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# Missionary

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## Visit to Matabeleland

Many people have an idea that to be a missionary is one of the easiest and most pleasant occupations in the world ; but I want to assure all my brethren that the missionary has to face Satan in his stronghold. To lead men into heathenism, which is naught else but devil worship, has been Satan's studied effort ; and he will not yield the field until he is driven out, and that can be done only by the power of the Holy Spirit. If there is one work above another where God's servants need the heavenly sanction, it is those who labour for the heathen.

We feel sure that the blessing of the Lord is upon our missions. I have visited the Kolo Mission in Basutoland, the Solusi Mission near Bulawayo, and the Somabula Mission near Gwelo ; and I can say that at each of these places I have seen much that is encouraging.

At Solusi they have a school of seventy or eighty boys and girls. About fifty of these live at the mission. This makes a large family, and it costs a large sum to furnish food and clothing for so many. At the least it costs £5 per year for each boy. The boys work several hours daily, and their labour returns some portion of their amount. Our missionaries have worked hard to support this work.

As I sat in their social meeting and heard them thank the Lord for the light that now shines into their hearts, it made me long to see more done for the people. They often say that their hearts were as hard as a stone

when the mission came to them, and now they express a desire to be prepared to enlighten their people who are in such darkness. There are several young men at these missions who will soon be prepared to go out and open out-stations. In fact they are doing some of this work now.

At Somabula we had a very interesting baptismal service. Eight of the older boys desired to follow their Lord and be buried with Him. We gave them special instruction to fit them for the occasion. But I wish to say that the boys who have been at these missions for several years have a good knowledge of the plan of salvation, and can readily turn to texts in various parts of the Bible. A large number of people gathered at the Mission on Sabbath morning. After Sabbath school we went to the river, and had our meeting under a large tree. Elder Armitage, Brother C. H. Sparrow, and myself each gave them a short address, explaining the gospel plan and what baptism meant ; for they had never seen such a thing before. Then each of the boys bore a testimony to what the Lord had done for him. Hearts were touched, and tears flowed from many eyes. The baptism followed, and it was pronounced by all to be a precious experience.

We had noticed that the boys felt the need of a Christian name. Often in the study of Acts they found the expression, "whose surname was," etc. They desired such a name. So after we had placed several names before them, we allowed them to choose a Christian name, and at the same time retain their own names. I will give their names that you may

see how well the choice was made: Harry Sibagobe, Joseph Mamo, William Mzeleti, Willis Mehlo, James Samdede, Byron Selomba, Fred Mazalwaedwa, Frank Kama. They were first called by their new names at the time of their baptism, and a thankful lot of boys they were too.

I must mention two young men who heard that the teacher at Solusi taught the boys not to drink beer and smoke. They tried to find the Mission, but after wandering about for several days came to Somabula. When they had been there a week, they, like Philip, went and found three others of their number and brought them to the Mission. These all came from the Melsetter District, a section of country on the eastern border of Rhodesia. God has certainly blessed the efforts to teach these boys. When they came to the Mission in February they did not know a letter, but in six months they could read their native Bible and write a fair hand. Besides this they could read considerable English. Now they are reading in the English Bible. Surely God is in this work. At both missions the classes in English are doing well.

As we had a desire to know the openings for mission work, Brother Sparrow, Brother Armitage, and I took a three weeks' drive through the country. On our trip we found natives who knew absolutely nothing about God or Christ, having never heard about them. We tried to tell them about the love of God, but they would shake their heads and say: "He may love you white men, but He does not love us black men." We had two of our young men from the Mission with us, and they told the people what God had done for them. At this the natives were silent, as here were two of their own kind of people, speaking their own language, telling them about God and His Son Jesus.

There is a large field for work, and we hope soon to be able to send several young native men to their people. We need both men and funds for the work. I am thankful that our people are giving their weekly offerings

for this work. Brethren, your money will be used to the best of our knowledge, and we will try to make it accomplish as much as possible. I hope that all our people give at least sixpence each week, and those who can will give more. Brethren, do not fail to pray for your missionaries. They need all the encouragement you can give them.

W. S. HYATT.



## The Field



### Maritzburg

(Extracts from a letter.)

I think the time has again come when I must write you a few lines again, for I fully understand how much you are interested in what the Lord is doing for us and for the advancement of His worthy cause in this youthful conference.

