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

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"Judge Not."

BY GERTRUDE FLATHER.

"JUDGE not,"—thou know'st not all things.—Stay

Thy hasty, bitter word;
Err, rather, by indulgence;—leave
All judgment to thy Lord.

"Judge not," the lowly Saviour said.—
Would'st thou His word obey?
Then have no eyes for others' faults,
Look well to thine own way.

"Judge not,"—thou know'st not all things;—nor

Canst ever read the heart,
Nor fathom secret anguish deep
With which some soul may smart.

"Judge not,"—thou knowest not what the load

Thy brother's life may bear;
Would'st try to help him lift it right?
Remember him in prayer.

"Judge not,"—thou know'st not all.—
Sometimes

The brightest smile conceals
A heart the while with anguish torn,—
Sore pressed beneath life's ills.

"Judge not." We know not all things—
—ah!

Did we but know, how oft
No scathing criticism,—but
Would p'yer be borne aloft!

Go Yourself.

THE importance of carrying out God-given impressions to speak personally to others about their souls is well illustrated by an experience in the early Christian life of Mr. Hudson, the prosperous merchant of Syracuse, New York, which appeared in the *Sunday-school Times*.

He has become so interested in working for souls that he has had to close several of his stores that he

might have more time to devote to it. Through his influence there has been started a study movement that is now world-wide. Thousands of young men have been brought to Christ through this one man's influence. We quote the following:—

"Twenty-five years ago, when he had only been a Christian four weeks, he was addressing his first public meeting on the subject of religion. Because he was so well known commercially the Y. M. C. A. hall was crowded with merchants and clerks. Telling with enthusiasm of his new-found Saviour, the young convert said, 'If you know a man whom God tells you to speak to, and to whom you feel that *you* can't go yourself, send someone else after him. I did that very thing last week.'

"In the audience sat the editor of the *Syracuse Evening Journal*, who rose suddenly to his feet and called out: 'Mr. Hudson, I want to ask you a question. Did the man you sent to the other man to whom God had told *you* to go and speak, *bring him* to Christ?' 'No, he was not ready,' was the answer.

"'He *never* will be ready,' came the quick retort from the man on the floor, 'and he never will be a Christian until *you* go yourself and ask him to come. If God had wanted someone else to speak to that man, God would have spoken to someone else instead of you. 'Now,' continued the editor, turning and facing the audience of men attentive and curious at the unexpected turn things had taken, 'how many of you will promise to pray for Mr. Hudson at

ten o'clock to-morrow morning while *he* goes himself and wins *that man* to Christ?'

"An army of men raised their hands, and Mr. Hudson was squarely in for it. Ten o'clock the next morning came all too soon. He passed and repassed the door of the business building where his friend worked, before he could scare up courage enough to enter. Then he marched in. His man had evidently seen him coming, for he greeted his visitor by name as he came alongside, without looking up from his work.

"'I've come on a queer errand,' said Hudson awkwardly. 'I have been a Christian, you know, for a few weeks only; it is a hard thing for me to come to you and talk with you about this, but it means so much to me that I want to know if you will not make the decision this morning and give your heart to Christ?'

"He stopped. There was no answer; the man went on at his work, still without looking up. The young soul-winner waited; no answer. Then he laid his hand upon the shoulder of the man he had come to win, and began again: 'You and I have been old friends for so long that I believe I can help you and you can help me in the Christian life, and I want you to say to me that you will make the decision.' Still no reply; but now, as Hudson waited with his hand on his friend's arm, he bore down hard and lovingly on that arm. Then he saw on the ledger that was before them, big tear-drops falling; and he knew that he had his man.

"After a moment more his hand was thrust out and gripped his

caller's hand as he said, 'Hudson, there's my hand on it. I'm a Christian from this time on. Don't say any more here; this place is full of men and boys, and there'll be a scene if you do. But I'll meet you at the prayer-meeting this week.' He did so; and he's been going to prayer-meeting ever since.

"The young convert had learned that it is *better* to go *yourself* than to send someone else. He went back to his place of business walking on air. He had won his first man to Christ. He had never known such lightness of heart or joy of living before. He could sell his goods now as he had never sold them before. He could meet any notes and promises of payment under the sun. He could do anything."

The best fruit is hand picked. So the best souls are won to the Master by personal efforts. It is something we all can have a part in. Ask God to give you opportunities and open your eyes to see them and give you wisdom to step into them.—*David Paulson, in Australian Signs.*

Natal-Transvaal Conference.

