

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Altona, Dec. 14, 1943

Dear Highway Friends:

The school has closed for the summer vacation. The closing exercises were held on Thursday with quite the largest crowds that we have ever had to attend a school closing.

The girls arrived at half past five in the morning, to begin the cooking of the school children's annual feast. This consists of chicken and mealie rice.

The program began at twelve. First were the drills and the children did well and looked very nice. The boys were dressed in khaki and the girls in black jumper dresses and white blouses. After the drills came singing, recitations, etc. I had heard it all, when they practised, so as the day was very hot and the crowds great, I kept Kenneth at home.

The girls had a good supply of grass work, sewing, knitting, etc., to show that they were also being taught to do hand work.

About six o'clock the children began the most interesting part of the day, for them—the feast. It was a novel sight. Heads and legs also found their way into their pots of meat and all was eaten and enjoyed to the utmost. At the close of this interesting time I brought out a large tin of cookies that I had made, and it quite repaid me for the extra work to see their faces and hear their exclamations of pleasure when the lid was taken off and they saw the contents.

The children have always remembered me at Christmas with a nice fowl and they did so this year too. I was very grateful for it.

The bus service by the Mission is such a help to us. School closed on Friday and early Saturday morning the teachers left by bus. We do thank God for this help.

I closed my Friday Sunday school a week ago. I had been teaching the children to sing "Holy Night" and they do sing it beautifully. I was able to give little prizes to those with good attendance and also to those who knew their review lessons well, and to every child I gave candy and a Christmas card. I used cards that had been sent me from Canada. I wrote Zulu scripture on each card.

I have written "thank you" letters to all who have sent me S. S. material but I also want to mention it here as letters do not always reach their destination. It is all a real help to me and I appreciate it very much.

Sunday was a rainy day but about thirty were present, to the afternoon service, and about the same number to Sunday school, in the morning.

Eugene and Johannes went to Little Mpondhleri for a service. Eugene went on into Natal but Johannes returned the next day. He says that they had a terrible time. It rained and the paths were so muddy they could not ride, so they walked and pushed or carried the bicycles. I do not expect that Eugene will be here until the end of the week.

There is much sickness around us. Many small children have been very ill with upset stomachs, colds, etc. It is most difficult to cure. Kenneth was sick for about five weeks too, but is much better now. I have heard of several heathen children who have died with this trouble.

One day a man and a woman brought a little girl to me. I don't think I ever saw a child so sick. I really thought it might die at any moment. I prescribed for it the best I could and prayed for it, as did also the par-

ents, and God undertook. I do praise Him for it.

The home was near, so they took it home but about ten days later the mother came back. It isn't often that one sees a native more grateful than she was. She had just lost a very young baby and she thought her little girl was dying too. She began at once to thank me but I told her the thanks was due the dear Lord. She said she did thank God very much. She was a happy mother and I rejoiced with her.

It is wonderful to help poor sick bodies and bring comfort and ease where there was pain. That does give satisfaction, but oh, how much greater the joy when we see people growing and developing spiritually.

I do pray that God will especially bless, during the Christmas season, and that many souls may be helped.

Yours in His love,

G. M. KIERSTEAD

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Dear Highway Friends:

The Psalmist cried: "Oh that man would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men." I feel I can somewhat understand his meaning. It seems to me that God has blessed me so much and been so good to me in every way. I am so grateful to Him that I do not have to live on the **past** blessings and experiences with God, but, while He did do gracious things for me in my past life—things I shall not forget throughout eternity—yet today He blesses me afresh and fills my heart with peace and such a happiness and joy, daily.

One of the contributing factors to my daily joy, is in the "little flock" of God here in Halifax, that assembles with us in our little Holiness Mission on Windsor street. They are such a fine, friendly group, labouring so unitedly and enthusiastically with us! How it encourages and cheers me to see them walking up to new light as it comes, making new adjustments to keep pace with God. I just wish you could see their happy shining faces as they testify to God's sanctifying grace in the vicissitudes of life! Some have met mockery and ridicule and others hard trials, since starting (so recently) on this Highway of Holiness, praise God. Some even now are enduring severe testing—pray for them.

