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## Let Me Trust

Lord, let me trust thy guiding hand  
Not only in the sunny hour,  
But when the storm clouds o'er me lower  
And all seems dark, and torrents pour  
Down o'er my path.

And when I cannot understand,  
Lord, help me trust Thee day by day.  
Thou knowest well the thorny way  
And knowest how I need to stay  
My heart on Thee.

And when the shadows cross my path  
Let me remember Thou art still  
Controlling all; and at Thy will  
The storms arise; the seeming ill  
Is for my good.

Yea, let me trust Thee every hour  
And learn the lesson Thou wouldst teach.  
Let trial and affliction each  
But purify and help me reach  
Thy holiness.

CECIL H. PRETYMAN.

## The Buried Talent

"But he that had received one (talent) went and digged in the earth and hid his lord's money."

In a recent letter received from the Mission Board Assistant Secretary is the following significant and sad statement,—“Business in all lines is booming, and large wages are offered, and thus our men having most ability are being drawn into other lines of work. Good men . . . can work at almost anything and still keep the Sabbath.”

Is it not a sad thing that men who have talents that should be used in God's service are employing them in worldly pursuits, while the cause of God lacks labourers. It makes one tremble to think what the result of this will be, for such a state of things can not continue. It is not sufficient for us to have a knowledge of the Truth, but we are in duty bound to spread the light to others and sound the warning message to those in danger. If

we fail to do this our own light will go out “But where are the reapers?” Yes, where are they to-day in South Africa? Have some wandered out of the Lord's field into the fields of the world? Are there some who might be devoting their talents, or their one talent to the Lord's work, who are now burying it in the world?

Brethren it is now time for us to look this matter squarely in the face. There is no time now to waste our energies in labour that will bear no fruit for the Kingdom. May God help us to study this thing and see if we are burying our talents, and if so give us grace to return unto Him and enter His field, though it may be late in the day, and He will give us whatsoever is right.

C. H. PRETYMAN.

## The College Land or “Object Lessons”

The MISSIONARY has come again with its cheering, gladdening reports of the work being done in different parts of this our beloved land.

I notice in the June number an article dealing with the question of selling the College land or “Christ's Object Lessons” for the purpose of paying the debt on Union College. By all means let us sell the book which we are told is set aside for the purpose.

It cannot make any difference where the schools are situated, in this land or any other. It is all the Lord's work. Besides, it means more than just getting rid of a debt. Who can tell of the good to be done in our Master's cause by introducing that sweet book into the homes spread over the length and breadth of this land. Let us all take hold of this work in faith, nothing doubting. I for one am willing to do my share.

E. TAPSON.

Library

Pacific Union College

### How the Beaconsfield Society Got Out of Debt

For several years the Beaconsfield Society has been struggling under a debt which seemed to have fastened itself on the church with the intention to stay. The debt did not seem to grow, but remained about the same size year after year. At the beginning of this year, however, Brother Tickton was chosen librarian. Feeling that very little advanced missionary work could be undertaken as long as the society was confronted with this debt, Brother Tickton made up his mind that, by the grace of God, the debt must be cleared out of the way.

The matter was laid before the church and the hearty co-operation of all the members secured. Whenever God's people have united in seeking Him and asking for deliverance from bondage, He has never failed them. The following from Brother Tickton, which he used in connection with his work in the church, will show how the victory was won.

#### DEBT

JANUARY 1, 1903—£21-16-4.

- SATAN:** You will never be able to pay off this large amount. It is impossible. It has been standing for a number of years.
- CHRIST:** Have faith in God. Work and pray. Without me ye can do nothing.

#### DEBT

APRIL 1, 1903, £11-7-1.

- SATAN:** The brethren have given enough. They can not afford to give more. There are so many things to support. The weekly offerings and special donations are being asked for all the time.
- CHRIST:** The battle is not yours but the Lord's. For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. The world is mine and the fulness thereof.

#### DEBT

JUNE 24, 1903—£2-8-7.

- SATAN:** It is too much to raise in one meeting. Such an amount in one day from such a small company is unreasonable. We are not made of money. You must wait till next quarter. It is really too bad, but it can not be helped.
- CHRIST:** All things are possible to him that believeth. My grace is sufficient for thee.
- THE CHURCH:** My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary. We shall come off more than conquerors.