First I will mention what I regard as the "way-paving victory." That is a new name to some of you, perhaps, but it is spoken of in Isa. 62 : 10-12, showing that the stones of stumbling must be gathered out and the standard of truth must be exalted in our daily lives before the Lord can seek out the people. This thought has been repeatedly emphasised by the Lord's servant, and we studied Vol. 6 and found on page 371 one of the great stones of stumbling which needed removing from the people here before we could enter upon our tent meetings with any assurance of success. The statement made is this: "The Lord does not now work to bring many souls into the truth, because of the church members who have never been converted, and those who were once converted and who have backslidden. What influence would these unconsecrated members have on new converts? Would they not make of no effect the God-given message which His people are to bear?" In view of this solemn message, our members here felt a solemn responsibility resting upon them to arise again and shine and reflect all the light the Lord had given

them, in their daily practice. Some who had once obeyed but had become careless, reformed again, and have been blessed in their daily experience. They are happier, more devoted, and better in health. Others who did not understand all phases of the message, studied with us, until the Lord united us all together in the bonds of fellowship; and I can assure you that Satan finds it pretty hard to break through our lines.

The "stones" gone, and the "standard" lifted, we were now prepared to move forward; and the erection of the tent was a signal to the heavenly hosts that we were now prepared to make an advance move. As you have already learned, from the start the Lord gave us much encouragement; but the work has grown until we have a list of forty new Sabbath keepers, and a Sabbath school membership of sixty two, which shows that the Lord has given us some little lambs as well. When we came here our Sabbath school numbered only nine, including ourselves. Brethren, words can never express our thankfulness to God for this mark of His favour. As I have stood up to give the message to a full tent, I have often thanked God for such a message.

I received a letter from a merchant of this city who has not had faith to step out, but says: "While I cannot see my way to join your church on account of my not being able to keep the Sabbath, yet I wish to thank you for the good I have received in your meetings which have awakened me from my spiritual lethargy and restored me to the blessing in Christ which I had long lost."

At two talks which I gave on the subject of diet, we had a good attendance, and a number of prominent spiritualists were present. They were so impressed with the light given that they sent a deputation to me last week to invite me to repeat the lectures in the town hall. Of course I am not prepared to yoke up with spiritualists, but I shall certainly avail myself of the opportunity their interest affords, and will shortly take the town hall for a few days, and give them what they ask,

as well as a little more on the subject of spiritualism.

Regarding those who have taken their stand, I will say that we have met not a few cases which show special tokens of the Lord's love. One brother who is a very promising man, had once enjoyed a Christian experience as a Baptist, but fell away to drink and almost every other evil extant. The tent meetings were God's means of rescuing him, and he has enjoyed a live experience ever since.

Another is the case of a lady who has been separated from her husband on account of her drinking so heavily. Her husband is a wealthy auctioneer, but could not live with her on account of the drink. Now that is all over. I took Elder Kuehl with me to visit the family, but finding the mother in bed through an accident, we talked with one of her daughters who had hitherto been opposed to us. This daughter said: "You know, gentlemen, I once opposed the tent meetings, and at first felt angry with mother for going there. But (and the tears streamed down her cheeks) I know that no power but that of God could do for my mother what has been done at your meetings." I praise God for such testimonies as this. The lady continued to recount an experience she had just had with the church clergyman who had called to upbraid them for their association with the tent. The daughter said: "You cannot speak against the tent: for they have done in two months what you failed to do in many years."

A lady whose husband is bank manager has begun to observe the Sabbath. She is a society lady, and is studying with a view to holding readings with the upper classes. A young man who has held a lucrative position as a professional musician, has been canvassing for "Home Hand Book" and assisting me in visiting. He is a thorough Christian, well educated, and loves the work.

One of the richest meetings we have had was that of yesterday. We studied the subject of baptism, and the Lord made the subject clear to all. At the close of the study we called for any who desired to unite with

the remnant church by baptism to raise their hands, and all hands went up. But this is the way these people have acted all the time. They did thus when the tithe and spirit of prophecy were presented. They just seem to drink in the truth like thirsty souls, and there is such a good spirit of love and progress that my heart just overflows.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

### Klipdam Church

We always like to share out to others the good things that the Lord provides for us from time to time, and thus keep the channels open for fresh supplies.

Elder Hyatt visited us on Friday, Sept. 18, and remained with us until Monday, and I can assure you that during those few days of the feast many were the good things that the Lord provided for His people, the Lord Himself serving.

Friday evening we commenced with a Bible study which proved a great blessing. Sabbath morning, Sabbath school, and then church service, when we took a study right along the tones of our Sabbath school lesson—the man of sin to be revealed. This study brought out new things to us and supplied food for our minds for a long time to come. In the afternoon we had the benefit of Elder Hyatt's recent visit to Rhodesia. As he was giving us the different items of interest in this native field, the whole native field seemed to reveal itself to us with its needs and the urgency of its demands.

