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What asks our Father of His children, save
Justice and mercy and humility,
A reasonable service of good deeds,
Pure living, tenderness to human needs,
Reverence and trust, and prayer for light to see.
The Master's footsteps in our daily ways?
No knotted scourge or sacrificial knife,
But the calm beauty of an ordered life,
Whose very breathing is unworded praise,—
A life that stands, as all true lives have stood,
Fast rooted in the faith that God is good.— *Sel.*

Additional Items From Business Proceedings of the Conference.

In addition to the items from the business proceedings of the Cape Colony Conference given in last issue, we will mention a few more which were left out last month for lack of space.

Elder Tarr and Brethren Shone, Francis, Moko, and Theunissen gave accounts of their labours during the past year. Some of the individual experiences were interesting. As Elder Freeman was unable to be present, Elder Hankins gave an account of his work in the Orange River Colony.

At the second meeting of the Conference the resolutions on the Sanitarium work were discussed, and at the close of the meeting a sum of £120 in cash and pledges was raised for the Sanitarium. It was then decided to appeal to our churches and members in all parts of the country to help in this enterprise.

A resolution on Tract Society finances, passed by a former conference, was re-enacted, and the importance of carrying out this resolution was emphasised by several speakers. The resolution is as follows:—

“Resolved, (1) that Conference labourers settle their accounts with the Tract Society monthly; (2) that church societies settle their accounts quarterly; (3) that canvassers pay for their books on delivery before receiving another consignment; (4) that on a failure on the part of any to carry out this resolution, further credit be refused until settlement is made; (5) that dealings with all others be on a strictly cash basis.”

The following persons received credentials and licenses:—

Ministerial credentials: I. J. Hankins, D. F. Tarr, J. M. Freeman.

Ordination and credentials: D. H. Groenewald and G. W. Shone.

Ministerial license: Geo. Thomason and W. H. Haupt.

Missionary license: W. C. Walston, Mrs. W. C. Walston, J. V. Willson, Mrs. J. V. Willson, T. J. Gibson, D. C. Theunissen, Q. H. Jubber, T. J. Francis, W. S. DeLange, R. Moko, A. Tickton, Chas. Haupt, Mrs. I. J. Hankins, Mrs. D. H. Groenewald, Mrs. D. F. Tarr.

The Conference Committee is as follows: I. J. Hankins, J. M. Freeman, D. F. Tarr, W. C. Walston, J. V. Willson, J. J. Wessels, O. O. Fortner.

The Medical Missionary Board: I. J. Hankins (Chairman), O. O. Fortner (Secretary), Dr. Geo. Thomason, W. C. Walston, J. V. Willson, E. Ingle, J. J. Wessels.

The Conference officers were published last month, and may be found again in the official directory on the last page of this paper.

O. O. F.

The East London Camp-Meeting

The South African field was well represented in the East London camp-meeting. Elder and Sister Sturdevant, Elder Armitage, and Brother C. R. Sparrow were present from Rhodesia, and Brother J. A. Chaney from Basutoland. Brethren Edmed, Altman, and Camp represented Natal, and delegates were there from all the churches in our Cape Colony Conference.

An open, grassy plot between two streets in the best part of the city was occupied free of charge by our encampment.

The people of the city were friendly, and our evening services were fairly well attended. Because of the great distance, our expenses were large, and we must report a deficit of £25, or more. Any contributions toward this expense would be much appreciated.

As the Union Conference held its biennial session at this meeting, as well as the Cape Conference, our time was largely occupied with business.

This was unfortunate as some were not specially interested in business, and so they did not receive in the meetings all they desired.

As the different branches of work were considered, however, and as the needs of the field were presented, all felt the necessity of a more complete consecration, and of more faithful and earnest service.

A few, who were among the halting ones in East London, fully decided to obey the truth, and were baptised.

Plans were laid for an extension of the work among the various nationalities in this country. Brother Groenewald was set apart to the ministry of the Word, and expects to labour especially among the Dutch people. Brethren Shone and Moko will devote their time mostly to the native people. Several intelligent natives have accepted the truth, and are anxious to fit themselves for labour among their own people. On the whole, I believe the message received a new impetus

in this meeting, and that the brethren went home to work more faithfully and unitedly than hitherto.

I. J. HANKINS.

A Kafir Mission

Again and again have we considered the advisability of opening a mission in Kafirland, but we have never felt sure that the time had come till we met at the conference in East London. As Brethren Tarr, Shone, and Moko told us of the interest among this people, all were agreed that something should be done and delay no longer. During the past year the truth has been gaining a strong foothold in the location at East London, and several intelligent natives have accepted the message. At the time of our camp-meeting the brethren held open air services each evening at the location, and they reported some wonderful meetings. Our missionaries from up country enjoyed this work very much.

