

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Natal, So. Africa,  
Nov. 12th, 1937

Dear Highway Friends:

Once again we greet you from Africa. And while it may seem early at this date, when this reaches you it will be time to give you our Christmas greetings. We trust that this may be a joyous Christmas to you all, and that in the exchange of greetings of the Season, you may feel the Presence of the Greatest Gift to mankind.

We are very conscious of His presence in our midst. We believe that many more know Him in the true sense of the word than did a year ago in this place. We have much to rejoice our hearts in the marked spirituality of many of our leaders and people here. Many show such a clear conception of things spiritual and evidence of growth in grace, and a great desire to press forward.

The Christmas message holds sway here; particularly in our church the love of Christ and the love of His Word is increasingly manifested. While we think of you in the Homeland and would rejoice to be with you at this Christmas tide, to renew acquaintances, yet we would not exchange places with you. We believe we are here in Divine order, and while there are times when the longing for the fellowship and presence of the dear home folk comes stealing in to our hearts, yet we have wonderful fellowship with these, our chosen people.

We have seen wonderful victories during the past year, we have been sadly disappointed in some who have been attracted by the things of the world and disobeyed the Lord, but the victories have been far greater than the defeats or failures.

We want to thank the Lord for the reinforcements that have come to us since last year, for the way the Lord is using both Charles and Grace here and George at Altona. While two have come, two have gone home, and we pray the Lord may bless them in the homeland and pray the Lord may make it mean all it should both to them and to you.

There are many things which the Sterritt Sisters did which George Sanders can not do over at Altona, yet he has some advantages over them. First, being much younger, he can stand long horseback journeys much better, as well as long trips on bicycle and on foot. He is out on the field almost constantly and is standing it quite well, and he is loved by the people. Especially the young men are being stirred up to seek the Lord. Now if you went to his house you might think he needs a wife or a mother to look after him, nevertheless he is happy in the will of the Lord there. We revere that the Government is granting him a there that he Government is granting him a native malaria assistant, who is starting in over there next week and will make his headquarters at Altona M. S. and devote his whole time to the fighting of malaria, treatment of patients and training of the natives in this line.

This has been a long-felt need. In addition to this, the supplying of free Quinine by the Government to the natives means a great deal. The Sterritt Sisters had to buy Quinine at the rate of about four dollars an ounce up to the last year when the Government supplied it at half price. For the past five

years we have had a fine Spiritual young N. M. A. on this Mission Station and we know a little of what it has done for our district.

There is also the possibility of the monthly visit of the District Surgeon at the Mission Station. At Altona also the Government is taking over the support of the Native School teacher, possibly next term. This is another expense which the Sterritt Sisters bore which may be taken off George's shoulders.

Now a word about ourselves. We thank the Lord for improvement in health in the last year. We thank the Lord for your financial support in the last year—a greatly needed help. It is, however, just a matter of casting your bread upon the waters. The first four years we were in this country we spent an average of from three hundred and fifty to four hundred dollars per year in this medical work here, which we consider is absolutely indispensable to this Mission work. Since 1935 we receive Government aid, which covers most of the expense of this Medical work. Had we failed to do this, there would be no medical work here today. This important branch of the work would have died, but because of our sacrifice and conformity to Government requirements today you are receiving from the Government five hundred dollars per year to carry your (and our) Medical Mission work.

When we came out here I was placed in charge of the Medical work which at that time was receiving fifty pounds per year, Government aid. This aid, however, was cut off the year we came, on account of a new regulation which demanded the undertaking of the training of Native nurses which we could not attempt.

Much more could be said, but time and space forbid. We want to thank you for the money which was sent to help defray Faith's Hospital expense, which is entered in the Minutes as six hundred dollars. We did receive this amount, and what we did receive was not all for this time, but for the expense of 1934, which we had not been able to meet. When we appealed for help, they sent money to pay this old bill. Later they sent us another hundred dollars toward this new bill and asked us for a statement of the present expense which we sent them. This last one was three hundred and ten dollars. We are sorry that our calls have been so many and so great.

With every good wish for you all during the Christmas season and the blessing of the Lord upon the New Year.

Yours in Him,

D. M. MacDONALD

## "IT WORKS WELL"

The famous American preacher, Dr. Pentecost, once met a free-thinker, who twitted the divine for putting any faith in the Bible, seeing that the authorship of some of its parts was so uncertain, and the subject of such debate. "Look here," said the doctor, "Who wrote the multiplication table?" "I don't know," confessed the skeptic. "What a man you are," said Dr. Pentecost; "you believe it, and you use it, and yet you don't know who wrote it" This placed the caviller into some difficulty, but thinking he saw a way out, he said, "But the multiplication table works well." "Doubtless," was the triumphant retort of the preacher, "and so does the Bible."  
—Selected.

The creed of the true saint is to make the most of life, and to make the best of it.—Chapin.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Norton, N.B.

Dear Brother Dow:

Please find enclosed postal note for my renewal to the Highway and Supplementary Fund, two dollars. I wish it could be more, as we love to give to help along in the great work of the Lord. Yes, I want to praise His name for what He is to me. As the old year has rolled out and we are on the New Year, with the help of the Lord, I want to make the very best of it, telling others of His great love while He leaves me here. We love the Highway; yes, I love to read over and over the Young People's page. Greetings to the Editor, also readers of the Highway.

In Jesus' Name,

D. H. and MRS. HAYES

Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Brother Dow:

Please find enclosed \$2.00. Two dollars renewal for the Highway and 50c Supplementary Fund. We like the Highway very much. The Lord has been good to me in sparing me. I am in my 85th year Sunday. Goodness and mercy have been with me all the days of my life. I do praise Him for salvation.

Wishing you and yours the compliments of the season.

Your Brother in Christ,

G. H. COLWELL.

Fort Fairfield, Maine.

Dear Brother Dow:

As we enter the New Year we do so with our trust firm in the promises of God. The year 1937 was one of blessing. The folk here know how to make a pastor and his family feel at home in their midst and are ever mindful of our needs. At Thanksgiving time the people here gave us a donation of groceries and vegetables and they did not forget that their pastor liked chickens. Again at Christmas time they did not forget us, but sent us gifts and tried to make it a merry time for us. One gift they gave us was a studio couch which especially pleased us. We were remembered by friends from different places. We are very grateful to God and to these good friends who have been so kind and thoughtful. God has been good to us and answered prayer, so that we are now able to be about our work again. We have much to praise and thank Him for.

We trust that this New Year will be one of blessing to you and all the Highway readers.

Yours in Him,

H. E. MULLEN.

Head of Millstream.

Dear Brother Dow:

I wish to send greetings to all the Highway readers on this the beginning of another New Year. Glad to report victory in my soul. The Blood cleanses, and the Holy Ghost abides. I have a strong determination to do the will of God, preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, and labor to that end that souls might be saved, believers sanctified, and God's people strengthened and built up in the most holy faith. I greatly enjoy preaching to the good people of this circuit, and while we minister to them of the Word of God, they kindly supply us of the temporal needs.

We were very kindly remembered at this Christmas season. On the evening of Dec. 23 a number of friends met at our home to wish us a Merry Christmas and to help bring it about by presenting us with a number of beautiful and useful presents and a generous sum of money.