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

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An Earnest Appeal.

THE condition of our Dutch paper is causing anxiety to the Union Conference Committee. Last year *De Wachter* was supplied to the conference free of cost, so as to give the paper a fair chance of getting established, and working up an interest. This year the Union Conference is by agreement providing for its publication, and is finding it a great burden. So much is the load felt, that the undersigned, as editor, has been notified that, unless conditions change, the paper will have to be dropped at the end of the year. In reply to this an appeal, written in Dutch, is being sent out to our Dutch constituency, pleading for help, this help to take a definite shape, namely, that for the year 1911 the printing cost of *De Wachter* shall be guaranteed to the Union Conference, so that the paper shall occasion no financial loss, and have another year for seeking a proper foothold in South Africa.

Brethren, please give this more than passing notice. *De Wachter* is without any doubt the most unpopular paper in this country. It is intended for the Dutch people, who nearly all of them belong to one great church, and that church is solidly against the Advent movement, and seeks to suppress every sign of it. Yet, the time is at hand when, on account of political innovations, we shall find that a Dutch publication, controlled by ourselves, will be needed more in South Africa than anything else. It is among the Dutch community, who are less read

and less informed than the English, that most of the material will be found for demanding the dreaded union between Church and State, which will end in persecution of all commandment-keepers. Hence, our plain duty lies in trying to inform the Dutch mind. And nothing can do this but a Dutch publication emanating from our head office. Let it be noted that an imported Dutch paper cannot supply the need. It can expound the truth, but cannot be expected to meet live issues, and of these South Africa will have plenty by and by.

Brethren, what I am asking for is, that twenty-four persons (or combinations of persons) shall come forward and sign a £5 guarantee, to be forwarded to me, and by me to be handed to the Union Conference, the money collectable any time between this and December 31 next, so as to secure to the conference a sufficient fund from which to defray the expenses on *De Wachter* for next year. I myself am standing good for one such guarantee, and I am thankful to be able to report that the little "Rustica" Church will furnish three more, so that one-sixth of the required fund is already found.

Dear brethren, do take this appeal to heart. *De Wachter* is a Dutch labourer amongst us which from month to month can be made to visit at least one thousand Dutch homes, where the living Adventist preacher cannot and does not enter. This labourer is not on the conference pay-list, and cannot be supported from the tithe. But will you

not help to support him for next year, so that his career may be prolonged, and the Lord of the vineyard have another chance in using him in warning the people?

I am not asking much of you. In my own little community I found that the brethren, on being informed, were most willing to promise £1 each. Doubtless you will find the same in your circles. A great many amongst us are well able to put aside a sovereign between this and the end of the year for a thoroughly good cause like this. Brethren, do help! The Master's great anxiety about South Africa is, that the Dutch should hear the message. Now the Dutch are at a great disadvantage. They have not the excellent papers we read. They have no weekly *Review and Herald*. They have no volumes of the *Testimonies*. They can get but a few of our denominational books, and most of these, being translated by Hollanders for Holland, do not appeal to them because of the peculiarities of the South African Dutch being wholly absent from the language in which they are written. Yet the Dutch people of this country are honest endeavourers for what is good. They are solid of purpose, and discerning of heart. The diamonds of South Africa are amongst *them*. Also they have the talent of earthly goods with which the message must be supported. Any work spent on this class of our community, therefore, is work well spent.

While appealing to our Dutch brethren in particular, I address myself to all Adventists alike, loudly

calling for assistance in the easy manner I have above indicated. Brethren, lend this special effort your immediate support, and gladden thereby the hearts of the burden-bearers amongst us. Let me hear from you soon, from a great many of you. And may God bless abundantly our united effort for the good of His cause!

HUBERTUS ELFFERS.

Solusi Mission.

ONE would scarcely know that he was in the midst of heathenism in Africa should he awaken at the Solusi Station without having had the experience of traveling across country 1400 miles from Cape Town to reach the place. The appearance at the mission is quite like an American farmer's home.

