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The East London Camp-Meeting

The time is nearing for this annual gathering. We have done our best in the outward preparations. The best site in East London has been secured; special rates have been secured on the railway; good tents will be provided as reasonably as possible for all who order them; a dining tent will furnish meals at one shilling each; beds, tables, and chairs will be furnished as cheaply as possible; and all will be done that can be done for the comfort and convenience of the campers.

It is no small sacrifice to conduct a camp-meeting in this country where the believers are so scattered. The railway fare alone, at Synod rates, will be £3 13s. 3d. return from Cape Town. The cost of carriage on tents and camp-meeting equipment is no small item.

No doubt many from the more distant points will be unable to attend, but let all make an earnest effort to be present. Our brethren in the Eastern Province should rally to the support of this meeting. I am glad to know that Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage will be well represented. Every Sabbath-keeper in East London should plan to attend every meeting, and none of those within a reasonable distance of East London should think of remaining at home. We are holding the meeting in East London for the benefit of those in the city and vicinity, and will be disappointed if they do not turn out,—men, women, and children.

OBJECT

The object of this meeting is for instruc-

tion in the Word and work of God, to plan for the rapid extension of the work in all departments, and to bring the message to the people of East London. Everyone should come with an open heart to receive, and a willing heart to give.

BUSINESS

The business of the Conference will be transacted as far as possible during the first few days of the meeting. In doing the Lord's business, His wisdom is needed. The business sessions should be as spiritual as the devotional services. Important questions are to be considered. Our school work, church schools, and the education of our youth and children, should be studied in the light of special instruction to us. The same is true of the sanitarium work, the canvassing work, and general missionary work.

NATIVE MISSIONS

Is the third angel's message to be given to the natives of Africa, and to the coloured people? You say, "Yes, and in the little period remaining of this last generation." How shall it be done? and Who will do it? Who will say, "Here am I, Lord, send me?" Have the people here in Africa, who know the truth, and can speak it in the native languages, any duty toward these ignorant people? Brethren, think of these things.

LOCATION

The camp will be pitched on a grassy block of lots, Oxford Street, above the railway crossing. A nice rain has fallen, and it is hoped that the severe drought is broken, which will add much to the comfort of campers.

DINING TENT

Two meals a day at one shilling each will be served at the dining tent. Those who wish to dine in their own tents, boarding themselves, may obtain warm food at the dining tent at reasonable price. Health foods and a limited supply of other provisions will be furnished from the book tent.

BEDS FOR CAMP-MEETING

Combination spring mattresses, single, can be hired for 3/- each. Grass mattresses can be bought for 5/- single, or 7/6 double. If you will bring ticks for 3 ft. bed, we can furnish dried grass or straw for filling. A heavy comforter, or a pair of woollen blankets thrown on the springs may be sufficient, as the weather will doubtless be warm. Send your order at once to Elder D. F. Tarr, Cambridge, near East London.

LABOURERS' REPORTS

The auditing committee will audit the accounts of workers for two years. Let all conference labourers bear this in mind, and prepare their reports accordingly. Send your reports to O. O. Fortner, or bring them to him at the camp-meeting.

UNION CONFERENCE

The business of the Union Conference will be transacted in connection with the East London camp-meeting. All will be interested in the mission work among the natives. We hope to meet our missionaries at the Conference. We will all be glad to see them and to learn more about their work.

ONCE IN TWO YEARS

Our camp-meeting comes only once in two years, so we feel to urge our brethren to put forth a vigorous effort to be present. It would be pleasant for the brethren along the route to join the Cape Town delegation, which leaves the Cape Sunday evening, January 8.

I. J. HANKINS.

Natal-Transvaal Camp-Meeting

The Natal-Transvaal Conference will hold their annual conference and camp-meeting at Dundee, Natal, February 16-26, 1905.

This locality has been chosen for two reasons, viz., our membership being small, we desired to hold this meeting where it would be convenient for all to attend, and thus strengthen the meetings. Dundee is situated almost half way between Johannesburg and Durban, and the cost of attending will be about the same for all. Then again, Dundee is a field suitable for an aggressive campaign, which it is intended to continue after the camp-meeting has closed.

From word already received, this camp-meeting promises to be a success as far as attendance is concerned, in comparison with our membership. We expect that Elders Hyatt, Hankins, and Altman and Dr. Thomson will attend. The Lord has promised to come and grace the meetings with His loving presence, and we feel confident that His promises for such occasions will be fully realised.

This will be the first meeting of the kind held in this conference, and we invite our members both inside and outside of our conference limits to give these meetings their hearty support.

