

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Hartland M. S.,  
October 7, 1949.

Dear Friends,

Winter is past and summer is here with all of its brightness and beauties as well as its dangers. The Natives already have put in the first little gardens of corn, on the borders of the rivers. This will give them green corn for Christmas, or a little after. They have a saying, "I have seen green corn, so now I will not die." They look forward to eating green corn about as much as we would look forward to the Christmas treats. You will better understand the why of this when it is known that they have to live on corn porridge, for many months, with little to vary the menu.

We on the Mission field, Natives and white Missionaries, feel grateful to God, and to you for sending Brother and Sister Parks out to help us in this battle for souls. The need of these helpers is very apparent, and even with the handicap of not knowing the language, they will be able to do very much to help the work forward. Even if their stay is only for a short time, we feel that they will give us a boost; and when they return home they will be able to give you a clearer picture of the needs out here. Of particular value is this move, seeing that Brother Parks is our F.M.B. Secretary.

George is preparing to leave Africa before the end of this month. We have very much to thank God for, for the mending of his broken leg. He is anxious to pay a last visit to all our outposts to say the last farewells. May he be used of God in the homeland as he has been on this foreign field.

Sister Kierstead is in need of our continued prayers, and we should remember the rest of the family too; as her illness is still very serious. May God give her the needed grace and patience for such deep trials.

Our Altona Quarterly was blessed of God in a special way. Some, speaking of a certain meeting, said it was the best they had attended in Africa. We had mingled feelings when we saw Paul Nkosi's eldest daughter, about 16 years old, being put up for Christian work among the young people. She told us that she felt the call to work for God at the time of her father's death. So we trust that she will lift high the torch of Gospel light that he laid down. I believe that Brother Parks plans to write you about this, his first Q. M. in this land.

We still continue to have sickness and death, in our church out here; but I suppose that this will always be, only it seems to have been more than usual in the recent past. One heathen man gave himself as a seeker as he was put down for a rest, near one of our Native worker's kraals. They asked for something for the dying man to drink. Kelina Mtetwa made him some tea, and urged him to give himself to God, which he did. A short time before this he had asked another of our Bible women Paulina Lukele, how a person could cross the Jordan? So she had the good opportunity of telling him the way of Salvation. The day following this man's funeral, we buried a boy, one of our Christian Young People, who seemed to give evidence of being ready to go. Two days ago we buried a man of this Mission farm, Alfred Mavuso, the husband of one of our lesser women workers. He once had a good experience, but beer and to-

bacco and girls got the best of him. Demons also seemed to dog his steps. He has been ill for about six years, and he said that the demons told him that if he did not submit and become a witch-doctor they would see that he had this sickness for ten years, and then he would die. He gave up the girls, and tobacco, but beer still hung on. Finally he said he would part with this evil drink, but he added, it was hard to break with this habit: it was like taking hold of a red hot iron, and he feared that when it burned him too much the Devil would make him let go again. But we told him that he need not fear, for Christ was stronger than the Devil. After stating that he had given up all, and felt that he was saved, we gave him the right hand of fellowship again. So he died with his name on our church book as a member in good standing. I trust that this will also be the case in the Book of Life.

Myra and the children stayed over at Altona, for a week's visit. It is very hard for her to get away for a break, from the steady grind of this Missionary work. The Missionary's wife always has plenty to do. Added work is placed upon her shoulders almost each week, when the man has to go to some meeting or meetings.

Thanking you all for your prayers and gifts. May God increase our vision and faith, and give us strength for the great opportunities that are urging us to go, ever farther afield.

Yours happy in Him,

C. D. M. SANDERS.

## A LETTER FROM GEO. SANDERS

136E Victoria St.,  
Amherst, N. S.,  
Nov. 22nd, 1949.

Dear Highway and Praying Friends,

Amherst greetings at last, in the Great-One's Name for He has done wonderfully.

I wish to join in the praise He deserves for the last 35 days. That is how long it is since I left dear Altona Mission Station and had my fourth night's rest without being shaken by some engine or other mighty force.

I was asked to pass on the best greetings of black and white friends of the R. B.'s. Our African friends are enjoying the blessings of health in body and soul as He has given.

I left Sister Kierstead sitting up in bed and feeling a bit better. An air-mail from Grace says she is up and around a bit so there is a lot to thank the Lord for. A third airmail states all are well at Altona. Grace killed a large snake with a stone, thrown at its head.

The Parks were given a wonderful reception and besides a purse of quite a few "shekels," a few hens, beans and some grain. The blessing of the Lord was there and they had a great time.

Well the Lord has fulfilled His promise He gave me in Isa. 43:2, "When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee, etc." We had a remarkably calm voyage. Twice we felt the last end of heavy storms and only two were a bit sea-sick for half a day, and we landed in Montreal from the 6000 ton cargo "Thorshall", 22 days from Cape Town, South Africa.

Remember all your missionaries are working under strain but "He is able, Who has promised."

Am looking forward to meeting our many prayer-warriors and friends in the near future. Pray on friends, the harvest is so great and

so are our opportunities. We are the reapers He will send, are we willing and ready to go?

I will take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and His blessing throughout it all and the New Year.

Yours in His keeping,

GEORGE W. L. SANDERS.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY REPORT

From Nov. 10-13, the town of Fort Fairfield, Maine, was the scene of an exceptionally good Young People's Rally. We (the Young People of District No. 1 and 5), feel that we have stored up a great deal of spiritual food as a result of this Rally.

At the regular yearly business meeting held on Saturday, Nov. 12, it was estimated that twenty-eight delegates were in attendance. Also, new officers were elected for the coming year—Carl Gorman, President; Ethel Cochran, Vice-President; Muriel Stewart, Secretary; Geraldine Russell, Treasurer.

The love feasts held on Saturday and Sunday mornings, were a means of strengthening our faith in God. These love feasts were conducted under the leadership of Ronald Mitchell on Saturday, and Carl Gorman on Sunday. We thank God for these two young people who are taking such a firm stand for Christ.

The Rally was a very profitable one from three points of view. First, because of the friendly attitude of the people of Fort Fairfield in opening their doors to the visiting delegates. Secondly, the good messages by our speaker, Rev. A. D. Cann, were a means of spiritual uplift to all those who attended. Thirdly, and most important of all, God was in our midst.

We thank God for the privilege of listening to such stirring messages, conducted under such an able speaker as Mr. Cann. On Sunday night he preached from the familiar text, Eccles. 12:1: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." As a result of this message, one soul accepted the Lord as personal Saviour; others showed their concern for their soul's welfare by raising their hands for prayer.

Yes, we can truly say we are farther up the road on account of this Rally. During the coming year, let us, not just the Young People of District No. 1 and 5, but all the Young People of the Denomination, have this as our motto:

We'll sing it, shout it,  
Preach it, and live it,  
HOLINESS unto the Lord,  
NOW and FOREVER.

MURIEL STEWART,  
Secretary.

## Answering an Infidel

Replying to an atheist who had mailed him some infidel literature, one Christian gave the following excellent answer:

"My dear sir, if you have anything better than the Sermon on the Mount, the story of the Prodigal Son, and that of the Good Samaritan; or if you have any code of morals superior to the Ten Commandments; or if you can suggest anything more consoling and beautiful than the Twenty-third Psalm; or if you can supply anything that will throw more light on the future and reveal to me a Father more merciful and kind than the New Testament does, please send it along."

There was no answer.—Selected.