They are just now harvesting their crops. They have 200 acres of good mealies. I measured three ears that I picked as I passed through the field, and they averaged nearly nine inches around, and a foot in length. They have but thirty acres of this variety; the other fields being of a smaller eared variety, but very productive. At one time it looked as if the whole crop would wither and die for want of rain, but after earnest prayers had been offered by the mission family, the rain came in time to save the entire crop. This station also has about forty-five acres of Kaffir peas, peanuts, potatoes, sweet-potatoes, and beans.

When we began mission work in Africa with small children that must be grown as well as educated and trained for the work it looked like a slow process of enlightening Africa with the message. From that first class have developed our staunch and reliable teachers who have given character to the work, and they have gained the confidence of the natives so that now our schools stand in the foreground of native mission schools both as industrial training schools and as places to obtain a thorough literary education.

As the result of the work of this mission we now have a church here of 88 members, including the three white teachers. Their tithe last year was £76 9s.; annual offerings £10 3 6; Sabbath-school offerings £8 13 9.

Twenty teachers at Solusi and nine teaching at other places have been trained at this mission. Thirty-six others who have been students and are members of the Solusi Church, are engaged in other work. Twenty who live in their Kraals are keeping the Sabbath who have not united with the church. Another class are preparing for baptism.

To see the marked change that has taken place in this family of students so recently come from heathenism, and to hear them engage with such fervour in songs of praise to God, and in intelligent testimonies and prayers, is a scene that touches one's heart. I could not refrain from weeping at the thought of what God has done and is doing for the darkened heathen of Africa.

Thomas Ntaba and wife with his mother have recently gone from Solusi to assist Elder and Sister Armitage in opening a new mission among the Zulus. Grandma Ntaba has always been called the mother of Solusi Mission, having been with it since its opening. Thomas is one of their best teachers. They will be greatly missed at Solusi.

Elder and Sister Sturdevant expect soon to move on to near Umtali on the Beira Railroad, where they have selected a place for a new station. They have asked for Mark, another of the good teachers at Solusi, and six other boys to accompany them. The Solusi Mission has granted their request and has offered them a donation amounting to about £100. with which to aid in starting the new station. It is a pleasure to see this spirit prevailing in our mission.

Brother Victor Wilson will soon have a new book of hymns ready for the press in the Centibele language.

We have been greatly cheered by what we have seen of the prospering

hand of God in the work at Solusi during the past year. Our prayers shall ever be for its continued prosperity.

R. C. PORTER.

Our Responsibility.

"God has made His people stewards of His grace and truth, and how does He regard their neglect to impart these blessings to their fellow-men? Let us suppose that a distant colony belonging to Great Britain is in great distress because of famine and threatened war. Multitudes are dying of starvation, and a powerful enemy is gathering on the frontier, threatening to hasten the work of death. The government at home opens its stores; public charity pours forth; relief flows through many channels. A fleet is freighted with the means of life, and is sent to the scene of suffering, accompanied by the prayers of those whose hearts are stirred to help. And for a time the fleet sails directly for its destination. But, having lost sight of land, the ardour of those entrusted with carrying food to the starving sufferers abates. Though engaged in a work that makes them co-labourers with angels, they lose the good impressions with which they started forth. Through evil counsellors, temptation enters.

"A group of islands lie in their course, and though far short of their destination, they decide to call. The temptation that has already entered grows stronger. The selfish spirit of gain takes possession of their minds. Mercantile advantages present themselves. Those in charge of the fleet are prevailed on to remain on the islands. Their original purpose of mercy fades from their sight. They forget the starving people to whom they were sent. The stores entrusted to them are used for their own benefit. The means of beneficence is diverted into channels of selfishness. They barter the means of life for selfish gain, and leave their fellow-beings to die. The cries of the

perishing ascend to heaven, and the Lord writes in His record the tale of robbery.

"Think of the horror of human beings dying because those placed in charge of the means of relief proved unfaithful to their trust. It is difficult for us to realise that man could be guilty of so great a sin. Yet I am instructed to say to you my brother, my sister, that Christians are daily repeating this sin.

