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## The Training School

This enterprise is now fairly launched. Our craft is small, but it is sea-worthy; so in anything but a calm we hope to make progress. We are thankful for a pleasant week in which to move and settle. In our first lesson on nature study, we learned that "When the Lord was training Israel to be the special representatives of Himself, He gave them homes among the hills and valleys;" and that "in their home life and their religious service they were brought in constant contact with nature and with the word of God." This is our experience here, and we are all enjoying our studies. The men spend daily a few hours in the garden. The ground is excellent, so we are hoping for good results,—a nice harvest of vegetables, strawberries, grapes, and peaches.

The basis of our work is found in 2 Tim. 2:15:—"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." This is our motto.

The instruction in every branch of study is very practical, and is adapted to the grade or standard of the student; so no one need hesitate to come because he has not passed a certain standard. Our number is small, but there is room for growth.

A letter just received from Brother Edmed says, "It is the kind of school that meets my idea, because it is to my mind the school that God's work has needed in South Africa. . . . I wish you Godspeed in this enterprise, and shall do all I can to encourage it."

He hopes to send us some students soon, also a small donation. If we had a place of our own, we should hope soon to make this work self-supporting. Let those who expect to engage in the Lord's work sometime, prepare at once to spend a short time in special training. This class is for such persons. We would like to hear from them soon. As to cost of living here, we can tell better after the first few weeks. We work on the coöperative plan, and try to be economical.

I. J. HANKINS.

## Return of Ex-prisoners From Bermuda

From a letter recently received from Elder James A. Morrow, who is labouring in Bermuda, I learned that five of the Boer prisoners sent to those islands had accepted the truth, and had become firm Seventh Day Adventists.

About a year ago the prisoners remaining there were allowed their freedom on the islands, the only restriction being that they were not allowed to return to this country until they had signed the oath of allegiance. About that time Elder Morrow and his wife met several of these ex-prisoners and began working for them. He says of those who accepted the truth:—

"I believe these men to be men of God. In all my labour for souls I have never found my heart more closely knit with other hearts than with these men. I began to visit them from the time they were put ashore, August 11, 1903, and tried to help them in their dis-

dress. The Lord opened the way remarkably for me to begin Bible studies with them. One of their number was able to act as interpreter, and the Lord certainly did help me to explain the message to these men of another tongue."

As four of these men were returning to South Africa, Brother Morrow asked us to look them up and make their acquaintance as they passed through Cape Town. He says: "My heart is full of praise to God that we can send these men back to their homes with something that is more precious than riches,—the truth of God."

We were more than pleased to meet these brethren here last Tuesday, August 16, as they arrived in Cape Town on the S. S. Kenilworth. We found them to be, as Brother Morrow assured us, well versed in the message, zealous for the truth, and grateful for the light that had come to them. Brethren Bornman, Dumini, and Sevenster were on their way to their former homes in the Orange River Colony, while Brother Van den Burgh was wondering what he would find left of his home in the Transvaal. On Tuesday afternoon we took them out to Kenilworth and visited the College and a few of our members in the vicinity. They seemed so glad to meet with some of our people and to see the places of worship. We hastened back to town in the evening, and, after an enjoyable day, our friends went up country by the evening train.

Over and over again these four brethren expressed their gratitude to God for leading them into captivity, that they might receive the light of the message and the true freedom in Christ. They left their native country as prisoners of the British government, but they now return as "prisoners of hope." Let us pray that as they go to their homes they may so present the truth to their families and friends that they, too, may walk in the light of God's commandments. The Lord will yet raise up labourers for the Dutch people.

O. O. F.

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## The Field

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### The Kimberley Baths

The patronage of the Baths has increased during the winter months. There are no other public baths in the city. There were other places, but since we have rebuilt and refurnished our place the others have closed their places of business.

We have to report that the medical work is going on successfully. One man came in some forty miles to get help. He had been sick for months, and had to be carried into the rooms. In less than two weeks he was returned home well, and has been well ever since. Just lately one of the leading physicians of the place sent a patient here, an engineer in the De Beers Company, who had been sick with rheumatism for eight months, suffering so much pain he could not sleep at nights. Within a week after commencing treatment at the Baths, he was restored to health and free from pain. He was very thankful indeed. A few days ago a man came in sick with a cold. We gave him one electric light bath and massage, and he went out from the baths entirely cured. These are but a few instances of what the Lord is doing for the people here, and show how He can bless these simple remedies that cooperate with nature.

