

The South African MISSIONARY

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

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Words of Encouragement.

WORDS of encouragement! Let them ring

Forth to the downcast soul.

Words of encouragement! See, they bring

Impulse quickening, whole!

Words of encouragement! Speak them; say,

Who would their blessing restrain?

Words of encouragement tender may Spring as the latter rain.

Words of encouragement may inspire Actions heroic untold;

Words of encouragement may e'en fire Hearts as yet callous, cold.

Words of encouragement! Breath them soft—

Timid ones,—wanderers,—weak,—

Words of encouragement all to oft Yearning in vain do seek.

Words of encouragement! Young and old,

Sadly we need them, all!

Words of encouragement, speech of gold, Aye from our lips should fall.

Speak no discouragement! Satan cares Amply for that; yea, still

Words of discouragement never spares,— Knowing full well they kill!

Gertrude Flather.

Somabula Mission.

It has been some time since we have reported, and we are glad to be able to say something encouraging this time. Our mission family are all in usual health, and start in the new year with courage. We trust we shall receive greater blessings than we have experienced during the past year.

Our mission school has been increasing in interest and numbers for

some time, and we have been improving our school facilities by way of some new tables, seats, maps, blackboards, and books. All seem to enjoy the situation very much. Brother and Sister Gibson brought their little organ with them, and we use it in the school room. This with the singing adds much interest to the school, and also to the Sabbath meetings. We have a larger attendance as the result, for the natives like music very much. Our school has just started again after a two weeks vacation, and several new students have come in. Several of the boys brought along some of their friends on their return from the vacation.

The school is larger than it has been for some time. Our out-schools are doing nicely although it is planting time, and the natives are busy during the day. They come in at night and have night school. As soon as the busy season is over we expect a much larger attendance. The teachers report a good attendance on the Sabbath at their meetings. At one out-school as many as fifty and sixty attend. We are planning soon to open a new out-school on a native reserve about seventy-five miles north of the mission, where there are large numbers of natives.

We are very busy now hoeing and cultivating our mealies. They are looking very fine. The rains were a month late this season, but it rains nearly every day now, and having showers so often makes vegetation grow very rapidly. We had a very long and dry season this year, and stock suffered much. Large numbers

have died in some places. We have lost a few head of cattle but others have been more unfortunate than we have. The cattle are all looking well now. Last Sabbath we had baptism, and there were ten baptised. We had a good Sabbath meeting. About one hundred were present. Quite a number came from the out-schools to witness the baptism.

We have no reason to be discouraged, but praise God for what blessings we receive, and hope the readers of the *MISSIONARY* are all starting in the new year with good courage, and bright hopes in the Lord.

The work will soon be finished and we must all work diligently for our own salvation and the saving of those around us who are in darkness and know not that our Lord will soon return.

We must not forget to mention how pleased we are to receive the *MISSIONARY* every week. We always open that before any other mail. We want to see how the work is going in the other parts of the field. It is a great source of encouragement to us.

W. C. WALSTON.

North Basutoland Mission.

THE great Leader of our work is still directing in the plans here. While we can not see the end, and do not fully understand all of the providential leadings, we are of good courage, and by faith say, "All things work together for good to them that love God."

Before Brother Emmerson and I left these parts after our first visit we

were sure in our minds that the mission site was secure. Here legal papers are never made out. The chiefs gave the land, and as final arrangements would necessarily be slow, we returned to conclude these matters after coming to the field to stay.

A criminal case occupied the time of the chiefs for more than a week after our arrival. Then all fields were planted and crops must not be destroyed even to allow building. A promise to pay for these secured some advancement, but still Chief Jonathau said he must see other chiefs and people and talk quietly with them before we could begin building. He told us we could live in his building a year if necessary, and also gave us permission to start our school in one end of it. He continued to say how glad he was that we had come to work here, and did not understand why other missionaries opposed us.

A few days ago he came and pointed out how much land was his about the building in which we live, and said it could be fenced and we could plant all we liked. This plot contains about five acres. He also showed us where to build a temporary partition in the house. Later in the day we saw Chief Levi, the chief of this section and Jonathan's right-hand man, who said, "I think it will be very difficult for you to get away from here. Chief Jonathan wants you near him and not far over there." (We are now about four miles from his place while the location given us is about seven.) He further told us that Jonathan had given him instruction to build a fence about his land here for us and that four other locations were to be shown us, these being nearer than the first, so Jonathan's sons could come to school. We hear that he has told nine of his sons to come to the school as soon as it is started, and has told the people that we were their missionaries. He takes much interest in our work and seems to be very well pleased. This is as it should be and we mean to keep his good will. He is a powerful

chief and his influence is valuable. They also see that we love and respect them and regard their authority. To this courteous treatment they readily respond as little of this has been given them from white people.

