

Looking Back On My Life

by Minah Singie Nkosi*

A few years ago, there lived a family of the name Nkosi of whom I am a daughter. We lived in the district of Louwsburg and father brought up his children in a Christian manner. Though my father was a born again man, we were not; and we did not realize the need of salvation until the Lord spoke to us in our hearts.

Now I shall briefly tell about things I remember which came into my life, during childhood and girlhood.

One day as the heavy rains began to fall my parents told me this: "Next week you are going to look after the baby while we go ploughing



MISS MINAH NKOSI

in the fields." Well as our custom is and as a sign of obedience I said nothing and yet deep down in my heart I was sad. Why? Simply because I knew what it meant to me when things went wrong during their absence. My father was such a clever man that even if two fruits had been picked he would recognise that. Still, I did many tricks which brought sorrow and pain afterwards to myself.

In 1948 I was attending school at Altona in the Piet Retief district, where Rev. E. Kierstead lived and I worked for him. Mr. Kierstead had a big grinding machine and his wife sent me to him to ask him to sharpen the kitchen knives on the machine, so I went. Mr. Kierstead asked me to ask the teacher what he would rather have, mealie rice or mealie meal. The grinder made a noise so that I could not hear properly what he said. I kept on saying "I've come to ask you to sharpen knives." He also did not understand. He got tired of me standing in front of him. Finally he clapped. Oh my! it seemed as though everything he said was in the palm of his hand, because I went straight to the teacher and delivered the message as it was. I still remember that day and I am sure that it will not be soon forgotten.

Oh, how I wish I could live those years again, and make a better job of them; and yet all is in vain. Past days will never return. I am thankful to God that there is still a chance to make good; for I came to know Him as my personal Saviour in my girlhood. So I have time to please Him and my parents. This is the

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Dear Young People:

It is with great shame that we write at this late date to thank you for your very generous wedding present. It was a case of one thinking the other was doing the writing. Do forgive us! The gift came as a great surprise and there just are no words to express our appreciation. God richly bless you.

We read with great interest about all the advances being made by our denominational Y. P. S. Truly the Lord is blessing and using our young people. Why don't you make up a few truck loads and come with us for a Sunday's services at Daveyton and Wattville. By night you wouldn't need anyone to rock you to sleep!

Yours for souls,
Paul and Mary Sanders

WESLEY ON PERFECT LOVE

Discussions with Maxfield failed to bring about agreement. The breach widened. In November 1762 John Wesley wrote him at length. The letter acknowledged Maxfield's doctrinal zeal and then probed the main issue—the spirit which the confessor of Perfect Love should display.

"What I most of all dislike (wrote Wesley) is your littleness of love to your brethren, to your own Society; your want of union of heart with them and bowels of mercies toward them: your want of meekness, gentleness, longsuffering; your impatience of contradiction; your counting every man your enemy that reproves or admonishes you in love; your bigotry and narrowness of spirit, loving in a manner only those that love you; your censoriousness, proneness to think hardly of all who do not exactly agree with you: in one word, your divisive spirit."

Henry Carter,
The Methodist Heritage

THE HOLY BIBLE

From the Washington Religious Review, we learn that President Eisenhower now has copies of the Holy Bible in seventy-eight foreign languages. These were left at the White House by officials of the American Bible Society, to whom the President gave assurance that he would see that every overnight guest in the White House will have in his room a copy of the Bible in his own language.

—Temperance Advocate

verse which reminds me to do good to my parents, Ex. 20:12, so that my days will be lengthened and I will have opportunity to tell others of what He has done for me.

* Minah's father has now passed on to his reward after a short but very fruitful ministry. Her mother, a Bible woman, is left with the care of the family of 2 boys and 5 girls. She needs your prayers.

W. MORGAN

THOUGHTS ON THE COVENANT

(continued)

By Lic. Stillman Cameron

Article eight of our covenant reads thus: "We also agree to 'press on unto perfection' and not to rest until we have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit to cleanse us from all sin through the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord." Note the phrase, "we also 'agree.'" Again I inquire, how can people agree to something which they know little or nothing about? If you were to approach certain of our members concerning this part of our covenant, you would meet with the astonishing answer that the Ephesian converts set before Paul, "we have not so much as heard." Thus, to such people, the covenant is void. They verily do not agree to "press on unto perfection," nor do they worry about "resting" until they have attained to the same. It is embarrassing to confess that many make the so-called "second trip" to the altar and then enter into eternal rest. I know not which is worse, the latter or the former.

Permit me, if you will, to make two observations. First, those who are not in sympathy with our doctrine cannot possibly promote it. Would a political party promote, or even accept into their fellowship one whose interests were with their opponents? Certainly not. Yet we promote into the offices of our churches men who are not interested in our doctrine.

The second observation. Members who are not in sympathy with our doctrine hinder its progress. What do people think when they see a member of our church who neither possesses nor believes in the experience of heart holiness? This offers the basis for a most embarrassing criticism against our church.

