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"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

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## Go Forward!

(A word for the new year.)

GO, WORK to-day in My vineyard,  
We hear the Master say,  
For the fields are white to harvest.  
Go, scatter the seed away.  
Go, take the message I gave you;  
"The kingdom of God is here!"  
Go, sound it abroad to the nations;  
Go, publish it far and near.  
Go forth, and seek ye the lost ones,  
The sheep that stray from My fold;  
Go, bring them into My bosom;  
Go, gather them, young and old.  
Go, bind up the broken-hearted,  
Go, comfort the mourning one;  
Go, bearing a word of solace  
To souls that are sad and lone  
Go, publish abroad to the captives  
My gospel of liberty;  
Go, open the mind's dark dungeon,  
And bid the oppressed go free!  
Go, heal the sick and the suffering,  
Go, offer balm for their woe;—  
Have I not sent you to witness?  
Arise, take My message, and go!  
Say not, "O Lord, I'm not worthy!"  
Go forward in "this your might."  
Yea go, imbued with My Spirit,  
And bearing My touch of light.  
Go, flash out among the people  
What precious truth, you hold,  
Go, saying you've found the jewel,  
The pearl of price untold.  
Faint not, nor grow utterly weary,  
Though difficult be the way;  
When clouds and darkness oppress you,  
Come unto Me, and pray.  
Come, rest awhile in My presence,  
And tell Me of your need:  
Come, when you are heavy-laden,  
And find in Me help indeed!  
Is any burden too grievous,  
Too heavy for Me to bear?  
Have I not tasted your sorrows?  
Can I not your trials share?  
And do not the heavenly watchers  
Stand ready to succour and aid?

Take courage, then, O my beloved,  
Trust Me, and be not afraid.  
Think not ye are empty-handed;  
Lean not on the arm of man.  
Remember, the One who sends you  
The heavens metes with a span;  
His coffers are hid in the ocean;  
His treasures, what eye may see?  
Who counteth the wealth of His riches?  
Oh, have ye no faith in Me?  
Fear not, little flock, but take courage,  
Your Master is sure to provide.  
Go, labour again in My vineyard,  
And keep very close to My side.  
Go, forward, uphold one another  
With firm, and true hearted love.  
My harvest so shall ye gather,  
And reap My reward above.

—*Frieda Elffers.*

## Bible Studies at the Cape.

A GENTLEMAN and his wife in Cape Town, who have had studies for many months, are fully convicted of the truth, but they do not yet see any means of support if they keep the Sabbath. Surely it requires faith and courage to obey the Lord under such circumstances. This gentleman in the mean time is talking with others, and thus helping to give the message. Last week one of his friends who had formerly studied with us, came again, and entered into the study with real interest. He recently renewed his subscription to the *Sentinel*, which also shows an interest in the message. A gentleman who has been a Catholic, comes to these readings with his wife as often as he can. He has practically given up Catholicism, and seems anxious to know the truth. His wife

is an experienced nurse; a Church of England lady.

For many weeks I have held readings at Sister Blaine's, with from six to fifteen in attendance. Some of these have been irregular attendants, but they have been impressed with the truth, and have enlisted the interest of others. They tell their friends how much they have learned, and how much they enjoy the Bible study, and invite them to come and join in our study. We are expecting still others to join in these readings, and hope in time to see good results.

A gentleman and his wife who attended meetings at "Rustica," and with whom I held readings for some weeks, have recently been baptised into the "Rustica" church. They first learned of our work at the sanitarium, where the lady had a serious operation successfully performed.

There are others interested, with whom I hope to have studies after the camp-meeting. I wish that there were many in our churches prepared to do this kind of work.

### A Christmas Visit.

I spent a very pleasant Christmas with the families of Brethren Dwyer and Schafer, five miles from Wellington. Six young people were baptised, the ordinances were celebrated, and we enjoyed seven meetings in the study of the Word. These families are endeavouring to live the truth, and to scatter the "good seed" as they have opportunity. Sister Annie Schafer took twenty-four copies of the quarterly *Signs* to sell, and Brother Dwyer is planning to re-enter the canvassing field. They con-

duct regular service and a Sabbath-school, and faithfully pay the tithe. Our brief visit was one of mutual pleasure and profit.