They have done remarkably well financially too, when we remember that altogether we are a small band. Within about a month's time, they have not only supported their pastor generously, also contributed splendidly to the Sunday school, but have raised \$15.00 for church expenses and (as a side line) made a self-denial donation of \$12.00 with which they bought over 20 Bibles for the pews, for our little Mission! Not content to now take it easy, they have voted to begin a "Building Fund" (continuing the self-denial donations for this purpose). For, they say, now that we're going to organize, we'll want a church of our own! Please observe that these enterprises are the suggestions of the attendants of our Mission, not the plannings of their pastor! Besides all these things two members alone donated about two dozen lovely new hymnals to the Mission, "New Songs for Service." Do you wonder I'm happy, or that I so love these dear people! God bless and keep this, His beautiful little flock! Perhaps their

generosity is one large factor in contributing to their spiritual blessing and joy, for "it is . . . **blessed** to give." How about some of you trying the same recipe if you're losing the joy of your Christian life?

Before closing I wish to mention the nice surprise birthday party they made me. Ariel Watson, our much appreciated pianist, arranged for it to be held in a room in the School for the Blind. Most of the members of our little Band assembled and we had a short social program one feature of which was to solve some "scrambled" verses of scripture. A delightful birthday cake crowned the refreshments which followed. I was presented with a "jingle-box" containing a donation of paper and silver money. May God reward each donor! The evening closed with prayer.

I appreciate the many earnest prayers which are ascending daily for this work here in Halifax, and urge you all to continue in faith and prayer, for you thereby have a very vital share in this blessed work. The enemy is increasingly aroused and active against it, but our trust is in God.

Sincerely yours, happy in Him,

MIRIAM SANDERS

## QUARTERLY MEETING REPORTS

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 2 met with the Church at Amherst, N. S., March 2-5.

A goodly number were present at the first service Thursday night to hear the president, Rev. J. A. Owens, deliver the opening message. His theme, "One Heart, One Soul," from Acts 4:32 emphasized the unifying power of the Holy Spirit.

Friday afternoon the visiting ministers had a short session in which a district extension program was discussed. This was followed by a time of devotion and prayer led by Mrs. B. C. Cochrane.

Preachers, delegates and visitors were stimulated into fresh vigor Friday evening as Rev. B. C. Cochrane preached from the words, "It shall come to pass," Acts 2:17, demonstrating the faithfulness of God in keeping His promise to send the Holy Spirit. "Pentecost not only had dispensational significance," said the speaker, "but is part of God's spiritual program for this very age."

Saturday afternoon the business session, which was preceded by a short prayer meeting led by Mrs. W. H. Mullen, was opened by the president, Rev. J. A. Owens.

The following preachers were present: Revs. J. A. Owens, G. A. Rogers, B. C. Cochrane, Ella Sanders; and Lic. Alice Sterritt, Hubert McGeorge, W. H. Mullen.

Delegates: Amherst: Mr. F. Locke, Mrs. Bruce Logan, Mrs. Mered Grant, Mrs. Jollymore; St. John: Mrs. E. S. Cosman; Moncton: Mrs. B. C. Cochrane; Killam's Mills; Mr. Curtis Steeves.

Lic. Hubert McGeorge was welcomed to the district.

The following officers were elected:

President—Rev. G. A. Rogers.

Vice-President—Rev. J. A. Owens.

Secretary—Lic. W. H. Mullen.

Treasurer—Mr. Bruce Logan.

Highway Agent—Lic. Hubert McGeorge.

Written reports were read from Amherst, Saint John, Moncton, Westchester. Lic. Hubert McGeorge and Alice Sterritt gave encouraging reports from their work on the Killam's