EDITORIAL

THE BIBLE YOUR COMPANION

One of the great urges of humanity is the urge or desire for companionship, friendship or fellowship. All of us have friends. Some of us have intimate friends. But I wonder, have we thought of making the Bible our friend and companion?

The Bible is a valuable friend. It has stood the test of the ages because it has lived in the hearts and lives of men, as well as on paper. The life of the Bible supplements the written word. Its message to human hearts is a primary source of help in every walk of life.

Some years ago, while writing in a child's autograph in Scotland, I came across these words: "In quiet times; in stormy times; in doubting times; for all time; make the Bible your companion". Through companions we meet new friends. Through the Bible we meet the friend of friends - Jesus our Saviour and Lord.

We need the Bible as a Companion in quiet times. The psalmist says that the man is Blessed who meditates upon the word of God. His delight was in the law of the Lord. He was particular about his reading material, He was careful what companionship he kept during his hours of leisure. Are you?

Bible Companionship has produced many gems from lives of devotion during hours of quietness with the Bible. It was in a time of quietness, with her Bible, which resulted in Ida Reed's great hymn, "I Belong to the King". There is Toplady "Rock of Ages", Wesley's "Jesus Lover of My Soul", F. J. Crosby's "Near the Cross", which add so much richness to our worship. These and many more great hymns were born because someone made the Bible their daily friend in times of quietness.

We need the Bible in times of storm. Life has so many storms. The Bible gives us a true picture of life in this respect. The Leper, the halt, the maimed, the lame, the blind, the burden bearer, the sorrowing one, yea the sinner, are all spoken of in the Bible. In each of these cases, the words of Jesus were unquestionably a source of comfort and strength to the victims. It is in these times of stress and strain that we need a true companion. The Bible is your best Companion in times of storm because it directs you to One who speaks peace to troubled waters and brings a calm to a weary and turbulent soul.

We need the Bible in times of doubt. How many people have had their doubts erased through reading the Bible. It has given them new faith in God as Creator, Sustainer and Saviour.

At the tomb the Angels said concerning Jesus, not here, He has risen As He said". Then the disciples remembered the word of the Lord. On the road to Emmaus, two men were in grief and doubt. Jesus spoke to them. They returned home with new faith and hope. There is no greater remedy for doubt than to take your Bible and get alone with it and God.

The Bible as a bosom friend gives us a vision of the true values of life. It gives us direction for life. It shows us the source of life. We can, therefore, do no better than follow the pattern of the Psalmist when he said, "Thy word have I had in my heart that I might not sin against Thee".

MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES

(Charles and Myra Sanders)

1. When first felt called to mission field His-started before he went overseas in 1929. Settled in 1937

Hers—Shortly after she was saved in 1931

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His-Rev. H. C. & Ella (Kinney) Sanders Hers—Mr. and Mrs. Elton and Susanna (Smith) Crowell

- 3. Hometown and Home Church His-born Hartland, N. B. - Amherst, N. S. Hers-born Baccaro, N. S. -- Port Maitland, N. S.
- 4. Education other than High School His-Fredericton Provincial Normal School, Bethany Bible College Hers-R.N. - Yarmouth Hospital, Toronto Bible College, Bethany Bible College
- When married—April 17, 1945 Hartland Mission Station, Natal, S. Africa
- 6. When ordained—1937
- 7. First Church-Westchester, N. S. Hartland Mission
- 8. Outposts opened through their ministry Nhlangwini-Louwsburg Area; Ulundi-Swaziland assisted our native workers, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Nsibanyoni to open this work; first resident missionary at Ermelo
- 9. Children—Pamela February 13, 1946 attends high school at Ermelo; Esther-May 5, 1948 attends high school at Ermelo; Joy-October 5, 1951, attends Vander Merve School at Ermelo tobacco smoke fill the house and
- What they do

Myra works in the Ermelo Government Hospital - in both European and Native wards. She has various opportunities to speak to doctors, nurses besides the European and African patients. She also has her family duties.

Charles supervises the work in the Ermelo District and assists the Superintendent Rev. E. A. M. Kierstead with the heavy administrative duties of the South African field.

Points of interest-All the Sanders girls are interested in music. We trust the Lord will use their talents for His honour and glory.

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Doubt sees the obstacles-Faith sees the way.

Doubt sees the darkest night-

Faith sees the day.

Doubt dreads to take a step-

Faith soars on high!

Doubt questions, "Who believes?"

Faith answers, "I".

-Baptist Informer

If we attempt to expound the Scriptures let us read and meditate in private, not merely for others but for ourselves. It is a poor thing for a man to be continually occupied in procuring food for other people and he himself dying of starvation. The standar and an analysis ambanol ed to the Church of the Church of the

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