We know not what is before us but believe that God is working for us. All will be done right if we allow Him to lead, and this we are determined to do. There is still plenty of daily work so we shall leave the future to Him who is infinite in wisdom.

HOMER C. OLMSTEAD.

Grahamstown Camp-Meeting.

"WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion we were like them that dream." Truly as we have seen the large tent filled to overflowing each evening by the outside public, it seems like a dream. We can hardly realise that the current of public sentiment could have so changed towards the message we are giving to the world.

The Lord has been blessing in the presentation of the Word and many seem under deep conviction. The practical instruction given to those encamped on the grounds has also been well received, and all have expressed their desire for a closer walk with God.

Love and harmony have prevailed in all the conference proceedings, and the workers feel encouraged to take up work this coming year with renewed energy and zeal.

Quite a number have decided to seek a preparation to enter the work. We look for greater results this year than we have ever seen in the past. The Lord has set His hand to the work and it shall be cut short in righteousness, and close in glorious triumph, and that right early. To Him shall be all the glory.

G. W. SHONE.

PERSONALLY, the camp-meeting was a great blessing. My heart was drawn nearer to the Lord and filled with His love.

To see our young people especially consecrating themselves to the Lord and entering upon His work brought

great joy to my soul. It is another testimony that the work is soon to close. Praise the Lord!

G. H. CLARK.

THE Grahamstown Camp-meeting was one of the best I ever attended. From night to night the large tent was filled, and many were compelled to remain standing. Even though a part of the time it was raining the attendance did not decrease, but rather increased. When those not of our faith crowd an old leaky tent to hear the gospel truth, it is sure evidence that the spirit of God is working upon their hearts.

Not only was conviction brought to our own people on the ground, but from time to time hands were lifted by those from the outside in response to earnest calls, showing that they desired an interest in the fervent prayer offered each evening to be freed from sins guilty stain.

M. E. EMMERSON.

Natal-Transvaal Conference

REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1909.

Churches	Tithes	S.S.O.	F.D.O.	Orp. &c.
Jeppetown	67 9 9	19 9	4 15 0	2 5 0
La Rochelle	2 4 6			
P. M. Burg	96 1 7	3 16 5	5 9 9	3 5 3
Durban	21 7 7	2 12 0	3 0	1 11 6
Vryheid	18 4 6			4 10 0
Krugersdorp	17 12 3	1 0 0		
Pretoria	2 8 0	13 0		
Bethal	1 8 6	19 6		15 0
Isolated	2 2 0	1 10 9		10 0
Camp-meeting		4 7 5		
Totals	£198 18 8	15 18 10	10 7 9	12 16 9

For corresponding period previous year £253 4 11 18 16 1 4 18 0

F. MACDONALD, Treasurer.

"Pointers to Success," "Canvasser's Daily Record Book."

WE have now received several of these and shall be pleased to supply them to all of our canvassers and to others who are interested in the book and paper work. The price of the "Pointers" is 6d. and the "Record Book" 4d. each. Send your orders to the International Tract Society, Siranack Street, Maritzburg, Natal, and 56, Roeland Street, Cape Town.

An Encouraging Letter.

"SOME of the experiences with which I have recently met have tended to greatly encourage me in my work. I have met several people who have purchased *Great Controversy* from me and have read it through. One man finished it in about a month. He said he would read it again to digest it. One lady, who is a Christian scientist, after she had read *Great Controversy* through, said the book was right on the Sabbath question. Another lady after purchasing a copy recommended me to a friend of hers who also took a copy. This lady had bought a copy years ago from a canvasser in Durban but had given it away before reading it because of prejudice. She is now reading the book and is much pleased with it. She said, "If ever I received good value for a guinea, it was when I bought that book." The next canvasser who comes that way with *Desire of Ages* will assuredly get an order from this lady.

A man who had borrowed and read a copy of *Daniel and the Revelation* years ago, purchased a copy from me and is now reading it again. He admits of not living up to all the light he has received. He also recommended me to a friend, who is an elder in the Dutch Reformed Church, who purchased a copy of *Great Controversy*.

