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

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Perfect Peace.

"O, FOR the peace of a perfect trust,
My living God, in Thee,
Unwavering faith, that questions not,
Thou chocest best for me;

Best, though my plans be all upset,
And though the way be rough;
Best, though my earthly store be scant,
In Thee I have enough.

Best, though my health and strength be
gone,
And dreary days be mine;
Shut out from much that others have,
Not my will, but Thine.

And e'en though disappointments come,
They, too, are best for me,
To wean me from this changing world,
And draw me nearer Thee.

O, for the peace of a perfect trust!
That looks away from all,
That sees Thy hand in everything,
In great events and small.

That hears Thy voice, a Father's voice,
Directing for the best;

O, for the peace of a perfect trust,
And a heart with Thee at rest."—*Sel.*

Grahamstown.

THE work in Grahamstown is progressing very satisfactory. We are having public meetings on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday nights only, at present. Beside this of course we have the regular Sabbath services. On Wednesday night we have a Bible study on the different points of the message which are most essential to establish those who have taken their stand for the truth. These studies are well attended and an opportunity is given to ask questions on any points that are not clear. The interest in these Wednes-

day night meetings seems to be growing, and those who attend are enjoying them very much. On Saturday and Sunday nights of late the tent has been full to overflowing. Aside from the meetings at the tent we are having all we can do in giving Bible readings in the homes of the people. Mrs. Williams is giving twelve regular Bible readings each week beside doing a great amount of visiting and scattering reading matter.

We have been asked to take the meeting in the Good Templars Hall on Monday night, April 18, and also to take charge of, and provide a programme for two nights in the quarter. This we will gladly do.

We are meeting with a good bit of opposition, but the Lord is impressing hearts and the work is going forward. Those who have taken their stand for the truth are growing and others are becoming interested. Do not forget to remember the work here in your prayers.

E. R. WILLIAMS.

Bloemfontein.

I WISH to tell you of God's goodness to us here at Bloemfontein.

While we were visiting our relatives in Boshof district, I received a letter from the conference to come here on or before March 15, when Parliament would open, and the Sunday Bill would be re-introduced. The Letter of Elder Hankins which was written on the 11th, reached me Wednesday evening of the 16th, as we were far in the country where the post comes only once a week.

We took the train next day and arrived here at 10 P. M.

Friday morning I learned that petitions for a better observance of Sunday had been pouring into Parliament from members of the Dutch Reformed Church. As soon as the telegraph office opened, I wired to Elder Hankins for literature.

Sabbath and Sunday intervening, afforded time for literature to reach me before next meeting, Monday, 2:30 P. M.

Very early Friday morning as I was going in search of Sister Wocke, the first person I met was Mr. van der Post, M. L. A., of Philipolis. When we were doing medical missionary work at Stellenbosch, my wife attended a sick child of this gentleman, and he and his wife became our friends. Although I neglected Friday morning to ask him where he was staying, the Lord providentially guided me to find him Sunday morning as I went in search of him, and in the afternoon my wife and I called on him. At Stellenbosch I had loaned him *Two Republics* which he read with interest. I told him my special mission here now. He expressed himself as decidedly opposed to any religious legislation, and said he opposed the Sunday Bill last session and would do so again this time should it come up.

He advised me to go to the Parliament house before the session and see the Speaker, who also happens to be an old acquaintance of mine from my naive village, Boshof, and had served a number of years with my late father as clerk at the same store. The Speaker listened very kindly

to me, accepted the literature, introduced me to a number of the members, and urged them to accept and read the literature.

Sir. John George Fraser, M. L. A., treated me very kindly, said he knew my grandfather very well, also my parents, saw my mother when she was here a few months ago, and was glad to make my acquaintance also.

The Honourable Attorney-General made a strong speech against Sunday legislation, showing that it would be a returning to the Dark Ages. He also mentioned a letter he had received from Elder G. W. Shone last November, showing that the proposed Sunday legislation, if it should be carried, would greatly infringe on the rights of the members of his church,—Seventh-day Adventists. The bill was again rejected. Praise God for it!

We have many tokens of God's goodness and special care for us. Attorney Mr. W. W. Collins and his good wife, who were also our patients at Stellenbosch have shown us kindness.

We are of good courage for Jesus is at the helm.

