

Missionary

Another Mother in Israel Has Fallen

VAN DER POEL.—Died at her late residence in Gordon Street, Cape Town, May 15, 1905, Mrs. Johanna Magaretha Van der Poel, in the sixty-seventh year of her age. Her death was due to a tumour which had been in the process of development for a considerable time, and which was the cause of much suffering. Sister Van der Poel was reared in the Dutch Reformed Church, and was a staunch member of "De Groote Kerk" in Cape Town when the loud cry of the third angel called her out to walk henceforth in the light of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. It was seventeen years ago when Elders D. A. Robinson and Chas. Boyd held a series of public meetings in Cape Town. It was at these meetings that our late sister was convinced of the Sabbath truth, and she became at that time one of the first members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Cape Town, remaining a faithful member until her death.

Sister Van der Poel was the mother of seven children, three of whom are in the truth. She laboured unceasingly to impress the importance of the third angel's message upon her friends and relatives, and her most earnest desire until the last was that the members of her family might yet become united in the truth. The Cape Town church has sustained a great loss. It has been only a few weeks since Sister Howard and Sister Lang—two other highly esteemed pioneer members—passed away. But the separation will not be long.

The funeral service was conducted by

Brother W. C. Walston, and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. The speaker dwelt upon the blessed hope of the resurrection, when all the righteous dead shall be raised in glory at the second coming of Christ. An earnest appeal was made to each one present to become a sharer in the hope and faith of the departed mother and sister. The remains were interred in the Maitland Cemetery, by the side of her husband's grave. Our sympathy is with the members of the family who are left to mourn; but, better than words of sympathy from any human lips, they have the precious promise that "the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth." John 5:28, 29. They will not come forth with marks of disease, nor with deformed or uncomely features, but they will be "fashioned like unto His glorious body." No trace of sorrow will be left. Every organ will be perfect. In describing that state, the Saviour says, "They are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection." Luke 20:36. Then they will understand that death is forever past, and with joy will they sing: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Cor. 15:55. It will be a glad reunion when the loved ones who have been laid away to rest are called forth to meet the living. There will then be no more separations, but "we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together *with them* in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we *ever* be with the Lord." 2 Thess. 4:17.

"Dying Charity"

"Dying charity is a poor substitute for living benevolence. Many will to their friends and relatives all except a very small pittance of their property. This they leave for their supreme Friend, who became poor for their sakes, who suffered insult, mockery, and death that they might become sons and daughters of God. And yet they expect when the righteous dead shall come forth to immortal life, that this Friend will take them into His heavenly habitations.

"The cause of Christ is robbed, not by a mere passing thought, not by an unpremeditated act. No. By your own deliberate act you made your will, placing your property at the disposal of unbelievers. After having robbed God during your life-time, you continue to rob Him after your death, and you do this with the full consent of all your powers of mind, in a document called your will. What do you think will be your Master's will toward you for thus appropriating His goods? What will you say when an account is demanded of your stewardship?"
—*Test. 31*, p. 151.

Scatter the Tracts

Over and over, instruction has come to us to scatter our literature like the leaves of autumn. The determination to do this seems to be taking hold of our people here in South Africa, as well as in other parts of the world. We are now ready to furnish tracts *free* to our workers and to our churches in this conference, only asking them to pay the carriage.

Brethren, send in your orders to Cape Town, and organise for work. It will be better as a rule to loan tracts than to give them away; for you can thus use the same tracts over and over again, and you are also brought in contact with the same persons several times; and so can follow up the interest that may be created in their minds.

Read and study the tracts yourselves before

loaning them, so you may be intelligent on the subjects considered; you will find inspiration and courage also in this study.

We have a large supply of Dutch tracts, which ought to be in the hands of the Dutch people. Who will distribute them? The office may not be able always to exactly fill your order, but if we have not the tract you want, we may be able to substitute something which will be acceptable. During these long evenings people have time to read,—time to study the truth. Shall we place the tracts in their hands, and do it *now*?