"Many in our day are keeping back that which the Lord has entrusted to them for the salvation of a world unwarned, unsaved. . . . Millions of human beings are perishing in ignorance and iniquity. But many of those to whom God has committed the stores of life look upon these souls with indifference. Many forget that to them is entrusted the bread of life for those starving for salvation.

"O for consecrated Christians, for Christlike consistency, for the faith that works by love and purifies the soul! May God help us to repent and change our sluggish movements into consecrated activity. May He help us to show in our words and works that we make the burden of perishing souls our own."—*Testimonies, Vol. 8, pp. 25-27.*

Who will be faithful at this important time? Who will send in the tithes and offerings, and pray for the workers as they go forth with the word of life to perishing souls?

E. R. WILLIAMS.

Pleasant Reflections.

MY family and I took the train at Figtree on the 29th of March for a visit among our relatives and friends. Our first stop was at Kimberley where we spent three days with my brother David and family, whom we found in health and of good courage. On Sabbath we met with the church and partook with them the emblems of the Lord's house, and appreciated very much the privilege of sharing with that church the remembrance

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending April 29, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mission Company,	Johannesburg,	S. A. Signs,	30	15 0
A. Tickton,	Durban,	S. A. Signs,	39	19 6
Totals,	Agents, 2		69	1 14 6

Cape Conference, for week ending April, 29, 1910.

Mrs. J. F. Terry,	Queenstown,	Misc.,	62	1 3 6
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.,	87	2 3 6
Lucy Groenewald,	"	L. & H.,	24	12 0
Totals,	Agents, 3		173	3 19 0

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending April 29, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	S. D.	41½	5	7 9 6	13 0	8 3 0	
E. Enochson,	Germiston,	D. R.	13	5	5 5 0	1 12 0	6 17 0	
H. Schmidt,	Dundee,	D. R.	21	17	17 2 0		17 2 0	
C. A. Dixie,	Jeppestown,	D. R.	23	20	17 10 6		17 10 6	13 6
E. van der Molen,	Glencoe,	D. R.	32	14	13 19 0	3 0	14 2 0	
A. W. Tickton,	Durban,	P. P.	22	7	4 14 6		4 14 6	
Totals,	Agents, 6		152½	68	66 0 6	2 8 0	68 9 0	13 6

Cape Conference, for week ending April 29, 1910.

J. F. Terry,	Tarkastad,	G. C.	23			3 16 3	3 16 3	
Q. H. Jubber,	P. E'beth,	C. O. S.	34	24	4 4 0	5 0	4 9 0	
J. le Riche,	Harrismith,	Misc.	53	10	5 10 6		5 10 6	25 10 6
I. B. Burton,	Albany,	H. H. B.	24	4	5 10 0	16 0	6 6 0	
A. H. van Eden,	Aliwal,		30	4	2 12 6		2 12 6	
D. H. Groenewald,								
	Bloemfontein,	Misc.	25	4	18 0		18 0	
Lucy Groenewald,	"	Misc.	13	1	4 6		4 6	
Totals,	Agents, 7		202	47	18 19 6	4 17 3	23 16 9	25 10 6

of the last supper our Saviour partook of on this earth.

After the Sabbath we took the train for Cape Town, arriving there on Monday morning, going directly to the college at Claremont, where we were made welcome by Professor Crager and his family of students, and for thirteen days partook of the kindness of the college home. Here we enjoyed meeting with the students at the morning meetings, and at evening with the church and students combined. Truly it was a time of refreshing from the Lord. Both the morning and the evening meetings were blessed with much of the Spirit of the Lord. Several were led to re-consecrate themselves to the Master's service.

For me it was a very good time.

We knew not why it was that we were detained two weeks in Rhodesia, but understood later that the Lord in His plans had purposed that we share with the Claremont Church the privileges of the week of prayer. All praise to Him for His goodness.

While at the college we noticed how well the students agreed with one another, and that as far as we could see were striving to be of service in the cause of truth. One lesson was given showing the benefits of living a temperate life. When the alarm of fire had gone through the building, the boys so calm and unitedly worked to put out the fire, and the girls did what they could to get the clothing, etc., out, which was successfully done without any indication of fright on their part. We en-

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joyed our stay there very much and have been thankful since that we visited the college.

