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Sabbath-school Convention

Sabbath-school conventions are frequently held in some of our conferences in America, but they are luxuries that South Africa has had the privilege of enjoying but twice. The first convention was held at Kenilworth about eight years ago, and was participated in by the Claremont and Cape Town Sabbath-schools. Strange to say, no effort was made to hold another until this year.

Shortly after the Conference, Sister Hankins, the Sabbath-school secretary for this field, began the preparation of a programme, and organised the convention which was held on Sunday, March 4. A most pleasant place was chosen for the gathering in a grove just beyond the Sanitarium at Plumstead. About a hundred members were present from the Sabbath-schools at Claremont, Cape Town, Salt River, and Parow. The people all brought their lunches, and the refreshment hour between the forenoon and afternoon sessions seemed to be enjoyed quite as much as the rest of the convention.

Brother J. J. Wessels was the chairman of the day. Papers were read by different ones on various phases of Sabbath-school work. These papers had been carefully prepared on the basis of much thought and experience, and as they were presented, a deep interest was manifested. Our space is not sufficient to give the whole programme, but in the afternoon, after the papers had all been read, we were treated with several short speeches on Sabbath-school work. A quartette rendered several choice selections in a

manner which contributed greatly to the pleasure of the occasion. When the meeting broke up, the expression was upon the lips of everyone present that the convention was a success. All seemed to be anxious to tell how much they had learned, and how they were going to be more diligent in their Sabbath-school work in the future. May it be so. O. O. F.

Progress at the Sanitarium.

The principal interest at the Sanitarium for some weeks has centered about the addition which is now being erected. The work has satisfactorily progressed under the able direction of Brother Carr. The second story is completed and furnished, including the new operating room which we have already had occasion to use. We have had five surgical cases within the past few weeks, three of whom are still in the ward. We are glad to report all the cases successful and progressing nicely.

The new bathroom is almost completed. The plumbing and partitions are now being put in. We are expecting the hot water heater here most any time, as well as the storage tank.

We have erected a platform thirty-five feet high for three 400-gallon tanks. These will give us a splendid pressure of water as well as a constant supply. At the present time we are handicapped by lack of water pressure. This is not likely to trouble us in the future, however, both on account of the storage tanks and for the reason that at the present time the municipality is laying a six-inch water main within a stone's

throw of the Sanitarium, which will give us an abundant water supply, and with far greater pressure than we have had before.

A number of patients from the suburbs are coming in for treatment only—seven at the present time. Besides these, several patients are receiving treatment in their own homes. We shall expect this patronage to increase considerably after we have opened our new bathroom.

The Lord has greatly blessed our medical and surgical work, and it brings joy to our hearts as we note the progress of patients healthwise from day to day and see despair give way to hope and discouragement to good cheer.

The health food business is steadily increasing from month to month. It has been decided that, as soon as practicable, the headquarters of the food business will be removed from Cape Town to Plumstead. This will be an advantage in many ways, especially as regards its connection with our Sanitarium work. Among other things, we will be able to add to our forces several workers who are anxious to come to the Sanitarium; it will more directly advertise the Sanitarium; it will increase a desirable line of correspondence which will increase our sphere of usefulness, as well as add to the number coming to the Sanitarium.

We bespeak the continued prayers of those having the interest and progress of the medical missionary work at heart.

GEO. THOMASON.

Orange River Colony

After returning from the Conference, I had the privilege of spending

a few days with Brother Venter, Sen., and Brother Venter, Jr., near Lindley, during which time the week of prayer was commenced in their home. Some good meetings were also held with some of our native Sabbath-keepers in that vicinity. Brother Venter, Sen., accompanied and assisted me on the Sunday when we had a two hours' meeting with about sixty natives. There are five native women awaiting baptism.

There are ten Dutch people in the Vredeport District who have written that they have decided to observe the Sabbath. This is due to a visit to those parts by Brethren A. and J. Venter. Hearing of some odd people who had drawn off from the Dutch Church, and who were reported as being very peculiar in various ways, these brethren determined to see them. They had talks with them, and left reading matter. After they returned, a good letter was received from the leader of the company, stating that they thanked God for sending the brethren to them, and giving ten names of those who had decided to observe the Sabbath at once.

