

HOME MISSIONARY SUPPLEMENT.

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OUR SYMPOSIUM OF MISSIONS.

TRANSVAAL AFRICA.

IN one sense it is encouraging to think our foreign missionaries have so much increased. I am thankful to hear of it; but it appears to me that if we realized more fully the times in which we live, there would be a hundred where there is one. If the suggestions of Sister White, in the past, could be understood, so farmers and tradesmen of various kinds felt it their privilege to sell out and go to the different parts of the world and settle, it would be a wonderfully good thing; I mean those who would not go as men to preach or to canvass altogether, but to earn their livelihood by farming and other kinds of labor. Africa and the various colonies present more of such openings than India and China. In these two countries labor is so cheaply done by the natives, and they are such imitators, I hardly know how one would take hold.

But in Africa in the Orange Free State, and the Transvaal, there are openings for farming, and such labor as painting, carpentering, etc.; and even here in Cape Town some lines of work present such openings as I think exist in no other place in the world. For instance, there is the Transvaal, which is a wonderful country, if one half that is told of it be true. The country is so productive that the natives by giving one bushel in ten make money in raising corn. Trees and small fruits will grow better than in any land I know of or ever heard of. Then there is such a market for these products, and yet thousands of acres lie uncultivated because of the lack of energy of the people. In the cities butter and cheese are imported from Holland, canned fruit from England, condensed milk from Switzerland, etc. The people stand in need of education. To have some one come and settle with them is what they like, and in a little while, they will read anything you give them. Then, too, the Dutch are a religious people, far more so than the English.

S. N. HASKELL.

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL.

My work is about the same as last month. I am selling a few books, distributing tracts and papers, and have made some good visits. I have lately found a young Englishman near where I live, and have sold him "Patriarchs and Prophets," and visited him a few times. He is reading the book with interest. He has dined with us twice, and I am now arranging to give him a course of Bible readings. He appears to be a nice young man, and we hope he is the true metal. By the Lord's help we will sow the seed and leave the results with him. Brother Stauffer is feeling real well now and doing well. The Portuguese colporter who is keeping the Sabbath has joined Brother Stauffer in the colony, and is selling Bibles with good success. Brother Bachmeyer, our other German canvasser, has been with Brother Westphal while he was in Saint Catharina.

We are having delightful weather this winter. I would be satisfied with winter all the time in this country. We are well as usual. There are two little orphan girls next door to us, and they have finally dared to venture in for a visit. One is five, and the other is nine years of age. They come in frequently now when I am away, and have a talk with my wife. It will help her in learning Portuguese for they are little chatterboxes.

W. H. THURSTON.

BRUSQUE, BRAZIL.

Friday afternoon we went to Brusque expecting to hold a meeting in the evening. On the Monday previous I had rented a house to hold meetings in during Friday evening and Sabbath and Sunday. For this favor to us the owner was branded as a heretic, and before the meeting Friday evening, he came to us and demanded the key. He said he did not want to be a heretic. I had paid him for the use of the house, but he refunded the money, and as he

persisted, we let him have the key. A weaver ventured to invite us to hold a meeting in his house, so that evening we spoke to a crowded house of interested listeners. We had no place to hold our meeting the next day, and as the man where we had held our meeting Friday evening was severely taken to task for letting us have his house for the services, we could not again secure the same. Finally one of the citizens who had been reading the *Hausfreund* kindly offered us the use of his house for one hour in the afternoon and evening. We accepted the offer. But this was not sufficient, as we wanted to hold quarterly meeting and organize a church. Having exhausted our resources to obtain a building, we opened a meeting on the street. We spoke first on the subject of temperance, and then presented the subject of feet-washing and the Lord's supper. We then celebrated the ordinance of humility, and after the organization of a church of twenty-three members, we celebrated the Lord's supper. It was a solemn meeting indeed.

Tuesday evening another meeting was held in the house of one of the brethren. The meeting passed along very quietly until near the close, when suddenly a large number of stones came crashing through the window like the discharge of cannon, but no one was injured. The stones passed very near my head, but I was not hurt, nor were any of the people. It seems as though an effort was made to take my life, but the Lord protected me wonderfully. There are others who have begun to keep the Sabbath since I was there, and several others who are deeply interested. F. H. WESTPHAL.

TOLOGA BAY, NEW ZEALAND.

We have found that the truth has been working like leaven since we were here before. Sister L's sister, a tattooed, half-caste Maori woman, formerly a strict member of the Church of England, and very bitter a short time ago, even refusing to shake hands with her neice who was baptized when we were here, has since that time been yielding little by little; and as one of her daughters, Mrs. J. M., has been keeping the Sabbath some time (Mrs. M. was educated in the Maori Girls' School at Napier), the mother thought she would look into the matter and see what there was in the Bible that made her daughter think that she should keep the Sabbath; and as she is well versed in Maori, she soon found her Maori Bible taught the very truth to which she had been so

much opposed. She began to ask her daughter to explain these things to her, and she soon began to come to her daughter's to spend the Sabbath. There they would together study "Bible Readings," "Great Controversy," and "Patriarchs and Prophets;" and the old lady began to drink in the truth like a child. When they knew we were coming up, they had the old lady come over and stay with them during our visit. . . . Our hearts were touched as we saw the tattooed face so eagerly upturned to catch every ray of divine truth, thus turning from darkness to the light of the last message.

Last Tuesday was an especially interesting day to us there. It rained all the forenoon up to within half an hour of the time of baptism. This kept some away from the service, especially those who had to cross the river. One sister who was not willing to let any circumstance keep her away, came down to the river in the rain (a mile and a half), and sat in the rain for three hours with her babe, waiting for the gentleman who lived on the opposite shore to return home with his boat to take her across. She was too late for the baptismal service, but was at the celebration of the ordinances, and for the first time in her life took part in the Lord's supper and the ordinance of humility. Another lady came a long distance with three children, the eldest not more than three years old, through the mud nearly shoe-top deep, carrying two and urging the other along as best she could. She had never made any profession of religion, but after the communion, in our social meeting she arose to signify that she would be on the Lord's side. All who professed the truth testified, and others wept. There were four baptized, making in all eight baptized believers in Tologa.

MRS. G. T. WILSON.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS RECEIVED SINCE
MARCH 20.

Atlantic	\$ 132 12	Pennsylvania.....	113 26
California.....	444 05	Riata	25 00
Colorado	83 92	Russia.....	60 79
Central European Mission	706 40	South America ..	30 00
England.....	310 84	South Dakota.....	4 00
Germany.....	320 96	Southern Mission.....	14 37
Illinois.....	2 00	Scandinavian Mission	492 37
Indiana.....	287 80	Texas.....	60
Iowa.....	9 00	Upper Columbia.....	12 83
Michigan.....	256 50	Virginia.....	54 45
Manitoba.....	5 00	Vermont.....	17 35
Missouri.....	3 22	West Africa.....	4 87
New England.....	440 66	Wisconsin.....	65 07
New York.....	43 33		
North Pacific.....	384 12	Total.....	\$ 4,508 44
Ohio.....	110 60	Am't previously rep'ted..	24,775 38
Oklahoma.....	88 46		
	5 60	Total rec'd to Sept. 10	\$29,283 82

