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

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"What She Could."

"She hath done what she could," said the Master, "for Me;"

How tender and sweet was the word!

"And the deed she hath done her memorial shall be

Wherever My gospel is heard."

Ah, 'tis this that must try every deed that we do,

Ere Jesus pronounces it good:

Not the thing we have done, but the love it may show,

And whether we've done what we could.

There are some that are struggling along on the way,

And reaping, they think, only leaves;

Whilst others return at the close of the day,

And bring in a harvest of sheaves.

But the eye of the Master is on every one;

Not a sigh nor a struggle is lost;

And it is not the much nor the little we've done,

But—what has the offering cost?

Not the poor widow's mite, nor the gold of the king,

Shall count of itself in the test;

It will not be the stamp of the coin that we bring,

But whether the gift is our best.

—S. C. Kirk.

Opening of Claremont College.

THE opening day of our school, January 25, found a good company of young people here ready to enroll at the very beginning, while others have come in since, until our Home family is nearly as large as it was at the close of last year. We are still expecting a good number, and our entire enrolment is as large as at any one time last year.

The enemy was very determined to cripple our work at the outset by causing some illness among both teachers and students, but the Lord has heard our prayers as we have cried to Him for deliverance, and we gratefully acknowledge His power in removing this to the extent that we are almost entirely free from sickness at present.

From the very first an earnest spirit of study has characterised the work. We were handicapped at the beginning owing to the failing health of Sister R. G. Ryan who was to take a most responsible place on the faculty, but we are glad to report that the Lord has stood by us and given us help. Pastor I. J. Hankins is teaching the advanced Bible class for us, which is greatly appreciated by both teachers and students, as his long experience in field work gives to us an advantage that many of our larger schools do not enjoy. Sister Hankins is also assisting until conference in one Bible, and one English class. The interest manifested by the students testifies to their appreciation of her help. By this help we could so adjust our work to permit Miss Helen Hyatt to give some attention to the adjustment of affairs in the church-school department, and to pupil teachers.

Miss Susie Visser, class of 1910, who was elected to assist in the church-school, has eighteen little ones under her charge. Miss Ethel Edmed who is in her senior year, owing to our shortness of teaching force has kindly consented to fill in a gap. She has about sixteen little

ones under her care. In both these rooms thorough work is being done, and that by our own students, one a graduate, and the other an under-graduate. It is most encouraging to see our young people developing, and thus able to fill the calls for teachers.

There will be an increasing demand for church-school teachers, and what we need is consecrated young men and women who can be trained to take the places that open before us.

By obtaining the services of our Union stenographer, Brother Earnest Freeman, we are enabled to offer a special class in stenography and typewriting, which is starting out with interest.

Special interest is shown in the manual training this year, in the woodwork and cardboard work. Brother R. G. Ryan has this work in charge, and we are confident that this important branch will be greatly strengthened by his supervision.

Owing to the fact that Mr. G. Roeland has been unable to pursue his studies further this year in the college, we feared that the painting class, which he had so successfully started last year, might be without a teacher, but we have been pleased and fortunate in obtaining the help of Mr. Thackery, of Cape Town, who is starting with a class of ten with good interest. Mr. Thackery is a man of many years experience in all lines of art work, and we trust will do much for those who received their start from Mr. Roeland.

In our printing department, which we are endeavouring to make an

industry of the school under the supervision of Brother J. W. Johnson, some students are already at work, and we hope soon to put a few more in.

Brethren, the Lord is endeavouring to work for our school, and those to whom He has entrusted this work are human and feel their weakness as they begin the work of this year, and would earnestly ask your continued prayers in behalf of our school and every one connected with it. There is power in the fervent prayers of God's people to beat back the powers of darkness which always hover about a place dedicated to God's service.

C. P. CRAGER.

The Camp-Meeting.

