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The Coming Camp-meeting

UNITED action is the strength of all contending forces. That the world is now awakening to this fact may be seen from the various organisations, religious and otherwise, which are forming powerful confederacies for the control of markets, governments, and many other things. Soon, all these unions will form one great union for the purpose of opposing the truth we hold so dear, and if we are to contend successfully for the faith once delivered to the saints, but which has been lost in papal darkness, then we must unite all our forces for the purpose of meeting the vast army that will array themselves against us. The campaign is a serious one, fraught with eternal interest to each soul. No soldier of the cross can afford to be out of line to-day; we must confederate also, and show a bold, united front on the stern battle-field of the remnant generation.

In order to plan for, so that we can execute a united campaign, I understand the coming camp-meeting, composed of delegates from all over South Africa, is to be held. How good it will be to meet with so many of like precious faith, many of whom we rarely see, and with whose trials and triumphs we are so little acquainted.

This little Conference is trying to carry out its resolutions passed at the last meeting, to send a strong delegation. Nearly all our workers will be present, and several church members from Natal and Transvaal. I know something from experience of what it is to get a camp-meeting and Conference ready, and my deep sympathy for those responsible, leads me to say to the readers of the Mission-

ARY, cheer and encourage them by sending in word that you will attend. Let us not only pray for the success of this camp-meeting, but by going ourselves, work for the success of that for which we pray. If every missionary, every worker, and every member of the church in South Africa would be there, imagine what a glorious time we would have, and then remember that such could only be by you yourself deciding to go.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

What to Bring to Camp-meeting

BE sure to bring your good nature and sunny smiles to cheer every sorrowing heart with whom you meet. Bring a mattress cover as you will need it. We cannot obtain mattresses. Bring all the blankets, pillows, etc., you need to make your bed comfortable. If you are planning to board yourself, then bring a few dishes, cups, spoons, knives and forks. Provide whatsoever you think you may need.

Curtains will divide your tent into apartments and make it look cheery and nice, so bring them if you have them. Small pieces of carpet or floor rugs will be appreciated by every camper, and will help to make the tent look better.

A tent, bed, and chair is all that the Conference is planning to provide. Tables can be obtained for those who wish them. All other things required will have to be provided by the campers.

We can get plenty coir for filling mattress covers for 2/6 for each single mattress. This will make a very comfortable bed. We will also have a

cheaper material for filling the mattresses.

We advise all our people who come from a distance to try to reach the camp-ground Thursday, and not later than Friday morning. Then there will be plenty of time to get ready for the Sabbath, and be prepared for the first praise service which will be held at five o'clock, Friday afternoon, Jan. 4. All of our people will want to take part in the first shout of victory that will go up from the camp.

It will be better to change cars at Salt River Junction than to go on into Cape Town and then change for Claremont. We hope that all will note this. We shall endeavor to have some one meet these trains and direct you to the camp-ground which is but a few minutes' walk from Claremont station.

If any of our people desire to reach the Cape a few days before the camp-meeting begins they will find a comfortable home at the College at very reasonable rates.

W. S. HYATT.

A Training Class

THE question has arisen, Would it not be profitable to hold a training class for a few weeks at the close of Conference? And everyone to whom I have spoken about it has said, Yes, I am in favour of it. Several of our workers feel the need of a few weeks' training, and others who have not entered the work are asking for a training that they may enter it.

After some counsel, I think we can safely say to our brethren that we will gladly provide the help needed to conduct such a class. We would suggest that the class continue not

more than four weeks, and then all those who are coming from a distance and desire to attend can purchase a holiday ticket and return any time before the close of February.

Are there not several of our brethren who are desiring a better fitting for the work? We now offer you the opportunity. There will be no expense except board, and this will be but a very small amount, if anything. We are sure that during the little time you will need to take for exercise it will be so planned that you can earn your board. Will you think and pray about this matter? Is the Lord calling you to enter His work? Now is the time to prepare.

W. S. HYATT.

Camp-meeting Notes

—ELDER TARR writes that he expects seven or eight of the brethren and sisters will attend the camp-meeting from East London.