D. H. GROENEWALD.

Missionary Volunteers.

To the Isolated Ones.

"Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

This is the promise of Him who is with us, individually, "even unto the end." The song of the worker to-day is:—

"Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love."

If we were to study into the analysis of this "tie" it would resolve itself into the fact that we are really bound together just so long as we are united in the work of God. And since this message must go to "every nation, kindred, tongue, and people," then it is our duty to see that

"None can say of the children of men,
Nobody ever the story has told."

If an individual knows this truth, the very fact of this knowledge places

upon him the responsibility of giving it to others. If we see danger coming and warn not, the blood of the lost ones will be required at our hands. It is our hope that all the youth will unite in the work being done by the Missionary Volunteers.

No one will deny that much is being done, but are *you* doing all *you* can? Our hope is to so organise the work that the entire society will be working systematically. We are rejoiced to meet those who tell us that they were led to the truth by a certain person living on a farm, working in a shop, or by a busy young woman who devoted a portion of time to visiting the sick. It is not always a sermon that is needed to bring the gospel to those in darkness. Quite as often an unselfish, earnest Christian *life* is the instrument.

For those who are isolated, thus being unable to join a local society, a conference society is formed. And to all such we extend an invitation to join us. Kindly send your names to the conference secretary of the Missionary Volunteers. Will you not do this at once? Also send reports of work you are doing and give suggestions as to ways, methods, etc.

R. G. RYAN.

Week of Prayer at Wilgenhoek.

THE week of prayer has just passed and has left us here at Wilgenhoek with many rich blessings found in the readings and special seasons of prayer enjoyed by all who were able to participate.

April 2nd we met at Nachemaal, and the Spirit came very to both young and old. Several of our scattered young people and children were present and the convicting Spirit of God caused them to confess and put away their besetting sins, and consecrate their lives anew to Christ who is still interceding for them.

We also had good meetings with the brethren and sisters and their children at Heisterbach, March 26th.

The school-work at Wilgenhoek is moving on nicely. There are six-

teen on the roll, and more are expected soon.

On April 9, the native members came together from far and near to celebrate the ordinances of God's house. A native boy and girl were baptised by Brother Venter in the Vals River about three hundred yards from the church building. The scene was witnessed by the many spectators gathered at the river.

In the afternoon, a social service was held. Our hearts were filled with courage as we listened to the earnest testimonies of these dear souls for whom the gospel has worked a marvellous transformation. The young native that was baptised testified that he then could feel the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus, for he knew that his sins were forgiven and washed away.

At our early morning meeting on Sabbath, Brother Venter gave the natives a simplified Bible study on tithes and offerings. Before the meeting closed many confessed that they had been unfaithful in giving the tenth of their mealies, poultry, etc., to the Lord. They renewed their covenant with God and promised to return what they had kept back.

Sabbath night we all met in the church for a praise service and to thank God for the bestowal of His blessings during the week of prayer.

Brethren and sisters, there is a great work waiting to be done in this colony. Let us "Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

VICKIE SUTHERLAND.

Monthly Report.

I REPORT our work at Bloemfontein from beginning of March to end.

Sermons held,	32
Bible Readings,	55
Other meetings,	12
Visits made,	71
New Sabbath-keepers,	2
Baptised,	14
Members unbaptised,	16
Tithes,	7/-
Weekly offerings,	6/6

J. R. MTIMKUKU, *Native Pastor.*

Worcester.

On the last Sabbath of the quarter our little company celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. We observed the week of prayer as appointed. These occasions proved great seasons of refreshing to us. While the readings were gone over the Holy Spirit was present to either convict us of our short comings, or to encourage us in the good way, and at the close we all realised that it was good for us to have been called together. Our offering to missions was 15/-. We are still of good courage in the Master's service and finding open doors to enter with the message.

D. C. THEUNISSEN.

Financial Report for Jeppestown Tract and Missionary Society for Quarter ending March 31.

RESOURCES.	
Balance from Dec. 31, 1909,	£8 13 9
Fourth Sabbath Offering,	2 0 11
Literature sold,	6 0 8
Accts. owing by members,	3 10 1½
LIABILITIES.	
Int. Tract Society,	£8 16 9
Postage,	4 0
Poor Fund,	10 0
Balance,	10 14 8½
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	£20 5 5½
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Balance as above,	£16 14 8½
Less Accts. owing by members,	3 10 1½
Cash in hand,	£7 4 7

Librarians, ANNIE EDMED,
ANNIE E. GRANT.