As usual, tents will be erected on the grounds, which those desiring to attend may hire at the following rates:—

10 x 12 ft. tents, without fly,	10/6
14 x 16 " " "	12/6
12 x 14 " with "	£1
14 x 16 " " "	£1 5s.

Arrangements will be made for the supply at moderate rates of porridge, potatoes, beans, and rice, cooked, besides which there will be a supply of health foods on the grounds. This will make the food question a simple matter. Beds, double or single, will be hired for those who wish, on receipt of their order. But orders for these and for tents must be sent to the office, International Tract Society, Printing Office Street, Maritzburg, Natal, not later than Feb. 1, 1905.

Those wishing to attend at reduced railway fares should send in their names to the secretary of the Conference before January 15 next, as these names have to be handed to

the General Manager of Railways before the concession is granted. The name of the station from which you will start must accompany your own name.

We have not mentioned this meeting before, as we did not wish to interfere with the prospects of a successful meeting at East London. We pray that both these meetings will be richly blessed of God. Surely we all need blessings that are in proportion to the increasing responsibilities which the enlarging work places upon us. Few, if any of us are ready for the fast coming scenes of this earth's closing history, and it is time to seek the Lord "till He come and rain righteousness upon you."

HERBERT J. EDMED.

The Field

Natal-Cransvaal

The work in this field goes steadily onward, although we are not prepared with a very glowing report for this time.

At Durban Elder Altman has closed his tent meetings, and has held meetings with a slightly increasing interest in a hall. But the interest there has been very disappointing throughout the series. We were sorry we could not give Elder Altman a stronger force of workers. But having neither the men nor the means, we were obliged to let him labour with only one helper, Brother Spearing. A few good people have taken their stand, and we rejoice in so much of the Lord's blessing. The work at Durban has recently been strengthened by Brethren H. Schmidt, F. Spearing, and C. Robinson, who formed a canvassing company and worked the city and surroundings with a fair measure of success. The canvassing work goes rather hard just now, on account of the great depression of trade throughout our conference.

In Johannesburg, Elder Kuehl and wife, with Misses Webster and Keet have just closed their series of tent meetings. This

was the third series, and they report that a few have also taken their stand for the truth. The church there are planning to erect a church building on the site so kindly donated by Brother John Wessels, and the Lord is blessing their effort.

In Vryheid Brother and Sister Ernst have had a very hard time. They found the times so depressing there that they decided to discontinue canvassing, and to devote their time to Bible work. There are five new Sabbath-keepers there, and their decision to obey the Lord has enraged the ministers, who have spared no means to warn their flocks against Brother Ernst's work. Yet he is of good courage, and we watch his work with deep interest.

Sister Stapleford has accepted a position as matron in Brother Beissner's health institute, where there are many good opportunities of bringing the truth to others. Meetings are held there every Sunday afternoon, in which the patients take a lively interest. One gentleman in the institute has just decided to keep the Sabbath. This makes the third since I came to Natal. We have been glad to see the patients at our Sabbath meetings at Sweetwaters.

Brother and Sister Armer have settled in their new Health Home. We have felt sad that circumstances over which we had no control obliged us to close down the Health Institute, which gave such promise of success. The property was sold, and we had no funds with which to start another place. Brother Armer therefore decided that he would not let this good work drop, and has opened an institute on his own account, and seems to be doing well. We wish this work success.

In Maritzburg we are having a fair attendance at our public meetings, and the work of building a church proceeds encouragingly. We sold the old church at a fair price, and are building in a more central position. An architect prepared the plans for us free of cost, and will superintend the erection of the building for a nominal price. We rejoice in the addition of a few more members, who, we

expect, will be ready for baptism when the new church is ready for the service. A few members have gone back recently, but while we regret their loss, we appreciate the prevailing spirit of love and unity that now exists among those who are left to the church.

In many respects this year has been one of great trial and great conflict. But while "all this is come upon us, yet have we not forgotten Thee. . . . Our heart is not turned back; neither have our steps declined from Thy way." Our working force is soon to be weakened by the dropping out from this field of Sister Webster, who is going to America on a well earned holiday; Sister Smith, who has gone to the Cape Sanitarium for treatment; and Brother and Sister Kuehl, who are going away shortly. Those of us who are left will earnestly press the battle to the gates, hoping that the prayers of all the MISSIONARY readers will follow our work day by day.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

A Letter from East London

It is some time since I last reported through the MISSIONARY; yet it has not been because of a lack of interest in the work, for my hope is bound up in the message, and I am still yours, "ever looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." The "blessed hope" grows dearer as the time approaches for its fulfilment.