I. J. HANKINS.

Tact

One of the most indispensable factors of success in the life and work of the "evangelistic canvasser is tact, or the art, or knack, of doing and saying the right thing, or nothing, at the right time. This, no treatise, however elaborate or comprehensive, can impart. Though it is an inborn faculty, yet, like other natural gifts, it is susceptible of cultivation. It is possible, no doubt, to teach one how to present and handle his book to advantage, and to explain plans and methods pertaining to his profession, but the nice touch (of which so few are in possession) that moves men to do his bidding is incommunicable. Most people have a moderate degree of tact, and consequently get on very well in a way, but to make a genuine and steady success of the canvassing means *study* and *practice*. Educate a natural readiness for adaptation to your man, occasion, and environment. Nothing can take the place of its magic influence to convert indecision into compliance.

Nevertheless there is urgent need in the work of the evangelistic canvasser of humble, efficient work. All the tact in the world will not secure success unless the worker obediently responds to the call of God; he may then be sure of receiving divine assistance. "To feel so great and holy a responsibility is of itself elevating to the character. It calls

into action the highest mental qualities, and their continued exercise strengthens and purifies mind and heart. The influence upon one's own life, as well as upon the lives of others, is incalculable. Careless spectators may not appreciate your work, or see its importance. They may think it a losing business, a life of thankless labour and self-sacrifice. But the servant of Jesus sees in it the light shining from the cross. His sacrifices appear small in comparison with those of the blessed Master, and he is glad to follow in His steps. The success of his labour affords him the purest joy, and is the richest recompense for a life of patient toil."

O. H. JUBBER.

A Native Canvasser

Ndabambi is a native young man with Brother Chaney at the Basuto Mission. Brother Chaney recently sent him to Harismith to sell some native literature. Ndabambi wrote a report of his experiences, and we give herewith an English translation of this report:—

Here is a report of my first attempt to sell books. I began to go among the people with the books, and some bought, but others laughed and said, "What sort of books are these that are coming around to be sold?" Then I began to show what the book was like inside, and when they saw what the book was, one man bought a book. Some who at first made sport of me became interested in the book, and later on they asked the price, and when I told them 3/6, they began to buy.

There was a man (Zulu) at the house where we stayed, with whom I slept. He soon noticed that I kept the Sabbath, and said, "Why do you not work to-day?" I replied, "This is God's Sabbath, and He tells us not to work on the Sabbath day." He inquired, "Is not Sunday the Sabbath?" I said, "It is not," and showed him the law of God in Exodus 20, and also told him to read Matt. 28 : 1. At first he could not understand, but

later he said, "I see! the Sabbath is the day before the first day of the week." Then he went to his minister, who could not deny that the seventh day was the Sabbath.

Then he began to tell his friends about the Sabbath, and said he was going home soon and would tell all the people of his kraal what he had learned.

God blessed me in selling Zulu and Sesuto books, and I thank Him who taught me, and gave me strength for the work, and kept me from fearing the people. When the people spoke in an insulting manner to me, I kept silent. I thank God for His blessing which was with me in this my first attempt to sell books, and trust He will bless in future attempts. I hope God will bless those who bought the books, and that in studying them they may find light, and the love of Jesus in the books, and that they may know Jesus as their Saviour from sin.

I sold about thirty-eight Zulu "Christ Our Saviour," and about twenty Sesuto books and tracts. I am,

NDABAMBI.

Dundee

The prejudice here is very great, and on this account it is very hard to get into the houses of the people, but I am glad to say there are a few who are manifesting an interest in the truth for this time.

Two of my readers are especially interested. The Bible seems a new book to them, and one of them told me she finds no interest in any other. We are taking up the study of the sanctuary, and will soon present the Sabbath. They have accepted all the light thus far, and one of them showed her appreciation by giving me a sovereign with which to purchase books for some whom we had found would like them, but were too poor to purchase. We have also sixty-one tract readers at present, and expect to have more in a few days. Through this means we hope to reach those who may be looking for the light. I am thankful for the promise that "we shall reap if we faint not."