Several of these natives who are keeping the Sabbath speak English, Dutch, and Kafir, and have some education. Three or four have been local preachers, and now that they have received the truth they are anxious to be fitted to go to their people with the message. We felt that a training school should be opened as soon as possible for these men.

Since the meeting closed we have seen chief Khama, and he desires us to come to his place and begin work. We will do so if we can make suitable arrangements. Last week one of the head men from the Transkei came to East London with eight teams and several natives. He attended the Sunday afternoon open air service, which meeting was remarkable for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit; and he was deeply impressed. He said he would remain over a few days longer and have some Bible studies. He is now pleading that we will start work at once for his people. We hear the sound of the going. Surely it is time that we bestir ourselves.

That we may have funds, it was recommended that all our surplus Sabbath-school donations for 1905 should go to this work. We are sure that our people are pleased with this recommendation and will donate liberally. We have about twenty-five Sabbath-schools in South Africa, hence so many little streams flowing into this fund. I ask that these streams be made as large as possible by practicing economy and by gathering up the pennies. An extra penny or an extra six-pence now and again will amount to many pounds when coming from so many sources.

W. S. HYATT.

Good Tidings

Brother Wild reports that two months ago he gave a copy of the special *Sentinel* to a gentleman in Kimberley. This man sent the paper to his father in England. His father replied thus: "*South African Sentinel* to hand. Thank you for this paper. I should like a thousand of them. I have already been making use of the contents amongst the Arsenal men at Woolwich. Do let me have one every month. It will be a very great help to me. . . . I notice that at the back of the *Sentinel* there is a book advertised, 'Daniel and the Revelation.' This is a book I should like to see. I am thinking very much of sending an article to the *Sentinel*. How wonderful everything is working up to one great end. Truly the world's great crisis has come. God is working amongst his people in such a way as never before seen. Great men's hearts are now failing them for fear.

"You say in your letter that a friend of yours is thinking of coming to England. I would like to see him very much. If he cares to write me expressing his thoughts upon the world's great crisis and the speedy return of our Lord, I shall be pleased."

Comment is unnecessary. This testimony says to us, circulate the *Sentinel*.

I. J. HANKINS.

Quarterly Reports

The church that does not have a report each quarter from its clerk, treasurer, and librarian sustains a great loss. We are interested in those things we know about. Church members who care little whether the tithe is £ 5 or £ 25 need to have some earnest work done for them. The officers of the church should personally labour to get every member of the church to pay tithes. I will quote a few words sent us on this point. "Elders, of churches, do your duty. Labour from home to home, that the flock of God shall not be remiss in this great matter, which involves such a blessing or such a curse." I wonder how many of our elders do this!

At the quarterly meeting which should be held the first Sunday after the first Sabbath the church treasurer should have his report showing the amount of tithe received and paid out during the quarter, and the number paying tithes. All other funds should likewise be reported. The clerk should report the membership at the beginning of every quarter, the number added by letter, baptism, or vote, the total number, the number dismissed by letter, or otherwise, and then the gain or loss to the church for the time. Other items of interest should be added to the report. The librarian should report the amount of missionary work done and the financial standing of the society. With all this information before the church the members can at once see which part of the work needs help and plan for the same. Immediately after this meeting these officers should report to the Conference officers. Our Sabbath-school officers should also be prompt to report and send in the offerings in their hands.

When this is done promptly the Conference treasurer can make a quarterly report of all tithe received, and the amount paid out, and cash on hand. A similar report can be made of our Sabbath-schools and their offerings, the first day offerings, etc. When this is done the Union Conference can make reports

of funds coming into its hands and the expenditure. I know that our people are interested in these reports.

Brethren, shall we not have these reports in every church? Shall not 1905 make a new era with some of us in our manner of doing the Lord's work? Time is short and what must be done must be done quickly.

W. S. HYATT

Week of Prayer

As noticed in the last *MISSIONARY*, the "week of prayer" will be held from March 25 to April 1. The last date is the time for our quarterly meeting, and we hope this one will be a most precious occasion.

The readings that appeared in the *Review* will then receive careful study. We hope to have a few written in this field for the occasion. We hope our brethren will save the week of prayer *Review*. Brethren, we will get out of the week what we ask for and expect. May it be a precious season, and may our thank offerings freely flow forth from willing hearts.

