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Preparation for Baptism

The gospel commission is to teach all nations and then baptize all believers. The truth that has made us a people is so different from the teaching of the churches about us that it is necessary for us to teach many doctrines before the candidate for baptism can intelligently answer the question, "Do you believe the gospel?" Truth that has been buried for centuries by tradition is to be made plain so that individuals can intelligently decide whether they will accept it or not.

The young man who came to Jesus, asking the way of life, verily thought that he was a follower of the Lord; but when the test was applied "he went away sorrowful." It is not uncommon for us to meet such individuals. In my home town a man accepted the Sabbath and many other truths, and when the time for baptism came, some months later, he asked to be baptized. Upon inquiring, we learned that he occasionally smoked a cigar; and rather than give up this vile practice of smoking "but once or twice a month," he too turned away sorrowful.

It is not uncommon to find people who will give up every hope rather than yield some darling indulgence or unscriptural practice. This makes it necessary that faithful instruction be given before the time comes for baptism. It is far better that the one who is teaching the truth do faithful work on all points, rather than to leave this to be done at the time of baptism.

We should not wait till at the water's side for the candidate to throw away his pipe and tobacco. Jewelry

and worldly fashion should have been discarded before this time. A tree that is dead soon drops its leaves. The truth as revealed in God's Word must be loved for Jesus' sake. He "that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." The individual who longs to be like Jesus only needs to be shown what the Word says, and gladly it is accepted and obeyed.

The subject of tithing, health reform, and Spirit of prophecy should be clearly presented from the Word of God at a proper time. Never should these subjects be left till some minister comes and then expect him to bind off the unfinished task. Each worker should so complete his work that he can hear the "Well done." If persons are properly instructed prior to baptism and acceptance by the church they are likely to become strong members; but if not, they will be weak and ready to fall over the first stumbling stone by the way.

W. S. HYATT.

Help for Africa

Believing that this message is to be carried to all the world in this generation, our brethren in America are sending workers to all parts of the wide world to aid in giving the message. In this distribution of labourers, Africa has not been wholly overlooked, as will be seen by the following paragraph.

Next week we expect Brother Israel and wife to arrive at the Cape. As we have stated before, Brother Israel has been sent out to take charge of our printing work. With them are Sister Eda, from England,

who will, later on, proceed to Nyassaland, and Miss Helen Hyatt, who returns from America to resume her teaching work at the College. A brother and his wife, both of whom are teachers, but whose name we have yet to learn, are on their way to this field to connect with the work at the Somabula Mission. Brother and Sister J. C. Rogers, with whom most of our readers are acquainted, will arrive here the latter part of the year on their way to Nyassaland, where they will take up work. Brother A. A. Carscallen, who has been working in Wales, with the native boy, Peter Nyambo, who has been attending the training school in London, will soon be sent to open up new work in British Central Africa. Brother and Sister Jensen, of the Scandinavian Union Conference, are about to start for Abyssinia, where they will open up work in that interesting country.

Long before the Cape to Cairo railway will be in operation, the Dark Continent will be spanned by a bright chain of mission stations, the purpose of which will be to dispel the darkness and break the chains of superstition and sin which bind the dusky natives of Africa, that they might enjoy the light and liberty and freedom "wherewith Christ hath made us free." Let us praise God for what He is doing in Africa. Let us pray that He may give grace to His servants, that this great work may be accomplished in His name.

O. O. F.

ELDER HYATT expects to return to the Cape about the end of the present month.

Somobula Mission

It was my privilege to spend three weeks at Somobula with Brother and Sister Armitage. They find their hands more than full of work and were glad to receive a little assistance in their school work. There are a large number of boys and girls in the mission and the work is prospering, for which we are thankful. There were about ninety natives in attendance at the Sabbath service.

I gave three exhibitions with my magic lantern. A large number of the natives attended, and we hope that some seeds of truth may have entered their hearts by the seeing of their eyes as well as by the hearing of their ears.

The last Sabbath I was there we had a very interesting baptismal occasion. Eight young people, three boys and five girls, followed their Lord into the watery grave, and arose, we hope, to a new life. These young natives have been in the mission school nearly all the time for four years, and have been well instructed in Bible truth.

The mission is prospering financially. To feed and clothe so large a number costs no small sum, but the Lord has furnished all things necessary for the maintenance of the work.

