

Missionary

Trusting

I cannot always see the plan on which
 He builds my life,
 For oft the sound of hammers, blow on blow,
 The noise of strife,
 Confuse me till I quite forget He knows
 And oversees,
 And that in all details with His good plan
 My life agrees.

I cannot always know and understand
 The Master's rule ;
 I cannot always do the tasks He gives
 In life's hard school ;
 But I am learning with His help to solve
 Them, one by one,
 And when I cannot understand, to say,
 " Thy will be done."

—Selected.

Capital and Labour

We ask our readers once more to keep in mind that the next issue of the *Sentinel* will be the special Capital and Labour number. We hope that every member of every church and all the scattered Sabbath-keepers are preparing to use a large number of these papers. This paper will deal with present day signs of the times. On the first page of the cover will be a full-page design, illustrating the conflict between the forces of Capital and the forces of Labour. This design will be a great aid in selling the paper.

In other parts of the world, especially in those countries that are foremost in commercial and industrial activity, the Capital and Labour problem is causing the gravest concern, shaking both the foundation and structure of society, and all the wisdom of the wise and strength of the mighty men of the world are unequal to the task of effecting a settlement between these two great forces.

Though we do not yet have the same conditions prevailing in this country, the seeds of trouble are already sown, and the results are already beginning to be felt in the seething discontent in the industrial centers. We want to circulate the literature and give the light before the storm bursts in this country.

The special *Sentinel* will treat this subject in a way to show conclusively that we are living in the last days, when the rich are to weep and howl for the miseries that are to come; when riches are corrupted and gold and silver is cankered; when the rust of them are witnessing against those who have oppressed the poor and kept back their hire by fraud, and who have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton. It will point out the only remedy, and the only way of escape, which is the way of patience, of faith, of truth, and love.

The paper will be sent in any quantities at the rate of 1½d. per copy, and will be sold at 3d. per copy. Order early and in large quantities. We would like to know immediately how many you will use, so we will know how many to print. This is a work that every one can do. Let the people of your town or vicinity have the *Sentinel* and they will learn the truth.

O. O. F.

Beaconsfield Church

The Beaconsfield Church send greetings to our brethren in all parts of the field, and wish them God speed in the sale of "Object Lessons."

Since taking up this work in earnest some four months ago we have already as a church

been blessed, and are certain that all who read this excellent book shall receive a blessing, and surely the College is blessed by having its debt lightened.

Thinking the other churches may wish to adopt our plan, we would say that as but few of our members were able to devote much time to the "Object Lesson" work, the church decided to support one member to do the work for all. Thus, from three to four days of good time is put in each week, and we praise the Lord who has blessed our feeble efforts, and that up to now we have sold over 500 "Object Lessons," which means more than £150 towards educational work.

Our cry is still onward!!!

If all our churches in this land were to take up the work with zeal, we should very soon be able to sing the Song of Jubilee!

INA L. AUSTEN.

Selling Papers at Klipdam.

Will you please find space in our dear little MISSIONARY for the following experiences gained by the members of the Klipdam Church of Seventh Day Adventists?

I received a letter from Elder Hyatt just before he left for Natal, asking me to find out from the members of this church how many copies of the Christmas number of the *S. A. Sentinel* we would be able to take and sell, so we had a meeting, and after hearing what each one thought he or she could sell, we found that the whole amount was 400 copies. There were several remarks and comments made on the strong faith shown in taking so large a number of these papers, and I think anyone who has been on these diggings would have said the same; to sell 400 papers on the diggings where it would be difficult for you to see a dozen houses at a time.

We thought we were exhibiting strong faith, but it would almost seem as though God would prove to us our weakness, for when I made out the order I made a mistake and ordered 500 instead of 400. Now, each one has sold his or her number and 40 out of the

extra 100, and there are still room for about 250 papers, that is, judging that if the uncanvassed parts buy as readily as the canvassed parts did, which we believe they will do. This will only prove to us how weak we are when we think we are strong. I can only say praise God for these blessed experiences which he gives us from time to time. They are so helpful to us to aid in building our characters.

