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Camp Meeting and Conference

THE wheels of time are rapidly bearing us down to the close of another year. Nearly two years have passed since the meeting at East London, and now the time is at hand when we are to have another biennial meeting of the Union Conference.

Without doubt this will be the most important gathering we have ever held in this field. A vast territory is stretched before us, and multitudes are unwarned. Plans must be laid for the extension of our work.

There will be no laying off the armour till Jesus comes. The darkest parts of this country must be entered, and the light of the message given to the inhabitants. God has entrusted this work to the Union Conference, and every brother and sister forms a part of the working force.

We are greatly in need of power and wisdom for this great work. It has ever been God's plan that His people should meet at stated seasons to unitedly seek for help to perform the task He has given them to do. Never was a greater task given to any people than the one placed upon us.

Our missionaries from Matabeleland, Barotseland, Basutoland, Kafirland, and Nyassaland are expected to attend. The General Conference has promised to send one of our leading brethren in America to the meeting to counsel with us. Brother J. C. Rogers and wife former labourers in the Cape Conference are expected to reach Africa in time to attend the meeting. The Lord Jesus has promised, "Lo, I am with you." Will you be there too?

We hope for a real spiritual feast.

Already the S. A. U. C. Committee are praying and studying and planning for the success of the meeting. Will our brethren and sisters join us in seeking wisdom that this meeting may be the best meeting we ever enjoyed?

This is to be a genuine camp-meeting. We have an abundance of nice new tents. The camp is to be in a beautiful place at the Cape in easy reach of hundreds of people who know not the truth for this time. Will you help us to place the message before these people? Remember that the meeting is to be held Jan. 4-20.

We do not ask you to come to the Cape for a pleasure trip, but we do ask you to come and join us in seeking for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, that we may know how to give this message to our neighbours and friends and carry it to every part of this dark land. Begin at once to seek for this blessed experience.

W. S. HYATT,
Pres. S. A. U. Conf.

Better Work—Larger Circulation

A FEW days after the last number of the MISSIONARY was published Brother Israel arrived, and he has now taken over the responsibility of the printing work. We expect that the mechanical work on our papers will be much better than that heretofore accomplished by amateurs. We know there is much room for improvement. We trust that this improvement will have an indirect influence upon the circulation of the *Sentinel*. But however perfect the *Sentinel* may appear, the circulation will not be effected unless our people take a more active interest in this work. This is what we plead for—a larger circulation.

O. O. F.

Our Enemy

WE have the assurance that Death, the "last enemy," is soon to be destroyed. Then the captives he holds in his "prison-house," will be released, and there will be a reunion of ties long severed, a day of gladness and praise unending.

Our readers all sympathise with Brother and Sister Freeman in their affliction. Although they were called to part with their son Mark, yet they are comforted with the belief that his life is hid with Christ, and will be restored at His soon coming. About four months ago, at the beginning of his illness, Mark yielded fully to the Lord, and believed in His forgiveness. Although paralysed to unconsciousness much of the time, yet in moments of consciousness he indicated an abiding trust in the merits and love of Christ; and also cherished a hope of being restored to health, having a desire to show his love to God by a life of consecrated service. But the Lord knows best, and we cheerfully submit to His will. His parents and brother tenderly ministered to Mark in his helpless condition, and then laid him away for a brief, undisturbed rest, till the Life-Giver comes. These broken ties make more precious and more real the "blessed hope," soon to be realised.

Mark was in his 24th year. He died in Johannesburg. A Baptist minister kindly officiated in the funeral service.

"And when I shall meet the friends that
I have loved,
Clasp to my bosom dear ones long
removed,
And witness how faithful Christ to me
hath proved,
I shall be satisfied then."

I. J. HANKINS.

THE FIELD

Solusi Mission

It was my privilege to spend two weeks at the Solusi and Mkupavula Missions. The hand of the Lord is to be clearly seen in the work at these stations. Hard, faithful work has been done, and the Lord has rewarded the efforts put forth. We are thankful to say that our missionaries have had good health during the past season.

