

Missionary

Reports Wanted.

WE are pleased with the response to our appeal for reports which has come from some of our workers. Still we are not satisfied with the few. We want to present several reports from our workers each month, to show the progress which the cause has made. It is these reports that will make the MISSIONARY interesting. We want to make this paper so interesting that every Sabbath-keeper in South Africa will consider it indispensable. To this end we ask our readers to send us all that is interesting about the progress of the message which comes under their notice. It is not necessary for one desiring to write to this paper to be accustomed to writing for the press. Send us your experiences and they will be prepared for print.

The MISSIONARY goes to press on the 15th of each month. All matter intended for the issue of any month should be in our hands by the 10th of that month. If it comes in later, it may have to wait over for the following number. As a favour, we ask you to write briefly. Much can be expressed in a small space if we study brevity. Short, spicy reports are the kind that are always read. May we not look for all our workers to assist in making this paper what we would all like to have it to be?

O. O. F.

Week of Prayer.

THE time for this annual season of prayer is once again just at hand. It is to begin Sabbath, March 28, and will continue over Sabbath, April 4. We earnestly desire that these days may be a season of rich blessing to our people. If those attending the meetings,

which we hope may be daily, are prompted to do so by the cold word *duty*, then we feel sure that not much may be expected; but, if we come together longing for the presence and blessing of the Lord, we may confidently expect it. One thing is certain, and that is, we may receive all that our faith claims. Lord, increase our faith.

Once again we ask for a liberal offering. Were we to be the recipients, we would remain silent, but we plead for the cause of the Master, for souls who are in midnight darkness of error. The truth must go to these people, but it takes funds to prepare literature for them. Till the work of God on earth closes, money will be needed to advance the message and to place the truth of the "everlasting gospel" before all nations.

The natives of South Africa appeal to us for the light God has showered upon us so abundantly. Many of them have learned of our work and books, and it is quite common for the office to receive letters, also visits, asking for literature. Thousands of these natives have been taught to read by God's messengers, and now He is sending them to us for the truth. To-day a native writes for Kaffir and Sesuto books, that he may supply the demands in his section.

Brethren, we must have the truth printed in many more of these languages. We ask for the funds necessary to start the work going. To the people of the Lord do we look, and we feel sure that He will give them willing hearts in the day of His power. We shall hope and pray that the blessing of God may rest richly upon His people.

W. S. HYATT.

Help Coming.

ALMOST immediately after landing in Africa, and realising the conditions of this field as regards the greatness of the harvest and the scarcity of labourers, I began to send appeals to our Mission Board in America for more workers. One of the most depressing things that I have had to endure while waiting for help has been the long delay in securing suitable persons to come and join the ranks of those who are giving the message in South Africa. It sometimes seemed as though almost every other field in the world received the attention of our Mission Board and secured help before Africa, and we had gotten to a point in our experience in this line, where it seemed almost useless to send further appeals for help. Still we did not despair. It is but due the Mission Board to say that they have doubtless done all they could for us consistently, in view of the urgent calls from all the world, and taking into consideration also the scarcity of men and means.

It is written "that men ought always to pray and not to faint," and a proverb states that "It is a long lane that has no ending." We are glad to state that our constant and unrelenting appeals have at last met with a hearty response. The latest information that we have received from America conveys the joyful information that three or four young men, who are to graduate in May next from one of our colleges, are to come to Cape Colony to engage in the canvassing work, while an experienced field agent is to come from England to take charge of that line of work in this Conference. Two ministers, with their families, are now *en route* to Africa, to take charge of our work in Johannesburg.

Two excellent young ministers and their wives, one in California and the other in Oklahoma, having read our report from this field, published in a late number of the *Review and Herald*, have offered themselves to the Mission Board for this field and have also written to us of their willingness to come. One of these speaks English and Danish, and also has some knowledge of German, and his wife has taught in one of our colleges in America, and has filled the position of conference secretary in Texas. It also seems prob-

able that Elder Hankins and family will return to Africa.

