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The MISSIONARY starts out with the new year considerably changed in size and appearance. We have no apology to offer for the change, except that it is too expensive to print a paper of eight pages when the receipts for subscriptions are so small. The Union Conference Committee voted to print the paper in the future with four pages, and that the pages be enlarged to the size of the *Sentinel*. Not quite so much quantity of matter can be presented each month in this way, but we trust the quality will be better. To make it so, we take this opportunity of asking our workers, and all who are interested in the work, to send us brief reports of their work. Please do not wait several months and then send us a long article, but send us frequently short reports, boiled down, and they will always find a place in the paper. You often have experiences that are worth relating. We ask you to make the MISSIONARY the medium for passing these experiences on to cheer the hearts of others.

### TO EVERY SABBATH-KEEPER

It has also been decided to send the MISSIONARY to every Sabbath-keeper in South Africa. We have formerly printed the paper on the subscription plan, but the subscriptions have not nearly paid for the printing, and the paper has not reached all the people. We now propose to send the paper to every Sabbath-keeper and not ask for subscriptions, but ask our people to support the paper by donations. So we will close these lines by calling

special attention to our three requests: (1.) Please send us brief reports of your experiences that will help to brighten the paper; (2.) Send us the names of those who are not now receiving the paper, so we can place them on the list; (3.) If you appreciate this paper, and the good news it brings you month by month, please show your appreciation by sending something to help defray the expense of publication.

O. O. F.

## The Week of Prayer

Another year has passed, and its record has been recorded by the heavenly scribe. We are one year nearer the great day of the Lord; and the wheels of time are flying with lightening rapidity, and soon that great day will be here. To many it is like a story that has been oft repeated, but to others it is the Blessed Hope, and each time they hear it they are led to seek the Lord more earnestly. It is sad to see the sins of doubt and indifference that existed in the days of the flood among us. Yes, it is high time that we "awake out of sleep," for soon it will be too late.

We hope to receive good reports from the American churches. In our recent council held at the Cape, it was decided to hold the week of prayer in this field February 10-17. God grant that it may be a season of refreshing to all of His commandment-keeping children.

These reasons for choosing these dates are very good in my opinion.

The Cape Conference will then be over and the delegates will have returned to their homes, and we most devoutly hope and pray that each may have received a rich blessing. God's blessings are given to us that we may be a blessing. May it be so to our people in the Cape Conference.

In the Natal-Transvaal Conference, Elder Edmed will be settled in Pretoria with his company of workers and just beginning their work. Many very earnest prayers should ascend to God for a blessing upon the effort to give the message to that city. Surely the time appointed is opportune for both conferences. The *Reviews* containing the readings are at hand and should be preserved and carefully studied by those who will have charge of the services.

To be a help and a blessing to God's people, the week of prayer has been appointed. It has been held by our people in America and the opportunity improved or neglected.

Each year we have made offerings to assist in spreading the message. Surely we have great and many reasons for making thank offerings this year. Let us "count our many blessings" and see what Father has done for us, then look at the field white for harvest. I urge that every one bring an offering according to his ability. Do not neglect the children, but see that they, too, have a part in this good work. Let them bring their mines. It will be a blessing to them. Father sees, Father knows our interests and "labours of love." Rich blessings are in store for those who will grasp them by faith.

W. S. HYATT.

### An Old Fashioned Revival.

[Our General Conference brethren, feeling the need of a revival of personal godliness and a renewal of hope and confidence in the advent message, have issued an appeal to all our people, urging that ministers, church officers, and people will unite in seeking for this blessing. We most earnestly commend these words to the attention of our people.]

The present condition of things in the world at large, in the professed Christian church, and in our own denomination, moves us to make an earnest effort to arouse our people to an appreciation of the solemn significance of our position, and to call upon them to wait earnestly upon the Lord for a quickening of our faith and zeal in this message.