It would be too much to give the personal experience of each one who took part. There were some who thought they would not be able to sell a paper, but they have been quite successful, and I tell you it makes one's heart rejoice to see the faces when they tell of their experiences in this their first attempt at canvassing. May God bless all who take part in this good work is my prayer.

J. G. COOKES.

"Busybodies in Other Men's Matters"

Verily, "truth is fallen in the street." Do we as Seventh Day Adventists still believe in *ten* commandments? Of course, we say we believe in *the* ten commandments, but in reality and practice do we act as though we believe in *ten* commandments? We like to believe that God is no respecter of persons, esteeming no one more than the other, but do we think God is a respecter of His own commandments, esteeming one as far less than the others? We think, of course, that a person who breaks the Sabbath or kills a fellow being is awful, and if a person breaks the seventh command we hardly like to call him even a neighbour, to say nothing of friend, although we like to believe we are all following the example of the Good Samaritan.

Suppose that one person in an unguarded moment is tempted and does transgress the sixth or seventh command, should he or she be considered a greater sinner and more to be shunned than another person who is *continually* setting on foot slanders against neighbours and even friends? And even if we never *start* any slander against a neighbour, are we still guiltless if we simply repeat

what was told us? And on top of that, where is the person, yes, even the *one*, who can repeat any story or bit of gossip just as they heard it, and not stretch it just a little, or make it fully as bad as they heard?

Has God repealed the ninth commandment, or have we repudiated it? If it is still as binding as the others, do we observe it? The question is for everyone to answer.

If my brother kills me, he is undoubtedly guilty, but if I start or even repeat a slander which is untrue, or which, even if true, is damaging to his good name or character, am I still more favoured of God than he, simply because his hands are stained with blood and he liable to the civil law while my *hands* are clean and I have kept out from where the legal law can punish me? Zech. 8 : 16, 17 is worth reading again. "These are the things that ye shall do: Speak ye every man the truth with his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates; and let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath; for all these are things that I hate, saith the Lord."

If what I have said will start at least one honest person to speaking more truth and less slander, my effort will not have been in vain.

W. S. MEAD.

The Field

Matabeleland

Circumstances were such that it seemed necessary for me to visit this section once again. I find that the work is onward at both missions, and a good influence is being felt among the natives. Crops of all kinds are looking fine. At the Mission they have eighty-five acres planted, and the outlook is that they will have an abundance of food.

Both missions have purchased a flock of goats. They are working to the end of making the the missions self-supporting. Their great need just now is a teacher. Brother

and Sister Anderson are on their way to America for a rest. This leaves Brother and Sister Sturdervant alone with their native teachers. Mrs. Hyatt has returned to Cape Town and now Brother and Sister Armitage are alone with the work. The great need is a consecrated teacher.

W. S. HYATT.

Basuto Mission

We had a very happy Sabbath yesterday owing to having a good baptismal service. Three nice girls and one old man were buried and added to our little company. But for the death of two candidates and one passing through a severe illness, and another who had to stand back through unpreparedness, there would have been eight. We had good meetings in the building, also at the Baptistry. Voluntary testimonies of candidates giving their reasons to the congregation for the step they were taking, were very affecting, and many were visibly and audibly affected, both in the meeting house, and at the solemn ceremony.

I availed myself of the opportunity to present the truth to the people present. Apparently deep impressions were made on hearts. We thank the Lord for a little more fruit resulting from the work here. I conducted the special week of prayer, closing yesterday, held during the time of our regular morning meetings. Considering the claims on the people to work in their fields, especially in the cool of the day, we had fair attendance.

