

MISSIONARY

Quarterly Meetings

I fear that these quarterly occasions do not receive the consideration that their importance demands. It is possible that some of our churches can learn profitable lessons from the Dutch Reformed and other churches. I feel sure that the D. R. churches do not make the "naach mael" service of more importance to their people than the occasion deserves.

It is sad that so many of our people regard the ordinance of the "Lord's Supper" with so little interest. That they attach no special importance to it is shown by the little effort put forth to attend the service. Many of our brethren, who live but a few miles from the church, do not, on an average, attend these quarterly meetings once each year.

The result is carelessness, indifference, and lack of reverence for the house of God and its means of grace. The joy and happiness once found in the service of God is now sought in games, pleasure-parties, and various other ways. Only a few years ago these games were unknown in the homes of our people. Brethren, it is "high time that we awake out of sleep." I would suggest that our church officers examine into this matter. Every member who lives some distance from the church should be invited by letter or otherwise to attend the meeting. An announcement should be made in the church at least two Sabbaths prior to the meeting. Every effort should be put forth to make these occasions profitable to the members of the church.

I was deeply impressed as I recently visited the Bethlehem (O. R. C.)

church. The brethren plan to meet quarterly, although they have long distances to drive. This is right. We cannot neglect "the assembling of ourselves together," except at the price of spiritual declension; and this we cannot afford.

Every member who is not present at our quarterly meeting should report by letter, and if they do not, then they should be visited at once by some of the church officers to ascertain the cause of their absence. I urge that the officers of our churches carefully consider these suggestions, and that none may say by their actions, "The table of the Lord is contemptible."

W. S. HYATT.

In The Field

During the month I visited Stutterheim, East London, Oudtshoorn, Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage, and Rokeby Park.

STUTTERHEIM.—The meetings at this place had been discontinued, and Elder Tarr was holding Bible readings with nine interested families. They had sold thirty-four copies of the "Object Lessons," twenty-five copies of "His Glorious Appearing," and a number of other books. There seemed to be little or no prejudice, and the people were very willing to have Bible readings.

EAST LONDON.—I held two services at this place. The meetings were being conducted by Brother Baker during the absence of Elder Tarr. I was very glad to notice that the brethren seemed to have a mind to work for the Lord.

OUDTSHOORN.—I spent two weeks

with Brethren Groenewald and Olmsted, assisting them as best I could in their tent-meetings. There has been most determined opposition, which has been met in a Christian manner. God has blessed the labours of the brethren, and the prejudice is breaking. Several were deeply interested, and I confidently expect that some of these are keeping the Sabbath ere this.

PORT ELIZABETH & UITENHAGE.—Our Sabbath services at these places were exceptionally good. As we gave the report of how the message is spreading to all the world, the hearts of our people were filled with joy. On Sunday evening the church at Port Elizabeth was well filled with interested listeners. Our brethren are doing faithful work in scattering literature and holding Bible readings. As a result, several persons have become deeply interested. I believe that some meetings should soon be held at that place.

ROKEBY PARK.—I spent a week among our people in this vicinity, and held four meetings. This church has been neglected, and we find that the young people need help. Brother Walston had been there two weeks when I arrived, and remained to carry on the work when I left. He was rapidly gaining strength, and greatly enjoyed the change from the Cape to the country life on our brethren's farms. The Lord blessed the message, "Be ye also ready," and some hearts responded to it. It is evident that there is need of a revival of the Advent spirit among our people in South Africa. I have greatly enjoyed the privilege of meeting the brethren at these places.

W. S. HYATT.

The San Francisco Earthquake

The world was shocked and horrified at the terrible earthquake in California. In half a minute one of the finest cities of modern times was destroyed. Thousands were left homeless and entirely destitute. Help and sympathy were needed, and from every part of the world it flowed to the sufferers. The American Consul in Cape Town and other American residents sent their offerings. The common ties of humanity leads men to help their fellow men in times of calamity and distress.

Our people everywhere were anxious to know how the earthquake effected our institutions in San Francisco and vicinity. The word came, and we then learned that the vegetarian restaurant, the food store and Sanitarium in that city were totally wrecked, and the Signs office at Mountain View had been badly damaged. A loss of nearly £7,000 had been sustained by these institutions, and help was needed to repair and rebuild. Immediately a call was issued to our American churches to send relief. The calls were made in the Review and we have read them. Offerings were made May 19, and we expect to hear that they responded liberally.