Two other ministers from Wisconsin are in prospect for our field, while we are promised an editor for our three journals, and have cabled for an experienced printer to take charge of our College printing plant.

We have an urgent appeal in for a physician to take charge of our new sanitarium, and also for three teachers, two for the college and one for our church school work. At least two young couples are selected for the native work in Barotseland and Khama's country, and without doubt another will be selected to join Brother Branch in Nyassaland.

If all of these come, it will add about twenty-five persons (including the wives of workers) to our force in South Africa. There is plenty of work for all, and we trust that "the set time has come" for the Lord to revive His work in this land. Shall not those who are here consecrate themselves anew to the service of the Master? And shall we not expect that the Lord's work will be greatly revived and enlarged in our midst? Brethren, let us pray and work as never before for the advancement of the cause of God and the salvation of souls.

G. W. REASER.

Special Mention.

The Cape Sanitarium (formerly the Plumstead Orphanage) is employing a number of mechanics to complete its equipment as soon as possible, for the reception of patients.

Let all of our people in South Africa remember and duly observe the appointed week of prayer, and thereby receive the blessing God designs to give.

Perhaps the best way to carry out the "six-pence-per-week" plan is to have very small envelopes distributed to each member of the congregation on each and every Sabbath, as they pass out at the close of the Sabbath service. This system has been thoroughly tested elsewhere, and works well. It is a weekly reminder of an important duty and a blessed privilege. The envelopes thus distributed are to be returned with the offering, and gathered on the next Sabbath following

their distribution. Our Union Conference will provide envelopes for all the churches in South Africa in the near future, but let us not wait to begin the plan.



The Field



Natal-Transvaal.

ON February 11, I took train for Durban, Natal, Via Johannesburg, in order to examine my new field of labour, and to get acquainted with its people, and also to decide where I should establish my abiding place. I confess that I left Cape Colony, where I have laboured so long, and where the brethren have become endeared to me beyond expression, with a heavy and sorrowful heart. Yet, as we steamed along, I began to realise with increasing force the truth that Natal and the Cape are closely related to each other, and that modern rapid locomotion has reduced to a minimum the distance that divides them. Moreover, the appointment of a man from the Cape Colony to supervise the work up here, should tend to draw the interests in the two fields more closely together.

I met Sister Wocke at Bloemfontein for a few minutes, in which time I learned of many encouraging evidences that the Lord is working there.

On arrival at Johannesburg Bro. Gibb very kindly met and entertained me. I visited the church on Sabbath, and found assembled in a neat little hall in Jeppestown, a company of about twenty members, many of them being familiar friends. The Lord was present in the meeting, and it was impressed upon me that that little flock would make a strong force of workers if each would take hold. A meeting was called for the next day, when the Church was organized into a Missionary Society, with Bro. J. H. De Beer as Librarian. This Society then ordered 600 of our papers to sell on the streets and from house to house. A fund was also created to establish a library, purchase tracts, fomentation cloths and water bottles for various phases of missionary work, and the company promised to get to work. I had several good visits, and met some old friends to the cause, who are not members of our church. I also found some of these persons who had once been in the College and Sanitarium, but who had given up the truth. I trust these may yet be brought back to the fold.

THE Stellenbosch treatment rooms have been sold, and the proceeds of sale will be used in the better equipment of medical missionary institutions. The sale of this property—thereby avoiding the necessity of extensive repairs on the same, and also its equipment with furniture and other facilities,—makes the indebtedness of our conference about £1100 less than it otherwise would have been, while at the same time it gives us several hundred pounds in ready money with which to equip the institutions already established. We believe that it will be for the best interests of the cause to locate other health institutions, as soon as possible, in, or near, other large centres in our territory, such as Port Elizabeth, East London, and Bloemfontein, rather than to have two located in the Cape Peninsula. Then, too, we will not have help to man more health institutions until training is given to some of our young people who desire to enter this work. Brother Groenewald and associate workers are to continue medical missionary work in Stellenbosch, and they are now trying to secure a few rooms for this purpose.

