

ple largely what they demand; they know they must. But no government is going to change its laws and policy unless they feel the strength of the demand justifies the same. It will take more than a weak protest, and the false promise taken by some that by not voting for either party we relieve ourselves of responsibility.

If we are to see a better day we must work for it. If we are to drive the enemy out we will need to use all the resources we have on hand, all the defence measures. We must educate, agitate, organize and work unceasingly until our voters rise enmasse to demand this curse be put out of our land. The task is not easy, or the end to be accomplished in a day, but the cause is worthy, and God holds us each responsible to do all we can to free our fellow man from this enslaving fiend.

Let us pray unceasingly to this end, that God will give us wisdom and courage, and will raise up leaders whom we can vote into office that will legislate against this universal curse and thus atone for our nation's guilt.

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"Sorrowful"—2 Cor. viii, 10

The minister for the times is a sorrowful man. Nor is this a new thing. It was thus with holy ones of old. David's sorrow was continually before him as he contemplated the enemies of righteousness; while rivers of waters ran down his eyes because men kept not God's law. Jeremiah desired to be, day and night, dissolved in tears for the wickedness of the people. It was in sorrow and in suffering that Christ redeemed the world. He was a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. Exceeding sorrowful was his soul, even unto death. His disciples, too, were to weep, and lament, and be sorrowful, while the world would rejoice. Paul had continual sorrow of heart because of his Jewish brethren, and was in afflictions and distress "often."

So the man who is the minister for these times. He will not look abroad upon the multifarious forms of sin without weeping. He will see God dishonored here and there, and he will mourn. While beholding infinite riches of grace laid at the sinner's feet, and rejected by that sinner, his heart will burst. Contemplating vast multitudes tending straight toward ruin, he will weep and cry in secret places. Hanging over the congregation with the gospel message, it will be often as a mourner that so few take hold of the path of life.

He sorrows also for himself. Alas! how much of the past has been squandered! How many golden days are lost forever! How sad his felt deficiencies this moment! He weeps for himself—weeps for the world. He is, in a sense, a partaker of the sufferings of Christ. He is abroad in a sinful, stormy world—a revolted province of the King of kings. Rebellion is rife—righteousness is prostrate—an eternal enemy riots and triumphs, and leads captive at his will. The voice of warning is met with the delusive cry of peace and safety. Blindness and darkness cover the earth, while the sure prospect seems to be that millions must perish forever. The minister is sorrowful. At times a deep and awful amazement seizes him. He

looks up, and sighs, and cries for the salvation of God. "Drop down, ye heavens, from above," he sighs, "and let the skies pour down righteousness. Let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together."

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Altona Mission Station,

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Dear Homeland Friends:

It is a cool winter's morning here, while at home you are enjoying lovely spring weather. I hope you are enjoying it as much as I am appreciating the cool bracing days here.

It is very early, not yet six o'clock. Our baby has been very sick and I am tending him with one hand and writing with the other, so that I may get a little writing done before my household wakens for the day.

Eugene is at Hartland just now and I am alone with the children, yet not alone, for the dear Lord has not forgotten the promises that He made me as I viewed Africa's shores from the deck of the Calumet: "Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. When thou liest down thou shalt not be afraid. Yea, thou shalt lie down and thy sleep shall be sweet." Truly the Lord does take away the fear of being alone at night and I thank Him for it. I didn't realize it then but I believe now that God gave me those verses to help me, especially during the times when Eugene has to be away a great deal.

One day recently the Lord wonderfully blessed me while reading about Hezekiah in connection with his trouble with Sennacherib, king of Assyria, II. Chron. 32. I had been feeling sorry for some natives (not our Christians) who had been very busy telling things that were not true and the Lord showed me so clearly by this lesson, how God can overrule circumstances, etc.

Sennacherib did quite a bit of talking trying to turn the people against their king and their God, but it all came to nought, because God was not with him. In verse 8 Hezekiah was comforting the people with these words: "With him is an arm of flesh: but with us the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles." Truly if we have God with us we have a faithful friend to stay by us, one to fight our battles and to bring to nought the plans that Satan would use against us. Isn't it really a thought to rejoice our hearts and make us determine to keep close to such a friend? It affected me just that way and I determined in my heart that I would be more faithful to Him than ever before.

We are having the warmest May that we have had since we came here. Summer tried so hard to stay with us but now the nights are getting very cool and the little boys ask for extra blankets. For a few hours in the middle of the day it is warm and sunny—really delightful weather.

We are rather upset in our house just now as we are having the living room re-plastered in a cement, lime and sand mixture. The white ants had eaten into the old mud walls to quite an extent and they looked very bad indeed. My people sent me a Christmas gift of money so I used part of it to do this work that was really very badly in need of being done. I am so thankful for it and trust that it will be very lasting, also.

Brother George Sanders is away just now

for a holiday so the last two Sundays Eugene has taken the appointments alone and preached without an interpreter. Last Sunday he went to a new outpost that is 20 miles from here. He let by bicycle early in the morning and did not return until it was dark at night. He was tired but was rejoicing because thirteen had given themselves to seek the Lord in our church. Eugene took a lunch but the people had a lovely dinner all cooked for him and were very kind to him. We thank God for these new people and trust that they will go on in the way that leads to life eternal.

My Sunday school has increased lately and our service was good last Sunday also. Our worker, Johane Maseko, from Hartland, who has been plastering, was present also and the people enjoyed his sermon very much.

Many people are still sick around. A tiny baby died a few days ago, from a nearby kraal, and I heard, only yesterday, of a new case of smallpox. Here at the mission we are thankful to be able to say that we are all quite well except Baby Kenneth, and he is better this morning. We thank God for His love and care over us.

We are glad to hear the good reports from so many of the home churches. May the Lord bless the new converts and keep you all in His love, is my prayer. We are also praying that God will bless the coming Beulah Camp Meetings that it may be a time of great spiritual blessings.

Yours in Him,

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CURIOSITIES OF THE BIBLE

The study of Bible curiosities is a profitable recreation. It gives us a greater knowledge of Bible facts, and is also a means of increasing our love for the Word of God.

King Abimelech beat down a city and sowed it with salt.

King Ahab lived in an ivory house.

Eliphaz was so badly frightened one time that his hair stood on end. See Job 4:15.

In Judges 9:25 we have an account of highway robbery.

There are only five persons in the Bible whose names commence with the letter "V." They are Vaniah, Vophsi, Vashni, Vashti and Vajezatha.

Two books of the Bible do not mention the name of God, the Book of Esther, and Song of Solomon.

2 Samuel 17:18 tells about two men who saved their lives by hiding in a well.

In 1 Samuel 25:42 we read of six women who took a journey which resulted in a wedding.

1 Kings 10:22 tells about a king who traded in apes and peacocks.

The Bible records four distinguished Bible characters whose births were announced by angels—Jesus, John the Baptist, Isaac, and Samson.—Mary H. Byer, in Christian Monitor.

CALM STRENGTH

Britain's noted Mr. Gladstone had, for forty years, on the wall of his bedroom this text: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee." These were the first words on which the great statesman's eyes opened every morning, and they were one of the sources of his calm strength.—Sunday School Chronicle.