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for my own health's sake (I am fine) but for the opportunity of observing the inner working of this great institution. Technically, during various tests, I was a patient and spent two nights there. I was cared for by Zulu nurses who impressed me with their devotion, efficiency, and poise. Each nurse was a testimony to the careful training and consecrated skill of the medical staff. Missions and medicine, to my mind, are a tremendously effective combination. McCord has a 330 bed capacity, and with the exception of an occasional visitor like myself, or a missionary, all the patients are African, along with a few Indians. So far as I could see there was not an empty bed, and I took a complete tour. What an opportunity! Besides the regular witness of doctors and nurses I noticed that on the staff there was a Christian worker whose sole task, every day, was to read the Bible to the patients, sing hymns, and bring them the message of Christ. Another significant part of the hospital schedule was the morning chapel service for nurses and staff. I will never forget the effect of 50 or 60 Zulu nurses singing the Lord's Prayer in their own language. It was my privilege while at McCord to give a devotional address at a reception for an entering class of nurses specializing in midwifery. It may be readily inferred that my experiences have been many and diverse.

Before I left Durban a missionary friend took me out a few miles to the new African township of Kwa Mashu. This is a government sponsored housing project. I have thought of adjectives to use here, and I might be pardoned if I say it was fantastic. There were literally thousands of simple brick dwellings all over the hills and in the valleys. Maybe 125,000 people were living here. The place looked very hot and dusty. I don't remember seeing any trees. I saw about 16 churches in the project, including one Free Methodist and one Assemblies of God. Not far away from here was the old African township of Cato Manor, where the "houses" consisted mostly of strips of corrugated iron on top of mud walls. Both places were terribly depressing, but in a different sort of way.

My return trip to Modderpoort was not quite so fast. I "enjoyed" my maiden voyage on a South African train. While my trip to Durban was exactly eight hours, my return took nearly twenty. It was wearisome, but every stop was some kind of an adventure — little boys holding out their hands for pennies, Zulus selling fresh peaches, or a flock of tall, white tick birds walking around with a herd of cattle.

I was delighted with the trip, but was glad to be back in the quiet of Modderpoort where the cypresses are tall on the mission grounds, and the wind sighs through a small grove of pines.

FROM LIVERPOOL, N. S.

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joyed by all. Two raised their hands for prayer in this service.

In closing we would like to mention the following prayer requests:

For those who recently raised their hands for prayer (seven adults).

For our Young People's services.

For Elsie and me that we will have the physical strength necessary to carry on.

For financial assistance to meet our building commitments. This burden is heavy at this time. Would those of you who are able be willing to help us at this time? One friend recently donated \$100. for the roofing shingles. Praise the Lord!

For a Holy Ghost revival and that the message of

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

FEBRUARY

Marysville	125.00
Mr. and Mrs. LeBaron Smith	10.00
Victoria Corner	10.00
Houlton	25.00
Head of Millstream	10.00
Mary A. Nichols Memorial	1040.00
Old Town	12.00
Seal Cove Miss. Society	100.00
A Friend	37.00
Woodwards Cove	10.00
Blacks Harbour	20.00
Salem	65.00
Presque Isle	32.00
Fort Fairfield	30.35
Seal Cove Church	122.00
Junior Crusaders	121.35
Bloomfield	24.00
Moncton	200.00
General W. M. Auxiliary	141.00
Marysville Sunday School	53.65
Woodstock	75.00
Havelock	30.00
Amherst	10.00
Truro	155.60
Saint John	147.00
Young Peoples Association	100.00
Primitive Baptist Churches, Tobique	67.10
Sandford	25.00
Blacks Harbour	25.00
Mrs. Manning Mullen	30.00
Fredericton	150.00
Yarmouth	32.50

TOTAL \$3035.55

With gratitude,
S. E. Cameron, Treasurer.

BETHANY FINANCIAL REPORT

PER CENT RECEIVED

Amherst	100*
Doaktown	100*
Glassville	100*
Gordonsville	100*
Head of Millstream	100*
Houlton	100*
Killam's Mills	100*
Maple Ridge	100*
Meductic	100*
Millville	100*
Old Town	100*
Perth	100*
Salem	100*
Sandy Point	100*
Barker's Point	100
Beals	100
Calais	100
Crystal	100
Fredericton	100
Havelock	100
Londonderry	100
Moncton	100
Sussex	100
Victoria Corner	100
Westchester	100
Woodwards Cove	100
Seal Cove	100
Woodstock	100
Lower Brighton	97
Presque Isle	96
Saint John	95
Port Maitland	92
Black's Harbour	92
Marysville	80
Yarmouth	75
Staceyville	73
Sandford	67
Jonesport	65
Grand Harbour	62
Blissfield	57
North Head	56
Brazil Lake	54
Grey's Mills	50
Bloomfield	41
Hartland	34
Truro	34
Wood Harbour	30
Norton	28
Halifax	25
Fort Fairfield	8
Amount of budget now due	88%
Amount of budget received	76%
This report covers to April 12, 1962	

*Indicates churches that have met the request for 20% above budget.

Thank You,
Jack Steeves, Treasurer.

holiness may go forth in the power and demonstration of the Spirit.

The Lord richly bless you all.

In Christ,
Elsie and Ole Kent