I have been led to marvel many times of late. I find men everywhere in this country seeking for gold and diamonds, but many of our people are afraid to come into the country to seek jewels for the Saviour. Is it true that those who serve the world have more zeal in their work than we have who are servants of the Lord? Will some one please arise and answer?

W. S. HYATT.

Plainfield Mission, Cholo

Sabbath, July 14, 1906, was a blessed day for this mission. In the precious week we organised the first Seventh-day Adventist church in British Central Africa, with twenty-one members. On the Sabbath men-

tioned, thirteen precious believing souls followed their Lord in baptism. These dear ones all gave a reason for their hope in Christ, in the written Word. After a short sermon on baptism and repentance, faith and obedience, we went to the stream to administer the right of baptism. There were two hundred natives present, and the Lord came near by His Holy Spirit. In the afternoon the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. This solemn service was enjoyed by all, and I believe that the influence of this meeting will have much to do in bringing others into the light of the truth. There are others who are desiring baptism. In a village quite a distance from the mission, where some of our boys go on Sabbath afternoons to preach, five persons presented themselves as candidates for baptism. Truly the dear Lord has gone out before us and hearts are being made tender, and while all are not accepting these truths, all are hearing them.

The adversary of souls is angry at the oft-repeated visits of the boys with the Word of God into his camp, and some poor blind souls have cried out, "Leave us alone, we do not wish to hear the Word of God; neither do we desire to hear the name of Jesus spoken." Yet others are crying to know the way of life, and many are coming to study that they may know how to find the Saviour.

Oh, that there were more labourers in the work in this dark corner of Africa. God is calling; who will answer the call, "Here am I, send me, send me." Truly Ethiopia has her hands outstretched to God, and the cry is sounding aloud, "Send us help," and we join our prayers and cries with these perishing ones, "Send us help, send it ere the harvest time pass by."

The school work is in good condition with a daily attendance of seventy-five. We have a morning and afternoon session with Mabel, Paul, and two native teachers as instructors. The lessons in the "Gospel Primer" never seem so interesting as when read by these boys, who delight to read them.

The Sabbath question is finding its way right in the midst of the opposing missions, and their boys are coming to enter school and hear the truths of God.

Malinki, our native preacher, who was the first Seventh-day Adventist convert in this part of Africa, is an excellent native worker and has a good knowledge of English. He is of great help to us in the work, as he speaks six of the native languages.

THOMAS H. BRANCH.

Our Canvassing Work

The following letter was received by one of our canvassers recently;—
"My dear Mr. Haupt,— Your letter to hand. I am very sorry I did not see you when you called, but I am almost always out in the day time. I shall be very glad to take a copy of the book, "Bible Readings" — 20/-. I have greatly benefitted by the books I obtained through you, I am glad to say, and hope I shall be able to see you the next time you visit this way. Yours in the blessed hope."

We understand that this subscriber, who holds a responsible position as a Government official in the Cape Peninsula, has from time to time, purchased copies of our publications. We feel sure that if we were more faithful in circulating our literature, our opportunities for meeting many such honest souls would be more frequent, and precious blessings would be experienced by ourselves as well as by those who purchase our books.

Our canvassing work in the Cape Conference has declined considerably this year, as will have been noted by those who have observed the reports in the MISSIONARY, the output for the first six months being, proportionately, about 50 per cent less than last year. Whilst this is to be deplored, we are thankful for what is being done, and those in the field deserve credit for their work. We feel certain that the churches are partially responsible for the support of this important branch of the Lord's work, and we would urge them to take the matter in hand

h a view to doing all in their
ver to revive it. We think more
al canvassing ought to be done
ilst studying the needs of the field
general. THOS. J. GIBSON.

'After the Earthquake a Fire'

(1 Kings 19:12.)

he losses caused to our institutions
the Pacific Coast of America by
a great earthquake touched a cord
sympathy in our people which ran
nd the world. It would seem that
e awful consequences which fol-
wed the earthquake would be suffi-
ent to press home the essential
son without the visitation of
ther destructive agencies, but now
learn of the complete destruction
the Pacific Press Publishing Com-
ny's fine plant at Mountain View,
the night of the 20th July. The
s is estimated at £50,000, and the
urance amounts to £20,000. But
e most serious losses are in scores
valuable records, files, electro-
tes, and many other things which
will be impossible to replace. Our
thren at Mountain View, who
ve been working so earnestly and
hfully for the extension of the
ssage to all the world, have our
ere sympathy in this double
fortune, which has come upon
m.