BEFORE going to the Grahamstown Camp-meeting the writer met Elder R. C. Porter at Maritzburg where a counsel meeting was held with the Board of the Natal Health Institute, for the purpose of considering the future policy of that institution. We were pleased to find the finances in good shape, and the prospects for future success were good. It was thought necessary to cut down the working expenses owing to the present temporary depression, and to this end the committee decided to ask Dr. Bell and wife to enter the institute as managers. Elder D. H. Groenewald and wife, after many months of earnest labour, were released from their charge, and when the opportune time is reached, a move to the premises donated to the conference by Brother A. Beissner was decided upon. Sister M. Dixie was appointed to the position of

matron, and will take up her new responsibilities from the first of February.

The above arrangement necessitates some changes that we regret in some ways; Sister Dixie has been a faithful and devoted worker at the Johannesburg City Mission since it began, and will be greatly missed by our family, yet we are glad to give her to a place that needs the help she is qualified to give, and we wish her every success in her new sphere.

Elder D. H. Groenewald will now re-enter the field, for the present taking up medical missionary work on field missionary lines, and we are sanguine that good results will follow. Brother Groenewald has already secured 500 copies of *Life and Health* to use, and is locating at Durban, Natal.

Nurse Fourie's return to the health institute is also very much regretted by the mission family. After spending one year in the nurses' course at that institution, Sister Fourie was the first in this conference to take up the plan of spending three months yearly in the field, in connection with her training. For this purpose she joined the Johannesburg City Mission on the self-supporting basis three months ago, and has successfully demonstrated that it is possible for our nurses to engage in profitable as well as spiritual medical missionary work. During the time mentioned Nurse Fourie gave 106 treatments without charge, but the donations she received from her patrons fully covered the cost of her department. Besides this, she sold 41 books, mostly *Story of Daniel the Prophet*; 303 *South African Signs*; 302 *Good Health*; 138 *Bible Training School*; 39 *Sentinels*; 23 *Watchers*; and 15 *Watchman*. Total 931 books and papers, valued approximately, £31 0 6. Nurse Strachan has arrived to continue the good work begun by Nurse Irene Fourie.

We are glad to welcome Sisters O. Pote and Blanche Willmore to our mission; the former, to commence a church-school in connection with our city mission work, and the

latter to fill a vacancy caused by the return home of Brother C. Neal. Already there is promise of a good patronage for the school, and we hope to give some details of its opening in our next report.

Reverting to our visit to Maritzburg, we desire to record to the glory of God, three distinct answers to prayer in behalf of the sick. These were in the cases of Sisters M. Hamilton, M. Beil, and Brother Macdonald. All three were suffering from maladies that seemed to defy all treatment. Brother Macdonald's hand was bound up and hung in a sling when we knelt down with several earnest believing souls, and Sisters Hamilton and Bell almost despaired of the hope of recovery. There was no excitement, but calmly we told Father our need, and pleaded that as these all desired health for usefulness in His work, if it could be to His glory, He would rebuke the disease. Our prayers were speedily answered. Brother Macdonald removed his bandages and sling, and has enjoyed health ever since; Sister Bell came to the institute to tell what the Lord had done for her the same evening, and Sister Hamilton was shortly afterwards completely relieved. Surely "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

On Sabbath, January 29, the writer, assisted by Elder W. H. Haupt and Brother George Webber, conducted the meeting at Jeppestown, and in response to a call at the close of the address, five hands responded, thus expressing their desire to be baptised the next day. Accordingly a service was held last Sunday in the La Rochelle Church building, which was well attended, and at which the presence of the Holy Spirit came specially near, and these dear souls were received into the church by vote, and buried with their Lord in His sacred rite. Other arrangements prevented some others from uniting with us that day, but we expect soon to have more candidates.

OUR congratulations were offered to Brother and Sister Blake of Uiten-

hage, but at present staying in this city, on the birth of their first-born, a bonnie son.

BROTHER and Sister T. G. Crouch have now located in Pretoria to canvass that city for *Daniel and the Revelation*. Brother and Sister Tickton leave this week for Durban, the territory assigned them for their canvassing. We shall pray for good results from their labours.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

Report From I. B. Burton.

It is wonderful how God carries His work and has it move onward! In the month of December I went to Kuskuma Hoek to canvass. I had made two attempts before to reach this section of country, but the heavy rains had prevented.