The first Sabbath I was there we had a very enjoyable day. Nine young men were baptized and added to the church. Slowly, but surely, the truth is searching out and finding honest hearts. I gave two very successful exhibitions with the magic lantern. These were well attended and, we believe, left a deep impression upon their minds. The native may not be able to understand a book, but he can read a picture. The views make the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus very plain to their minds.

One of the young men who went to Barotseland with Brother Anderson, Detja by name, was at Solusi to get a wife. They were married by Elder Sturdevant and then prepared to return.

Jim, one of the teachers, has long desired to see his people. When a child he was taken from his home by a band of Matabeles. Brother Anderson found his father and mother as they live but a few miles from his mission. Accordingly, plans were laid for Jim to go up there and begin work for his people.

The two young men and their families started on their trip to Barotseland at the same time I started for the Cape. Jim was greatly beloved by all at the mission, and the parting was a very touching scene. Tears flowed freely. We hope that God will make this young man a blessing to His cause in that dark land of heathenism.

W. S. HYATT.

Kolo Mission, Basutoland

August 20th, Mrs. Chaney, Murray and myself started for Makeneng, Lerothodi's old village near Morija. We reached there just before sundown and we found lodgings with Mr. Van Rooyen, a Hollander by birth, who with his wife and Mr. Brophhey, a colonial young man, has lived in the village for three years. Recently Mr. Van Rooyen had borrowed "Coming King" and the *Sentinel* from Mr. Brown, of Morija, and all three of them had become much interested in the truth found therein. I had a short but very interesting visit with them a few weeks before.

Mr. Van Rooyen had subscribed for the *Sentinel*, asking for all back numbers of 1906. These papers had reached them the Friday before we went over there. On Sunday morning Mr. Van Rooyen took his papers and sat down outside to read. He soon came to the Sabbath question and was convinced at once. He went into the house and said to his wife and Mr. Brophhey, "We are keeping the wrong day; this is not the Sabbath; this is Sunday, the first day of the week. The Sabbath is the seventh day." Then he read to them from the paper and they were also convinced and after talking it over they said; "Well, if to-day is not the Sabbath we may just as well be at our work and next Sabbath we will begin to keep the Lord's Sabbath."

So when the natives came from church they said to one another: "See! the 'bakhooa' (white people) are working on Sunday!" And then they wanted an explanation. Mr. Van Rooyen told them that Sunday was not the Sabbath but that the seventh day was the Bible Sabbath. The natives then said: "O you are like that Sabbath church of David Kalaka."

That evening we had a few songs and I played my cornet. This attracted some of the natives who came in and sat down on the floor. We then had prayer and a short Bible lesson which Murray interpreted to the Basutos. The next morning the late Lerothodi's head wife (there are

about seventy-five of his wives living in this village) sent word that she would not allow any meetings of any other church to be held in her house, as she was a true French Protestant.

The house that the white people were living in was given to them by Lerothodi to live in until they could build a place for themselves.

I went with Murray to see the old woman, but she would not listen to anything we said, but insisted that she was not going to have any "Sabbath" religion in her place. Well, we spent the week in the village, had some good talks with the people and the natives came to read the Sesuto commandment chart which I had made on cloth with my large rubber type.

J. A. CHANEY.

(Continued next month.)

Stutterheim

THE writer returned yesterday afternoon from attending the quarterly meeting in East London. A precious season was enjoyed with the church at that place. The spirit of love and unity characterised all our meetings, and the brethren and sisters seemed encouraged to press forward with the message.

My heart was made glad Friday evening, when by invitation I gave a Bible reading at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morton. They had for some time past been convinced of the truth, but the way did not seem clear for them to step out. A few minutes after entering their house last Friday, they informed me that they had now fully made up their minds to obey the truth. Though this means quite a sacrifice from a worldly standpoint, they are willing to suffer the loss of all things, that they may gain Christ.

During the quarter, Mrs. Baker, wife of Brother M. Baker, and Mrs. Best, Sister Caine's daughter, have taken a firm stand for the truth, and are determined to go forward with the people of God to victory.

