these young men and the women in your prayers, dear friends.

Our teacher, Mildred, read the Scripture lesson here yesterday and a good testimony meeting followed. We do have some good reliable women whose testimonies are a blessing.

After the service some of them went to

have prayers with Isaya's widow, who is sick and passing through fiery trials at present. She has lately removed her mourning attire and now they are pressing upon her the Zulu custom to become the wife of her heathen brother-in-law, who already has a wife. This may seem a light matter to our European minds, but in the Zulu estimation it is a grievous fault to refuse, and only God can bring her through triumphantly. The saddest part of it is that her own mother has told her she will not receive her into her home if she refuses this man, but if Agnes is true I am sure God will break down this wicked spirit. We are carrying her on our hearts and God is able to give her victory. Pray for her. She is a precious woman and Satan greatly desires her downfall.

We are very glad to hear all the good news from Alliance and Camp Meetings and pray that His will may be done in all our hearts.

Yours in His loving care,
ALICE F. STERRITT

CORRESPONDENCE

Littleton Common, Mass.

Dear Brother Dow:

Please find enclosed post office money order to pay for my Highway.

I enjoy reading it and always pass it along to someone else. I think it will help.

(MRS.) FAITH SWENSON

South Devon, N. B.

Dear Brother Dow:

You will find enclosed one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) for my renewal of the Highway. I am enjoying its pages as I near the eighty-six milestone. I enjoy fellowship with Christ and this Great Salvation.

Yours in Christ,

JOHN MITCHELL

Marysville, N. B.

A voice from the Lending Library of District No. 1.

We have at last secured a sufficient number of good books to start us off. I am asking our editor to publish a list of the same in this issue of the Highway. If you are at all interested in reading any of the books published please save the list for future references. As new books are received we will send a list of same to the Highway.

Now there are two things necessary to make this library a success, namely, eager readers and many donations of good books. Our limited supply of books will need replenishing often so my good readers if you have any books, religious books, that you can donate to our library go at once to your book shelves, select the books you wish to donate and mail them at once to Miss Lois Goodspeed, Fredericton, N. B.

Just a word in regard to books sent in. We are not asking simply for books, but good books. As a matter of fact the Committee purposes to use none other. We want books that are devotional, doctrinal and educational. We don't object to a bit of harmless merriment so long as the morals are good such as I found in Dr. Talmage's book, "Around the Tea Table". Personally I found many good laughs as well as much helpful instruction while listening in on his visitors.

The Marysville Y. P. Society have purchased a set of Dr. Stanley Jones' books for our library. Not a bad idea, I think. Maybe other societies could do likewise.

Have your local society librarian write Lois Goodspeed for any of the books published. Read them; be good to them, and when you have finished reading a book return the same to Miss Goodspeed.

Here's hoping for success in the launching of this little "reading enterprise" and asking God the Holy Spirit, author of the greatest of all Books, to grant His coveted blessing on this work.

F. A. DUNLOP

The special meetings which we have been holding at Millville closed on October 25th. There was not the visible results that we hoped for but we believe the seed sown will yet bear fruit, and feel the meeting was far from being in vain. In the closing meeting many testified that they had received much spiritual help from Bro. H. E. Mullen's messages which were filled with sound Holiness teaching. We found Bro. Mullen an earnest worker, with a real burden for souls.

F. A. ANDERSON

The church at Beals, Me., this year celebrates its 41st anniversary on Nov. 6th. The following is a brief account of the history of the church, part of which was taken from the Highway published in October 1905, found in the desk of the late Mrs. J. P. Alley:

"In the month of September 1893 Capt. Daniel Hilyard came with his boat to Head Harbour Island. The word soon spread around that Capt. Hilyard was a preacher and declaring a man could be saved from all sin in this life. He was invited to Beals Island and in cottages and school house he proclaimed the good tidings. The fire began to spread over the community and a revival broke out. The resident Advent pastor, Elder Smith who was then old and blind, was led to call on Bro. Hilyard and as a result of the conversation Elder Smith resigned the labor of the revival over to Bro. Hilyard and urged him to stay with the people and minister to their spiritual needs. (Strange to relate the meeting and conversation of these brethren took place at the exact spot on the granite rock on which the church now stands). At the beginning of the revival Bro. Hilyard held his first meeting on Saturday at Alleys Bay and on Sunday in the school house at Beals. The service opened with the singing of that well known hymn "What can wash away my sin, nothing but the blood of Jesus". At that hour was struck the key-note of full salvation, the testimony and teaching which is still ringing in the ears and we trust has reached the hearts of many of the people of this place. On the 6th of November, 1895 this work was conserved by the organization of the Reformed Baptist Church at Beals with a charter membership of (13) thirteen."

The present church building was dedicated in January, 1898. The church at this time by the unanimous vote of forty-two (42) members present accepted the incorporation and constitution of the Reformed Baptist Alliance. Some of these charter members are still with us and active in the work of the Lord. Since the church was first built several improvements have been made. During the pastorate of the Rev. L. J. Alley a vestry was built. At different times beautiful memorial windows have been installed until at the present time there are four of these in memory of Rev. Daniel Hilyard. Seven years ago the late Deacon F. W. Beal and family installed a pipe organ in memory of Miss Lucy Beal. This church is still standing for the Gospel of full Salvation.

Holiness unto the Lord, our motto.

MRS. F. A. WATSON