

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Natal, So. Africa
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Dear Highway Folk:

Ten Christmases will have come and gone since we last saw you. We are still happy in the Lord and enjoying our work here. We have seen, since coming here, much to encourage our hearts in the Lord. Our Native Church was never in a more healthy condition than it is now—united, loyal and aggressive. We have, in these ten years, seen some fall by the way, but no greater proportion than you would have seen in the home church in the same time.

When we came here it was just after the split when Josefa left us with seventy church members. Over half of this number have now returned to us, twelve within the last few months, and though his sinful efforts and opposition was a constant menace, his power has been broken, his evil spirit exposed and many of our wandering flock looking our way again.

There are many other tokens of Divine approval. Doors are open to us, opportunities presenting themselves. Where we had two schools upon our arrival, one at Altona and one here, the interest has been growing, and now we have ten schools, the first two government aided.

The hospital work has grown on our hands. Because we pushed for all we were worth, and the government recognized our efforts, we are today receiving from the government to aid our schools and hospital work more than all that you are sending to the Native Work—that is not counting the salary of your white workers. While writing, a very encouraging report comes in from one of our branch schools. The teacher is one of our own trained at Altona while the Sterritt Sisters were there. Though Filita is young and not very far advanced she has done splendid work. Next term we need one who has a better education. Filita trusts to be baptized at Altona Christmas week.

We are starting today the routine of school closings. These are quite a big event and serves to stir up interest in those around, and helps to break down the prejudice of the people. They have an interesting program, part of it open air—singing, reading, recitation, drill and a show of the modelling, carving, sewing and weaving, which the children have done.

At the Paulpietersburg Native Location School exhibition last week, our school, in competition with six other local government aided schools, took almost a third of the prizes for hand-work.

We unite in wishing you each a New Year of great blessing and fruitfulness. You will have to pardon us not sending personal letters of greeting this year, and please accept this as a substitute and write to us just the same.

Yours for all His will,

DAN & FAITH MacDONALD

The situation of the church in France is bad, says Alliance Weekly. In France, with a population of 41,000,000, there are only about 10,000,000 Roman Catholics and about 1,000,000 Protestants. "Where," asks Dr. Adolf Keller, "are the other 30,000,000?" The answer is, that France has gone largely infidel.—Selected.

I HAVE LEARNED

Rev. T. C. Harvey

That it is not always best for me to have my own way.

That I can, sometimes, be mistaken and others right.

That other people can disagree with my views and opinion, and still be right with the Lord.

That it is possible for people to oppose my efforts, when I am sincere, and they still not be against God.

That I am not the only one who is right with God and who preaches the truth.

That it is far better to live higher than I preach than to preach higher than I live.

That a message from God to men is far more effective than the most flowery sermon delivered in the finest style.

That it is a sad day in a preacher's life when he comes to depend more on a "barrel of sermons" than he does on prayer.

That unless he is entirely rid of self, and filled with the Spirit, it is unsafe to push a young preacher too fast.

That the one who makes the best start and attracts the most attention, is not always the one who proves the most dependable and faithful.

That the greater a man is, the less he tries to impress others with his greatness.

That it is far better to strive to be good than to be great.

That the goodness of a truly good man will stand on its own merit and needs no bolstering.

That if our moral conduct is above question, no explanation is necessary.

That a friendship lost by standing for the right is not a great loss.

That God requires me to love even those who do not love me.

That the Golden Rule is the best rule for life, and is still workable.

That friendships made easily and quickly are not always the more lasting.

That a true friend will not only see your good traits, but your faults as well, and will tell you, and you only of them.

That a friendship which has to be bought and held with repeated favors, will sell to the highest bidder.

That those accommodated most, are often the least appreciative of your favors.

That sincere encouragement is most wholesome and is enjoyed by both young and old, but it is a scarce article.

That far too many of us keep our flowers for the dead, when a few kind words might prolong the life of the living.

That one who is laboring for the glory of God will labor on, flowers or no flowers.

That permanent and stable growth is generally a slow growth in all things.

That if the enemy can't push us to one extreme, he will try to swing us to the opposite.

That if I am looking for faults in others I can easily find them, but that in itself is a grave fault in me.

That it is more Christlike in me to remove the dust from my neighbor's Bible than to write "Condemned" in that dust.

That it is profitable for me to be more exacting with myself than with others.

That a true sign of spirituality in us is to try to restore the man who is overtaken in a fault.

That I have little difficulty in persuading myself to believe that what I want to do is what the Lord wants me to do.

That if I am a true servant of the Lord Jesus, I am not too deserving for the most humble place He wants to use me.

That God carried His work along before we arrived, and that He might be able to continue when we pass on.

That, since people have misunderstood me when I was positive my intentions were right, and since I am human as they, it is possible that I mistake their motives when they seem to intend an injury for me, and that as I desire charity and patience from them, I should grant what I demand.

CORRESPONDENCE

Four Falls

Dear Brother Dow:

Enclosed please find \$1.50 renewal for Highway. I rejoice that Jesus is my Saviour. I am striving to make heaven my home. Jesus says, strive to enter in at the straight gate.

Bless the Lord.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

THOS. WOLVERTON

Sandford, Yar. Co.

Dear Brother Dow:

Please find enclosed money order for renewal of the Highway.

I would not want to do without this wonderful paper as it brings help and blessing to my soul, reading its helpful and inspiring items.

Glad this morning that I know Him, and the power of His Resurrection, He saves sanctifies and satisfies every longing of my heart.

Yours for His will,

MRS. EVERETT BAIN

Greys Mills, N. B.

Dear Highway Friends:

The following is a brief report of my work as colporteur for the New Brunswick Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society for three months' work during the past season of 1938. I worked 12 days in May and all through June and 10 days at Beulah Camp Meetings at Brown's Flats, then taking up the work through October and until the 12th of November, finishing up three months' colportage work. This summer I worked on the eastern side of the Saint John River, a section comprising parts of Kings, Queens and Sunbury — counties where I had worked at the same work in the summer of 1931. Commencing at the Quarterly Meeting at Salem I visited the following places, making a thorough house to house visit at Salem, Havelock, Canaan Road, Canaan Valley, Spring Hill, Fork Stream, Berryvale, Cherryvale, Coles Island Section, Philipstown, Goshen, Sheba, Gibbon Mountain, Canaan Rapids, Long Creek, Lakeview, Washademoak, Upper, Lower, and Central Cambridge, MacDonald's Corner, Lower, and Upper, Jemseg, Robinson Point, the (Narrow South and East), Akerley's, Big Cove, Codys, Waterville, Chambre Corner, Bagdad, Partridge Settlement, Waterboro, Union Settlement, Fanjoy Point, Mill Cove, Fowler's Settlement, Moss Settlement, White's Cove, Young's Cove, Young's Cove Road, Cumberland Point, Cumberland Bay Section, Dominion Road, Cox's Point, The Range, The Grant, Henderson Settlement, Shannon, Bald Hill, Wickham Section, Gerow's, Coal Creek, Dufferin Road, Chipman and East Chipman, Harley Road, Red Bank, Stevenson Road, Three Bridges, Gaspereau, Gaspereau Forks, North Forks, Thompson Road, Salmon Creek, Iron Bound Cove, Post Road west side of Grand Lake (this 5 miles of a settled country) Road, Syphers Cove, Douglas Harbour, Scotchtown, Hardwood Ridge, Newcastle Bridge, Newcastle