Some results are now being seen from the work done in this place. One family of three adults began

keeping the Sabbath two weeks ago. And this past week a lady who came to Stutterheim just after the tent meetings closed, with whom I have been holding Bible readings the past six weeks, has taken a decided stand for the truth. Six other persons are deeply stirred over the Sabbath question, and seem almost ready to take hold. Besides these, several others are much interested, whom we hope will in the near future unite with us in keeping all the commandments of God.

D. F. TARR.

Oct. 2, 1906.

Somabula

Extract from letter

I WENT over to visit the school where Fred and David (two of our native teachers) have been teaching. I was so well pleased with the work at that place that I decided to send Sebagobe over there for a couple of months. There is a splendid interest at that place now, and many of the old people are leaving their tobacco and beer. They told me that they could not understand all of these things, but they must believe. I hope to be able to spend some time with them and help them to take a stand. I have never seen such a revival among the natives in Africa. The people there want to know the truth, and when they begged me not to leave them to themselves, I sent the very best I had.

F. B. ARMITAGE.

Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage

SINCE the first of July I have been labouring here at these two places. We found quite an interest had been started by the brethren and sisters scattering the literature, and we have been following up the interest by holding meetings, Bible readings, and visiting as the way opens. Four have already united with the church at Port Elizabeth, and others are about ready to do so. Brother Olmsted is holding Sunday night meetings at the church with a very good attendance, and is labouring among the peo-

ple during the week, visiting from home to home. I am helping here two or three days each week, but spend a good portion of the time at Uitenhage, holding meetings at the church and Bible studies at private homes and visiting. There has been a very good interest from the first, and we hope to see some good results of labour.

The brethren and sisters seem to appreciate the meetings very much, as all attend. The church members manifest a zeal in missionary work by scattering tracts, selling the *Sentinel*, and canvassing for the books. Sister E. Pote and Sister B. Dicks have been canvassing as they could get a few hours' time from week to week, and have disposed of 369 bound books during the past few months. A club of 144 *Sentinels* are used each month. Sister Nellie George is selling sixty for her portion, and others are doing more or less of the same work. Sister Stephens, who is over seventy years of age, has a very novel way of distributing tracts. She goes out with her little grand children of about six years of age, and these little girls are taught to go from door to door and offer the tracts which the people readily take from them.

An spiritualist medium has just given a lecture here in the Town Hall. He stirred up the people, and we have succeeded in selling thirty of the pamphlets, "Modern Spiritualism," and would have sold more if we could have obtained them.

I find some medical work to do, and have sold about twenty bound books, and several articles for giving treatment; have also taken orders for health foods. I am enjoying my work, and am very thankful to God for returning health and his many blessings to me. The time has come for God's people to work and pray as never before. We find every wind of doctrine blowing, and the people in confusion. We must let our light shine.

W. C. WALSTON.

BROTHER TICKTON, Johannesburg, is using 700 copies of the *Sentinel* this month. A good example.

Oudtshoorn

To the dear readers of the *Missionary*,—

These words come very forceably to my mind of late: "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" Jer. 8:22. I can bear witness that there is balm there in abundance, and the Great Physician is more than willing to apply it and soothe the injured soul. The work of Brother Vermaak and myself has been very trying, and we have had to meet fearful prejudice all the time. In some parts a spirit of boycott takes the place of what was hospitality, and at times we have not known what to do next, what move to make, or where to go. All was dark and dreary. Yet the dear Lord has not left us without a word of comfort. In Isa. 41:16 our darkness is made into light. In Isa. 41:10, 13, 14, we are told not to fear, for He will help us. We have felt His aid very much, and when we have called we have not been disappointed.

We do not know how to get the good books into the homes of these poor people. It is difficult to get them to take tracts now in these parts, and we feel so sorry for them. Some plan will have to be devised to reach them for we cannot leave them to perish. We in the book work are but gleaners now, and unless some other scheme is brought forward, the work from Swellendam to Oudtshoorn will have to be left by the canvasser. Never has the way been so hedged up as it is at present amongst the Dutch people. The ministers have a hold on them that is almost incredible.

I hope that at the coming conference this line of the work will receive earnest consideration. It has not had its due in the past, and now the work will have to be done under the most trying circumstances. May the Lord help us, and give us wisdom that we may devise ways and means to reach this poor people, who are sitting in darkness.