—Elder Freeman encourages us to expect eight or ten from the Heisterbach church.

—Several of the Rokeby Park brethren were planning to come down to the Conference, and others were in the "valley of decision." We hope they will get out on the right side.

—While in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage we were assured that several of our people would attend, for which we are thankful.

—Elder Edmed says that twenty-five or more will attend from their Conference. We hope that not one of these will be disappointed in making the sacrifice necessary to attend, but that they may receive the fulness of Heaven's blessings.

—From many other sections the word comes that our people are praying and hoping that the Lord will open the way so that they can attend. We join in these prayers and believe that Father will hear.

—Above all, we are thankful for the assurance, "Lo, I am with you." It is His presence and blessing that we seek, and "it awaits our demand and reception." With faith that knows no denial may we claim the promised blessing.

W. S. HYATT.

To the Brethren at the Cape and Vicinity

THE camp-meeting being held in your midst offers a rare opportunity to our people. It has been several years since such a meeting has been held in this vicinity, and I expect that years will elapse before another meeting of the kind is held at the Cape. We hope that our people will appreciate the privilege and plan to live on the camp-ground and enjoy the meetings.

Frequently those who are living near think it is not necessary to take a tent and live on the ground. The result is, they attend but few of the services, and when the meeting closes these favoured persons have received but little benefit. My brethren, I urge you to plan to attend the camp-meeting. Especially do I urge those who are living so far from the church that they cannot attend regularly. For our souls' sake we must heed the words "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

W. S. HYATT.

Sad Death in Washington

THE sad news was received by cable, yesterday, of the death of Miss F. A. Willson, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Willson, of Cheapside, Kimberley, which occurred on Sunday evening in the Washington Sanitarium, U. S. A. Miss Willson had been in indifferent health for some six weeks past, her parents having received an intimation that she was suffering from nervous prostration, consequent, it was believed, upon the heavy strain of her studies. Miss Willson was a promising musician, and was well known in Kimberley, where she had resided with her parents since immediately before the seige up to some two years ago. It was in order that she might complete her studies that she went to South Lancaster, Mass., near Boston, U. S. A., after spending a year at a Cape

Town educational institution. During her residence in Kimberley, Miss Willson was an enthusiastic member of the Kimberley Musical Association, and it appears only too probable that it was her love of music that led her to engage in such a heavy round of studies as caused the nervous breakdown which has had such a sad termination. Miss Willson was only nineteen years of age. Her loss will be deeply deplored by her many friends, and general sympathy will be extended to her sorrowing parents in their peculiarly sad bereavement.—*Kimberley Advertiser, Dec. 4, 1906.*

Orange River Colony

SINCE my last report, I visited Mr. and Mrs. Naudie, in Koffyfontein District. They gave me a good welcome and were very glad to see me. They have observed the Sabbath for some time. I spent a little time instructing them. They expressed a wish that I visit them again when they will probably be baptised. I then returned to Fauresmith and on to Bloemfontein, where I resumed studies with interested ones.

I arrived at Brother and Sister Rensbury's on the 22nd, and visited some in that District (Heilbron) who have accepted the truth, and held meetings in their home.

I came on to Brother Venter's (Lindly District) where there are also members of a white family who are walking in the light, due to the efforts of the Venter family. I visited these together with some native families who have decided to obey the Lord and desire baptism.

J. M. FREEMAN.

Bonnie Vale

ON the 21st of October, my wife and I started from Oudtshoorn on a trip, visiting the different companies and isolated Sabbath-keepers in the country. Mr. Olifan, the native minister at George, who is keeping the Sabbath, was not at home; but we had a very nice meeting with his congregation. Brother A. Fontine, from

the farm Waterval, beyond Muiskraal, met us at Riversdale Station on the 23rd, to take us to his home. We stayed thirteen days with this dear family, establishing them in the truth. On Sunday, the 4th inst., he and his wife and sister followed their Lord in baptism. They are very poor in this world's goods, but I can truly say, "rich in faith." The Thursday and Friday previous, I went on my bicycle to the neighbouring farms, informing the people of the baptismal service, and inviting them out. Although there was a great deal of opposition and prejudice, several came from a distance. The Holy Spirit came near with its softening and subduing influence, and some were moved to tears; also at communion service.