When the news of the earthquake
shed us, those who were interested
felt so inclined were invited to
ate something for the relief of our
ring institutions. The Natal-
nsvaal Conference sent us £8-2-3,
Cape Conference £12-13-5, and
Basuto Mission £3-5-3, making
al of £24-0-11, which has been
to America, and it will reach
e in good time to help the
ren who are in such deep dis-
at Mountain View. O. O. F.

Orange River Colony

re message has been maintained
ily in this part of the field dur-
he past quarter. Our additions
mainly made up of natives
tos and Zulus). A company of

eight adults in the District of Vre-
defort have not yet been organised
or attached to the existing church.
Brother Moolman, with Brother
Venter, Senr., took a voluntary trip,
spending more than a week visiting
and creating an interest among some
people. The writer visited all the
members at their respective homes.

Some of the brethren are showing
active interest in giving the natives
the message. Brother Van Rensburg,
in District of Heilbron, often meets
with his class, as also the Venter
family, Lindly District. The other
brethren from Heisterbach have
invariably been present at the special
services held at Wilgehoek for the
natives.

At the quarterly business meeting
it was voted that a meeting house be
erected at Wilgehoek, particularly
to meet the need of a native meeting
place, and for general purposes. At
a subsequent meeting £30 was raised
for the purpose, it being estimated
to cost £60. The brethren gladly
contributed toward the relief fund
for California. I think about £9
were promised and given.

Sickness in families prevented a
full attendance. We held our meet-
ings in real freezing weather.

Brother De Lange started out
immediately after the meetings on a
missionary canvassing trip to Kroon-
stad and Vredefort Districts, and the
writer has received quite favourable
reports from him.

The serious illness of my son Mark
demanded my presence at Johannes-
burg for a short time. He has been
ill for about three months, and
though still prostrated I am thankful
to know that he is experiencing the
sweet joy of salvation. Whilst there
I was in no visiting mood, and trust
the brethren about Jo'burg will not
have felt slighted at my apparent
coldness. J. M. FREEMAN.

Since writing the above article,
Elder Freeman has been recalled to
Johannesburg on account of his son's
serious condition of health.

The Educational Convention

The gathering of teachers and edu-
cational men at College View, Neb.,
U. S. A., June 29 to July 10 was prob-
ably the most important educational
convention ever held among us as
a people. The keynote was sounded
by Professor W. W. Prescott in the
address: "*Lost*,—in the darkness of
sin and apostasy the divine method
of education. *Found*,—in the light
of the third angel's message that
which was lost. *Wanted*,—such an
inspiration as will inspire and arouse us
to our responsibilities and impart to
us a zeal befitting our time and
our work."

The general trend of the discussion
was along missionary lines. How
best to prepare young men and wom-
en for the gospel field. Courses of
study and methods of instruction are
important, but the question of an
actual connection between the school
work and the field is of greater im-
portance. "How shall the message
be brought to the world's teeming
millions?" and "How shall our schools
best aid in the work?" were some of
the topics discussed.

The problems before this Conven-
tion are the same problems that face
us in the educational work in this
field. How best can our schools aid
in giving the advent message to the
millions in Africa? This is a live
question with the teachers of to-day,
and one that will bear much prayerful
thought and consideration. We hope
at our forthcoming camp-meeting
and Conference to enter fully into the
discussion of this and other important
matter pertaining to our educational
work.

We know that "It is God's purpose
that through the excellence of the
work done in our educational insti-
tutions the attention of the people
will be called to the last effort to save
the perishing." Let all our teachers
and others interested in our schools
attend the Camp-meeting to be held
at the Cape in January.

C. H. HAYTON.

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ELDER FREEMAN wishes to acknowledge and express his appreciation for the many letters of sympathy which he has received on the occasion of the illness of his son in Johannesburg. He would be glad to reply to all of them personally, but is unable to do so now.

SISTER ANNIE E. GRANT, Cor. Moss and Jules Streets, Belgravia, Johannesburg, is in need of literature to distribute in the hospitals. If those who have a collection of our denominational papers of any kind will send the same to Sister Grant's address, they will be used to good advantage.

