

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Highway:

South Africa's winter is over and spring is well on the way. The landscape around us is taking on a tinge of green. Young calves, colts, chickens and so on are also making their appearance.

On Sunday last I went by bicycle and horseback for a service at Mfene, Paulina's outpost. The attendance was comparatively small but the Lord blessed us in the preaching and testimonies. One baby was presented to the church and blessed. After sleeping at Paulina's and having a chance to speak to Paulina's backslidden ex-preacher husband about his soul, I went on to Little Mapondleni and put in the windows and door in the new church there.

Day after tomorrow D. V., I plan to go across the Mozane by horseback for a big Sunday service in Daniel Sukazi's section. Daniel reports many ups and downs in the spiritual life of some of his adherents. The Devil is bidding high these days almost everywhere for the souls of mankind. Pray that his power may be broken.

Today I took Glendon and Reginald for a short walk just over the hills to the south of the Mission. We passed through two neighboring kraals. At one kraal the head of the home, an independent preacher, gave the boys quite a nice little bag of peanuts. He seemed real pleased that we had stopped to speak to him. The second kraal had just recently moved to a new site and the women were busy fixing up the huts, thatch, etc. Neither woman was a Christian; they had very little desire to "believe". Pray that God may yet speak to their hearts.

Yesterday we had rather a disgusting matter to talk over. That of a young baptized church member, just a slip of a girl, who fell into sin by the help of a so-called preacher of another church. This man was also one of her guardians and was old enough to be her grandfather. How the Devil schemes to get into the high places these days! God help us.

One would think that if ever there was a time that people would turn to the Lord for help and guidance it would be today. But what is the reaction? Indifference, backsliding and more sinning than ever before. It is no wonder that God is punishing the nations. Let us pray for a revival of old fashioned religion and conviction upon the world. God knows it needs it.

The Lord is helping us to stand fast in the fight against the evil one. The barrage is severe at times but by God's help we hope for final victory.

EUGENE A. M. KIERSTEAD

## YOU AND YOUR CHURCH

Suppose the membership of your church was limited to one hundred people. Would you be in or out?

Suppose you had to "run" for church membership as any candidate runs for political office. Would you win or lose?

Suppose the membership were good for one year only, and that re-election depended upon the good you had done in the church during that time. Would you be re-elected or not?

Suppose there was a long list of those waiting to get in. Would you be more alive to your duties as a Christian?

Suppose you were called on to explain just why your church should keep your name on the roll. Have you a helpful service to offer in your own defense?—Richmond Christian Advocate.

## Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 1:20.

## WHO DECEIVED US?

From Dan Gilbert we quote the following: "America's crime wave reached an all-time high during the year 1941, according to figures recently released by the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. A total of 1,531,272 major crimes were committed in the United States during 1941, an increase of nine per cent over the previous year.

"The statistics compiled by the F. B. I. reveal that a major crime was committed every 20.6 seconds during the year; a murder occurred every forty-three minutes, while a burglary was committed every 1½ minutes. An automobile was stolen every 2½ minutes during 1941, a citizen was robbed every 10½ minutes, and a larceny was committed every thirty-four seconds.

"Most startling of all is the fact that forty-six per cent of all major crimes committed in America last year were perpetrated by young people nineteen years of age or younger!"

The facts stated are impressive. But I was just thinking back of these to promises of the rummies and the wet newspapers and the national politicians that if we would do away with prohibition we would reduce crime. Did they believe the story they told, or were they only fooling us?

The crime problem cannot be solved by licensing crime.—The Free Methodist.

