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GET IT HOW?

The ability to acquire wealth is a God-given talent. Deut. 8:18. The proper use of money is a God-given responsibility. "Get all you can; save all you can; give all you can."

By knowledge, diligence, faithfulness, and honesty in any business to *which the Lord may call you.*

If you are an employee, study Joseph as a servant; also Col. 3:22-24; 1 Tim. 6:1, 2; Titus 2:9, 10; 1 Peter 2:18, 19.

It is a shame for a Seventh-day Adventist to be dismissed by his employer except for the truth's sake. In many cases Sabbath-keepers have retained positions because of good work and trustworthiness. If you are an employer, study Abraham as a master. Gen. 18:19. In his "household" were three hundred and eighteen *instructed* servants (margin). Gen. 14:14. Are we instructing our servants to "keep the way of the Lord?" Study also Lev. 19:9, 10, 13; Deut. 24:14, 15; Mal. 3:5; Col. 4:1; Eph. 6:9.

Getting money depends upon honest dealing with God as well as with man (Mal. 3:10, 11), and also upon faithful service to God as well as to man. Deut. 28:1-14.

SAVE IT HOW?

By economy. If the money spent by Seventh-day Adventists, in one year, for things not absolutely needed, were turned into the Lord's treasury, the cause would be freed from debt, and there would be funds in hand to send the truth into unentered fields.

Hearken to the Lord's instruction:—"Practice economy in your homes. . . . Do not, I intreat you, absorb means in embellishing your houses; for it is God's money, and it will be required of you again."

"Do not use the Lord's money in pleasing the fancies of your children. Do not teach them to seek after style and ostentation."

"Dispense with every unhealthful gratification in eating and drinking."

"Sisters, take that money which you were about to spend for candies, for ruffles, or for ribbons, and donate it to God's cause."

"Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning, . . . of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel." 1 Peter 3:3.

"Let it (money) not be lavished upon those who do not need it."

"Let us not spend our means in gratifying desires that God bids us repress."

"Do not stand idle while others are struggling to obtain means for the cause."

Now, brethren and sisters, *let us* look carefully about our own homes, not our neighbours', and see if we can discover any embellishments, any ornaments, any expensive and unnecessary furniture. Let us look over our wardrobes and see if we find any unnecessary changes of apparel; any hats trimmed with feathers and flowers, which the Lord has forbidden; any garments whose trimmings cost as much, or nearly as much, as the material itself. And while we are looking, see if we find any necklaces, bracelets, finger-rings, gold chains and charms and brooches, unnecessary and expensive neck attire, and perhaps a gold-headed walking stick?

Do we use the Lord's money to buy presents for our friends who do not need them? and do we treat ourselves and our friends to the theatre, the opera, the expensive concert, and other worldly pleasures? Do we patronise "sales," and yield to the temptation to buy things that we do not need just because they are cheap? In short, do we use money as we know Christ would not use it?

A careful consideration of these suggestions may help some to understand why they "can not make ends meet" on a fair salary. It may explain how some with a small salary can make ends meet, while others, whose necessary expenses are no greater, insist upon a larger salary in order to make ends meet. And while some are saving all they can, denying themselves comforts and conveniences in order to advance the Lord's work, do we find ourselves, by the same efforts, sharing these privations with them? Are we, too, saving all we can?

GIVE IT WHERE?

If we have made all we can, and saved all we can, we will have something to give. Where shall we get it?

The special objects for which we should use our means, are:—

"The work of God in the ministry of the Word, the promulgation of the truth in the regions beyond, the great interests of educational work in new fields, and the establishment of sanitariums in connection with the work of the gospel ministry." "If we see our brethren and sisters struggling under poverty and debt, if we see churches that are in need of financial aid, . . . we should help them in proportion as God has prospered us." "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers." Study Prov. 3: 9, 10; Matt. 6: 19-21.

GIVE IT WHEN?

"It is the very essence of all right faith to do the right thing at the right time." "Now, just now, is our time to work in foreign countries."

