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Johannesburg

The Lord has been richly blessing, the work in this field of late, and we are grateful for the many evidences of His love. A few weeks ago we hired the public baths at Maritzburg, where we baptised eleven new believers in the presence of a good audience. This made up the number to forty-one persons that have been added by baptism to our membership in Maritzburg since our coming here. Shortly after this, I went to Durban, where I had the privilege of seeing the tent meetings, which are being conducted by Brethren Altman and Spearing, in full swing. Elder Altman, although handicapped for want of needed help, was of good courage, and reported a good interest. I hear that since then three persons have decided for the truth. The few believers with whom I had the pleasure of associating for a few hours, seemed anxious to aid all they could; and with their help, Elder Altman should be able to organise a fairly strong effort. From Durban I went to visit a family with whom Brother Sheppard had been labouring, with the result that the family had taken hold of the truth. In the early hours of a bright morning, we went to the river Umkomaas; and in the presence of holy angels buried four sisters with their Lord in baptism. I spent a few days there preparing the family for this solemn consecration. The Lord was with us and blessed richly. I preached on two evenings in the Masonic Hall, which was hired by the believers for the occasion. I was tired the first evening, having been all day travel-

ling, but the Lord gave me freedom in presenting the Eastern Question, which received favourable mention in one of the Durban papers next day.

While I was thus travelling, Brother Camp was shipping to Johannesburg, a large tent (fifty feet circle) and two small tents for living; and Brethren Kuehl and Robinson were preparing things so we could open our tent campaign on the 11th of this month. I arrived on the 7th, having been preceded by Sisters Webster and Keet, who also are assisting us here. On the 10th inst. the brethren very kindly invited the company to a picnic, where a most enjoyable day was spent. The day was opened by a suitable service, at which the writer was invited to give an address, after which a letter of welcome was presented to the workers, showing in very kindly terms how joyful the few believers felt over the advent of the tent to their city. The day was one of the most pleasant of its kind I have ever spent, and we felt that the Lord could endorse all the proceedings. There were quite a number of interested people present outside of our ranks, but they all fell in with our programme.

We opened our first meeting on the 11th, and have continued each evening ever since, and we have seen many evidences of the Lord's blessing. Yet the attendance has been disappointing, probably through the intense cold that prevails. We are much encouraged by the hearty co-operation of the church here, which has proffered its services to aid the tent meetings. They held meetings at which they decided to be organised as a tent com-

pany, and subscribed to defray the cost of " getting the tent here. Altogether about f_{17} was donated, and another like amount promised. We have received nothing but kindness, everyone contributing to our comfort as far, as possible. Our platform is prettily decorated with large mottoes and beautiful plants, and is to be heated hereafter in the evening. Several people are interested, and we hope for victory soon. I went to Langlaagte yesterday and visited a number of families with whom Sister Smith has been faithfully labouring. In response to their request, I appointed meetings there for each Thursday afternoon. Next Saturday we expect to inaugurate an open-air service on the great maket square of this city. We shall hire and illumine a wagon for the occasion, and fix it up so we can hang our charts, and present the message as we would in the tent. We shall have an organ to lead singing, and our workers will go around and sell papers, give out our announcements, and look for interested persons as we proceed. This is to be an experiment which will cost us about f_{i} per night; but we hope to get some funds to help pay for this, and also to secure donations on the spot. We ask your prayers for the success of our work here,

Brother Armer's friends will be glad to hear that he is now in harness in the new Maritzburg treatment rooms, which are found in a commodious building in the heart of the city. The place is surrounded by a charming garden which makes it quite secluded. Patronage is now coming in fast, and the last report shows that high officials in Government offices are taking advantage of our treatments to secure health. We have begun in a small way, but hope to grow. We find that small things require large bills in this country.

We are deeply grateful to the Lord for His many mercies, and would like to report many experiences of His goodness; but this report may weary our readers if lengthened. Psalms 40:5 expresses my mind at present.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

The Work in Durban

We were favoured in securing a good location for the tent, and our public services began Sunday evening, March 20. Since that time meetings have been held every evening except Saturdays, the Sabbath meetings being held in the morning. The Sunday evening services have been fairly well attended, but during the week the attendance has been quite small, sometimes as low as fifteen or twenty. But we have pressed on, working, praying, and trusting, comforting our hearts with the instruction, "Let not the workers be intimidated by outward appearances, however forbidding."

