

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Africa

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Dear Home Folk:

Again we greet you from this land of Africa, a land of thunder storms and torrential rains while you folk are housed in with frost and snow. Even yet it seems hard to realize that Christmas is so near because of the green fields and hot days, but strange as it does seem, I really enjoy our Christmases here better than the frost and snow. Our winter months are over. We feel that our Church has enjoyed one of the best revivals of its history during the entire winter. Many that had never known the Lord have sought Him, others who had wandered away have come back to Him. Around fifteen who when we came here had left this church have now come back to the fold, and others are likely to come soon. The opposition which the enemy has waged with us ever since coming here has been broken and many of those led into error by his deceit have had their eyes opened and are coming back, for which we thank the Lord.

Although we miss them, we rejoice in the home going of some of our people, who have left us this year. Jostina went in January and now George Sangweni in September, and a number of the older members of our church. These all died in the faith, leaving good testimonies. Others who a year ago were heathen have found the Lord and died in the faith, leaving triumphant testimonies, having been saved through the faithful ministry of our workers who have visited and prayed with them in their sickness.

The attendance at all the services, outposts included is very encouraging. Since I last wrote, twelve more have been added to the Church by baptism.

We have very much for which to encourage ourselves in the Lord. Despite all the difficulties in connection with the work, the opposition of the enemy, things are going on well in every part of this field.

George and his workers are having splendid success in the Altona section, and although he is alone he has the oversight of a much larger section than the Sisters had, and has the hearty co-operation of all the workers, where he is the only one, and out on the field all the time, of course there are things on the Station which must suffer. There is plenty of work there, right on the Station and surroundings, for three. We are rejoicing in the hope that the Kiersteads will soon be coming and pray that the Lord will bless them while they visit among the churches, supplying all their needs and blessing their preparations for departure.

We are very glad for the privilege that Grace has had for four months' training in Hospital and for the way in which she has improved these months. We rejoice for the way that the Lord is blessing both her and Charlie in the work here, and for every blessing and all the advancement we are seeing in the work.

Once again we thank you for your interest and ask you to continue to pray for us and for the work in general, that each of us may be in his place around the camp and be at our very best for Him.

Yours in Him,
D. M. MacDONALD

Temperance Column

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

CAMPAIGN PROMISE

"By no possibility, at any time, or under any condition, at any place, or under any circumstances shall that institution, the saloon, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, be allowed to return to American life."—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

PERFORMANCE

What has REPEAL brought? It has jammed the hospitals, insane asylums, jails and prisons. It has doubled our automobile and factory accidents. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, says we have four times as many bootleg stills as under prohibition. In our large cities, arrests for drunkenness have increased from 150 per cent to 300 per cent. Los Angeles alone had 48,000 arrests for drunkenness last year—18 times as many as in dry 1931.

We have 1,350,000 barmaids, hostesses, and girl entertainers, whose morals and lives will be ruined each year. Many of the shows in the drink and dance taverns are semi-nude and immoral performances and demoralize the young people. Someone has said that while the churches are saving one soul, the drink and dance taverns, beer gardens, brothels and gambling halls are sending hundreds to hell. How long will it be before we go the way Rome went?

We are spending \$5,000,000,000 a year for beer and booze, instead of for shoes, clothes, furniture, food and homes which would give five times as much employment per dollar invested. We are spending five billion dollars for gambling, horse races, and prize fights, and many billions on salacious movies, and three and one-half billions for tobacco and cigarets. If this money were spent for useful, legitimate things, we would soon have real and permanent prosperity again. Let's wake up the Christian people before our country becomes a race of alcoholics.—Exchange.

GREAT THOUGHTS

God does not promise
Skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathway
All the way through.
God does not promise
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But God has promised,
Strength for the day;
Rest from the labor,
Light for the way.
Grace for the trials;
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

—Sel.

GREAT WIVES

Rev. E. F. McCarty

One writer says: "If I were a goldsmith I would design a medal for great, heroic wives." There are many such today, and always have been, who deserve such a reward for their faithfulness. When men have come home with their heads bowed and their hearts broken be-

cause of failures experienced, these wives have lifted up the heads of their men, soothed and mended their hearts, and sent them forth on the morrow to face the world again with a new courage. They seemed to understand, like the wise and expert physician, how to diagnose the case in hand. They have patted the heads of their men as they would pat the head of a little boy with a broken toy, and the old-time courage was revived. When dark clouds have obscured their sun these wives see the silver lining, and have said: "We'll manage somehow." It was the beginning of a new day for the husband. His courage revived. His faith seemed to grow stronger. He went forth with clearer vision and a stronger determination to do, to dare, to be at his best for God and his fellowman.

Men may lose faith in one another, or in themselves, but the great wife never loses faith in her true companion. Though we may walk through the valley of comparative failure from the view point of the world, yet she still believes. Her faith lights the way up the mountain slope for us.

A man who has had a great mother and a great wife is wonderfully blessed and graciously favored. The writer has fortunately had both. Our indebtedness to them is great. Their wise counsels, their inspiring presence, their unfailing confidence in us, their helpful ministries so cheerfully and affectionately rendered are greatly missed. Words cannot describe how much such lives are missed when they drop out of the home circle. They still live in memory and in the many kindly, loving words spoken and service given. Having enjoyed the inspiration of such lives, one can go forward with the radiant hope of reunions in the land of eternal day where separations are unknown.

The following poem written by an unknown author, could have been written by any man who had a great mother and a great wife.

"If you will keep your faith in me,
Though life be like a stormy sea
And difficult my task may be,
I will succeed!"

"If you will look with shining eyes,
Though day be dark with lowering skies
And nights be fraught with weary sighs,
I will succeed!"

"If you will speak a word of cheer,
Though harrassed oft by doubt or fear
And ugly failure hover near,
I will succeed!"

—Wesleyan Methodist

ONE CHURCH'S EXPERIENCE

A Baptist church in Oklahoma had a membership of 100, and an indebtedness of about \$11,000. The property was advertised to be sold to satisfy a judgment, and of course the congregation was very much discouraged and unhappy. But a tithers' association was formed, which grew to have forty-eight members, near half the membership of the church. Money began to come in. There was plenty to pay current expenses and liberal gifts to missions. In less than four years all of the indebtedness had been paid but \$600, and they had paid out \$5,000 for improvements. So they had raised \$15,000, besides paying all current expenses and making large offerings for missions. They were relieved of the burden of raising money by unChristian means, and gave their attention to evangelism. In this period they added 287 members to the church.—Watchman Examiner (Baptist).