The health principles are gaining ground in Kimberley. Not long ago a gentleman came in for a Turkish bath, and while here he asked me why we were vegetarians. I gave him the leading principles in a concise manner, and before he left he said he was almost converted to vegetarianism. I loaned him reading matter which gave him further light. This man occupies a prominent place in one of the heaviest corporations in town.

The ladies' baths are doing better now than they have done at any other time since they were started. At times the bath rooms are full, and several are out in the garden wait-

ing their turn. Influential ladies come in their carriages and motor cars, bringing their friends with them.

One doctor in the place got so run down that a physician whom he called in told him he must take an ocean trip and stay six months. Instead he came to the Baths, got well, and is now enjoying excellent health. We feel much encouraged at the prospect opening up to do a good work in Kimberley and surrounding towns. Remember the work here, dear brethren and sisters, in your prayers.

J. V. WILLSON.

S. E. WILLSON.

ister to take part in the funeral service, and since then I have been holding Bible studies with the family every week. Some evenings as many as twelve have been in attendance.

Three intelligent natives have been studying with me twice a week. I am inclined to believe one of these will soon take a stand for the truth. <sup>am planning</sup> After my cart arrives I shall possibly start out visiting scattered Sabbath-keepers, <sup>to this village</sup> hoping to induce those, who can to actively interest themselves in spreading the message. Please pray for the work in this mixed field.

J. M. FREEMAN.

### Bloemfontein

It is doubtless known by most all readers of the "MISSIONARY" that at the beginning of this year the Union and Cape Conference Committees invited me to leave Basutoland and to take up work in the Orange River Colony. After considerable hard work trying to arrive at a decision, I finally left the Kolo Mission in the hands of Brother and Sister Chaney and came to Bloemfontein last month.

Since coming here Sister Wocke has renewed the work she relinquished owing to ill health. She takes a company of children and youth for Bible instruction every Sunday among the indigent Dutch people. In the afternoon she meets with a company of Dutch speaking coloured people at "Kaffirfontein," one of the large locations on the outskirts. I have accompanied her to both of these places, and have been favourably impressed, especially by the respectful interest manifested by the coloured people, among whom we hope a growing interest will be maintained.

As I have had to wait for the arrival of the cart which I ordered for use in the work, I have tried to build up the few professing Sabbath-keepers who are here. As a result of visiting a sick woman of one of the Bloemfontein families who since died,—yet I am thankful to say not without hope,—a good impression was formed by the family and relatives. I was asked by the German min-

### Port Elizabeth

It will no doubt delight the hearts of our brethren and sisters who are scattered all over South Africa to hear of the good impressions made in certain places in Port Elizabeth by the April number of the *Sentinel*.

I ordered one hundred copies of this number. These I sold the first week in April, and the second week I sold sixty more. I believe I could have sold a few hundred more if my home duties and other missionary work had permitted. Twelve gentlemen gave me sixpence a copy. This enabled me to distribute about thirty copies in the hospital and prison. One prominent gentleman gave me two shillings for one copy, saying, "the information is worth that much, and more, to me." Only last week three young men called at my house, enquiring whether I had any left. Fortunately I had fifteen copies left in the house, which they bought. The editor of the Port Elizabeth *Advertiser* published a small article from the paper and also commented on the value of the paper itself. The *Cape Daily Telegraph*, another local daily paper, recommended the paper to the public as splendid reading, the editor admitting to me that it has opened his eyes to this great question as nothing else had done. I think that much more could have been accomplished if every Adventist in South Africa had taken a share in this important work and done

their best to place the little paper in the hands of their fellow citizens.

Dear brethren, I am fully persuaded that the way is opened for public meetings in this city. I have personally taken nearly 500 subscriptions within the last three years. I am able to say that there is not a single business place in the prominent parts of Port Elizabeth where I have not received subscriptions for our papers, every hotel included. Several old subscribers have within the last few months sent me fresh orders and expressed great interest in the papers. Some have asked me for information and instruction.