"We must bear our message without any delay." "Now is the time for the last warning to be given." "If ever there was a crisis,

it is now." "We have no time to lose." "The end is near."

"We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine."

Since *now* is the time to *work*, *now* is the time to *give*.

I. J. HANKINS.

A Letter

Dear Elder Hankins,—

Will you kindly answer the following question, through the MISSIONARY:—

"Is it right for Seventh-day Adventists to dance at private evening parties?"

In reply to this anonymous letter, recently received, I quote the following:—

"Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

"Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a *peculiar* people, zealous of *good* works."

"Come out from among them, and be ye separate."—*Bible*.

"Consider what associates you are choosing. Do you seek the company of the *wise*, or are you willing to choose *worldly* associates, companions who fear not God, and obey not the gospel?"

Are your recreations such as to impart *moral* and *spiritual* vigour? Will they lead to purity of thought and action? "Many are eagerly participating in *worldly, demoralising amusements* which God's Word forbids."—*Testimonies*.

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me."

"He that saith he abideth in Him, ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked."

"Christ pleased not Himself." Rom. 15:3.

"I do *always* those things that *please Him*."

Now let me put the question this way: Do we Seventh-day Adventists *glorify God* by dancing at a private party, or anywhere else? Are we pleasing Him? Are we following Christ? Are we walking as He walked? Is such

recreation conducive to *moral* and *spiritual* vigour? Is it a sample of *good* works? Do we find in the dance the best associates? Are we, even by our presence there, representing our Saviour? Would He dance at a private party if He were here? Is it right for Seventh-day Adventists to do so? I. J. H.

the average attendance of the Cape Colony schools 213 instead of 30, the total average attendance 346 instead of 54.

NOTICE.—We wish to thank those secretaries who sent in their reports so promptly this quarter. Some, however, have delayed too long; for this we are sorry. Perhaps we need to be reminded of what the Lord says in Jer. 48:10 (margin). Our report is due at the General Conference office in America not later than the 15th of the second month in each quarter, so we must have your reports in not later than the 10th of the first month in each quarter. If you will do as requested, mail your reports the 1st of the first month in each quarter, they will be in time. Next quarter the reports will be published in the October MISSIONARY, and we *urge* the secretaries to be on time with their reports.

We are pleased to publish this month the names of those who are willing to enter the Home Department. Some of these have no report until next quarter, but we publish their names, so that you may know who they are. Will not others send in their names for membership in this department?

EVA MILLER HANKINS, *Gen. S. S. Sec.*

Our Sabbath School

SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORT

FOR QUARTER ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1905.

CAPE COLONY CONFERENCE

NAME	No. of Schools	Membership	Av. Attendance	No in Senior Div	Donations	Expenses	Donations to Missions
GENERAL DEPT.							
Cape Town ..	58	33	34	5 7 3	1 7 3	4 0 0	
Claremont ..	82	12	6 17 8	2 17 0	5 4 5		
Rokeby Park ..	40	26	10	2 9 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	1 7 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Klipdam ..	19	15	10	1 12 6	..	1 12 6	
Uitenhage ..	32	26	17	3 2 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 15 0	2 7 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Grahamstown ..	10	11	7	0 19 0	0 3 0	0 10 0	
East London ..	23	15	18	3 4 7	2 4 11	0 19 8	
Beaconsfield ..	35	25	..	3 10 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	..
Port Elizabeth ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bethlehem ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
HOME DEPT.	8	299	151	108	27 2 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 7 2	16 1 9
David Groenewald ..	2	2	2	0 6 6	..	0 6 6	
H. T. Willmore ..	9	7	3	0 4 3	..	0 4 3	
P. A. Venter ..	8	7	8	0 12 3	..	0 12 3	
Barend de Beer ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J. H. Commin ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J. H. Tarr ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	111	318	167	121	28 5 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 7 2	17 4 9

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

Cape Col. Conference.	11	318	167	121	28 5 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 7 2	17 4 9
Natal-Transvaal do.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
MISSIONS.							
Bulawayo ..	1	58	51	..	1 8 6	..	1 8 6
Kolo ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Plainfield ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Somabula ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Debe Nek (G W Shone)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Matabele (C R Sparrow)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	12	376	218	121	29 14 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 7 2	18 13 3

The Field Work

East London

The writer returned Sunday afternoon from Stutterheim, where he had gone to conduct the funeral service of the youngest child of Brother and Sister Holmes.