#### The Disease Has Disappeared.

JULY 1, 1903.

- CHRIST:** Thy faith hath made thee whole. Go in peace and sin no more.

We have secured Brother Tickton's permission to print this as an encouragement to other societies and individuals who have unfortunately fallen into the grasp of a monster debt. God does not want us to be in debt any more than He wants us to be in sin. If we have the faith that will set us to work, He will deliver us from every form of bondage, and cause us to walk "in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free."

O. O. F

### Have You Any Spare Bibles

Readers of the MISSIONARY may have already heard about Sister Wocke's Sunday school at the camp in Bloemfontein. It was started two weeks ago, and so far has been very well attended. But many of the children who come do not possess a Bible of their own, and are very anxious to have one so they can study the lesson during the week and learn the memory verse. Now I know that many among our people have more than one Bible, and perhaps would be glad to use the extra ones for a missionary purpose by placing them in the hands of some poor children who have not the means for purchasing even one copy of the Book. Either Dutch or English Bibles would be very acceptable for those attending the Sunday school. Will any brother or sister who has a spare Bible and who wishes to make the very best use of it, please send it to Mrs. A. Wocke, 57 Railway Cottage, Bloemfontein, O. R. C.?

Old copies of the *Little Friend* and *Youth's Instructor* would also be gratefully accepted for the same purpose. I gave a few old copies of the *Little Friend* to some of our Sunday school children last week, and it was delightful to see how pleased they were. Dear friends and readers of the MISSIONARY, do please help us with your prayers and spare Bibles.

E. COURT.

### Show Your Colours

I want to tell the children a little tale, hoping it will help them to always show their colours. You know when a ship comes into a harbour the people on the land look the

first thing to see what flag, or colours, she carries. They can then tell to what country she belongs. You know we often hear how some brave soldier in the thickest of the battle rescued the colours of his regiment, or how they stood for their flag. Well, that is just what we as Christians should do for our Captain, who is Christ.

Not long since a gentleman was spending the Sabbath in Johannesburg. He started out to find, if he could, the place where the meeting was held. He went the length of one street, but could neither see any one that looked as though they were going to church, nor hear any singing. He then turned down another street and there saw some children, and one little girl carrying a Bible in her hand. Now this gentleman thought within himself, "those children are going to church, for they would not be carrying a Bible to-day unless they were Sabbath-keepers." So he followed the children, and soon came to the house where they were holding meeting.

Supposing this little girl had had her Bible all nicely wrapped in brown paper and neatly tied as parcels are put up in the shop, that gentleman would not have found the place of meeting and would have spent a lonely Sabbath in the great, wicked city.

Jesus is the greatest King and we are all children of this King, and the Bible is His letter to us. Now, if we were to get a letter from King Edward, would we not be very particular to carry it where everyone could see it, and feel very proud of the honour? We ought to be very glad that we have the Bible, and should not be careful to wrap it up so as to make the people on the street as we come along think we have been shopping. We never know what stranger is watching us, hoping to see some one with a Bible so he too can find his way to church. We ought not to be ashamed that we belong to God's country, for Jesus says if we are ashamed of Him, He will be ashamed of us, and *that* will shut us out of the new earth.

"Example is better than precept," and so never be afraid to be seen carrying your Bibles in your hands, and unwrapped.

I. M. MASON.

### What the Children Can Do

Last Summer while attending the Summer School at Berrien Springs, Michigan, Dr. Paulson visited us with his paper, *The Life Boat*. Hundreds of orders were taken from the teachers who intended to use these papers as a means for practical missionary work. These the children were to sell and receive the profits, the teacher always encouraging them to use the profits in some missionary project as they deemed best.

Not long ago a consignment of *Life Boats* came to hand, and it was wonderful with what zeal and energy the children went about selling and taking orders. In a few days, using only spare moments, they had obtained nineteen subscriptions besides selling a good number.

In like manner each month the *South African Sentinel* is sold. Often during the noon hour from one to a dozen papers are sold. Where these papers are once sold they usually receive a hearty welcome the second time, and usually the *Sentinel* is left in these homes each month.

