

# The South African MISSIONARY

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

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## A Missionary Trip.

It has been a great privilege and blessing to me to tour the various provinces and visit most of the important centres of our work in this country. I have long looked forward to such an opportunity, but it has only now become possible through the association of Dr. H. J. Williams in the medical work. His help and sympathetic co-operation is greatly appreciated.

The personnel of the party has already been given in the *Missionary*. The first portion of the field visited was Kaffirland by means of ox carts, which added greatly to the interest and novelty of the trip. Everything which could contribute to the comfort and enjoyment of the journey was arranged by the thoughtful planning of Pastor Hyatt and his good wife. Ten days were spent in Kafraria within a radius of a few miles from Alice. The beauty of this district far exceeded our greatest anticipations. It must be seen to be appreciated.

As the result of the good influence exerted through previous visits of the "little wagon" through this district, we were everywhere given a cordial welcome. Brethren Burton and Moko have done excellent work in ministering to the natives both physically and spiritually, and they are evidently held in very high regard by the natives as well as the white people in this district. We were not long in finding work to do. During six days of this trip, we examined, prescribed, and dispensed

for 197 patients. Every evening a lantern lecture was given by some member of the party, thus making a real gospel medical missionary trip.

I believe Kaffirland with its million and a half of people will prove to be one of the most profitable fields in the world for our work, and gospel medical missionary work will certainly be the method which will yield the greatest results. With a little further preliminary work in the districts of Kaffirland, and later a central training school for natives, combining gospel and medical missionary training with a hospital, minister, doctor, and nurses, there will be a magnificent work done for the glory of God and the good of humanity.

It was a great privilege to visit the Lovedale institution and see one of the wonderful monuments established in Africa by that great missionary, Doctor Stewart.

It was with genuine regret that our party disbanded at Alice and left for various parts of the field. Pastor Porter and I next visited Bloemfontein. Brother and Sister Groenewald have made a splendid beginning with their treatment rooms in this place. A number of influential people are taking treatment, and with excellent results. While at Bloemfontein I received a letter from a lady asking me to visit her home on the outskirts of the city and see if it would be a suitable site for a sanitarium. I found a magnificent home which could certainly be converted into a very desirable sanitarium. I was thankful for the

spirit which prompted this lady to write to me, as it shows that our work in Bloemfontein starts under auspicious circumstances. This lady had previously come in contact with our work at Plumstead. As we expected soon to be in Bloemfontein again at the time of the camp-meeting, we spent but a few hours there and proceeded on our way the same evening to Johannesburg.

Here we received a most cordial welcome from Pastor Edmed and his corps of workers. It was a real treat to be connected with the mission for a few days and drink in the spirit of enthusiasm and consecration of the devoted workers. They are doing a grand work, and God, who is never unmindful of a labour of love, will certainly give them a rich harvest of souls. God's Spirit was greatly manifested in the services held in Johannesburg and we were all refreshed and blessed and drawn nearer to God and to each other.

The call for medical missionary work in Johannesburg is very urgent. The needs of this field demand that a representative centre be established. There are a number of beautiful and natural sanitarium sites, and the interest in this branch of the work is so great on the part of persons who have come in contact with the principles of our sanitarium work, that a place could no doubt be secured on very favourable terms, as soon as we are able and ready to occupy this field, which we should all hope and pray may be very soon.

Pastor Porter and I separated at Johannesburg, and I next visited

Maritzburg. I spent but a few hours at Maritzburg feeling that they had Doctor Bell in that field and needed much less from me than some other places. They have done splendidly at Maritzburg in paying off their indebtedness, and they will now turn their attention to very much needed improved appliances.

At Bellair I found the workers, Mr. and Mrs. Baumann and Nurse Hamilton, carrying on an excellent work. They have struggled through difficulties and are beginning to reap fruit of their sowing. They are nicely situated at Bellair but they are not in a location to cater much for local patronage. The workers there are considering the advisability of moving nearer Durban.

