

Missionary

Forgiveness

A red rose drooping to the ground,
With delicate beauty flushed,
By a careless foot, at eventide,
Was trampled on and crushed.

Christlike, the injured flower returned
No thorn-prick for the blow,
But gave instead a sweet perfume
To him who laid it low.—Selected.

Shall we Sell College Land Or "Object Lessons;" Which?

During the past year this question has been raised many times, and some have answered it one way and some the other.

Now which shall it be? Let us decide the question correctly, and then do it with our might. There must be unity in this work, for we are not a strong people, and we have no strength to waste by pulling against each other.

Our debt was £2600, but through the blessing of God we have paid £350 of this leaving us with a debt of £2250. How shall we raise this amount?

Since I have been one of the number who has not believed in selling the land to any great extent, but do believe we should sell "Object Lessons" allow me to give my reasons for thinking so. I will try to state them briefly yet clearly, believing you will see light in them.

In September 1898, Sr. White sent us a testimony entitled "The School Farm." In it I find the following:—

"Some things were presented before me. Some persons were selecting allotments of land, on which they purposed to build their homes, and One stood in our midst, and said, you are making a great mistake, which you will have cause to regret. This land is not to be occupied with buildings, except to provide

the facilities essential for the teachers and students of the school. This is the school farm. This land is to be reserved as an acted parable to the students. . . . For you to settle this land with private houses . . . would be a great mistake always to be regretted. . . . The youth need all the land around the school. This land is to be planted with ornamental and fruit trees and garden produce."

"I had matters opened before me in regard to the danger of disposing of land near to the school for dwelling houses. We seemed to be in a council meeting, and there stood one in our midst who was expected to help us out of our difficulties. The words spoken were plain and decided: this land, by the appointment of God, is for the benefit of the school. . . . This land, it has been plainly stated, is the school farm, and it is to occupy much more space than we had thought."

If space would permit I would quote much more. Those desiring to read this testimony can do so in Test. Vol. 6, page 181 to 192.

Now why did Sr. White at once send us a copy of this testimony which many of our readers will remember having heard read at the Wynberg Camp meeting? My reply is that the conditions were the same, hence the instruction was as much for us as them. The Avondale school owed £5000 and some said sell the land near by and pay the debt. We owed £2600 and some said sell the land and pay the debt: Why was this testimony printed in Vol. 6 if it was not for the instruction of all our schools?

During the days of Claremont Sanitarium many testimonies were sent to us addressed to other sanitariums; but some refused to accept the instruction, saying, "it does not apply to us. It is for the other place."

God sent us instruction which if it had been

heeded would have saved the Claremont Sanitarium to the cause of God, but it went and so will every other branch of our work that fails to walk in the light God has given.

Two years ago our brethern decided to sell the land, so they advertised to sell at auction, but the way was lodged up when the time came. I urged the brethern to drop the matter and told them I was sure God was not in the move. But they tried it again and spent £50 in advertising, but not a lot was sold. Now brethern, what answer do you give to the question I believe that I hear you say "Let us take God's plan and do our best to pay the debt." To this I say amen. It may be the College has not been able to cultivate the land or as much as they desired, but as our conference becomes larger and more young men attend the school they will be able to do more. But if the land about the building is sold, then we are hedged in, and we will never be able to approximate to the ideal. Shall we unite on God's plan of freeing our schools from the burden of debt? Shall we all take hold and lift together? I feel confident that the rank and file of our people are convinced that we should take up the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" and do our best, asking God's blessing upon our efforts. W. S. HYATT.

Important Facts about Health Reform

Amongst Seventh-Day Adventists everywhere the term "health reform" is known more or less, and should be a living principle, practised by everyone in our homes each day. But how very few there are, sad to relate, who really do so. We are told that it is the right arm to the third angel's message; and if this is so, then how very important it must be. Healthful living means everything to us as a people, for we know that our bodies are temples for the Holy Ghost to dwell in; and if so, then is it not essential that everything we take into them should be pure and clean? It is absolutely impossible for any person to bring this body into subjection unless he lives daily upon the purest and best foods. What is the reason of so many people dragging behind, eating and drinking improperly? The fact is, they lack moral stamina to resist

temptation, and thus are unable to practise self-denial.

