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The True Teacher

A teacher is not a mere tube through which the contents of a text-book are poured into a human mind. A true teacher bears the same relation to facts or principles, and the one to be instructed in them, that a tree bears to the soil and the one who is to eat of the fruit. In the latter case, the tree takes dead matter,—soil and water, air and sunshine,—that upon which man cannot subsist,—assimilates it, and makes it a living part of itself,—ripe, luscious fruit, the proper nourishment for man. So the true teacher takes facts and principles, makes them a part of his own life and thought, vitalises them, and presents them in an original form, with the freshness and animation of one who knows himself capable of creating thought in himself and in others as well. Such a teacher was Christ our example. Such should be the ideal of every Seventh-day Adventist teacher, whether in the day-school, or the Sabbath-school, in the homes of the people or in the pulpit.

EVA MILLER HANKINS.

The Coming Conference

As announced last month, the twelfth session of the Cape Colony Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Claremont church, January 11-21, 1906. The usual Conference business, including the election of officers, will be transacted. Each church should be represented by at least one delegate, and by as many more as can afford to come.

Rooms and board may be obtained in the School Home at 15/- per week, by those coming from a distance, but each guest should bring a roll of bedding and towels, as there are none furnished.

Buy tickets and book your luggage direct to Kenilworth, Cape, changing at Salt River. Trunks and heavy parcels may be left at the parcels office, to be called for by the College cart. It would be well for each expected guest to write Brother C. H. Hayton, engaging room, and board if desired, and notify him of the time of arrival.

SYNOD TICKETS

Every Seventh-day Adventist in the Conference is entitled to a Synod ticket, providing he comes to attend the Conference session.

Let all who are coming, order this certificate at once of Brother T. J. Gibson. He must sign the blank form before you can use it to buy your ticket. So do not neglect to send for this Synod form at once, if you wish the benefits of the reduction in railway fare.

PROGRAMME

In order to facilitate the Conference work, the committee has recommended the following programme, which pretty well covers the lines of work to be considered. In the hands of experienced persons, these subjects should be most interesting and highly instructive. After the reading of each paper, the subject will be open for free discussion. Then any action which the Conference may wish to take should be presented in carefully written resolutions. It might be well for those who read papers to have resolutions ready to pre-

sent. These meetings are to be the business meetings of the Conference, and we sincerely hope that they may be conducted under special guidance of the Holy Spirit.

PROGRAMME

CONFERENCE

Conference Organization, Jurisdiction, and Work.	W. S. Hyatt.
Methods of Gospel Work for To-day.	I. J. Hankins.
Bible Reading Work.	D. F. Tarr.
Book and Tract Work.	T. J. Gibson.
Our Periodicals.	O. O. Fortner.
City Missions.	Miss West.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK

The Sanitarium and Medical Missionary Work	Dr. Thomason.
Relation of Conference to Sanitarium and Medical Missionary Work.	J. J. Wessels.
Treatment Rooms, Resturants, Health Foods, etc., as Factors in Gospel Work.	J. V. Willson.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL

The Sabbath-School	Mrs. Hankins.
Young People's Societies	O. O. Fortner.

EDUCATION

Higher Education.	C. H. Hayton.
Education of Seventh-day Adventist Children.	I. J. Hankins.
The Church School.	Mrs. Fortner.
Relation of Church School Teacher to the Church.	Miss Austen.
Relation of City Missions to Educational Work.	Mrs. Hankins.

We desire that these papers shall be replete with helpful instruction on these different topics. In them should be presented the possibilities of our work, and the best and speediest methods of accomplishing the work. We believe that these papers, carefully presented, will be interesting, instructive, and helpful in our Conference proceedings.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

Bible studies, preaching, prayer, and social services will be conducted daily. The keynote in this Conference should be the coming of Christ, and the great work to be done in the little time that remains. Brethren and sisters, have you anything in the way of business or pleasure that you are going to let stand in your way of coming to this important

meeting? Owing to the great distances, we are not expecting a general rally of those from the remote parts of the field, but we do hope to see a good attendance of our brethren at the Cape. Arrange your work, brethren and sisters, so that you may come and spend each day of the meeting with us. We expect Elder Hyatt to be with us, also all the ministers of the Conference. Doubtless most of our canvassers will be present to report what the Lord has accomplished through them. The isolated Sabbath-keepers are specially invited.

If any families desire to pitch a tent on the school grounds during the meetings, the committee will gladly provide it at the usual rate. The blessing of this ten days of specially waiting on the Lord will be worth more to all who truly love Him and His work, than any other employment during the same period.