I. J. HANKINS.

### Solusi Mission.

SABBATH, December 25th, to the world a day of pleasure and feasting, was to us a very solemn occasion. We gathered at the river, where, after a few words were spoken by two of the native teachers and the writer, twenty-four dear souls were buried in baptism by Elder Sturdevant. Twelve of these first heard the call to repentance at our out-stations and came here to learn the way of the Lord more perfectly. Two were old women, these being the first-fruits from among the old people, and two were formerly members of the Methodist Church; but as the Lord gave them more light they accepted it. A few of the natives from the kraals were out to see the baptism, and we hope what they heard and saw will make a lasting impression. These are the experiences that cheer the heart of the missionary. When one sees such a company taking their stand for the Lord he is indeed made to feel that his work is accomplishing something.

The school work is progressing favourably. Our enrolment at present is eighty-two, seventy-five of which are boarders. All seem desirous to learn, many studying most of their spare time. It is a real pleasure to teach them. They pay very rapt attention when the Bible is being taught, and especially do they enjoy studying the prophecies. With the help of three native teachers we are able to successfully carry on the school work. This being the digging season and all the natives are busy digging, we have closed three of our out-stations; all of which we hope to re-open the first of January. At the other three stations we have an average attendance of twenty-nine. This time of the year very few natives go to school, it is only those who board

at the mission that have this privilege.

This year we have ploughed and planted two-hundred and forty acres of mealies, pea-nuts, sweet potatoes, and kaffir-peas. The rains were very slow in starting, and have been very irregular, still our fields are looking as well as can be expected. The Lord has sent us such a large family this year that it will take a large number of bags of grain to supply their necessities; but we are sure He will give us the wherewith to sustain them.

Tuesday afternoon before last one of our girls was struck and almost killed by lightning. At the time she was sitting by the window working arithmetic. The lightning went through the window, struck her on the head, passed behind her ear, down her neck, over her chest, and on to her slate. Some of the girls were sitting with her when she was struck, and instead of helping her or calling help, they fled. By the time help reached her, the poor girl was in flames and is very badly burned. We worked over her for nearly an hour before she became conscious. The blow she received on the head was enough to kill a person, without reckoning the burns she received. We are glad to say she is recovering favourably; yet it will be a long time before she will be herself again. We cannot understand why such experiences come to us; but Rom. 8:28 gives us much encouragement.

Dear Brethren and Sisters, do not forget to pray for the missions and missionaries. Satan hates the work we are doing and does all he can to discourage us and hinder our work. We are of good courage and are determined to push the battle to the very gates.

J. VICTOR WILSON.

### Natal-Transvaal Conference.

TO ALL our colleagues and friends who read the MISSIONARY, Mrs. Edmed and I would extend seasonal greetings. That God may bless

His people, and hasten them into His kingdom is our one desire.

WHILE en route to Krugersdorp last week, Sister A. Strachan met a gentleman who is a subscriber to the *South African Sentinel*, and spoke very appreciatingly of the paper. He took a copy of the *Signs* on the recommendation of the *Sentinel*.

WE are glad to welcome Brother Rowland into our list of periodical canvassers. He started out last week—the worst in the year for such work, and reported four days work with an average of thirty-five copies of the *Signs* a day. This work was done in Pretoria.

THAT our periodicals are being received with much favour, is shown not only in the large sales that are now taking place, but in the fact that our workers find persons everywhere who always buy after being assured that the paper offered is published by this denomination.

WE have recommended to the local church in this city, that the sale of the *Signs of the Times* in Johannesburg and suburbs be conducted under the direction of the mission management, only to save confusion of territory between the church members and the mission family.

THE Mission family gratefully reciprocate the kind expressions of greeting they have received from many sources. Our faith in the future of this work is strong, and we believe this "dark continent" is soon to be lighted with the sweet message of our soon coming Saviour.

BROTHER F. MACDONALD is taking a short vacation during January, and Brother Earnest Freeman has charge of the office during his absence. In the meantime we trust that Brother Macdonald will find rest and recuperation in his vacation. He deserves it.

OUR medical department has made a good start, having given 57 treat-

ments, and received £4 10 0. Thus our nurse's expenses have been met so that we do not have to draw on the conference for financial aid. We expect the mission to be wholly self-supporting, as it has been in starting.