There are many fine people in our ranks to-day whose mental capacity and moral courage is dwarfed to a great degree by their intemperance in eating and drinking. Take notice of the following lines from the spirit of prophecy, which appeared lately in the *Review and Herald*: "If Seventh-Day Adventists practised what they *profess to believe*, if they were sincere health reformers, they would indeed be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men." What does this mean? If we were treating our bodies rightly by right living, we would show a far greater zeal in the work which the Lord has placed upon us to perform.

Health reform is to do among our people a work which it has not yet done. In all our work we are told that we must obey the laws which God has given, and this means that we are to be strictly temperate in our eating and drinking. What are the chief causes of intemperance in our ranks?—Tea-drinking, flesh-eating, and over-eating; but more especially the two first named. How many times articles have appeared in our papers, and how very often we have heard direct from the pulpit the evils and dangers arising from tea-drinking and flesh-eating, and yet many continue in these life and soul-destroying evils. They are idols to them, and how steadfastly they worship them!

The supposed renewed mental activity and extra artificial strength and nerve force gained by drinking a cup of tea is false. It is undoubtedly a poison, sapping all the vital energies; and its final effect upon the system is almost as bad as alcohol. The same can be said of flesh-eating, which tends to animalism, and this of course lessens spirituality. It is a fact to be deplored, that we have not a doctor in our midst to teach us these things. But whilst we are without, it does not seem right that this important subject should be allowed to die, and it seems to me that anyone who may have a burden to write an article on the side of healthful living ought to do so. We ought to have, in every large town in South Africa, a health restaurant to cater for the people outside. This is without doubt the best means of reaching the general public and bringing them in connection with our truth,

and by this means many might be brought into our ranks. One fact however remains, and that is, that these institutions, wherever they may be, ought to be managed by one or a couple of sound-principled people who know and live out the principles of healthful diet, and who would be able to explain intelligently to the public, when called upon, the reasons for our reform diet.

It is a certainty that the men who will be able to bear responsibilities in the future will be those who live up to the light of true health reform. In conclusion, let everyone procure, as soon as possible, a copy of that book called "Healthful Living," and diligently search its pages, and digest them thoroughly, and see where you are standing.

I. R. ARMER.

Cape Sanitarium, Plumstead.

he found them all anxious to learn, and susceptible to the elevating influence of the Gospel. The authorities offer very favourable inducements to establish mission stations on the industrial plan. A splendid site for a mission station and schools in Uganda, with buildings already erected, was offered on favourable terms.

On returning to the Coast, it was Bro. Booth's intention to proceed to England by the East Coast, but the boat by which he had arranged his passage was stranded, and not being able to go by the next one he was compelled to return to Cape Town, which place he reached on the 1st inst. Two days later he left for England, his mission now being to raise the necessary means to start the work in the region he has visited.

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The Field

A Visit to East Africa

Bro. Booth expected to write a report for this number of the number of the MISSIONARY, but his time at the Cape was so fully occupied that he went off with his report unwritten. We will give a brief account of his recent trip to the East Africa Protectorate and Uganda, as he gave it to us. The purpose of the trip was to see the territory; to come in contact with the natives of the various tribes; to learn the needs of the people and the best means of reaching them; and to see what openings there might be for our people to start mission work.

Bro. Booth left Cape Town on the 30th of March, and went up the East Coast, landing at Mombassa. As a railway has recently been constructed from this place to Lake Victoria Nyanza, he boarded a train and started for the interior, breaking his Journey at several points to meet the people and make inquiries. After reaching the largest lake in Africa, and spending a few days along the coast, he crossed in a lake steamer to the other side, landing at Entebbe, in Uganda.