We have been cheered to see the gatherings a little larger the last two weeks. The Sabbath meetings are also growing, the number having more than doubled since the pitching of the tent, some having fully determinded to walk with us in the light. There were eighteen adults at our last Sabbath service.

The Conference has been unable to furnish us with any Bible workers, our only help being Brother F. A. Spearing, a young man from Maritzburg. The work here is only begun. Please pray for us that it may be carried forward to a glorious triumph.

M. A. ALTMAN.

East London Tent

May 16, we moved our tent to a new location in the North End. We were fortunate in securing a lot central, well sheltered, and enclosed. We have announced as the opening subject to-morrow evening: "The Grandest Event of Earth's History!—A Royal Reception Soon to be Given to the Coming King—'He is Near, Even at the Door.'"

Our meetings on the Quigney were not well attended. The first two weeks the weather was fine; then, just as we began to presen^t the messages and the Sabbath, it turned cold and windy, and but few came, and they were irregular. We have used the daily paper pretty freely in giving a brief synopsis of principal discourses. This has created some interest and discussion, and has helped to sow the seed in the country as well as in the town. Brother Moko met a man to-day who said, "I believe those men at the tent are preaching the truth." He has read outlines in the daily paper. Several of our hearers confess the truth, and we hope to see some of them obey. The interested ones will follow us to the North End, and so we expect to still help them while reaching out for new hearers.

Brethren Shone and Haupt are having a growing interest in their Dutch services, and are encouraged and hopeful. The Wesleyan minister gave his people the "Christian Sabbath" last Sunday morning. The definite day, he said, is not the essential thing, but the spirit in which the day is kept. Doubtless someone is inquiring. A D. R. minister heard us on Spiritualism, and afterwards called to get the extracts read, and to learn more, in order to help his people in the O. R. Colony. I spent two hours with him, pleasantly, and I trust profitably, and gave him some appropriate literature.

We learn that untiring efforts are being made to keep people away from our tent. No doubt these have been somewhat successful, and account in part for our small audiences. We have been asking the Lord to send us the people who want truth, so we have tried to faithfully instruct the few who have been coming, leaving the results with Him who alone can give the increase.

Brother Moko has been on a short visit to Cookhouse, where an interest has been awakened among the natives. A leader has been excommunicated for keeping the Sabbath. He is an intelligent kafir, and is anxious to work for his people. One native family in Cookhouse keeps the Sabbath. Brother Moko reports a deep interest among the natives in all that part of the country, and he will return very soon to give them the help they are anxious to receive. He called on Chief Kama again, but things are

not yet settled, so we must wait for land for a mission and training school. The coloured people here in the location are still faithful, though some are having to sacrifice. The natives seem more anxious to know and more willing to obey the truth, than the white people. Now is our time to labour for them. Who will help in this work? We ask your continued prayers for East London.

I. J. HANKINS.

"Christ's Object Lessons"

On March 16 I left home for Mafeking, 225 miles north of here, to canvass for "Christ's Object Lessons," on behalf of the Beaconsfield Church.

From the first I was greatly blessed; this being practically the first time the town had been canvassed for our publications, I found many interested ones. My time was fully occupied giving Bible readings, holding public meetings, besides my regular canvassing work. This is indeed a promising field, and in the near future a strong company of Sabbath-keepers should be raised up. Time will not permit my going into details, but I feel constrained to share some of the good experiences with my brothers and sisters in the faith.

At the invitation of the local preacher of the Wesleyans, I preached in the Wesleyan Chapel, at the ordinary Sunday night service. I had an audience of about one hundred persons, and all cordially invited me to come again. The pastor of the church was interested, and gave me his consent to hold a public meeting in his chapel. Some of my readers were so interested that I was kept almost constantly busy until after midnight. Before I left, I held public meetings in the open air every Sunday afternoon. I had an average attendance of about forty-five. The last meeting held prior to my departure was a very impressive one. Several were moved to tears, and gave themselves anew to the Lord. Backsliders were reclaimed, and truly

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it was a time of refreshing. Several begged me to stay, promising support. The interest was so deep that I had to write down to the Conference for help to be sent, and I believe steps are being taken to provide help to develop the work.

One old lady is keeping the Sabbath, and four adults have openly confessed the truth, but have not yet stepped out; yet I have good reasons to believe they will do so.

