

# Missionary

## The Field

### Natal - Cransvaal.

#### THE WORK AND WORKERS.

We are glad to be able to give a few encouraging items from this field. From Sister Smith, who is canvassing in Johannesburg, we have recently received word that some have taken hold of the truth in Langlaagte where she and her daughter Highlie are engaged in Evangelistic Canvassing. Others are deeply interested, and the call has come for meetings to be held there.

From Bro. De Jager who lives near Petersburg, and who has not come in contact with our people since 1889, we learned that there are five persons awaiting baptism, and two more have just begun to observe the Sabbath. One of these is a D. R. missionary. These two reports are the result of the faithful labours of church members, who without any instruction have taken hold of the work as they found opportunity among their neighbours. Please read Test. Vol. 6, page 296, last paragraph. Note the words,—

“Wherever a church is established, all the members should engage actively in Missionary work. They **SHOULD VISIT EVERY FAMILY IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD**, and know their spiritual condition.”

We have invited Elder Kuehl to meet these calls for advanced labour, and arrangements are being made to send a Dutch worker to assist in developing the work of Bro. De Jager.

Bro. Stapleford, who is canvassing at Greytown, has sent an encouraging report, showing that he is disposing of an average of two copies of the Home-Hand-Book per day, and

has given several treatments. At the home where he is staying, some have taken hold of food-reform in real earnest, and a general interest has been awakened to know the truth. We are sorry that we have no labourer at present to fill the call that comes for help in that field, which seems from the reports received to be ripe for the harvest.

The two ladies who accepted the Sabbath when I first came here have written that they are “looking forward to the meetings to be held at Vryheid.”

Bro. Ernst and wife have had very interesting times in Maritzburg. Besides selling a large number of “The Great Controversy” and smaller books, they are holding cottage meetings, having found several Bible students who are looking for light. They also found a lady keeping the Sabbath, unknown to us.

We have held a few meetings for the public in the Maritzburg church building, which have been well attended. The little handful of believers here have taken hold, and are working amongst their neighbours, and the outside interest in these meetings is large through the interest which is actively taken by the members. These meetings have been assisted largely by the lantern and pictures which Bro. Ernst brought with him.

Now that our workers are arriving, we are planning a powerful campaign, and we ask the prayers and sympathy of our people in the work in this needy field. We are also thankful for the Lord's care and help in our moving arrangements. We are well and of good courage.

H. J. EDMED.

—Elder Hyatt is spending a profitable time in Basutoland. He will return to the Cape about the 23rd inst.

### Greetings from Abroad.

Dear MISSIONARY Readers: The first number of your MISSIONARY is before me. It gladdens my heart to note its make-up and contents. I have not seen your faces, but have been acquainted with each step of your work in your field. Elders Robinson and Boyd who first went to you were dear, personal friends of mine; in fact Brother Robinson and I attended school together when young.

Later we sent our daughter Ellen to you, to help you in your work. For more than five years we have each week sent her a communication filled with the best things we could put on paper to fill her with faith and courage for her work. Her communications have told how God has blessed your work.

We have felt the waves which have been sweeping across the United States to go to the regions beyond, and have looked across the broad expanse of water to you, and have wanted to go over to help you in this closing message. It may be God will send us. At home we have much to do to carry the message of the coming King. Our vicinity has 400,000 souls, and our conference has 3,696,127 inhabitants. Only a few of the many large cities have much knowledge of the message. This state has immense wealth. The richest men on earth live here.

A map of South Africa hangs on our walls, and we read of the progress of your work and notice its location. We ever pray that a large harvest of souls may be ready for King Jesus' return.

A. O. BURRILL.

Buffalo, New York, U. S. A.

### East London.

It has recently been our privilege to have Elder Hyatt with us for a few days. The mature judgment and wise counsel of this tried and faithful servant of the Lord were a source of strength and encouragement to us.

