

prayer for a sinning brother, therefore we can claim it in praying for souls.

One of our young preachers, John Maseko, tells this experience. His wife was very ill, right down to death's door. The word of God came to him in the night, telling him to go to Vilakazis kraal and have prayer. In the morning his wife was so low that he hated to leave her, but the call in his heart grew evermore urgent, so committing his sick wife into the hand of God he set out early for his eight mile walk. Arriving at this old neighbor's he found most of the folk at home, some busy building, though it was Sunday morning. He went to the headman, telling him God had sent him to pray with them, and asked permission. The headman seemed quite pleased, and a fine crowd gathered, mostly young people. He found this kraal had, for years, been given up to demon possession. One woman complained bitterly of the cruel torment she suffered, and said, "I will not sleep tonight for pain. The demon will punish me for being present at this meeting."

Johan was greatly stirred by the need of these poor people. Once several of these Vilakazis were among our seekers. Many of the children had been given to the Lord in our church and had Christian names—but now no one goes to meeting and those seekers were claimed by demons. Filimon Nkosi is working up a good outpost near this kraal so after hearing Johan's story he followed up this advantage and had prayer there again. (Johan is our preacher at Mbucu's outpost since George Sangweni died).

I met a young woman from that kraal, a little later. She told how the preacher urged the young people to gather for singing and prayer every evening, and what good times they do have. She says "I find I have a great desire to go to meeting and to hear the word of God and to pray and testify, and I love God." Let us keep on praying for these poor demon ridden souls, and claim the Vilakazi kraal for God.

Yours for victory in His Name,  
FAITH MacDONALD

#### I'M A CHILD OF THE KING

Poor? No, of course not! Why, how could I be?

When Christ the King is taking care of me.

Tired? Yes, sometimes more than tired,

But then I know a place where I can rest again.

Lonely? Yes, I surely know the aching blight,

But now I've Jesus with me day and night.

Burdens? Yes, I have many of them press me sore,

And then—I lean the harder, trust the more

Worthy? Oh, no! The marvel of it is

That I should know such boundless love as His.

And so, I'm rich; with Christ I am joint heir,  
Since He once stooped, my poverty to share.

Selected by Grace Ingraham

For the first time in the history of Mississippi an effort is being made to remedy the juvenile delinquency among the Negro youth of that state. Leading citizens of the state are taking steps to educate and reform these wayward youths. The state has an industrial school for white delinquent boys at Columbia, but no place to send Negro youths except to the penitentiary, where they are thrown together with hardened criminals.—The United Presbyterian.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Brother Dow: Fort Fairfield

Through the columns of the Highway, I wish to thank the dear friends for their messages of love and sympathy in the passing of my dear husband. He was ready to go. His work was finished. He said in his testimony that his suitcase was all packed and ready. He was planning to attend Beulah and was always looking forward to the quarterly meetings. He enjoyed the last one here so much. He loved holiness: It never was preached too straight for him. He loved the brethren in the ministry and was so glad to hear them preach the truth..

The fragrance of his godly life will linger with us. He would often say: Let's keep the glory in our lives—do not let down—the enemy of our souls is busy.

The Comforter still abides.

MRS. F. L. KIMBALL

Hartland M. S.,

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Dear Friends:

All true followers of Jesus Christ have become concerned over the present world events. There is a two-fold concern: inward and outward. It is a time for heart searching, and a time to be in our place of duty, fulfilling that special task that God has for each individual to do.

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? . . . Matt. 5:13. The Christians have an important influence upon world events. The world is salted by them. God has chosen to deal with man through human agency, and the question is: what is the duty of the Christian at the present moment? There are two illustrations I wish to bring before your minds: The events that preceded the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, that which I refer to is found in the last part of the eighteenth chapter of Genesis. The second illustration is found in the Book of Jonah, the events that preceded, the averting of destruction, which justice was demanding, for the City of Nineveh. In both of these cases the wickedness of man had reached a climax and God could allow it to go no farther. The wickedness of man in our own age has long been climbing towards a climax. Has the climax now come? We do not have to know this. What we must know is our duty in the present circumstances. The God of Abraham lives today, and I feel that the Christians of the world should be as actively concerned over the souls that are being lost, and will be lost, as Abraham was over the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. It is true that the pleading of Abraham did not save the cities of the plain, nevertheless Abraham did his duty in prayer for them. Nineveh was saved because of the attitude of its inhabitants. But Jonah had to do his preaching first.

In following the newspapers there is one thing I have been impressed with, and that is the absence of reference to God by our leaders. We all were happy to join in the day of prayer called by our king. Also there have been a few other items of spiritual interest which the papers have given us. But on the whole: self-sufficiency and ungodliness have characterized the general attitude. What has been the attitude of the Christian world? What have we done, and what are we doing as a denomination? And what are we doing as

individuals? It seems to me that we should have some united times of prayer in behalf of the lost world which is today in the throes of a death struggle.

I feel that there is an important part we have to play in the present struggle. I have been praying that God would awaken His people, the world over, to action on this line. As the General of any army expects his men to do their duty, just so, and with greater reason God expects each of us to do our duty.

Yours happy in Him,

CHARLES D. SANDERS

#### THE GOOD OF SABBATH-KEEPING

The New York Journal of Commerce is credited with the following statement on this subject: "The moment all serious regard for the hours of rest, as sacred time, is lost, the greed of man comes behind the laborer with its lash, and in spite of laws forbidding work the factory and mill are open, and the workmen must respond or quit the service. Let this fact be impressed on the mind of every man who asks for more of license on the first day of the week. A Sunday which has no sacred hours will very soon have no interval of peaceful rest. Open the day for unrestricted fun and frolic, and it will soon be open for exacting toil."

These steps downward on the question of the sacredness of the Lord's Day mark the general effect of compromise on our duty to God. When we refuse to recognize His supreme place in life, a multitude of evils will crowd in to make human existence as low or even lower than the beasts of the field.

#### THE SPIRIT THAT WINS

"He that winneth souls is wise," the Word of God says, or if you prefer the statement of this truth as it appears in the Revised Version, it is "He is wise that winneth souls." (Prov. 11:30). Several important facts appear in this statement. Soul-saving is soul-winning, the sinner must not be forced to the great surrender to God; his mind must be convinced, his heart made to feel his need, his will must be persuaded to act as a free moral agent. There are bodies calling themselves Christian who carry on by imposing threats and fears well nigh inhuman on their subjects, but the results are not Christian in character. We observe also the fact that one who is really wise will devote himself in some manner to this most important work of salvation, and again we learn that soul-winning calls for the best of wisdom to be fruitful.

While soul-winning is the duty of all God's people, it is in a special sense the responsibility of the ministry, for under their care the Church will either rise or fall. Having reviewed the writings of Martin Luther in the light of this responsibility, the Religious Telescope lists the following ten qualifications for the ministry:

1. He should be able to teach plainly and in order.
2. He should have a good head.
3. Good power of language.
4. A good voice.
5. A good memory.
6. He should know when to stop.
7. He should be sure of what he means to say.
8. He should be ready to stake soul and body, goods and reputation on the truth.
9. He should study diligently.
10. He should suffer himself to be vexed and criticised by every one."