G. W. REASER

A Great Contract.

WE sometimes say that we have a great contract on our hands; and it is true that we have the greatest trust on our hands ever committed to any people in any generation, even the warning of earth's fifteen-hundred million human beings of the fact that the Saviour is soon coming, so that some of them may get ready to meet Him.

Christ is the great Master-builder; the completion of this contract rests with Him. Help is laid upon One who is mighty. "He will not fail nor be discouraged" until He has completed the work, and has "set righteousness in the earth." We are simply co-workers with Him. If He will not fail nor be discouraged, there is no need of failure or discouragement on our part. Therefore let us "be of good courage." G. W. REASER.

I arrived at Sweetwaters, Natal, on Friday, Feb. 19th. I found Sister Amy Ingle enjoying her new responsibility, with a school of ten children. Bro. Anderson, who has improved in health and looks quite fit, and Bro. Chaney were busy translating books for the natives. Sr. Chaney was just recovering from an attack of malaria. Bro. Camp was canvassing Maritzburg for Home Hand Book. On Sabbath I held a meeting at Maritzburg Church, and then at Sweetwaters. At the former Bro. Anderson described the work in Rhodesia. At the latter we studied some of the promises that show how the Lord will work and is working to cut the message short in righteousness. The Holy Spirit was present to bless, and one discouraged brother renewed his consecration to the Lord's work. Others spoke of their determination to go forward till the Lord comes.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Sunday following. It was one of the best meetings of the kind I ever attended, and was characterized by a sweet spirit of love and unity throughout. The Lord gave us clear plans for future operations. It was decided that pastors Kuehl and Marcus should locate in Johannesburg; That Sister Webster be invited through the S. A. U. C. to unite with this field to commence medical missionary work in Johannesburg, and a committee was appointed to plan for that work. It was also decided that I should hold a series of tent-meetings in Maritzburg; and invitations were given to Bro. D. Sparrow and Sisters B. Dicks and N. Dubber to connect with this effort. A daily class will be held for these young workers, thus affording them an opportunity to develop into Bible workers at the same time while assisting the tent effort. The work of these sisters will be made as self-supporting as possible by the sale of small books, tracts, and papers. Bro. and Sister Ernst, who were sent here by the Cape Colony Conference, will also connect with the work in Maritzburg.

At Durban, I found five members, all of good courage and faithful. They are also seeking to spread the truth by distributing papers and tracts. They are earnestly expecting to prepare that city for a tent effort when we are through with Maritzburg. Thus the work will begin. My address for the present is Post Office, Maritzburg, Natal. H. J. EDMED.

East London.

I AM glad to be able to communicate with the other labourers in the field through our welcome little paper, the SOUTH AFRICAN MISSIONARY.

I returned to this field on the 13th. of last month to continue the work I left at the end of the year to attend the Summer School and Camp Meeting. I felt the time was well spent, for the Lord gave us to enjoy some drops of the "latter rain," and since my return here have realised more fully than ever before the fulfillment of his promise, "Lo I am with you always."

I have visited some with whom I had been reading the last few months of 1902 and found them anxious to know more of the truth.

I introduced the Sabbath question to one who sees much of the errors existing in the popular churches, and found her ready to receive light on this point. She realises there is no authority in the Bible for the change, but is anxious to know just how it has come about, so I expect at our next reading to take up the work of the papacy in substituting another day for the rest of Jehovah. I trust she may have faith and courage to come out and accept the precious truth for this time.

I am doing some work with the *Sentinel* and *Health Journal* and find quite a good many interested in them.

My courage in the Lord is good and trust that the seed sown may ere long ripen into an abundant harvest.

MARY E. ROBERTSON.

Obituary.

DIED of spinal meningitis at the Matabeleland Mission Station, Feb. 10, 1903, Jonathan G. Sturdevant, only child of M. C. and M. J. Sturdevant, aged 14 years, 3 months, and 28 days. Jonathan was baptised and joined the S. D. A. church when he was nine years old.