Brother and Sister Blaine in Durban have been working very hard to keep pace with their work. They have at times had as many as forty patients for board and treatment. Their work is creating a most favourable impression upon the people. Being there on their missionary meeting night I had the privilege of speaking to our people of the Durban Church. From Durban I embarked on the "Saxon."

Spending a few days at East London I looked this field over with Brother and Sister Armer. These workers had come to East London a week before and had found a splendidly adapted place for opening treatment rooms. Plans are now being developed and very shortly our medical missionary principles will be represented in still another important centre of the South African field.

The Sabbath was spent at Port Elizabeth. I spoke at the morning service at the church. Here Brother and Sister Jubber have beautiful treatment rooms which are a model of neatness and good taste. Their work is showing a steady and healthy growth from week to week, and the results of treatment are most gratifying.

The treatment rooms at Kimberley I had necessarily to omit visiting on

this trip, but shall hope to call there on my way to the camp-meeting.

With the work at Plumstead making such splendid headway, and all these other branches established and constantly growing in efficiency and influence, we feel our cup of blessing is indeed full and running over, and we worship God, gratefully acknowledging His manifold blessings upon us, and reverently say, "See what God hath wrought!"

G. T.

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### Johannesburg and Bloemfontein.

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After a pleasant trip through Kaffirland, which was both pleasant and profitable, in company with Dr. Geo. Thomason I visited Bloemfontein and Johannesburg.

The bath room work in Bloemfontein, under the supervision of Elder and sister David Groenewald, is getting well started. Among their patients are the President of Grey's College, an editor of a daily paper, Ex-President Stein, former Governor of the O.F.S., and other noted people. They are very busy and the work is already on a paying basis.

At Johannesburg we attended the tent meetings two evenings, the Sabbath meeting at the hall, some Bible studies at the mission, and visited different parts of the city in the interests of the medical missionary work.

On Friday night Doctor Thomason gave a discourse on "God Revealed in the Organic Functions of the Human Body." It was very well received by the audience, and a wish was expressed that it might appear in the public press.

On Sabbath morning the doctor gave a thoroughly practical discourse to the church on the love and consideration that should be manifested by the children of God to each other. In the afternoon a study was given by the writer on "Rome and the Sanctuary Service," and Sunday

morning another on the "Rise of the Papacy." After these studies some difficulties which had been embarrassing the work were removed. The principles that were presented on Sabbath morning had especially appealed to those who had been at variance with the plans for the work. It was refreshing to experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as the principle of love was received into the heart, instead of the spirit of criticism.

The Sunday night meeting at the tent was well attended. The writer spoke on the comparative importance of earthly and heavenly things. It was followed by a short revival service during which two asked for prayers.

During a visit to Johannesburg Doctor Thomason met several of his former patients who took us in their automobiles over the city to point out places suitable for the location of a sanitarium. They even proposed to furnish the capital necessary for establishing the sanitarium work on condition that they become the larger stock holders. We were glad to see the interest which they manifested in our health work. This shows that they were well satisfied with their treatment while patients at the Plumstead Sanitarium.

The work at Johannesburg is in a flourishing condition. The city mission is doing good work in distributing literature, selling books, and giving Bible readings. There has been quite a perceptible growth in the attendance at the Sabbath services since my last visit. This indicates that new ones are accepting the truth.

We very much enjoyed meeting Brother Ingle, and son Arthur, at the Sabbath services. We shall not soon forget our kindly entertainment at the mission home. We enjoyed our visit and the privilege of sharing the burdens with the management of the mission for a few days. Let all of the Natal-Transvaal churches pray for the success of the mission work.

R. C. PORTER.

## Ladybrand.

A PUBLIC effort was started in the Town Hall here, on December 20th, and continued for one month. Only a few came out to the meetings owing to the prejudice aroused by the people in this place connecting us with the "Apostolic" movement.

The few, however, who attended became interested, and two of them have decided to obey the truth. A family who had previously decided to keep the Sabbath, but retained their membership in the Apostolic (?) Church, say their eyes have been opened in regard to that sect, and they now wish to unite with us. These are in addition to the gentleman and his wife, living on a farm a short distance from Ladybrand, who accepted the truth a little while before the meetings began.