WHO should attend? Every Seventh-day Adventist in South Africa. It is your meeting. If you are not present you will miss the most important gathering ever held in South Africa. We expect the largest attendance, and the greatest blessings that have ever been seen in this field. God is waiting to do great things for His people. Shall we not put forth a becoming effort to share in the experiences of blessing that will fit us for the finishing of the work in Africa?

All church officers should be there to receive the benefit of the meetings that will be held for their instruction. Our work may be strengthened by all who carry official responsibility understanding how they can be of the greatest service in carrying the plans of work recommended by the conference forward in the churches. Many good plans fail because they are not properly carried out in our churches. Instruction will be given in this line to church officers.

Come to stay through the entire meeting. Many miss the greatest blessings by coming for only a brief period. Those who are making the greatest spiritual progress in our churches are as a rule those who

take time and lay plans to attend the annual camp-meetings with their families. God cares for their home interests so that even these do not suffer loss.

Come seeking a closer walk with God. Do not come with no purpose, or with a purpose to criticise others. This will defeat the purpose of the meeting in your own experience. You will be the loser and the cause of God is never benefited by critics and murmurers. It is the earnest, praying child of God who offers the suggestions from a heart filled with a love for souls and inspired by the Spirit of Christ and an earnest interest for the advancement of the cause of God, who is of the greatest service in the business of the conference. Let us attend the meeting and do our work in this spirit and there will be unity and prosperity in the work.

R. C. PORTER.

Solusi Mission.

YESTERDAY we had baptism, when twenty-five willing souls went forward and were buried with our Master in baptism. It certainly rejoices our hearts to see so many expressing themselves ready to follow in His footsteps. We have just learned that two white men, who send their children to school at the mission, are keeping the Sabbath. They live about forty miles from the mission, near one of our out-schools. We also hear that the Native Commissioner on the district next east of us is keeping the Sabbath and closes his office on that day, as does Mr. Green his store. I hear Brother Sparrow has been working with these persons. I find there are several nice people living about the mission, and hope to find time to visit them soon; I have already visited two or three families.

We are now shipping our grain as fast as possible; have disposed of all we have. We need rain very much now while the mealies are filling.

W. C. WALSTON.

Maranatha Mission.

THE work at Maranatha is slowly taking root in the hearts of the people living about us. Some of the new Sabbath-keepers have been constrained by their first love to work for their neighbours and the Lord has blessed their humble efforts. There is a village of red (heathen) natives near by, and there appears to be a real interest among them. Many say that they are sure that they are now hearing the true gospel, and they seem inclined to worship God and keep His Sabbath. May God give our native brethren wisdom and power to break the bread of life to these poor heathen.

On the farm our crops are looking well. We expect a good harvest of mealies, beans, sweet potatoes and pumpkins. The pineapples are beginning to bear and soon our ten thousand plants will yield us an abundance of good fruit.

During the past winter we cleared a new piece of ground and set it out with various kinds of fruit. Some of the trees have made a marvellous growth. On the plum-trees the new shoots are from two to seven feet in length.

Our school opened Monday, 6th February. The attendance is not quite as large as last term. Late rains made late planting and this has kept some at home to care for the crops who otherwise would be here. Many said they would return next term.

Brother W. A. George is getting into his work as a teacher in real earnest, and his experience as a builder was needed as soon as he arrived. He is teaching the 5th, 6th and 7th standards.

I spent last Sabbath and Sunday in Grahamstown with the native and European believers. Three were baptised and added to the church, and still we expect others to follow. In all there has been thirty or more baptised in Grahamstown.

We are profoundly grateful to our heavenly Father for His mercies and blessings bestowed upon His faithful

labourers in this place, and still they toil on hoping to gather a little more fruit for His kingdom.

W. S. HYATT.

The New Signs.