IN view of the decision of the last General Conference delegation to raise funds with which to send forty families to China as missionaries, Brother Howard's report of an interview with a representative from the land of Sinim will be interesting, and also as showing that God is preparing the heathen mind to receive the message we are bearing to this world. This Chinaman was deeply interested in Brother Howard's canvass for the book, *Daniel and the Revelation*, and stated that the Chinese nation believes that a universal war is imminent, and must take place within ten or fifteen year at the latest. The result of this conflict he affirmed will be that *One King will rule the world thereafter*. This is just what we believe. May be our good missionaries will be able to strengthen this expectation by a suitable application of Acts 17:23-31. That *battle* is the "Battle of Armageddon," and that *King* is our glorious King Jesus.

THE work of the Johannesburg Mission family has now proceeded for five weeks, during which time our routine has been disturbed by the excitement of the holiday-pursuing people. We have lost no time however, for a suggestion that we dispense with class work and devote the whole of the holiday week to field work, was readily received and acted upon with good results. The Bible never seemed sweeter than it did in those days, and the Lord richly repaid us for our sacrifice.

In the field, our workers found the people's minds filled with preparations for the season's festivities, and yet they found favour and patronage and laboured successfully. Several evenings when there was a crowd expected in town, we went to the

main thoroughfares and sold the papers well. When we consider that most of the members of the mission family whose work is included in the following report, have only recently embraced the truth, and have never done any such work in their lives before, then the goodness of God is magnified, and we feel to praise Him for His special help.

Periodicals sold by the mission

family for the five weeks,—*Wachters*, 61; *Signs of the Times*, 778; *South African Sentinels*, 234; *Good Healths*, 136; *Bible Training Schools*, 443. Total, 1,652.

Books sold in the same time by the mission family,—*Story of Daniel*, 550; *Daniel and the Revelation*, 31; *Miscellaneous*, 6. Total, 587. The retail value of these books and papers are £234 17 9.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

## The Paper Work.

Cape Conference, for week ending Dec. 24, 1909.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Percy Tarr,	P. Elizabeth,		9	9
Philip Evert,	Kimberley,		22	10 6
Totals,	2 Agents,		31	11 3

Papers sold up to Dec. 24, 1909.

J. Vermaak	U'hage, P. E'beth,		126	3 5 0
Nellie George,	P. Elizabeth,		163	4 3 6
Totals	2 Agents,		289	7 8 0

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for two weeks ending Dec. 24, 1909.

Mission Company,	Johannesburg,	Signs,	499	12 9 6
		Wachter,	23	5 9
		Sentinel,	62	15 6
		G. Health,	42	10 6
		Miscellaneous,	133	2 10 6
G. H. Rowland,	Pretoria,	Signs,	141	3 10 6
Totals,	2 Agents,		900	20 2 3

## The Book Work.

Cape Conference, for week ending Dec. 24, 1909.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	FRS.	ORDS.	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
W. A. George,	P. E'beth,	G. C.	25	8	5 15 0	2 2 6	7 17 0	2 6
Percy Tarr,	"	H. M.	32	9	2 18 6		2 18 6	6 6
Eric Smith,	"	G. C.	18	5	3 2 6	1 2 6	4 5 6	10 0
Irwin Williams,	Beacons'f'd,	G. C.	25	18	11 6 6		11 6 6	
Hugh Williams,	Kimberley,	C. K.	26	17	5 19 0		5 19 0	
Lewis Williams,	"	G. C.	26	16	10 12 0	3 6	10 15 6	
Philip Evert,	"	G. C.	22	10	10 13 0		10 13 0	1 5 0
M. Schunken,	Woodstock,	P. H.	2	1	3 0			3 0
Totals,	8 Agents,		170	84	£50 9 0	3 8 6	53 15 0	2 7 0

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending Dec. 24, 1909.

Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	S. D.	155	129	37 7 0	7 1 6	44 8 6	10 6 0
C. A. Dixie,	Melville,	D. R.	34	19	18 16 6		18 16 6	3 3 0
E. Enochson,	East Rand,	D. R.	56	26	16 18 0		16 18 0	4 0
E. M. Howard,	Troyeville,	D. R.	43	25	22 2 6		22 2 6	1 1 0
Mrs. Howard,	Bezuident- hout Valley,	D. R.	16	6	5 4 0		5 4 0	
A. Whelan,	Belgravia,	F. K. & G. P.	8	6	6 0		6 0	9 0
F. J. Blake,	Fairview,	C. K.	46	8	2 8 0		2 8 0	18 0
H. Schmidt,	Volksrust,	D. R.	28	15	15 6 6	1 6	15 8 0	
E. van der Molen,	Nigel,	D. R.	32	25	24 0 0		24 0 0	2 14 0
Totals,	9 Agents,		418	259	£152 8 6	7 3 0	159 11 6	18 15 0

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### Cape Conference, Attention!