On the eve of my departure at one time, the interest was so great, so many were clamouring for Bible readings and meetings, that I dared not leave, although I had closed up my canvassing work. So I had to wire my wife postponing my home-coming. Some seemed just hungering and thirsting for the The Good Templars sent me an truth. invitation to be present at one of their socials and to speak on temperance. Some of the leading lights of the community were present, and against my wish, they made me vicechairman. It was quite an uproarous meet-I spoke on the evils of tobacco using ing. as relating to temperance. They were nearly all inveterate smokers, but at the close of my remarks, the Anglican church minister got up and spoke in defence of what I had said, saying that although he was a smoker, he would from henceforth give it up. Several young people promised to give up the pernicious habit of cigarette smoking. During the interval I caused another sensation by refusing tea and coffee which was handed round. I had another opportunity. Truly, the Lord went before me, and to Him be all the praise and honour and glory.

I put in twenty-six days canvassing, and the following are the results of book sales, besides which I distributed several tracts: Christ's Object Lessons, 100; Christ Our Saviour, 41; Mount of Blessing, 12; Gospel Primer, 53; Glorious Appearing, 2; Education, 6; Bible Studies, 9; Great Controversy, 5; Steps to Christ, in Kafir and Sesuto, 24; Kafir and Sesuto tracts, 36; Sentinels, etc., 150; yearly subscriptions to Sentinel, 15; Bibles, etc., 130. Total value, £69 118. 3d. I found Brother Buckley and his family all of good courage in the Lord. They are doing what they can to get the truth before their neighbours. I spent every Sabbath but one on their farm, and we had some good times together.

Pray for me, brethren and sisters, that I may become an efficient worker in the cause which I have espoused. A. TICKTON.

Another Baptism

May 18 a company of fifteen or twenty natives and coloured people assembled to witness a baptism.

A sister, one of the candidates, received a beating from her husband just before she came. He tried to keep her from coming, and said she should not be baptised; but the Lord gave her the victory. Her husband has beaten her several times for keeping the Sabbath, and has frequently turned her out-ofdoors and told her not to come back. This has caused quite an excitement in the location, and has led some to inquire into this new doctrine.

The other candidate was a Zulu, from Natal. He says he learned the Sabbath truth by his own study of the Bible, but it was not till he came to East London that he found out that Sunday-keeping is the "mark of the beast." He wants to be free from the the mark. He now works for a Jew, who gives him the Sabbath free. He wants to earn enough to pay his fare home, so he can give the truth to his people.

The brethren and sisters left their work, to attend the baptism. Several strangers were also present. The service was held under the trees by a pool of water. I spoke on the subject of baptism, Brother Moko interpreting, and Brother Tarr baptised the two believers. These occasions mean much to the natives, and they seem deeply impressed with the truth. Doubtless many of them will finally enter the kingdom, while their masters will be left outside. The Lord will also raise up men among them to carry the message to others. We hope to see a new interest awakened in the native work; for here is where the greatness of our work lies in this field. We should have tracts and books, small books, in the native tongues. The Lord is working for the natives. Shall we not cooperate with Him? I. J. HANKINS.

A Visit to Hermanus

I am glad to inform you of God's goodness, love, and mercy to us, and of His special blessings on our humble efforts to advance the interests of His soon-coming kingdom.

Last month my wife and I accepted the kind invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman of the Sanatorium at Hermanus, in the Caledon district, to come and spend a couple of weeks holiday with them. While my wife was deriving all the benefits of a much-needed rest, I improved my time doing missionary work. Hermanus is a very small place, yet while there, and on my way there and back, I sold 57 copies of the special *Sentunel*, one Coming King, two English copies of His Glorious Appearing, and five Dutch copies of the lastnamed book.

Both my wife and I helped the doctor a great deal with his patients in the village. This work was much appreciated. Among the guests at the Sanatorium were severa people of influence, such as a member of Parliament, two Dutch Reformed ministers, a Dutch Reformed missionary from Mashonaland, and business men.

Our living strictly according to the light of health reform, which God has so graciously and lovingly given us by the Spirit of Prophecy (Rev. 12:17), soon drew attention and aroused curiosity. The missionary asked for a special interview with me on the question of healthful diet. He was so much interested that he paid me for a copy of Friend in the Kitchen to be sent to him.

