

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Altona M. S.,

Dear Highway Friends:

We are glad again to greet you in the name of Jesus and glad to be able to report victory through His Name.

But we are sorry to have to report the death of one of our young seekers—the younger son of our old worker, Samuel. Food is very scarce this year and Samuel's wife and son had gone to her old home to help reap and get food for their pay. He was only ill for three days and from the reports we think that death was caused by appendicitis. We are glad that he died trusting in the Lord—as the natives expressed it, he died nicely. The mother had been praying with him and then stopped to repeat the Lord's prayer together and just as he said, "Amen," his spirit departed to be with Jesus.

As some of you will remember, Samuel only has one foot now and he is also old and frail. His only other son is a heathen and Samuel was depending solely on Enoch to care for him, so it is little wonder that Samuel feels bewildered and broken up over his loss. We cannot understand why such things should happen but do know that God understands and doeth all things well, and we are praying that God will put His arms of love around these two workers of ours and lift them above their testings at this time. Please remember them, friends, when you pray.

Another short Quarterly Meeting has come to a close here at Altona. The people began coming on Friday and we had a short prayer service in the church that evening. Saturday we had a day of prayer and fasting, which I believe was profitable to all. Sunday was a lovely day. In the morning was the usual prayer service followed by a baptism at half past ten. Two girls and four women were baptized.

The Sunday afternoon service went in at half past eleven and closed at four. We often get weary when sitting so long but the natives do enjoy the lengthy services, and I believe everyone was blessed and strengthened. Three babies were presented to the church and one girl gave herself to the Lord as a seeker. A goodly number partook of communion at the close.

We were glad to have Brother Charles Sanders with us and also some of the workers and Christians from Hartland. It is really wonderful to be able to meet together in Christian fellowship and enjoy the blessings of the Lord. I am praying that God will especially bless the people as they go to their homes, and we do thank Him for this good quarterly meeting.

Eugene is at Hartland now. He went over by horse, yesterday and expected today to go and visit one of our workers who is sick. I hope he finds him improving in health. The weather still keeps warm and many are sick. We are just going along a day at a time, and trusting God for more strength as the weather gets cooler. Pray for us, dear ones, as we always do for you.

Yours in His dear service,

G. M. KEIRSTEAD

It is reported that the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism has raised a fund of \$500,000 with which to establish a new anti-Christian magazine. — Michigan Christian Advocate.

## FAILURE ON THE HUMAN SIDE

We are insistent upon the divine element in our religion and upon the Holy Spirit in the conduct of this great work. This is right.

But just remember that the Lord has never promised or planned to do for us what we can do for ourselves.

If the preacher does not do his best in sermon preparation he has no right to ask God's blessing upon the message.

If the preacher does not plan his services, insisting upon proper song leadership, special music, etc., he need not expect the service to be attractive.

If a pastor is not a man of prayer he has no right to expect the Lord to work with him.

And it is not reasonable for a layman to complain against his pastor or lament the slow progress of the work unless he does his part for its advancement. So a few questions:

Are you walking in the light? Or living in disobedience?

Are you faithfully attending the services—all that your health and distance will permit—or are you easy with yourself—a "oncer" on Sunday, missing prayer meeting, too lazy to get to Sunday school or class meeting?—Selected.

Whitefield began field preaching at Kingswood mine. The miners were ignorant, lewd, profane, brutal, and the terror of the law.

At first he preached to one hundred. Ten thousand heard his fifth sermon—in the open air. Then at Bristol he preached to eighty thousand on a bowling green. John Wesley soon followed his example.

Whitefield sought to sway (by his eloquence a multitude as one man. He spoke to their ears.

John Wesley sought to influence immediately individual men, by speaking to their hearts. He expected that men who came (to hear him) as drunkards, thieves, brawlers, etc., would go away converted—thenceforth to be pious, and righteous men. And they did by the hundreds.

Sixty cases of physical prostration are recorded in Wesley's journal. None are recorded as having taken place in any of Whitefield's meetings.

"Preacher Hampson went into John Wesley's home, saw her (Wesley's wife) foaming with fury, Wesley lying on the floor where she had trailed him by the hair of his head—still holding locks which she had plucked out by the roots. He (Hampson) felt he could have murdered her."

Wesley was mobbed, insulted, pelted with filth and even with stones,—not once nor twice had Wesley his face laid open with a stone, and wiped away the blood as he preached.

Wesley laid the foundation stone for "The Orphanage and School for Destitute Children," having been moved to pity, while near a coal mine, to see twenty or thirty children hungry and almost naked—a girl of fifteen years had just a ragged blanket about her and a dirty cap. Wesley had just twenty-seven shillings (about \$5.50) and needed £700,—yet in faith he started to build. But a Quaker had a dream of Wesley with a flock of sheep but didn't know what to do with them. At once the Quaker sent Wesley a hundred pound check. Who has such a faith today?—Sel.

## EDUCATION DECLINING

The average person today, with all the centralized schools, public libraries, universities, and schools of all sorts, is not as well educated as people were fifty years ago. The average graduate of a public high school cannot write a letter of a hundred words without misspelling words, bungling the punctuation, confusing capitalization, and making various other errors. To be sure, the average high school graduate knows a great deal more about the parts of an automobile, aviation, and similar things, but those internal effects of a careful education which show themselves in refinement in language and manner are sadly missing. The man knows much, but the man himself is not educated and refined. Men are more like machines, and are not as a rule deep thinkers.—The Missionary Worker.

## MY CALLING

By Burt S. Mozena

Someone has said, "Well, it is not all in shouting." Very well, we will agree that it is not, but in Isaiah 12:6 you will find, "Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."

1. I must know that I have been born again and that my sins are all under the blood, and that I sought the blessed experience of heart cleansing and received it. I have the blessing of God on my soul.

2. All my tithes and offerings go strictly in the church budget. I am willing to "go broke" for the Lord at all times.

3. I must be true to my calling, which was to be a preacher's helper, remembering Paul when he said, "Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear" (I Corinthians 16:10).

4. I must attend all the services of the sanctuary, being on time, taking my seat in the "amen" corner, kneeling, asking the blessing of the Lord on the service.

5. I must carry a burden for souls and for the work, remembering that the devil makes his onslaughts, praying and believing that the Lord will, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him" (Isaiah 59:19).

6. I must take up my cross and witness and pray voluntarily, praying in secret, "and grieve not the Holy Spirit, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption" (Eph. 4:30). If this is done in the fear of the Lord, out of a true heart, we can sing with the poet, "I will shout and sing for Christ my king 'till the whole world knows."—Sel.

## IN RUSSIA

According to The Mennonite, recent missionary travellers in Russia estimated that there are at least 25,000,000 Evangelical believers (Baptists, Evangelical Christians, and others) and 50,000,000 or more Orthodox Catholic Christians in the country. Many of the latter have come to a clearer understanding of saving faith through terrible hardships through which they are going, and through much contact with the Evangelicals. Other missionary authorities have repeatedly said this, in substance: "If full freedom should be established in Russia, that land today would doubtless prove to be the most Evangelical land on the globe. It would put all other so-called Protestant lands into the shade."—Methodist Protestant Recorder.