Ought this matter to be left with our American churches alone? We reply, No; and we are sure that from Australia and Europe, yes, and Africa, also, offerings will flow to our stricken institutions. If the world responds in times of calamities, much more should God's people respond when His cause is effected by them.

In counsel with our brethren it has been thought best that we appoint the Sabbath of our quarterly meeting which is near at hand, as the time for us to make our offerings. Most of our churches hold their meetings on the first Sabbath in July, but not all. So we invite our people in South Africa to join with their brethren elsewhere in rendering the needed assistance, by bringing

their offerings at this quarterly occasion.

We feel certain that it is not necessary for us to say more as our people have read the appeals made in the Review. So whether we have much or little to give, let us do it freely and every one have a part in assisting our brethren. We know not but it may be our turn next to need help of this kind.

W. S. HYATT,
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Obituary.

On the 23rd of April, Sister Anna C. Haupt, wife of Brother C. Haupt, died at her home at Simondium. Sister Haupt embraced the truth in the early days of the message in this country, and had led a consistent Christian life. But the author of sin and disease caused the growth of a deadly cancer in her stomach. Several months ago Dr. Thomason performed an operation which greatly relieved the pain and suffering; but the ugly cancer, which could not be removed, gradually drew its victim to the end.

Sister Haupt's faith in the message was as strong as ever. She bore her suffering with much fortitude. Meekness and patience shone out as prominent graces in her Christian life. She has now passed from this life, but we believe her life is "hid with Christ in God." The blessed hope of the resurrection will be full of consolation to Brother Haupt and other members of the family.

G. O. F.

Nyassaland Mission.

We are still having a time with the Church of Scotland people and the chief, about the school. They hold with the Government, and the chief still refuses to accept their teachers. Last Friday I sent Malinki to preach to the natives on the Sabbath, and he found the chief waiting. Said he, "I was just wondering if the Lord would not send me some one

from the mission." He would not let Malinki go into the village on the Sabbath, but said, "You must stay and teach me first as I am anxious to learn the Word of God, so that I may be eyes and mouth to my people for the Lord. To-morrow the people will be here."

Sure enough, the people came in crowds on Sunday, and he held two very interesting meetings. The Scottish Mission also sent out their preacher. Malinki said to the chief, "It is for you to choose who shall take the meeting. The chief told Malinki to take the meeting, as the other teacher did not know anything about the Scriptures. The chief said, "Where are the white men that have been here twenty-eight years, who can teach us the Scriptures like my father (Mr. Branch) and his boys." The people even said, "We never heard the Word of God, until our father came to us." Even the preacher himself confessed that he did not know anything about the Scriptures, and said he, "O I have been in darkness all this time," and he wanted Malinki to stay with him and teach him. "I firmly believe that God is opening the way.

Another thing I wish to mention: This is the great beer drinking time. This chief has given up beer drinking, and stood up in the meeting and admonished all the people to give it up, as it was destroying them all."

Malinki came down with a serious disease that is known to be common and fatal among the natives. He called for us to pray for him, and after following the instruction of clearing the room of all unbelievers, except his wife, whom he thought was a believer, I questioned Malinki concerning his sickness, and after we had everything straight, as far as I knew, we prayed and anointed him. His pain left him, and he got up and walked out, and we went to our home. But his wife followed him, crying aloud, and bemoaning him because he was dying. Instead of rebuking her, as he said that came into his mind to do, he sat down and began

to sympathise with her, and right away he became sick again. This all took place in the morning, and that night he said he was near to death and his wife and friends held a wailing for the dead over him. The next morning she started one of the boys to call her brother to come to the funeral. I went down immediately to see what was the matter, and behold, there he was in a worse condition than he was at first. He asked us to pray for him again, and to put his wife out, as she was an unbeliever in the healing power of God. We did so, and prayed again, and anointed him, and he said, "Praise the Lord, I am well." He got right up and dressed himself and went out of the house and about his work. His wife seemed to become so incensed at this rebuking of Satan's power that she took the youngest child and ran away, but my wife went after her and brought her back. So you see that Satan is no respecter of persons, but I praise the Lord that He is stronger than the devil.