The little boy had contracted measles nearly two weeks previously, from which he seemed to be recovering, when complications set in, resulting in his death, Thursday evening, Aug. 3. The grief-stricken parents were comforted with the thought that their darling, together with all little children sleeping in Jesus, will soon be released from the power of

CORRECTION.—In the report for the last quarter, there are several mistakes. The total number of schools should be 22 instead of 21,

death, and again placed in their mother's arms by the angels who are to gather the redeemed from all parts of the earth.

Yesterday afternoon, Sister Porter was laid to rest after eight months' suffering from that terrible disease—cancer.

Sister Porter was at one time an energetic worker in the Presbyterian Church, and was very highly esteemed by that denomination. But when the third angel's message was presented to her, though some points were strongly contested, she decided to walk in the light, and fully identified herself with the remnant church.

The church here has lost a tried and faithful worker, but we are resigned to the will of our Heavenly Father, knowing that a blessing is pronounced upon those who die in the Lord, "from henceforth." We hope soon again to meet our dear sister in the kingdom of God. Then sorrow, sickness, and death will be forever in the past. Some representative people of East London attended the funeral service, and we trust a good impression was made from the Scriptures read and the words spoken on the "Blessed Hope."

The members of our company who were baptised during the camp-meeting have become established in the truth, and are doing what they can to spread the message. Three of them have joined the workers' ranks,—Sister Henderson joining the nurses' class, and Brethren Shaw and Ellingworth the canvassing work.

A new interest has lately been awakened in East London through the Sunday evening meetings held in Homan's Hall. Quite a number of intelligent people attend these meetings and seem deeply interested. Last Sunday evening, some remained after the close of the service to express their appreciation of the truths presented, and invited me to their homes. Several Bible readings have been appointed, as the result of which we hope soon to see some precious souls fully decided, to walk in all the light for this generation.

D. F. TARR.

Cathcart

We hired a hall and held a few public meetings. Very few came to hear, so we used the hall, and are doing house to house work. We have loaned several thousand pages of tracts, and have visited and talked with the people. A few are interested.

I reviewed the Vicar of the English Church on the Sunday question in the local paper, giving this entire district the essence of the Sabbath truth. We are glad for such opportunities. We are trying to faithfully sow the seed here, trusting the Lord for the increase.

Miss Ruby Tarr spent two weeks with us, canvassing for "Friend in the Kitchen," selling *Sentinals*, and distributing other literature.

It is gratifying to note the increasing interest in the *Sentinel*. It contains the essence of the message. Give it a wide circulation.

I. J. HANKINS.

From a Canvasser

Dear Readers of the Missionary,—

You have no doubt been looking for a report from me, and as I have promised the editor that I would write to the MISSIONARY, relating my experiences, I have concluded that it is time for me to fulfil my promise.

It is just about ten months ago since I started to canvass for our books. Time will not permit me to tell all the details of the work done, but all the time the work that I have undertaken to do has been interesting to me, personally. Although I had some hard times, I rejoice that the victory all along was mine. While the Lord has not promised His people exemption from trials, He has promised that which is far better. He said, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Deut. 33:25. "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12:9. In the Testimonies we read: "Those who love their Redeemer will rejoice at every opportunity of sharing with Him humiliation and reproach. The love they bear

their Lord makes suffering for His sake sweet."

