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The Cape Town Church.

The members of the Cape Town church are scattered. Some live in the city, quite a number live at Salt River, and four families live at Parow. Those living at Salt River and at Parow have found the expense of train and tram fares very taxing upon their limited means, besides suffering the inconvenience and discomfort of riding back and forth to the meetings on the Sabbath day. After a careful study of the situation, it was decided to organise a little Sabbath-school and Sabbath meetings at Parow. This has already been done, and the members at that place are very much pleased. Almost sufficient money has been raised to provide an inexpensive building for their meetings.

The members at Salt River are also to have the privilege of a Sabbath-school and meetings right in their midst. We also hope to provide a little church school for them. As no place could be found suitable for the meetings and the school, a builder has offered to erect a building which will meet the requirements, and will rent it to us at a low rental. This offer has been accepted, and we hope the building will soon be ready for occupancy. Brother Theunissen will be the leader of this company, and we earnestly pray that God may bless this new light which will be set up in Salt River, that it may light up the pathway of life for many souls.

As you will readily see, these arrangements will materially reduce the membership and attendance at the Cape Town church. But we who are left will not be lonesome, though

we may be few in number. Some of the greatest victories have been gained with the smallest armies. It is when we have no strength that the power of God can be made perfect in our weakness. We pray that God may quicken us with His Spirit, that we may carry His word to the other sheep "which are not of this fold," that they may hear His voice; "and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."

O. O. F.

City Mission in Cape Town.

There has been very little progressive work, and no public effort, made in Cape Town for about ten years. Though this city is the metropolis of South Africa, and the headquarters of our work, the message has not kept pace with the progress and spirit of the times. Our attention has been given to other places. By removals, many of the former members are scattered to other places in South Africa, and in other countries. But now we are pleased to announce that the Conference has made provision for aggressive work in this city. A city mission is to be established next month under the supervision of Elder Hankins, the President of the Conference, and Sister Hankins. A comfortable house in a pleasant locality, about five or six minutes' walk from the church, has already been secured for the mission. Elder and Sister Hankins have volunteered to furnish the house free of expense to the Conference.

The Conference Committee decided to ask a few workers to unite with the mission, to

engage in Bible work, tract work, etc. Daily Bible studies will be conducted and instruction will be given, so those who unite with the mission will have the opportunity of becoming thoroughly competent and efficient workers. Instruction will also be provided for others who may wish to improve their efficiency for the work. There are many who would like to enter the canvassing work, or other lines of gospel work, but who, on account of a lack of experience, or a limited education, feel that they are unprepared to give themselves to the work of the Lord. Dear reader, if this is your experience, we have a word of encouragement for you.

The Cape Town church has a large vestryroom, and in this room daily classes will be held, and instruction will be given in Bible, language, history in its relation to the prophecies, physiology and simple treatments, canvassing, and plans and methods of gospel work. This will not be an ordinary school where children or young people will be accepted for a regular education in either the common branches or higher school studies. Those who are in need of such a course, and are able to take it, we earnestly recommend to the Union College School, Kenilworth, but young people, and older ones as well, who have missed these advantages in their school days, will receive here just what they need to prepare them to give the message to all classes of people. Elder Hankins would like to correspond with those who desire to take advantage of these classes. There will be no tuition. as the iustruction will be free. This will be a great opportunity to become instructed and drilled under experienced teachers.

The members of the church, and any of our people in the Peninsula will be invited to take advantage of as many of these classes as they may be able to attend. We hope there will be a number from other places who will avail themselves of this opportunity to realise their life-long desire to prepare for active service in the great army of the Lord. The warfare is on, dear brethren and sisters. What are you doing to show your loyalty and devotion to

your King? Soon the conflict will be over. Now is the time when the Lord needs recruits. Now is the time to enlist under His banner.

O. O. FORTNER.

The Cape Conference.

The next session of the C. C. Conference will be held at the church, Kenilworth, Jan. 11-21, 1906. We will expect every church in the Conference to be represented, also the unorganised companies. Church officers should prepare their reports promptly at the end of the year, and send them to Brother Gibson, so that we may have a complete annual report. These meetings will be specially for the spiritual benefit of our own people. We hope to see a full attendance from the Cape, and a good delegation from the more distant parts of the field. More next issue.

I. J. HANKINS.

The Field Work

Extracts From Letters.