T. H. BRANCH

or thirty minutes, and then a walk of fifteen or twenty minutes to the village.

We found the chief at home, and in a few minutes had twenty or twenty-five men and some women and children assembled. As they wanted to hear about the Sabbath, I presented the subject as straight and plain as I knew how. At the close of my talk the chief and others had a number of questions to ask, which I answered from the Word.

Sometime after sun-down the school-teacher and I returned to the valley, as my horses were still in the veld, the minister staying behind to talk with the people.

The next morning the minister reported that the people had had a heated debate with him on the Sabbath question, and that the chief, and one of his wives (to whom I had sold the Sabbath tract on my previous visit), had helped him from the start. Their debate lasted about three hours.

The next day I visited their school and, on invitation, I gave two short talks to their pupils at different hours. They have 27 enrolled, 19 being present that day. After school, one of the young men came to me to ask about the Sabbath.

These men have not yet begun to keep the Sabbath themselves, but they defend the seventh-day Sabbath against all-comers, and are reading the Sabbath tract to the people in the villages all about them.

I think the reason they do not take the decisive step is that they are very poor, and are trying to build up a self-supporting work, and fear that if they take the step too quickly they will lose their patronage.

The chief to whom we went was one of Letsie's councillors.

Canvassers and others who learn of persons, either English or Dutch, to whom they would like to have the SENTINEL sent would do well to send the addresses to Brother H. S. Beckner, Union College, Kenilworth, Cape, who is the librarian of the Claremont Church Society.

Missionary's Experience

I left Kolo last Monday afternoon, and reached Morija that night. On Tuesday I canvassed the white people in the place, and also sold a number of books to natives. I sold £3 6s. 9d. worth of books; some of these books went into the homes of the leading French Missionaries. I sold several tracts (Sesuto) on the Lord's coming, and the Sabbath, to the native students in their Bible school.

The next day I went on to see the native ministers and teachers who are working independently. I reached their place in the afternoon. They seemed glad to see me, and told me at once that their district chief wanted to see me. Although it was late in the afternoon, upon learning that his village was not far away, I signified my readiness for the trip. So we started immediately, the school teacher and I on foot, and the minister on his pony. We had a very steep mountain climb for twenty

Cape Colony Reports.

Report of Tithes and Offerings for 1st Quarter, 1906.

CAPE COL. CONGREGATION	Tithe	Weekly Offerings	Annual Offerings	Sub-School Offerings	TOTAL
Beaconsfield.....	37 3 5	0 6 0	10 4 6		
Claremont.....	65 19 4	4 5 4	30 4 6		
Cape Town.....	111 12 8	1 12 3	13 0 0		
Cathcart.....	27 18 9		6 0 0		
East London.....	38 10 1	3 9 4	1 12 6		
L. Location.....	63 4 8		1 0 6		
Heisterbach.....	63 19 2	4 19 9	11 4 3		
Isolated.....	16 14 6	0 5 0	0 10 0		
King W's Town.....	6 12 5	0 13 6	3 0 0		
Klipdam.....	9 16 0		1 15 6		
Port Elizabeth.....	1 19 3	0 10 0	4 1 10		
Rokeby Park.....	4 10 0	0 5 0	5 9 6		
Uitenhage.....	16 11 1		1 16 7		
Warmwater.....	6 10 0	0 5 0	1 16 3		
TOTAL	408 1 4	16 11 2	61 15 11	29 1 3	6 0 0

Annual offerings reported above includes those received at office to the end of May.

T. J. GIBSON, Treasurer.

Canvassers Report for March, April and May.

AGENT	TERRITORY	BOOK	Hours	Ord.	Misc.	Total	VALU	Deliv'd	VALUE
A. B. Burton.....	Oudshoorn...	Coming King ..	114	58	74	132	27 6 0	..	..
E. Erickson.....	Kimberley....	Dan. and Rev.	69	27	4	31	21 5 6	16	3 11 0
J. N. & B. P. De Beer	Prieska to Sutherland...	Miscellaneous ..	..	..	298	298	51 12 3	298	51 12 3
S. W. De Lange ..	Lindly (A. N.)		..	..	49	49	4 0 6	49	4 0 6
D. Locke.....	Lady Grey...	Coming ..	39	60	15 10 0	58	14 11 6
P. J. Vermaak	0 7 9	..	0 7 9
TOTAL							121 2 0	422	£ 74 3 36

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As the result of the Pretoria effort, so far, twenty-five people have accepted the truth.