A noted drinker of the country town;  
Just listen a moment to what he drank down;  
He drank up his crops before they matured;  
Drank a yoke of oxen, by appetite lured.  
Six cows, four horses, one pig, and a goat,  
All traveled down the road of his throat.  
He drank up his chicks while still in the shell,  
While hopes of high heaven he drank up as well.  
He said he could drink or let it alone;  
Part of the statement was true, we must own!  
For he drank up his farm; he trifled with God;  
Now all that he owns is six feet of sod.—Anon  
Evangelical Messenger

## A VITAL PROBLEM

Canada is spending two hundred million dollars in liquor annually. The money spent this last year in this way would have equipped 1,000,000 soldiers; would have bought 312,500 Bren guns, and would have built 3375 fighter planes, 1062 bombers, 2125 tanks, 277 corvettes.

Speaking of Vancouver alone, Rev. A. E. Cooke stated that \$11,000,000 were spent last year for alcohol, with a total of \$364,000 spent in the government liquor stores in the two days before Christmas. In those two days the liquor stores took in \$75,000 more than 2500 Red Cross canvassers have been able to collect in two weeks.

Alcohol has powerful co-evils in tobacco and opium. 1,900,000 acres of American land are used to raise tobacco. A new all-time high record of 172,000,000,000 cigarettes was set during 1941, more than 1,300 cigarettes for every resident in the United States.

Japanese occupational authorities in China are deliberately and systematically demoralizing the Chinese with opium. In 1939 one-eighth of the inhabitants of Nanking were addicts: now one-third are.

In the meantime, Sir John Simon reports that Britain is using 6,000,000 pounds of grain and 1,000,000 pounds of sugar every day in distilleries and breweries.

And we are trying to win the war.

That closing moment: As this is written, the

W. C. T. U. of British Columbia is investigating the giving of liquor to four boys, sixteen to twenty years of age, who, under the influence of the accursed thing, shot a Japanese and are now waiting the death penalty. It is dangerous for a nation to pitch their tent toward Sodom!  
—Mrs. Ruth Cooper in the S. S. Worker.

## HOLINESS—AN URGENT MESSAGE

"Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord."

Holiness is our message to the world. We were raised up to spread Scriptural holiness. Holiness is the one thing the devil hates and therefore he will do his best to keep us, as preachers, from preaching holiness, and so keep people from obtaining it. We may preach big sermons on many subjects, such as tithing, church-going, careful living, etc., and even on prayer, and Satan will not be so much troubled, although all these are good; but let us preach, practice, enjoy, and press upon our people the experience of holiness, and he will soon put on extra forces to hinder us.

Brethren in the ministry, holiness should be our theme, or we are not true to our calling and have no excuse for existence as a church. I was surprised and saddened, not long ago, when a member said to me, in tears. "Brother Babcock; our preacher does not preach holiness, and we are quite sure he does not have it (and no doubt that is true, for if we have it we will preach it), and we wish our preacher would get sanctified". This surely stirred me and I thought, "Is it possible that we have a preacher among us who does not preach a sermon on holiness once in three or four years?" I am writing this in the hope that we, as preachers, will be stirred up on this great fundamental Bible doctrine. After all, there are just two themes that are so emphatic in Scripture. "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom." This is the same meaning as "ye must be born again", and is one positive necessity. The other is my text: "Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord". Brethren, my opinion is that herein lies our success or defeat. Just how much we preach, practice and press this glorious doctrine upon our hearers.

B. BABCOCK

## A CHURCH OF TITHERS

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."

Do you know a church composed entirely of tithers? An account of it would be worth while if you do. Dr. Hugh McKean, of Chiang-mai, Siam, tells of one in that country. There are 400 members, and every member tithes. They receive 40 stangs (less than twenty cents) and their rice each week. Of this, each gives weekly one-tenth. Because of this they have more for Christian work than any other church in Siam. They pay their own pastor, and have sent two missionary families to spread the gospel in a community cut off from the outside world. They are entirely responsible for this work and are very earnest about it. They are intensely interested in all forms of Christian work, especially work for unfortunates of every kind, and their gifts for this kind of work are large. They not only have accepted Christ but, having found him good, are making him known to others. And every member is a leper.—From Moody Monthly.

To exercise the honor of leadership isn't always as pleasant as it sounds.