BROTHER Shone is purchasing the farming implements, team, and other necessary things for starting the work at the new Kaffir mission on Brother Sparrow's farm, on the other side of Grahamstown. We have sent £200 from this office to make a beginning in the establishment of the mission.

BROTHER TICKTON writes for two hundred extra *Sentinels* this month. He appends to his letter the following report of papers sold in Johannesburg by himself and wife during the last eleven months: *Sentinel* 1851; *Wachter* 109; *Good Health* 502; German papers 32; Miscellaneous 203; total 2697; value £33-1-0. These sales do not include the club taken by the Johannesburg church and used by other members.

OUR readers at the Cape all remember Brother Freeman's son Mark, who recently went with his mother to live in Johannesburg. For three or four months Mark has been very ill, his condition at times being very critical. Since this affliction has come upon him, Mark has given his

heart to the Lord, and if he is restored to health his desire is to enlist in the Master's service. We trust that all of our readers who believe in the efficacy of prayer will pray that the Lord, according to His mercy, will lay His healing hand upon our brother.

THE Claremont Church Missionary Society recently received the following letter from a lady to whom they had been sending the *Sentinel*: "Thanks for your note. I will be very, very pleased to enlist as a subscriber to the *Sentinel*, so generously sent me. I have enjoyed it very much, and other friends are also interested. This week I have sent the last number to a friend in England. Wishing you all success in the good work, Yours sincerely."

WE have received the following letter from a lady in response to a letter from some church missionary society: "Some weeks back father received a letter asking him to become a subscriber to the *South African Sentinel*, a paper which we received here for a while. It is a good paper, and I enjoy reading it, so I therefore enclosed 3/- for subscription. Wishing you much blessing in your work, and that I will also be benefitted by reading the paper, Yours faithfully."

THE two paragraphs above show clearly the good that may result from a wise distribution of our papers. Some seed, when it is sown, falls by the wayside, some upon stony places, and some among thorns; but praise the Lord, some seed, when sown in faith, and watered by the Holy Spirit, falls into good ground, and brings forth fruit for the kingdom of heaven.

The Missionary Fund

We give below the amount of donations received up to date for the support of the MISSIONARY. As all will remember, at the beginning of the year it was decided by the Committee to send the MISSIONARY to all the Sabbath-keepers in South Africa, instead of depending upon them to send in their subscriptions. Many who need the paper, and who are glad to get it, do not attend to such small matters of detail as sending in a subscription to a paper, and so they would be without the reports which the MISSIONARY contains every month if we did not send it to them.

But the paper must be supported in some way. It was thought that all who receive and read the MISSIONARY would be only too glad to show their appreciation by sending a donation, large or small, to pay the expense of publishing and mailing the paper. As the following report shows, only £3-16-6 have been received, which is not sufficient to pay the expenses for two months. The cost of printing alone is £2 per issue. We take this opportunity of thanking our friends who have already contributed to this fund, but you can readily see that unless all the readers of the paper take a part in its maintenance, there will be a big deficit for somebody to meet at the end of the year. All donations for this purpose may be sent to the Tract Society in Cape Town or in Maritzburg, or if more convenient, direct to this office.

O. O. F.

Missionary Fund

Amt. previously reported	£2 7 6
W. Heinrich.....	10 0
M. C. Sturdevant.....	5 0
Miss Kohler.....	2 0
Mrs. Tarr.....	2 6
Miss De Man.....	2 6
Mrs. J. Studer.....	2 6
J. A. Chaney.....	2 6
Miss Webster.....	2 0
Amt. received to date.....	£3 16 6

Natal-Transvaal Conference

REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

FOR HALF YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1906.

	Tithes	S.	S.	O.	F.	D.	O.
P. M. Burg.....	£150 5 3	6	16	11	7	13	7
Johannesburg....	146 6 1	6	12	8	9	10	3
Pretoria.....	33 14 8	1	17	6	1	5	6
Durban.....	5 16 0	1	17	6	7	6	
Vryheid.....		1	12	6			
Sweewaters.....		3	12	6	1	3	0
Oamp Meeting....		2	9	11			
TOTALS	£336 2 0	24	19	6	19	19	10