

FROM CHARLES SANDERS

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Dear Highway,

It is shocking to read in the last Highway, May 15 "Students Harass Minister-Instructor Claiming He Prayed In Class." And later on towards the end of this article, on the Editorial page to read: "Dr. Smith denied praying in class. He said he did ask students if they would join him in a brief moment of meditation, but later dropped the practice. He teaches education and history." To think that what we call a Christian Nation, has fallen so low that students can call praying in class "religious bigotry" and "unconstitutional." Another rather startling revelation comes from England telling of the leading witch, Mrs. Sybil Leek: "It is her ambition to found a University for witches. "Many witches," she says "do have the magic powers, but they lack spiritual equipment. At our University, they would have the opportunity of studying the powers of the occult. Experienced witches would lecture; a witches' library and research centre would be set up." The Star, Johannesburg Daily paper heads this article "Witches of the world Unite." The article of May 22, 1964 begins: "Witchcraft is enjoying a great revival in England — six years after the Act of 1735, making it illegal, was repealed. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries England — like many countries of Northern Europe and America — had witch hunts, and the last witch was publicly burnt to death in England in 1722." A later article, or news item tells of Mrs. Leek leaving England and going to America, and planning to set up her headquarters in Boston. Some of the Americans are supposed to have welcomed her with open arms. It is no wonder the world is in its present state when Christian countries are harbouring such anti-religious, and anti-Christ persons. It is no wonder communism is engulfing the world at such an appalling rate.

You will be interested in the following letter from our Reef Elder Paulos Malaza, of Natalspruit: He had just received his ½ June and ½ May salaries, plus two slips for his wife. "We have received these and therefore give thanks most sincerely to the brethren Overseas, and also to you. These reveal to us the path of love which is of God. He Who was never seen with the eyes of flesh by man on earth, but He saw mankind upon the earth, going straight to death, and He redeemed them with the life of His own Son. So with us we are not acquainted with these friends Overseas, and they have never seen us, however like Jesus, they are sacrificing for us: giving us money and clothing. I pray that we of South Africa, shall by these acts see an illustration of the love of God for the Bantu (or people)". So he concludes, asking that I send Mrs. Malaza's expression of appreciation in these words he has written. No doubt this will be encouraging to the ladies who take time to collect, wash, and iron, these useful garments that are sent out, at considerable cost-postage.

Our Elders' Conference was held at Altona Mission from May 26-29 and during my conversations with Malaza, or rather I think it was a statement that he made during one of our discussions on financial problems: we learned that his wife was in need of the above named garment, and he did not know just where the money was to come from to buy it. So when I got home I told Myra about this need, and she hunted round among the clothing from Overseas and gave me two slips which I mailed to Malaza (Mrs.) The above letter (translated).

A while back I suggested that no more Christmas cards (used) be sent to me for the Native Sunday School work, because I had a large quantity on hand, which I

IN-PATIENTS TREATED AT BETHESDA HOSPITAL

by Miss Uta Chase, R.N.

The past four months have found our hospital overcrowded, our facilities overtaxed and personnel — especially the doctor overworked. The month of March we averaged 68 in patients, April 71, and May 65. In June so far it has been very busy with 93 with us one night. You can imagine how our 33 bed hospital was fairly bursting at the seams.

It was especially difficult when for part of that time we had several 'contagious disease patients admitted, and we haven't any isolation ward. You may well ask, "What do you do in such a situation?" We had five Whooping Cough cases whom we admitted to the already overflowing male ward which at the time also had two T.B. patients. The two measles cases were admitted to the laundry room where they stayed until their rashes disappeared and they were declared non-infectious. During the same period two cases of Chicken-pox came to the clinic but I encouraged the mothers to take care of them at home and bring them daily for treatment.

On June 7 a man was admitted who had his right hand blown off with dynamite, suffered the loss of sight from right eye and several other wounds. Just previous to this man's admission a child had been brought in with a lacerated lip and several bruises to his head. We set up for the dynamite case in the office and for the lacerated lip in the case-room. Rev. E. M. Haywood assisted Dr. Emmett with the first procedure which lasted about 3 and ½ hours. Nearing the completion of the operation. Dr. Emmett said "This is just like a hospital tonight". I said "It may be like a hospital but this office sure doesn't look much like an operating-room." I might say that the patient has made a remarkable recovery in spite of our inadequate facilities.

The work is growing monthly it seems and patients are coming from further away all the time. The need for expansion is great but the government is unable to assist with extra building at the present time. Therefore we will have to continue to operate as we have been until the situation can be remedied.

Pray for the continued use of the hospital and its employees to a people sick in body and soul.

thought would last for a few years. BUT until Paul and Mary get back I need more, in fact the contents of that large box, nearly full, was soon reduced to nearly nothing, because I am supplying both fields: Ermelo and the Reef.

Two possible new outposts have come to our notice within the last month or so: On May 31 I went with two of our preachers: Dhlamini of Piet Retief, and Twala of Drifontein, to a place near the Mabuzi and Ntantana river junction, in the Amersfoort District (where we have no work). Here we held a service, after we located the home of one of our former members from, probably, the Piet Retief District. She has made arrangements that we hold services in the home of her father because he does not have possible flooded rivers to contend with. And this former member lives on "Balmoral" Farm (the same name as the Mission farm at Hartland M.S.) Twala and Dhlamini plan to visit this place again in August D.V. On June 7 I was at our Ulundi outpost in Swaziland and learned that one of our Sunday School teachers, Lot Dhlamini has been conducting Sunday School classes, at Mhlambanyati, some distance from Ulundi, and 7 young people have given themselves to seek salvation and the Christian faith. When ever I tell people about these two new openings they reply "The harvest truly is great but the reapers are few."

Yours in Him,
Charles Sanders.

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