Two Dutch souls have also decided for the right at Bethlehem, due to the efforts of Brother F. Purchase. For all this we praise the Lord.

I have concluded a very enjoyable and soul-stirring week of prayer at Heisterbach, and am on my way to Mooihoek for a similar work.

J. M. FREEMAN.

East London

On my way home from the annual Conference, I travelled with Pastor D. H. Groenewald as far as Rosmead Junction. Five others were in the same compartment part of the way. With these we had some interesting talks, and I gave them a few Bible readings. They manifested quite an interest in the truths presented.

One of these gentlemen, whose father was a missionary in Asia Minor, travelled with me nearly all the way to East London. On parting, he

expressed his gratitude for what he had learned, and hoped to be able to benefit others. He also gave me a sovereign as a donation to the cause.

During my absence, one of my readers decided to keep the Sabbath. He told me at the close of the last service previous to my leaving for Cape Town that he had studied most of the creeds, and found them all to be faulty, but was fully convinced that the truths taught by Seventh-day Adventists were in perfect harmony with the Word of God.

This brother was educated for the ministry, and for a while was an active worker in one of the evangelical churches, but of late he had practically given up all religion. He now desires to devote his time to the proclamation of the third angel's message.

The week of prayer was a season of refreshing to the members of our little company in East London. Much interest was manifested in the readings. And on the closing Sabbath all expressed their determination to press forward in the good way. A collection of £1 12 6 was taken up.

At the location a native minister and some of his congregation have been studying the truth, and they now wish to unite with us in giving the last message to the world.

Elders Hyatt and Shone have been with us for a few days. Their help in the work here is much appreciated. They with the writer expect to open a series of meetings in Stutterheim next Friday evening. We desire the prayers of God's people, that this effort may result in the salvation of many souls.

D. F. TARR.

Stutterheim

We pitched our tent and began meetings at this place Friday evening, March 2. The people have been very kind and have manifested considerable interest in our meetings thus far.

We have had four services with

an average attendance of nearly, or quite, fifty. We used the magic lantern one evening with good effect. The tent is close to the center of the town, and we have rooms near by. The people send us food, and their offerings toward the tent expenses amount to £1 0s. 10d. Brother Moko is with us, and two services have been held with the natives. Their hearts are stirred as they hear the messages of Christ's coming and "get ready." We hope that God will give us some fruit for our labour. We thank Him for the success so far. Pray for us.

W. S. HYATT.

D. F. TARR.

G. W. SHONE.

Week of Prayer at Claremont

This season was one of real profit to this church. The readings were read at the church, the Sanitarium, and by the members at Retreat. The sisters met daily from house to house for prayer, and at the College two services were held each day with the students. We are thankful to report that nearly every young person in the school professes to serve the Lord. We hope that all may not only profess, but actually serve Him. Offerings were made by young and old. I counted sixty envelopes containing gifts; many others brought in gifts to the Lord. These amounted to £28 4 6, with £17 on pledges still to be paid in. I thank the Lord for this season of prayer.

W. S. HYATT.

Rokeby Park.

We are glad to report that the week of prayer was a real feast of good things. We tried evening meetings at first, which we had to discontinue, as it was so dark and rainy. Then we held the meetings in the afternoon. Seeing our company putting aside work and coming to the meetings reminded me of the time when our people here first

heard the message, when everything was put aside to hear the strange doctrine.

The readings were read and commented upon by three of the brethren. We also had seasons of prayer and encouraging testimonies were given. Several fresh consecrations were made. The readings were full of light and spiritual encouragement. From the commencement marked evidence was seen that the dear Lord was ready to bless His people and we were not disappointed. How good our Father is! He is more willing to give than we are to receive.