During his stay with us, he assisted in a baptismal service which was conducted on the beach near the town. Three precious souls followed the example of their Lord and were baptised in the waters of the Indian Ocean. Two of these accepted the truth under Bro. Moko's labours. The other is Sister Puttock,

one of Sister Robertson's readers, who a short time ago decided to keep all the commandments of God.

On Sabbath, April 25, the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. On this occasion also the dear Saviour was present to bless.

It is our expectation to hold a series of meetings here in a few months' time, when we hope that the number of our little company of Sabbath-keepers will be increased.

I am planning to start as soon as possible for Blinkwater to endeavour to strengthen the company that have lately taken their stand for the truth at that place; also to visit Buxton and Cathcart Vale. D. F. TARR.

East London, April 29, 1903.

### Bloemfontein.

I HAVE a standing invitation to preach to quite a number of Dutch families about two or three miles out of town, who are engaged in brick-making. I walk out each Sunday. I speak to them in Dutch as they are all of that nationality.

I visited the native ministers at the location and sold "Coming King" to each of them. I was invited to preach, which I did. My first discourse was on the second coming of Christ. I spoke through two interpreters, as the congregation represented several languages. The interpreters told me after the service of how they themselves enjoyed the message borne. Earnest attention was paid, and the ministers (two were present) said to me afterwards that the discourse was much appreciated, and that I made it so plain and *all from the Bible*. I don't think I ever enjoyed preaching a sermon more. The poor, hungry souls just drank in every word. It was all so new, as one of the interpreters expressed it. I have been asked to continue rendering them assistance.

But the field is large. This is only one town among many in this colony. I am the only worker here. Are there not those who will consecrate themselves to the Master's service? How can we sit still when God has been so gracious to us? The only safe place soon for all will be in the Lord's work. We cannot afford now to be spending our time, strength, and talents in secular occupation. O, brethren! would to God your eyes were

opened to see what you are losing by not giving yourselves a living sacrifice for the salvation of others.

G. W. SHONE.

### Basuto Mission.

After visiting Cape Town by kind invitation from the Union Conference Committee, and enjoying the meetings held to consider and lay plans for the extension of the work in this great country, and spending a happy time with my family, I returned again to this place. At Aliwal North I was met by Eld. Hyatt, who accompanied me from there in our cart, and we reached the mission the third day from Aliwal well and safely, though having experienced wet and heavy roads. The people were glad to see us and gave us a good welcome.

Elder Hyatt conducted Sabbath and Sunday services. He had great liberty and power in speaking. The house was filled on both occasions. The good spirit of the Lord was evident in a very marked manner, hearts were touched at the meeting on Sunday (to-day,) over thirty got up in response to an invitation from Bro. Hyatt to "Come to Jesus." There was weeping and several told us for what they wished us to pray to the Father on their behalf. I feel deeply thankful for the good work that is moving among these souls. Bro. Hyatt is also holding studies with myself and fellow labourers which will be for our personal good and for the good of our work. All pray that the good work will continue. J. M. FREEMAN.

### Juvenile Help Band.

I thought the readers of our very good paper, the MISSIONARY, would like to hear from me.

Mr. Tickton organised a Juvenile Help Band on Feb. 22nd. 1903 with a membership of nine. Mr. Tickton told us all to sell papers as our first work. We have been going out every Saturday evening with the *Sentinel* and *Journal of Health*, and the Lord has abundantly blessed our efforts. I have sold in all about fifty papers.

I am of good courage and hope to meet all the readers of the MISSIONARY in the earth made new.

We hope soon to do more aggressive missionary work.

I am twelve years old. ETTIE AUSTEN.

Beaconsfield, near Kimberley.

### His Wonderful Power.

It is most cheering, most helpful, to read the interesting little reports of the different labourers. I feel thus encouraged to add my testimony and tell of Father's love to one of His very weakest and most unworthy of the flock. Although overwhelmed with great and small worries and trials, and pressed with hard work, the loving Father revealed Himself, and allowed several brilliant glimpses from His throne to shine upon my path and illuminate the desponding chambers of my heart.