WE hereby make one more announcement of the canvassers' institute to be held in Grahamstown at the close of the camp-meeting, January 23rd to February 6th inclusive. To those who will at once enter the field and canvass, free entertainment will be furnished during the institute.

Since the institute at the Johannesburg Camp-meeting the Natal-Transvaal Conference has averaged about £150 worth of orders a week. This shows what organisation, training and co-operation, coupled with faith in God and hard work, will accomplish.

Dear brethren and sisters let us not be behind our sister conference in this great work. Let every one bring their *Bible Readings* (full book), and prospectus. May the Lord lead many strong, consecrated men and women to enter and continue in this "missionary work of the highest type" until the great and final victory is won.

G. H. CLARK,  
Grahamstown, C. C.

### A Cheering Report.

IT is interesting to know that Brother Enochson has lately taken three orders for *Daniel and Revelation* from Jews. One has been delivered and the other two are soon to be.

Brother Blake has recently delivered a book to a Christian Chinaman who inquired for his address, so that he could get some books after he had seen his friends here in Johannesburg about the matter. He also inquired if any one was canvassing for the book in Hong Kong, China. Our workers have lately taken several orders from Greeks.

We are glad to acknowledge the receipt of reports from the paper workers. We hope soon to have regular report blanks prepared specially for the paper work. Our paper workers in the Johannesburg City Mission are having good sales during the holidays. The book workers also have had success during this feverish time when many people think that there is no business to be done. Nothing is to hinder the onward march of this great message, and the sooner we believe this the better it will be for us.

We are glad to see the showing of the reports from our three students in Port Elizabeth and four in Kimberley. According to reports for the week ending December 24th, the total value of orders taken amounts to £193 9 3. G. H. CLARK.

### The "Sentinel."

WE have still a lot of the January *Sentinels* on hand. Who will help to dispose of these? Send your order at once. Now is the time to renew and enlarge your club of *Sentinels* for the year 1910.

I. J. HANKINS.

### Roll of Honour.

Previously reported,	£20	7	3
D. Lacke,		10	0
Thomas Taynton,		2	6
Annie Grant,		2	6

Total,	£21	2	3
Who will be the next?			

### Notes.

—NO PAPER for two weeks. The next issue will bear date of Jan. 31.

—Grahamstown Camp-meeting January 13-23. Have all delegates been chosen?

—Elder Porter reports a very rough voyage from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth.

—Tents will rent at the Camp-meeting for twenty and twenty-five shillings. Have you yours secured?

—A wire from Elder Williams Friday Jan. 7 reports Sister Williams

as improving. Sister Honey has little Eugene.

—Word reaches us that Sister H. C. Olmstead reached her mission station safely, having had a pleasant journey.

—The delegates from the Claremont and Cape Town churches to the camp-meeting will number at least a dozen or fifteen.

—"By engaging in work at the camp-meeting, all may be learning how to work successfully in their home churches."—*Testimonies*.

—On December 15th Brother J. V. Wilson spoke for the first time to the natives at the Solusi Mission on the Sabbath in their language without an interpreter.

—"Strengthen the camp-meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people."—*Testimonies*.

—"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. . . . Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth."—*Testimonies*.

—The *Watchman Magazine* from America has arrived at the Cape Town office, and is ready for orders. Judging from its appearance and make-up it ought to be a good paper for selling. It is the same price as the *Signs Magazine*. Let our canvassers take notice.

—The Union Conference has placed an order with the *Review* office for fifteen hundred copies of the December *Life and Health*. The Natal-Transvaal Conference has ordered one thousand copies of *Christian Education*, and one thousand copies of *Life and Health*. It begins to look as though we believe our motto "The Message to all the World in this Generation."

—"Let the army of the Lord be on the camp-ground to represent the work and cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you. Go to the camp-meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so. Go with a will to work. . . . Do not say, 'I am not responsible. I shall have nothing to do in this meeting.' If you feel thus, you are giving Satan opportunity to work through you."—*Testimonies*.