If any of our people have any old clothing, simple things, especially for women and girls, and can have them sent to me *post paid* I shall be thankful for same. They are all poor and all desire to clothe themselves when they become Christians, which is the proper thing, you will agree. I do not ask for hats or bonnets, but simple frocks, simple linen, underwear, (which pardon for naming), chemise, nightdresses, petticoats, head handkerchiefs, and aprons. If there is a disposition and ability to help in this respect, I will be glad if the leader of the church or Missionary

Society will be made the receiver, so that what is given by various members, can be sent in one parcel from respective companies.

The names chosen by those baptised are,—William, formerly Ramolise; Florry, formerly Marebuthe; Paulina, formerly Mamohloe; Adelina, formerly Mamotsetise.

J. M. FREEMAN.

Among the Churches

In Kimberley we found the church alive in "Object Lessons" work. They have sold 450 copies during the last four months, and expect to continue until their quota is all sold. Pressure of business, home duties, etc., prevents some from spending much time in this work, so the entire church contributes to pay Bro. Tickton for from one to four days work each week selling "Christ's Object Lessons." This plan does not excuse any one from doing all he can personally in selling the books.

It will require an earnest, persevering effort to dispose of South Africa's full quota, but if all will put forth the exertion of the Kimberley Church, it can be done. Besides paying Bro. Tickton from 12s. 6d. to 50s. per week, the brethren are paying 7s. 6d. per week church expenses, 11s. per month for fourth Sabbath offerings, and £4 per quarter first day offerings. When the call for annual offerings was made, over £6 was cheerfully donated. The membership is only twenty-four, and all work for their living, but the Lord has greatly blessed them as they have together taken hold of the "Object Lessons" work.

The baths are doing good work. Several of the leading physicians are sending patients there for treatment, with good results. The De Beers Company also send patients; and Brother Willson was recently sent for to give treatment in the Kimberley hospital, the patient making a speedy recovery. A good class of people are patronising the baths, and the work is steadily growing. The place is in a good state of repair and is well kept, being a credit to the cause. While the gos-

pel of health is being presented, an excellent opportunity is offered to sow the seeds of "present truth," which should also be well-improved. Although the Baths are owing the conference quite a sum, it seems evident from my observation that with economical management, and with the continued blessing of God, this amount may be considerably reduced during the present year. As the brethren and sisters take hold to do the Lord's work, His blessing attends their efforts and gives them joy and peace.

KLIPDAM.—We found this church reduced in numbers, two families having removed to Content. We considered the more important readings for the week of prayer and conducted an ordinary service. The brethren have shown a commendable zeal in disposing of "Object Lessons," having placed a copy with almost every family in the vicinity,—120 books, or more. Although their immediate territory is exhausted, they are planning to reach the towns and country beyond, and thus to aid in this good work till it is finished. The few remaining members continue their Sabbath services, and are trying to hold up the banner of truth.

We spent a very enjoyable day at Brother Honey's on their new farm. Am glad to know that he is farming for the Lord, and that not the tithe only, but a good share of his profits will be devoted to the advancement of the Lord's work. Surely he may expect prosperity.

ROKEBY PARK.—It seemed very homelike to meet these friends again, and especially gratifying to find them nearly all strong in the faith. Some of the young people seem to be losing their interest in religious matters, I am sorry to say. Our closing service was specially for the youth in the interests of education. A good interest was shown by both parents and children. How to meet the conditions and circumstances of our people in the education of their children is a serious question. It is a question which we should not pass unsolved. Let us therefore seek wisdom from above, believing that it

will be given ; and then let us be willing at any sacrifice to follow the Lord's way.

Here also we studied with profit the week of prayer readings, and celebrated the ordinances on the Sabbath. The church business meeting was held on Sunday. This church has done nothing to speak of in "Object Lessons" work, but I hope they will soon enter the field in faith, giving their neighbours an opportunity to read the good things in this good book. It will require no small degree of perseverance for our brethren in the country districts to dispose of their quota of "Object Lessons"; but we have the promise that the angels will go before us to prepare the way, so why hesitate?