I did not canvass for the *Sentinel* and *Journal* as usual, having during my first visit to Kingwilliamstown obtained subscriptions for our papers in every place of business, hotels, and private homes. As a result of these subscriptions, I found on my arrival many invitations to homes where the papers were read, showing a most surprising interest. One lady is now quietly keeping the Sabbath, but is so fearful, so doubtful. May she be encouraged to approach the throne boldly, and cast off the fear of man.

Rev. Sutton, who bought a copy of "Object Lessons," tells me that he was a patient of the late Sanitarium, and was very much benefitted and expresses great sympathy and interest in the work. He is now reading "Seal of God and mark of the Beast." I trust that the Holy Spirit may accompany the reading of this wonderful tract to that good, kind gentleman. "Let your light so shine that many may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Yes, although the Sanitarium was not everything it should have been, yet it made lasting impressions on the hearts of some who were there.

One gentleman who read the dear little *Health Journal* and the *Sentinel*, came to me one evening, saying, "I am so ill. Liquor is cursing and destroying my body and soul. Will you take me in and help me to overcome this evil?" Thank God he is now three weeks with us. God blessed the means we used for the restoration of his health. He is now determined to live a Christian life. He yielded to the influences of the Holy Spirit and also quite made up his mind to be a strict vegetarian. This will no doubt assist him to overcome the drink appetite. Will you who read this incident remember him in your daily prayers?

SUSY M. HURDUS.

### A Word from Uitenhage.

SINCE coming to Uitenhage, God has certainly blessed in efforts made in the school here, as well as in the church. Our school opened January 26th. with an attendance of thirty-six. Since that time several more pupils have come to us, but our school is not as large as in the beginning, owing to several families having moved away, which has affected the attendance. Eld. Edmed, former pastor of our church, having been called to another field of labour, is greatly missed by our little company. We have been more fully made to feel our dependence upon God. In our meetings, all seem to realise that on each member, depends the success of the meeting to a great extent. In so doing we must rely upon our Great Leader even the "Leader of Israel" Although we have no minister, still the Lord always meets with us and ministers unto us as he sees we have need.

During the week of prayer we met each evening for prayer and the reading. Here we felt our need of a deeper consecration to the work of the Lord, and as we prayed and talked together our hearts were more closely bound together in Christian love.

We can truly say that our people here are consecrated people, those who long to reveal a Christ in all his beauty to those around them.

In our school we have largely children from the world. Here we endeavour to give in a simple form, the plain truths. And although these often differ from the common belief of the world, still we have had no opposition and trust this year to sow seeds of truth in the hearts of the children that will spring up and bear fruit.

When we seem to see little fruits for our labour, we are made to rejoice when we think that perhaps these very children will be among those who, before the end, will rise up and take this Gospel to others who know not God. How we long daily to sit at the feet of the Great Teacher that we may more fully and truly engage in this highest and noblest work,—that of training young minds for eternity. We are also told that if our work is wrought in God "some lessons of divine truth will linger in the memory of even the most careless. The Holy Spirit will water the seed and often it will spring up, after many days and bear fruit to the glory of God."

Our daily prayer is that God will bless in the sowing of the seed, that many of these children may be brought to Christ and be instruments through which their parents may receive the truth. CORA M. BLODGETT.

### Canvassing in the Natal-Transvaal.

We have no discouraging report from this field, although we are not doing all we should or can, or hope to do, yet we are advancing, and our small corps of workers is gradually increasing. How much more would be accomplished if we could double our force, and I am convinced we could if our people only realised the need. We have enough people with the necessary talent right in our midst to fully equip this field and the Cape with all the canvassers we need, and how much better it would be to have local workers than import from America or elsewhere, and who so often leave us when we need them most. If you cannot spend full time in the field perhaps you can a part.

As an example, Bro. De Beer who is very busy in an office in Johannesburg felt he should do what he could, so canvassed after office hours with the result that in less than two hours of last week he sold £5 7s. 6d. worth of books. How many would like to follow his example? One hour and one order each week is better than nothing.