There are troublous times in the world. There is a manifest spirit of unrest among the people of many countries. They do not realise that they are being stirred by a power from beneath in preparation for the final conflict. Recent disclosures in the financial and political world indicate such a disregard of moral standards and such a weakening of moral character as cause surprise and alarm in the minds of those who do not know that we have come to the perilous times which are to characterise the last days. It seems that men's hearts are already beginning to fail them for fear of the things that are coming.

In the professed Christian church there has been such a spirit of compromise with the world, and such a departure from the fundamental truths of a Biblical Christianity, as show plainly that the prophecies concerning the complete fall of Babylon are now being fulfilled, and that the call should now be sounded forth to come out of her.

At the same time we are conscious of the lack of that spiritual life and power which ought to be revealed in our own churches, and which ought to accompany the proclamation of the third angel's message as the hope of deliverance from these evil times. We therefore feel impelled to make this appeal to our brethren in official positions, to our brethren in the ministry, and to our brethren and sisters in the churches, to take these things to heart, and to seek for a real revival of primitive religion among this people. We need it for the glory of God and His truth. We need it for

the sake of those millions to whom this message is to be proclaimed. We need it for the sake of our own souls. We need it in view of the experiences which are just before us. We shall earnestly pray that God will stir the hearts of His people to wait upon Him for it.

We are sure that this appeal will find a response in many hearts. We can join the Psalmist in saying, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God." Nothing except a great spiritual blessing will satisfy the longing which the Lord himself is creating in the hearts of His children. The sense of our need is a token for good.

The week of prayer is near at hand, and the best possible preparation for a single manifestation of divine grace at that time will be found in entering at once upon a real revival experience. —*Review and Herald.*

### Orange River Colony

Since my last report I have travelled over considerable country, calling on reported interested persons and visiting some scattered brethren. I have given many tracts away, and wherever openings offered, have given Bible readings and spoken to the people. I was in Bloemfontein District toward the time for last quarterly meeting, and was just prepared to start for Bethlehem District when I received intimation that sickness had broken out on Brother Louwrens' farm. Fearing that it might become epidemic, the brethren there decided to postpone the meeting. It was afterward thought best not to have any meeting till the end of December, as at that time church officers would be chosen, and a full attendance would be desirable.

I then continued travelling. I was pleased to meet Sister Maud Haupt, who is teaching in Kronstad District. She feels the responsibility resting on her to let the light of truth shine out at this time. She is anxious to do what she can. She was glad to be supplied by me with tracts to

work with. These isolated ones should continually be made subjects of prayer.

I was glad again to meet Brother Bornman and to give him some help as regards the work of canvassing which he has taken up. He is also working in other ways in the interest of the cause we love. He uses his cart and mules, and endeavours to support himself. I was glad to find him of good courage and to learn of his good experience and fairly successful trip in the Hoopstad District. I am thankful also for the good work Brother De Lange reports by letters to me from time to time.

I was at Thaba N'chu and there spent a time distributing tracts. Surely fruit will sometime result from this kind of seed-sowing.

I had the happiness and joy of visiting Brother David and Charles Tarr on their farm between Thaba N'chu and De Wetsdorp. These young men belong to one of the old pioneer Seventh-day Adventist families of the Old Colony. During the days I spent there I found what hard-working brethren they are in improving and developing the various industries on their farm; but I was more glad to find that from their consistent manner of living, the great Sabbath truth is reaching out among their neighbours. While strictly observing the Sabbath, they maintain their right to labour on Sundays as on other ordinary days, and without being hard on their servants and other workmen, they have convinced them also; so every line of work goes on smoothly every Sunday. I feel glad we have these Seventh-day Adventist farmers. I wish we had more like them. Their consistent living must attract notice and provoke inquiry. There are numbers of the English and Colonial settler class in their District.

I hope before reaching Heisterbach to pass through Lady Brand, Ficksburg and Fownesburg Districts. There are people who are much interested, one of whom is an ex-member of the old Free State Parliament.