I have just started a Dutch Bible reading with twenty Dutch people, sincere Christians. I ask your prayers in behalf of this effort. The opposition is great. The Dutch ministers threaten to expel such individuals from the church, which is a great trial to their faith. May the Lord grant me special wisdom and understanding.

I shall be grateful for all old papers to use in the hospitals and prisons. Kindly address same as below. MRS. S. HURDUS.

No. 2, Market Street,  
North End.

### Johannesburg

Our work is moving along nicely here in Johannesburg. A few are deciding for the truth; six have taken their stand decidedly. Others are wavering. We can not yet tell which way the balance will turn.

Sister Webster is doing good work along medical missionary lines and is also giving quite a number of Bible readings. Sister Keet is progressing in the work nicely and has several Bible readers. Brother Robinson is looking after the tent, and spending what time he can in canvassing. ~~We have missed Elder Edmed very much and hope he may soon return.~~

We have a children's meeting each Sunday afternoon with an average attendance of over sixty. My wife is very grateful to those who

have been kind enough to send us back numbers of the *Little Friend* and *Youths' Instructor* but would like to have as many more as we can get. The children appreciate the papers very much. All papers may be sent to No. 20 Jacoba St., Troyville, Johannesburg.

Our Sabbath-school also is increasing in numbers and interest. Brother Howard, our Sabbath-school superintendent, has just opened a kindergarden department. The little children are much pleased.

A. W. KUEHL.

### Matabele Mission

Believing that the friends of the MISSIONARY would be glad to hear from our Mission, I give the following report for the last two months.

First I will say we have been greatly cheered and helped by the arrival of Elder and Sister Hyatt. We believe them to be sent of God at this, to us, a time of crisis in our work. As may be expected, they took right hold of the work on every hand. I was thus relieved of nearly all the school work, so I give my time to saving the crops and the other work of the Mission. Our school has steadily grown till there is now enrolled 102 in daily attendance. Seventy belong to our Mission and fifty-four eat at our mission table, and still they come. Two promising young men came just yesterday, July 22, desiring to enter our mission for one year or more. We have no more room now, but what shall I do? shall I turn them off?

The spiritual condition is very encouraging at the present time. Many are truly growing in Christ. Some have for a long time desired baptism, so after weeks of careful instruction twelve willing souls were baptised June 28. That morning, a beautiful day, we met as usual at the school house to study the Sabbath-school lesson. Then we retired to the river where we found 250 natives waiting for the services. To this company were delivered three short sermons. The writer

spoke about our leaving our homes and coming to this country to teach them, trying to impress upon them that it is not their cattle or money we are after, but their souls. God's love to *them* brought us here, and we urged them to give up all and follow the God who had made the earth and sea and all that is therein; appealing to the heart to open to the voice of God who was this day calling to them.

Brother C. R. Sparrow showed them that God had created man without sin. At that time man was pure and holy. But now sin had come into the world and man was sick from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head, but God had provided a Saviour to heal him. Would they accept of His saving power?

Elder Hyatt then followed with words to the candidates, showing them how they had left the paths of their fathers to walk in another way, and urging them to faithfulness. He also urged the parents to choose the path their children had chosen, telling them their children were praying for them, and the workers longed to help them. The great God was waiting for them. Then each of the twelve candidates followed with a short testimony telling why they were to be baptised and why they had chosen this way. Deep impressions were left on the minds of all.

As these young men and women were led one by one into the water and came up to walk in newness of life, a song of praise went up from the members of the church to God for His love to them and theirs.

How cheering to hear songs of praise to the true God sung in this dreary land, where but a little while ago only the worship of stones and Satan was known. The work is growing. Every Sabbath afternoon the boys go out to the kraals and hold meetings with the people in their homes. In this way from 200 to 300 hear the Word that otherwise would not get it; we are seeing the fruit of this also, and believe some will take their stand for God. Our Sabbath-school and service are well attended.

The old chief of one of the large kraals openly declared himself in favour of the God of the young teachers, and does not allow any one to talk against God in his kraal. Though he is blind and cannot see if the people work, he will not allow any noise as of the sound of work in his kraal on the Sabbath. We feel this is a victory for God and His truth.

