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

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Ocean Waves.

BY JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

THE onward moving, restless waves
Upon the ocean wide,
By night or day which e'er it be,
Too often treasures hide.
They rise and fall before the wind,
And leap and jump and skip,
They dash and foam and angry seem
While beating 'gainst the ship.
They never seem to weary grow,
As we so often do,
But onward move by night and day,
Across the briny blue ;
They playful seem in weather calm,
But let the tempest rise,
And all are changed for now they mount
Up toward the sombre skies !
The lion hearts of seamen brave,
Are made to quake with fear ;
While waves break o'er upon the deck,
And scale the scuppers clear,
Thus we are made to realise
That we defenseless are
While sailing on the trackless deep
Without our guiding Star.
But still we have a mighty Hand
To lead us ever on
Amid the trials which come to us,
Where they will soon be gone.
Yes, One there is who guides us all
Where e'er we chance to be,
Upon the land, mid friend or foe,
Or on the angry sea.

Natal-Transvaal Conference.

SINCE our last report a veteran Adventist has been laid aside by death. Brother J. Spencer, died on February 1st, at the age of 78 years. Brother Spencer was one of the first-fruits in Sister M. E. Robertson's Bible work at Maritzburg. With his daughter-in-law, who succumbed to the dread malady, smallpox, about five years ago, he entered into the

spirit of the message for which he had been well fitted as a member of the Wesleyan Church. On the death of his daughter-in-law, in harmony with her parting request, and the consent of her husband old, Brother Spencer assumed entire charge of the little family she had left behind, for whose happiness and well-being he devoted the rest of his days. He was a great sufferer, but never murmured. As he would talk of his joy in Christ, his face would always light up, and his words would breathe the spirit of quiet confidence in God. Although feebleness had prevented Brother Spencer's attendance at church for some time, yet his testimony will be greatly missed at the meetings, and his son will find it hard to fill the vacant place his demise creates in the home.

The funeral took place in the Wesleyan cemetery, Maritzburg, Pastor D. G. Groenewald officiating. Suitable words were spoken from 1 Thess. 4: in the presence of many loving mourners.

To the bereaved son and his dear little family, we offer our sincere sympathies, with the assurance that if they are faithful in following grandpa's footsteps, they will surely meet him in the resurrection morn.

BROTHER R. BELL had a very narrow escape of losing his life the other day. Standing on a platform attending to some machinery, his foot slipped and he fell backward on his head. He was a great sufferer for several days, but after treatment has recovered. A few days later his niece, Muriel, was bitten by a snake

near the house. The limb swelled and blackened, but she was removed to the hospital where she has yielded to suitable treatment. The part is still quite black, but complete recovery is now in sight.

THE Jeppestown Sabbath-school has introduced a financial thermometer into its programme the past quarter. It was capable of registering donations for missions amounting to £6 10 0. It was with some temerity that the superintendent decided on this amount, but it was recorded, and the amount divided equally between each Sabbath of the quarter. This would give us 10/- each Sabbath. The first registered 6/5, then the financial mercury kept rising like this:—9/8, 16/10, and 17/6, etc., until on the 8th Sabbath we had reached 1/9 beyond the mark set for the 10th Sabbath. Although there are five more Sabbaths in the quarter, it is expected by the officers that the thermometer will burst when the collection is taken next Sabbath.

WHEN the State secretary found that I was writing about this Sabbath-school offering matter, she ran into the office with the good news that the Sabbath-school offerings for the past quarter were £27 18 5, an amount which makes a record above all past receipts. This is very cheering. Let the good work go on.

THE tent has again been erected in Johannesburg, and meetings are now in full swing. We secured a suitable site where several trams meet sheltered by trees. The first meeting

was held on Sunday evening, the attendance not being very large, but there was a good spirit in the meeting, and several persons spoke kindly and encouragingly as they passed out of the tent. On Monday evening Pastor Haupt gave a lantern lecture, showing some of our fine pictures about the Life of Christ. The tent was packed. Every chair was occupied, in many cases two occupying one seat. The platform was filled, the ground, which is very grassy, offered rest to those who could not find seats, while a large wall of interested people lined the outer edges of the tent. No better advertisement could be found, for the children carried the news far and wide, and the expense was only 9d. The Lux light which we bought during our late conference has proved a great blessing. It is the steadiest, most reliable and economical light we have ever used, giving us 700 candle-power at a cost of not more than 3d. per night.