I am sure if it were not for these blessed promises I would fail. I found homes open among all classes for the seeds of truth. I came across people who are really interested in the views we hold. I have met a man here in De Aar who has one of our books. He informed me that the Sunday-school teacher never reads to her children out of any other book but that one. Another man, whom I met at the Paarl, said: "I have a book that I would not miss for anything in the world." I asked him to show the book to me, which he did, and it happened to be that dear little book, "Christ our Saviour." I asked him where he bought it. He said: "One morning I passed through Salt River and saw a child playing with the book. I saw it was too good a book to be handled so roughly. I offered him five shillings for the book, which he accepted."

This man did not know that I was selling the same book, but I showed him that the book I was introducing was by the same author, whereupon he gave me an order. So you can see that the books are doing some good. His Word will not return unto Him void. The almost innumerable inconveniences I have experienced are as nothing compared with the joy and blessing that comes from the Lord while I work. I am certain I shall never regret the sacrifices made or trials endured. My experiences are many. Time will not allow me to write more.

Yours in the blessed hope,

De Aar, July 12.

BAREND P. DE BEER.

Words from the Battlefield

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

I am so anxious to let you know some of the experiences we have had in the Master's work that I can hardly wait for another month to pass. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Matt. 12:34. We have now finished working De Aar. We found the villages up here too small to keep our

wives busy while we worked the out-lying districts, so my brother John and I have decided to separate for the time being, till we can strike a large town. We hardly like the idea, still not our will be done, but that which will be to the best advantage of the cause we love. After we separated, I went to Britstowntown, a small village about thirty-two miles west from De Aar.

On my arrival at Britstown I was at a loss to know where to find lodging. I did not worry about that very much, however, but believed the precious promises. I went to work, beginning at the top of a side street. When I came to the last house of that street, I canvassed the people of the house and went my way, wholly uncertain where to go to get a dinner, or where to put up for the night. No doubt, some of you know that it is very difficult to find a boarding house in these small villages, and hotels are too expensive. Well, as I was leaving the house just mentioned, the "baas" called me back and asked me if I would care to have dinner with them. Before dinner was over he asked if I did not want to stop at his place for the time I intended stopping in Britstown. Recognising the opening providence of the Lord, I stopped there three days. When the time came for me to leave, I asked the lady what I owed for board and lodging, when, to my surprise, she said I did not owe anything. Considering the bad times, I did fairly well. I worked three days, putting in nine hours a day, took orders to the value of £24 for "Great Controversy" and a few medical books.

Since we began working in the vicinity of this place, we have at times taken as many as seventeen orders for "Great Controversy" in one day. I am sorry to say that this week I will be delayed a little on account of having an attack of influenza. When we first came to De Aar, we met here a Mrs. Crossley, *nee* Pretorius, formerly a member of the Beaconsfield church, but who had grown cold. I am glad to say that she has now returned to the fold, after a few talks we had together. She also gave us free quarters in her house,

which is a fairly large one. At one time, before she was married, Mrs Crossley was a cook at Union College when Professor Elffers was principal of the school.

Brethren, we can never really taste the fulness of joy until we have an active part in the spreading of the last message. If there are any of our bretheren or sisters who are thinking of doing something for the Master, and who do not see their way clear, or do not know how or where to begin, let me suggest, the way to begin is by giving yourselves wholly and unreservedly to God, so that the Holy Spirit can work through you to the salvation of perishing souls, and I am certain that God will accomplish a great work through you. Brethren, this has been my experience. I felt for a long time that God wanted me to do His work, but I did not know what to do. Sometimes Satan would bring to me discouraging thoughts, saying, "What about your debts? Look at those who are in the work; they are not progressing very much, either spiritually or financially." At last, I made a start, and, thanks to my God, I will never regret it. I was never so happy as I am now. I have made enough money to clear, practically, all my debts, and have gained precious experiences that I would not exchange for anything, besides all the seeds of truth that have been sown; and surely, brethren, His word is not going to return to Him void; we will see the result by and by. We only have to sow, and God will give the increase.

Yours in the blessed hope,

BAREND P. DE BEER.

De Aar, July 30.

Health Reform Experiences.