M. E. ROBERTSON.

Port Elizabeth

The weather being too cold and wintry for successful tent meetings, we looked for a hall or vacant store room, but so far have been unsuccessful. We ventured one service in the town hall at a cost of £3, including advertising. Nearly one half of this came back in the collection. A good audience heard the discourse on spiritualism, hypnotism, etc., considered from a Bible standpoint. At the close of the meeting we sold 12/- worth of pamphlets, and gave away 100 tracts on the subject.

We have conducted one service in Uitenhage for the public, and will present this subject of spiritualism there next Sunday evening. As the way does not seem open for regular public services, we shall devote our time to the circulation of literature, and private Bible studies, expecting the coöperation of the brethren and sisters of Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage.

I. J. HANKINS.

Nyassaland Mission

Our Sabbath meetings are well attended; in fact, I may say better than at any time since we came to this mission. The attendance includes the men and women, as well as the young people from the neighbouring villages. They come regularly, rain or shine. Many of the old women come to the mission to have Mrs. Branch teach them the Word of God, and also how to sing. This is one feature of the work for which we have long hoped and prayed—that the old people might become interested in their soul's salvation. We have often gone to their villages to try to help them, and now they come of their own free will.

Our Sabbath-school is full of interest. We are doing a good deal in both English and Chemanja. The time never lags from beginning to end. It is interesting to note the good attention the real old men and women give while Malinke explains the lesson to them.

You should hear them try to sing. Sometimes they have the tune, and sometimes no tune at all, but how they do try!

Every Sabbath afternoon the boys go to the villages to preach to the people, and many are reached in this way who might not otherwise hear the Word. My prayer is that as the result of these efforts some sheaves may be gathered for the Master's garner.

T. H. BRANCH.

Natal-Transvaal Conference

Report of the Sabbath-school department for quarter ending March 31, 1905.

	Membership	Contributions	Donat. to Missions
Maritzburg.....	42	£6 7 6	£4 5 6
Johannesburg.....	39	6 13 5½	
Durban.....	9	1 17 0	1 17 0
Sweetwaters.....	18	1 14 10½	1 3 6
Dundee.....	12	16 9	16 0
Vryheid.....	12	7 9	7 9
Umkomaas.....	1	0 0	1 0 0
Totals	152	£18 17 4	£9 10 6

We are glad to add two new schools to our list this quarter, viz., Dundee and Vryheid. Though the membership of neither is large, we hope to see it grow. The Sabbath-school is the nursery of the church, and the church is the body of Christ. How carefully, therefore, ought we to nourish and cherish our schools.

The Sabbath-school contributions are for the mission work. We teach our children to bring their offerings that the heathen may be taught to know and love the Saviour who came to deliver them from darkness and oppression. We who are older give as the Lord has given to us to further the same work. Why then in the above report is the amount to be sent to missions so much less than the contributions received by the schools? We are sorry that this is so. Let special collections be taken for expenses when necessary, but in no case allow the offerings which have been given for the mission work to be used in defraying local expenses. Shall we not all endeavour to have a better showing for the mission work at the close of the present quarter?

LEAH E. ALTMAN.

Items From Natal-Transvaal Conference

—Brother George Webber writes an interesting account of his experience at Lydenburg. He has found there "A modern Sodom" and the hearts of the people "are like stone." "Some of them, he says, "will almost jump through one, not even giving us the privilege of explaining our work." But we are glad to say the good brother is not afraid to work, even in such a place, for he adds, "I begin at nine in the morning, rest from one o'clock to two, work again up to half past five, rest until half past six; then I go to work again sometimes until almost nine o'clock." He showed the "Gospel Primer" to a priest he met, who, on looking through the book, expressed great satisfaction thereat until he found the ten commandments. Said he, "If that leaf was torn out, I would wish you every success." Brother Webber concludes with an earnest request for our prayers.