One of us will remain here to follow up the interest with Bible readings.

D. F. TARR.

B. G. GROENEWALD.

Dear Readers of the Missionary:—

It gives us great pleasure to inform you of the goodness of God to us, and His prospering hand in our work so recently started in this city. The accompanying table will give you some idea of our work:—

Week ending	No. Persons	No. of Treatments			Total
		Free	Paying	Total	
Dec. 24, 1910	6	3	7	10	
" 31 "	9	2	21	23	
Jan. 7, 1911	9		34	34	
" 14 "	12		38	38	
" 21 "	15		41	41	
" 28 "	15		44	44	
Feb. 4, "	22	7	49	56	
" 11 "	24	6	56	62	

For this we feel to praise God and consecrate ourselves more fully to His service. Our patients are from the best classes of the community.

Ex-President Steyn comes once a week regularly from his farm twelve miles away for treatment; and twice a week I go to his farm to treat him

## Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

## The Paper Work.

## Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending February 10, 1911.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	Miscellaneous	867	19 14 9
A. W. Tickton,	Durban,	"	110	1 5 0
Totals,	Agents, 2		977	£20 19 9

## Cape Colony Conference, Dec. 1st, 1910, to Jan. 31st, 1911.

M. E. Smith, Sea Point,	Cook Books	51	8 6
	Signs	37	18 6
	Life and Health	14	7 0
	Good Health	82	13 8
	Sentinels	108	9 0
	Miscellaneous		1 5 3
Total,	Agent, 1	292	£3 11 11

## The Book Work.

## Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending February 10, 1911.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	S. P.	119	48	15 12 0	19 6	16 11 6	55 3 6
E. van der Molen,	Kingsley,	P. P.	33	4	2 14 0	4 3 6	6 17 6	6 17 6
H. Schmidt,	Maritzburg,	B. R.	30	5	5 5 0		5 5 0	5 5 0
E. Enochson,	Benoni,	P. P.	31	3	3 3 0		3 3 0	7 3 6
A. W. Tickton,	Durban,	P. P.	19	3	3 3 0	7 0	3 10 0	
T. G. Crouch,	Pretoria,	D. & R.	30	12	10 14 6		10 14 6	10 2 6
Totals,	Agents, 6		262	75	£40 11 6	£5 10 6	£46 1 6	£34 12 0

## Cape Colony Conference, for week ending February 10, 1911.

J. F. Terry, Barkly and Klipdam,	P. P.	32	7	5 6 0	4 3 9	9 9 9	
P. E. Frost, East London and Berlyn,	P. G.	26	4	3 8 0	1 9 6	4 17 6	3 7 6
H. J. P. Dwyer, De Doorns,		48		3 0 0		3 0 0	3 0 0
Totals,	Agents, 3	106	11	£11 14 0	5 13 3	£17 6 3	£6 7 6

there, at six o'clock in the morning. He gave me £6 for a bicycle to come to him.

We have gained the confidence of the leading people of the town, also of the municipal authorities. This was also shown by the cordial way the Mayor and members of the Town Council received me personally and granted my request for the site for the camp-ground.

Our circulars in English and Dutch and our signboard show that we do not give regular treatments on the Sabbath, except for the suffering.

What will surprise you more is to know that the Dutch Reformed ministers are sending us patients. One of them takes some treatments himself, also his wife. We can see

the providence of God in getting our work started and so well established before conference. The Lord Himself has told us that the medical missionary work is the right arm of the message.

May God grant that all who come to attend this camp-meeting and conference may determine in their hearts to be true representatives of the third angels message, and may bring Jesus with them, and like the apostles, have their hearts emptied of self and sin, and thus be prepared for the pentecostal showers that await our demand and reception at this conference. Thus may many precious souls be converted to the truth from this city.