Nothing Better.

A GENTLEMAN, who it was vainly hoped might be influenced by the reading of sceptical publications, was offered by post a package of them. In reply to the offer he wrote: "*If you have anything better than the 'Sermon on the Mount,' the parable of the 'Prodigal Son,' and that of the 'Good Samaritan;'* or if you have

any better code of morals than the Ten Commandments, or anything more consoling and beautiful than the twenty-third Psalm, or, on the whole, anything that will make this dark world brighter than the Bible, anything that will throw more light on the future, and reveal to me a Father more merciful and kind than the New Testament, *please send it.*"
—Selected.

God Never Fails.

"Think not that God deserts the field,
Though Truth the battle loses;
But grasp again Faith's sword and shield,

And follow where He chooses.
What God has sworn shall yet be done;
No power of man can stay Him.
Upon the seas He plants His throne,
And all the waves obey Him.

"Soldiers of Christ, take heart again.
Fear not dark portents solemn.
God moves across the battle-plain
In many an unseen column.
The very stars of the blue night,
As they fulfil their courses,
Shall wheel obedient in the fight,
And add them to our forces."

Jeppestown Missionary Volunteers' Report for Quarter ending March 31.

Missionary letters written,	20
Missionary letters received,	10
Missionary visits made,	35
Bible Readings held,	1
Papers sold,	21
Papers loaned and given away,	537
Books loaned,	13
Pages of tracts sold,	22
Pages of tracts loaned and given away,	6,358
Hours of Christian help work,	134
Persons supplied with food,	7
Pieces of clothing given away,	16
Membership,	26
Average attendance,	20
Cash in hand,	£3 12 0
Offerings for Foreign Mission work,	10 4
Proceeds of work sold,	12 0
Railage on old Literature,	6 0

ANNIE E. GRANT, *Leader.*

Jeppestown Church Report for Month ending February 28.

Missionary visits made,	5
Sick assisted,	2
Pages of tracts given away,	700
Papers given away,	148
Papers sold,	98
Pages of books loaned,	450

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The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending April 8, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
T. G. Crouch,	Pretoria,	D. R.	33	5	4 10 0		4 10 0	12 1 9
C. Dixie,	Jeppestown,	D. R.	20	16	14 3 6		14 3 6	1 1 0
E. Enochson,	Germiston,	D. R.	36					11 0 0
H. Schmidt,	Vryheid,	D. R.	19	4	4 4 0		4 4 0	5 11 0
E. Van der Molen,	New-castle,	D. R.	25½	2	2 2 0	3 0	2 5 0	14 0 6
A. Tickton,	Sea View,	P. P.	17	9	6 9 0	16 9	7 5 0	
Totals,	Agents, 6		150½	36	31 8 6	19 9	32 7 6	43 14 3

Cape Conference, for week ending April, 8, 1910.

J. F. Terry,	Queenstown,	G. C.	34	1	12 6		12 6	13 13 9
Mrs. Terry,	"	G. C.	23					8 6 3
P. Ahlfeldt,	F't Beaufort,	G. C.	20					9 19 4
Lewis Williams,	Middle-burg,	G. C.	22					5 13 0
Hugh Williams,	Coles-burg,	C. K.	35					10 1 0
Q. H. Jubber,	P. E'beth,	C. O. S.	31	17	2 19 6		2 19 6	6 5 6
J. D. le Riche,	Lindley & Bethlehem,	Misc.	20	15	18 11 0		18 11 0	12 10 0
I. B. Burton,	Grahamstown Location,	Steps,	14	2	5 0 3 8 6		3 13 6	
Mrs. E. George,	S. of H.		10	39	11 14 0		11 14 0	
Totals,	Agents, 9		209	74	34 2 0 3 8 6		37 10 6	66 8 10

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Notes.

—SISTER CLARA MORGAN left England April 1, for South Africa.

—Word has been received of the death of Brother James Tarr of Cathcart. A further notice will appear later.