The children enjoy this work and are thus getting the truth before the people. Many of these children are not of our faith; still their little hearts seem all aglow to do what they can. May we not learn a lesson from them and "Go and do likewise?"

CORA M. BLODGETT.

### Working for the Children in Bloemfontein

It gives me great pleasure to tell you of the success in our work up here. Two months ago I started a small day school and took in as many children as my dining-room would hold. I had several applications for more pupils, but had to refuse them for the time being. I hope God will open the way soon.

Some of those who are attending my school expressed a wish that they would like their friends and relatives to enjoy the Bible stories in Dutch. So last week I did all I could to secure a meeting-place that would hold more than my dining-room. With God's blessing, Sister Court and I opened our Sunday school last Sunday morning in a nice, clean tent where twenty-nine eager listeners enjoyed

our study from the Psalms. Our memory verse was Matt. 5:3. Sister Court taught her class in English and I taught in Dutch. As we have no Dutch hymn books, I had prepared twelve copies of the hymns we selected, which made me very tired, as I don't like writing, but the reward was sweet. We all enjoyed the meeting very much.

In the afternoon we had to walk for nearly an hour up Naval Hill to our afternoon meeting-place. Praise the dear Lord for his blessings. Brethren and sisters, please pray for us and the work here. 'Till Jesus comes.

Your sister in His work,

H. WOCKE.

### Rokeby Park Help Band

It is now about six months since the readers of the MISSIONARY have heard from our Help Band. It is not because we have let our Band fall through, for the missionary spirit increases as the months roll by.

It was decided at the beginning of the year that the proceeds of our work for the quarter be donated to the Barotse Mission. But as the amount was so small at the end of that term, owing to not having the full number of meetings, it was thought best that we work another three months for the same mission. We now forward with much pleasure the amount of £4 10s., praying that God's blessing may rest on the work in Barotseland and other missions.

Whilst the sisters have been working with their sewing needles, and the children with their knitting needles, the brethren have not been idle, as they have sent out papers to the number of 848 for the last two quarters.

We hold our Band meetings once a fortnight.

RUBY WILLMORE, *Secretary*.

### Missionary Work in Grahamstown

(Part of a letter just received from Sister Sparrow.—Ed.)

Dear Brother,—We have just organised a mission band to sell, loan, and distribute reading matter among the people of Grahamstown. There are only a few of us, but with the help of God we want to do something to help get the message before the people. We know we can not do much, but anyway we will do

what we can. Some will take a paper or a tract when they will not have a talk or a Bible reading. So we decided to take forty copies of the *Sentinel* and ten copies of the *Journal of Health*.

We would like you to write us about tract work. We have decided to begin with ten shillings worth, and will leave it with you to select the tracts. How is the envelope system in tracts? Do you think that would be a good plan? What have you in the Kaffir language, such as books and tracts?

Your sister in Christ,

S. SPARROW.

### Special Mention

Last month we wrote to the general manager of the Standard Bank of South Africa, setting forth the nature of our work, and requesting the privilege (1) of having all cheques drawn by the South African Union Conference and the International Tract Society, cashed at any of the branches of this bank in South Africa without the usual charge for commission; and (2) of having funds deposited at any of the branches of this bank to the credit of either of these accounts free of commission.

These requests were both granted. Any of our workers who are fortunate enough to come into possession of a Union Conference or International Tract Society cheque will please remember that it can be cashed as far away as Bulawayo or Blantyre without commission. Please remember also that the safest way to send funds to the general office in Cape Town is by bank deposit. In case you are sending funds to the Union Conference, make out two deposit slips, writing at the top in full, "The South African Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Cape Town." One of these slips will be retained by your banker, while the other will be signed as a receipt which you will send to us. Be sure to mention the special arrangement about the commission.

O. O. FORTNER.

*Sec. and Treas., S. A. U. C.*

—Let all church librarians read the article in the *Review* of June 9, page 21, entitled, "Duties of a Church Tract Society Librarian,"

**Report of Tithes Received—Natal-Transvaal**

(For Half Year Ending June 30, 1903.)