We experienced much of God's blessing, too, with the dear little company at Muiskraal, and with Sister Swart who is faithfully, though all alone, letting her light shine in Heidelberg. She has a nice family, and kind and good husband, who loves our people and believes we have the truth, but is not yet being sanctified through obedience to it. Our stay with this family, though short, has been very pleasant indeed, and I have much hope for them and some of their relatives in the village.

We stopped over at Drew and neighbourhood for about eleven days, establishing believers in the truth, and visiting among old and new acquaintances. At all these places prejudice is being broken down, and doors are opening. Like the Captain of our salvation, we must not fail nor be discouraged. Last week I had a severe fall from a horse, and am still very stiff, and somewhat sore. Although my body is black and blue, I do not have the "blues."

We arrived here on the evening of the 26th inst. Last evening I went across the river in the boat and had a nice visit with Mr. F. Roos, the leader of the Swanepoelites, and stayed for their service. Every morning and evening, at the call of the bell, the congregation gathers at Mrs. Roos' house for worship. There are about fifty families here now. They seem

to be a very humble, earnest, and honest people, and I believe some will accept the truth, but they need very careful and gentle handling. I greatly need the Holy Spirit and the prayers of all God's people. Pray for these people.

My bicycle is a great help to me and my work. So far, I have travelled most of the way from Oudtshoorn on it, besides using it in visiting around and looking up scattered ones. It is a missionary bicycle, but not paid for yet. A poor widow sister saw how much I needed something to get about with, gave me £1 toward a fund to get a trap and horse, or bicycle, and told me to trust the Lord to give me the rest. So far, the bicycle has cost me about £12, and I have received £2 14s in donations.

Brethren Burton and Vermaak, my wife and I, who have been labouring in the south western districts, are continually realising the truthfulness of the first part of Ps. 126:6, for which we are very grateful, and we mean by God's help to be faithful to the end so as soon to realise the blessed truthfulness of the latter part of the same verse, with you all.

D. H. GROENEWALD.

Among the Churches

I LEFT the Cape Nov. 14, for Port Elizabeth, and remained there ten days. There is a growing interest in the truth in this city, and the work is progressing. Some of the church members have been doing good work, scattering literature and holding Bible readings. The blessing of the Lord has been upon this work, and the fruit is now appearing. The first Sabbath I was there we baptised two sisters. Two others are keeping the Sabbath, and will be baptised later, we hope. The last Sabbath I baptised four adults at Uitenhage, and others are interested. During my visit I held seven meetings, and made twenty-seven family visits. I left Brother Olmsted full of courage and hope in the work.

I then spent three days with Brother and Sister Shone at the new mission.

They are labouring hard to get the work started in that new place. The following Sabbath and Sunday were spent at Rokeby Park. We held three services, and the good Spirit of the Lord was present. I was glad to learn that several of our people are planning to attend the camp-meeting.

On Monday, Dec. 3, I started for the Cape, where I arrived Wednesday evening. The following Sabbath was a good day for the College, as seven of the young people followed their Lord in baptism. This makes fifteen of the students who have been baptised this year. We are thankful for all these evidences of Father's care and love.

W. S. HYATT.

Closing Exercises at Union College

TUESDAY, DEC. 11, was the close of a pleasant year's work at the school. The parents and friends were invited to be present at the exercises Monday evening. The church was well filled, and all expressed themselves pleased with the programme as rendered. The exercises were somewhat different from those commonly held. Instead of the usual declamations and recitations, the students gave an outline of their various studies in the form of a dialogue.

Two of the girls told of a journey through the interior of Africa, describing the places visited. Several of the younger boys explained the subject of digestion, while the older students gave a Bible lesson. The little tots took their part in both song and recitation, and the entire school joined their voices in anthems of praise.