J. M. FREEMAN.

**Mooi Hoek, O. R. C.**

I was delighted to meet Elder Hankins at Heisterbach on the occasion of our quarterly service, as we had not seen each other for years. His help and council in the meetings were enjoyed by all, and were marked with good results.

After this meeting, I left for Harri-smith District in order to meet with the little company at Mooihoek, near the Natal border. I spent a good time on Sabbath, Dec. 24, and administered the ordinances to those who were prevented from attending the meeting at Heisterbach. Owing to the efforts of Brethren Moolman and Koster, a company of sixty-five adult farmers and natives gathered in Brother Moolman's coach house, which was nicely arranged for the occasion. I spoke in Dutch, and Brother Moolman interpreted into the native. The good Spirit of the Lord was present, and I believe some fruit will appear as the result of the seed sown.

J. M. FREEMAN.

**Heisterbach, O. R. C.**

I was pleased with my visit in the Orange River Colony at their last quarterly meeting. Nearly all the brethren were present, coming from two to twelve hour's drive. There were about fifty, including children. These brethren are warm in the truth, and are sounding the warning to their neighbours. As a result several families are interested. The Heisterbach church numbers thirty-seven, twenty-five having been added the past year. They pay about £50 tithe per quarter. Two were baptised during our meetings. Four Zulus were received into the church. These speak Sesuto and Dutch. They are men of Christian experience, and quite intelligent in the truth. They are working among their fellow natives, and are anxious to fit themselves to be missionaries to their people. I found the brethren very appreciative and very hospi-

table. The Lord blessed us in our study of His Word and work. Miss Sutherland is having an interesting church school in which I spent a pleasant forenoon. An interesting programme was given on the day of closing, which more deeply enlisted the interest of the brethren. The children are learning fast, and a good influence prevails in the school. Miss Sutherland has been employed for another year. Brother Freeman finds his work laborious, but enjoyable, and he is encouraged to see fruit of his labour. The Lord is using Brother De Lange, who hopes ere long to give all his time to the work. A good work has been done in the Orange River Colony, but it is only a beginning. More workers are needed. May the Lord still bless the work and give light to the people.

I. J. HANKINS.

**Fort Beaufort**

At the suggestion of the conference committee I went to Fort Beaufort about the middle of November, and began work by canvassing for "Good Health" and "Christ's Object Lessons," also visiting and loaning tracts. I had opportunities for preaching several times for the Presbyterians, and also for the Dutch people; the result of the latter was that I became acquainted with a very nice Dutch family who seem to be earnest Christian people, and I was holding readings with them up to the time I came down to the conference. They have accepted the different points of present truth that have been presented, and seem eager to know more of the work of God. There is also a young man who is interested, and attends the readings at their house. I have also preached by request to the natives. On the whole, I found the people disposed to be friendly. There were exceptions who prefer to have nothing to do with us or our work in any way.

I also took the opportunity while in Fort Beaufort of going out to Blinkwater several times to conduct

services with the few who are holding fast, with the result that they were much encouraged. It seems the enemy had been at work to discourage in various ways, but now they seem eager to press forward, "looking unto Jesus." I am of good courage in the Lord, knowing that His work is going on to victory. It is our privilege to sow the seed and water with our tears and prayers, but "God giveth the increase." He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." "He that watereth shall be watered also himself."

G. W. SHONE.

**Union College**

The new school year will open Wednesday morning, January 24. All who are planning to attend should be on hand promptly at the time appointed.

The outlook for a new school year is very promising. The teaching staff is arranged as follows: Miss P. West, preceptress; Mrs. H. Beckner, matron; Miss A. Ingle, Miss E. Hankins, Miss M. Tarr and Mrs Hayton, teachers.

The Lord desires us to obtain all the education possible. None can know when or how they may be called to labour or to speak for God. Those who have had the benefit of a thorough education can do a much more extensive work for Christ. They stand on vantage ground.

