

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Altona M. S.,
So. Africa,
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Dear Highway Readers:

Greetings in the name of our Captain, from "Fort Altona" of the Transvaal.

I can gratefully say so far hath the Lord led, and for the future I have no fear. May the Captain open our spiritual eyes to see the Lord's host around about us.

Yesterday, Monday, was a day with a marked victory. A native man, who is the head of a kraal of about 15 souls, gave his people his consent for any who may so desire, to seek the Lord Jesus. We had a woman attend who is a witch doctor, and lives in a nearby kraal. We have been praying for her salvation, and invite you to join our band. I do not think she is far from the Kingdom.

Within ten miles of Altona two gold mines are working. I had a service three weeks ago in one of the compounds. Some mine boys said this was the first service held there since the mine commenced work, two years ago. This is in the midst of the enemy's camp and needs prayer.

Also your prayers are requested for the work in Swaziland. There are two or three each of church members and seekers of a sort who are calling for the light. May the Lord bless His word that it return not void.

Your co-worker in Him,

GEORGE SANDERS

THE STUDY AND PREPARATION OF
THE S. S. LESSON

By Miriam Sanders

The Sunday School is of great importance and value in any community. Often times it spells the difference between the youth growing up to be a criminal or a good law-abiding citizen.

It is in the Sunday School that many receive their only spiritual light and help, and by it is laid in their hearts the foundation of all that makes them good and great throughout their later life.

What glad and precious memories are cherished of the days of childhood spent in the dear old Sunday School!

What is it that produces such priceless benefits and such real pleasure in the Sunday School? Doubtless it is God's word, "The entrance of thy words giveth light." "Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee." "By the words of thy mouth have I kept me from the paths of the destroyer."

Now, Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures" and Paul enjoins us to "study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15).

We want our Sunday School to be a success. We would like folk to remark, "I wouldn't miss Sunday School for the world—I love to attend!" How can we do this?

I will speak of **one** way. There are a number but I wish to deal with the pupil's part.

If, then, we would really enjoy Sunday School ourselves and make it a success we must study and prepare beforehand our Sunday School lesson. How many do this? Too few I fear. If only every pupil would read over, and ponder, and pray over the lesson during the week, then when they come to School it would be so interesting and

profitable too. Did **you** ever try it? It will raise questions for profitable discussion and thus arouse the interest of others. It will also lead you to compare scripture with scripture and you will find how one portion interprets another, your Bible will become so interesting! Further you will thus be qualified to converse intelligently with others on the greatest book in the world.

No individual has completed his education until he has studied the Bible through, regardless of how much else he has studied.

You may ask **how** to study your Sunday School lesson? Well I believe the most profitable way is: 1. **Prayerfully** ask God to show you the real spiritual meaning in each part. "Open mine eyes that I may see wondrous things out of thy law." 2. **Seriously** ponder on each verse, really concentrate on the words and **think** earnestly what you are reading. It is not enough to just read it through. 3. **Intelligently** take notes, write down good thoughts and sensible questions on the lesson and take these to Sunday School. Thus you will become an active participant in the school and not an idle unit doing nothing and getting no good from it.

However good your teacher is she cannot make the Sunday School a success without the co-operation of her class, and every class is composed of individuals, so each class is just like the individuals that compose it. If all the Sunday School was just like **you** would it be better or worse? Think it over!

Let's turn over a new leaf and from today study our lessons and help to make the Sunday School a success.

SUBDUED

Before God can launch us out into the breadth and sweetness of his service, and entrust to us great things for himself, we must be perfectly subdued in every part of our nature to his will and the disposition of his mind. We must be subdued in our hearts, in our wills, in our words, in our tempers, in our manners; subdued through and through so thoroughly that we will be flexible to all his purposes and plans. We must be so subdued that harshness, severity, criticism, sluggishness, laziness, impetuosity and all wanting our own way even in religious matters, must be subdued out of us. Conversion will not finish this work, and perhaps not in one case out of a thousand will the second work of grace produce this complete condition of teachable subjugation to God's Spirit. Being able to preach strong sermons on sanctification will not do it, or having charge of camp meetings, or conventions, or Bible schools or the writing of books and editing papers on Christian holiness will not prove adequate for this.

We must be subdued, not merely in our own opinion, nor merely think ourselves subdued, not only be subdued in the esteem of our friends and fellow-workers, but subdued so perfectly that the all-seeing eye of God can look us through and the omniscient One knows that we are subdued. God must conquer the man that he can trust with his great thoughts and plans.

The Holy Ghost must saturate us with a divine conquest before he can use us to conquer other souls. The Lord will begin to subdue us with gentle means, and if we sink lovingly and promptly into his mind, the work will be done, but if we have flint or iron in our nature and it is necessary, he will use

heroic means and put us between the millstones and grind us to powder until he can mould us without any resistance to his purpose. The greatest difficulty in the way of God's using his servants, even his zealous and oftentimes sanctified servants, is that they are not perfectly, universally, and constantly subdued under the power of God.

We must be so subdued as to stop meddling with other people's matters that God has not entrusted us with, so subdued as not to be calling God's servants hard names and thrusting at Christians who are doing what they can in their various fields for the Master; so subdued that we can hold our tongues, and walk softly with God, keep our eyes upon Jesus, attend to our own work, and do God's will promptly and lovingly, glad to have a place in his kingdom and to do a little service for him.

Oh, it is grand to be absolutely conquered by the Holy Ghost, and swing out a thousand miles from everybody and everything into the ocean of God's presence, and work with him in humility, without stumbling over others, without religious peevishness, and bend with every plan God gives us.

When we are subdued in the sight of God, he will work miracles in us and power in experience, in healing, in finance, in service, in gentleness and sweetness of the inner heart life; miracles of grace that will astonish us and surprise our friends and utterly amaze our enemies when they come to know the magnitude of what God has wrought. Let us get subdued in every way, in everything; so subdued that we can keep still in God and see him work out the great, bright thoughts of his eternal mind in our lives.

—Pentecostal Herald.

HYMN OF THE AGED

By A. S. Carpenter

Stay with us, Lord; the day has reached its close,

The shadows lengthen as the daylight goes;
We miss the friends of youth, now scattered far,

Shine Thou on them and us, Blest Evening Star!

Stay with us, Lord; we miss the hours of toil,
The limbs that ached, the hard, unyielding, soil;

Others may reap—if harvest still delay;
'Tis theirs to break new ground, 'tis ours to pray.

Stay with us, Lord, that fears we may not know;

With failing strength our faith shall stronger grow;

To eyes now dim Thy face shall clearer be;
We drift on ebbing tide—but closer Thee.

Stay with us, Lord; the day has reached its close;

Only Thyself shall grant the soul repose;
Beyond the chill of night, across the bar
Comes Thy warm smile of dawn, Blest Morning Star.

Grieve not for that which can not be recalled; fear not for that which can not be avoided.—Elbert Hubbard.

The habit of viewing things cheerfully, and thinking about life hopefully, may be made to grow up in us like any other habit.—Samuel Smiles.