We were also glad to hear brother Willmore give such a good report of the Conference, especially of the good work being done at the Sanitarium and Kimberley Baths. Let us all double our efforts this year. We should know our enemy as given in Rev. 22:17, and the way to overcome him as given in Rev. 12:11. So let us use every opportunity to become strong and bold in the Master's service.

Annual offerings £4 17 0.

CHAS. SPARROW.

Port Elizabeth

We are glad to be able to report a good time for Port Elizabeth during the week of prayer. We experienced quite a feast of good things. Sabbath and Sunday Elder Shone was with us; also on the last Sabbath. The good Spirit of the Lord was with us in a marked manner all through the week. Hearts were softened and victories gained. Although some did not seem to be able to be present at all the meetings, those present experienced a real revival and consecrated themselves to be used more effectively in the Master's service. There was a spirit of harmony and unity, and there were such pleadings for the power of the Holy Spirit that we felt its workings in our midst.

Although much work has been done by the brethren in the past, we felt that we ought to do more, seeing that the coming of Christ is so near,

and that He is only waiting for His people to finish the work.

OUR CHURCH REPORT

Three to four Bible readings a week held in different homes; about 400 *Sentinels* a month sold and given away; many tracts given away, books loaned, and 36 copies of *Good Health* sold.

Our annual offerings amounted to £4 1s. 10d. While it is a small amount, I believe real sacrifices were made to make this up. Our earnest desire is to be in the ranks as co-laborers together with Him who laid down His life for us. F. SATES.

Johannesburg Church.

Our week of prayer is now in the past. By some misunderstanding we were one week late, but we thought "better late than never." I can truthfully say I have never attended meetings where such love and unity were manifested. There was a mighty crying out to God that He would draw near to His people. Nor did He disappoint us. Wave after wave of spiritual blessings swept over us. It was a revival in the truest sense of the word. There was no excitement, but a deep heart-searching. It was an inspiration to listen to some of the prayers of even our weakest members.

Some of our members sacrificed a good deal to attend our meetings. We are somewhat scattered here, so we held two meetings each day; mornings at 10:00 A. M., and at 7:30 P. M. There was a splendid attendance throughout.

The last day was a day long to be remembered. We had a record attendance of nearly fifty.

We believe that the influence of this week of prayer will be felt throughout the year. The offerings amounted, so far, to £9 3s. 6d.

A. TICKTON.

Health Foods in Johannesburg

My wife and I desire to send greetings through the medium of our dear

little MISSIONARY to all our brethren and sisters in the faith. During the five months we have been labouring in Johannesburg, the Lord has blessed us abundantly, far beyond what we anticipated. Through our health work we have been able to get the truth before a number of the leading lights of the city. Mr. Ghandi, a celebrated Indian lawyer, who is on terms of intimacy with all the leading white people of the city, is a staunch supporter of ours. He is a very enthusiastic vegetarian. Mr. Simmonds, Sir George Farrar's private secretary, is also a staunch vegetarian and a patron of ours. There are many others, too numerous to mention.

I have had some wonderful experiences. An elder of the Presbyterian church, who is a very good health food customer, asked me several questions on the immortality of the soul, state of the dead, etc. I gave him a Bible reading on these important themes, which lasted one hour. His wife was present, and was convinced, and just as I was finished a friend dropped in, also a Presbyterian, and they insisted upon my presenting the subject over again.

A young Jew, on learning that I was a health reformer, said Providence must have thrown me in his path. As a staunch vegetarian, he promises to be a good customer, thus enabling me to sow more seeds of truth.

A. TICKTON.

—The Cape Town Mission family is engaged in a systematic distribution of literature in the city. Studies on the essential truths of our time are being conducted each evening. Hundreds of families have had their attention called to the nearness of Christ's coming, and some seem much interested. The masses, however, are indifferent, and do not care to study this subject or any other. The Lord says, "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, . . . into the highways and edges." The message must be carried to the people. Soon our liberties will be restricted, and our literature prohibited. *Now* we may work unmolested. *Now* is our opportunity.

