

MISSIONARY PAGE

REV. W. MORGAN WRITES FROM LOUWSBURG, NATAL

I think our recent Native Conference at Mtsobotsheni was the busiest I have attended since coming to the Field. In some respect it was perhaps the most important.

Loss Through Fire

In spite of a bad fire which completely demolished a house of our local native preacher, destroyed much of the clothing, blankets and money of the visitors, severely burned one of the Bible women and put Brother H. Kierstead in hospital for two days with an injured hand which occurred while he was trying to save some of the valuables, the spirit which pervaded was really remarkable. The morning after the fire the permeating spirit of the sunrise prayer meeting was one of praise. Some who had lost most were the first and loudest to give thanks.

Bible School

During the whole week the ministers were engaged in ministers' meetings nearly every spare moment, even missing many of the preaching services due to the large and pressing matters that needed discussion and preparation before being placed before the "Umhlangango" (Alliance). One of these matters was the Bible School and it was with high enthusiasm that our native elders entered into discussions concerning the problems and possibilities of this new forward step in our African effort. When placed before the "Umhlangango" there was spontaneous thanksgiving and praise. A School Board was appointed by the Superintendent at the desire of the Alliance. The Board is comprised of three natives and two missionaries.

Ordination

The highlight of the Conference was the ordination of Rev. Harold Kierstead to the gospel ministry. This solemn service took place on Sunday morning. At the same time two natives workers were set up, one as a helper preacher and the other as a prayer woman.

Rev. J. Malaza offered the invocation prayer. After congregational singing of an appropriate hymn, prayer was again offered by Rev. A. D. Metula followed by a message by the writer based on Isaiah 60:1. The questions were put to the candidate by the Superintendent, Rev. E. A. M. Kierstead, who also brought the charge to the candidate based on I Timothy Chap. 3.

After the laying on of the hands with prayer the writer extended to the candidate the right hand of fellowship.

The charge to the Church was given by Rev. J. Dlangamandla. Several suitable selections very beautifully rendered by a quartette of our young people who are taking Teacher Training at Vryheid were interspersed during the service. The benediction closing this inspiring service was pronounced by Rev. Harold Kierstead.

Church Dedication

Before it was time to open the final service, the church dedication service, a great crowd had gathered and were on hand for the customary thrice circling of the building before

the key was inserted, a few fitting remarks made and we entered this new monument to the faithful Providence of God. The building is of a good size but many people were forced to remain outside because of lack of room. The house was filled as tightly as it could be packed, seats being placed only along the walls and every one remaining in standing position. The Superintendent led a responsive reading of dedication after each clause of which the congregation resounded with "We dedicate this house unto the Lord." The message was delivered by Rev. J. Dlangamandla. A free will offering taken at the close of the meeting, together with the generous gifts received from the homeland made it possible to dedicate this new church building together with a native preacher's house free of debt. Praise the Lord!

May the Gospel Spread

"Ma li hambe Ivangeli" (may the Gospel spread) were words often heard during the conference. They were the keynote of prayer and praise and we feel that God is definitely answering that prayer and challenging us to "Rise, Shine!" Doors are opening faster than we can enter them.

MONEY FOR MISSIONS

Said a parishioner to his pastor one day: "It seems to me you are always asking for money for missions."

"Yes, we are," replied the pastor. "I had a little boy once. When he began to grow, he was always costing me something. He was always needing shoes, stockings, or clothing of some sort, and food every day—but, one day he died, and he does not cost me a cent now."

When a church, or a mission board is constantly needing funds for its missionaries and missionary enterprises, it means that the Lord's work on mission fields is going forward.

Missions which are alive and going forward, are growing!

—Selected by Elvira Firestone, Bolivia.

The heathen are not better off as they are; they are not happy—they are miserable. They are most unhappy; they are wretched, and they suffer. They are in fear of evil spirits constantly, and are always attempting to appease them. There is no rest in heathenism — no peace, no joy.

Please never say, "They are better off as they are."

The Missionary Vision

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

"Lift up your eyes!" The Master speaks,
From heaven He came the world to save;
But millions yet have never heard
That Christ His life a ransom gave.
In early years, the Christian church
Obeyed her Lord—the Word proclaimed;
Full soon she slept and lost her love—
Low burned the light that once enflamed.

"Lift up your eyes!" O hear the cry
Ascending loud from heathen lands,
And haste ye o'er the waters wide,
And help them soon with willing hands!
Still from the workers in the field,
Who long have borne the burdening day,
Re-echoes oft the urgent cry—
"Ye Christian, COME, or AID, or PRAY!"
—Anon.

FROM REV. AND MRS CHARLES SANDERS

Since coming home from Africa, we have attended our two Camp Meetings, Beulah and Riverside, and feel that these have been a means of spiritual advancement to us.

The time spent at Beulah between these Camp meetings was both restful and refreshing to body and soul.

The Presque Isle and Halifax Missionary Conventions were an inspiration to the Missionaries, as they felt the presence of the Spirit of God, and as they spoke to such interested and earnest Christians. The fellowship enjoyed with the pastors and people was a source of renewed spiritual encouragement.

It was good to see some stand and dedicate their lives to work for the Lord where He may choose. It was good, also, to see the financial objectives exceeded by these good people.

We trust that these meetings will result in a better acquaintance between the homeland and the foreign fields, and that this in turn will result in a growing interest.

We have been impressed by the appalling need of heathen lands, and the urgency of doing something about it while doors are still open to us. Only that which is done for the glory of God will be to our eternal credit.

Your prayers for the missionaries at home and abroad are still needed, and we trust that we shall be able to do what God is expecting of us as a denomination.

LADIES' MISSIONARY AUXILIARY REPORT

Greetings in Jesus' precious name.

The Salem and Killams Mills Ladies' Missionary Auxiliary met for its first fall meeting, at the parsonage on September 27th. Letters were read from Miss Nina Smith and Rev. and Mrs. Bill Morgan, telling of their work in Africa and expressing appreciation for boxes which had been sent to them. Our October meeting will be held October 18th so that Christmas gifts for our missionaries may be packed and mailed so they'll reach their destination in time for Christmas. All following meetings will be held the last Monday in each month, Lord willing. Much work was accomplished during the past year but we are looking to God for a more fruitful year to come.

The following officers were appointed for the coming year:

Mrs. Ronald Morehouse—President.

Mrs. Curtis Steeves—Vice-President.

Mrs. John Alward—Secretary.

Mrs. Willard Carson, Mrs. Melvin Steeves—Treasurers.

Mrs. John Alward—Highway Reporter.

We are looking to God for guidance and grace to do His will.

Muriel Alward,

Highway Reporter

MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD

Missionary Conventions will be held in our Barker's Point, Fredericton and Marysville churches Oct. 28-Nov. 7, with Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sanders, Misses Thelma Rose and Uta Chase as special speakers.

The King's Highway