Sunday morning the weather was fine and bright, so we all proceeded to the banks of the Vaal River to see a brother and sister follow their Lord in baptism. The service was very impressive. We could feel the power of God with us. Souls were revived and sins confessed. From there we proceeded to our homes, and in the afternoon we again met in our little church building, and, as a family, gathered around Father's table. The Holy Spirit came upon us with great power. Sins having been confessed, our souls were revived,

our vows renewed, God's name was praised, and we all felt glad to have a part in this message. Our prayer is, that God may keep us faithful workers for Him till He comes.

J. G. COOKS.

### Klipdam and Kimberley

On my way home I stopped over Sabbath at Klipdam, also a few days at Kimberley. At the former place we had a very good meeting. On Sunday we went to the Vaal River where I baptised a brother and a sister. A number were present, and one man was deeply impressed. As he was leaving the river, one of the brethren overheard him speaking to himself and saying, "O my God, I am a great sinner, have mercy upon me. I have read the Bible all my life, but never saw it this way before"

At Kimberley I baptised a brother and his wife. It is good to see that the Lord is blessing the work done by our churches. I was glad to see the interest our people have in the mission work. As this is God's work, it must go forward, and I hope that we may shake off all indifference and go on to victory with it.

W. S. HYATT.

### Grahamstown Mission Band.

We had our Mission Band meeting today. It is just two months since we commenced, and in making up our individual reports we were encouraged to note the interest each one has shown in the work. We find some people ready to receive the papers and tracts, and pay even more for them than the usual price. Others do not take more after the first copy, but on the whole the Lord has blest our small effort to use the papers and tracts. Our prayers are that the Lord will water the seed freely sown to the Glory of His name and cause.

We have to go out whenever opportunity affords, as we all have our daily occupation, and do not have much time at our disposal. We are all of good courage, and by the bless-

ing and help of God are determined to go forward.

The following is the report of work done: pages of tracts sold, loaned, and given away, 1668; *Sentinels* and other papers sold and given away, 167; *Health Journals* sold, 44; missionary visits, 25. We have sold enough papers to cover expenses and have a balance of nine shillings in hand. We have arranged to sell the "Christ Object Lessons" we have and each one will take part in this work.

D. SPARROW.

### Christmas Issue of the "Sentinel."

Some of our brethren have asked us to make the Christmas issue of the *Sentinel* a special one and better than the regular issues. This we are glad to do providing that we can get out an issue large enough to warrant our doing so. We have just received a box of electrotype plates which will assist us much in getting out a good paper. By putting a cover on the *Sentinel* and placing the advertisements in the cover we will have about sixteen pages of reading matter.

The contents of the paper will be as follows: "Emmanuel, or God With Us;" "Christ the Creator;" "Christ in the Old Testament;" "Christ the Great Teacher;" "Christ the Prophet, Priest, and King." This serves for an outline as to what the paper will be. We hope to receive suggestions from the brethren how to make the paper the very best we can.

Now if we go to the expense of getting out this paper we ought to use not less than 5,000 copies of them. If this is done then we must get all our people to take hold and use as many as they can. This we feel sure they will do gladly. The paper will be sold for threepence all over the field, and it will cost the societies one and one-half penny, post paid. Where this paper now sells for three pence, this issue ought to sell readily and we hope a good work may be done with it.

As it is but a short time before we have to begin the preparation of this paper, if we get it out, we hope that all our churches and

scattered brethren will at once take up this matter and let us know the number that they can use. We must know how many you want if they are printed as we can not afford to take the risk of printing a large number of this expensive paper and not know they will be used.

Now is our time to place the truth in the hands of our neighbors in an attractive form. Let us all take hold and do what we can in placing this good paper in the hands of thousands of the people of South Africa. Please do not delay but write to us at once so that we may know what to do about printing this special paper.

W. S. HYATT.

### The Removal to Washington

The recent removal of the denominational headquarters from Battle Creek, Mich., to Washington, D. C., although a step in darkness, has resulted in many blessings to the cause. This step has been one of the wisest and most significant in the history of the denomination. The brethren have received an unexpected welcome to their new home. "Washington Home of Adventists" was the heading of quite a long article in the *Washington Sunday Times* of September 6. The article was written in the most friendly spirit, and gave a particular account of the removal from Battle Creek, with the reasons for the change, together with a full statement concerning the purchase of the church building in Washington, the organisation and work of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, and a general view of the organisation and beliefs of the denomination as a whole. The three leading papers of Washington, the *Post*, the *Star*, and the *Times*, have all viewed in a favourable way our plans for the work in that city.