Brethren, parents, friends, plan to give your sons and daughters as thorough an education as possible, one that shall fit them for the higher service. The Lord has great need of educated workers. We shall be glad to hear from any who are anxious to attend school. Remember the opening date, Wednesday, January 24, 1906.

C. H. HAYTON.

We regret the lack of space for the encouraging S. S. report which Sister Hankins has handed in. Look for it next issue.

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### Kenilworth Cape.

—AT THE Plainfield Mission our workers have been suffering with the fever. Sister Mable Branch writes: "Mamma and Paul have been very ill with the fever. They have had the worst attack they have had since the first year we came, so I am very busy. They are better now, and are able to be about." We are thankful that they are better, and we do pray that Father will care for His children in that dark country.

—THE ENEMY of all righteousness has been hard at work trying to destroy the young people at our missions. From Somabula, Kolo, and Plainfield the same word has been received. Hard battles are being fought and only the power of God can give the victory. Brethren, pray for those who have to meet the powers of darkness in these hand to hand conflicts.

### Among the Dutch People

On the 10th of last month (December) I left Oudtshoorn for Warmwater. We had very good meetings, and we all enjoyed much of the presence of God. On Sabbath forenoon we had a baptismal service, when three brethren were buried with their Lord and arose with Him to walk in newness of life. Two of these brethren formerly opposed their wives, who were in the truth, and one of them was a drunkard. When the latter's wife was to be baptised five years ago, he threatened her and the administrator, Brother Peter Wessels, with sticks and stones.

When my wife and I visited that company early last year, this man especially became soundly converted, and the other opposers, too, have been growing Christians ever since. Sabbath afternoon we had another

good meeting, and in the evening we celebrated the ordinances. This was a precious occasion to all of us, but especially to the two faithful and patient sisters whose husbands are now one with them in Jesus Christ.

One of the brethren took me home with his cart on Sunday, the 17th. On Tuesday I went again to the farm of my brother-in-law, Fred Raubheimer. He kindly gave me a cart and a pair of fine mules, and his brother gave me a young servant boy to go the long distance of 102 miles to visit a company of Sabbathkeepers in Uniondale District. We had a pleasant ride, met very fine people, and had many opportunities to sow the good seed by giving away tracts, etc., and talking to the people.

My wife and I left Oudtshoorn on December 31st for the Sanitarium at Plumstead, where she is at present. The day after our arrival, I left again for Bonnie Vale, arriving there on Friday morning, 5th inst., remaining there until Monday evening. The company from Drew came over on Sunday, and we had a baptismal service in the forenoon when two were baptised. In the afternoon the company of fourteen were organised into a church. Brother P. Trytsman, from Drew, was elected as elder, and Brother P. Meiring, of Bonnie Vale, as deacon. In the evening the ordinances were celebrated. The dear Lord came very near us and blessed us much in all these meetings. Four of the Bonnie Vale people are with us now attending Conference. I wish to ask an interest in the prayers of our people in behalf of these com-

panies and scattered ones.

D. H. GROENEWALD.

### Union College

During a recent council, matters pertaining to the College have received some attention. Once again the brethren have agreed and voted that Union College shall be recognised as the training school for the denomination in South Africa. If it is really to become the training center for our young people, then there must be a united effort by both teachers and people to make it such. We are thankful that a few young people have received a good training for positions of responsibility. Many more are needed. Calls come to us for teachers to open church schools, but we are unable to supply them. Are there not young women who desire to be fitted for this work? We will gladly do all we can to assist such persons if they will correspond with the College. Missionary teachers are needed among our little churches. Positions of this kind are rare opportunities to work for God. Where are the young people who want to prepare for this work?

The College will open Wednesday, January 24. We hope to see a large number of our young people in school next year. Nearly all who returned home for the vacation took return tickets. We are glad to see the desire on the part of the students to return for another year.

W. S. HYATT.

The Cape Conference meetings are in progress. Our paper is full, so we can not report until next month.

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