During the time of our tent effort in East London, and for some time after, I was holding meetings twice a week for the Dutch people of Cambridge; but after presenting the message in all its phases, none took their stand on the Lord's side, although they had to acknowledge the truth and could not gainsay it.

About two months ago I began directing my efforts almost wholly to the native work in the Location, and as I found some interested ones, I began Bible studies with them. I am glad to say this has shown better re-

sults. One kafir man has committed himself to keep the Sabbath, and his wife, who is an educated native, goes with him, although she is at present away on account of ill health. Another unmarried woman has also taken her stand. Then there is another man, fully decided, engaged by contract to the government as post carrier to some country station. His contract expires at the end of the year. He is going to give up his job, so as to be able to keep the Sabbath. He is in partnership with another well educated native, Jim by name, who also is convinced of the truth, and has been for quite a time, even before I began work among them. He has been wavering about giving up his work on account of the hard times, but I believe he will come out all right, for he loves the truth. So I have cause to rejoice.

I have long felt a burden for the native people, and am glad of the privilege of giving them the last message of mercy. It is wonderful how that through the operation of the Holy Spirit upon their hearts and minds, they do comprehend the truth, even as we do who have had so many more privileges and opportunities.

Now, the Lord willing, I expect very shortly to be out in the country among the kafirs, in search of a suitable location for a mission among this people. When this issue of the MISSIONARY reaches its readers, we shall be away on that trip (Brother Moko accompanies me). Let the prayers of all who are interested in hastening the Lord's coming, ascend to the throne of grace, that the Lord shall guide and direct us to the right place. I feel the need of heavenly wisdom in this matter.

The Lord be with you. With Christian love, your brother in hope. G. W. SHONE.

Port Elizabeth

It was a glad day for us last Sabbath when four dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism, viz., Sisters Wilson, Friend, and

Williams, wife of Brother Williams, and one farmer, a kafir who has accepted the truth under Brother Moko's labours, and one who promises to make a good worker for his people. The ceremony was performed in the Uitenhage church, and the service was a very impressive one, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit being felt by all present. There are still a few in the balances, and we hope to gain them shortly, by the help of God.

We have also commenced open air meetings at North End on Saturday nights, and hope to awaken an interest in that quarter, and if possible to induce the people to come to our church for Sunday evening meetings. We feel that if the end is as near as we believe it is, then it is time to "go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind." When this work is done, the record says, "Still there is room." Then are the highways and hedges to be searched; and if the work is to be done by His servants in this generation, why not do it quickly? Why not shake off that feeling of slumber that makes our eyes so heavy that we cannot see? If we nestle in our cozy corners and meditate upon the fact that we are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing, we will be saying in our hearts, "my Lord delayeth His coming."

Brethren, it is time to call them in to the supper, and just to the extent that we love the Lord, we will be helping to hasten His coming. What does it matter if we are kicked and buffeted and mocked? The servant is not greater than his master.

If ever a town was ready for aggressive work it is this place at the present time. There is such an interest in the medical missionary work that it is essential that the work be started at once, and especially so if it is the right arm of the message. The *Journal of Health* has done such a good work here (thanks to Sister Hurdus' efforts) that success for treatment rooms, as well as a vegetarian restaurant is assured. When shall we get it? is the question.

Then we need a school. Our Sabbath-school numbered fifteen members about two quarters ago, whereas at the present time we number thirty, with a possible Sabbath attendance of thirty-six. This increase in numbers has gladdened our hearts, and it looks quite like olden times; but among us are at least twelve children who need educating on the Lord's plan. Are there not those among our people who could consecrate themselves to the Lord and fill these places?

The paper work is still onward. We are mailing, giving away, and selling tracts and periodicals wherever we find an opportunity.

Above all, let us pray to the Lord that He may give the increase. F. SATES.

Stellenbosch Cent

We tried in vain to get a hearing, and so, after about two weeks' preaching to empty chairs, we took our tent down. Elder Hyatt was here part of the time, and we had a good company of workers, who were able to meet the people in their own language. We sent invitation cards and handbills to the homes of the people; we posted notices on the bulletin boards in the town; we gave personal invitations to many whom we hoped would desire to hear, but we failed to awaken an interest to warrant a continuation with the tent.

The people have been warned against our meetings and our literature, and it may be that the people consider it wicked, or at least dangerous, to have anything to do with us. Some have read our books and papers, however, and a few heard more or less at the tent, so we are hoping that some seed may yet find good soil and bring forth fruit.