Any questions you may wish to ask, I will gladly answer by letter; or you may write to the Cape Town office. Only a little time remains till January 11, so let us all make our preparations at once to attend this important gathering. Let us hear from those who are coming.

My address now is 14 Hiddingh Avenue, Cape Town.

I. J. HANKINS.

The Field Work

Our Last Sabbath At Somabula Mission

Sabbath, November 11, was a good day for this mission. Some months ago Brother White started a class of those who desired baptism. These have been faithfully instructed in the Word of God. One of these is the first boy who came to school when the mission was opened at Somabula over four years ago. Four others are from Nyassaland, and they long to return with a white teacher

to open work far to the north where there are no missions. One other young man is from Barotseland. He is a devoted fellow and desires to be a true follower of the Master.

The Sabbath-school opened as usual at eleven o'clock. There were over two hundred present, and these were divided into eleven classes. After spending an hour the school closed. The regular monthly offering was taken, amounting of £ 1-3-3. We were thankful to see the spirit of liberality manifested by the people. The next morning a man came with a little basket of grain, as he had no money when the offering was taken on Sabbath. We then went to the river, a little more than a mile distant, and held our service under the trees. Two short discourses were delivered by Eld. Armitage and the writer, followed by a few words by each of the candidates. Brother Armitage then buried eleven willing souls with their Lord in baptism.

In the evening we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. It was a new experience for these boys, but all entered into it with a will. A short praise service followed, and many words of thanksgiving were spoken for the privileges of the day.

On the following Sunday we organised a little native church of nineteen members. We tried to instruct these babes in Christ in the service of the Lord. We hope that Brother and Sister Armitage may have wisdom as shepherds to care for the Lord's little flock at Somabula.

Brother Armitage still continues to improve in health, for which we are thankful. Brother White will soon begin canvassing for our books, and Sister White will remain at the mission and assist in the teaching. Mrs. Hyatt will return to the Cape with me. We trust that the blessing of God will ever attend the work at this place.

W. S. HYATT.

—FOR SEVERAL weeks Sister Walston has been very ill, but we are glad to say that the Lord has especially blessed her, and now she is improving

Church Dedication at Solusi

We left Somabula November 13 and arrived at Solusi the 17th. We had a good shower the morning we passed through Bulawayo, but not enough to start the grass growing. Up to the time of writing, November 28, there has been no rain to start vegetation, hence all the stock are becoming very thin. No planting has yet been done, and the prospects do not look very encouraging. There is time even yet, however, to grow a crop if rain comes soon.

Last year Elder Studervant, with the help of the mission boys, made and burned about 84,000 bricks. During the past winter they built a church house 26 by 44 feet. The work was done by the missionaries and the boys, and we certify that they did it well, although it was their first experience in erecting brick buildings. The plastering which was done by the boys, is a credit to them, and the native floor made by the school girls and native women is a most excellent piece of work.

On Sabbath, November 18, we dedicated the building to the Lord and His service. Elder Sturdevant gave the opening address, urging the people to hear the Word and obey the gospel. The writer followed with the thought that it was an acceptable offering which we were making to the Lord, but to dedicate our bodies to God, as temples of the Holy Spirit, would be far more acceptable to Him. The church members then renewed their consecration, after which about thirty others gave themselves to the Lord. The Spirit was present to impress hearts, and tears flowed freely. I can say it was one of the best meetings with the natives I ever attended. There were fully 225 present.

We then spent four days with Brother and Sister Sparrow, of Mkupavula. They were labouring hard to push forward the work on a self-supporting basis. We believe that God accepts their efforts to serve Him. Returning to Solusi, we spent another Sabbath with the friends there. In the morning I spoke to an

audience of about 175, and in the afternoon I took twenty of the boys, who can speak some English, and went out under a large tree and held a service. Two of the young men gave short addresses in English, after which we enjoyed a spirited social meeting.

There are many evidences of God's blessing at this mission. Over fifty boys and girls are in the home, and several others have been refused admittance. The demands are becoming greater all the time, but our funds do not admit of our increasing the size of our school. Mrs. Hyatt is returning to the Cape with me in order that we may put our son into school.

W. S. HYATT.

Extracts from a Letter

DEAR BROTHER FORTNER,—

I wish you could have been present at our meeting last Sabbath. We had quite a congregation. Mrs. Jenkins (a professional singer) sang a sacred solo. One of the leading organists in the city played for him. The Lord gave me great freedom in presenting the truth for this time, and the people seemed impressed. Both Mr. Hawkward and Mr. Baker come regularly to our Sabbath meetings now. These are both very fine gentlemen, and they are earnestly studying the truth. There is good evidence that they will not only accept the truth, but that they will walk in the light.