Space forbids the mention of the name and characteristics of the various tribes which Bro. Booth visited. With few exceptions, however,

Visit to Basutoland

Eld. Freeman met me at Aliwal North with his cart and team and we were two and one half days reaching the mission at Mount Kolo. The greater portion of the journey was through the O. R. Colony, and there we saw many of the sad results of war. Many of the houses are still in ruins, but some of the people are trying to fix up their homes. The people were out of the country, in camps or prisons, for over two years; and when they returned they found that their dogs and cats had gone quite wild.

We were glad to reach the mission, for we had rain and mud a portion of the way. The next morning, Friday, the natives came and gave us a hearty welcome. Sabbath and Sunday were days long to be remembered by us all. The Lord came very near and His power was very manifest upon the hearts of all. Over thirty responded to our invitation to "come to Jesus." Among these were the village chief and several of his leading men. I enjoyed excellent freedom in preaching to them and Bro. Kalaka enjoyed the same in interpreting.

I found the people quite intelligent on many points of Bible truth. Three years ago these people were heathen, but now they know Jesus as their Saviour. It seems wonderful to see what the Lord has done for them in bringing them out of darkness into

light. The school is prospering under the labours of Bro. S. D. Kalaka. Soon another school will be started by Bro. Murray Kalaka.

Every morning the church is opened and several go there for a half hour service in song, prayer, and Bible study. They were studying about Eli in 1st Samuel when I was there. They seemed to have a good knowledge of the first part of the Bible.

The second Sunday I was there the French Protestants held a large meeting on the other side of Mount Kolo. Bro. Freeman and I attended. It was estimated that fully 3000 people were in attendance. Several children were christened, and forty-six others were baptised by sprinkling. These missionaries have done a good work in Basutoland.

I hope that our people will continue to pray for God's blessing upon Bro. Freeman and his co-labourers.

W. S. HYATT.

Bloemfontein

Dear fellow-workers: My heart is full of praise and gratitude to God for his mercy and wonderful love to me. "O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." I am enjoying the work more than ever in the past, but I have formed the secret to be in an entire surrender of oneself to the Lord, having only one object in view,—The Glory of God and the salvation of souls. My work among the natives, the Sunday evening preaching, has resulted, through the Grace of God,—to Him be all the glory, in the conversion of sinners and reclaiming of some backsliders. This information I have through their ministers. When I gave the glory to God, one minister said "Yes, but the people know who has been the instrument in God's hands." I trust indeed that when the testing truths of the Gospel are presented to them, they may recognize the Lord again, as speaking through his humble servant.

I expect this week to begin Bible studies with several of the native ministers and leading men. Remember me, your brother, at the throne of grace, that the Lord Himself will speak through me. I am conducting Bible studies in English; and close attention and good interest is manifested. The Sunday

preaching for the poor Dutch families is also much appreciated by those who attend.

The canvassing is also going well, and I wish some one would come to assist me as I can only give part to canvassing. O, that the Lord might reveal to some now standing idle, the greatest blessing in store for those who will accept the invitation to labour in His Vineyard. Brethern and sisters, I would not exchange places to-day with the greatest and wealthiest potentate of this earth. The chief joy of my heart is to be found in Christ, not having mine own righteousness, but that which is through the faith of Christ; that I may know Him and the power of his resurrection and the *fellowship of His sufferings*. "Esteeming the reproach of Christ, *greater riches* than the treasures of this world." Who will this day consecrate himself to the Lord for service? I mean *active* service.

Yours in the "blessed hope" of soon seeing Jesus.

G. W. SHONE.

A Missionary Visit

(The following extracts are taken from a private letter)

I have just returned from my trip to Pietersburg, and found your letter awaiting me. We had a very profitable trip. We left Johannesburg on May 11 for Pietersburg, at which place we arrived safely and found a place for the night. The next morning we started early for Bro. De Jager's home. Bro. De Beer went with me to interpret. Bro. De Jager lives seventy miles from Pietersburg. The sun was very hot and the road was very difficult, we having to walk much of the way. We went out of the way once and lost considerable time, but finally reached our destination the following day.