Plainfield Mission, Cholo, B. C. Africa.

Dear Brother Fortner,—I received your good and interesting letter, and I assure you it was read with interest, as all your letters are. I am very glad to report to you that the work up here, both spiritual and temporal, is still moving forward. The boys are, I believe, in earnest about the work and their studies, though, as is always the case, there are some drones; but these at this station have to come up to the mark. It takes patience and endurance, but I hope in the Lord to be able to show them the virtue of doing things well.

There are several different tribes represented by these boys, and among them is an underchief of one of the most daring and murderous kings of Africa. His duty was to do as this wicked king bade him,-to plunder, to lead out in war, to take by force whatever his kingship desired. The lives of little children and women received small consideration at their hands. This under-chief came to this mission a year ago to learn the Word of God, having left his chieftainship, his village, his wives, and all his ill-gotten gains, and with the wife of his choice, he came to learn the better way, and he is succeeding admirably. there is anything special to be attended to, I send him. He is one of our boys who is anxious about the Sabbath afternoon work among the villagers, and he is also studying for baptism. This is a great lesson to the other boys, who were subjects of the same fierce king, to see such a change in a man like The ruling chief and people of his former village often send messengers to call him to come and help them to settle their cases, but he in turn sends them word, "I have finished with the old native ways. Come and learn of Jesus, and let Him settle all of our cases." So often has he sent this word to them that the chief is talking of coming to He has also asked that we enter the school. come and start a school in his village, which is a very large one. I am now trying to get a permit from the Government, so that I may be able to answer his request, praying that God will direct in this matter.

As to beer-drinking, we have that same trouble to deal with here in this part. claim also that it is their necessary food. I do not know of a single one of my boys who follow the old habit, and they speak strongly against it. Several of my boys, I think, are exceptionally bright in the Scriptures, and will, in the near future, make good workers. This is my longing desire that some of these may receive the spirit of the Master, and be able to give to others the words of life. Then, too, there are several of the village boys who have left off the old dance, the beer-drinking, and the wailing for their dead, and will have nothing to do with it. These go with the mission boys to the villages Sabbath afternoons, to help with the services.

T. H. BRANCH.

WORD FROM BAROTSELAND.

Our stay was very short at the Matabele Mission, and we were soon on our way north again. It was quite different now to what it was when I first went to the Zambesi five years ago. Then it was a two weeks' journey on foot; now we make the journey in less than twenty-four hours by train.

I had to wait at the Falls two weeks for my waggon to arrive. This time was spent at the pleasant home of Mr. Coisson, of the French Mission. When I came to look for oxen, I could find none that were trained, so I had to buy oxen that had never been caught or had a yoke on them. I bought them on Thursday morning, and on the evening after the Sabbath we started for our new mission, two hundred miles away. I question if you can imagine what the next three weeks were like. We started north with ten of the oxen on the waggon, and as fast as we could get the others to walk along in the voke we put them in. By the time we arrived at Monzes we had all but two of them so that they went very well. Those two were When they were caught very stubborn. they would at once lie down, and would lie there for hours unless they were left alone; then they would get up and begin to eat.

We had hard work all day, and we had to watch at night, for the lions were plentiful on much of the road. I awoke one morning to find one standing about twenty steps from me. It was too dark to see to shoot, so I quickly built up a fire and he went on his way. At another time, when I was away from the waggon, a lion followed it for a long distance, coming out at one time about fifty yards from the oxen in plain view, at eight o'clock in the morning. We are truly thankful that we were kept through it all.

On our arrival at the farm we commenced at once to build a house. The poles were cut and the frame put up in one week. Then I had to leave the boys to finish it while I returned to the Falls for mother and Mrs. Anderson, whom I had left at Cape Town. Just before I left the place I was visited by

two Jesuit Fathers. They had come to occupy the same farm that I had selected, and had I arrived only a little later they would have been in possession. I was very glad that we were here first. They have now gone five or six miles away and have built a house.

One day one of them was here when I was away, and he asked one of my boys to show him the path to a native kraal. On the way they had the following conversation: J. F.-Why do you keep the Sabbath? B.—Because God has commanded it. J.F.-Where? B.-Exodus 20. J. F.—But Sunday has been kept for a long time? B.—Yes; but not as long as the Sabbath, for that has been kept since creation. J. F.-But you are so few. Why do you think you are right, when so many keep Sunday? B .- Have you not read in the Revelation that all the world wondered after the Beast? J. F.-It is not good to give the Bible to this people who are unlearned. They cannot understand it? B .- Jesus said that we should teach all nations all the things that He has commanded us. Here the conversation closed. Certainly this unlearned native, who has only been in school a short time, could give a reason for the faith that was in him. Can all of our young people in South Africa do as well?