We also had a good meeting on Sunday evening. Several strangers were there for the first time. An avowed atheist was present for the second time and he brought a friend with him.

Mrs. Morton told me after the meeting Sunday evening that she and her little boy are coming to the meeting and Sabbath-school next Sabbath. She came out from Scotland a little over a year ago, and she discouraged her husband from attending our meetings and having Bible readings. Through careful working, she was influenced to come to the meetings, with the result that

it seems as if she has decided to keep the Sabbath. Mr. Morton is manager of one of the branches of the Federal Cold Storage Company. He is also fully convinced of the truth. The interest continues good. I am enjoying the blessing of the Lord in the work.

Yours as ever,

D. F. TARR.

A Short Report from the Solusi Mission

We have not yet been able to do anything with our farm work this season, as there has been no rain. As soon as the rain comes we hope to put in two hundred acres.

The school work is very encouraging. The children are all taking hold in earnest, and there is no lack of interest in this work. I feel that we are making advancement. The attendance at the school has been near one hundred. About seventy live at the mission, and the rest come from the neighbouring villages.

A good interest is also manifested in the Sabbath-school, which has increased in membership lately. The same can be said of the church. Since we have completed the new church building, the interest has increased considerably, and the new building is full every Sabbath.

Last Sabbath, November 18, our church was dedicated to God. We were privileged to have with us that day Elder Hyatt and family, and Brother C. R. Sparrow and family. Elder Hyatt preached the dedicatory sermon and offered the prayer. We truly had a good day. As far as I know Elder Hyatt will report more fully, I will write no more now. We are pressing the battle to the gates as well as we know how. We desire the prayers of all.

M. C. AND M. J. STURDEVANT.

CLAUD TARR AND WIFE.

—BROTHER MOKO has been left in charge of the interests of the work at Debe Nek among the natives. Debe Nek is in the District of King Williams Town.

Kimberley

On our return from Rhodesia to Cape Town we spent four days at Kimberley, where we held three services. Two persons were baptised and united with the church. The little church is of good courage and is prospering. One of Brother Austen's daughters has been teaching their church school. They have an enrollment of nineteen. The outlook for the school for next year is said to be good. We ought to have more of these little schools. Surely the openings for work are very great. At present there are six persons canvassing in and about Kimberley. They report that they find our books everywhere they go. For this we are thankful, and we say to our people, Let the good work go on till our literature is "scattered like the leaves of autumn."

W. S. HYATT.

Our Sabbath School

Sabbath School Notes

1. "I do not charge the lesson books to the donations, so that all may go to the mission work."—G. W. SHONE, *Debe Nek*.

2. "We have not taken anything out for expenses this quarter."—NELLIE GEORGE, *Vitenhage*.

3. "October 1st.—Am sending the Sabbath-school report for last quarter. You see I am not losing any time about it, am I?"—BEATRICE AUSTEN, *Beaconsfield*.

4. "I am very much interested in Sabbath-school work, and wish to share in its privileges and blessings."—C. W. HARTNICK, *Caledon*.

5. "It is needless to say we are both pleased to join the Association. Shall be glad to send the report you desire."—D. W. & C. E. TARR, *Gladstone, O. R. C.*

6. "We have two Sabbath-schools on Sabbath, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon, but that is only in our own way.

We are only six,—two adults, two youths, and two children. As to finances we will be able to send you something at the end of each quarter."—A. BURRLEY, *Mafeking*.

7. "I promise you that if I can possibly help you to do it, you shall get the report of next quarter in good time."—EARNEST WILSON, *Port Elizabeth*.

8. "I am sorry my report is late again, but I had to return the . . . report twice to be corrected. It seems just well-nigh impossible to get the various secretaries to report on time."—A. M. INGLE, *Natal*.

9. I thought at first that I could not join the Home Department, but after thinking the matter over, I have decided to do so. I think I can get some of the neighbours' children together, and form a class. Perhaps one or two of the older people will study the senior lessons with me."

Later.—"You will be glad to know we met in our little class for the first time last Sabbath. I did wonder so much where we could meet, and then when visiting Mrs. ——— one afternoon, she offered me her front room. She has two grand-children living with her. She said they could invite their little friends. We had thirteen the first Sabbath. . . . Mrs. ——— is present. With God's help, I mean to do the best I can, trusting that some good may come."—FANNIE BOURNE, *Fauresmith*.