Two boys guided us part way up the hill toward Bro. De Jager's home, which is located near the top of the mountain, or hill. It is a lovely location, but difficult of access. We found them all well and happy, Bro. De Jager's family all rejoicing in the truth. We had a blessed time together. Six of his children and one son-in-law were buried with the Lord in baptism. They are all of good courage.

Sunday morning we left at two o'clock and covered twenty-six miles before sunrise, and reached Pietersburg before evening. We

stayed that night with some of Bro. De Beer's friends, and had a pleasant Bible talk with them. We returned to Johannesburg the next day.

A. W. KUEHL.

Stellenbosch

It gives me great pleasure to be able to talk with my brethren and sisters in the faith by means of the MISSIONARY. Our hearts have been cheered from time to time by the good reports brought by the MISSIONARY from all parts of the field, and the evidences that the captain of the Lord's host is going before his humble soldiers to lead them to victory. Our confidence indeed is, "there shall be delay no longer." I feel truly sorry that in the past I have been so negligent in reporting.

Since the Church Street property has been sold, we are located in a smaller and new house in the Avenue. The house work to be done is now a great deal less. We have one room fitted up where we can still give treatments. We appreciate very much having my mother-in-law, Mrs. Phillips, with us. Although much advanced in years, she has taken charge of the house-keeping for us, so that we may be better able to get out among the people, and do evangelistic work. Since we have commenced to work more actively to lead precious souls to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, the peace of God has come in a much larger measure into our own hearts and home; and we are having experiences which are worth reporting.

Although we are still doing medical missionary work, the evangelistic work is now the most prominent line of our work. The medical missionary work, however, has been the means of our making many friends, and has opened hearts that otherwise would have been closed by prejudice. I am having precious experiences selling "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing." It is having a good influence, and not only prepares the way for a more extensive sale later on for the larger works of Sr. White, and our other books that contain the message more openly; but it affords an excellent means for us to find out where those are who have a Christian experience, who would be able to accept advanced truth shortly. At the same time it leads the unconverted to Christ. We have to cultivate

the soil here very carefully, but the dear Lord is helping us and giving us wisdom, for which we feel very grateful.

One reason why my canvassing report is so small is that I spend the afternoons in medical missionary work. I am giving massage to a young man, who is a son of a former Examiner of Schools in the Colony. The family is well known and highly respected by all. The patient is an unconverted man. I pray with him and give him tracts to read to lead him to Jesus. Whilst I am giving him massage I have him take his Bible and read the references I give him: thus I am giving him a Bible reading which he enjoys very much. God has wonderfully blessed the treatments, more than I expected. His Doctor has become interested, too, in the treatments, and says he himself wants to come some day to have a Turkish or Russian bath. Others are watching the case with interest. Pray for us, dear brethren and sisters.

A few weeks ago I looked after an intelligent chemist suffering from Delirium Tremens for three days and three nights continually. I believe the way will open for us to hold a course of Bible studies with this family in the near future. Last week I spent three days at Bro. Peter Wessels' farm near Durban Road Junction nursing Bro. Bredenkamp who was dangerously ill. The Lord blessed us, and the dear brother was out of danger and much better when I left him.

D. H. GROENEWALD.

The Gospel Wagon

We always desire to fill our corner in the MISSIONARY. Since the camp-meeting, however, we were disappointed. We planned to resume our work just where we left off before the camp-meeting, but through the severity of the drought prevailing there we were obliged to turn aside into the Alexandria district, after being detained over two months at Kleinpoort Station by the railway, for a fresh supply of books.

About the end of April we entered Alexandria, a small village situated about ninety miles north-east of Port Elizabeth. After some time trying to get among the farms of that district, which lay among the hills and

in almost inaccessible places for a wagon, we came to Alexandria, and found a small village not affording one canvasser more than a good day's work. The population is about two hundred. Among them I found a few who welcome the good news which we carry. One man, a leading citizen of the place, manifested a great interest in our work. I had no time to say much to them but left the printed page in their homes.

