



### A Few High Points

By Mary Campbell

#### D. V. B. S.

Perhaps the highlight of all the D. V. B. S. work during the Christmas holidays was the last one which was held at Louwsburg. The weather was unfavorable but the Lord met with us. I think it was 16 young people who seemed to get definite victory. That doesn't mean that those 16 will stand. Young people are the same the world over. But, with follow up work, necessary at all times, we can probably depend upon it that a good percentage of them will go on from victory to victory.

#### Sunday Schools

The daily Sunday? Schools could become monotonous as well as very tiring, but they must not and should not. Every day must be another opportunity afforded us to win souls. Prudentia is one of our most backward places. The first time or two I was there, I came home nigh to tears. Was it worth while making that two mile climb on foot every Thursday? I received encouragement in prayer and continued pressing the battle. Quite recently I was surprised to find that almost all of the forty children, present on that day, wanted to be Christians. When I explained that they must confess their sins and ask Jesus to forgive them, we got down to pray. I led in prayer and then asked them to pray one by one confessing their sins and asking Jesus to forgive them. At first they prayed short prayers asking Jesus to forgive them for all their sins. I explained that they must confess their sins one by one. You should have heard the confessions! One had stolen, killed and eaten a goat. Another had killed and eaten one of his father's pigs. Another had given a hen an enema and it had died. And so they went on and on. I would think we were through when they would remember other sins as swearing and cursing, stealing sugar from their mother's tin, etc. They got down to rock bottom and yet they didn't get to the place where they knew they were saved. That service will stay in my memory for some time. Today we had a service somewhat similar. When we got up from praying, I noticed some red eyes which seemed an indication that the Lord was really working. After a little coaching and explaining, six testified to having their sins forgiven. Do pray for them! They don't have much, if any encouragement in their homes. At our last Y. P. service those six girls from Prudentia jumped to their feet one after the other and gave glowing testimonies.

#### Young People's Services

What was wrong that our young people were not interested in their own services! This had become a real burden to me. I prayed and worked to find a way to increase the interest. The last one was almost like a red letter day.

The attendance jumped from 20 to over 70. The interest seemed at a high pitch throughout the service and they left with a great desire to be present at the next Young People's service. I think the secret of the success was that most of the young people present had a definite part in the service. The next time happens to be this next Sunday morning. We will see—Si zo bona—just how successful that first service was.

#### Class for Sunday School Teachers

This is a new venture for me and not an easy one. How could I teach those Zulu teachers in Zulu how to teach Sunday School? I was gratified the other day to find while visiting one of our private schools that this certain teacher was trying to put into practice what she was learning at the classes. May God help us to so guide these teachers that they themselves will become good strong Christians and have a burning desire to see all their pupils saved. Do pray for them and for me. At our last meeting we asked for reports from each teacher. The teacher at Entungwini who is quite well educated brought an excellent report about a real revival among his pupils.

#### A Few Things for Which I Thank

In behalf of two of our evening schools, Bethu and Mozanne, I do thank the dear friends at Beals for the two Coleman lanterns. It makes things so much easier for teachers and pupils.

Several have sent parcels of cards and Sunday School papers. For these I do express much thanks. Since I am not yet caught up with my Christmas correspondence, I doubt whether I'll get individual letters written. You have no idea how much all these little things help. God bless you!

#### Things Needed

Pieces of flannel or flannelette big enough for an ordinary flannelgraph board. We are teaching teachers how to use the flannel-art material.

Construction paper.

Plenty of cards and mounted pictures.

Flannel art lessons.

Pencils, even the short ones. The children love to get them.

Crayons.

Typing paper or some of those giant sized tablets would come in handy in my work. All tablets out here are lined and all paper is expensive.

God bless you!

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### A MISSIONARY'S VIEWPOINT

The history of missions is largely the biography of spiritually-minded leaders, qualified and educated for this special work. Paul, perhaps the outstanding missionary of all time, is a fine example of God's selection of servants who are strong in mind as well as in body and soul. A study of the growth of the church from apostolic days through the Reformation confirms one in this conclusion. The men and women who have led in the propagation of the gospel have been, almost without exception, well-versed in the learning of their day.

#### A Postman's Fruitful Ministry in Africa

You are interested in your postman. If not, you ought to be. I was working in a conference in a great western city, speaking two or three times a day. At one of my meetings this postman came to me and asked me to visit his home as he wanted his children to meet a real, live missionary. I found that he lived many miles from the conference hall. Busy as I was, I said the only possible condition of my coming was that he pick me up at the close of my afternoon meeting and undertake to get me back in time for the evening service. This he promised to do.

The next day he was right on hand at the conclusion of my afternoon address and said he had the car waiting outside. He led me out to the worst-looking old Ford I had ever seen. The floor boards were all loose; the engine had a bad attack of asthma and other troubles. I hesitated to venture in it, but I was committed. I wondered how he was going to keep his promise of taking me out and bringing me back.

As we chugged along, he became apologetic over the car as different things happened. He said, "You know, we, my family and I, have been supporting our own missionary in Africa for several years. He will soon be landing in New York. While we were tempted to get a new car, on thinking it over we felt it would be much nicer to have the new car right ready for him in New York so that he can motor home with his family. It will enable him to get around so readily when he wants to do deputation work. And then when he goes back to the field, it will be in splendid shape for him to take back for service in his next term."

As he went on with his story and waxed enthusiastic, the old windshield seemed to be getting misty, for I could not see the road. And when he turned to make his final apology to me for bringing me in the rickety old bus, I felt that I had had an internal shaking up that was not due to springs, or lack of springs, in the old car. I felt the postman had given me more than I could possibly give out at that conference—I was blessed. And if that missionary, who long since has been back running up and down those African highways with that new car from the postman, is not a fruitful missionary, then I miss my guess. With that postman's family behind him in prayer something is bound to move.—Rivers of Living Water.

And the same holds true in respect to the era of Modern Missions. To think of the spread of the gospel in India, Burma, Africa, China, Japan, Egypt, South America—in fact, in any land or island of the sea—is but to recall the lives and labors of well-trained leaders who went forth gladly to make Christ known.

While no one would presume to say that any successful missionary effort can be commenced or continued without faith in, and obedience to, the Word of God, and dependence upon the presence and co-operation of the Holy Spirit, nevertheless, everything considered, the missionary with education and training is better qualified to cope with the problems on the field than those who have not thus prepared themselves.—E. P. Ashcraft in the Free Methodist.