10. "To tell the truth, it would have been almost a puzzle to have given a true account of our Sabbath-school last quarter, as it took just about a quarter to get the school into some sort of order; then it was hard to keep it there as about everything seemed to be against order. The attendance was so irregular, and the number got so low that I began to fear that it would about fall through, save my family. But with perseverance, and asking the Lord to help in our extremity, a change has taken place; and for the quarter now ending, there has been a steady gain. To-day is the first time we have had an election of officers. I hope that through the new quarter things will run better, and a better report be given when it is required.

"I have called those who have come in so irregularly, visitors, but in this quarter I shall take down the names of some who are attending quite regularly, and make them in to classes as far as I can get teachers.

"To-day is the first time we have attempted to take a collection in the Sabbath-school, but we hope to take it once a month in the future."—C. R. SPARROW, *Mkupavula Mission*.

11. "Location Sabbath-school.—"Membership 19; average attendance 12; number in senior division 13; kindergarten 6; donations 17/9."—D. F. TARR., *Cambridge*.

12. A new Sabbath-school has been organised at Parrow, near Cape Town.

13. The tardy reports that have come in since the publishing of last quarter's report shows the number of schools for that quarter to be 35, membership 819, donations to missions £59-6-5½, an increase over the preceding quarter of 19 schools, 95 members, and £23-4-7½ donations to missions. This is good. Would it not have been better if this increase could have been shown in the printed report? Note the good example of the Beaconsfield secretary.

14. The Claremont and Cape Town schools gave all their donations to missions last quarter.

15. The Cape Colony and mission schools are taking 246 numbers of the *Little Friend*, 48 of the *Youths' Instructor*, 286 of the *Sabbath-school Quarterly*, and 30 of the *Sabbath-school Worker*.

16. The Sabbath-school organisation of each conference consists of regular schools, family schools, and the Home Department. The latter includes only the lone ones belonging to neither of the other departments. These lone ones, like Sister Bourne, can gather others to them, thus forming family or regular schools. The family schools can gather in their neighbours, thus becoming regular schools, and so individuals and families may advance, all in step, active and ready for the word of the great Commander as it passes along the lines.

EVA MILLER HANKINS.

Should We Study for Examination? or for Education?

The examinations under the control of the Cape University are now being held. The interests and energies of many prospective recipients of degrees have been absorbed by the work of preparing for these examinations, and hundreds of students have for months been cramming their heads full of the things which their tutors have taught would be necessary for them to acquire temporarily in order to pass the examinations. The Cape University is not a teaching institution, but merely an examining board of the old London type. "The University does not insist that the candidates shall be properly trained; it takes no interest in teaching, but simply prescribes syllabuses and examines on them." The results of this system are causing widespread dissatisfaction. Freedom of teaching is prevented, examinations are deified, and learning for its own sake has depreciated.

The *Cape Times* has recently given its readers several good and wholesome articles on this subject. From a recent copy we quote the following, which will be of interest to our people:—

Our readers have already had the opportunity of studying the opinions of a number of men who are entitled to speak as experts. Here are one or two taken from the report of the last Allied Colonial Universities Conference. Sir William Ramsay, of London University, remarked of the Indian system (which is the same as ours): "Anyone who knows the Indian Universities, will recognise in them an imitation of what London University used to be in 1858; they have hardly grown with the times. There are five such Universities, which are purely examining bodies. There is a number of affiliated colleges of all ranks of efficiency, and the system is considered to be a very bad one." Again, Sir Oliver Lodge, Principal of the Birmingham University, said: "I feel . . . that examination should be the natural outcome of teaching, and that the teaching should not have to aim at externally applied examination tests. *Examinations which are specially prepared for, defeat their own object.*" The present system is nothing more than an elaborate machine for testing students as a Government inspector tests butter. The result of the existence of this machine is that students direct their energies to

preparation for the test, rather than to learning for the sake of education. In any system there will always be a certain amount of cramming; but when teachers have some control over examinations they can make them a natural climax to the work of the session, and not, as at present, a distraction from real work.

This is not only a question of keen interest among the educators of the world, but it should be a subject of special interest to Seventh-day Adventists. The goal which should be placed before our young people who are entering upon their courses of study should not be a cold and stiff examination prepared by a body of men who, in most cases, are not teachers, and who have no bond of sympathy with our students; but it should be the "object of education, the greatest object of life," which may be found in the instruction given us on this subject in the testimonies. Then let the examination be "the natural outcome of teaching," and be based upon that which has been held before the student as the highest attainment of life. O. O. F.