GRAHAMSTOWN.—We spent two evenings here, meeting the brethren each evening, and considering the subjects of the week of prayer. This is considered a difficult field for work, owing to prejudice and opposing religious influences, but the Spirit of God can overcome all these influences and give success to His workers. Faith is the victory. We go to Uitenhage and Port Elizabeth from here, and then to East London.

A LATER REPORT

Have just returned from our tour. Brethren Hyatt and Anderson were on the same train from De Aar. We stopped off a few hours at Stellenbosch to see Brother Groenewald. But I must go back to connect with my report sent too late for the last paper, and which will therefore appear in this one.

We enjoyed meeting friends in Uitenhage. All seem happy and hopeful in the message. We celebrated the ordinances on the second Sabbath, which was a precious occasion. Some who once were deeply interested, almost persuaded, have turned from the light ; others, however, are coming toward a full union with the church. How important are these decisions! We cannot afford to take a backward step now. Brother Francis came from Klipplaats and spent the Sabbath with us. He reported small sales from the wagon, and says several persons are keeping the Sabbath in the district,—the result of books,

papers, and personal visiting. Uitenhage has had light far greater than many other towns, but no doubt there are still some of the "remnant" to be gathered from that place. Much depends on the faithfulness of the little church on the hill. May every one be indeed a light bearer.

PORT ELIZABETH.—This church has been reduced by apostasy and removals until the membership is small. We enjoyed some good meetings with them, however, and left them strong in the faith. One brother said that he had never enjoyed meetings more than the few during our stay. There is a large field for work in Port Elizabeth, with a very few who can devote time to it. Some work is being done by the little company, but they feel the need of help. Truly, "the harvest is great, but the labourers are few."

EAST LONDON.—We spent two Sabbaths here, holding meetings with the Sabbath-keepers, and in the location during the week. Brother Moko is living in the location, and with the help of the other brethren is giving his people the truth in open-air meetings. Quite an interest has been awakened, and several are earnestly considering their duty toward God in view of the truth He is giving them. I believe nine coloured people are keeping the Sabbath. I met with them both Sabbaths I spent in East London. Brother Shone and Brother William Haupt have taken nearly 300 subscriptions for the *Sentinel* and *Journal of Health*, and are continuing till the city is canvassed. When this is finished, they expect to sell "Object Lessons." The Lord is blessing the work of these brethren, and let us pray that the seed they are sowing may bear much fruit. It was thought best to postpone the tent meetings for a little time, giving opportunity to distribute more preparatory literature. Both Brother Tarr and Brother Shone are feeling a deep interest in the native work, and would be glad to devote their entire time to it.

After this tour among the churches I feel deeply impressed that our work must be more aggressive. We have spent much time

in the past nursing institutions, and some of them we have nursed to death. Now the Lord wants every man who loves this truth and believes that we have the last message to man, to become a preacher of the message, both by precept and example. How little we have done! How much remains to be done! How short the time for labour! Who will enlist *now* for service till the work is done?

I. J. HANKINS.

Brethren G. W. Shone and W. H. Haupt are doing good work in East London, taking subscriptions for the *Sentinel* and *Journal*. Brother Wm. Haupt writes that he is very much interested in the paper work, and would like to engage in it altogether for a time. It is expected that Elder Hyatt will shortly be with the company at East London, when the people of that city will be given an opportunity to hear once more the trumpet tones of the last message of mercy, calling them to repentance. A tent has already been sent there for the meetings.

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our own young people, it nevertheless partakes of the nature of a missionary school in opening its doors to all who are willing to come and be taught.