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude to our heavenly Father for His keeping power in these dark corners and up and down the rocky mountains. On one occasion we went down such a steep hill that I thought the wagon would smash to pieces but we landed below without the least damage.

T. J. FRANCIS.

Educational.

Manual Training

Much valuable instruction has been given to us upon this question, and a careful reading of the Testimonies will reveal its great importance in connection with our school system. We are well aware that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, was the personal instructor commander, and guide of the children of Israel; and it is written, "that among them it was required that every youth should learn how to work. All were to be educated in some business line, that they might possess a knowledge of business life, to be not only self-sustaining but useful." This was the instruction Christ gave to His people, and "in Israel this was not thought strange and degrading; indeed, it was thought a crime to allow children to grow up in ignorance of useful labour."

When that great Commander and Instructor came to earth to demonstrate before them the truths He had been teaching them all the years past, His life was, and still is, an example of what He defines as manual training. "In His earthly life, Christ was an example to the human family. He learned the carpenter's trade. He laboured with His own hands to do His part in sustaining the

family. The life of Christ points out our duty to be diligent in labour and provide for those entrusted to our care." His was a representative life for both parents and youth. "He was not willing to be defective, even in the handling of tools. He was perfect as a workman and He was perfect in character. By precept and example Christ has dignified useful labour." How weighty are those words. He was not *a slave to labour*, but the *master of labour*.

Many of our young men are desirous of learning a trade or some useful occupation. They realise the necessity from personal observation, and in view of the foregoing, it is a great wrong to deprive them of such. All cannot be successful teachers or ministers, much less can all be successful nurses or doctors; but all can be successful workers, and most successful workers if they find that for which they are most fitted. Hence, a good plumber is better than a poor preacher.

Therefore, in connection with our schools there should be these different lines of labour open to our youth, and each should be encouraged to become proficient in some line.

C. H. HAYTON.

The lessons necessary to fit one for practical usefulness should be taught to every child in the home, and every student in the schools.—*Special Test. on Ed.*, p. 32.

All should go forth from the school with educated proficiency, so that, when thrown upon their own resources, they may have a knowledge they can use which is essential to practical life.—*Ibid.*, p. 100.

Every youth should be instructed in the duties of practical life. Each should acquire a knowledge of some branch of manual labour by which, if need be, he may obtain a livelihood. This is essential, not only as a safeguard against vicissitudes of life; but from its bearing upon physical, mental, and moral development.—*Christian Education*, p. 69.

—The Natal-Transvaal Conference Committee was recently convened at Maritzburg. They are planning to push the work in that field. It was decided to build an office in front of the Maritzburg church for their tract society.

News Items

—Eld. Tarr is still in the Stockenstroom district, and reports that the few Sabbath-keepers there are becoming more familiar with the truth, and that others are interested.

—The American Standard Revised Version of the Bible is reputed to be the best translation of the Scriptures extant. Order of the Int. Tract Society, Cape Town, or the Echo Publishing Co., Durban.

—Do you subscribe for our good paper, the *Review and Herald*? If not, you are missing some earnest appeals from the pen of Sister White. Keep abreast of the message. Send your order to the office.

—We have received a sample of a bright refreshing circular, announcing the series of tent meetings which was begun at Maritzburg, Natal, on the evening of the 7th inst., by Pastor H. J. Edmed. He asks for the prayers of our people, which, we are sure will be granted.

—Before another number of the MISSIONARY makes its appearance, we hope to have the pleasure of welcoming a few of the workers who are coming out from America. Bro. McPherson, a practical printer from the Review and Herald Pub. Co., is now on his way here, and will take charge of the printing works at the College.