It gives me great pleasure to tell the dear readers of the MISSIONARY that the Lord is blessing us abundantly in our work among these people. When we came here and saw that the people were not only uneducated, and could barely read, we knew that we had before us a great task, and that it would take

considerable time to raise them up to the high standard of sanctification which God has placed before all those who would be prepared for translation when Jesus comes. How to teach these professed Sabbath-keepers the principles of health reform was a most difficult and delicate matter, as they did not understand anything about the spirit of prophecy, and we have not the Testimonies in Dutch. This task was made still more difficult by the fact that the one who is a patriarch among them here, and who was baptised ten years ago, does not only use meat, strong condiments, tea, coffee, and cocoa himself, but just a little while before we came here, this good brother and his widowed daughter, who was just coming into the truth, went to our headquarters at the Cape Peninsula, and there they were given coffee, etc., in the home of at least one of our oldest and most prominent church members. On their return home, they stopped off at Stellenbosch on Friday evening to pay us a visit. The brother was suffering from a most severe headache, and I had the privilege of giving him treatment that night; but we were entirely robbed of the blessing we might have enjoyed from our association, had it not been for the terrible headache, which had been made worse by the unfortunate, although perhaps well-meant, kindness bestowed upon him before leaving the Cape. Of course I could not convince him of the true cause of his affliction. Can you guess the reason why?

Oh, how I have thought, and still think, about our Saviour's example, as recorded in John 17:19. "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth." Also His prayer, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also who shall believe on me *through their word*; that they all may be one: as thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us." John 19:19-21. "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the

same mind and in the same judgement. I Cor. I:19.

Brethren, let us submit ourselves to the sanctifying power of the truth, and our experiences may be thus described: "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men; forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in the fleshy tables of the heart." On our recent trip to visit different companies, one good sister, when she saw that we refused certain things which were not right to eat, or drink, said, "Oh, I see you are health reformers. I am not. Brother—(the one who brought the truth to her) was no health reformer."

Last month I received an urgent call by telegram to go to Caledon to nurse the mayor of that town, who was seriously ill. Two of our leading brethren here took me with their cart. As it was about sixty miles distant, we had to stop over night on a farm. All along the way at our stopping places, and where we slept that night, the usual tests came upon the points of eating between meals, the use of tea and coffee (biscuits, cakes, or tarts always being served with tea and coffee), the use of flesh foods, etc. God graciously granted me the victory over every test, in the spirit of meekness and courtesy. The brethren with me felt very much afraid that the people would find out that we were Seventh-day Adventists, that their prejudice would be aroused, and that they would make it un-

pleasant for them on their return home. The Lord vindicated His truth, and they found friends instead of enemies on their return home.

I spent three weeks very pleasantly in the home of the patient, and gave no one any offence by adhering to principle. The Lord blessed me in my work. The whole family treated me with the greatest respect. Imagine their surprise when, after a while, letters came from our office with the word "Pastor" on the address, and they discovered that their nurse was a "Reverend," as they proposed to call me, but which I declined. Before they made this discovery, I had already prayed with the patient, and at their request had been conducting the family prayers. By the time I left, I was regarded as a member of the family. The father, one of his daughters, and his brother from another village, had acknowledged the Sabbath and second coming of Christ. I was cordially invited to bring my wife with me and pay them a visit, which we hope to do in the near future.

When I got home again, I found that the brethren who took me to Caledon had been very much benefitted by our experiences on the way. They had told their wives and others all about it, and I am glad to say they had already made reformations in their homes. The way is now open for me to give, and for them to receive, the third angel's message unmutilated.

D. H. GROENEWALD.

Bonnie Vale, P. O., Ashton, C. C.