WE learn that the General Conference expect to send us a practical printer to take the place which Bro. Mc Pherson left at the beginning of this year.

SISTER Edmed has been spending a few weeks at the home of Brother and Sister Honey. She has now returned to the Pretoria Mission greatly improved in health.

BROTHER Tickton has been engaged for some time in the health food work in Johannesburg. He has recently added a new department to his work—a vegetarian boarding-house. We wish him success.

BROTHER Walston has spent a few weeks with the brethren at Rokeby Park, and has now gone to Oudts-
hoorn to assist the brethren at that place with the meetings. He has greatly improved in health since he arrived at Rokeby, and reports a gain of twelve pounds in weight.

WHEN Sister Bourne left the Cape and went up to Fauresmith, O. R. C., she missed the associations of those of like faith, and was very lonely for a time. But she was not content to be alone. Feeling that she would be held responsible for the light of the truth in that place, she began in various ways to let the truth be known. She has lately formed a Sunday-school of children not of our faith, where the lessons in the *Little Friend* are studied. Perhaps we will be favoured with a report from Sister Bourne for next month.

ELDER Sturdevant writes that they had recently been honoured (?) by a visit from a cloud of grasshoppers. Their late crops were somewhat damaged, but on the whole, the work at the mission is onward.

THE many friends of Brother and Sister D. C. Theunissen deeply sympathise with them in the loss of their little child. The baby died on Friday night, the 1st inst., and was buried the following Sabbath afternoon.

BROTHER and Sister Willson have favoured us with a few photos of the fine garden on the property of The Baths at Kimberley. We had heard some very flattering descriptions of this garden, but the views before us exceed all reports in exquisite beauty and flowery arrangement.

SISTER PEACH, of Taungs, is anxious that the people in her vicinity shall be acquainted with the truth. From time to time she has sent us lists of subscriptions to the *Sentinel*, and just the other day we received sixteen new subscriptions. Sister Peach says that every white family in Taungs and vicinity now have the *Sentinel*. We do not need to ask Sister Peach if she is anxious about the salvation of her neighbours. Our works declare what kind of faith we have. If we were all as faithful in getting our publications before the people, it would not take long to give the warning message to South Africa.

We would like to receive more requests for clubs of *Sentinels*. There are a few who are doing good work with the papers, but there are so many doing nothing. We wish especially to mention three brothers at Port Elizabeth who are doing good work by means of the *Sentinel*. Brother Clegg takes a club every month of 144, Brother Sates 120, and Brother Wylie 96. There are only a handful of members in Port Elizabeth, but we believe if they

continue using 360 copies of the *Sentinel* every month, the good seed sown will at last result in a good harvest. Will not the members of some other church or company begin a similar work? Write for a few copies to begin with.

College Items

—The College flower garden is being put in order, and we are indebted to Brother John Wessels for some plants and shrubs for the beds.

—Joe Le Richie has entered school again.

—We were all glad to see Brother Hyatt walk into chapel one morning, and listen as he told of his visits to the homes of many of the students.

—We continue to gather every Friday evening, and recount the experiences of victory or defeat. We desire to make this meeting one which will ever be held in the memory of our students with sweet thoughts. We want it to be the Bethel of the week.

—Brother Freeman writes encouraging reports of the faithful work Miss Frances Haupt and Miss Vicky Sutherland are doing in their schools. He says, "Have we not more Dutch and English Afrikaner girls who could be trained for this work? There are many calls for such workers."

—When we hear of the great need of teachers, and look over our little company of students, we long to see more in school, that we may have some to whom we may look for filling these calls.

—Our year is quickly passing, it is not too early for our brethren to be thinking and planning what they can do for the education of their children. Let any who are thinking of entering school, or long to do so if the way would open, correspond with the Principal. To these we would say, "Ask great things of God; attempt great things for God; expect great things from God."