Brother de Beer is canvassing in the country with fair success, and William Haupt is visiting and distributing literature as he has opportunity in the town. I. J. HANKINS.

—Elder Hankins and Brother Q. H. Jubber have gone to East London to assist in pitching the tents and setting the camp in order.

New Water Supply at the Kolo Mission

Our old water supply was not at all satisfactory, as we had it in common with sheep, goats, dogs, pigs, and ducks, and just before the pipes were laid, the water almost failed in the old place.

The new source of supply is a fountain almost half a mile up the mountain side. We dug out this fountain down to where the water comes out of the rock. Elder Hyatt was with us at the time, and superintended the job. Then we laid on two thousand feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ in. galvanised iron pipe, bringing the water down to the house. This furnishes us with about two thousand gallons per day of nice, clear, soft water. Besides having clean water for household use, we shall be able to water quite a large garden.

We thank our heavenly Father for this supply, and take this opportunity to thank the members of our Sabbath Schools whose gifts have made possible this supply.

The cost of the plant is as follows :—
2600 ft. of $\frac{3}{4}$ in. pipe, with necessary strainer, taps, etc. - £56 9 5
2 casks cement for reservoir 4 7 0
Labour, digging ditch, covering pipe 3 9 0
Sundries - - - 19 9

Total, £65 5 2

S. D. KALAKA.

The Circulation of Our Health Journals

Those who act as teachers are to be intelligent in regard to disease and its causes, understanding that every action of the human

agent should be in perfect harmony with the laws of life. The light God has given on reform is for our salvation and the salvation of the world. Men and women should be informed in regard to the human habitation, fitted up by our Creator as his dwelling-place, and over which he desires us to be faithful stewards.

These grand truths must be given to the world. We must reach the people where they are, and by example and precept lead them to see the beauties of the better way. The world is in sad need of instruction along these lines. The time has come when each soul must be staunch and true to every ray of light God has given, and begin in earnest to give this gospel of health to the people. We shall have strength and power to do this if we practise these truths in our own lives. If all followed the light we have received, the blessing of God would rest on us, and we should be anxious to place these truths before those who knew them not.

The people are in sad need of the light shining from the pages of our health and temperance journals. God desires to use these journals as mediums through which flashes of light shall arrest the attention of the people, and cause them to heed the warning of the message of the third angel. Our health journals are instrumentalities in the field to do a special work in disseminating the light which the inhabitants of the world must have in this day of God's preparation. They wield an untold influence in the interests of health and temperance, and will accomplish great good in presenting these subjects in a proper manner.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

Cape Colony Canvassing Report for November, 1904

Agent	Territory	Book	Hours	Ord.	Misc.	Total	Value	Deliveries	Value
C. Haupt	Cape Town	D. of A.	104	17	4	21	22 7 6	45	6 10 0
C. Kassebaum	Wynberg	Miscellaneous							
J. A. Chaney	Bloemfontein	H. H. Book					0 0 0		0 0 0
A. Tickton	Kimberley	Object Lessons					0 0 0		0 0 0
A. H. White	Bulawayo	Coming King							
J. B. Burton	Caledon	C. O. S.	94	45		45	6 15 0	45	6 15 0
Q. H. Jubber	Stellenbosch	Masterpiece	11	9	2	11	8 3 6	15	11 15 6
3 Reports			209	71	6	77	£ 37 6 0	64	£ 24 18 6

Educational.

The Union College

The closing exercises were held Monday evening, December 5. The church was well filled, and a good programme was rendered by the students. The school joined in singing "O Thou in whose presence my soul takes delight," after which the little ones gave a scripture recitation. A few remarks were made by Elder Hyatt on the object of the school, and a chorus sang the grand old anthem, "Open Thou mine eyes."

The fourth standard boys drew maps of the five continents on the blackboard from memory. The trio of older girls then sang Mendelssohn's "Lift thine eyes." The poem "Absalom," giving a description of David's grief at his son's death, was recited by the preparatory department. The most instructive piece on the whole programme was Miss Minnie Tarr's essay on "The Aim of Christian Education." In closing, the girls of the advanced classes drew "Good Bye" in old English letters and flowers on the blackboard, while the little ones sang, "We'll Never Say Good Bye in Heaven."

An organ voluntary, piano duet, and another song added to the interest of the programme. At the close all were invited to the exhibition of work held in the school rooms. Woodwork, sewing, cardboard and basket sloyd work spoke of the hand training. Good physiology and map drawings were seen in all the rooms, and illuminated texts adorned many essays. The most attractive room was the one containing the cooking exhibition. A bountiful supply of healthful cooking was here seen.