W. S. HYATT

The Canvassers Need

One of Satan's most successful methods of overthrowing the canvasser is in causing him to neglect prayer, communion with God, and the study of His Word.

Little by little, as this insidious influence is yielded to by the worker, a spirit of indifference and carelessness comes into his life and work; and even before one is aware, there is a shadow of evil which shuts out Christ and all that pertains to a Christian's part in this important work; and casting about in his mind for some more satisfying occupation, very soon the work he should be happy in is given up, and the result is anything but pleasant. My brother, "Satan is on your track. He is an artful opponent, and the malignant spirit which you meet in your work is inspired by him. Those whom he controls echo his words. If the veil could

be rent away from their eyes, those thus worked would see Satan plying all his arts to win them from the truth. In rescuing souls from his devices far more will be accomplished by Christlike humble prayer than by many words without prayer."

When we as canvassers realize the importance of prayer, and how weak and incapable we are without it, we will be far more willing to permit the "Holy Spirit" to mould and fashion our lives in harmony with Christ's instruction. "Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." This prayer is in itself a promise. For when we have committed our way to God, we have the assurance that He "will not suffer you to be tempted above what ye are able to bear, but will with the temptation make a way of escape." Live in contact with the living Christ, become imbued with his spirit and you will gain a deep and rich experience in the work in which you are engaged. "Pray, O, pray for a deeper experience! Go forth with your hearts softened and subdued by a study of the precious truths that God has given us for this time. Drink deeply of the waters of salvation, that it may be in your hearts as a living spring, flowing forth to refresh souls ready to perish." O. H. JUBBER.

Camp-Meeting Pledges

Brother T. J. Gibson, Conference secretary and treasurer, holds the pledges that were made to the equipment of the Sanitarium, and will receive the money. I hope this money will be paid as soon as possible.

Send it to Brother Gibson, 56, Roeland Street, Cape Town.

No doubt others, not present at the camp-meeting, would be glad to assist in providing much needed facilities for Sanitarium work. £360 are needed at once. Nearly one-half of this was pledged at the camp-meeting. Who will help to raise the balance. Now is the time to express your interest in a helpful manner.

I. J. HANKINS.

Saturday Night Paper Work

To my mind (and I believe I voice the sentiments of all) this is a very important work; important because so much can be accomplished in a short time. The pen of inspiration tells us, "our papers must be scattered like the leaves of autumn." Do we believe this? Are we anxious for the souls of those about us? Are they all warned? These are very serious questions. If we take time to consider the full meaning of the message which we bear to the world, it should surely lead us to greater activity. We all ought to be deeply stirred with the thought that we may witness the closing scenes of this world's history.

To-day in the Far East a terrible battle is being waged, one of the bloodiest battles that has ever been fought, and thousands of intelligent young men are perishing on the field of carnage in loyalty to their country. Shall they be more loyal to their ruler than we are to our Commander? They labour for a crown that perisheth; we for an incorruptible crown that never fadeth away. Is it not time to start a forward movement against the entrenched forces of the enemy? A vast concourse of people throng the main streets of our principal towns on Saturday evenings. It is an off night with many of them, and they have laid aside the cares of business until Monday morning. What an opportunity! We do not want to see any of our young men miss the joy of a part in this work. With a little push the papers sell readily.

I would just like to give one experience. On December 24, Christmas eve, we were out. The streets were crowded. The people were giving themselves over to their own lusts. From even professing Christian lips coarse jokes were passed. When remonstrated with, they laughingly said: "Oh, we are keeping up Christmas!" A strange way of "keeping up" the birthday of our blessed Saviour. It was a veritable Sodom. I thought, how many of these people are being hurried by the devil to their doom, many ignorant of their peril.

The thought electrified me. I pressed my way into the thick of the crowd, determined to do my utmost. We felt that angels were by our side. My wife and I sold more on this night than we have ever sold on any other one night.

There must be a call to arms. Let there be a revival. Let us bombard the streets with these good old papers, and a large ingathering of souls will result. Will you enlist?

A. TICKTON.

Rokeby Park Mission Help Band

At the close of another quarter and at the beginning of a new year this little band had their meeting.

There was an average attendance, and the election of officers for the next quarter took place. During the past quarter 418 papers were wrapped and posted. Needle work to the value of £ 2 was disposed of and the amount donated to the Basuto Mission water fund. Goods are still on hand to the amount of about £ 2.

We would be glad of any orders from any of the readers of the MISSIONARY for articles such as babies' knitted socks, pinafores, dresses, etc.

BLANCH. F. WILLMORE, *assistant secretary*.