Another lady who bought a book from me, after reading it is loaning it to friends. She is advising them to buy this book for themselves, as she fears her book will soon be worn out with so constant handling.

A lady who bought a copy of *Great Controversy* informed me before giving me the order that she did not believe in the existence of a God, but believed in a hereafter. May the book be the means of her conversion.—*A Canvasser.*

"THE human race is divided into two classes, those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit still and inquire, 'Why wasn't it done the other way?'"

The Paper Work.

Natal=Transvaal Conference, for week ending Dec. 31, 1909.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mission Company,	Johannesburg,	Signs,	14	7 0
		Sentinel,	48	12 0
		G. Health,	76	19 0
G. H. Rowland,	Pretoria,	Signs,	109	2 14 6
Totals,	2 Agents,		247	4 12 6

For week ending Jan. 7, 1910.

Mission Company,	Johannesburg,	Signs,	16	8 0
		Sentinel,	25	6 3
		G. Health,	151	1 17 9
		Wachter,	2	6
Totals,	1 Agent,		194	2 12 0

Cape Conference, for week ending Jan. 7, 1910.

Percy Tarr,	P. Elizabeth,		1	1
Eric A. Smith,	"	Signs,	40	5 11
*J. Vermaak,	"	"	46	1 5 0
Nellie George,	"	"	163	4 3 6
Hugh Williams,	Kimberley,	"	14	7 0
Totals,	5 Agents,		264	0 1 0

*Four subscriptions taken.

The Book Work.

Natal=Transvaal Conference, for week ending Dec. 31, 1909.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg, S. D.	98½	106	34 9 0	6 19 6	41 8 0	2 12 0	
C. A. Dixie,	Melville, D. R.	19½	20	18 15 0		18 15 0		
Mrs. Howard,	Bezuidehouth Valley, D. R.	13	12	9 19 6		9 19 6		
E. M. Howard,	Troyeville, D. R.	27	5	4 2 6	13 0	4 15 6		
E. Enochson,	Alberton, D. R.	23	15	15 7 6		15 7 6		
F. J. Blake,	Belgravia, C. K.	4	4	1 4 0		1 4 0	6 0	
Totals,	0 Agents,		185	162	£83 17 0	7 12 6	91 10 0	2 18 0

For week ending Jan. 7, 1910.

Mission Company,	Jo'burg, S. D.	125½	34	11 1 0	4 2 9	15 3 9	41 1 6	
C. Dixie,	Jeppestown, D. R.	20	17	14 17 0		14 17 0		
T. G. Crouch,	Br'mfont'n, D. R.	35	1	1 1 0		1 1 0	30 15 0	
E. M. Howard,	Troyeville, D. R.	25	19	15 16 6		15 16 6	2 15 6	
E. Enochson,	Germiston, D. R.	31	7	7 7 0		7 7 0	20 0 6	
E. van der Molen,	Nigel, D. R.	40	27	24 19 6		24 19 6	17 6	
A. Whelan,	Jeppes. Exten., G. P.	13	17	17 0		17 0	1 5 6	
Totals,	7 Agents,		289½	122	£75 19 0	4 2 9	80 1 9	96 15 6

Cape Conference, for week ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Philip Evert,	Kimberley, G. C.	20	8	4 14 0		4 14 0	12 6	
Hugh Williams,	" C. K.	24	14	4 18 0		4 18 0		
M. Schonken,	Woodstock, P. H.	2	1	3 0		3 0	3 0	
Percy Tarr,	P. Elizabeth, H. M.	12	8	2 12 0	1 6	2 13 6	6 6	
Eric A. Smith,	" G. C.	12	1	12 6			7 6	
Totals,	5 Agents,		70	32	£12 19 0	1 6	12 8 0	1 9 6

For week ending Jan. 7, 1910.

Irwin Williams,	Kimberley, G. C.	22	11	7 5 0		7 5 0	12 6	
Lewis Williams,	" G. C.	21	9	5 6 6		5 6 6		
Philip Evert,	" G. C.	17	6	3 15 0	17 6	4 12 6		
Hugh Williams,	" C. K.	9					3 3 0	
Eric A. Smith,	P. E'beth, G. C.	34	2	1 5 0		1 5 0	2 10 0	
Percy Tarr,	" H. M.	21	3	19 6	5 0	1 4 6	3 11 6	
Totals,	6 Agents,		124	31	£18 11 0	1 2 6	19 13 0	9 17 9

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Extracts From a Good Letter.

