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The Sanitarium.

Our friends will be glad to know that at the present writing, (Friday, April 13) the Sanitarium is entirely filled with patients, including the four additional rooms afforded by the new wing just completed. We now have twenty-one patients (including two surgical cases) and guests, which is of course the largest number at any one time since our work began in Plumstead. Two patients left this past week, but others came in within a few hours and filled their places. There are still a number of other patients who have definitely engaged rooms, some of whom are simply waiting for us to send them word that we have room to receive them.

It is thus apparent that our increased facilities were added none too soon. If we had not gone ahead with the needed improvements, it would mean we would be obliged to say to some half a dozen people, "You must wait somewhat longer before we can receive you," and delay in matters pertaining to health is always unwise, and sometimes even hazardous.

The new bathroom, occupying the first floor of the addition, will be finished and ready for occupancy within a week. This will be a boon to us in our work and will enable us to reach a much larger number of people and much more efficiently than heretofore.

A glance over our present list of patients illustrates to some extent the various classes to whom our work appeals and who come within the scope of its influence. Among others, we have with us an attorney, a bank president, a dentist,

a military man and a merchant. A minister has engaged a room and will be with us shortly.

The Lord has given us a glorious system of principles, and we greatly feel the need of divine wisdom, that we may properly represent the truth before those who are coming to us.

GEO. THOMASON.

"Weary in Well Doing."

During the later months of 1905 the *Sentinel* reached a circulation of 6,000. This good work was made possible by the cooperation of all who were interested in missionary work and who had a desire to extend the message. But since the first of this year only about half as many papers are printed and sent out. This is not because we do not print a sufficient quantity, as there are still quite a number left on our shelves from last month.

Some who were taking clubs of papers each month have asked us to cancel their order, and others have asked us to reduce their number. For this reason, we are afraid that some are becoming "weary in well doing."

We cannot conceive of a better means of distributing literature than by taking a club of *Sentinels* and distributing them to the people. Few can afford to give the papers away, but all can, with a little effort, sell the papers, thus placing the truth in the hands of the people with no expense whatever.

We will send a club of *Sentinels*—large or small—to any one in South Africa. If you are not interested in this work, send for some of these papers any way, and we will guarantee that you will become

interested. If you are connected with a church, order through your librarian; if not, write direct to us. Within the next few months we want to raise the circulation of the *Sentinel* from 3,000 to 6,000, where it ought to be. Who will help?

O. O. F.

Kolo and Bethlehem

I left Stutterheim March 13 and arrived at the Kolo Mission, Basutoland, the 15th instant. I found Brother and Sister Chaney quite well and getting along very well with their work. Four of the young men in the school here recently begun to keep the Sabbath. During the past year Brother Chaney sold £155 6s worth of books in less than two months. I remained over two Sabbaths and enjoyed a good season of counsel with Brother Chaney.

Monday, March 26, I started to visit the church at Heisterbach, Bethlehem, O. R. C. The meetings began on Friday and continued till Sunday evening. Sabbath morning Brother Freeman spoke on baptism, and then two willing souls, a brother and his wife, were buried with their Lord in baptism. In the afternoon we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. It was a most precious occasion for all who were present.

Sunday, two elders and one deacon were chosen and ordained after appropriate instruction had been given.

The work in this section is prospering, and the message is spreading. Recently, two young brethren were visiting friends some distance from home and heard of some earnest Christian people living near. They called on these

people, and after a short visit, they left a few tracts and departed. A few days later they received a letter, saying that four families had decided to keep the Sabbath. Brother De Lange had sold over £100 worth of literature in that section during the past year. Several natives have recently begun keeping the Sabbath. Truly the Spirit of the Lord is at work among the people, and God is awarding their unity and faith. May they ever continue to work in the same path.

Wednesday, April 4, I started for Pretoria, where I arrived the next day and received a hearty welcome by the happy band of mission workers.

We are thankful to say that fruit is beginning to appear from their labours. We hope that many more may see the light and walk in it.