BROTHER JAMES SYMONDS reports good success at Krugersdorp, in spite of the fact that Brother Crouch thoroughly canvassed that place for *Daniel and Revelation* not long since. In the short time he has worked there, he has taken over one hundred orders for the *Story of Daniel the Prophet*.

BROTHER VAN DER MOLEN reports that he and Brother H. Schmidt have had a fair delivery on the line from Heidelberg to Vryheid. They found much prejudice, but many encouraging experiences presented themselves.

Brother C. Purchase bade farewell to the mission family last Sunday, having been requested to unite with Brother Piercy in the southern territory. We wish them both success, and as it is their first trial of field work, we shall watch their reports with prayerful interest.

THE Health Institutions in this field enjoyed a fair patronage during the month of January. The Bellair Hydro reports one hundred treatments given to both in and out

patients. Two surgical operations were successfully performed. The Natal Health Institute gave one hundred fifty-two treatments, and supplied six hundred fifty-six meals. Several members of Parliament and prominent gentlemen were among the patrons. The workers in these institutions are all of good courage and rejoice in the prosperity of their work.

PASTOR D. G. GROENEWALD and wife have gone to the O. R. C., where we hope they will find rest and recuperation to strengthen them for harness in the near future.

Miss EDIE's work is becoming fruitful. Last Sabbath she brought a new convert from Germiston, who had stepped out for the truth.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

Grahamstown Meetings.

THE past week has been a week of progress. Two more have signed the covenant, and others are under deep conviction.

There has been decided opposition, especially the "stay away argument" has been urged upon the people. This has affected the attendance and yet we have a good hearing considering the length of time the meetings have continued. We have presented all of the leading points of our faith and they have been well received. Those who have accepted the truth are taking hold and attending the Sabbath-school and Sabbath services, meeting the opposition nobly. We expect to see a good church established here before the work is finished.

R. C. PORTER.

Jeppestown Young People's Society.

Dear Readers of the *Missionary*.—

I thought a report of the Jeppestown Young People's Society since it was organised would be of interest to you. I know all of our people are interested in the welfare of the

youth, and are praying for their spiritual advancement.

The membership is twenty-eight. This was the first young people's society any of the members had attended, but all took an interest in the meetings and their work, and testify to the spiritual benefit received since the organisation of the society. Five of the members have been baptised, and others are planning to take the same step.

We have two departments in our society—a senior and a primary. Different members of the senior department are asked each week to take charge of the primary department. The meetings are held every Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock, and periodically the society visits the Johannesburg Hospital where hundreds of our papers are distributed among the sick.

At the meeting on the first Sabbath of the new year a call for consecration was made, and every member present arose, also several of the visitors, and gave themselves anew to God.

The reports I receive from the members each week are very encouraging. I feel very thankful for the spiritual advancement which is manifest in the lives of many of our youth in Johannesburg, and pray that the good work begun among our young people here will continue until every one is fully consecrated to God and His service, and not only here but all over the wide harvest field.

The following is a report of the work of this society since its organisation three years ago, ending December, 1909:—

Missionary letters written,	136
Missionary letters received,	75
Missionary visits,	361
Bible readings or cottage meetings,	120
Subscriptions for periodicals,	26
Papers sold,	514
Papers mailed or given away,	8,964

Books sold,	24
Books loaned,	72
Tracts sold,	£2 6 2
Pages of tracts given away,	123,246
Hours of Christian help work,	26
Persons supplied with food, and clothing,	86
Clothing given away,	32
Offerings for home mission work,	£14 6 2
Offerings for foreign mission work,	£2 14 10
Proceeds of work sold,	£9 9 7
Donations received,	£5 10 0

ANNIE E. GRANT,
Leader of Y. P. S.

Comparative Table of Sabbath-schools for 1908-9 in the Cape Colony Conference.

This report covers first, second, and third quarters only. Sorry we have not the fourth. We will compare the membership, contributions, expenses, and amount given to missions. First quarter for 1908 the membership was 361; and for 1909, 307; a loss of 54. For second quarter of 1908, 343; and for 1909, 255; a loss again of 88. For the third quarter of 1908, 266; and for 1909, 384; a gain of 118, almost as much as was the loss on the first and second quarters. These figures would vary both ways we feel quite sure if every school had reported.