We found the school doing good work in educating the young for the responsibilities that they are to bear in the cause of truth. We had heard reports that the school was not what it ought to be, but after staying for thirteen days in the home, watching and questioning here and there, we are glad to say that we found everything better than we had dared to expect.

The brush factory is a great help to the boys, giving them employment outside of school hours. I heard one say that for the month of March he had made £1 18s. This is a great help to those not blessed with means to meet their educational expenses. As far as I could see I am satisfied that the school is a good place for the training of our young people.

C. R. SPARROW.

North Basutoland Mission.

SINCE last reporting we have been able to make a few advance moves here. For several good reasons the chiefs did not give us the first mission site offered, but God had something better. We accepted a good place centrally located and all that remains now is for the matter to go before the English Commissioner to be put on record. Chief Jonathan says he will come soon and give us an introduction to that official. Until this is done we shall refrain from describing the place. Elder Emerson and Brother Kulaka and family were well pleased with the accepted location when they came.

Sabbath we began meetings in the kraals and also held one on Sunday. These meetings shall be continued

indefinitely. The chiefs are more than favourable to us. Jonathan said, "Some tell me you are not missionaries, but I know they are talking nonsense."

We consider the prospects for work here bright. Our courage is good and we are happy.

HOMER C. OLMSTEAD.

Grahamstown.

THE work in the Kaffir Location at Grahamstown is very encouraging. Since we started holding open air meetings, the people have been coming to the meetings by hundreds, until the Wesleyan Conference took place here, when many of the people were strictly warned not to come to our meetings. When their conference was over the people came more than before. Now half a dozen are keeping the Sabbath, and many others are on the point of deciding for the truth.

During the day I canvass and hold Bible readings. Elder Hyatt is coming in every Friday to help and leaving Monday. I am asking the dear readers of the MISSIONARY to remember the Lord's work in this town in your prayers. The Kaffirs are now anxiously wishing to know the truth; really Ethiopia is stretching out her hands for the bread of life.

Umsebenzi ka Tixo uyahamba ngoku pakati Kwa Maxosa apa shushu.

R. MOKO.

Report of Bellair Hydro Institution.

DURING March we gave in all 169 treatments; all indoor treatments. We had among the patients one maternity and one surgical case.

For the month of April we gave 167 treatments in the institution and one maternity case outside. The treatments given this case are not included in this report.

We are of good courage in our work here and enjoy it very much. Two outside local doctors are send-

ing us patients, and express themselves as well pleased with the results.

MARY BAUMANN.

Notes.

—WE are informed that Sister Daisy Ingle will arrive in Cape Town the 22nd.

—The *Morning Watch Calendar's* have arrived from America, and Brother Willson informs us that he is now ready to fill all orders promptly. These little daily "reminders" should be in every home especially so where there are children.

—Sister Morgan left Cape Town the evening of the 11th for Grahamstown where she will take up Bible work in connection with Elder and Sister Williams. Let the prayers of the readers of the MISSIONARY follow her to her new field.

—Brother J. A. Chaney of Adelaide, South Australia, sends ten shillings as a donation to this paper, and says "It always gives us great pleasure to hear of the progress of the cause in South Africa. We shall be glad to receive the MISSIONARY each week."

—Articles of interest and importance from Elders Porter and Williams will appear next week; and if space will permit, one from Elder and Sister S. N. Haskell. Tell your Sabbath-keeping friends that if they are not readers of the MISSIONARY they are missing much that is encouraging and helpful. Send in their names at once.

—Word from Sister J. F. Olmstead says they are soon to locate in Cleveland, Ohio, where they will take up active work again in that conference. Little Vera and Elsie were having the measles, and Sister Olmstead was suffering from influenza, but all were over the worst. She says they look forward to the visits of the MISSIONARY with interest.

—An official word reaches us that Elder W. H. Anderson will attend a world's missionary conference to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, June 14-23. All missionaries on furlough, will be given special privileges at this gathering, and we are glad that one of our dear missionaries from Africa can attend. Elder Anderson will doubtless come direct from this conference to his field of labour, when we shall expect a full report of this conference.