A few evenings before we left for home, we attended a meeting of the Y.M.C.A. The chairman, a very intelligent Dutchman and shop-keeper, asked me to give them a short talk on health. I spoke for a quarter of an hour on the subject of the gospel of health, taking as the basis of my remarks the following scriptures: 3 John 2; Matt. I:2I; Rom. I:16, 17; I Pet. 2:24 with Matt. 8: 17; [Gal. 3:13, 14; I Cor. 6:19, 20; Eze. 36:27; Ex. 15:26; Prov. 3:1, 2, 8; 4:20-22. This was well received.

Dr. Hoffman, who was not present at the meeting, having heard about it the next day, requested me to give the same lecture to the guests at the Sanatorium. Our only and last opportunity was the evening before we left. The parlour was full of guests and outsiders. The Lord gave me great freedom. One of the Dutch Reformed ministers, however, stood up and opposed what I said. At the close of the meeting Dr. Hoffman told the audience he fully agreed with the views I presented. Mrs. Rev. Andrew Murray and Miss Murray also expressed their hearty approval of the position I took on the subject, and a few others came to shake hands and thank us for the thoughts presented. The majority, of course, sided with the reverend gentleman.

I never before realised so much the great responsibility resting upon Seventh Day Adventists, to seek by the grace of God to fully come up to the standard which characterises the remnant church. See Rev. 12:17; 19:10. Can we, dare we, hide our light under a bushel? The world is just as much perishing because of ignorance on the light of health reform, as of the Sabbath truth; and when we visit them or they visit us, we may just as consistently dishonour God by eating and drinking health and soul destroying things, and by eating at unseasonable times, as by breaking the Sabbath and keeping Sunday. See again 1 Cor.10:31; 6:19,20; Rev. 12:17. Can we rightly impress them in this way with the importance of the present truth, the solemnity of our times, the nearness of Christ's coming, and the necessary preparation for that event?

D. H. GROENEWALD.

Methods of Work in Johannesburg

Since writing to this good little paper of our work in this large city of Johannesburg, announcing the opening of the tent meetings, I have to report that we are all hopeful of the success of the work here. While the tent meetings are not attended as well as we would like, yet we are glad to note that there are some who are interested and investigating the truth. One has commenced the observance of the Sabbath already. Our company here, realising the fact that the "gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations," in this generation, have decided that if the people will not come to us, we must go to them.

On Saturday evening, April 30, we hired a four-wheeled trolley, upon which we put our organ and a triangular-shaped frame covered with canvas, upon which was painted, "Gospel Tent Mission." Inside of this we put a large lamp, so that everyone would know who we were. We then proceeded to the market square to proclaim the solemn message for this time to every kindred, tongue, and people. Elder Edmed spoke on the second chapter of Daniel to about a hundred people, most of whom stood throughout the whole discourse. The following Saturday Elder Kuehl spoke on the seventh chapter of Daniel to an interested audience who were very much struck with the expounding of the prophecies.

While the two meetings referred to were highly succesful, yet the meeting which was held last night, May 14, eclipsed those mentioned above. Elder Eemed spoke on Matt. 24, illustrating by a chart specially prepared by himself. The Lord blessed him with with power and freedom of speech, in presenting this message to between 200 and 300 people, all of whom seemed deeply impressed. An encouraking feature of these meetings is that nearly all of our church members take hold of this work with zeal and earnestness, which gives additional tone and vigour to the meetings. This is expressed especially in the ring given to our good old advent hymns which the public seem to appreciate very highly. We have the Lord's assurance that if we do our part by proclaiming this message to all, He will water the seed sown, and in the coming kingdom we shall see some results of our labours. E. M. HOWARD.

health Institute, Maritzburg

It is just possible that you would like to hear a little news from us since leaving in February last. Although very loath to leave the Cape Peninsula, we are not sorry in any way now that we came to Maritzburg. We do not want to be like Lot's wife and look back, but rather press forward, doing the will and work of the Lord, who has abundantly blessed our labours since coming. There is every evidence that this will become a very promising centre for our medical missionary work; and the climate is certainly all that could be desired for such as are seeking health. The people here take very kindly to the message which should have our first and highest consideration at all times. The light that we enjoy on health reform is received with pleasure and eagerness, our support coming from the best citizens, who declare, after sampling our meals, that we have a perfect dietary.