Now take the donations: For the first quarter of 1908, £31 11 8 were donated; and for the same time in 1909, £30 11 0½, a small loss. For the second quarter of 1908, £22 11 8; and for 1909, £21 2 10½; another small loss. For the third quarter of 1908, £30 11 1; and for 1909, £29 0 2½; again we notice a small loss where it should have been a gain.

The expenses run like this: First quarter of 1908, £3 9 3; for 1909, £7 0 10. For second quarter of 1908, £5 18 10; and for 1909, £2 0 4. For third quarter of 1908, £3 12 6; and for 1909, £2 17 3½. One loss and two gains.

Notice the donations to missions: First quarter of 1908, £28 2 5, against £23 10 2½ for 1909. Second quarter of 1908, £16 12 10, with £19 2 6½ for 1909. Third quarter of 1908, £26 18 7, with £26 2 11 for the same time in 1909; two losses to one gain. This record is now made up and passed beyond our power to change it; but the new year is before us! How shall we write it? It is with us to say if there shall be no losses, but all a steady gain, and with all donations to missions. What a beautiful report this would be! Shall it not be so? In imagination let us see the hands of every Sabbath-school scholar in the Union Conference in Africa raised for a perfect report at the close of the year 1910. To do this we must begin with the first quarter.

MRS. A. P. TARR,
S. S. Sec., S. A. U. C.

A Week in Fort Beaufort.

ON Monday, February 21, Brother Ahlfeldt and myself arrived in this quiet little village of about one thousand people. Bright and early Tuesday morning we started our work and the first person we met was the assistant magistrate who listened to the canvass on *Great Controversy* at the door. He became much interested, but being obliged to leave for business, he invited us in and called his wife who was even more interested than he. She was anxious to have everything explained as we went along, and as we answered her questions from her own Bible, she seemed perfectly satisfied. She asked us what church we belonged to, and we gladly told her. She showed her hospitality by asking us to have a cup of tea, which we kindly declined. Then she gave the order

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending Feb. 11, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mission Company,	Johannesburg,	Signs,	118	2 19 0
Totals,	1 Agent,		118	2 19 0

Cape Conference, for week ending Feb. 11, 1910.

M. Schonken,	Salt River,	Signs & Watchman,	14	7 0
Q. H. Jubber,	P. Elizabeth,	Signs,	1	6
Totals,	2 Agents,		15	7 6

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending Feb. 11, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg, S. D.		76	21	6 16 6	1 9 6	8 6 0	28 8 6
C. A. Dixie,	Melville, D. R.		20	13	11 0 6	3 0	11 3 6	3 9 0
E. Howard,	Sophiatown, D. R.		22½	30	21 0 0	13 6	21 13 6	
Mrs. Howard,	Judith Paarl, D. R.		10	6	4 8 6		4 8 6	
E. Enochson,	Rustenburg, D. R.		28	6	5 18 6		5 18 6	15 0 0
E. Van der Molen,	Heidelberg and Standerton, D. R.		30			3 6	3 6	27 16 0
B. Piercy,	Christiana, P. P.		5	4	4 4 0		4 4 0	
Totals,	7 Agents,		191½	80	£53 8 0	2 9 6	55 17 6	74 13 6

Cape Conference, for week ending Feb. 11, 1910.

Q. H. Jubber,	P. E'beth,	C. O. S.	11		4 1 0		4 1 0	
I. B. Burton,	Grahamst'n,	C. K.	12	1	6 6 1	13 9	2 0 3	
P. F. C. Ahlfeldt,	"	C. K.	13	3	19 6		19 6	
Violet Armitage,	"	C. K.	11	8	2 12 0		2 12 0	
Hattie Hyatt,	"	C. K.	8	5	1 12 6		1 12 6	
Totals	5 Agents,		55	17	£9 11 6	1 13 0	11 5 3	

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for the book and said she knew we were doing a good work, and had helped her by our words of encouragement. We had several such experiences during the week.

Before coming here we were told that we would find much prejudice; but it must have evaporated, or there was a misunderstanding of the conditions. The Lord is surely working here and some honest souls are waiting for the light of truth. We found a few of our books, *Coming King* and *Patriarchs and Prophets*, in the town. We hired a room of a Catholic gentleman, who treated us as he would his own brothers. We boarded ourselves, having "pines" three times a day. Brother Wilmore of Rokeby Park sent us two cases that were highly appreciated and enjoyed. Thanks!

Brother Ahlfeldt remains to finish the village and then work the several large locations about the town, while the field missionary agent goes on to Middleburg to assist Lewis and Hugh Williams.

