



MISSIONARY REPORT FROM NATIVE WORKER

Dear Brethren:

Greeting to you all in the Saviour's Name— Jesus our Lord, and King!

I am happy to find myself counting our many blessings here in South Africa.

To start with, we had our December Conference just recently. The Conference was held from January 7th-12th. We had a wonderful time of blessing. The Great God visited us in all of the services. In the Prayer Meeting in the morning we felt His presence. Oh, in the Bible Class in the morning the Lord was with us. Also in the Afternoon, and Evening Services He was with us. We Praise Him for that!

During the Conference some new workers were added to our group. We had three Abancedisi (Laypreachers), two Abakhokheli (Bible women), and one Ijoyini (Lay-Bible woman). Praise God for that!

All the workers that were present at the Conference, were very pleased indeed to hear the Evangelical Holiness Bible School Report for 1957. Their pleasure did not stop there, but they wish to express their appreciation to the Churches Overseas. They would like to express their thanks to all who prayed, who contributed, and to all who did anything for our Bible School. This they say on behalf of the Reformed Baptist Church in South Africa.

To close this letter, may our Great God, our Heavenly Father, who is above all, and who knows all, bless each who does anything for the E. H. B. S. May God bless all those who gave anything to the School during 1957.

Though we may fail to express our thanks, we know that He will never fail to fulfill our thanks to you.

In everything we give Glory to God. Remember us more in prayer. We also promise to remember you in prayer.

Yours in His Love,

Shadrack S. Nkosi,
Secretary of South African Alliance.

JESUS, VICTOR OVER DEATH

Come, ye saints, look here and wonder;

See the place where Jesus lay:

He hath burst His bands asunder,

He has borne our sins away;

Joyful tidings!

Yes, the Lord has risen today.

Jesus triumphs; sing ye praises;

By His death He overcame:

Thus the Lord His glory raises,

Thus He fills His foes with shame;

Sing ye praises!

Praises to the Victor's name.

Jesus triumphs! countless legions

Come from Heaven to meet their King;

Soon in yonder blessed regions,

We shall join His praise to sing:

Songs eternal

Shall through Heaven's high arches ring.

—Thomas Kelly

THE QUESTION OF IMMORTALITY

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In the midst of a very precious reading of the word recently, the following words were lifted up and made to speak to my consciousness with a new and rich emphasis: "In the World To Come."

In the natural world there is a fixed law of demand and supply. Carrying this natural law into the realm of the spiritual, the strongest demand in the consciousness of humanity is for continuity of life. There is a native outreach of our humanity toward the eternities. This desire is planted so deeply in the human race that aspiration and hope in this direction are to be found in the lives of all nations, kindreds, tribes, and tongues. That God should provide a supply for all the demands in the realm of human need in this life and ignore this deep desire for immortality is unthinkable.

The ancient philosopher cried out in his questioning, "If a man die shall he live again?" When He who brought grace and truth to light, turned to His disciples on the occasion of the multitudes leaving him, and asked, "Will ye also go away?" Peter replied in these memorable words: "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Peter thus recognized and acknowledged that the age-long quest of the race of men found its answer in Him who came to give life and life more abundantly. It is one of the glories of our Christian faith that clear light shines upon the pathway of life as regards the future.

Gibbon in his history of ancient Rome gives as one of the reasons for the success of Christianity during the first three centuries of the Christian era the fact of the doctrine of a future life. We are apt to be so filled with things of time and sense as to push the reality of things to come far in the distance. Yet when we stop to consider how near the world to come is to each one of us, there is but a step between us and death.

The light of the world reveals to us not only that death does not end all, but that it does not end or even suspend consciousness. The moment one is unconscious on this side the veil, he is in that same moment conscious on the other side. Thus I say again, how close to each one of us is the world to come.

To live in the light of this truth, to walk in continued preparedness for the change, to service so that if each day were our last our work would be well done, presents to us the most worth-while and worthy type of living. Yes, my friend, there is a world to come. There is a future life. This is the time to make our preparation for that life.

When we consider the capacities and potentialities of each member of the human race, and then when we recognize the provision which has been made for each one to obtain the gift and prepare for the possession of eternal life, how unworthy of us it is to live thoughtless, careless lives, neglecting God and grasping only after the bubbles of wordly pleasure. The most reasonable and consistent life in the world is the devout, consecrated Christian life. Let us each one follow the Daystar which leads us into the endless life with God.

HE LIVES!

Some supposedly intellectual men were discussing the Resurrection and finally agreed that Christ did not rise from the dead. A humble Christian, overhearing the conversation, projected himself into it by saying: "Pardon me, gentlemen, but I am positive Christ has risen from the dead because I spent an hour with Him this morning." If we spent more time in His fellowship, if we talked with Him every day, we would have fewer doubts.—Sel.