



NEEDS OF THE MISSION FIELD

It has been several months since we last reported through the Church Paper, and some recent events prompt us to do so at this time.

Only last week did the Highway containing all of the Beulah Notes and Alliance News reach us. How interesting it was to read of the good Camp Meeting and Alliance Sessions. Now we anticipate the "Minutes" so that all of the Statistical Reports, etc., will be available for careful study. Over 6,000 miles of water does not 'dampen' our interest in the Church at home.

There is nothing unusual to report from the Louwsburg Area. The devil has been, and still is, very busy doing all he can to hinder the Message of Holiness. The attendance in both Day Schools (4) and Sunday Schools (12) has increased this Term, and there is good reason to expect that we will receive Govt. Subsidy for Teacher's Salaries in 2 more Schools at the beginning of the New Year. We still have been unable to find a Nurse for the local Clinic.

Two weeks ago, when returning from a Sun. School about 6 miles away, an incident occurred which points out the need for prayer for Divine Protection for All Missionaries. On a very sharp, blind curve in the road, I met a large 10 wheeler transport. It was towing another 4 wheeled trailer and both were heavily loaded and on the wrong side. Both children were asleep on the front seat, (Helene was at home) and when the brakes were applied and we went in the ditch they rolled on to the floor. Fortunately, nobody was hurt and no damage done to the car. With each Missionary having to supervise a huge area, and driving many miles on extremely poor and dangerous roads, the need for God's Care is very great.

Only last week another incident happened which points out a different need for our Mission Work in General. We had sold our car in Paulpietersburg and had to come home with the 1953 Mission G.M.C. Only 15 miles out of town, a little pipe rattled off and all the oil was pumped out. Of course it was imperative to stop as soon as trouble was apparent. After 5 long, cold hours sitting by the road, the Wrecker arrived and we were towed back to the Sanders, arriving at 2:30 A.M. The old wreck of a G.M.C. has done over 100,000 hard miles. It is used for hauling building materials, transporting Natives to and from Conferences, and occasionally by an individual missionary in a pinch. (The Supt. has stopped using it for his supervisory travels because of its condition.) When the Board feels that an appeal can be made to secure another, better Mission Truck, please pray and PAY.

Only today did another incident occur which points out still another and different need. When I arrived at the Outpost where a service was scheduled, the School Teacher who usually acts as Interpreter there, failed to appear. With my lack of Zulu, all we could do was sing some Sunday School choruses, read the Parable of the Prodigal Son, pray in English, (more for our own encouragement than anything else) sing some more, then have the Natives repeat the Lord's Prayer to close. Anyone who has had to try and preach or do any Mission Work through an Interpreter knows how frustrating and unsatisfactory it is. (Thank the Lord that on the Day of Pentecost no Interpreters were needed or likely things would have become mixed up, and the 3,000 never converted). The Language Barrier is more real and difficult to overcome when one is right up against it than it is when one is at home talking about it.

We need, if possible in the future, a better way of "breaking in", and not just "breaking", our new missionaries. You can pray about this matter at home, and the Lord will enable the Board and Field Conference to find the proper solution for the problem.

Apart from head colds, sore throats, upset stomachs, and dentist appointments, we are all well and expect to do the best we can to carry on this rewarding work. Thank you for your prayer support.

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— Guest Editorial —

OPPOSITION WILL COME

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in "Pilgrim Holiness Advocate"

A man is known by his enemies as well as by his friends.

This fact is pointed up in the reported visit of a chaplain to Martin Niemoller while the latter was held in a detention camp after being arrested for taking his stand for Christian principles against the Nazis. "Why are you here?" asked the chaplain. "Why are you not here?" retorted Niemoller.

Perfect goodness will not inspire universal love. The hired man who runs away when the flock is attacked is safe from the fangs of the wolf; but the faithful man who defends his sheep may expect at times to suffer wounds not only from the wolf, but also from the hired man seeking to justify himself. The life of Jesus demonstrated that.

Jesus Christ did not, however, have a "martyr complex." He did not harp upon the fact that people opposed him. There were, in fact, times when he purposely went out of his way to avoid difficulty and danger.

But on the other hand, he did not stoop to unworthy means in overcoming the opposition which came as he went about doing his work. He made no attempt to appease his enemies. As someone has said, "At no point in the record do we find any indication of such appeal. Jesus was patient and gracious, but he made no false effort to soothe their ruffled feelings or to place an innocuous interpretation upon his actions. He simply let them stand."

He never abandoned any position he took—not even when opposed. And he was never alarmed or confused. He knew where he was going. He knew the course he was to follow, and he allowed nothing to turn him aside.

During a conference of foreign powers, the representative of a country hostile to us hurled innuendoes and insults at one of our ambassadors. Our ambassador stood unruffled, unperturbed—in perfect control of himself. At the close of the tirade, he said, "Sir, it makes little difference what you think of me. All that matters is what the world thinks about the nation I represent."

That was how Jesus met opposition. He was always a worthy representative of the heavenly country from which he came. He met opposition with his objective clearly in mind. He knew what he was doing and why. So he was unmoved by the carping criticisms of his accusers.

We can all learn a lesson from this. For if we live as we should we are sure to meet opposition. "Persecution is inevitable for those who are determined to live really Christian lives" (II Tim. 3:12—Phillips). If men in this world were perfect we might expect to do right without criticism, but with men as they are, we must expect opposition. If we stand for anything we shall have to take our stand against some things.