I HAVE been having some good experiences. In Uitenhage, Red House, and Zwartkops, I sold eighty-six papers. After I finished those places I went to Port Elizabeth, and the first day I sold thirty, then nineteen, then eighteen, one of them a subscription for one year. I have had some nice talks with the people. I wish I knew more, so that I could do more for this dark world. I feel glad that God has called me to have a little part in his work.

Here in Uitenhage one lady whom I knew was so glad to see me engaged in this work, that she called over her back fence and asked her sister-in-law to buy a paper which she gladly did. Then in Zwartkops one young lady called to her next door neighbour and asked her to buy one. While some have a closed ear to the message, others are hungering for it.

There is a minister here who is a converted Jew. He bought two copies of the Signs, one was for a Roman Catholic policeman who desires to be a Christian. The article entitled "The Mark of Catholic Authority" caused him to buy it.

The Lord is greatly blessing us in our work, and to Him be all the praise. I think many more should be engaged in this work. Although it is hard work one feels refreshed when they come home in the evening after having had such a good time and received so great a blessing. I want to spend more of my time in this work.

NELLIE GEORGE.

Notes.

—ELDER H. J. EDMED attended the Grahamstown Camp-meeting from Natal. His services were greatly appreciated.

—The next issue of the MISSIONARY will be devoted largely, if not exclusively, to a report of the Grahamstown Camp-meeting.

—From six hundred to one thousand of the good people of Grahamstown listened attentively from night to night to the searching truth of the message.

—Let us read with care the first page poem, "Words of Encouragement." There is a blessing in it for all who will give heed to its truthfulness.

—The Sulusi Mission was represented at the conference by Sister M. C. Sturdevant. The Kolo Mission by Elder M. E. Emmerson, and the Maranatha Mission by Elders Hyatt and Armitage.

—It is an interesting fact that our Sabbath-schools throughout the world contribute for missions on an average of £400 every Sabbath day.—Ex.

—During the past four months the two conferences, Natal and the Cape, have secured about £1700 worth of orders for books, one half being taken in December.

—It is hard to refrain giving more items regarding our wonderfully blessed camp-meeting at Grahamstown, but as the next issue will be a camp-meeting issue, we desist.

—For the year 1909 the European field increased its membership 2300; its tithes £5000. They circulated 230,000 *German Herald*, 43,000 *Present Truth*, and 75,000 *Good Health*.

—Instead of receiving presents Sister White took occasion on her eighty-second birthday to give instruction to see that all our intermediate schools were supplied with a good set of her books. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

—The Claremont and Cape Town delegation to and from the Grahamstown Camp-meeting greatly appreciated the courtesy of the railroad officials in making the journey pleasant and comfortable. They could not have treated us with more kindness.

—"The MISSIONARY is the most interesting paper we receive,—surpassing most of our letters in this re-

spect. We are sure that it will be greatly appreciated by our parents at home. Inclosed find five shillings to cover expense of the same."—H. C. Olmstead.

—A letter from Elder Anderson, posted at Southampton, was received by the last English mail. While largely a business letter it spoke of a pleasant voyage, of good accomplished through conversation, selling and loaning our good books, and holding Sunday services.

—Some noted and highly educated people are coming into the light of truth in China and entering upon mission work. If space will permit later we will give one or two incidents showing that God has set His hand to this work in every land and language to cut it short in righteousness.

—A letter from Miss Ina Austen, written the 27th of November, says they are in their usual health. They have had several attacks of the fever, but through the blessing of God upon their efforts to recover, they have shaken it off each time. They are using God's preventatives, air, water, and sunshine. They are of courage in their work.

—A letter from Elder W. C. White says that "November 26th, the day after Thanksgiving, was mother's birthday. She is now eighty-two years old. When I met her in the morning and congratulated her on another birthday, she looked as well as five years ago, and from all appearances has as good a prospect for five years more of usefulness. Mother is trying to lay off care and worry and to reserve her strength that she may occasionally attend general meetings and bear her testimony."

Roll of Honour.

Previously reported,	21	2	3
W. C. Walston and wife,	1	0	0
H. J. Edmed,	10	0	
Mrs. M. C. Sturdevant,	10	0	
H. C. Olmstead,	5	0	
Mrs. F. E. Gay,	2	6	
Total,	£23	9	9