Graduation and Closing Exercises

A pleasant function was held in the College chapel on Thursday evening, December 7. The occasion was the graduating exercises in honour of the two young ladies—Miss Minnie Tarr and Miss Frances Haupt—who have completed the course of instruction at the College. The programme was well carried out and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large company of invited guests. The graduates have our congratulations and best wishes for a useful life in the Master's service.

On Monday evening, December 11, the closing exercises of the school were held in the Claremont church. The principal features of the programme consisted of an anthem by the school, a quartette, and an address by Dr. Thomason on the subject, "The Christian Student." O. O. F.

Notice

Union College School will reopen for the new year on Wednesday, January 24, 1906. It is none too early to make preparations for the new year. Send for calendars.

"Addresses For Young People"

The new book for the youth, entitled "Addresses for Young People," by President C. C. Lewis, of Union College, is now ready. The titles of the addresses are as follows: 1. Christian Manliness. 2. Reason, Revelation, and Faith. 3. Manual Training in the Public schools. 4. Ideals and Ambitions. 5. The Sure Foundation. 6. A Higher Standard of Christian Education. 7. Workmen approved of God. 8. The Art of Questioning. 9. Acquaintance with God. 10. Habit and Education. 11. Behold He Cometh. 12. The True Sabbath. 13. The Keeping of the Heart. The book is handsomely and durably bound in dark blue cloth, with side and back titles in white. No more appropriate birthday or holiday present for a young man or woman could be procured.

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—Brother Shone and his wife have moved to Fort Beaufort to engage in evangelistic work. We trust they will be successful in presenting the truth to the people of that town, and that some may be willing to obey.

—ELDER HYATT and his family arrived at the Cape from Rhodesia on the 5th December. Sister Hyatt has been working at the two missions in Mataberland for a couple of years, but will now settle at the Cape.

—SINCE THE meetings closed at Salt River, Brother Walston has been giving Bible readings, medical treatments, assisting the work at the Sanitarium in times of special need, and has conducted the Sunday evening meetings in Cape Town. He is now caring for Sister Walston. Let the prayers of God's people ascend for Sister Walston, that she may be completely restored to health.

—Brother B. P. de Beer, who is busy canvassing at Kimberley, in response to a request to assist in circulating the *Sentinel*, replied:— I am glad for an opportunity to circulate the good old paper, the *South African Sentinel*. I shall be glad if you will send me five dozen. Sorry we have not a paper like it in the Dutch language."

—BROTHER A. H. WHITE, who has been at the Somabula mission during the absence of Elder Armitage, has begun canvassing again. He rode from the mission on a bicycle to Tebekwe, Selukwe District, Rhodesia, and in two days had taken orders for £ 11-12-6 worth of books. We hope that Brother White will continue to have success in his canvassing work in that land of many difficulties.

—A gentleman living at Hermanus, having purchased some of our literature from Brother Burton, has accepted the Sabbath of the Lord and is now rejoicing in the light. We pray that he may prove faithful, and that the Holy Spirit will lead him into all truth.

—We regret to learn that Brother Feideler, who has been canvassing and selling the *Sentinel* in Johannesburg, will be unable to continue this good work. We learn that he intends to move his family into the country, where he will be able to support them under more favourable circumstances.

—Are you taking a club of *Sentinels* to use in missionary work? If not, why delay longer? God will hold us responsible for the opportunities we have. Send for a club of these good papers and use them every month where they may speak words of life to those who may be searching.

—ON THE evening after the Sabbath, December 9, Elder Hankins left the Cape for Bethlehem, O. R. C., where he will spend a few days with the church at that place. Elder Freeman has arranged a general meeting of the Bethlehem-Harrismith church, with the isolated Sabbath-keepers who can attend, for Sabbath and Sunday, December 16 and 17. We trust the presence of Elder Hankins on this occasion will be helpful to the church, and that the blessing of the Lord will attend the gathering.

—ONE OF our most successful *Sentinel* workers has not been able to use any papers during the last two months, and one or two others have fallen short of their usual number. This has caused a little drop in the circulation. The December issue was 5,000, and they will all be used. We trust that those who have staid by the *Sentinel* in the past will continue to do all they can to keep up the circulation of this paper. Others also should take a part in this good work. We will be glad to send a free sample copy on application to any who may not have seen a late copy of the paper.