The first door that I knocked at was that of a native minister, and the family were engaged in prayer at the time. I waited a few moments when the man came to the door, and I gave him a canvass for my book and secured his order. He then told me that his daughter was very ill and asked me if I could help him. I found the girl suffering with inflammation of the lungs. I told him that I would call back in the evening and show him what to do. In the evening I returned and found his daughter of about thirteen years old in a very critical condition; temperature 106, and I can assure you I had little hope for that young life. I committed the case to God and then worked to reduce the fever, in which I succeeded in thirty minutes. The congested state of the lungs was relieved and within two hours the patient was asleep. The next morning I went over to see how she had rested during the night, and I found the family full of thankfulness, for the daughter was able to be up. I called again that evening and found a company of intelligent natives who were wanting to know who I was and why I had come. The minister told me how that they were praying to God to send

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for two weeks ending Jan. 21, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mission Company,	Johannesburg,	Signs,	002	16 11 0
		G. Health,	70	1 17 6
		Wachter,	14	3 6
		B. T. S.,	11	5 6
Totals,	1 Agent,		757	18 17 6

Cape Conference, for two weeks ending Jan. 21, 1910.

J. Vermaak,	P. Elizabeth,	Signs,	80	2 3 0
Eric A. Smith,	"	Misc.,	114	11 6
M. Schonken,	Salt River,	"	17	8 6
Totals,	3 Agents,		211	3 3 0

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending Jan. 14, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company, Jo'burg,	S. D.		93	56	18 4 0	2 10 9	20 14 9	10 19 0
C. A. Dixie, Melville,	D. R.		23	17	17 2 0		17 2 0	2 14 6
T. G. Crouch, Br'mfont'n,	D. R.		25					13 18 6
E. M. Howard, Troyeville,	D. R.		35	9	6 9 0		6 9 0	
E. Enochson, Alberton,	D. R.		21	3	3 3 0		3 3 0	10 6 0
E. van der Molen,								
Nigel & Grootvlei,	D. R.		36	11	9 6 0		9 6 0	3 6 0
J. H. de Beer, Pretoria,	G. C.		15					16 7 0
Totals,	7 Agents,		248	90	£54 4 0	2 10 9	56 14 9	57 11 0

For week ending Jan. 21, 1910.

Mission Company,								
Jo'burg & district,	S. D.		82	56	18 4 0	1 15 9	19 19 9	17 15 6
C. Dixie, Jeppestown,	D. R.		18½	19	20 0 6		20 0 6	
E. M. Howard, Troyeville,	D. R.		30	7	5 2 0		5 2 0	7 4 0
Mrs. Howard,								
Bezuidenhout Valley,	D. R.		16	4	3 9 0		3 9 0	
E. Enochson, Alberton,	D. R.		4	3	3 3 0		3 3 0	
E. van der Molen,								
Charlestown, Natal,	D. R.		24	9	8 6 6	14 6	9 1 0	10 0
H. Schmidt, Vryheid,	D. R.		27	10	10 10 0		10 10 0	
Totals,	7 Agents,		201½	108	£68 15 0	2 10 3	71 5 3	25 9 6

Cape Conference, for week ending Jan. 14, 1910.

W. A. George, P. E'beth,	G. C.		4	3	1 17 6		1 17 6	5 0
Eric A. Smith,	H. M.		40	10	3 5 0		3 5 0	19 6
J. D. le Riche, Kroonstad,	G. C.							
	C. K. & Man.]		46	60	69 3 0		69 3 0	
Totals,	3 Agents,		90	73	£74 5 6		74 5 6	1 4 6

For month of January, 1910.

J. F. Terry, East London & King William's Town,	G. C.		9	20				14 14 3
Mrs. J. F. Terry,								
King William's Town,	G. C.		13	6				4 9 3
J. D. le Riche, Kroonstad,	G. C. & Man.]		100	129	143 8 6			
Eric A. Smith, Uitenhage,	Her.		40	7	2 5 6			6 6
Q. H. Jubber,								
King William's Town,	Her.		25					13 7 6
M. E. Emmerson,								
Basutoland,	S. B.				93 10 0			93 10 0
I. B. Burton,	S. B.				60 2 0			60 2 0
Elder D. F. Tarr,	S. B.				41 11 5			41 11 5
Elder W. S. Hyatt,	S. B.				15 0 0			15 0 0
Michael,	S. B.				20 11 7			20 11 7
Totals	10 Agents,		187	162	£470 9 0			273 11 6

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them help, and in direct answer to prayer I came and helped them. I took advantage of this opportunity to tell them of Jesus and His love. When I returned to deliver the book he took me by the hand and said, "Mr. Burton, you have won the hearts of all my people, and if you come here again my church is open for you." May the time soon come that God's message may go to these people.

Errata.