We present below our first half-yearly report of tithes paid into the Conference treasury by our churches and companies. No doubt our members will be pleased to see how the Lord has prospered us in this respect, and will feel a sense of satisfaction and joy in knowing that they have had a part and privilege in making up this sum. We join with the Psalmist in praise—"Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our Salvation."—and rejoice to return to the Lord His own—the tenth.

We trust that every member of our churches can fully enter into our rejoicing, and that each one has been faithful to God in returning the tithe of his increase. It was through some one being faithful in paying his tithe, and offering with a willing heart to God, that the message ever reached us; now it is our privilege and duty to spread the truth to others, and if we fail to do this, we shall be like the man who hid his talent, and shall never enter into rest.

We rejoice to see the work advancing, and the light of truth being held up, and we rejoice, too, to see our tithe increasing. Some of us perchance have little opportunity of bearing the message ourselves, but we all can have a part by being faithful in returning to God our offerings and His tithe, and thus shall have a share in the harvest.

Maritzburg Church	£183 4s. 5d.
Johannesburg Church	112 14 6
Durban Company	34 12 0
Pretoria Company	6 0 0
	<u>£336 10 11</u>

CECIL H. PRETYMAN, *Conference Treasurer.*

**A Word of Thanks**

To those friends that have helped me in my affliction and sorrow I would like to say that I thank you from my heart for all your kindness, both in kind words and substantial gifts. I know that the last days of my husband were made smoother and brighter by your love and kindness shown in various ways, and I know the Lord will return to you many fold for all you bestowed on us during his sickness and death.

LOUISA BROWN.

**Rhodesia**

(The following is a letter just received from Elder Hyatt. We take pleasure in sharing it with our readers.—ED.)

Somobula Mission,  
Gwelo, Rhodesia.

Dear Brother,—

I must set my quill at work, so I will begin a few lines to you as a starter. First I want to tell you that our Father gave us a safe and pleasant journey. We quite enjoyed the trip. We had a compartment all to ourselves all the way, which made it very pleasant for us. We had an oil stove with us and cooked and warmed food, so that we had a nice picnic all the way. At Bulawayo we had to change cars, so we unloaded our twelve parcels and soon another train backed down into the station and we were soon off again. At Gwelo Brother Armitage met us. He now has four oxen and a cart. He made the latter. In fact he made the whole outfit. By the time we had all our stuff loaded, and all his stuff, allow me to tell you the thing was pretty full. He had driven ten miles since he had fed, but did not dare to feed then as he was on infected territory; so we had to drive back for ten miles to find safe feed and water for the oxen. The oxen were gaunt but made it all right. We drove till about 8 P.M., then outspanned for the night. After building a good fire, we spread our blankets and lay down with the "Great Dipper" above. To be sure it was rather a high covering, still it was quite homelike to see it once more. Before light we were up, and after having a cup of coffee, away we went. There is something romantic about laying out in the veldt in a section where the lion's roar is heard. Not long since a cow was killed by a lion not far away, and Brother Armitage has killed a big tiger and a leopard. But fortunately we did not make breakfast for one of them. We reached the mission about 11 A.M., having been just twenty-four hours on the road. I tell you we were glad to get here. We were tired, and a good spring bed was never more appreciated. I want to assure you that we received a royal welcome. This family have not received a visit since coming here two years ago.

THE LOCATION.—It is from twenty-six to twenty-eight miles west of Gwelo. A portion

of the way is very good soil. About the mission the soil is sandy, and there is a lot of small timber. The mission is situated on a rise of ground, and there are four "bread fruit" trees about. They spread out like old elms and their shade must be very pleasant during the summer. In fact it is like summer at midday now. To-day there is a cold wind blowing,—the first this season. They have had no frosts at the mission, although they have had them at Gwelo. The drought cut off nearly everything, that is, in the last crop. For fruit they have had Cape gooseberries and tomatoes. They raise plenty of these. A few banana trees are growing nicely. There is a very peculiar strip of ground on the west side of the ridge, which covers many acres. The ground is full of water and a hole soon fills to the top. It is so now, although they have had no rains since February. It appears to be good ground for gardening. They raised a fine garden on a small piece here last year. Some of it grows good rice.