Cape Colony Canvassing Report, June, 1905

AGENT	TERRITORY	Book	Hours	Ord	Misc	Total	VALUE	Deliv'd	VALUE
S. B. Burton	Mowbray	Great Controversy	49	14	..	14	£8 5 0	..	£ 9 0 0
B. P. De Beer	De Aar		37	18	9	27	23 12 0	38	27 10 0
Mrs B. P. De Beer		Miscellaneous	14	..	32	32	5 9 0	..	0 0 0
John De Beer	DeAar & Nawpt	Great Controversy	86	49	16	65	40 12 6	48	30 4 6
Mrs. J. N. DeBeer	Naauwport	Guide	..	4	4	8	4 9 6	2	0 4 6
G. A. Ellingsworth	East London	Masterpiece	81	13	5	18	19 4 6	17	21 10 0
Chas. Haupt	Constantia	Dan. and Rev.	96	19	9	28	15 6 6	17	9 4 6
Mrs. E. George	Cape Town	Redemption	4	2	..	2	0 0 0	11	2 9 6
W H Haupt & John Haupt	Craddock	Great Controversy	..	51	77	138	47 12 6	..	0 0 0
		Masterpiece	..	24	..	24	25 5 0	..	0 0 0
C. H. Shaw	East London		67	3	11	14	5 10 6	21	21 0 0
P. J. Vermaak	Jansenville	Miscellaneous	6	6	0 11 3	..	0 0 0
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—In response to our invitation of last month, asking those who desire papers for missionary work to make their wants known through the MISSIONARY, we have received word from the following:—

—Miss Annie E. Grant, corner Moss and Jules Streets, Belgravia Johannesburg, would like a constant supply of papers for missionary work in the hospitals.

—Brother C. H. Shaw, 28 Queen St., King William's Town, who is canvassing in that town and vicinity, can use to good advantage any of our missionary papers.

—Miss F. C. Bourne, care of H. M. Prison, Fauresmith, O. R. C., is filled with a desire to communicate the truth to the people of that town, and would be glad to receive any papers or tracts which may be sent to her.

—Brethren Enochson and Sutherland have started a "Life Boat Mission" in Kimberley, and are using all of our denominational literature that they can get hold of. They will be pleased to receive parcels of papers, post paid, for use in connection with their work. Address, The Life Boat Mission, 7 Cheapside, Kimberley.

—Some canvassers get discouraged, sometimes, and go out of the canvassing work and take up secular work in order to pay their debts; but Brother Barend de Beer gave up secular work and went into the canvassing work, and *by this means* has paid his debts and has gained unspeakable blessings which he would not exchange for all the glittering promises which an alluring world can hold out. There is a moral in this experience. We will leave our readers to express it.

—We ask our contributors again to remember that all copy for the MISSIONARY should be in the editor's hands by the 1st of each month, or, at the latest, during the first week in each month. Copy sent in after that time is likely to be left out or held over.

—The first of Brother Barend de Beer's reports came just as we were going to press with the July number, so we give both interesting articles in this number. We are pleased to note the steady success that has attended the work of both Brethren Barend and John de Beer. Their wives go with them on their canvassing tours and share in their labour.

—We hope that all who have papers, such as the *Sentinel*, *Present Truth*, *Signs*, *Review*, etc., will not waste or destroy a single copy, but will keep them clean and neat, and after reading, either use them in their missionary efforts, or send them to the addresses given above, where they will be given opportunities to let their light shine on the pathway of others.

—We hope our readers have been interested in the articles on tithing which have appeared in the MISSIONARY. By a glance through the new Sabbath-school lesson quarterly, we are pleased to see several lessons devoted to this subject. Let us study these lessons earnestly; and as the truth, and in some cases, conviction, is pressed upon us, let the treasury report the inflowing tithes which have been withheld, and the promised blessing of the Lord will rest upon us.

—NOTICE.—The Sanitarium at Plumstead is in need of old bed linen for bandages, dressing of wounds, etc. If any of the friends of this institution, who live at the Cape, have anything in this line to spare, they will be conferring a great favour by sending word to the Sanitarium, and some one will be sent to collect the articles. If there are any at a distance who would also like to help, any parcels sent by passenger train will be most gratefully received. Address, Sanitarium, Plumstead, Cape.