W. H. ANDERSON.

Kalomo, N. W. Rhodesia.

Debe Nek.

On Sunday, the 29th of October, we had a baptismal service about four miles from here, when three followed their Lord in baptism. These have been waiting for some time, and we think they were tried and fit for the solemn ordinance.

Some not of our faith were present and were deeply impressed.

We are glad to say the strong prejudice which was manifested against us at the beginning has apparently disappeared, and a few who were very bitter are among our best friends now. My wife and I have been alone here since the beginning of August until the

time of Elder Hyatt's recent visit, when Brother Moko came back from Alice to join us in the work here.

Thus far we have not secured a site for the Mission Farm, but some hope has been held out to us by the chief that we shall be able to secure a farm on a lease next year.

G. W. SHONE.

Cape Colony Notes.

Elder Tarr reports that a young man and his wife have accepted the truth in East London. The interest continues good.

The De Beer brothers recently took about forty orders for "Great Controversy" in one week in Kimberley, where they are working.

Brother Shone thinks the prospects are brighter for the Kafir mission. Brethren, let us give every worker our sympathy and our prayers.

Brother Wilson says they have more patients from the doctors now than ever before in the history of the Kimberley baths. The patients are getting well, and the doctors are glad. Notwithstanding the hard times, their rooms are again full of cash-paying tenants. He has recently sent £25 to the Conference, proceeds from the garden, and expects to send as much more January 1st. The workers are full of hope and courage.

Miss Austen, Uitenage, says: "The school is growing. The prospect for next year is good, as I have the promise of many new pupils. I have become well acquainted with several of the parents through my pupils, and the way has been opened for me to present the truth . . . Our average attendance at the Friday night meetings is twenty, almost half of the number consisting of outsiders." A new family has just begun the observance of the Sabbath at Uitenhage.

I. J. H.

Remember Tenderly Those Who Are Suffering.

Sister Haupt, wife of Brother C. Haupt, has for a few months been suffering from an

incurable malady. She came to the Sanitarium about three weeks ago, and Dr. Thomason performed a surgical operation, not with the hope of restoring complete health, but with the possibility of extending the life our sister for a few months and rendering her more comfortable while she is still with us. The operation was successful, and Sister Haupt is now able to take food without difficulty, whereas before she was unable to take any nourishment. We ask all of our readers to remember Sister Haupt in prayer.

We are thankful that God has given us the Sanitarium and a doctor to perform these ministrations who receives his help from the Lord. In the new earth we will not need sanitariums or doctors, but in this world of sin and disease, the Lord has prepared places of refuge from suffering.

O. O. F.



Educational.



Union College.

While I was at the Cape, we spent considerable time considering the future of our school. From its beginning there has been a difference of opinion as to the standard of work to be performed. During the last three or four years there has been a liberal course adopted, and it has met with general favour, as far as we know; but some of the brethren doubt the advisability of the change.

These varied opinions caused some perplexity to those having the work in charge. Certain of the brethren advocated, among other things, the cutting out of the higher grade work and making the school simply a high grade church school. These opinions led to the calling of a meeting of all the brethren at the Cape for counsel.

After a long discussion it was decided that we approve of the plan to strengthen the courses of study, and that, in harmony with the action of the General Conference at Washington, we recommend that our school prepare

such students as may desire to pass the matriculation examination. The brethren asked Brother Hayton to remain as principal, and promised him their support and co-operation.

Accordingly, plans were laid for the work another year. Very little change has been made in the faculty, and the prospects are good for another year's work. Two more of our young people complete the normal course this year, and we hope they will at once enter the ranks of the workers.

While in England and America I visited several of our training schools, and I was led to appreciate our school more than ever before. I counseled with several of the leading brethren regarding the future of our school. Elder Shaw, Miss Burrill, Floy Wilson, and my daughter, both pupils and teachers, were there, whereby the work of the school could be understood. The counsel received was to the effect that we maintain a strong course of study, and train our young people for the work in this field. To this end we ask your prayers and sympathies.

w. s. hyatt.