John 14: 1-3 and 1 Thess. 4: 13-18 were read, and a few words of comfort were spoken by Brother C. R. Sparrow, and we laid our darling away to await the coming of the Life-giver. Though we miss him very much in our home, we sorrow not as others which have no hope. M. C. and M. J. STURDEVANT.

Answering the Calls from the Mission Fields.

ONE of the most encouraging features in the work of this message at the present time is the missionary spirit which is taking possession of our people all over the world. We have seen a few touches of God's mighty power in the mission field. Missionaries have been sent to the outposts of the world, and now from every clime and every quarter loud, long, and continuous appeals are being sent to the home field in America for means and workers to fill the marvellous openings.

And these calls are meeting with a hearty response. Some conferences are sending their best workers abroad and supporting them in the needy fields. Other conferences are dividing their tithe funds with the Mission Board for the support of missionaries. Thus the preparations are going on to herald the message of the Lord's soon coming to all the world. As the attention of our people and the flow of money in the homeland of this message are turned outward toward the great mission fields of the world, let us here in South Africa turn our attention to the great mission fields which lie at our very doors.

About four-fifths of the population of South Africa are natives. The vast majority of these know nothing of the blessings of the gospel. We who have received so much light are debtors to them to the extent that we have received more light than they have. When shall we ever pay this debt if we do not do it now? Workers whose hearts are aglow with the love of God are needed to enter this work and teach these people the story of the cross and unfold to them the mysteries of the life to come. Are there not some amongst us who are ready to say, "Here am I; send me"? o. o. f.

—Brethren Smailes and Moko have been recommended by the Union Conference Committee to enter the Kaffir work as soon as possible by starting out with team and cart to visit the country and sell literature. We have a fund of nearly £100 which has been donated for this work.

Our Sabbath Schools.

By reference to the Directory on the last page of this paper, you will see that Sister A. H. Mason is the Secretary of the Sabbath school department of the Cape Colony Conference and also of the Union Conference. Her address is P. O. Box 647, Cape Town. All reports and correspondence pertaining to this branch of the work in Cape Colony should be addressed to Sister Mason. The donations should be sent as formerly to the Conference Treasurer. Sister J. A. Chaney, Sweetwaters, Zwaartkop, via Maritzburg, Natal, is the Secretary of the S. S. department of the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

The lessons we are now studying in this country are six weeks behind the dates published in the quarterlies. Sometimes confusion is caused by being so far behind the printed dates. This will soon be remedied. We will finish the present quarterlies on the 9th of May, which is the 6th Sabbath in next quarter. Special lessons will be printed here and supplied to all our schools for the seven remaining Sabbaths in next quarter. In the meantime we are having lesson quarterlies prepared expressly for this field, and we will begin with these on the first Sabbath in July. The correct dates will be printed for each lesson, and all will be arranged to agree with the quarters.

During the past few quarters, no definite plans were laid beforehand for the use of the surplus donations; as a result, the schools had no incentive to make an extra effort to increase the offerings. But at the general meeting at Uitenhage, a resolution was adopted which appropriated these donations for the first two quarters of this year to opening up mission work in Barotseland. Missionaries will soon be here to begin work in that heathen land. Every member of our Sabbath schools will be glad to learn that the donations are to be used for such a purpose. Our S. S. offerings are going to help carry the banner of the cross further into the interior of the dark portions of this continent. Tell the children this, and they will become interested. Officers will do well to keep this mission field before the schools, and as the interest increases, so will the donations be increased. o. o. f.

Educational.

The Price of an Education.

EDUCATION is an intensely active process, not passive. We learn by doing, not shirking, and that only by doing the thing ourselves, by hard, diligent study. There is no short cut. It takes the Lord just six months to make a squash, but a hundred years to make an oak. Neither is there a royal road. King and peasant must travel alike, and must apply themselves equally and diligently if they wish to succeed.