W. S. HYATT.

Natal-Transvaal Conference

The work in the Natal-Transvaal Conference is onward. A few weeks ago I baptized four new converts at Maritzburg; at Vryheid two more; and at Johannesburg last week five more expressed their intention to be baptized at the coming camp-meeting. Since our meetings begun at Pretoria, several more persons have taken their stand for the truth in Johannesburg, and six persons in Pretoria have stated their intention to walk in the light we have given them here. Our mission work has been a pleasure to all our company, who have each taken hold with a free heart to make a success of this tent effort. The expense to each is heavy, owing to the high cost of living and rent. But the Lord has prospered the morning hours spent in selling our literature, so that in four weeks we can report sales amounting to £172 11 10, the profits on which go to support the workers and the mission work. The afternoons are spent in visiting interested persons, and in class work, and meetings are held each evening. Our worship bell rings at 6 : 20 a. m., and we

seldom can retire before 10 : 30 p. m. We think our workers have done nobly to maintain such a busy time for so many weeks at a stretch.

Our camp-meeting, which promises to be a success so far as attendance goes, will begin next week, and we trust a large measure of the Holy Spirit will be vouchsafed to us, and that our hearts may be filled with the true spirit and power of the message. We are thankful to God that we may have a humble part in this glorious closing work. Pray for us.

APRIL 6, 1906. H. J. EDMED.

Stutterheim

Shortly after our last report for the MISSIONARY, a spell of cold weather set in at this place, necessitating the transferring of our meetings to the old school house, which was granted us free of charge, except paying for insurance.

The first service in this building was a magic lantern lecture which was well attended, the place being crowded. Then followed discourses on the prophecies, sanctuary question, and signs of the times. An average of about forty-five people came out to these meetings.

On account of the very heavy rains which began about ten days ago, the meetings were discontinued till last Thursday. On that day we visited all the houses in the village, leaving invitation cards, on which was also announced the subject for the evening. At this meeting about thirty persons were present.

By request, we spoke Friday evening on the Sabbath question, giving the reason why we observe the seventh day. The attendance was about the same as at the previous meeting.

As our audience has been so varied up to the present, we cannot yet state there is any special interest at this place, but we are endeavouring to give the trumpet no "uncertain sound," that the people may have

the opportunity of hearing the message for this time.

APRIL 1, 1906.

D. F. TARR.

G. W. SHONE.

Words of Greeting

I can report the work onward here at Solusi. Never did the children take hold of the school work with more interest than at the present time.

The week of prayer was a blessing to us. Though it was a time of hard work in the field, we thought the first work was to stop and seek God with you. We urged upon the children the thought of finishing the work in this generation. I can say to the glory of God the message met a hearty response. As the children listened to the readings, we would hear them say, "My! what sweet words."

It was in truth a season of blessing to our mission and we feel the effects of it to this day. Our outstations seem to be doing better work this year than last year, with few exceptions. One village has declared that they do not want any more of the Word of God, and I have called the teacher home. But while that is so, new places are calling for help. To fill one of these places, I was calling in some of our other boys where the school was small, when the chief at that place said, "Are you going to leave me and my people? Are not my people as precious as others?" I felt to answer Yes, and sent one teacher back to him. While the number is small at that place, the interest is good. So the work is onward brethren, and we feel to say, Be of good courage. Let us push the battle to the very gates.

I should also say that at the close of our week of prayer several came to me and said that they had made up their minds to go with this people if it costs them their lives. Some of these were boys I had longed to see take their stand when we last baptized here at the mission. So I shall now have to prepare another

class for baptism. We are also learning of some of the parents, who are beginning to keep the Sabbath at their homes who did not do so before.

Brethren, the truth is beginning to take hold of these poor people who have so long been in darkness. We do praise God for His goodness to this dear people. Remember us in your prayers. Your fellow workers,
M. C. AND M. J. STURDEVANT.

Somabula Mission

Extracts from a letter.

Mr. Armitage keeps very well this year. He has had no signs of the fever so far, but Irene and I have suffered considerably. I have recently had the worst attack of the fever that I have experienced for eight years.

This is vacation week, and most of the boys have gone to visit friends, so it is rather quiet now. We began three out-schools the first of March. The boys report good success so far. The old indunas seem in favour of the schools. The boys have had some experience in kraal meetings, but they are entirely new at teaching.

It looks now as if we would soon be in the midst of a great diamond field. They are working eight miles up the river now, and they are working this way. The country may be thrown open to diggers any time. One good thing I can see in it all is that we may be able to get the truth before a great many more natives, as they will come in large numbers to work. That is what we are interested in, and not the diamonds.
MARY C. ARMITAGE.