We have twenty girls and ten boys in the Home. Sixteen of these come from Adventist parents; the remainder from other homes. How glad we would feel if all these, and more if possible, came from Adventist homes. Where are our young people who ought to be attending school, who should be fitting themselves for the Lord's service? We have large buildings, large grounds, facilities to accommodate very nearly double the attendance at present. Strangers are coming to take their places. This should not be. We appeal to our parents that now is the time to educate your son or your daughter. Soon it will be too late. At present the message is in great need of educated, consecrated young people to carry on the work. The mission stations are languishing for the very material we have in this country, if only educated and consecrated to the service of God. Brethren, let us send our young people to our school and give them that training necessary to fit them for the service of God. C. H. HAYTON.

✦ Educational. ✦

Union College

The new year has begun. Ninety-three students were in attendance on the first morning. Their ages range from six to nineteen years. Half of this number are not children of Adventist parents, but come from neighbouring homes. The school enjoys a good local patronage, and stands high in the community. People are willing to send their children to us even though the Sabbath, Christ's second coming, and the state of the dead are taught them. We feel greatly encouraged to press on in this work; for many of these truths become topics of conversation in the children's homes. While our school is primarily a training school for

College Notes

The finances of the College are sound. The balance sheet for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903 shows £143 16s. 1d. in the bank, £9 6s. 8d. cash in hand, sundry debtors, good, £120 17s. 10d. £350 has been paid on the College debt through the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" by the brethren throughout the field. The prospects are good for a similar amount to be paid this year.

The Claremont Municipality has reduced the taxable valuation of the College property from £7,000 to £3,000, making £45 less taxes to pay than last year. Property wholly used for school purposes has been found to be exempt from taxation. We feel to thank the Lord for His guiding hand in all the affairs of men.

East London

The readers of the MISSIONARY will doubtless be interested in learning something further concerning the work in this place. Brother Moko and I have for some time past been making special efforts to bring the truth before the native and coloured people in the location. As a result, nine precious souls have decided to obey, and are now rejoicing in the hope of Christ's soon coming. Some of these are the leading coloured people in the place, and were the most prominent members of the churches to which they belonged. The acceptance of the truth has been no small matter to these dear people. Some have lost their situations and thus been brought into straitened circumstances. Others are meeting with bitter opposition in their homes. One sister has been violently treated by her husband, who has also threatened to drive her away if she persists in keeping the Sabbath and attending our meetings. Yet they all seem determined to do that which is right and leave the consequences with God. At the open-air services it is inspiring to

see the crowds that gather round us,—usually between three and four hundred being present,—and it is very encouraging to note the rapt attention paid to the word spoken. At our last Sunday evening meeting, when opportunity was given to those who desired to give their hearts to the Lord to make it manifest, about fifty hands were raised. We realise that these people are precious in the sight of the Lord, so we are very anxious to do all we can to bring them to the Saviour. Since taking up the native work, we are looked upon with more favour by some prominent gospel workers in this place who at first thought that our object in being here was to antagonise their work.

Brethren Shone and William Haupt are now connected with us in the work, and are having excellent success in taking subscriptions for the *Sentinel* and *Journal of Health*. Elder Hankins, the president of the conference, is expected in a few days when we hope to begin a public effort in East London. We earnestly desire the prayers of God's people that the work here may be established upon a firm basis.

D. F. TARR.

Natal-Transvaal Canvassing Report for January, 1904.

Agent	Territory	Book	Orders	e	Value	Helps	Total
E. M. Howard	Johannesburg	Masterpiece	30	£ 44	10s. od.		£ 0 0s. od.
Mrs Howard	"	Ladi's Guide	63	73	0 6		0 0 0
C. Robinson	Estcourt	Gt. Contro.	26	30	0 6		0 0 0
V. J. Maybury	"	"	22	14	16 6		0 0 0
F. C. Ernst	Bulwer	"	6	7	4 6		0 0 0
Mrs. E. K. Stapleford	Dundee	"	8	8	5 0		0 0 0
E. M. Foster	Pretoria	"	3	3	0 0		0 0 0
Mrs. C. Howard	Johannesburg	H. H. Book	53	102	10 0		0 0 0
H. Schmidt	Pretoria	"	13	24	10 0		0 0 0
Mrs. Infield	Jeppetown	H. W. L. I.	59	11	5 0		0 0 0
J. H. de Beer	"	"	"	0	0 0		0 0 0
J. H. Camp	"	"	"	0	0 0		0 0 0
10 Reports			273	£ 313	3 0		£ 0 0 0