WE hope to have the next *Signs* printed before camp-meeting. The following are some of the leading articles:—

The Easter Festival—Echoes from the World Conference—"Forced to Seek Shelter"—"Sweet" and "bitter"—Results of Sunday Laws, a speech by Senator Crockett—A Roman Catholic Prison—Death of Mrs. Eddy—Retrospect and Prospect—Socialism and Christianity—The Second Coming of Christ—The Time of the End—The Trial of the Universe—Why He is a Protestant—Canst Thou Guide Arcturus with His Sons?—Authenticity of the Scriptures; and the Home and Health Department. There are also about a dozen or more illustrations.

This number is worthy of a good circulation. Why not take yearly subscriptions for both the *Signs* and *Sentinel*? One faithful canvass of the territory might place many papers in the homes regularly for a year. I do not mean that this shall take the place of single copy sales; use both methods. The March *Sentinel* ought to have a wide circulation. Who has read it carefully? Who is using it as an agent in giving the message a certain sound? Are we all doing all that we can in the circulation of our literature?

The tract society has recently published two tracts on the subject of religious liberty; viz., "Church Federation and Sunday Enforcement" and "Not a Question of Majorities." Every church should be supplied with these, and should use them *now*. They are only eight-page tracts, and are inexpensive. Send orders to your office for a supply. *Now* is your time to work. Who will make the Lord's work first? Come to the camp-meeting, and let us consider these things. I. J. HANKINS.

Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending February 17, 1911.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	Miscellaneous	1045	23 5 9
A. W. Tickton,	Durban,	"	111	1 4 6
Totals,	Agents, 2		1156	£24 10 3

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending February 17, 1911.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	S. P.	158	174	52 5 0	4 4 0	56 9 0	6 3 0
E. van der Molen,	Kingsley,	P. P.	64	7	4 19 6	2 7 6	7 7 0	13 6 0
E. Enochson,	Benoni,	P. P.	24	7	7 7 0		7 7 0	
Totals,	Agents, 3		246	188	£64 11 6	£6 11 6	£71 3 0	£19 9 0

Cape Colony Conference, for week ending February 17, 1911.

J. F. Terry,	Windsorton,	P. P.	12	1	16 0 3	18 0	4 14 0	
Little Wagon,	Tyümie,	C. K.						4 8 3
Totals,	Agents, 2		12	1	16 0 3	18 0	£4 14 0	£4 8 3

An Awakening among the Basutos.

Last Friday morning we went to see one of the leading chiefs of Basutoland. He welcomed us to his house, and shared with us his bed, which consisted of a few cow-skins, with one folded up for a pillow. It was, I think, just a degree softer than the rock upon which Jacob slept.

The following morning being the Sabbath, we asked the privilege of holding a service, which was granted, the chief himself attending. I spoke on the coming of Christ, and impressed upon them the importance of seeking power from God to stand in that great day so near to come.

After the service one man came twice and said repeatedly, "How sweet those words were, and God sent you here." He continued, "I never heard it before." The chief said, "Two nights ago I had a dream. A messenger came from heaven to me and said, 'You must seek more power.' He said to the messenger, 'What power must I seek?'" At this he awoke, and wondered what the dream could mean; for he said it was not as though he had dreamed.

When I came that night he said he felt sure that I was the messenger, and consequently granted me, though a stranger, the privilege of holding a meeting. After the meeting he said, "Now I know what power God wants me to seek. It is power to stand in that day near to come." He said he believed the messenger God had sent. Many others expressed their thankfulness to God that we had come, and invited us back often.

Sunday morning we started for home, but we were called back by another chief who lived about three miles from this one we had just visited. On reaching his place we were surprised to find six people, including the chief, keeping the Sabbath. They had heard of the Sabbath truth through reading our books, and through our boys. I spoke to them that morning and also in the afternoon. Both services were well attended.

At the close the chief came to me and said, with tears in his eyes, "We have no shepherd. There are six of us keeping the Sabbath, and will you not send us a teacher to tell us more about this truth?" He then took me out and showed me a house, which he said he would give for

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a church building, and said a house was ready any time a native missionary could be sent. And then he took me to a field, and said, "This field belongs to the missionary you send." There were thirty-one and a half acres in the field. He then said, "I will furnish oxen to plow this field, and in whatever way we can help the missionary, we will."