So many young people make a mistake in thinking that when they come to school, they come to have a good time, to do as little work as possible, and to be intellectually fed. Because their parents pay, they expect to have the knowledge crammed into them as one sometimes does to fowls when preparing them for market. The parents are many times to blame for this. They are more anxious that their children shall be clever rather than good; brilliant rather than useful; encyclopedias rather than possessors of strong, healthy bodies. So the children are sent to school, filled with these false ideas. When reprimanded or reproved, or work is given them to do, they rebel and shirk, or write home and the teacher and school are condemned.

The aptitude for hard, diligent study, the determination to grapple with difficult sums, and the perseverance to finish a hard piece of work is seldom met with in these days. A student, to succeed, must work as hard at his books as a man digging a field. He must learn his lessons by the sweat of his brow. This is the price of an education. Wholesome discipline, painstaking work, and diligent study, are among the chief benefits offered to the youth by the Union College Training School. Graduates from such a course can be relied upon to be successful workers for God. C. H. HAYTON.

—Miss Blodgett is enjoying her work in Uitenhage very much. She has a school of forty-two children.

—Elder J. M. Freeman spoke to our family at students' meeting on Friday evening. We were all interested in the accounts of his labours in Basutoland. He brings good reports of the labours of Brother David Kalaka, who is now teaching there. David was formerly a student here.

—Letters from our music teacher, Miss Commin, who is now in England, tell us that she is having a pleasant and profitable holiday. They also say she will be glad to return to her labours here again. In her absence Miss Thurza Pearce, of Claremont, is teaching music here.

—MISS AMY INGLE writes from Sweetwaters, Natal: "School opened here on Monday, although things were by no means ready. We held it in Bro. Chaney's dining room, as the school house floor was being stained. We have no desks as yet, but they are being made. The school-room wall has to be coloured, the windows painted, and the blackboard hung. This, of course, will all take time. I opened school with ten children. They are all Adventists. Several more plots of land have been sold to outsiders, and we hope to have their children when they locate here. This, of course, is a small school, but we have faith that it will grow larger.

—MANY of us have thought that something in the line of real practical missionary work should be done by the students at the College so that these few words will bring joy to those who have an interest in our school. Some weeks ago four of the College boys and Mr Haupt went out with 150 *Sentmels*. We disposed of our number very easily. We have decided to take 200 *Sentinels* each month. Five of the young ladies of the Home have decided to take 200 *Sentinels* of every issue. The boys sell their papers on the streets on Saturday evening. The young ladies visit the people in their homes and in that way dispose of their quota.

This is a good beginning and we wish that all our young people could take hold of the paper work. By taking hold of this work we not only speed the "glad tidings," but help to build up our paper. And more than all this, we obtain a blessing which we cannot receive in any other way. Let us be up and doing.

THE PRINTED PAGE

Our Papers.

ONCE again the paper workers are coming to the front and taking hold of the sale of our periodicals. We are glad to report that since the last issue of the MISSIONARY, we have received orders for over 1450 copies of the *Sentinel* for each month. For this we are thankful! We say, Let the good work still go on, and may our *Sentinel* bear its message of truth to thousands in South Africa who know not the truth and the power of the Saviour. Who will join the workers' band and help to send forth these papers bearing their burden of truth.

The *Journal of Health* has not been forgotten by our brethren; but we feel that that this is our weakest point. Hence it needs the most help. We are trying to make the *Journal* bear the message of health reform faithfully; but, in order that this message may reach the people, we must depend upon our brethren. This is the "right arm of the message," and we call for those who will act a part in making the arm effective. Are there not those of our people who will canvass for the papers if they have no time to sell them? Are there not many who will take both papers and mail them out to their friends? The one who uses a dozen papers can get them at the same price as the one who uses hundreds. Feeling that we must have your help, we make this appeal, and we are sure that many will respond to the call.

W. S. HYATT.

Good Words for the "Health Journal."