—Brother and Sister Camp have just paid a visit to Durban. Brother Pretzman writes that a gentleman (whose life seems to have been wrapped up in mining speculations, and whom we have met several times) had gained the victory over his tobacco habit, as a result of several conversations with Brother and Sister Pretzman. Last Sabbath this gentleman attended the meeting while Brother Camp was giving a reading on the subject of "Conversion." His heart was so touched that he made a full surrender to God. We hope soon to hear that our brother has accepted the full light of the third angel's message.

—"Do all your church-members pay tithes?" said an earnest enquirer, as he stood listening to the wonderful light which the Lord has given us on the subject of organisation. Well, I said, hardly knowing how to admit an existing wrong in a way that would not injure his appreciation of the light,—most of our members do, but some—"Ah, yes, I see," he said, with a little gathering of scorn in his face,— "You do find some then, who do not object to robbing God, although I sup-

pose they would not like to be caught breaking into a house and robbing men. But do you consider such members to be in good standing?" I found the question very hard to answer, and changed the subject, leaving the answer to be given at that great day by the individuals themselves.

—Brother Webber reports the conversion of a Roman Catholic whom he had met at Lydenburg. He writes,— "It is a positive fact that the Lord brought me to Lydenburg to bring the light to this one enquiring soul."

—The writer reached Maritzburg on Friday May 5, and found Brother George Blavor in the new office surrounded by all the confusion of moving. A few days work has sufficed to bring order out of chaos, and from now on the office work will proceed with its usual regularity. Brother Blavor was confined to his bed with a cold for a day, but has been restored to health again.

—Pastor M. A. Altman writes: "We have been holding meetings about three weeks at Helpmakaar, a little country place about twenty-four miles from Dundee. There has been a regular average attendance of about one dozen who seem to enjoy the meetings. Thus far they are noncommittal as to whether they will obey, but the interest manifested by a few leads us to hope that the message will have a sanctifying effect in their lives so that they may shine as jewels in the Master's crown."

—Brother Armer and wife are full of courage in their work at the Institute. Since our last issue a gentleman was led to their hands for treatment. "After the first treatment he was able to make movements which he had been unable to do for eighteen months previously." He was so well after the third treatment that he showed himself to his doctor, who requested him to visit him each week that he might watch the result of the treatment. Thus one of the leading doctors has had the truth of proper treatments brought to his notice. The patient's trouble was paralysis of the right leg; which was per-

fectly insensible to all feeling, totally incapacitating him from walking. The work at this Institute is having its influence. Already two persons have been led to keep the Sabbath through being at this place, and we are glad to see the good work that is being done there.

—Brother Eric Howard, who a few months since resigned from the canvassing work, has decided to re-enter the ranks. The spirit of consecration is fast thinning our churches of idlers. There are trials and disappointments in God's work, 'tis true, but they are of a kind which one feels confident in bringing to the Lord. It is better to work for God than for "self." Peter and some others once returned to their fishing trade, but although they had once been successful fishermen, they caught nothing. Then Jesus came and asked, "Lovest thou me?" . . . "Feed my sheep." This is about how it happened with Brother Howard, and now that he casts the net on the right side again, we will ask the Lord of the harvest to richly bless his work.

H. J. EDMED.

✦ Educational. ✦

Why Gain an Education

Should you ask the above question of several young people you would receive a great variety of answers. If you would ask the ordinary school boy the question, he would likely say that he desires an education because he wanted to know something, or because he wanted to be an engine-driver, a jockey or perhaps a soldier. Something that would appeal to the active life of the boy would be sure to win his approval as the great goal to be reached by an education.

Youths that have attained a few more years, are looking forward for business positions. Managers, lawyers, doctors, merchants and politicians look up in their horizon at the large and all important end of their education.

Few go further than this; they see the position, the influence, the honour, and the wealth attached to the different positions; but the great object of education is overlooked by the majority of people.

We as Seventh Day Adventist young people must go deeper for our incentive to gain an education. While the positions and occupations must be gained, yet if the real true purpose or aim is overlooked, the positions become the end, and not the means, of carrying out the great purpose that must underlie all our education.