—The following two letters are samples of many which we receive at this office: "I am sending a postal note with this for 2/6. Some kind friend has been sending me the *Sentinel* for some months past, and I should not like

to miss the beautiful reading it contains. I have found your articles very beneficial to me. Please continue sending it." "Please find postal note for 2/6 for the *Sentinel*. I thank the kind friend who has been sending it to me, and wish the Seventh-Day Adventists every success." The first one is from East London, and the second from Port Elizabeth. These words ought to encourage our people to do more missionary work with our papers. Do not become discouraged because many of the papers are not appreciated. Some of them will fall into the hands of honest souls who are searching for the light.

—When Bro. Watson arrived in Cape Town he was disappointed and perplexed at not being able to counsel with Bro. Booth about the affairs of the Nyrrsaland mission. His boat was to leave the Cape two days before Elder Hyatt could arrive from Basutoland, and it appeared at that time that he would not get to meet Elder Hyatt either. But we learned that the boat would stop eight days at Durban, and that they could remain at the Cape and take the overland route the following week and catch the boat at the Natal port. On Friday evening, May 11, we received a wire from Bro. Booth at Delagoa Bay, stating that he was compelled to return by way of the Cape. We found out the date when his boat would reach Durban, and saw at once that by hurrying Bro. Watson and family off on the evening after the Sabbath, they would reach Durban just in time to meet Bro. Booth. So it was by the over-ruling of a kind Providence that the desirable interviews were enjoyed by Bro. Watson.

Cape Colony Canvassing Report for May

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—Don't forget that our telegraphic address is "ADVENTIST," Cape Town.

—According to present plans, Elder Hankins and family will not be prepared to start for South Africa until about the first of September.

—We have received letters from Elder G. W. Reaser, written from various points along the journey, the last one telling of their safe arrival at New York City.

—Read Elder Hyatt's article on the first page of this paper, and then write us what your convictions are with reference to the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons."

—We are glad to welcome Bro. Jubber back to the canvassing work again. Business considerations have taken up his time lately, but he hopes to get back into the harness again in a few days.

—Sr. J. A. Chaney, of Sweetwaters, Natal, is lying dangerously ill. Sr. Webster went up there recently to do all that can be done or her by careful ministry. We hope that

Sr. Chaney may have an early restoration to health.

—Elder Hyatt, accompanied by Sr. Hyatt, their son, Willis, and little girl, left the Cape on the 10th inst. for Rhodesia. Sr. Hyatt and children will spend a few months near Gwelo, where her brother, Elder Armitage, is conducting a mission. Elder Hyatt will also visit the main station near Bulawayo.

—For several weeks Bro. Tickton has been kept out of the canvassing work on account of illness. With good treatment, however, he is about to recover, and hopes to have a good report for the next number of this paper. During the time that he has been unable to canvass he has not been idle, but has been active in such missionary work as he could do.

—We extend our sympathy to Sr. Schmidt who met with an unfortunate accident in Johannesburg last month. She was on her way to the place of meeting, and on alighting before the tram had ceased its motion, she fell and sustained a severe injury to her limb. It will be necessary for her to remain in the hospital for several weeks, during which time we hope for her a safe recovery.

—CAPE CONFERENCE REPORTS.—The quarterly report forms are being sent out again, and church and Sabbath school officers are hereby requested to give *early* attention to these reports. We want these reports to print in the MISSIONARY, and would like to receive them as soon as possible after the close of the quarter. Sabbath school secretaries will please notice that the *reports* should be sent to Sr. Mason, Box 647, Cape Town, but the *donations* should be sent as usual to the conference Treasurer.

—With sorrow we announce the death of Bro. M. J. Brown, a faithful coloured brother of the Cape Town church. Bro. Brown had not been well for about four months, and the last several weeks he suffered greatly. Death came as a relief from pain on Friday evening, the 12th inst., and now he rests in peace to await the coming of the Life-giver. He was faithful in all things during his life, and we doubt not but that there is laid up for him a crown of life. The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Smailes on the following Sunday afternoon. Sister Brown has the sympathy of every member of the church in Cape Town and of all who know her.