Our agents are all of good courage.

Bro. and Sister Ernst are doing a splendid work in Maritzburg, not only in selling our books but in visiting and holding Bible readings.

Bro. Stapleford is at Greytown on Home Hand Book, and has made a very good beginning. In a recent letter he says, "I am enjoying my work very much, first because God is with me. He has sustained me, and I am a conqueror through His Grace."

The Johannesburg company are doing nicely, and Bro. Schmidt in Pretoria is having his usual good success.

Now the summer is over we expect to have some good reports from Sister Galley and Sister Pretzman in Durban. How much there is to do, and how few to do it. Who would like to help?

J. H. CAMP.

### Bloemfontein.

DEAR MISSIONARY : I am very glad to speak of the good experiences I have had among the wives of those Dutch men who decided to remain in Bloemfontein after the refugee camps were broken up, and who are now mostly in the railway employ. They are living in tents. These people seem to have more time to read and think of their soul's salvation, now that they are in reduced circumstances, than when they were better off.

Although we are few in number, we fully expect the Lord is going to do a great work here in Bloemfontein, and we earnestly desire the prayers of all who are interested in the work in this field.

I have many things to thank the Lord for ; especially for the blessing of the brother who has been sent here to take charge of the work. I find that he is at all times willing to help us with everything.

Among the lessons which he has taught us are healthful living, how to divide my work so that I can find time to tell others of the blessings that I am enjoying, and many other useful lessons too numerous to mention.

Our Scripture studies are very interesting, and have given me much light upon many subjects. I hope Sister Webster will soon be up and join us in the work. My heart is full of praise to God for His goodness to me.

A. WOCKE.

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### Obituary Notice.

DEATH has again entered our ranks. We have the painful duty to announce the death of our dearly beloved brother in Christ, John Railey, age 36 years, which occurred at Kimberley on April 28, at the residence of Brother Edwards.

Brother Railey had been for one year and four months a faithful missionary at the Matabele Mission, but some months ago he was seized with a very serious illness which finally settled on his lungs, developing into consumption. He was eventually compelled to relinquish his post, and return with his companion to his former home. Every possible effort was made in his behalf, but to no avail.

His few remaining days were brightened by seeing two precious souls embrace the truth, for whom he had laboured for some years. He was full of the blessed hope until the last, and was never tired of talking of his soon-coming Saviour.

Words of comfort were spoken to the many friends and relatives by Brother Austen, and we laid him to rest to await the Lifegiver on the glorious resurrection morn. The writer also conducted a memorial service the same evening in the Beaconsfield church, when appropriate remarks were made and special hymns were sung. ALBERT W. TICKTON.

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### A Word to the Children.

How many of our little ones are doing anything, all of themselves, to get some money for our missions this year?

I saw in a Christian paper the other day something that pleased me very much and I thought it might interest our children. It was a children's band called the "Do-without Band." Do you think that a nice name? Well, these children were doing without sweets, and lots of things that little folks like, and if they found a penny or more, it went into the Do-without Box, to send the story of what Jesus has done for us all to poor children that never had heard about Jesus. There are so many things that tempt children to spend pennies for, but the greatest thing seems to be sweets, and some of us grown up children, have to contend with the same temptation. My duties call me every day to the Railway station, and often as I have waited for my train, I have seen three and four children at a time, standing in front of the penny in-the-slot machine, dropping in pennies and drawing out slabs of chocolate. Then I have seen a man in charge of the machine come and empty the box and he would take away a bag as big as your father takes to town with him every morning, just full of pennies. Now if these little folks could be taught to save their pennies and do without chocolate, how much better their stomachs would be, and how many poor people could hear about Jesus.