THE SCHOOL.—It was opened about April, 1902. At present they have their own children, five boys and three girls, eighteen others who live with them, and ten or twelve from the kraals. So their school numbers from thirty to forty. Some of the young men are away for a short time just now. It is marvellous how fast they learn to read and write. I must mention two young men who came from the Melsetter district. You remember that this is the section that Elder Reaser was so desirous of seeing some worker enter. These boys wanted a school where they did not smoke nor drink. They visited several missions and became nearly discouraged. At last they heard of this mission, and so came here. They were pleased, and, like Philip (John 1 : 44, 45), they set out to find others, and they brought three. All were from the same section, and belong to the Shangana tribe. They came in March and April. To-day these boys read their Bibles readily and write a fairly good hand. They are writing letters home about the truth. To me it is marvellous. Last night we started a class in English. I firmly believe that some of them will read their little book through in a week. Reading, writing, and spelling is all they learn so far.

We now find that Brother Armitage

wanted Mrs. Hyatt (his sister) to come up to teach for him. As you know, he and his wife have had no help for teachers or funds since coming up here. To provide food and clothing for twenty-five, and teach them, has taken some hard work, and then he has built the building besides. But God has blessed and helped him. Three of his adopted boys are a great help to him. One of these boys acted as my interpreter last Sabbath, and I think he did well. These boys assist in many ways, and teach the lower classes. They stand by Brother Armitage and help to keep order, etc. In fact, they do more for him than one ordinary white man could do. I do not see how he could get along without them. The children all love and respect him. Several of them seem to be Christians. In fact, they have some fine looking boys here. Now, Brother Armitage wants Mrs. Hyatt to teach the English classes, and soon the older students will speak English quite readily.

Well, this is as far as we have gone, so I will stop. I may say that the action of the Committee to close this work has nearly broken them up, and I fear that Elder Sturdevant feels the same. We must be more careful before we take such actions in the future. Wishing you much of the blessing of the Lord, yours in the Master's work,

June 22, 1903.

W. S. HYATT.

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## Educational.

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### Evidences of God's Blessing

July 1 marked the close of the half-yearly term of the Claremont Union College Training School. Nearly all the students have left to spend the vacation with friends or relatives; and the home, which recently seemed alive with activity, is now deserted. The teachers are enjoying a much needed and quiet rest from their taxing labours.

The Lord has indeed blessed the work of the past six months. Evidences have been given daily of His constant keeping care. So many young people, coming here from different parts of the country and from a variety of homes, are brought together in their school associations; and yet with the exception of

a few slight indispositions, the health of all has been spared. God's plan in health reform is the best.

The earnestness which the young people have displayed in all their work is an evidence of God's blessing upon good, wholesome labour and study. They are gathered together for two hours' study each evening in one of the class rooms under the personal supervision of one of the teachers. The class recitations of the following day have shown that the study period has been well improved. In the domestic work all enter upon the task assigned with willing hearts, and soon the pleasing strains of some familiar hymn are heard. Work and song go hand in hand.

But where the greatest evidence of the Lord's blessing has been seen is in the students' Friday evening social meeting. This is their meeting, and many promises have been repeated, many words of praise and earnest prayer have ascended to God from their lips. The Lord has certainly come near our

children and youth at these times. Let us thank God for the evidences of His blessing and pray that many, yes all, of the young people who are sent to the school may eventually become valiant workers in His wide harvest field.

C. H. HAYTON.

### School Notes

The Claremont Union College began its new quarter July 15 with an attendance of ninety-one.

New plans are being laid for the development of the farm. More attention will be given to fruit culture. Strawberries have been found to produce a good crop.

The larger portion of the farm land has been turned over to Brother R. Dwyer who has lately arrived with his family from Modder River. Being an experienced colonial farmer, he has confidence that he can make the farm a success. We wish him God's blessing in his undertaking.