"Higher Education."

[The answers to these questions are quotations from vol. 6 and 8 of the Testimonies.]

"The term 'higher education' is to be considered in a different light from what it has been viewed by the students of the sciences."

I. What is the "higher education"?

The true higher education is what makes students acquainted with God and His word, and fits them for eternal life.

2. How broad is it?

It covers a much broader field than the so-called "advanced methods" of education.

3. Where is it to be found?

In Bible study, teachers and students will find the highest education.

- 5. Will such study strengthen the mind?

 As a book to discipline and strengthen the intellect, the Bible is without a rival.
- 5. What book stands next in importance? The book of nature.

6. What must our schools do to meet God's idea of higher education?

Christian education demands an entire change of subject matter and methods.

7. How far shall we follow the world's methods?

We are not at liberty to teach that which shall meet the world's standard or the standard of the church simply because it is the custom to do so.

8. What changes are required?

All unnecessary matters need to be weeded from the course of study, and only such studies be placed before the student as will be of real value to him. With these alone he needs to become familiarised. Let no more time be lost in dwelling on the many things which are not essential, and which have no bearing on the present necessities of God's people. Very little of the study and research which is so wearying to the mind, furnishes anything that will make one a successful labourer for souls. It is not well to crowd the mind with a class of studies that require intense application, but that are not brought into use in practical life. An education of this kind will be a loss to the student.

9 What will result if this instruction is not heeded?

The student becomes a mental dyspeptic by being crammed with much that he cannot utilise. Too great devotion to study, even of true science, creates an abnormal appetite, which increases as it is fed. This creates a desire to secure more knowledge than is essential to do the Lord's work. If we had a thousand years, such a depth of knowledge would be uncalled for.

10. Is there a tendency to ignore this instruction?

My brethren, your way of representing the necessity for years of study is not pleasing to God. With tenacity and firmness some cling to old habits and the love of various studies which are not essential, as if their salvation depended upon these things. In doing this they turn from the special work of God, and give to the student a deficient, awrong, education.

11. What was Christ's example?

Christ imparted only that knowledge that could be utilised. Jesus brought into His teaching none of the science of men. The topic of human science never escaped His hallowed lips. Christ taught in a way altogether different from ordinary methods. The great Teacher . . . has not directed teachers to study any of the reputedly great authors.

12. What is Satan's object?

This long drawn out process, adding and adding more time, more hranches, is one of Satan's snares to keep labourers back.

13. What is the true object?

The success of the work does not depend upon the amount of knowledge men have in scientific studies. The thought to be kept before students is that time is short, and that they must make speedy preparation for doing the work that is essential for this time.

14. What studies are essential?

If teachers were receiving light and wisdom from the divine Teacher, the common essential branches of education would be more thoroughly taught. Bookkeeping should be looked upon as of equal importance with grammar. The youth should be taught to look upon physiology as one of the essential studies. There is a study of history that is not to be condemned. . . . We are to see in history the fulfilment of prophecy, to study the workings of Providence in the great reformatory movements, and to understand the progress of events in the marshalling of the nations. Manual training should be a distinguishing feature of education. Study in agricultural lines should be the A B C of the education in our schools; sacred music and poetry.

15. Should the standard of education be lowered?

In our schools the standard of education must not be lowered. It must be lifted higher and still higher, far above where it now stands; but the education must not be confined to a knowledge of text books merely. That which the Lord has spoken concerning the instruction to be given in our schools is to be strictly regarded. Reforms must be entered into with heart and soul and will.

I. J. HANKINS

Special Course of Study.

Letters have been received lately making enquiries concerning special studies at the College. For the benefit of those who desire to fit themselves more thoroughly for efficient work, it is proposed to start, at the beginning of the new year, a one year's course as outlined below:—

BIBLE.—Present truth. Doctrinal points of the message. Bible readings.

HISTORY.- Prophetic history. Ancient empires of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.

Language.—English. Pure words. Correct sentences. Style in writing, and errors in speaking.

PHYSIOLOGY and HYGIENE.—A general view of the human system, and the care of the body. Simple treatment.

DRILLS in writing, reading, drawing, and book-keeping.

