

MISSIONARY AUXILIARY MEETING

by Miss Helen Goodspeed

For many weeks the Women's Missionary Auxiliaries of Fredericton, Barker's Point and Marysville had planned and worked for their joint meeting, when Mrs. Stora Emmett would be with them and tell of her trip to Africa. The afternoon of April 25th over seventy members and friends assembled in the N. B. Teachers' Association Building in Fredericton, with Mrs. Clarence Dow (Barker's Point Auxiliary) presiding and Mrs. Earl Clements (Fredericton) at the piano. After the opening hymn Mrs. Howard Alexander (Barker's Point) read the Scripture and Mrs. C. R. Symonds (Marysville) led in prayer. Then a solo by Mrs. Leslie Hicks (Fredericton) contributed to the sacred atmosphere of the gathering. In introducing the guest speaker, Mrs. Stora Emmett, Mrs. Dow spoke of the delight the members had in welcoming her. This was the moment had waited for and there was no disappointment. Very simply and beautifully this gracious woman from Old Town, Maine, brought her audience nearer to her God and the mission field and its needs. All were there with her as she travelled from station to station.

Much valuable information was given by Mrs. Emmett to assist the Auxiliaries in their work. Doubtful points were clarified. It was noted that ages 2 to 12 had been neglected in sending boxes, that clothing could be sent for the missionaries themselves, that canned goods, etc., could be sent (as the food of Africa is not the missionaries native food.) Small toys could be sent. Kitchen gadgets could be used by Miss Uta Chase. Towels, pillow cases and sheets may be sent to Mrs. Eugene Kierstead. Money is needed for a new reservoir at the hospital in Southern Rhodesia. This is urgent. The fact that heavy expenses must be incurred by the missionaries was stressed. In the schools where their children are, certain things must be provided, expensive blazers in one school. The roads there are hard on tires, but cars must be used, and ambulances. All the missionaries were referred to by Mrs. Emmett.

In closing, Mrs. Emmett read verses entitled "Are They Praying at Home". Mrs. H. S. Wilson (Marysville) moved the vote of thanks to the guest speaker. There was a question and answer period during the tea hour. At this time Mrs. M. W. Bagley (Barker's Point) returned thanks. Mrs. O. R. Hillman (Fredericton) and Mrs. Wilson poured. Miss Helen White was the convenor and young women from the three Auxiliaries served. There was an opportunity for all to greet Mrs. Emmett personally on this happy occasion.

Another joint meeting was held that evening in the Barker's Point Church. The three congregations met under the chairmanship of Millard Mitchell. Rev. Leslie Hicks led in prayer. The Mitchell-LaPointe Trio, accompanied by Mrs. Irvine Mitchell, sang "Seeking the Lost", "Peace like a River" and other selections. The girl "Harmonettes" sang "I will Follow Jesus", with Miss Sandra Estabrooks at the organ. A welcoming message was given to Mr. and Mrs. Stora Emmett, after which Mr. Emmett read the Scripture and showed slides of Africa. Detailed information was given regarding the Reformed Baptist Mission stations. There was much interest in the family of Dr. Storer Emmett, son of the guests of the evening. In fact, one seemed better acquainted with all our missionaries and their families after seeing these pictures. Their homes were shown and the trees and flowers they had planted. Wattle trees with their brilliant yellow flowers were noticed. Miss Uta Chase's little house came in for special attention. It was a great evening for the area churches. The service closed with a word of prayer by Bro. Chester Cochrane to the One Who is the Refuge and Help of His people at home and abroad.

MISSIONARY METHODS

Now as to our missionary methods: two things are of great importance.

First of all, the major responsibility of the evangelization of the uncommitted animist tribes in Africa must pass from missionary to African hands. The great appeal of Muslim missionaries in Africa, especially those coming from the missionary training center in Cairo, is expressed something like this: "The Christian missionaries are foreigners; Christianity is the religion of the white man in the West. We are Africans like you are; Islam is indigenous to Africa."

The Gospel Belongs to the African

When African Christian missionaries go forth as Africans among Africans to proclaim a Saviour who is personal and real to them, it will soon be demonstrated that the Gospel belongs to the African also, and that it is relevant to his deepest spiritual needs.

Moreover, these African missionaries know the language and the customs of the people and will be more able to identify themselves with those among whom they live and labor. While African Muslims are developing a great missionary center to propagate their faith throughout the continent, should not African Christians be developing a great Christian center to train evangelists and missionaries to proclaim the "Good News" in Jesus Christ?

Every Muslim a Missionary

Secondly, this Christian missionary thrust should be backed up by a great lay movement on the part of the African Church. Again and again when I asked the question in Africa, "Why are the Muslims gaining ground so steadily?" I received very much the same answer . . . "Well, you see, whether he is a trader or a traveler, each Muslim considers himself a missionary."

—World Vision

WHY HAVE A FAMILY ALTAR?

It is said that 40 years ago, fully 50 percent of the Christian homes in the United States had family altars. According to present estimates, however, only 5 percent meet today for daily prayer and meditation around the Word of God.

In Deuteronomy 6:5, we find the great command to "love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." But the command does not stop there. The next few verses read:

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates."

This means that, essentially, there is just one reason why you should have a family altar. God has commanded it for every home. Neither the letter nor the spirit of this command can be fulfilled without daily family worship—a time when father and mother lead their children to the throne of God through the reading of His Word and through prayer. Its benefits meet the need of parents and children alike; it provides a defense against the tides of unbelief and sin which hurl themselves against our homes.

—Pilgrim Holiness Advocate

PLEASE PRAY FOR BEULAH CAMP