## Cape Colony Canvassing Report for June

Agent	Territory	Book	Hours	Ords.	Misc.	Value			Delivery	Value				
						£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
J. H. Downes	Cape Town	H.H.B.	12	2		£	3	0	0	1	£	1	10	0
Ina L. Austen	P. Elizabeth	D. of A.	3	3	8	5	15	3	1	1	1	10	0	
G. W. Shone	Bloemfontein	C. K.	2½ w'k	19	57	11	4	6	76	11	4	6		
Gospel Wagon					37	7	18	9	37	7	18	9		
O. H. Jubber	Cape Town	M. M.	12	12	10	13	0	0	3	3	0	0		
5 Reports				36	112	41	8	6	118	25	3	3		

## Natal-Transvaal Canvassing Report for May and June, 1903.

Agent	Territory	Book	Ord.	Value			Value of Helps	Total
				£	s.	d.		
Mrs. Smith	Johannesburg	H.H.B.	5	8	9	0		
Mrs. Howard	"	"	65	123	10	0		
Mrs. Strachan	"	"	14	25	10	0		
J. H. Camp	Maritzburg	"	28	42	0	0		
J. Stapleford	Greytown	"	57	90	10	0		
F. C. Ernst	Maritzburg	G.C.	34	21	5	0		
H. Schmidt	Pretoria	"	41	51	5	0		
Miss H. Schmidt	Johannesburg	"	6	6	7	6		
J. H. deBeer	"	M. M.	8	9	0	0		
Misc. Sales	Durban		42	12	9	0		
8 Reports			354	390	5	6		

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—Brother Moko has joined Brother Francis with the gospel wagon.

—Brother Anderson is about to start on a trip to Barotseland. He will be gone about fourteen weeks.

—The Johannesburg church is making an effort to raise funds for erecting a church building in the "golden city."

—The Cape Town office has a limited supply of the last volume of the Testimonies, No. 7, bound in cloth, at 3/6. Send and get one.

—All who are interested in the Sabbath school work will be glad to learn that the *Sabbath School Worker* is to be published again.

—For 12/6 you can get a copy of the new American Revised Version of the Scriptures in a good binding. Order of the Cape Town or Durban office.

—Elder Edmed still continues the series of tent meetings at Maritzburg. He has a fair attendance, and the interest is increasing. We hope to have a more extended report from him next month.

—The new sanitarium in England, located at Caterham, a suburb of London, was dedicated last month. A large concourse of people attended the opening of the institution to give an expression of their good will.

—By making mention of *brief* reports a month or two ago, we did not mean to frighten any of our correspondents, or cause them to stop writing altogether. We need your reports. Don't fail to send them.

—Some more workers have been selected for South Africa. They were to have started from America on June 3, but just at that time the funds in the Mission Board treasury gave out, so the intending departures had to be postponed.

—Brother R. F. McPherson and wife arrived at the Cape by the S. S. "Persic" on the 8th inst., and are now located at the College. The prosperity of the printing establishment is expected to increase under the experienced supervision of Brother McPherson.

—We wish that every church and company in this country would take a more active interest in the tract work. Our people little realise the powerful influence of our literature when it is given an opportunity to work. Read Sister Sparrow's letter from Grahams-town in this paper, and then write us a similar letter.

—Sister Peach writes from Taungs that a reader of the *Sentinel* in that place is convinced of the Sabbath truth, and she has hopes that he will step out in the light. She says the reason she has not been sending subscriptions lately is because nearly every family in the place is taking the paper. This speaks well for earnest missionary work.

—When Elder Reaser reached America he had many and divers kinds of messages to deliver and commissions to perform. The last letter received from him announces that he has finished all these. At the time of writing, he expected to start in a few days to British Columbia, Canada, "to settle into the gospel harness again." The MISSIONARY hopes that the blessing of the Lord will attend his labour there.

—We take the following from one of Elder Tarr's letters of last month, written from Blinkwater: "We had an excellent service here last Sunday at the river side. There must have been nearly one hundred persons present. The Lord blessed in preaching the Word, and hearts were deeply moved. Seven persons were baptised. One young man, the eldest son of Mr. Willie Moss, with his brother-in-law, though they did not come prepared to be baptised, stepped forward immediately after the others were baptised, and asked for the privilege of following their Lord. I could not refuse, as their cases seemed clear. When the young men went home in their wet clothes a deep impression was made upon their parents. The lesson is working here."