—Brother Theunissen orders three copies of the MISSIONARY now instead of one, that the new Sabbath-keepers may also come in touch with our work.

—We stated last week that the price of Volume IX of the Testimonies was 2/6. That is a mistake. It is 3/6 with the usual discount to workers.

—The Sanitarium at Plumstead is filled with patients, twelve new ones having arrived Monday, the 18th. The new nurses' class are entering upon their work with a determination to make it a success.

—Sister Fannie Bourne, whom we mentioned some time ago as being quite ill with pneumonia, reports her health good again. She sends her annual offering of one pound, and expresses her courage in the Lord as good.

—Sister R. G. Ryan received word a short time since of her father being in poor health. His disease was thought to be of a serious nature. We sympathise with Sister Ryan in her longings to go to him at this time. Love for Christ and His work in a needy field prevents it.

—Word was received by the last American mail but one that Mrs. C. P. Crager's mother was in the hospital undergoing a serious operation. Our readers will extend sympathy to the only child who is thousands of miles away from her widowed mother. The last mail reported her improving.

—Sister Annie Grant would like

to have back numbers of our literature for distribution by the members of their society. She says she received a large parcel from the office at Cape Town, but it is all distributed. Those having good clean papers on hand to spare please note this call. Several might club together so make a parcel sufficiently large to send by freight, charges prepaid.

—From a private letter I take the following from Brother Jubber: "On Tuesday as I was delivering I came to a Mrs. Rausley to deliver her book, but she showed such determination not to take it, that I had to recanvass her, and for three quarters of an hour I sat with her answering questions pertaining to the Sabbath. She was then convinced of the truth. She took the book, thanking me for it, and promised to read it. We parted good friends."

—Have you seen the second number of the *Signs* magazine? If not, please send for a copy to-day. It is filled from cover to cover with truth that is meat in due season. To read it means that you will be filled with a desire to circulate it. It has this effect upon every lover of the message. Our paper work affords opportunity for work directly connected with the message, with a place for the young and the old, and even the children. "Who will answer, gladly saying, 'Here am I, O Lord, send me.'"

—Sister J. R. Campbell and baby, of the Barotseland Mission, arrived at the sanitarium last Monday morning. Brother and Sister Campbell have both had an attack of the fever, but are on the road to recovery. The baby's condition hurried Sister Campbell to the sanitarium, but we are glad to report the little one as much improved, and with good nursing it will soon be all right. They will remain some weeks at the Cape. Brother Campbell accompanied them on the way as far as Bulawayo for a few day's holiday.

—Sister M. E. Smith hands in a report like the following for the month of March, working afternoons only: Letters written 8; letters re-

ceived 5; Bible readings given 5; *Sentinels* sold 88; given away 89 (50 of these were back numbers); *Signs* magazine sold 31; given away 5; *Life and Health* sold 12; *Good Health* sold 12; pages of tracts given away 1,223. Aside from the work here reported, one week of the month was spent in visiting the sick. "Fields are white, the harvest waiting, Who will go and work to-day?"

—From a private letter from Sister Annie Grant I take the following: "I am inclosing the report of the Jeppestown Missionary Volunteers. Our young people are busy doing what they can to raise money to help pay for a ricksha for Elder Rogers. Last week we had a field day for the primary department of our society. They did very well, having made ten shillings *profit* on the papers sold. All enjoyed the work and begged to have another field day, whereupon we decided to have one every month. The children are delighted.

—Brother T. H. Gibson reports the enrolment at the Somabula Mission school as fifty-five the second week after the vacation. Thirteen boys and girls from the Que Que Reserve out-school were visitors at Somabula, coming and returning on foot, the distance each way being about forty miles. Elder Walston chanced to be in Gwelo as they passed through in coming, and carried them from there to the mission. They are greatly delighted that their teachers need not be called in from their school, and that the work can go on for the present.

—Brother H. C. Olmstead says the outlook for a good full school near Leribe, is encouraging. One young native wants to take advanced English to prepare himself for a teacher or court interpreter, paying well for his lessons. A young woman quite well versed in English wants to attend. Her father is an Adventist and will also send three other children, and come himself if he may. Many others have expressed a wish to come when the school is started which will be very soon, as Murray, their native teacher is already on the ground, and plans are being pushed forward rapidly to open the school.