The real aim that should be in the heart of every young person in the ranks of the Seventh Day Adventists to-day should be the motto of our Young People's Society. "*The Advent Message to All the World in This Generation.*"

The Testimonies have said, "We must educate, educate, educate." And how must we educate? is the great question. By inspiring in the hearts of the young people this grand and noble aim. By holding up these different positions the world of young people count as success in this life, as only a means for the rapid advancement of this message.

Soon we will hear the cry, "There shall be delay no longer." Already we begin to hear the faint echo of this rallying cry, as the work at the headquarters of this denomination is going forward in leaps and bounds. We here in Africa must take up the cry. Parents, where are your children? Are they where they will receive a training for a part in this great closing work that is just before us? Young man, young woman, what are you doing? Are you looking forward to some position in this world? Do you not want a part in the final struggle for the great victory in this darkened land?

Come, young people, we have a great victory that is just before us. Come and enlist where you can receive a training for the fight; and soon we will send the glorious gospel of truth over this land until every place has been enlightened by its brilliant rays. Then we will be ready for the appearing of our

Saviour, who will take us to stand on Mount Zion with the rest of that white robed throng, "which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth."

Now is the preparation time; gain while you may.

KEZIA E. LAWRENCE.

Maritzburg Church-School

The first school quarter closed April 19. It has been a busy and enjoyable quarter to all. The membership of the school is 23, and the attendance has been good. The classes range from below standard up to the sixth standard.

Our Bible lesson for the quarter was from the creation to the flood, and the children saw that if the sons of God had not mingled with the children of men, there would not have been any need for a flood, as they would not have departed from God. But, as they became unequally yoked with unbelievers, they were led away from God. The reason we have a church-school is, that in our school work we need not be unequally yoked together with those who teach things that will lead our minds away from the Word of God.

We hope to make the second quarter one that will tell for eternity. Pray for this work, and that in this school children may be prepared who will have a part in the last warning to the world.

A. INGLE.

—The librarian (Mrs. Edmed) of the Maritzburg Church reports for quarter ending March 31st, as follows: "Number of reports received, 6; letters written 120; letters received 12; Bible readings held 14; subscriptions obtained for periodicals 7; periodicals distributed 286; pages of tracts distributed 128; sold one copy "Coming King." It must be taken into account that five of the members are engaged in canvassing and do not report to the church librarian." When I read this report it seems excellent for six people. But the item that struck me most forcibly was that out of the thirty-five members only eleven are shown to be active members. Can a body of which two thirds are dead be said to be in a healthy condition? H. J. E.

Cape Colony Conference Report

OF TITHES, WEEKLY OFFERINGS, SABBATH-SCHOOL OFFERINGS, AND ANNUAL OFFERINGS FOR QUARTER ENDING 31st MAR., 1905

CHURCHES	Tithe			Weekly Offerings			Sab.-School Offering			Annual Offerings		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Beaconsfield...	31	9	9	1	8	6	3	5	1			
Bioemfontein...												
Cape Town...	74	8	5	4	14	10	4	0	0	15	19	6
Cathcart...	13	10	0	1	0	0						
Heisterbach...	69	7	9	3	19	0	2	3	5			
Claremont...	243	13	10	1	9	0				10	17	8
East London...	22	0	0	1	0	0	9	0	5		17	0
Fairfield...												
Grahamstown...	5	12	0	1	2	0	1	0	0		10	9
King W's Town...	13	6	9		11	6		7	0			
Klipdam...	29	0	0	1	7	9	2	17	3			
Harrismith...					0	0		0	0			
Port Elizabeth...	20	2	10	1	17	11	3	1	0			
Rokeby Park...	7	4	0	1	9	6	2	5	0	2	3	0
Uitenhage...				2	1	9	2	9	0	1	0	0
Isolated...	50	12	11	1	12	6	3	4	2			
TOTAL	580	8	3	23	14	4	33	12	3	31	7	11