I know you all want to help send a missionary to teach the people in Barotseland and I know of no better way than to start a Do-without band, and every time a ha'penny or

penny or bright new three-pence comes into your hands, run and put it into the Do-without Box, then when there is a call made for some money to put into the mission fund, there you are with a handful of pennies and you will feel so glad that you have learned to do without sweets for Jesus' sake. After a while you will be able to pass the temptation and it is such a comfort to know that Jesus will help us all to overcome these things when he sees us trying.

Now, you children set the example, get your teachers to join you, and you will be surprised to find how many things the pennies go for that one does not need. These things that the pennies go for are not good for us, and are only traps set by Satan to draw us all away from doing for Jesus.

Who will be the first to start a Do-without Band? I shall be glad to have the children write me and tell me what they have found they can do without. I. M. MASON.

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## Educational.

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### "Christ's Object Lessons."

THE numbers of the General Conference Bulletin lie before me. Their pages are full of stirring appeals by our brethren in America for more earnest consecration to the cause of God; for a turning squarely about and standing upon principle. In the chairman's address, he gives a few facts to show how the debts of both the conferences and the schools have been very nearly cleared. Two years ago the schools in America were under heavy debts of nearly £70,000, and as Prof. Magan said at that time, "they got to the point where they could carry them no longer." The Lord stepped in, and through His servant a systematic plan of paying these debts was presented. This people heartily responded and to-day the debts on the schools have been decreased by £40,000, and there are enough books in hand to pay off the remainder without incurring any additional expense. A glorious victory for the truth of God!

There is nothing so discouraging to any work as to feel that it is heavily in debt, and

no way of being able to pay it. There is no excuse for debts to exist to-day in any of God's institutions. A way has been provided whereby every one of them may be free. The College is no exception: it may be free. It is a "prisoner of hope." It is shackled with the chain of bondage. Will not our brethren arise and avail themselves of the opportunity God has placed in their hands?" The yearly tribute is too costly a price to pay to the Gentile. The money would go a long way towards educating our young people. May God help us to arise and shout the glad song of freedom and victory. C. H. HAYTON.

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### College Notes.

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Miss Kezia Lawrance has been added to our teaching force. She has the primary room. This gives Miss Hyatt the first, second, and third standards; Mr. Commin the fourth, fifth, and sixth; Mr. Haupt the seventh and eighth; and Miss Burrill the ninth and tenth.

Our nature study this quarter is on zoology. A most interesting scene occurred in the primary room; the lesson was on earth worms; the teacher had some on the table and as she talked, the children, interested and attentive, gathered around her. They noticed form and habits and from this time forth earth worms will be regarded with interest rather than fear.

The first copy of Mrs. E. G. White's new book on education has arrived at the College, it is full of information for every parent and teacher and all should have it.

Brother and Sister Watson are now stopping with us. They will soon leave for their field of labour. During their stay Brother Watson is conducting the Bible study for the advanced class and they are now studying the book of Romans.

Our Sunday dinners are now partly prepared by the Domestic Science class. Cooking is one of the most useful branches of a girl's education.

Do not forget our College library. We are greatly in need of more books, especially on history and science.

## The Printed Page.

### A House-to-House Visitor.

There are few, women especially, who do not enjoy visiting; although perhaps there are but few who make more than one call a day, if that. Some there be, however, who have the privilege of making from twenty to fifty calls in one day. Nay, do not look aghast, you who find one afternoon far too short in which to satisfy the demands of one call. A canvasser, even though she may be a woman, finds no such lack, as she knows no such thing as gossip, or chit chat on the latest fashion, although she may occasionally be compelled to listen and sympathise with the housewife on that time worn subject "the domestic help."

But a canvasser's time is precious for "the night cometh when no man can work," and she has comfort and healing which must be placed in as many homes as possible, while the day lasts.

She is no respecter of persons, but finds that the wealthy prefer to have her call before noon, while the hard working poor are ready to receive her in the afternoon.