Things to Remember

—That Brother T. J. Gibson is now secretary and treasurer of the Cape Colony Conference. The tithe and all Cape Conference money, and reports should be sent to him.

—That our Sabbath-school offerings for this year are to be used in establishing a mission for the Kafirs in Cape Colony.

—That the *Sentinel* and *Good Health* are our best preachers. Let every one help to circulate them.

—That Brother Jubber, our canvassing agent, is ready to instruct and assist any one who may desire to enter upon the sale of our literature.

Educational.

College Notes

—Elder and Mrs. Hankins have been recent guests at the College.

—Since our last report five new students have been added to the College Home.

—Letters have been received from Misses Burrill and Hyatt, telling of their pleasant voyage and safe arrival at London.

—Nurse Webster, who has been labouring in Natal and the Transvaal during the last two years, is visiting at the College. She is on her way to America, where she expects to take up work for a time especially among her relatives.

—Our College is being dressed up in a fine suit of new paint. Mr. White, of Kenilworth, has undertaken the management of the work, and the painting is done by the College boys. This will make a great improvement in the appearance of the building.

—The College has recently purchased a Singer sewing machine. This has added greatly to the manual training facilities. A class of seven girls has been organised for the purpose of learning the art of dressmaking. The members of the class are taught to cut, fit, add make all garments pertaining to their wardrobe.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tarr, of "Tarsus," Cathcart, called on us a few days ago. They came to the Cape with their son, who has been ill for some time, but who is improving under the treatment of Dr Thomason.

—Miss Agnes Staples, a promising student from Rokeby Park, has unfortunately been taken ill with fever. With the best of care and treatment, we may hope for an early recovery.

—The boys are enthusiastically engaged in pumping the water out of a pond on the farm, and in cleaning out the mud and rubbish. In a few weeks they will pride themselves in the possession of a swimming pool.

—Miss Victoria Sutherland, who has gone to take charge of the new church school at Heisterbach, Orange River Colony, has reached her destination. Elder Freeman writes that the church was well pleased with an address on education which Miss Sutherland gave after her arrival, and they expect to have a good school.

Our people throughout South Africa are awakening to the importance of giving to the children and youth the benefits of a Christian education. The increased attendance in our College Home proves this to be true. This is as it should be. This is a matter that has been too long neglected in South Africa. Union College stands with open doors, waiting. The responsibility rests with you. We are glad to report progress.

Cape Colony Canvassing Report, December and January

AGENT	TERRITORY	Book	Time	Ord	Misc	Total	VALUE	Deliv'd	VALUE
I. B. Burton	Malmesbury	Christ our Saviour	58 Hours	14	1	15	£ 2 14 6	15	2 14 6
J. A. Chaney	Wepener	Home Hand Book	About 72 hours				40 16 0		9 18 6
G. P. De Beer	Cape	Christ our Saviour		34	24	58	6 0 0	58	6 0 0
B. P. De Beer	Stellenbosch	Great Controversy	217 Hours	58		58	37 11 0	30	18 6 0
"	"	Christ our Saviour		176	22	176	18 5 6	176	18 5 6
John De Beer	"	Great Controversy	January	20		20	11 6 0	20	11 6 0
"	"	Christ our Saviour		59	3	62	6 2 0	62	6 2 0
S. W. DeLange	Heilbron		January				4 5 9		4 5 9
Chas. Haupt	Simonstown	Daniel and Rev.		13	41	54	20 19 6		
Q. H. Jubber	Cape Flats	Masterpiece	Dec. and Jan.	2	1	3	1 17 6	14	10 11 6
10 Reports				354	92	446	149 17 9	375	£ 87 9 9

