MISSIONARY PAGE

REPORT FROM BOKSBURG AND RHODESIA

PENTECOST AND MISSIONS

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Recently we received a letter saying something about a bomb dropping on Fredericton. The letter went on to read that of course we knew all about it. We were almost alarmed. Had the war started? Why were they bombing Fredericton, etc. These and other questions crowded into our minds in those few seconds before our eyes lighted on the next few sentences. Reading further we discovered that the bomb to which the letter referred was the announcement of our engagement and proposed marriage!

We are now on our honeymoon, present stop, Salisbury; mixing business with pleasure we are visiting mission stations, to see how others do their work, get new ideas, etc. Too, we are hunting up School Inspectors, Native Commissioners, etc., to investigate the prospects of our R. B's establishing a centre in one of the Rhodesias. Thus far we have every reason to feel encouraged along that line. Praise God!

At the Rusitu M. S. in the Melsetter area we were made very welcome. The S. A. G. M. is doing a fine work there. Rees Howell covered this area when he was "evangelizing Africa." One very interesting afternoon was spent at the Native School for the Blind conducted by the Dutch Ref. Missions. It was touching in the extreme to hear these blind children sing "Count your many blessings" and to recite such verses as "With God nothing is impossible." And how thrilling to hear them sing the "Holy City"! Their handwork, knitting, weaving, basketry etc., was excellent. One boy had memorized large portions of the Bible. He was going into the ministry. These young people are not only learning to be useful citizens but they are also becoming earnest Christians. They read and write for us in Braille. On our travels thus far, we have found many who are going our way but in different denominations. Oh that all Christians were united in their efforts! Some missionary Societies, Y. P. Societies and many individual Christian Friends from "over the sea" have remembered us with cards, letters or gifts of money. Please do not consider us ungrateful! Although we have been late in getting our proper "Thank you" off we are none the less appreciative. God bless you one and all! If you will please consider this a "Thank you" until such time as we can thank you properly, we would appreciate it. During the month of June we made a good start with Christian work on the Reef. The C. A. System about which we wrote recently is still a dire necessity if the work there is to advance as it should. Thank you one and all who have been making this a matter of earnest prayer. In an another avenue

should sing the songs of Canaan? Are we too much like the world about us so that there is no glaring contrast?

We need again to tarry until we are endued with power from on high. Only then can present day missions meet the overwhelming need. Only then do we have the efficiency of a post-Pentecostal church. The Spirit desires first to work out the character of Jesus in His witnesses. He will produce a hatred for sin and a quenchless longing for the salvation of the souls of men. He will clean the vessels that bear His truth, for man is always more than the message.

Then He will guide our decisions and help us make the right ones. If, like Paul, we think to go into a Bithynia not in His plan, He will bar the way. He would control our actions and thoughts until we may launch each venture with the assurance, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and us." He will empower our witness until it is plainly evident that "we are witnesses of these things and so also is the Holy Spirit."

He will select His workers as before, when the Spirit said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work." He will also guard against a wrong selection Samuel thought David's oldest brother was surely God's choice until his sensitive spiritual ear heard the will of God.

He will guide the praying of His people, until hearts sensitive to Him lift in prayer and the arm of God reaches out and touches conditions in a far-off land. If we pray in ignorance. He will make pertinent intercession according to the will of God. Should our prayers be ill-timed, He will interpret them to the Father.

The Spirit will also work on those to whom our message is taken. He illuminates and

Tarry; Then Go!

By Rev. L. W. Sturk,

(Late General Superintendent of the Pilgrim Holiness Church who Died June 13th)

Jesus was the master preacher of all time. In His wonderful unparalleled ministry He laid the foundation upon which the church was established. All the deep and spiritual teachings of the Apostle Paul, as he unfolded the mysteries of the church and Christ's spiritual kingdom, were laid down in principle in the very simple teachings of our Lord. To spread His gospel of deliverance to the people Jesus called and commissioned 12 men, some from the fishing nets and others from their various secular employments. These men sat at His feet, learning of Him, and then helped to spread the gospel among the people. Jesus knew He would soon be returning to the Father and that His work must be carried on by these men. Before He left He gave what is known as the Great Commission: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Christ knew, however, that this commission never could be carried out by these men in their present state of weakness and inability. They were saved. This is clearly evident. And yet, they needed another work of grace, a mighty Spirit baptism, to fit them to carry out the great task. He said, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

What a tremendous change was wrought in the hearts of these Apostles on the day of Pentecost! They never were the same afterward. The incoming of the Holy Ghost marked such a distinctive epoch, and wrought such a mighty transformation, that they were now able to go forward without a flicker in the great work to which Christ had commissioned them. It made all the difference in the world with these apostles. Observe the change in Peter. Before Pentecost we see him as a vacillating, impetuous fellow, one minute declaring his loyalty to Christ by saying, "Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended," and a few hours later cowering before a little maid and denying his Lord. But after the Pentecostal experience he stands, a mighty, stalwart exponent of Christ's gospel, declaring the truth before friend and foe, preaching without fear or favor, with such power and conviction that many who had cried out, "Crucify him," no doubt now cried, "What shall we do to be saved?" A little later Peter and John brought healing to the man at the beautiful gate. They were persecuted and imprisoned and warned not to speak again in the name of Jesus, But, instead of being silenced by the threat, with great boldness they declared the truth, under the anointing of the Spirit.

Again God bless you! Do not saido

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Yours for souls, Mary and Paul Sanders.

ROSAMOND DOW FUND

The amount raised to date for the Rosamond Dow Fund is \$373.28 inbreathes the printed Word of God. The spoken word, under His anointing, becomes a hammer that breaks the rock, a sword that pierces deeply, a fire that leaves a message of flame in the hearts of men.

He will speak through nature and sometimes directly to the hearts of men, inclining them favorably to the message of Christ. He will open doors of opportunity in unexpected places and lead His witnesses to hearts that are prepared of the Lord. Thus, more of the seed falls on good ground.

He will put a restraint on sinners and His unhindered operation will insure that believers are added to the church.

We need to plan more on the Spirit; we must depend on Him and His assurance of power-not a strange sort of power to perform spectacular feats, but his mighty power to make our present-day witness effective. Our hearts must be aflame and our message must burn.

If we tarry and then go, we are in a direct line of obedience to the Master's command. For the spirit of Pentecost is still the true missionary spirit. Pentecost gives the desire, the impulse, the courage, and the power, to win the world for Christ. Pentecost completely prepares and equips each reaper for his task.

We have reasons to believe that the apostles journeyed hither and thither, even to distant lands, carrying the good news of salvation. The Biblical record of post-Pentecostal days

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The King's Highway