Help For The Missionary

As we have announced in previous numbers, we are now sending the MISSIONARY free to every Sabbath-keeper in South Africa whose address we have. We believe that our people should have this paper in order to keep acquainted with the work—its progress and its needs—in this country. Many like to read

the MISSIONARY, but they do not take the trouble to subscribe. Those who do not take the trouble to subscribe are just as much in need of the paper as those who do. Hence the Union Conference Committee adopted the plan of sending the paper to every one.

But it requires funds to print a paper and send it out broadcast. It costs £2 per issue to print the MISSIONARY, besides the stamps for posting, and occasionally there is an extra charge for tabulating reports. We believe that those who read the the MISSIONARY will be willing to assist in defraying the expenses of its publication. Donations for this purpose may be sent either direct to this office, or may be handed to your church librarian and sent through your Tract Society.

A list of those who have already sent in donations for the MISSIONARY fund appears below. Further donations will be reported from month to month. This is a matter in which all can take part.

O. O. F.

Missionary Fund

DONATIONS TO DATE.

- W. S. Hyatt.....3s. od.
- R. Dick.....2 6
- G. J. Bredenkamp...2 6
- W. H. Anderson....2 6
- O. O. Fortner.....2 6
- Mrs. Strachan.....2 6
- Mrs. Willmore, Sen 2 6
- J. F. Olmsted.....2 6
- Mrs. A. Woche.....2 6
- A. Buckley.....2 6
- J. D. Venter.....2 0
- M. Baker.....2 6
- W. Heinrich.....2 6
- Miss Bourne.....2 6
- T. P. Louwrens.....2 6
- C. P. Louwrens.....2 6
- J. M. Freeman.....2 6
- W. S. Mead.....2 6
- Mrs. E. Tapson.....2 6

£2 7s. 6d

OBITUARY

Sister Walston's long period of suffering came to an end last Sunday morning, Apr. 15, when she quietly fell asleep in the "blessed hope." For more than twenty years she has been engaged in the work of God,—twelve years in America, three years in Australia, and seven years in South Africa. All that medical skill and faithful nursing could do was cheerfully done for our sister. She rests in hope. These experiences lead us to pray more fervently, "Come Lord Jesus, and come quickly."

Brother Walston and his children have the sympathy of their brethren in the loss they have sustained. The hope of a soon coming Saviour, however, lightens their burden of sorrow and gives true comfort in this affliction. The funeral service was held at Dr. Thomason's residence, Monday, April 16.
I. J. HANKINS.

SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORT

FOR QUARTER ENDING 31ST MAR., 1906.
CAPE COLONY CONFERENCE

NAME	No. of Schools	Membership	Av. Attendance	No in Senior Div	Donations	Expenses	Donations to Missions
REGULAR SCHOOLS.							
Cape Town ..	38	30	22	3	14 7	..	3 14 7
Claremont ..	93	75	15	6	14 2	..	..
East London ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port Elizabeth ..	25	20	11	2	5 5	15	..
Rokeby Park ..	32	24	10	2	15 4	3	12 6
Uitenhage ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mooihoek ..	17	6	3	..	15 7	12 2	3 5
Klipdam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Retreat ..	12	12	6	..	8 7	..	..
Fauresmith ..	35	22	..	..	18 0	..	18 0
Parow ..	17	17	6	1	2 2½	..	1 2 2½
Caledon ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
E. L. Location ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Beaconsfield ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grahamstown ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Heisterbach ..	22	17	12	1	10 8½	1 0	1 9 8½
Salt River ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
FAMILY SCHOOLS							
H. T. Willmore ..	9	8	3	..	6 3	..	6 3
J. H. Tarr ..	10	10	..	..	5 0 0	..	5 0 0
J. H. Commin ..	9	9	..	..	1 3 0	..	..
C. R. Dubber ..	7	6	..	..	18 0	1 0	5 0
P. A. Venter ..	7	6	7	..	19 4	..	19 4
G. W. Shone ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
HOME DEPARTMENT							
I. B. Burton ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
T. J. Francis ..	1	1	1	..	2 6	..	2 6
D. W. & C. Tarr ..	2	2	2	..	10 0	..	10 0
TOTAL	20	336	265	98	29 3 8	5 1 8	14 4 9

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

Cape Col. Conference.	20	336	265	98	29	3 8	5	1 8	14	4 9
Natal-Trans -do.	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
MISSIONS.										
Mkupavula ..	1	40	31	..	1	4 6	..	..	1	4 6
Solusi ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kolo ..	1	25	25	16 0	16 0
Somabula ..	1
Plainfield ..	1
TOTAL	33	401	321	68	31	4 2	5	1 8	16	11 9

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—Elder Hyatt is in attendance at the Pretoria camp-meeting.