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1904

NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION	Area in Square Miles	Population	Number of Churches	Membership	Number of Companies	Membership	Total Sabbath Keepers	Isolated Sabbath Keepers	Total Sabbath Keepers	Tithe per Capita	Number Sabbath Schools	Membership Sabbath Schools	Church Buildings	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Preachers	Licensed Missionaries	Canvassers	Total Labourers	Labourers on Pay Roll	Total Tithe Receipts	Amount of Tithe Appropriated to the Union Conference	Annual Offerings	Weekly Offerings	Sab. School Offerings to Missions	Retail Value of Book Sales	No. of Church Schools	Number of Teachers	Total Parsonage	Number of Colleges	Number of Teachers	Total Enrollment	Grand Total				
Union Conf.																																				
Cape Conf.	327,101	2,790,597	9317	646,143	371	14	11	14,501	7	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Natal-Transv.	156,642	2,206,429	3,841	212,100	106	7	5	1,512	5	12	5	12	5	12	5	12	5	12	5	12	5	12	5	12	5	12	5	12	5	12	5	12	5	12	5	12
Basuto Mission	10,293	262,501	1	2	14	2	7	1	30	1	2	1	30	1	2	1	30	1	2	1	30	1	2	1	30	1	2	1	30	1	2	1	30	1	2	
Solusi "	143,830	603,820	1	63	1	19	0	1	95	1	3	3	71	4	3	3	71	4	3	3	71	4	3	3	71	4	3	3	71	4	3	3	71	4	3	
Somabula "				122	1	17	8	1	110	1	1	1	19	10	1	1	19	10	1	1	19	10	1	1	19	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Nyassaland "	340,000	850,795		139	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	977,866	16,474,112	14,476	1,093,388	607	65	2	43,791	12	9	5	23	8,452	28	6	173	8	6	173	8	6	173	8	6	173	8	6	173	8	6	173	8	6	173	8	6

The Statistical Report

We hope the readers of the MISSIONARY will be interested in the statistics given in this report. The report is presented in a form which may be understood by all if it is followed carefully. The statistics are for the two Conferences and four Missions which together form the South African Union Conference. In the first line are a few figures which could not properly be included in either of the other Conferences.

The area and population given for the Matabele and Gwelo Missions represent the figures for all of Southern Rhodesia.

We regret to say that in the report from the Natal-Transvaal Conference the membership and Tithe per capita columns were not filled in, so we had to fill in these columns as correctly as we could from previous reports in order to complete the whole report. With this exception, we believe these figures give a correct showing of the work in South Africa during the past year, as far as the report goes.

Considering the fact that included in the total number of Sabbath-keepers are about 130 natives, whose tithes are comparatively insignificant, the tithe per capita for the whole field is very encouraging.

We are thankful to the Lord for the degree of prosperity that has attended the work during the past year, and for the tithes and offerings that have come in. We trust that all labourers will be faithful to their work, and that by the Lord's blessing many souls may be added to the membership during the present year.

O. O. F.

—We hope the resolution published on the first page of this paper will be read by every one. It should be kept in mind when supplies are ordered from the Tract Society. It is the only safe way.

—Brother Chaney has tried his hand at canvassing again, and with the same degree of success that has attended his previous efforts. See canvassing report.

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—Elder Hankins is still at the Cape looking up favourable sites for the Sanitarium, in harmony with the resolution passed at the Conference.

—Sister Webster is spending a short time at the Cape before leaving for America. She has been for several years the veteran nurse of South Africa, and it is with feelings of genuine regret that we see her go; but she has worked hard and long, and her state of health is such that a change is absolutely necessary.

—Brother W. H. Haupt has arrived at Graaf Reinet where he went to take up work. At the time of writing he had just begun canvassing. During the first five hours he had taken six orders for "Great Controversy," and two for the smaller books. He says the people do not appear to be prejudiced. We hope a good work may be done in that Dutch center. Brother Haupt has begun his work in that district by canvassing, and will follow up the interest in time by evangelistic work.

—Note the Directory for the Union Conference and the Cape Conference. The Directory for the Natal-Transvaal Conference will be added next month when we have received the report from the Conference now in session.

—We have received no report from the Natal camp-meeting, but a note from Elder Hyatt says that God was greatly blessing the meeting; that the Spirit of the Lord was present, and all was peace and harmony. This is the way it should be in all our meetings.

—Miss Ida Thomason, sister to Dr. Thomason, arrived at the Cape February 7, and is now connected with the Sanitarium as matron of the institution. Miss Thomason has had a long and distinguished experience in the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and is eminently qualified for the responsibilities she has assumed. We hope her work in South Africa may be pleasant to herself as well as a blessing to many.

—We invite attention to the canvassing report for the Cape Colony Conference in this issue. This is quite an improvement over previous reports, and we hope to see this branch of the work on the increase throughout the year. By the way, we wonder why the canvassing reports from the Natal-Transvaal Conference do not appear any more. We will be pleased to print them if they are sent. We are all interested in the canvassing reports.

—After the camp-meeting Brother and Sister Groenewald paid a visit to Brother Vermaak's home, in the northern part of the Uitenhage District. They enjoyed some good meetings together with some of their neighbours who were interested, and who had already begun the observance of the Sabbath. Three persons—Brethren Landman, Rudman, and one of Brother Vermaak's sons—were baptised, and the ordinances were celebrated. We hope for a report of Brother and Sister Groenewald's work near Jan Fourie's Kraal, in the District of Oudtshoorn, where they went next.