

A MESSAGE OF FAREWELL

On Board "Thorsdrake"

St. John, N. B.

December 9, 1959.

Dear Highway Friends.

May we take this opportunity on board ship, while awaiting our sailing hour, to bid you all farewell; We do praise God for His goodness to us in allowing us to serve Him among the darkened peoples of Africa.

Our time spent at home while on furlough has meant a great deal to us. We feel the benefit of it both physically and spiritually.

Contact with our people as we travelled among the churches helped to bolster our faith and challenge our own hearts to greater effort for Him. It was our privilege also to have the opportunity of pastoring, at Black's Harbour, some of the finest people of our denomination. We feel they were a much greater benefit to us than we were to them. May the Lord continue to bless them and their pastor as they press the battle for holiness in that community.

We have most sincerely appreciated the many kindnesses shown to us from people all over our denomination, and from many outside denominational ties.

Our ship is quite large and our accommodations are excellent. We are the only passengers on board. If we don't become bored with looking at one another we should have a pleasant trip. We would undoubtedly be on our way at this moment were there not such a gale blowing. If the wind calms we are due to sail at eight in the morning.

As we break the ties of the homeland once more we do it in the firm confidence that the many assurances of your prayers and interest will follow us through our second term in Africa. May we always keep in mind that in the service of the King whether at home or abroad we are "workers together with Him."

In His Glad service,

Bill and Elsie Morgan and Family.

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In the October 31st Highway, an appeal for help was issued by our Foreign Mission Board. In that appeal it was stated that we needed to receive \$6,000 during the month of November if we were to pay pre-Christmas salaries to missionaries on the field, and follow through with plans to send Bill and Elsie Morgan on their way back to South Africa early in December. The report of our Foreign Missions treasurer, which appears below, speaks for itself. Receipts for the month were very close to the \$6,000 mark. The response was most gratifying. And, as a result, the salaries of missionaries were paid, and the Morgans sailed according to schedule. Moreover, we were enabled to forward special monies to the field for the following projects: Furnishing a memorial room in the new Rhodesian hospital; purchase of medical supplies for the hospital; the beginning of the residence for Dr. and Mrs. Emmett; and the beginning of a new church building.

A number of churches are not listed in the above report, so we are hoping that their contributions will be received to put the total response to this special appeal well past the minimum objective. The Foreign Mission Board is deeply grateful for this fine expression of in-

terest in our missionary work. And we are sure that the response will be very meaningful to our missionaries.

A good resolution for any church for the New Year: We purpose, by the help of the Lord, to do more for missions in 1960!

In behalf of the F. M. Board,
B. C. Cochrane, President.

"A WAVING HANDKERCHIEF"

Rev. W. L. Fernley

At approximately 8 a.m. this morning (Dec. 10) I watched the "Thoresdrake" gently head out to sea from Saint John Harbour. She was beginning her voyage to South Africa. Among the people on the deck was Bill Morgan, who waved a white handkerchief as a last farewell to me and his native land.

That "HANDKERCHIEF" is still before me as I write. It symbolised a story and gave me a new vision. The "Story" of the waving handkerchief began when Bill was converted—it will never end. Many chapters will be written, but there will be no last Chapter. All that Salvation has done and will do for him and through him will never end. Eternity alone will reveal the story of Sacrifice, Success, and Submission, that has been characteristic of his life.

That "HANDKERCHIEF" gave me a NEW VISION. I saw the work of "Home Missions": But for a Home Missionary he never would have been Saved. The Church of which he is a member, would never have come into being. Then I saw Bethany Bible College. Here he received his Christian Training. Beulah Camp Ground flashed before me. Here it was that he found spiritual help and inspiration. Now I see Africa, he is on his way to a Foreign Mission Field. What does my vision reveal? A DENOMINATIONAL UNITY, each part contributing to the Whole. We dare not forget any one phase, but pray, give, and believe, that working together our great Cause will prevail.

to you who read these words? Next time you are asked to GIVE, PRAY, or GO, will determine what it really means. May God help us all to get a proper perspective of the whole plan and work of God that no one part shall be forgotten.

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When he had got about that length, and managed to spin out ten minutes or so, he was at the end of his tether. Then he looked at me under the gallery, and I dare say, with so few present, he knew me to be a stranger. He then said, "Young man, you look very miserable." Well, I did, but I had not been accustomed to having remarks made on my appearance from the pulpit. However, it was a good blow struck. He continued: "And you will always be miserable—miserable in life, and miserable in death—if you do not obey my text. But if you obey now, this moment, you will be saved."

Then he shouted as only a Primitive Methodist can, "Young man, look to Jesus Christ!"

I did 'look.'

There and then the cloud was gone, the darkness had rolled away, and that moment I saw the sun: I could have risen that moment and sung with the most enthusiastic of them of the precious blood of Christ, and of the simple faith which looks alone to Him.