IN the last issue of the MISSIONARY the name of R. G. Ryan was given as secretary of the educational department in the Union. Please substitute the name of C. P. Crager. Brother Ryan is secretary of the young people's department, with Professor Crager as secretary of the educational department.

Financial Statement of the Cape Colony Conference for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1909.

Cash Paid Out,	£2,268	4	8
On Hand, Oct. 1, 1908,			
Received During Year,	£2,254	4	1
Deficit,	14	0	7
	£2,268	4	8

RESOURCES.

Real Estate,	£3,300	0	0
Kimberley Baths,	3,741	7	3
Uitenhage Church,	100	0	0
Rokeby Church,	161	1	2
Tent Fund,	161	19	6
Office Furniture,	25	4	10
Cape Sanitarium,	197	0	8
Accounts Rec.,	88	10	10

I. T. Society. Present Worth, 2,715 5 7

LIABILITIES.

I. T. Society,	307	9	2
Accounts Pay.,	601	1	7
Present Worth,	9,581	19	1

£10,490 9 10 £10,490 9 10

Present Worth,			
Sept. 30, 1908,	10,298	6	4
Present Worth,			
Sept. 30, 1909,	9,581	19	1
Net Loss,	£716	7	3

LOSS AND GAIN ACCOUNT.

LOSS.

Expense,	£75	8	10
Tent and Camp-meeting,	30	10	1
Loss on Sentinel, 1908,	68	7	10
Gospel Waggon,	122	15	6
Tithe,	443	13	2
Kimbly Baths,	£126	16	5
Railage,	3	1	0
Insurance,	3	0	0
Furniture,	1	6	7

GAIN.

Interest,	8	1	3
Rent,	14	10	0
Sales by Labourers,	29	14	9
Sundries,	46	5	2
Net Loss,	716	7	3
	£814	19	5
	£814	19	5

Amount Paid Labourers,	1,698	17	11
Amount Tithe Received,	1,517	13	4
	£181	4	7

Received in Tithes for 12 months,	£1,517	13	4
" " 9 " 1908,	1,325	6	4

Received	1908	1909
Weekly Offerings,	£60 3 10	£62 7 0
Annual " "	101 9 3	41 7 1
Sabbath-school Offerings,	104 11 4	77 4 2

Notes.

—There will be baptism at the Cape Town Church next Sabbath; two candidates.

—Elders Hyatt and Tarr are assisting with the tent meetings at Grahamstown.

—The Solusi Mission opened its school after the vacation with an attendance of eighty-two.

—A number of students at the Solusi Mission are ill with fever; none seriously so.

—The names of D. C. Groenewald, and Mrs. E. R. Williams, should be added to the list of workers receiving missionary credentials.

—Space permits us using an article for our first page from the pen of Dr. Paulson. We have been watching for a chance to use it these many weeks, and trust the lesson it contains will not soon be forgotten.

—Crops have suffered for rain in the vicinity of the Solusi Mission, and are cut short, yet the best in the country are to be found at our station. Rain came to them in answer to prayer.

—Elder D. C. Theunissen and family are in Claremont for a short vacation visiting at the home of Mrs. Theunissen's mother. They will re-

turn to their field, Worcester, next week.

—We are indebted to Miss Gertrude Flather for another beautiful poem for our first page. God speaks His truth in verse to this generation to-day even as He did anciently. May we be able to discern it.

—A slight error was made in the minutes of the Cape Conference last week. We expressed appreciation to the Cape Town Railway Officials, instead of the Cape *Government*, for favours shown during our late camp-meeting.

—Forty-nine native students attending our mission schools at Solusi and Somabula, were baptised and taken into church-fellowship during the year 1909. Our other stations have baptised a goodly number also, and a large number are now receiving instruction preparatory to this sacred rite.

—From the head-quarters of our work in America comes the encouraging word that the tithes and offerings are now flowing into the treasury from all over the field as never before in the history of this denomination. Praise the Lord! He has set His hand to the work and will cut it short in righteousness.

—The meetings at Grahamstown still continue. Twenty signed the covenant when first presented, others are keeping the Sabbath, and the tent is well filled each evening with a good class who are deeply interested in the truths presented. Some who had lived the truth years ago but had wandered away from God, have returned with full purpose of heart to be faithful till the end.

—Miss Johanna Vermaak, of Union College, came in from her work in the field during vacation, but left for her home the next day, her father's illness calling her from her school work. Johanna may decide to remain at home for one year teaching her younger brothers and sisters who have no advantages for an education. This is following the teaching of the Master, sacrificing our own desires and privileges for the good of others.