D. H. GROENEWALD,

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of Seventh-Day Adventists.**Editor:** - - Mrs. R. C. Porter.  
Kenilworth, Cape.**Missionary Volunteers.**

CAMP-MEETING is at hand, and it is hoped that the report of this department will be complete. But this will not be so unless every society does its part. We have tried repeatedly to procure reports, and now we ask that each will do his part in completing the report for 1910.

Further: We ask that you kindly see to this *at once*. It will not mean much to each individual, but the complete report will be helped greatly by each doing his part. Unless this is done, a full report will be out of the question.

We have just written requests for reports and add this as a reminder. Will all into whose hands the said requests come, kindly see to it that the leader of the Missionary Volunteers receive the same? By so doing you will render assistance that will be duly appreciated.

Now for good reports at once.

R. G. RYAN,  
*Sec'y. of Mis. Vol.*

**Notice.**

TENTS for the camp-meeting for the Cape Conference will rent as last year,—twenty and twenty-five shillings according to size. Send orders to J. V. Willson at once.

The campers will have to provide cots for themselves, as they cannot be rented at Bloemfontein.

Monthly remittances should be sent promptly by parents having children at Claremont College. This is imperative, as this is our only operating fund, and the college bills must be met.

R. C. PORTER.

**The Bookmen's Convention and Institute.**

FOLLOWING the camp-meeting there will be a bookmen's convention and institute.

A programme has been prepared with considerable care, which has been sent out to those who are to take a leading part in the study of different topics. We trust that each one that has been assigned a part in this convention will make preparation without further correspondence, as the time is so short it will be difficult to make changes.

The canvassers, and all workers as far as possible should so arrange their home affairs as to remain for this convention and institute. Let us have a good attendance and a profitable study together of the work.

R. C. PORTER.

**Wanted.**

As soon as possible, a strong, healthy young woman who loves work, to assist Mrs. Groenewald in treatments and general work. We have a good servant to do the rough work.

Applicants trained or untrained, please write immediately, stating age, previous experience, height, weight, and whether a knowledge of English or Dutch. Address:—

H. D. GROENEWALD,  
"Hygiea" Treatment Rooms,  
156 Maitland Street,  
Bloemfontein.

**Bellair-Hydro Institution.****Report for January.**

WE have not had a very busy month with patients, but we have had quite a few guests.

Treatments in all for the month, including two maternity cases, are as follows:—

Outside treatments ...	32
Inside treatments ...	57
Total ...	89

A considerable amount of literature has been handed out, and also sent out by mail.

MARY BAUMANN, *Matron.*

**Missionary Report of the Claremont Church.****Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1910.**

Periodicals distributed ...	401
Pages of tracts given away ...	882
Meals given ...	4
Articles of clothing given away ...	3
Bible readings held ...	13

M. E. SMITH, *Librarian.*

**Notes.**

—Brother J. Victor Wilson and bride arrived at their mission station the 9th inst., and were busy settling down to house-keeping.

—Brother George Hutchinson is leaving the Solusi Mission, to which place he went to fill Brother Victor Wilson's place in the school while he was at the Cape. He is leaving for the Somabula Mission to take up his regular work again.

—Pastor and Sister W. C. Walston are leaving the Solusi Mission for the Camp-meeting, March 13.

—Pastor W. C. Walston writes of a baptismal service at Solusi when twenty-five were buried in the watery grave. The superintendent was greatly rejoiced and encouraged.

—Brother Walter Mead is now at the Foreign Mission Seminary at Washington, D.C., preparing for foreign mission work. No place appeals to him as does Africa, for it was here that both his father and mother laid down their lives in the interests of mission work.

—"We direct attention to an advertisement which appears elsewhere in this issue regarding the Hygiea Institute, which was recently started in Bloemfontein. The institution has already become popular, and Mr. Groenewald has a long list of patrons. The treatment given is of the most approved and up-to-date methods, and of much benefit in various disorders. To the healthy there are many attractive and beneficial forms of bath and massage. The 'electric light bath' is a speciality."—*Bloemfontein Post.*