Our work resulted in thirteen orders for *Great Controversy* and five for *Coming King*. Value, £11 15 6. Had we begun Monday and not had two half days of very heavy rain fall, we should have worked forty hours. We praise the Lord for all his rich blessings.

G. H. CLARK.
P. AHLFELDT.

Honour Roll.

Previously reported,	£23	9	9
Rustica Church,	1	10	0
D. C. Theunissen,		5	0
Mrs. J. H. Commins,		5	0
H. Schmidt,		5	0
Mrs. M. K. Page,		5	0
Wm. A. Haupt,		2	6
Total,	£25	17	3

Financial Statement of the International Tract Society for Nine Months Ending Sept. 30, 1909.

Cash on Hand, Jan., 1909,	£84	5	11	
Cash Received,	1,319	3	9	
Cash Paid Out,				£1,341 11 4
Cash on Hand, Sept. 30,				61 18 4
	£1,403	9	8	£1,403 9 8

RESOURCES.

Bank,	£59	12	3
Cash,	61	18	4
Merchandise,	1,219	5	4
Office Furniture,	46	18	0
Foods,	153	6	2
Cape Conference,	307	9	2
Accounts Received,	978	0	9

LIABILITIES.

Accounts Payable,		£111	4	5
Present Worth,		2,715	5	7
	£2,826	10	0	£2,826 10 0

LOSS AND GAIN ACCOUNT.

CREDIT.

Merchandise,	£185	3	2
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DEBIT.

O. R. C. Office,	£8	3	9	
Bad Debts,	1	2	9	
Expense,	41	8	0	
Labour,	64	16	5	
Depreciation Furniture,	5	4	0	
Tract Fund,	20	2	1	
Profit and Loss,	44	6	2	
	£185	3	2	£185 3 2

Notes.

—ELDER E. R. WILLIAMS returned to Grahamstown the evening of the 2nd.

—Elder Studervant is leaving March 2nd for Salisbury to see what can be done regarding land for a new station.

—The honour roll shows a gain of two pounds twelve and six. This is for one month. The roll will appear again April 4. Who will head the list?

—Elder R. C. Porter will return to Claremont on the date of mailing this issue of the MISSIONARY. After a little more than three weeks' rest, he will leave for the Nyasaland Mission.

—A number of the Barotseland Mission boys have been ill with fever; several cases of Black Water, but under Brother Robinson's good nursing they are getting along nicely. How fortunate this mission to have a competent nurse among their workers!

—The work of preparing matter for the second issue of the quarterly Signs is going forward, and will appear on time April 1st. Let our paper workers take note of this and

have their orders in ahead so as to dispose of hundreds of them while they are fresh.

—Brother G. H. Clark writes like this: "I think last week was about the happiest week I have spent in South Africa yet. We came close to the people, and the Lord gave us favour with them. I am glad that I am to have a few months now right down beside the canvassers and know the actual conditions here in South Africa."

—The new Chitonga readers, No. 2, have reached the Barotseland Mission, and Sister Campbell says the boys are really excited over them. They come to her to have them covered, showing how they prize them, and this also shows that the work of teaching them clearliness is not without its influence. Sister Campbell has covered their Bibles and hymn-books for them.

—A letter from Sister Clara Morgan tells of a good work done among her relatives with whom she is visiting. She was invited to speak twice before the G. F. S. on our work, (sorry she did not tell us what society this is), and they voted at once for a missionary box, the proceeds to go to our work in Africa. She is meeting some noted people there who are deeply interested in mission work and finding many who will be interested to read our literature. She planned to sail for Africa soon after her letter was written.

—Sister J. R. Campbell of the Barotseland Mission writes that they are all, even Vivian the baby, in excellent health. Brother Robinson and Brother Campbell are kept busy from 4:30 in the morning until 9 at night. They try to get an hour or two during the day for the study of the language when there is not "a waggon, plough, yoke, cultivator, or harrow to fix, or a cow, calf, ox, or boy to doctor." They are taking turns in looking after the out-schools. Two weeks ago Brother Robinson came in from visiting these schools wet and hungry. He reports progress. Fifty are in attendance besides those coming from the kraals, and others coming soon. All are doing work that they believe God is pleased with. Seventy are in attendance at the main station. Their crops look well, and they think they will have sufficient to feed the flock and have some left. They are looking forward to the return of Elder Anderson, and are very glad that they could relieve him for his vacation.