L. J. HANKINS.

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—Brother J. H. Tarr writes from Cathcart: "I am sorry to report that we received no notice about the week of prayer until Friday, the 15th February. Yet we had a good time on Sabbath last. We had two visitors at our services who were very much interested. We are hoping and praying to see some of our neighbours accept the message before long. We do realise that the end of all things is at hand."

—Brother and Sister Olmsted remained at the Cape only a few days, from Tuesday to Sunday. During this time, they visited the College the Sanitarium, a few of the brethren, and on Sabbath Brother Olmsted preached at the Cape Town church. On Sunday evening they left for Oudtshoorn, where they will join Elder Groenewald in the work. We pray that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon them as they take up the work in a new field.

—On Tuesday, the 6th inst., we had the pleasure of welcoming Brother and Sister J. F. Olmsted to South Africa. They came by the "Kenilworth Castle," one of the finest boats that visit this port. Brother and Sister Olmsted came to us from the Indiana Conference, U. S. A. The Indiana Conference has shown a practical interest in the South African field by sending these dear workers to us, and by bearing the cost, not only of their passage, but also of their maintenance while in the field. We take this opportunity of expressing to our brethren in Indiana the gratitude of the South African Union Conference for their interest in the extension of the message in this field.

This number of the MISSIONARY is full of interesting reports. We appreciate the efforts of our workers to make their reports short.

—Since Elder Hyatt wrote the report from Stutterheim, which appears on another page, we have received a letter which says their attendance has increased. On two evenings they gave the straight message of Christ's second coming to audiences numbering from seventy-five to eighty. The following evening Elder Hyatt gave a lantern lecture, and the hearers numbered from 150 to 175. We praise God for this measure of success attending the work in Stutterheim, and we pray that some of those who hear may be led to obey.

—The same spiritual feast of good things reported from other churches for the week of prayer was enjoyed also by the church at Cape Town. We had the help of Elder Hankins in these meetings, which was much appreciated. Much interest was shown in the subject matter of the various readings. The companies at Salt River and Parow held meetings during the week in their respective places, and there was a good attendance. It does one good to go to one of their meetings. On the last Sabbath of the special week the different companies met together at the church in Cape Town, and after the reading three souls were baptised and received into the church. These accepted the truth through the labours of Brother Theunissen. The annual offering amounted to £12.

—After enjoying the Sabbath-school convention recently held at the Cape, we feel encouraged to recommend our Sabbath-schools in other parts to hold similar conventions. Do not think that your numbers are too small for such an undertaking. Success does not depend upon numbers. In most of our Sabbath-schools a new awakening is needed. Our members do not all appreciate the privileges of the Sab-

bath-schol. Think for a moment what our Sabbath meetings would be if it were not for the Sabbath-school! What would our daily lives become like if it were not for the daily study of the Sabbath-school lessons? If you will hold a Sabbath-school convention, and get all your members to take part in it, you will find it a mighty factor in stirring up a lively interest in the Sabbath-school. Write to Sister Hankins for plans and suggestions.

Help Wanted.

A chance is offered for some kindly disposed brother or sister to pay the tuition of an earnest coloured S. D. A. lad while attending school. Such a one is in need of help at the present time. His tuition is £1.10s per quarter, or £6 per year.

Write to the principal.

C. H. HAYTON.

Union College

The school opened its doors for the year on January 28th, 1906. The results came in later this year than previous years. At the present writing there are eighty-seven on the roll. Seventeen boys and eighteen girls are in the Home, and the remainder are day scholars. The teachers are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Hayton, Misses West, Ingle, Tarr, and Hankins. Mrs. Beckner is matron. A good number of new faces are to be seen among the students, and the spirit of earnestness pervades them all.

The week of prayer was a precious season in the Home. Elder Hyatt conducted a series of Bible lessons in the afternoons and held early morning meetings. These were well attended by the older students, nearly all of whom took a firm stand for God. We feel to praise the Lord for the presence of His good Spirit, for the determination of the students to seek that for which they are here, and for the spirit of cooperation that is manifested both by teachers and students.

C. H. HAYTON.