This is indeed encouraging, and the belief prevails that this move marks a new and important era in the work. The nations are preparing for battle, and the forces of evil are being marshalled for the struggle of the last great day. So God is preparing His people for the speedy finishing of the work and for the ultimate triumph of truth in the great controversy with error.

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## Educational.

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### Students for the College

Our school year is fast drawing to a close. December 9 marks the end. Plans must be laid to encourage young people, and to urge parents to send them for the new year. Can you not help us, dear reader, to fill the College with young people—your own or those of your relatives or friends? Is there any more important work at the present time than that of recruiting young people for the Lord's ranks? The work that lies nearest the church member is to become interested in our youth—not one, but all. "Who can determine which one of a family will prove to be efficient in the work of God?" "All the youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education at our schools, that they may be inspired to become labourers together with God."

Everyone who comes to the College is impressed with some principle of truth. These are carried to the homes, and seeds are sown that will spring forth and bear fruit to the glory of God. Help us then, dear brethren, by responding to the appeal made in the last MISSIONARY to send us the names of all parents to whom we can send literature.

C. H. H.

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### Thoughts Gleaned From the Report of the Educational Conference at College View

"The proper books for study must compel doing. Our physiologies should make health reformers and medical missionaries who go about doing good. Our geographies should inspire students to carry the gospel into foreign fields. Our language study should compel the student to think God's thoughts, and to speak His words. Speakers and writers ought to be developed after God's order."

E. A. S.

"The problem of sin and its solution is the philosophy of history. Any study, or any teaching of history, that is not conducted in view of that, is not the true study of history at all, and as a study in itself it is certain to be vain."

A. T. J.

"There is no question concerning the call of Christian teachers. They are called to stand by the side of the minister. They are to carry the everlasting Gospel to the children, as the minister is to carry it to those who do not know the truth."

E. A. S.

"I have felt sorry and pained that there seems to be an influence that gives a cheapness of expression among many of our people. I am troubled about it. It is in our conversation—a great tendency toward commonness, toward cheapness. There is a tendency downward. It needs a very great influence to check and turn the current the other way, and that influence must be more than the influence of a technical grammar class in the school. It must be a habit of the life. I would be very glad to see a marked improvement in our form of speaking."

W. W. P.

"Our text-books must inspire faith in the word of God. Doubt is largely developed today in the books of the worldly schools. Our books should state principles which the child can take without question. They must be founded upon the truths of the Bible, not upon man's interpretation of the Bible, but upon the Bible itself. The man who prepares them must have a clear conception of the truth to be developed, and he must also be acquainted with the laws governing the child's growth in order to present even the truth in the proper way. Of the Bible itself we have been told that portions should be arranged for children to study.

"The introduction of new text-books requires tact. There is danger of forcing even a well-written book on teachers before they are prepared to understand the spirit of the author."

E. A. S.

**College Notes**

On Weiner's Day we all went to the sea. The Messrs Tarr came with two picnic wagons and took us all. It was a delightful day.

The Young Ladies' Mission Band are having very interesting meetings this quarter. Two new members have been received into the Band. Elder Hyatt met with us one Sabbath during his stay. In addition to a Bible Study he gave an earnest talk on our duty to do something to bring those around us to a knowledge of the truth.

Our library is growing. We added seventy-six volumes to it this past week. The money for this was donated by friends of the school. The question, "What shall we read?" is a vital one to us all. But it is especially so to teachers. While we have a few books, still we need more. Are there not those who will help us in this work?

Several new pupils have been enrolled this quarter. We rejoice as we see them come, and earnestly pray that they may here learn the way of life everlasting.

Mrs. C. P. Haskell, Mrs. Hayton's mother, and Miss Ella Hayton have recently come to us from the United States. We welcome them to our midst, and hope they will like our sunny land so well that they will make it their permanent home.

Quite a remarkable school board meeting was held on Monday, Oct. 5. The session began at 7:00 A. M. The morning was spent in an inspection of the grounds, buildings, and plant. After dining at the College Home, the afternoon and evening were spent in discussing improvements and laying plans for the next year's work. Adjournment took place at 11 o'clock P. M. after a session of sixteen hours.

