

SOME CURIOUS BIBLES

The words, "Who hath ears to hear let him hear," printed in an 1810 Bible caused antiquarians to name it the "Ears to 'Ear Bible."

"The Treacle Bible," printed in 1568, says: "Is there not treacle at Gilead? Is there no physician there?" (Jer. 8:33).

"The Standing Fishes Bible" derived its name from, "And it shall come to pass that the fishes will stand upon it," instead of the fishers (Ezek. 18:10).

The "Rosin Bible," printed in 1609 (Douay version), asks: "Is there no rosin in Gilead? Is there no physician there?"

The "Vinegar Bible" derives its name from the words, "The parable of the vinegar," instead of "The parable of the vineyard." This error is in an Oxford edition of the Authorized version published in 1717.

The words, "to remain," in the following sentence, were only directions to a printer, and having been penciled on the margin, were perpetuated in a whole edition of 1805: "Persecuted him that was born after the spirit, to remain, even so it is now."—Selected.

USELESS QUERY

By Clara E. Smith

It's hardly worth while
To wonder why
Flowers bloom
And friendships glow.
It surely is enough
To know
God wills it so.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION NEEDS

Since I have been asked to write something about our Foreign Mission needs, I know of no better way to present these, than to place before you facts which our books reveal. We have received to date one hundred and six dollars and eighty cents less than we received last year. This leaves us two months to get one hundred and six dollars and eighty cents, so we should easily go over last year's total by the end of the church year, all of which is very encouraging, but this is only one side of the picture.

Last year we were able to gain over our expenditures, upwards of one thousand dollars to place in our reserved fund. This year our expenditures have been much higher. Extension work has been done which has required more money for salaries; repair work on our Mission Station buildings has been necessary; emergencies have arisen because of sickness among our Missionaries, etc., until comparing our receipts and expenditures we find we have received, to date, only one hundred and thirty-eight dollars more than we have paid out, with other expenditures yet to be made. Plans are being made to send out another much-needed missionary, in order to keep our hospital work up to government standard. This will eat deeply into our reserves.

Some may have felt, hearing our financial report last year, showing over three thousand five hundred dollars in reserve, that we have a comfortable financial margin. Nothing could be farther from the truth. It isn't even a safe margin. Here are some more facts: We have to spend over half a thousand dollars every quarter. If we were forced to draw even

this from the reserve fund for one year, it would cease to exist. If we found it necessary to send out, or bring home, two or three missionaries, or, if we met with other financial reverses, we would find ourselves heavily in debt.

This is the dark side of the picture, and one which we are not expecting to see develop. By doing our best, and having God's best, there need be no dark side. However, nothing short of our best will be sufficient, and nothing short of our best will assure us of God's best.

A special appeal went out by our President for an Easter Offering. No doubt some of our churches were unable to take a special offering on Easter Sunday, but why not use some Sunday in the near future to take that offering which you were unable to take then. Some of our people are away from their own churches and were not able to give through the home church on Easter Sunday. A fine example has been set for these by others in like circumstances, who have sent their Easter Offering direct to the treasurer. All of these will be acknowledged in The Highway as for the Easter Offering, and receipts will be sent if requested.

Whether we have given in our Easter Sunday Offering, or by sending our Easter gift direct to the treasurer, or shall give in an offering taken later in our church, let us not fail this great work in this time of crises.

F. A. ANDERSON

CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Highway:

Since the last time I wrote you we have organized a Reformed Baptist Church in the City of Halifax—praise the Lord! It was a most solemn and impressive service, where God's presence and blessing was felt.

Before this we organized a missionary society and have held two missionary meetings—we have them once a month. The band of people who come most faithfully to all our services are most loyal and enthusiastic, and from the first missionary meeting became earnestly desirous of undertaking the full support of a native worker in the foreign mission field. The offerings at these meetings are very good. I anticipate their desire becoming realized soon, D. V. The missionary spirit is the life of a church, and when any church loses sight of the great "Go ye into all the world," then that church begins to die spiritually and temporally.

The night of our church organization, we had a special offering for "the Building Fund," to finance the purchase or building of a church in Halifax in due time. This offering was good. There was an announcement made in The Highway of this new fund, and the other churches and individuals in our denomination began to respond nobly to it. Before Brother Bennett Cochrane left Halifax (having come down for the week we organized) a total of over \$344.00 had come in, from all sources. Since that time I have received \$71.00 more, and probably some donations may have been sent or given to Brothers Rogers or Cochrane. See detailed acknowledgment elsewhere. With these splendid donations come little personal testimonies from the donors, which mean so much to us who are labouring

in the Mission in Halifax. They tell of the keen interest these friends feel in this new work, and of their sincere hopes and prayers for its prosperity and success. May God richly bless and reward each one who thus contributes to God's work here! I have not gotten around to write personal replies to these lovely letters as yet, so trust each individual will accept the itemized acknowledgment in The Highway for the time being.

For the Easter season our Mission Hall was beautified by the presence of two beautiful large, potted hydrangeas. They looked so lovely, and the florist said they should still be beautiful till Mothers' Day, if cared for aright. These flowers are the gift of one of our loyal friends and supporters of the Mission, who asked their name be withheld. However, God knows who did it, and may He reward them openly.

In spite of sickness and war-work, compelling some of our numbers to be absent from the meetings for a while, God meets with us and refreshes our souls again and again. New ones keep coming and some have manifested much interest. Let us pray earnestly for them that they soon enter in by the straight gate into life eternal. "More things are wrought by prayer than the world dreams of," and how often it is that we have not, because we ask not. Let us tarry at the throne of grace until God melts us in a spirit of such soul travail that many revivals shall break out and Zion shall bring forth sons and daughters to God.

Yours for souls,

MIRIAM SANDERS

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Our meeting with Rev. H. S. Wilson, which began on March 7th and continued over the 19th, was a time of real blessing to the Church here at Woodstock. Brother Wilson gave us good preaching, which was owned and blessed of God. Conviction came to the unsaved, unsanctified, and backsliders, and a few yielded to the Lord. Except for the Sunday services the attendance was small, but we feel the meeting was well worth while, and trust the Lord will continue to bless our brother in his work for the Master.

F. A. ANDERSON

"HE SHALL BE IN YOU"

"It is strange that the presence of Jesus has such a different effect on men from that of the presence of others. Paul would make men feel like cowards. Grenfell and Schweitzer would make most of us feel like babies. Wordsworth makes one feel impatient and tactless. The real scholar makes one feel like an ignoramus. The real saint makes one feel utterly humbled and yet utterly exalted. He makes one feel able to be and do anything.

"I suppose it is all the difference between a human personality outside myself, with whom I compare myself to my own disadvantage, and a Divine Personality capable of dwelling within and expressing Himself through me. I wonder if that is not why Pentecost, as Dr. Stanley Jones has suggested, meant even more to the disciples than Easter. At Easter He was a Companion by their side. At Pentecost He was an indwelling Power."—Leslie D. Weatherhead.