I HAVE been thinking that the readers of our MISSIONARY would be interested in hearing what people think of our little *Health Journal*. I am sending out 24 copies each month, and am in correspondence with nearly all of the people to whom I send, and their kind words are of much encouragement to me, and I hope to double my number of copies next month.

One lady writes, "I like your little paper so much." Another says, "Many thanks for the *Health Journal*. It is indeed a most excellent paper." Another writes from a distance, saying, "I enjoy the *Health Journal* very much. My brother takes a pamphlet the same size and something like it, called the *Sanitary Inspector*. With one piece in the last I perfectly agree,—about beef tea. The very thought of taking any makes me sick. I like fruit so well, and would want much if I were where I could get it. Am trying not to drink coffee and have been taking cocoa instead, and supposed it very innocent until I read about it in your paper."

Others write after getting the paper, "Thanks for those nice little papers, I do like them so much." Nearly everyone writes back and says they are pleased with them. One lady, already a vegetarian, writes: "Once your papers would not have appealed to me, but since I became a vegetarian I enjoy them." This had reference to the *Sentinel* and *Present Truth*, so we can see that by getting people interested in the Health literature, it opens the way for the other periodicals, and I believe if we ask the Lord to send angels with each paper, and ask for them to hover over the reader, hearts will be softened and made ready for the light.

MRS. A. H. MASON.

Cape Colony Canvassing Report for February.

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—The Sabbath school donations for the first six months of this year go to Barotseland.

—The children of the Beaconsfield church, under the direction of Brother Tickton, are doing good work selling our papers.

—Brother Shone is now in Bloemfontein. Until an interest is awakened, he will devote his time to canvassing and giving Bible readings.

—We regret to state that Sister Bourne has been seriously ill at Stellenbosch. She is now much better, and we hope she will have a speedy and complete recovery.

—Since camp-meeting Sister Ina L. Austen has been doing some canvassing at Uitenhage, though the condition of her health has prevented her from putting in much time in the work.

—We are glad to note a revival of missionary work in the Claremont church. They are mailing out 150 copies of the *Sentinel* monthly.

—From Brother C. H. Pretzman: "I am glad to say that every member of our little company at Durban has adopted the sixpence-per-week plan."

—Elder Reaser has recently paid a short visit to Kimberley and Klipdam.

—The repairs and alterations in the Sanitarium building at Plumstead are going rapidly on, and we hope to announce soon that the institution is in readiness to receive patients.

—Agreeably with the recommendation of the Union Conference Committee, Brother F. C. Ernst and wife have been transferred to the Natal-Transvaal Conference. They are now engaged in the work at Maritzburg.

—Paragraph from Sister M. E. Robertson's letter: "I received an interesting letter last week from one of my readers who left for Pretoria last year. Sabbath school is being held in her house every week, and she seems very happy in the knowledge of the truth."

—Elder J. M. Freeman is spending a short time at the Cape, visiting his family and friends. Brother W. H. Anderson, of the Matabele Mission, and Brother Booth, of the Nyassaland Mission, will be at the Cape about the 19th inst. for a few days. As there will be a quorum of the Union Conference Committee, a few meetings will be held to consider questions relative to native mission work.

—The Cape Town office has just received an order from a native up-country for 60 copies of "Steps to Christ" in Kaffir, and the same number in Sesuto, and 60 copies of "Coming of the Lord" in both Kaffir and Sesuto. He has used our literature before, and knows what it is: A number of educated natives from the location at Maitland have recently called at our office to enquire about our literature and views.

—An interesting letter has come to hand from Elder Sturdevant, who is busily engaged in the work at the Matabele Mission. Though hard pressed with work, and mourning the loss of his only son, he is of good courage, and his letter has the true missionary ring. He states that some of our brethren have sought to discourage him by writing words of doubt with reference to the work there, but after recounting the victories won and the souls to be saved, he declares his determination not to abandon the work. Brother Sturdevant pleads for all words of doubt to be left unspoken and unwritten. He yearns for words of cheer, courage, and confidence from the Calebs and the Joshuas. To this we say Amen.