Our trip was most prosperous! God blessed every step of the way.

M. E. EMMERSON.

Annual Offerings.

THE time for taking the annual offerings for missions is Sabbath, March 11th, the closing day of the week of prayer.

In other parts of the field this season is now in the past, and the reports that come to us are to the effect that many churches and conferences have doubled their offerings this year, compared with last. What shall South Africa do? Let us do our very best. If you can not pay all you desire in cash, will you not put in a slip of paper stating the amount you wish to give and when. A pound now will do more good than ten pounds a little later. Come, brethren and sisters, show your faith by your works.

R. C. PORTER.

Camp-Meeting Dining Arrangements.

THE arrangements for meals at our camp-meeting will be carried out this year as last. Books of meal tickets will be provided. The price will be only a slight profit above actual cost. The meals will cost more or less

according to the number of dishes ordered. We have secured the services of good hygienic cooks, so that we shall have a good bill of fare.

SPECIAL MENTION.

Rates to the Camp-Meeting.

WE have just received the following instruction from the general office of the Government railways:—

All persons who are members in good standing in Seventh-day Adventist Churches, will be considered delegates, and are entitled to receive certificates to travel at reduced rates without election.

Church officers should telegraph "Adventist," Cape Town, giving number of certificates needed if enough have not been sent. The time is short, and more certificates are being sent where we think they may be used.

Isolated members may also secure the same rates by telegraphing for certificates.

R. C. PORTER.

Honour Roll.

Previously reported ...	£51	19	0
Pastor and Mrs. M. C. Sturdevant ...		13	0
D. W. Tarr ...		8	10
Mrs. P. E. Frost ...		5	0
W. A. Haupt ...		5	0
H. J. Moolman ...		2	6
M. Muir ...		2	6
Mrs. J. Choice ...		2	6
B. P. de Beer ...		2	6
C. E. Tarr ...		1	4
Mrs. Jane Willmore ...		1	0
Total ...	£54	2	2

Notes.

—"President Steyn is taking the cure which is provided by the Hygiea Institute, Bloemfontein. His Honour comes into town once a week for treatment."—*The Friend*, Bloemfontein.

—The little daughter of Brother and Sister H. C. Olmstead is not in the best of health. Her condition may make it necessary for Sister Olmstead to return to the Cape. We trust little Lola is better ere this, so that this change will not be necessary.

—The Sunday law has been considerably agitated in Parliament the past week. The *Sentinel*, containing a most excellent article by Pastor Hankins, the editor, on "Echoes from Parliament," was placed in the hands of every member.

—Brother Emmerson's report will be read with more than ordinary interest. Such reports are full of good cheer, and give one added reasons for praise to God, as it is He who draws all toward His truth. We as workers will have to step a little faster if we would keep place with the advancement of the third angel's message in Africa to-day.

—The Plumstead Sanitarium have had some very heavy operations the past week. One case was the American Consul. He is doing well and bids fair to make a good recovery. He and his estimatable wife chose our sanitarium, after looking a number of hospitals over, because of its spiritual influence. General Botha is a patient there at present.

—Pastor F. D. Tarr and family left the Cape the 22nd. Sister Tarr will spend a little time in the home of Sister David Tarr before going to Bloemfontein. Pastor Tarr went direct to Bloemfontein where he will look after the camp-meeting interests in connection with his other work.

—In order that our printer Brother J. W. Johnson, may have the privilege of attending the camp-meeting, we have decided to drop two issues of the MISSIONARY, February 20 and 27. The issue of April 3rd, will be a camp-meeting issue, giving a full report of the meeting, and will be a double issue. There will, therefore, be but one more issue until after the camp-meeting.