I. B. BURTON.

South African Missionary

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ON Sabbath afternoon, Oct. 6, four sisters and one brother were baptized by Elder Hankins in the Cape Town church. There was a good attendance of members to witness the rite. These five new members attend the services at Salt River and Parow.

It is not too early to begin your preparations for attending the camp-meeting and Conference to be held at the Cape Jan. 4—20. As this time is near the close of the Christmass holidays, reduced rates on the railways can be obtained without the use of certificates.

BROTHER Walston went up to the Somabula Mission about the end of last month to assist in the work at that place for a few months. Sister Armitage and her little girl are not well, and it is expected that they will come down to the Cape to spend the remainder of this year.

IF any of our churches or companies expect or desire the services of a church school teacher for next year, it will be necessary to acquaint the officers of the Conference as early as possible with all the particulars, including the probable number of pupils, school room, etc. Don't wait till the end of the year.

BROTHER G. A. Ellingworth, who has been at the College since the first of the year, has just gone up to the Solusi Mission to help Brother Sturdevant. We hope that Brother Ellingworth will enjoy his first taste of mission experience, and that he will prove to be a good and faithful labourer in the mission field.

ALL who are interested in the canvassing work in this country will be glad to learn that Brother J. H. Camp

has again entered the ranks as general canvassing agent for the Natal-Transvaal Conference. We wish him success as he takes up this good work again. The canvassing work is at a very low ebb in South Africa just now. We hope the high tide will set in soon.

WE are requested to state for the benefit of those who subscribe to our foreign periodicals through the Cape Town office of the International Tract Society, that the said society will not be responsible for renewing subscriptions for the next year unless requested to do so. Now is the time to renew subscriptions for next year. Attend to it now and you will not be disappointed.

WE are thankful for what the Sabbath-schools have donated this year for the Kafir Mission. This mission is now being built up, and it will need all the funds that can be raised for the necessary buildings and other facilities. There is only one more quarter left of the time allotted for the donations to be given to this new mission, and we trust that the Sabbath-schools will put forth extra efforts to raise a good, substantial sum during this last quarter to build up the mission in the midst of the Kafir people.

Missionary Fund

Amt. previously reported	£ 3 16 6
Mrs. Smith	4 6
Mrs. Rennie.....	5 0
A. Beissner.....	1 0 0
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Amt. received to date.....	£ 5 6 0

Canvassers' Report

CAPE CONFERENCE

QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30.

LADIES' GUIDE.	Ord.	Value.
Mrs. Bredenkamp, Parow	7	£ 6 17 6
DANIEL AND REVELATION.		
E. Enochson, Kimberley,	39	27 15 3
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Burton & Vermaak, Bonny Vale,		11 19 0
S. W. de Lange, Lindley,		33 14 6
De Beer Bros., Calvania,		39 17 5
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Students for the College

THE school has entered upon the last quarter of the year. In ten short weeks our school will close for the summer holidays. It is none too early to plan for next year's work. We should have our school filled with young people preparing for the Lord's work. Where one or two have gone forth there should be a dozen. Can you not help us again, dear brethren, to send young people to the College,—yours or those of your relatives or friends? Is there any work more important at the present time than that of recruiting young people for the Lord's cause? The work that lies nearest the church members is to become interested in the youth; not one or two, but all.

We have a staff of conscientious Christian teachers who are giving their lives to the training of those who are sent to the College. There is a double duty resting upon them; not only in being thorough in the teaching of the common branches of knowledge; but in grounding the youth in the great principles of God's Word. The truths of the third angel's message are the most important for study at the present time. Our young people should become thoroughly familiar with every branch of Bible doctrine and health reform. In no other school in South Africa can this knowledge be obtained. Our school was established for this very purpose. If it is not different in this respect from other schools, it should cease to exist.

Every young person who comes to the College, whether they are of S. D. A. parents or not, is impressed with some new principle of truth. These are carried to the homes, and seeds are sown that will spring forth and bear fruit to the glory of God. Help us then, dear brethren, to fill our school with young people for the coming year. Send us the names of your friends or neighbours to whom we can mail the new calendar.

C. H. HAYTON.