—Brother Reed, has just returned to the Cape from a visit to Natal.

—Elder Hankins is now conducting Sunday evening services at the Cape Town church with a fair attendance.

—On the occasion of Elder Hyatt's recent visit to the Basuto Mission, a church was organised with Brother Chaney as the elder. Three young men are soon to be baptized there.

—Sister Anderson, Brother W. H. Anderson's mother, arrived at Capetown from the Barotseland Mission on the 9th inst., and left on the "Walmar Castle" last Wednesday for her home in America.

—Brother and Sister Tickton are operating the provision and dining tent at the Pretoria camp-meeting. Judging from a copy of the menu they have kindly sent us, the campers will not suffer for want of encouragement for the inner man.

—The Pretoria camp-meeting is now in session. From all accounts which reached us before the meeting began, the prospects for a good attendance at this meeting were very bright. We earnestly pray that a double portion of the Lord's blessing and power may be poured out upon this gathering, and that the cause of present truth may be greatly strengthened and extended.

—Since Brother and Sister Tickton have been working up the health food business in Johannesburg, they have not been able to do much paper selling; still they have sold about one hundred copies of the *Sentinel* every month. Brother Tickton writes that the March number "went like hot cakes." He ordered some to take with him to the Pretoria camp-meeting.

—Brother C. R. Sparrow writes that at the mission Sabbath-school, he is giving lessons from the first six chapters of St. John's Gospel. At first only the young men attended, but now quite a number of the young women attend, and some of the young men bring their wives. Their donations for last quarter amount to £1 4s 6d.

—In a paper published at South Lancaster, Mass., U. S. A., we read of a great "spelling match" recently held at the S. D. A. Academy at that place, in which Miss Floy Willson, daughter of Brother and Sister Willson, of Kimberley, spelled down all the forty-eight contestants. It appears that Miss Floy is making good progress in her studies at the Academy.

—A letter which we recently received from Brother and Sister W. Heinrich, who live at Keiskama Hoek, in the King Williams Town district, states that they both still hold fast the principles of our faith and are looking forward to the coming of the Saviour. This German brother is seventy-seven years of age, and his wife is almost as old. They send £3 for the annual offering. May the Lord bless them in their isolation, and may the hope of His soon coming cheer them in their old age.

—The meetings for the Germans which used to be held in connection with the Cape Town church have been suspended for about four years. A few Sabbaths ago the writer visited all the German members and

arranged to begin meetings for them again. On the last two Sabbaths we have conducted the Sabbath-school and service for them, and we all experienced rich blessings. Though we cannot speak the German language, we have our hymns in German, and they read the texts from their German Bibles, and the Lord helps them understand the rest. Our German brethren and sisters are greatly pleased and encouraged with the thought of meeting together again on the Sabbath day.

—Here is part of a letter from Sister A. P. Tarr, of "Tarsus," Cathcart, showing a high appreciation of our Sabbath-school lessons: "I am thankful for the systematic study of the Bible provided for by our Sabbath-school lessons. The present set of lessons has been of personal benefit to me. The first two lessons, developing the thought that the Bible is the expression of God's thought in human language, and that the Saviour, the 'Word made flesh,' is the expression of God's thought in human flesh, made me long to have the Word so 'effectually work' in me that my character and my unconscious influence might reflect the divine thought."

Paying Debts

Neglecting to pay debts will ruin anybody's spiritual influence, blind the soul to clear moral distinction, undermine any religious life, and render a person unfit to be used of the Lord in spite of the greatest gifts or the most thrilling experiences in religion.

If any who read this are slack about paying their debts, begin at once to pray earnestly that the Lord will awaken you to its true magnitude, and to inspire you with perfect integrity to begin at once the settling up of all your financial matters in perfect righteousness, and you will find God will begin to bless you both inwardly and outwardly.

—Selected.