

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Hartland, M. S.

Dear Friends:

Greetings from the land of sunshine and darkness: We have much beautiful sunshine in both summer and winter out here; also the long effects of heathenism make this a place of darkness. Thank God for the Prince of Light who lives in the hearts of the saved heathen and shines out to those benighted souls around them.

When one considers circumstances, things seem impossible; but if we spend a little time with God in prayer we see things in a new light: we begin to see things from God's point of view, the God with whom nothing is impossible. Then we reach the place where "all things are possible to him that believeth." And that is the place I am trying to reach.

God gave us a good service this afternoon; it was held in the old house in the large dining and sitting room. We had a fire in the fireplace as it was cold and damp outside. There has been a cold drizzle for a day or two. There were not very many present, but the message from Matthew 25 seemed to reach our hearts with new light and force. How necessary it is for us to have the oil, to be good and faithful, and to have a life filled with Christlike acts: to our fellow men.

There are two special meetings that I have attended recently. Southwest from Hartland about seven miles, we had a service that was rather unusual in that it was mainly concerned with children: the message and the testimonies were about children; and there were nine little ones presented, for Divine blessing, and church assistance to help them become Christians. This goodly number of children being presented seemed to be a good sign for this section: as it has been one of our hardest, since I have been back to this work. The second service was one of much prayer. In the opposite direction, and about three or more miles from here. It began with a night of prayer, preaching and testimony. We were not disappointed for the Spirit gave us special liberty in prayer for this Missionary work we are in. It always makes me feel better after we have a season of prayer like this. I feel assured that something is really accomplished. The prayer meeting lasted till about 2 o'clock in the morning; then we retired for a little sleep. The following day was Sunday, and the early afternoon meeting was blessed of God in a special way. Naturally that is what one would expect after the season of prayer of the previous night.

Springtime is here and the trees and grass are rapidly throwing off their dark winter garments and putting on their beautiful green summer dress. It reminds us of how the children of God shall be changed, when mortality shall be swallowed up of life and this corruptible shall put on incorruption. Recently I dreamed of that song that speaks of the time: "When the Saints Come Marching In." What a great day that will be.

Yours in His service,

CHARLES D. M. SANDERS

The American Civil Liberties' Union reports that it knows that the Ku Klux Klan has raised \$100,000 and purposes to make it a million to revive its agitation against Negroes, Catholics, Jews and aliens. It calls this "promotion of Americanism." In other words, black is white.—United Presbyterian.

ZULUS

Some may be interested to know how we spent Christmas in Africa after Dr. Sanders and family left for furlough years ago.

Early in the morning, young men came to the Mission Station, bringing goats for the feast; they killed and dressed these while the girls kept fires burning under the great iron pots of water; the meat was cut ready for cooking and every part went into the pots—bones were not even left for the hungry dogs.

The girls cooked stamped mealies (corn), also some corn porridge.

While these were cooking, they would go home to dress for the grand occasion.

Services were held for hours, preaching, testifying and hymn singing, and such joyful singing would do one's heart good to hear.

It may be the feast would not begin until 4 o'clock, then the young people would serve the different circles sitting on the ground, old men, young men and boys; old women, young women and children. If I remember correctly, there was a different part of the goat for each group of people.

And although many of them had eaten nothing that day in anticipation of the feast all would sit with folded arms and would bow their heads while grace was being said.

Then leisurely (it was not mannerly to hurry) one would take a piece of meat, take a bite and pass to the one sitting nearest until it was consumed; when it came to the porridge the women and children dipped in their fingers to eat, while the men and larger boys ate with wooden spoons.

By the way, the goat's head was for the small boys, with the eyes protruding and wool on top.

As I visited each group wishing them a happy Christmas, those boys said Nkosikasi, it is sweet indeed—I wondered how it could be so. After the feast they would say, Kisimosi, Kisimosi, their way of asking for a gift. We would have penny boxes of matches, some salt or a little sugar for them, at other times there were book bags, which the Mission Bands had sent from Canada, all of which delighted them very much.

Times have changed, while some of those customs may have changed also, yet I am sure they still love to worship God and sing His praises. The Lord bless them all.

I. M. KEIRSTEAD

Wishing all my Highway friends a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year with every blessing from above throughout the coming New Year. May the Saviour of Grace abide in all His fulness.

I. M. K.

FINDS JAP GOLD MEDAL

LOW QUALITY BRASS

The Spokane Chronicle says that James J. (Jimmy) Hare, 86-year-old news photographer and correspondent in five wars, cherished a medal he received from the Emperor of Japan.

It was about the size of a half dollar, but three times as thick, and Hare said he "banked on that piece of gold to pull me through a tight spot."

After the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor, Mr. Hare presented the medal to the Overseas Press Club, asking that it be recast and presented to the first American flyer to bomb the imperial palace in Tokyo.

It was taken to a jeweler to be assayed.

"100 per cent brass," read his report. "Low quality"

Commented Hare: "It took me 35 years to

discover that the Japanese medal was phony."

No believer need fear that the rewards which the Lord awards for distinguished service, will be "phony"—For He abhors deceit and pretension.

He pronounces a "Woe" upon "them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter" (Isaiah 5:20).

King Replaced Gold with Brass

Things must be called by their proper names in His presence. He tells us of a king who substituted brass for gold.

He says: "And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:

"And he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

"And king Rehoboam made in their stead brasen shields, and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house.

"And it was so, when the king went into the house of the Lord, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber" (1 Kings 14:25-28).

It was not only king Rehoboam of old who substituted brass for gold, and it is not only Japan among the nations today—it is being done by others also.

Preachers Give Brass for Gold

Preachers classified as "modernists" are doing the same thing spiritually on a large scale.

For the pure gospel of Christ, they are substituting the brazen social gospel.

And they substitute the low quality brass of an everyman "divinity" for the most fine gold essential diety of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ!

For the pure gold virgin birth of Christ, they substitute the brass of a natural birth.

And they substitute the brazen theory of a Jesus who was characterized by the ignorance of His times for the all-gold fact of an omniscient Lord Jesus Christ.

For the pure gold of the Savior's voluntary, vicarious and victorious death, they substitute the brazen death of a martyr for his principles.

And for the absolutely pure gold physical resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, they substitute 100 per cent brazen spiritual resurrection—if they believe in a resurrection at all.

Offer Brass Heaven

For the pure gold of a literal Heaven, they substitute the low quality brass heaven of mental contentment!

And for the all-gold divine inspiration of the Scriptures, they substitute a brass human inspiration.

Don't allow it to require 35 years on your part—nor any extended portion of time to discover how "phony" all such substitutes are.

Don't bank on such substitutes to pull you through a tight spot—for they will certainly fail you.

Someone points out that the central verses of the Bible are these:

"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidences in princes" (Psalm 118:8-9).

We cannot do better than to emphasize that important message from the very heart of the sacred Scriptures. Put implicit trust in the Lord for your salvation, assurance, peace, life, guidance, satisfaction and destiny—and you will not be disappointed.—Selected.

"I was common clay, till roses were planted in me," said the aromatic earth.—Turkish Proverb.