FROM SEAL COVE

Greetings to Highway readers from Seal Cove Young People's Society. At a recent meeting of our society, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

- President—Brantford Cronk
- Vice-President—Beth Cann
- Secretary—Larry Ingersoll
- Treasurer—Bobby Brown
- Self Denial Treasurer—Sherwin Brown
- Pianist—Audrey Bagley
- Assistant Pianist—Nancy Ingersoll
- Ushers—Philip Cann, Larry Ingersoll

We have a very fine Young People's organization. Our average attendance every Friday night is around thirty.

Yours in His service,
Larry Ingersoll

PRESIDENT BANS LIQUOR

President Eisenhower has abolished the serving of alcoholic beverages at White House functions, and has issued a directive to the United States Defense Department banning sale of liquor by the bottle in military camps. The Defense Department had previously authorized such sale.

—from Conquest

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We express our sincere thanks for the gifts received for this Fund. We closed the year with a deficit of nearly \$600.00. A resolution was passed at Alliance that receipts of this Supplementary Fund be used to wipe out this deficit. We appreciate this fine response. Other individuals and churches interested in assisting are asked to send contributions to the business manager, Rev. E. W. Tokley, Box 277, Moncton, N. B.

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The following is the first in a series of articles on the history of Bethany Bible College. These articles were written by Miss Ida Ripley, Londonderry, N. S. Miss Ripley is a graduate of Bethany Bible College.

HOLINESS BIBLE INSTITUTE

By Ida Ripley

Why are we as young people privileged to attend Bethany Bible College? How was this institution originated? Why? When? Where? Briefly, what is the history of this holiness Bible School?

We must go back to 1945 to the annual July meeting of the Reformed Baptist Alliance at Beulah Camp. There, that summer, it was decided that a holiness Bible School should be organized with the purpose of training young men and women for Christian service. That is, that there should be provided a three year course in Bible subjects available to those preparing to enter the field of labor to which God had called them.

Accordingly in October, 1945, the desired institution was opened in Woodstock, N. B., under the name of "Holiness Bible Institute."

For a short time previous to this, however, the students roomed in the Woodstock parsonage and attended classes in the Sunday School classrooms of the church.

But in October, a hotel—Hammond House—was purchased and there Holiness Bible Institute had its beginning. The fine three-storey building was of the type needed for such an institution. An important modern convenience was provided—running water in all rooms on the second and third floors. In addition, an excellent dining hall and a reception room were added to the rooms already located on the first floor.

It is estimated that if all parts of that building had been put to use, and another building on campus had been renovated, together they could have had a capacity accommodation for sixty students.

The first school at H. B. I. welcomed approximately fourteen students. It was found that students applying for the Bible course did not always have a sufficient educational background; therefore, a High School course was included in the plan.

The school opened with three teachers—one for the Bible Department and two for the High School Department. The former was Rev. G. A. Rogers and the latter were Miss Mary Campbell and Mr. H. L. Robertson. The following year, Miss Uta Chase, our present Dean of Women, was a High School teacher.

Among those who attended H. B. I. were: R. T. Benson, A. L. Stairs, Walter Fernley, and Enos Cann, all ordained ministers now.

The Holiness Bible Institute continued for two years in Woodstock. It was difficult to center all activities within one building and it was very evident that future expansion was limited. Therefore, in 1947, it was decided

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the diligent reading and study of God's Word and meeting our Lord in the secret place. Rev. Billy Graham reminds young people that they must not substitute the family altar for their own private devotions.

It is the feeling of this committee that we need an increased devotion to the church of our choice. While we are not sectarian in outlook, nevertheless, we strongly recommend the storehouse method of giving to the cause of our Lord. At least the tithe should be used in support of the program of the church with which we have chosen to identify ourselves. Our missionary program and educational program are both in need. We wish to make special mention of Bethany Bible College, and our Bible College in Africa. Here we have worthy men who deserve our best support. Listen to Paul—"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor; especially they who labor in the Word and doctrine. For the Scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn." And, The laborer is worthy of his reward." I. Tim. 5:17-18.

Finally, a word to ministers and teachers, if this be in order. Many have returned to Biblical teaching and preaching. This is heartening. The world cries for a note of authority in spiritual matters, and our authority lies not in our own, "think so," and personal conviction, but in the Scriptures.

Let it not be said that there is a dearth of "clear-cut," practical holiness teaching and preaching in our churches. God raised us up, as He did the early Methodists, to spread Scriptural holiness over these lands.

The church must never overlook the importance and necessity of ministering to the life of the believer. Salvation is to be followed by instruction. This can be done both by individual and group method. The mid-week prayer meeting might well include an extended period for instruction in the Word and discussion of the same. Prayer and Bible study groups are important in the development of spiritual life.

Laymen are important in the life of the church. The minister who is appreciated by his congregation is one who shows appreciation for them. Many Christian laymen will jump to the opportunity of Christian service if the pastor's enthusiasm for evangelism is contagious. Soul winning is the root need of our church and community. If we are to make a moral and spiritual come-back in our generation, then let every church organize for a concrete program of evangelism.

Committee—

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that the school be moved to more spacious quarters in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

In June, 1947, Holiness Bible Institute in Woodstock, New Brunswick, came to a close. The desired property in Yarmouth was purchased and in September of that year the school reopened under the new name, "Bethany Bible College."

(To be continued)