**Cape Colony Canvassing Report for September**

Agent	Territory	Book	Hours	Ord.	Misc.	Total	Value	Deliveries	Value
Mrs. A. de Beer	Retreat	C. O. S.	5	6	1	7	£ 0 17s. 6d.	1	£ 0 3s. od.
Mrs. Kassebaum	Diep River	"	9	4	3	7	0 15 0	8	0 14 0
G. W. Shone	Bloemfontein	Com. King		13	68	87	12 4 0	81	12 4 0
C. Kassebaum	Claremont	"	17	9	2	11	3 0 0	21	5 4 6
I. B. Burton	Wynberg	H. H. Book	35	3		3	5 10 0		
Q. H. Jubber	Cape Town	Masterpiece	31	22		22	22 10 0	38	40 7 6
C. Haupt	"	Dan. and Rev.	102	50	13	63	35 0 0	34	18 15 6
A. Tickton	Kimberly	Great. Cont.	36	15	34	49	17 10 6	32	10 3 0
T. J. Francis	Gospel Wagon	"			51	51	6 11 6	51	6 11 6
8 Reports			235	122	172	294	£ 130 18 6	258	£ 94 3 0

**Natal-Transvaal Canvassing Report for August and September, 1903.**

Agent	Territory	Book	Orders	Value	Helps	Total
Mrs Howard		H. H. Book	77	£ 138 0s. od.		£ 138 0s. od.
J. H. Camp		"	40	62 0 0		62 0 0
Mrs. Strachan		"	38	65 0 0		65 0 0
J. Stapleford		"	22	33 0 0	£ 2 0s. od.	35 0 0
Mrs. Smith		"	2	4 0 0	1 18 6	5 18 6
J. A. Chaney		"	10	16 0 0		16 0 0
E. W. Foster		"	19	28 10 0		28 10 0
Mrs. de Beer		Ladi's Guide	2	2 7 6	4 8 0	6 15 6
J. H. de Beer		Masterpiece	14	16 17 6	3 8 6	20 6 0
E. M. Howard		"	19	20 7 6	2 7 6	22 15 6
H. Schmidt		Gt. Contro.	55	54 12 6	5 0 0	59 12 6
Miss H. Smith		"	3	5 3 6	4 1 0	9 4 6
Mrs. Infield		H. W. L. I.	79	17 17 6	12 16 0	30 13 6
Mrs Smith		"	20	4 6 0	5 8 6	9 14 6
14 Reports			400	£ 468 2 0	£ 41 8 0	£ 509 10 0

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—Brother Chas. Haupt will work on the *Sentinel* for a while, securing subscriptions for the paper in Cape Town.

—Five persons were baptised in the Cape Town church last Sabbath, the 17th inst., and admitted to membership. Elder Hyatt administered the rite.

—Brother Anderson has returned from Barotseland, and is now at the Matabele Mission. He was successful in securing a favourable location for a mission in Barotseland.

—We have done so little with "Object Lessons" in this field that we feel sure our people will want to begin again and make an earnest effort with this book. Between now and the holidays is just the time to sell the book, as the people will readily buy it for holiday presents. Get a copy from the office and see how many you can sell to your neighbours.

—The Beaconsfield Society has just ordered fifty copies of "Object Lessons." They have started an "Object Lesson" campaign up there that bids fair to eclipse everything that has yet been done for that work in this country. Letters received from Brother Tickton and Brother Wild are full of enthusiasm and bright hopes.

—Let everybody be getting ready to give the December number of the *Sentinel* a big sale. Efforts will be made to give the paper a bright, cheerful appearance and fill it with the message. An earnest effort on the part of each one will place thousands of these papers where their light will shine upon the pathway of thousands of people, some of whom may follow the light.

—It was expected that Elder Edmed and Brother Camp, of Natal, would attend the Union Committee at the Cape during the first week of this month, but Elder Edmed had just moved his tent to a new locality where a new interest has been awakened, and he felt that it was impossible for him to leave. As there were several matters pertaining to the Natal field, the Echo Company, and the book work which should be settled at once, they asked if a few members from the Cape who are particularly interested in those points could not come up to Maritzburg and hold a few meetings with the members of the Union Committee up there. At the meetings held at the Cape it was decided that Elder Hyatt, Brother Ingle, and the writer should proceed to Natal for this purpose. We expect to start on the evening of the 19th inst., going by way of the Eastern Province.

### Notice.

—The undersigned will be away from the general office in Cape Town for five or six weeks from the nineteenth inst. All orders, remittances, and other matters of a business nature will receive attention at the office as usual, but any matters intended for personal consideration should have the words, "Please forward" written on the envelope, and sent to the usual address. O. O. FORTNER.