

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

July 19th, 1938

Dear Highway:

Greetings! We want to thank the Lord for the way that His continued blessing is on the Work and for the victory that He is giving us. He has blessed our Native schools. There are eight of them and the progress they have made in the past year is very encouraging. We are grateful for the way that the Lord is helping in the finance. We told you about the Government assuming the burden of the salary of our teacher at Hartland M. S. Charles has now taken the responsibility of one, and Grace of another of our branch schools, and two more have raised their own expenses, one in George's section and the other at Ngenetsheni's. This leaves us with four that we must still carry ourselves. We would be very grateful should God lay it on the heart of some dear Homeland friend to undertake the support of one or more of these. Thirty-five or forty dollars above what is raised locally will do this and relieve us of a financial burden which we are not in the position to carry on.

We have had a very blessed visit from Mrs. Ferree, a Nazarene Missionary from Portuguese East Africa. She preached to the Natives on Sunday, and in the evening in Africans to our white neighbours whom we had invited in for the service. God blessed in both meetings. We are also very grateful to God to find that He has laid on her heart a great burden for the white people of South Africa, and she is praying that God will lead the Nazarene Church to organize a church for the white people of South Africa. We are praying that God will bless our efforts to stir the people in the Homeland. They have the men and the money to man this situation, and we believe that God is calling the Nazarene Church to the white people in this country. Our own church is too small and too poor to attempt so great a task, and we will thank God if He leads the Nazarene Church to buy up this great opportunity.

We have had a burden for the white people ever since coming to this country. In South Africa there are well over two million white people and not a true Holiness church organized here yet. There are bands of Holiness people doing evangelistic work all over the country, teaching the doctrine as we do, and little groups of Holiness people springing up in various centers, but no organized church to conserve the work and furnish a home for those who get the experience. We would be so happy could our own Reformed Baptists take this great opportunity and meet this mighty challenge, but it appears that we have neither the men nor the money for such a work. We now appeal to you, our brethren in the Homeland, to pray that the Nazarene church may enter this open door, and the great need be met, that they may be led to appoint the right workers for this field. We recognize that the initial-expense will be very great but in a short time they would have self supporting churches in this country.

We appeal also to any of our Free Methodist brethren who may read this that they may also pray that God may help the Nazarenes in their efforts to establish this glorious gospel among the white people in South Africa. We wish to thank God for the Free Methodists who are preaching this gospel to the Natives, and also for the M. E. folk we have met, like Mr. Pointer, of the Methodist Episcopal Church with his co-workers. We

are sure that all lovers of Holiness will unite with us in this prayer that God will bless this cause among the white population of South Africa at this time.

We thank God for every effort that is being put forth among black or white for the spread of Holiness in all lands. Our white brothers here in Africa need this gospel. To our human mind it appears that there is no other Holiness church in the position that the Nazarene church is in today to push this work. May God direct and bless their efforts and will all who love this work of true Holiness pray to this end.

Yours for the gospel of heart purity, and in loving greetings to you all.

D. M. MacDONALD

Hartland M. S.

To the Highway Family in the Homeland.

Greetings in the name of our Lord. We are happy to report victory in our beloved Church in Africa. We trust you have had a time of victory and blessing in your camp-meetings and throughout the entire church in the Homeland.

We have had a state of constant revival in our church here for months. The general aspect has never been brighter since I came to Africa, for which I am deeply grateful to God and to His people for their constant prayers and co-operation with us. We are glad to see the fruit of the labors of all the missionaries and native workers which has brought this work to its present state. Through days and years of toil workers have pushed on since 1903 until now, and we are seeing the fruit today in almost all points of the work because of the toil of others as well as those of us who are still in the field. May the fruit grow to its proper maturity, the seeds take new root and multiply.

Twenty-six have been received into the church since our annual report has been sent home in May. Others soon to come in, new ones seeking the Lord and the church in general being built up in the Faith.

I can not go into detail now as this letter will be too long, so will close, with Christian greeting to you all.

D. M. MacDONALD

YOUR PIETY CANNOT BE PROVEN—

- By the office you hold in the church, or even in the ministry;
- By the well-phrased testimony, or by your able or eloquent sermon;
- By your ability to have your own way in the affairs of the church;
- By your tendency to be good when all is favorable for good behaviour;
- By the love you have for your family—that is, natural affection.—Free Methodist.

BUT IT WILL RATHER BE SHOWN

- By what you say or do not say while under trial;
- By your ability to take defeat in a Christian spirit;
- By your Christian attitude toward those who have wronged you;
- By your willingness to forgive every offence;
- By the fact that you are not a slanderer or backbiter;
- By the fact that you not only do no evil or speak evil, but that you do not feel evil;
- By your supreme love for God and His church.

—Free Methodist

Life's evening will take its character from the day that preceded it.—Washington Irving

Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 1:20.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL

(Continued from last issue)

The late E. I. Hart of Montreal once said, "Under government control the number of drinkers is increasing. The drink habit is fastening itself like a leach upon the people and homes and social circles that would not have tolerated liquor a few years ago, have been successfully invaded under the guidance of government sanction. Young men and women, even boys and girls in their teens acquire the habit. Most of these new recruits take wines. If the liquor commission was sincere in its declaration that it wants the people to turn from drinking hard spirits to wines why does it not cease keeping hard spirits in stock? . . . Why does it not use its powerful influence to put a stop to newspaper whiskey advertisements?"

Our government spends large sums of money to improve the general health and then sells liquor, than which there is nothing more destructive to public health; spends large sums for "Relief" in Canada, \$75,000,000 in one year, and yet no business is more conducive to promote hunger and poverty than liquor; spending \$170,000,000 in one year to relieve unemployment yet engaging in a business that, if stopped, would be a tremendous impetus to preventing unemployment; preaching economy and encouraging gigantic waste; teaching temperance and health in our schools and acting as vendors to liquor to over 400,000 permit holders to sell it.

From United States:

"A serious situation with the Eighteenth Amendment repealed, our prohibition laws broken down and a general disrespect for law and order for morals, honor, truth and right throughout the land. We are facing a very serious situation", says the Christian Witness.

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"Banish the entire liquor industry from the United States; close every saloon, every brewery; suppress drinking by severe punishment to the drinker and, if necessary, death to the seller, or maker, or both, as traitors, and the nation will suddenly find itself amazed at its efficiency and startled at the increase in its labor supply. I shall not go slow on prohibition, for I know what is the greatest foe to my men, greater even than the bullets of the enemy."—General Pershing, During the World War.

HOW THE "NEW DEAL" WORKS

The Los Angeles Times, in recent issues, carried two strong editorials on "So This is Temperance" and "The Fight for Decency in Liquor Sales." The editor declares that the condition in Los Angeles and the surrounding country since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment is "shocking," "unmentionable," "intolerable," "startling," "damnable," and other equally forcible descriptive words. He calls for an uprising in behalf of decency. He declares that the investigation was not made by "fanatical dries," but by the school authorities who found that thirty per cent of those drinking in these places were from fourteen to twenty-one years, and not only beer and wine but strong liquor was sold. Of course no one is surprised at this condition, not even the "wets." All knew it would come. The plea that Prohibition was debauching the young and that temperance could be advanced under the license system was sheer, unadulterated hypocrisy.—Religious Notes and News.