T. J. GIBSON, TREASURER

Cape Colony Canvassing Report, April, 1905

AGENT	TERRITORY	Book	Hours			Total	VALUE		Deliv'd	VALUE			
			Ord	Mis.			£	s.		£	s.		
I. B. Burton	Ceres	Great Controversy	..	..	..	..	£ 0	0	0	..	£ 0	0	0
B. P. De Beer	Paarl	Miscellaneous	62	..	28	28	2	19	0	78	19	2	9
John De Beer	..	..	54	..	41	41	3	19	6	05	9	19	6
Mrs. E. George	Sea Point	Story of Redemp'n	44	48	2	50	9	10	0	..	..	..	..
Chas. Haupt	Wynberg	Dan. and Rev.	152	13	26	39	8	16	6	45	14	7	0
Wm. Haupt	Graat Reinet	Great Controversy	60	2	22	24	3	5	3	..	..	..	..
C. H. Shaw	East London	Masterpiece	52	20	..	20	25	0	0	148	48	7	9
R. Sutherland	Newlands	Great Controversy	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	13	8	6
A. Tickton	Salt River	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
P. J. Vermaak	Graaf Reinet	Great Controversy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J. A. Chaney	O. R. C	Home Hand Book	..	18	07	85	51	19	3	85	51	19	3
8 Reports			439	101	186	-87	195	9	0	417	£ 157	4	9

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—The members of the Maritzburg church are rejoicing over the completion of the new church building. We congratulate them upon the success of this enterprise, and trust that this building will prove to be a temple of truth in the capital city of Natal.

—Brethren Barend and John de Beer are now at Beaufort West. Brother Barend writes: "We cycled from Worcester to this place, a distance of two hundred and thirty miles, canvassing on our way all the farms within our reach. We had a splendid experience. It may be that I will write a report for the next MISSIONARY."

—Six members of the Johannesburg Missionary Society report the following work done during April: Letters written 5; received 2; Bible readings given 15; subscriptions to periodicals 6; periodicals distributed 283 (given away 66, sold 217); pages of tracts distributed 3008; packets of tracts distributed 72; books loaned 5; Bibles sold 1. We would be pleased to receive reports from other churches.

—The Natal-Transvaal Conference has sent Brother H. B. Fiedeler and Brother Bender, of Maritzburg, to Johannesburg to engage in the sale of papers, tracts, and other inexpensive literature. They will work among the men on the various mines, and also from house to house. We believe this is a missionary move of considerable importance. Our papers and tracts contain the truth in a small space, and they will be read in all sorts of places. Let more of this kind of work be done, and you will hear of more people walking in the light.

—The Natal-Transvaal week of prayer offerings were as follows: Johannesburg £3-2-6; Sweetwaters £5-4-0; Maritzburg £5-19-0; Dundee £2-6-0; Durban £2-16-0; total £19-7-6. Vryhied's report is yet to come. One sister there gave some fine diamonds.

—A little weekly paper has lately been born in Natal. It is under the editorial care of Elder Edmed, and it bears the significant name of the *Flashes from The Battlefield*. The paper is published by means of a typewriter and stencil work. It is an excellent means of communication between the workers in the conference, and every number is full of good things.

—Brother J. H. DeBeer reports an interesting item in connection with his tract work. He loaned a gentleman the book "Here and Hereafter" and some tracts, and received the following words of encouragement from his client: "I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and also the book you sent me, which I have read with great delight. I tender to you my greatest gratitude for sending me such unequalled, yea, invincible truths. I must confess and declare that the contents of this book can never be too highly appreciated by me, as it has been the means of bringing so much light into my soul. . . . I never expected that I should be so favoured this side of the grave as to behold such a wonderful light."

Help Wanted

—Brother J. S. Bletchly, whose address is Waterfall, Nieuwveldt, Beaufort West, would be glad to have a Sabbath-keeping coloured family to live on his farm and work for him. If this notice should meet the eye of any who are interested, please correspond with Brother Bletchley in regard to terms. He also offers a good home to a strong white boy who is able to work and who is desirous of learning farming.