Miss Mollie Tarr, having completed the normal course in our school, was presented with a diploma and cordially welcomed to the ranks of workers by Elder Hyatt.

After the exercises, the school rooms were opened for inspection. Much of the school and manual training work was exhibited. At the same time an exhibition and sale of healthful cookery was held in another room.

This closes one of the most successful year's work of the College. The religious influence of the school has been excellent, and fifteen of the students were baptised during the year.

School will open again on Monday, January 28, and it is hoped that we may have a large attendance.

HELEN M. HYATT.

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AS WE close up this paper, we learn that Brother and Sister Tickton have just arrived at the Cape from Johannesburg.

BRETHREN B. P. and J. N. DE BEER and P. J. Vermaak, after resting at the Cape a few days from their recent canvassing labours, have started out on another tour which will keep them engaged until the time of the camp-meeting.

THE Synod concession tickets to the Conference and camp-meeting will be available for return immediately after the meeting is over. If there are any who wish to remain at the Cape for a time after the meeting, they had better take advantage of the ordinary excursion rates prevailing at the time.

ELDER G. W. REASER, who is now president of the Southern California Conference, writes that his Conference is supporting eighteen workers in foreign mission fields. Several native teachers in connection with our South African missions are included in the number thus supported. Elder Reaser shows his interest in South African missions in a most practical way.

THE work at the Sanitarium at Plumstead continues to prosper. Every available space is occupied by patients, including some of the helpers' rooms, and a tent is pitched on the grounds for some who can find no room in the building. The doctor assures us that others are ready to come as soon as they can be accommodated. This is the strongest evidence that God is pleased with the work of our medical missionary institution. Another addition to the building is

greatly needed to provide for the increasing patronage.

EVERY reader of this paper will be pleased to learn that Elder G. A. Irwin, vice-president of the General Conference, will attend our forthcoming camp-meeting at the Cape, and will assist in the meetings. Elder Irwin has for many years been in the front ranks of our workers, and was president of the General Conference for several years. We believe that his coming will prove a blessing to the work in South Africa.

Death of Floy Willson

WE reprint on another page an article from the *Kimberley Advertiser*, announcing the death of Miss Floy A. Willson, only daughter of Brother and Sister J. V. Willson. When this news reached us a feeling of intense sorrow was experienced by all of our people at the Cape. Only two and a half years have passed since Floy left us, full of health and vigour, thirsting for an education, and giving promise of becoming an active and useful worker in the Lord's vineyard. Rapid and satisfactory progress was made in her studies at our school in South Lancaster. But at the moment of her greatest success, in the very flower of her youth, separated by thousands of miles from her parents, she has fallen a victim to the enemy—death.

We are glad to know that Floy had made good progress, not only with her studies, but in her Christian life. Her life was consecrated to God, and she was active in every mission-

ary work at the school. We sympathise deeply with Brother and Sister Willson, but their sorrow, and ours, is not as the sorrow of "others which have no hope." Floy was most dearly beloved by her parents, and their bereavement will be most keenly felt; but in the light of the "blessed hope," they will be able to say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the name of the Lord."

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B. P. de Beer,	2 6
F. Sates,	2 6
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CAPE COLONY CONFERENCE

REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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Bonnie Vale	12 0 0		
Cathcart	19 1 6	2 10 0	
Cape Town	72 7 10	2 2 0	2 3 6
Claremont	144 11 6	4 11 7	3 12 5
East London	23 5 4	1 18 6	
Heisterback	83 17 10	5 5 6	5 12 6
Isolated Ones	14 15 3	3 6	
King WmsTown	7 5 0	13 0	5 0
Klipdam	15 7 6	1 4 0	
Port Elizabeth	13 14 6		
Rokeby Park	25 4 9	2 6 6	2 3 0
Uitenhage	9 16 3	18 3	7 6
12 Churches	593 1 6	22 18 10	14 3 11

T. J. GIBSON, TREASURER.

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