If possible, there will be ministerial help in Bible studies, and some assistance from the Sanitarium in physiology and hygiene. The expenses will be 15s. per week and will include tuition and board and lodging in the College Home. Books and stationery will be extra. To enable the students to earn this amount, the classes will be held during the morning session, giving the entire afternoon for can-

vassing. Good territory lies within a few minutes' walk from the College. With perseverance, every one attending will be enabled to pay their whole way.

Write to the College for further information.

Paragraphs.

(Reprinted from Flashes, Maritzburg.)

We received on last Tuesday a wire from Brother William Haupt, accepting our invitation to join this Conference, to assist the writer especially in working for the Dutch people. Brother Haupt is a Colonial man, having been born at The Paarl, of Dutch parents. For several years he was a student at Union College, Claremont, where he trained with a view to entering the ministry. Having completed the College course he was some time teaching in the College, after which he went into the field to canvass.

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Yet another worker comes to us from Union College, in the person of Sister Olive Pote, who has accepted the position of teacher at the Maritzburg Church School, from January next. Sister Pote accepted the truth in Uitenhage, under the writer's ministry. One year ago, after passing examinations for teaching under Government, she went to the College to train for a position in our denominational schools. When Miss Ingle handed in her resignation, Miss Pote was strongly recommended by the College faculty, and we are

glad to see yet another responsible position being filled by local persons.

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The writer has often been asked whether the College at Claremont is a suitable place for their children to be trained. The question is well answered in the fact that there are already in the field a number of persons doing acceptable work, who received their training at that institution. Among those locally known we might mention Brother H. Schmidt, Brother E. Howard, and Sisters Robertson, Ingle, and the two above named persons.

Cape Colony Conference Report

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T. J. GIBSON, TREASURER.

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—The Maritzburg office has reprinted the tract, "An Open Letter to Ministers," and has sold 5,500 copies.

—We recently sent a cheque for £25 to Brother Chaney, with which he purchased two good milch cows for the Kola Mission.

—Brother B. O. Carr has been given the contract for the erection of an addition to the Plumstead Sanitarium. The work has already been started, and the much-needed rooms for treatments will soon be provided.

—The Natal-Transvaal Conference intended to hold a camp-meeting and conference at Pretoria, but on account of the increasing Sunday agitation in Maritzburg, and other reasons, it has been decided to postpone this meeting till the second week in April. Elder Edmed will, however, open city mission work in Pretoria in January.

-Elder Edmed writes in the Flashes as ollows:-Elder I. J. Hankins has secured a house near the Gardens in Cape Town. city mission is to be established there, similar to the one we are planning to hold in Pretoria. Cape Town will thus have another opportunity of hearing the message. rejoice in these organised efforts wherever they are held. They serve two purposes,-first, they bring the truth to the masses; and, second, they afford the best opportunity for prospective workers, who have an ordinary education, to qualify by quick and practical process for more efficient service for the Lord. All are not able to take a college course, but most grown people can unite with a mission. In starting this city mission we do not oppose the good work that is being done at Union College, for we can never take the place of

the College as an educational and training institution. On the other hand, the experience which the mission work gives is needed by all our members, and even college graduates, before they are prepared to do satisfactory field work. The Lord calls for both colleges and city missions. We wish Pastor Hankins and his company every success.

-In reading elsewhere in this paper about the city mission to be established at Cape Town and the essential studies to be conducted in connection with the same, we trust that no one will be confused into thinking that the Conference is establishing that work with any idea of drawing students who should be in Union College. The work of the city mission is one sphere; and the work of the College is another sphere. There is no confusion of these interests in fact, and we trust there will be none in mind. There is no reason why all of our young people in this country should not have a complete education in everything that is necessary in this life of service, if they are willing to enter the College and remain until they complete the courses of study. On the other hand, there are many who are past the time of their school days, and who cannot think of entering upon any such courses, but who desire help in some special studies which they can receive while being trained in actual experience in the work. It is this latter class only that will be received at the mission. the first of January Elder Edmed will start a similar mission in Pretoria, where exactly the same kind of work will be conducted. Please note what Elder Edmed says about this work in the preceding paragraph. We ask our brethren far and near to pray for the College at Kenilworth, and the young people there who are receiving the foundation training for their future work, and also the mission work to be started in Cape Town and Pretoria. If you want to make enquiries about the College, write to Brother Hayton. If you want to know more about the work in Cape Town or Pretoria, write to Elder Hankins or Elder Edmed. O. O. F.