We feel that God has richly blessed the work at the College this year, and to Him be all the praise for its success.

THE GRADUATING EXERCISES

Thursday evening, December 1, the graduating exercises were held. The gymnasium

had been prettily decorated, and a large number of friends had gathered to bid "God-speed to our graduates as they started on their journey of life. We were very glad to have present the entire class of 1901, but deeply regretted that Miss Ingle, the only one who graduated in 1902, was unable to attend, as her school was not yet finished.

The first part of the programme was given by the graduates. Miss Vickey Sutherland read a paper on "Life's Opportunities," which emphasised the thought that "I shall pass this way but once," and urged upon all the necessity of improving each opportunity if we would succeed. Miss Mary Lawrance recited a poem, "The Curtain," the story of one for whom the veil between the present and future was raised, and a picture of the life before her was granted. This was followed by the old familiar hymn, "I Know Not What Awaits Me," sung by Mr. Andrew B. Wessels. Miss Kezia Lawrance's paper portrayed the characteristics of an "Ideal Teacher." After this, Elder Hyatt presented the diplomas, and extended them an invitation to join the staff of teachers at the College next year.

The second part of the programme, which was given by the Alumni, was most interesting. Miss Ingle's paper on "The Experiences of a Church School Teacher" was interesting and helpful. It was read by Mrs. O. O. Fortner. Mr. Haupt and Mr. Commin both gave orations, and Miss Hyatt gave an interesting sketch of school life, past, present, and future, extending to the graduates a hearty welcome to the Alumni. The programme was interspersed with musical selections.

The graduates have long attended the College, and have laboured hard and faithfully to finish their work. There ought to be many more obtaining an education. As age comes on, those who have not an education will sadly regret it. Let us as young people determine to improve our talents to the utmost for God. Be not content with a low aim. Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from Him.

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—A Happy New Year to all of our friends.

—The MISSIONARY greets its readers this time with a New Year's wish. Our wish for you is that you may have a bright and prosperous year, with all the happiness and peace which are experienced only by remaining close to the side of the Saviour. "In Thy presence is fulness of joy, and at Thy right hand are pleasures forevermore."

—Miss Burrill, who has been preceptress of the College for more than two years, and Miss Helen Hyatt, eldest daughter of Elder Hyatt, expect to leave the Cape next Monday for America. Miss Burrill is going to visit her father and friends, and Miss Hyatt will take a course of instruction in the South Lancaster Academy. We wish them a pleasant voyage and prosperity in all their undertakings.

—Brother Barend de Beer is meeting with good success in the canvassing work. He is canvassing in the country districts, in the vicinity of Stellenbosch. The days of canvassing in the Cape Colony are not altogether in the past. Success will attend anyone who goes out in this work *in faith*, and who has the faith that will produce the *works*.

—Brother Tickton has begun a good work among the coloured people of Salt River and Woodstock. He is canvassing and holding Bible readings with the people, and if the interest increases, Brother Theunissen will join him in a series of public meetings. We hope this effort will prove successful in raising up a good company of Sabbath-keepers. All of our church members should be interested in this work.

—We wish to call attention to the article from Sister White on the circulation of our health journals. Read it carefully, and then order a club of the *Good Health*.

—Brother Freeman has been visiting all the Sabbath-keepers in the O. R. C. He will soon hold a general meeting at Bethlehem, and will organise a church there.

—We are pleased to print in this number Elder Edmed's announcement for the camp-meeting at Dundee, in Natal. We trust that all the brethren in Natal and the Transvaal will be able to attend this meeting. South Africa will be greatly blessed this year with two camp-meetings.

—Elder Armitage has moved the Somabula Mission to the new site, several miles from the old location. They are all pleased with the new station, and Brother Armitage is having better health than for some time. Their regular attendance for Sabbath services is now more than a hundred.

—Since the first article in this number was written by Elder Hankins, we have received word from Elder Tarr, stating that he has succeeded in getting a supply of mattresses for the single beds, so these can be obtained by all who wish them at the camp-meeting. Only single beds are obtainable.

—Brother and Sister Hayton are making a tour through the country in the interests of the College. They will go from Natal to the camp-meeting at East London. All who are interested in the education of their children will have an opportunity of interviewing Brother Hayton at the camp-meeting.

A Request

I will ask those dear friends who have written inviting me to visit the towns of the Eastern Province, Cape Colony, during my trip to East London, to please attend the camp-meeting at East London, so I can meet you there, as it will be quite impossible for me to extend the time of my visit, owing to the camp-meeting at Dundee following so shortly after that of East London.

HERBERT J. EDMED.