

Missionary Column

NEWS FROM THE MORGANS

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in His Most Precious Name!

I would like to share with you some of the blessings I have felt recently. There were two lovely newsy letters from the Sterritts written at Beulah. I don't know when I enjoyed letters more than those. They were so full of Beulah and so real that I felt as though I were right there and oh how homesick that made me!

On Sunday we had our Sunday School at an outpost a few miles away at which ninety-nine Zulu boys and girls were present (there are approx. one hundred and fifty on the roll call there). It did bless and inspire me to be singing choruses in Zulu with them once again and watch their close attention as Bill gave the lesson. Three of the children gave themselves to the Lord at the close.

After that service we drove on to Vryheid and heard part of the tape recording of the Missionary Service held at Beulah this year. There wasn't time then to hear it all but we hope to hear it to the finish soon. The part we did hear was so good and made me homesick all over again. Homesick to share the fellowship and blessings that were present in that service. At the invitation of Mr. Kierstead we then left for a service at a new place that he has had opportunity to open near where he now teaches. There were only a few present but I felt it was one of the very best services I have ever attended out here. I felt the presence of God was very near, especially as two young girls sang in Zulu 'Draw me Nearer'. As they sang I prayed—Oh God, do draw me nearer to Thyself. I feel no one can ever be drawn too close to God, but out here there are so many evil forces at work we need such a very close walk with the Lord. Bill brought the message and then after being served tea and cakes by the African ladies we left for home.

When we arrived back in Vryheid we visited Grace and David Titlestad for a few minutes then came on home arriving about 9:30 having travelled approximately 160 miles or more for the day. I felt it had been such a good day.

When I think of our furlough in the homeland it almost seems like a dream. As I look back it seems as though we hit off almost more than we could chew and we couldn't do any one job effectively. We became parents of two children, took on a pastorate and travelled a great deal holding missionary services, the result being we were desperately tired so much of the time. I often wonder if I left the kind of impression with our people that would challenge them and make them want to do more for missions. I pray that I did.

It was wonderful being home and we enjoyed every part of our stay so much, but even though things are different here it is so satisfying to be where God wants us. I feel happy and blessed today and so very glad that I belong to Christ.

In Him,

Bill, Elsie, Suzanne and Murray Morgan.

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Our only concern is to win the victory regardless of cost—S. M. Zwemer.

Anywhere provided it be forward.—David Livingstone.

NEW MISSIONARIES SAIL

Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Emmett, and their daughter, Bethany Joy, left St. John, N. B., for Africa, on Monday, October 31, on the M.S. "Thurscarrier".

THE DISEASE OF THE CHURCH

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new measures, that we need new churches, that we need new organs, new choirs, and all the new things. That is not what the Church of God needs today. It is the old power that the Apostles had; that is what we want, and if we have that in our churches, there will be new life. Then we will have new ministers—the same old ministers renewed with power, filled with the Spirit."

Spurgeon said: "If we have not the Spirit of God, it were better to shut the churches, to nail up the doors, to put a black cross on them, and say, 'God have mercy on us!' If you ministers have not the Spirit of God you would better not preach, and you people would better stay at home. I think I speak not too strongly when I say that a church in the land without the Spirit of God is rather a curse than a blessing. If you have not the Spirit of God, Christian worker, remember that you stand in somebody else's way. You are as a tree bearing no fruit standing where another fruitful tree might grow. This is solemn work: the Holy Spirit or nothing and worse than nothing. Death and condemnation to a church that is not yearning after the Spirit, and crying and groaning until the Spirit has wrought mightily in her midst."

Rev. S. A. Keen, D.D., the mighty advocate of holiness and Spirit power of the Methodist Episcopal Church, so recently translated, wrote, in his "Pentecostal Papers": "How presumptuous for us to attempt our mission without the anointing, when Jesus did not venture to enter upon his without the aid of the Spirit! How careful he was to guard his first disciples against venturing to their mission—even after their commission was given, and the gospel message all ready for the mouth of its heralds—without the anointing of the Holy Ghost! He said: "Tarry till ye be endued with the power from on high.' Yet how many ministers, teachers, missionaries, evangelists, and workers have gone to their mission without this power to achieve it! The great blunder of the Church today is, that so many are attempting to do God's work, and to save souls, without the power of the Holy Ghost. Then we wonder why, for so much giving and doing and going, there is so little fruit and so little salvation. If the column of the Church could halt a few moments, get on its knees, look up, and receive the Holy Ghost, without stopping long enough to go into camp, it would push on the campaign so successfully that it would be the surprise of this century."

FIRST THINGS FIRST

We may rest fully assured of this—a man's influence in the world can be gauged, not by his eloquence or his zeal or his energy or his orthodoxy, but by his prayers.

We may work for Christ from morn till night; we may spend much time in Bible study; we may be earnest and faithful in our preaching and in our individual dealing; but none of these can be truly effective unless we are much in prayer. We shall only be full of good works, and not "bearing fruit in every good work" Col. 1:10). To be little with God in prayer is to be little for God in service. Much secret prayer means public power. Yes, is it not a fact that while our organizing is well-nigh perfect, our agonizing in prayer is well-nigh lost?

—The Kneeling Christian.

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"Little by little the bitterest feelings are sweetened by the mention of them in prayer."

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