We have now been without Elder Hyatt's help for the past month, as he has gone on to Nyassaland to cheer them there. Sister Hyatt is still with us and takes the greater part of the school and is doing excellent work for our young people. We are also cheered by the arrival of Brother and Sister Albert White. They are at present in Bulawayo, where he will canvass two or three months, till our planting season, when they expect to connect with the mission. All are of good courage, and are praying for the work in other places. Pray for us.

MELVIN C. STURDEVANT.

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### Tract Fund

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The canvasser meets with people every day who are interested in the truth, but who are unable to purchase the books offered to them. Then it is that the canvasser feels the need of a supply of tracts, that he might give to these people something to read that will be a help to them in their searching after truth.

The canvasser can not afford to buy supplies of tracts for this purpose, and the Tract Society can not afford to give them away. But the readers of the MISSIONARY can have a part in this work by subscribing to a tract fund for the purpose of furnishing tracts to be given away by the workers in the field. Those who are unable to engage in the work in the field may thus share in the responsibility and blessing.

I. B. BURTON.

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Brother Burton has now gone to the Caledon District to canvass. He hopes to put in a large number of books there.

## Educational.

### An Opportunity for All

“‘Why, says one,’ what is the need of being so particular to thoroughly educate our youth. It seems to me that if a few receive special attention this is all that is necessary. Will not the thorough education of a few answer every requirement?’”

“No,” I answer, most decidedly not. What selection would we be able to make from our youth? All the youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education at our school that they may be inspired to become labourers together with God.”  
—Vol. VI.

In order that our youth may have an opportunity to receive the benefits and privileges of our school; the managers of Union College are prepared to give the following reduction to those who are willing to work part of their way:—

DOMESTIC WORK	INDUSTRIAL W'RK	TUITION
7 h'rs per week	10 h'rs per week	15/- per week
7 hr's per week	20 h'rs per week	10/- per week

The industrial work will be on the farm or in the carpenter shop for boys, and in the different departments of the Home for the girls.

Let us consider this proposition for a moment. The full tuition charged is £1 per week, which includes board, tuition, laundry, light, etc., exclusive of music and books. Now if a parent cannot afford to pay this amount, the school is willing to allow the boy or girl the privilege of working half and paying half the tuition. This means that such a one will need to work twenty-seven hours, and pay ten shillings per week. Now if the parent does not desire his son or daughter to work to this extent, by paying fifteen shillings per

week, such a one need only work seventeen hours. This is an offer every parent should consider. It brings tuition within the means of every one, and extends the privilege of the school to all. Let us sacrifice for the youth in order that all may have the benefits of a Christian education.  
C. H. H.

### College Notes

Five new students have recently come to the College. Three are from Bloemfontein and two from Johannesburg.

The boys of the Home visited the U. S. S. “Brooklyn” one day last week. It was a most enjoyable as well as profitable trip.

Sister Wocke from Bloemfontein recently spent a few days at College. She brought a message of cheer and also a plea for help from that city.

The gymnasium class, after study-hour in the evening, is a very pleasant feature of the daily programme. It is interesting to note the physical as well as mental and moral improvement of our students.

Our boys are beginning to work in the garden again. We hope to have a very good one this year. 10,000 strawberry plants are being put in. It is found that these thrive very well in sandy soil.

One of our old students in writing to a friend here tells how she misses our Friday evening meeting. Hers is the experience of almost all who leave College. They are good meetings, for God comes in, and lasting impressions for good are made on students' and teachers' hearts.

The “Boys Home Circle” is an organisation composed of the boys of the College Home. Its aim is for self improvement. Meetings are held each Saturday evening. The programmes have been very instructive and interesting. A history study, some musical selections, and a parliamentary drill are features of each meeting. Mrs. C. H. Hayton is president.

**The Printing Fund**

The following report gives the donations that have come in for this fund since our last report. We are thankful for the interest that our people have taken in this enterprise, and we trust that our printing office will soon be supplied with the facilities for printing the literature that is required to give the message to all the people of South Africa. O. O. F.

Previously Reported	£88 10 0
D. C. Theunissen	10 0
R. C. Honey	10 0 0
A Friend	2 9
C. Sparrow	1 0 0
W. S. Hyatt	5 0 0
Rokey Park Mission Band	5 0 0
J. V. Willson and wife	2 0 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£112 2 9</b>

—It has been decided to issue one more number of the *Journal of Health*. The September number will be the last.