Cape Colony Canvassing Report for January, 1904

Agent	Territory	Book	Hours	Ord.	Misc.	Total	Value	Deliveries	Value
C. Haupt	Cape Town	Dan. and Rev.	70	26	1	27	£ 15 13s. od.	23	£ 12 19s. od.
C. Kassebaum	Wynberg	"	"	"	17	17	3 5 6	3	2 1 0
A. Tickton	Kimberly	Object Lessons	121	213	34	244	53 18 0	158	27 12 6
Mrs. Tickton	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
G. W. Shone	"	Coming King	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
J. B. Burton	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
T. J. Francis	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
3 Reports			70	26	18	44	£ 18 18 6	26	£ 15 0 0

In the above statement, Brother Tickton's report is for the month of December. This was printed last month, but was not understood, and did not appear exactly right. It is printed above as it should have appeared last month.

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Cape Colony Conference Report

OF TITHES, WEEKLY OFFERINGS, AND SABBATH-SCHOOL OFFERINGS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING DEC. 31, 1903

CHURCHES AND SABBATH-SCHOOLS	Tithe			Weekly Offerings			Sab.-School Offering		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Beaconsfield	99	18	1	10	17	3	8	11	7
Bethlehem	5	0	0				1	5	0
Blinkwater	13	14	0						
Cape Town.....	95	10	7	17	3	4			
Cathart	18	7	0	1	0	0			
Claremont.....	202	6	1	16	5	7	5	11	0
East London.....	12	11	9	1	5	0	3	3	0
Grahamstown.....				4	5	6			
Isolated.....	55	3	0				2	19	10
King William's Town.....	12	15	10	2	4	9	8	19	4
Klipdam	43	14	3	4	2	6	8	9	6
Port Elizabeth.....	162	12	9	3	18	3	4	3	7
Rokeby Park.....	87	19	6	5	1	5	2	10	0
Sharon.....									12 6
Uitenhage.....	23	7	10	4	7	6			
TOTAL	813	6	8	70	11	1	39	5	4

O. O. FORTNER, TREASURER.

Obituary

We regret to announce the death of Sister Mead, who fell peacefully asleep at her home in Claremont on the morning of the 10th inst. Since the death of her husband, our late esteemed brother, Elder F. L. Mead, which occurred a little more than two years ago, Sister Mead's health has been very poorly. Her nervous system received a shock from which it never recovered, and some time before her death she became totally blind.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Commin, assisted by Brother Smailes, in the Claremont Church. Agreeably with a request which Sister Mead had expressed many times, the remains were sent to Kimberley to be laid to rest by the side of her husband's grave.

O. O. F.

Another Notice

Some of our people did not understand a notice which appeared in a recent issue of the MISSIONARY in regard to the Cape Town Office, so we will try again. There are three departments of the work represented here—the Union Conference, the Cape Colony Conference, and the International Tract Society. It is of the last two that we wish to speak. Formerly the accounts of the Cape Conference and the Tract Society were in one set of books, but now we have separated the accounts of the Tract Society department from the Conference.

We wish to say again that all tithes, weekly offerings, Sabbath-school offerings, annual offerings, and other matters pertaining to the Conference, should be addressed to O. O. Fortner, the secretary and treasurer of the Conference. When you order books and supplies, or send remittances on your tract society account, address Bro. Gibson. We have separate bank accounts, so do not send money to the Conference for the tract society, or *vice versa*. If you will kindly follow this request, you will save much valuable time in making useless transfers.

O. O. F.