We have had many interesting talks with those who come to us; and while some are a little extreme in their views, still they are patient listeners, and invariably say that our ideas are right. We do not supply any meals on Sabbath, although many call and ask us to provide for them. This gives us an opportunity of letting our light shine. The work here is somewhat crippled in not having a medical man, but we trust the Lord will satisfy our wants ere long. Steam baths are in great demand here, and as we become better known, we expect to do a great work. Brother F. W. Schmidt has recently joined us in the work here. The climate is admirably suited to my wife and child, and altogether we are happy in our work, and of good courage. I. R. ARMER.

Worthy of Copy.

May I say a few words of appreciation-not flattery-for the work of one of our sisters, hoping that others may be inspired to do likewise, and thus help to lighten this dark field with the message? Sister Webster joined this field about a year ago. There was no medical missionary home whence she could exercise her ability; but she took a room in Maritzburg, began to work as a part of our tent company there, and gradually worked up a splendid demand for treatment. It was this work which developed the need for treatment ooms in Maritzburg; and when the question of funds for opening up these treatment rooms arose, the difficulty was largely minimized by the fact that during Sister Webster's year, she had turned over to the Conference, from fees she had received for treatments given about f_{120} over and above the wages she had received.

Sister Webster is now in Johannesburg, laying the foundation for another institution of a similar kind. She is yoked up as a part of our tent company, and is a very happy part of it, I can assure you. She enjoys excellent health, never gets discouraged, and always makes the Lord's work her first interest.

Such workers as these are needed everywhere, and if some of our medical missionaries ho have been trained to the "right arm" of the message, would follow Miss Webster's example, and would only give the work the benefit of their training, I can see in this line and every other line of work a mighty growth in the near future. HERBERT J. EDMED.

Cestimonies on Sabbath School Work

Most of the readers of the MISSIONARY have been members of some Sabbath School ever since they accepted the Third Angel's Message. All of us enjoy this part of the Sabbath exercises, but there is danger that we shall forget the importance of this work, and what the workers, through help from above, may accomplish. A small book has been published containing selections from the Testimonies on Sabbath School work. In this are many things which, if studied and practised, will make our schools what God desires them to be. From this book I have taken some selections that may help us to remember some of these things which we have failed to accomplish.

"The Sabbath School should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ." Page 20.

"There is a broad field in Sabbath School work that needs to be diligently cultivated, and that is, to inspire our youth to give themselves wholly to the Lord, to be used by Him in His cause. . . There are sacred responsibilities entrusted to Sabbath School workers, and the Sabbath School should be the place where, through a living connection with God, men and women, youth and children may be so fitted up that they shall be a a strength and blessing to the church." Page 92.

"The object of Sabbath School work should be the ingathering of souls." Page 47.

"The influence growing out of Sabbath School work should improve and enlarge the church." Page 29.

"The Sabbath School should be a place where the jewels of truth are searched for and rescued from the environment of error, and placed in their true setting in the framework of the gospel." Page 52.

From these quotations we realise what a great opportunity we have in the Sabbath School. It should be our constant aim to win souls to Christ and thus give added strength to the church. Here, too, is a training school where we may learn the great lessons of truth to give to others, and as we study these, new ones will be found. "Let no one come to the conclusion that there is no more truth to be revealed." Page 53.

So let us be more in earnest in our Sabbath Schools, until they become what they should be,—"One of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth." Page 18. E. G. GIBSON.

South African Missionary

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-We are pleased to state that we expect Dr. Thomason and family to arrive at the Cape about the middle of next month.

-We are thankful for the hearty response to our request in last issue for reports from our workers. We have left out some matter for this issue to make room for the reports, and still we regret to say that some reports have had to wait over till next issue. We are glad for the reports. Let them continue to come.

-Owing to the illness of her daughter in America, Sister Mason of Cape Town, started on a homeward voyage last month. Brother Mason has just received a cable announcing her safe arrival in New York. Sister Mason has done good work during the past year with the Sabbath-schools, and we regretted to see her leave. The Cape Conference Committee has chosen Sister Gibson to take the Sabbathschool secretary's work. Her address will be 56 Roeland Street, Cape Town. The officers of the Sabbath Schools will hear from the new secretary before long. O. O. F.

Cape Colony Conference Report

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