Not always is she invited to visit with the lady of the house in the drawing room, but that is a matter of small consequence to her, as all such ceremony takes time, and she can introduce her pages of divine knowledge just as well at the door, or in the hallway, as seated on an easy chair. In fact the canvasser finds it more convenient to show her work in a standing posture unless she be seated next the lady on a couch. She also finds it much quicker and more effective to hold the book in her own hand, as she can then turn read-

ily to such illustrations as will be likely to interest the beholder. If it be a work on the life of Christ, that portion treating on his lowly birth, and youth spent in the carpenter's shop, never fails to win the approval of the hard worker while the beautiful themes of salvation, the Garden of Gethsemane, and Christ's Heavenly Home, may interest other classes.

When showing the work in the presence of children it is wise to dwell particularly on the child life of Jesus. In some cases the children become interested to save up their pennies against purchasing a copy.

The canvasser who desires a good delivery never over-persuades for an order.

Another thing a Christian canvasser is always careful of is her deportment, and even if the door is almost shut in her face, so to speak, she will say "good-morning" pleasantly, and if the lady has taken time to look at the work, even if no order is given, always thank her on leaving.

Ofttimes vexations arise, as in every walk in life, but even if others are ill-mannered, and un-Christlike, that does not excuse Christ's co-worker for acting in a similar manner.

This thought may be helpful to the canvasser, that, if she can do nothing else, she can prepare the way for the next "House to House Visitor."

I. L. AUSTEN.

—The Mission Board has recommended Bro. J. Gillatt, of England, to come to South Africa to become the general canvassing agent for the Cape Colony Conference. We hope Bro. Gillatt will accept the invitation to come to the help of this needy field. The canvassing work in the C. C. Conference needs strengthening, and it is to be hoped that a general field agent will be supplied soon.

### Cape Colony Canvassing Report for April.

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—Elder Edmed and a corps of workers are making preparations for a public effort in Maritzburg. We hope many will be added to the church there.

—In response to urgent appeals from Natal, Sister M. E. Robertson, the efficient and only Bible worker in the Cape Colony Conference, will join the force of workers at Maritzburg.

—Miss M. A. Henderson, lately of Liverpool, England, and a member of the S. D. A. church at that place, has just called at Cape Town en route to East London, where she expects to live.

—By cable just received from the Mission Board, we learn of the glad news that Elder I. J. Hankins is returning to South Africa; also an experienced printer for our printing works at the College.

—NOTICE!—Our telegraphic address has for several years been "Druillard," Cape Town, but it has been necessary to change. From henceforth send all telegrams and cablegrams to "Adventist," Cape Town.

—The report from Elder Sturdevant which appears on this page was crowded out of the April number.

—By vote of the Mission Board the Nyassaland Mission passes under the supervision of the So. Afr. Union Conference Committee.

—THE Klipdam church members are making another earnest effort on behalf of "Object Lessons." We are sorry that we are unable to print an encouraging report received from Bro. Cooks. We hope to see all other churches and companies following the example of the Klipdam company in this matter.

—Brother and Sister J. H. Watson and little boy, of Battle Creek, arrived at Cape Town on the 6th inst., on their way to Central Africa, where Brother Watson will assume the superintendency of the Nyassaland Mission. Their boat will not leave until the 20th inst., and during the meantime we are enjoying their association at the Cape.

—Our readers will observe that this issue of the MISSIONARY is the people's number, as nearly the whole paper is taken up with reports. We had some matter which we desired to present to our people this month, but we gladly give place to the reports. We only wish that there was room for others which had to be left out. Some long ones had to be curtailed so they could find a place. In this connection, we would say again that we are glad to get reports, but they should be to the point. Very long ones are likely to have to suffer an operation.

### Matabele Mission.

As a short report of our work here, I would say that everything is moving along nicely. We have some severe battles to fight, but we trust in Christ who is the victor. There is much fever among the children, but God has blessed our water treatments to the recovering of all without a drop of quinine. The natives outside of our station say there has never been so much fever in one season. I believe our people must wake up to the importance of simple treatments without drugs.

The school work at the mission is onward, and the spiritual interest is increasing. We are of good cheer. M. C. STURDEVANT.