**Natal-Transvaal Conference**

STATEMENT OF FUNDS RECEIVED FOR QUARTER  
ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1904.

TITHES	
Maritzburg Church.....	£109 - 16 - 11½
Johannesburg Church.....	60 - 19 - 7
Durban .....	22 - 2 - 11
<b>Total</b>	<b>£192 - 19 - 5½</b>

**FIRST DAY OFFERINGS**

Maritzburg .....	£7 - 10 - 0
Johannesburg .....	6 - 12 - 9
Durban .....	3 - 19 - 5
Sweetwaters .....	14 - 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£18 - 16 - 2</b>

**SABBATH SCHOOL DONATIONS TO MISSIONS**

Johannesburg .....	£10 - 6 - 1
Maritzburg.....	5 - 15 - 0
Sweetwaters .....	2 - 14 - 11
Durban .....	4 - 9 - 6
<b>Total</b>	<b>£23 - 5 - 6</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£235 - 1 - 1½</b>

**Natal-Transvaal Canvassing Report for July, 1904.**

Agent	Territory	Book	Orders	Value
E. M. Howard.....	Johannesburg	Masterpiece	.....	£ 0 os. od.
Mrs M. E. Howard.....	"	Ladi's Guide	14	15 14 6
C. Robinson .....	"	Gt. Contro.	.....	0 0 0
F. A. Spearing .....	Maritzburg	"	.....	0 0 0
J. A. Roberts.....	Germiston	"	39	27 12 0
F. C. Ernst.....	Bulwer	"	.....	0 0 0
V. J. Maybury.....	Maritzburg	"	.....	0 0 0
C. W. Wilkinson.....	Pretoria	"	9	6 13 6
Mrs. C. Howard.....	Johannesburg	H. H. Book	23	41 0 0
H. Schmidt.....	Pretoria	"	.....	0 0 0
Mrs. B. Roberts.....	Germiston	C. O. S.	82	16 2 0
Mrs. Infield.....	Johannesburg	H. W. L. I.	.....	0 0 0
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—Brother J. A. Chaney has requested us to state that his address will in the future be Kolo Mission, Wepener, O. R. C.

—Sister Wöcke, of Bloemfontein, has just been down to Cape for a visit. She brought three new students for the College. Sister Wöcke was under treatment at the Sanitarium about a week during her stay.

—Brother Wm. Haupt is meeting with good success canvassing for the papers. At King William's Town he took subscriptions as follows: *Sentinel* 47; *Journal of Health* 22; *Zion's Watcher* 16; German paper 4. After canvassing two and a half days at Queenstown he reported 40 subscriptions.

—Elder Edmed's family has had an unfortunate visitation of the small pox, his two little girls being afflicted with that dreadful malady. By following carefully the course of treatment given in Doctor Kellogg's book on Hydrotherapy, the disease was successfully combated, and the children are now almost well. All the members of the household are still in quarantine, but they hope to be released by the end of this month.

—The young people's Mission Band in the Rokeby Park church recently sent a donation of £5 to the printing plant fund. Every quarter this wide-awake Mission Band sends a good donation to some branch of the missionary work, the money being the proceeds of their industrial work. This plan of raising funds for missionary purposes is to be commended. We hope our young people in other churches will be encouraged to do likewise.

—Sister M. E. Robertson writes from Maritzburg: "A short time ago I met a lady who had been a regular subscriber to the *Sentinel*. On conversing with her, I found that she had learned a good deal of truth from the paper, and had begun the observance of the seventh day Sabbath. She asked me to have studies with her, and she is now one of the most regular attendants at our Sabbath service. She appreciates the truth very much and seems anxious to follow every ray of light that is given to her."

—Read Brother Burton's article on the "Tract Fund," page 5. Others of our workers besides the canvassers have requested tracts for distribution, but they can not afford to purchase these tracts to distribute, as their purses would soon be empty. But if each one of our readers who loves the truth and would like to see it advanced by this means would contribute to the tract fund, these workers would always be supplied with tracts to give to those who are interested. There is a tract fund in the Tract Society books, but there is nothing in it now. Send donations to the Tract Society.