

MISSIONARY

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

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Tithes and Offerings.

IN the beginning God made all things by the word of His power. Since He created all, all was His by right.

From the beginning He placed the Sabbath as a memorial of His creative work. He reserved also the "tree of knowledge of good and evil." Gen. 2:17. In this act He placed before man a test of his loyalty. If man should recognise His ownership of all created things, he would recognise God's right to withhold one tree to which man should have no access. Man was disloyal under test, and sin and death came as the result.

There came as the result also an added responsibility to man: By his failure to recognise God's ownership in the beginning, he has made necessary the carrying of the gospel of redemption for the lost to all the world until the close of time. Gen. 3:15; Matt. 28:18-20; 24:14.

The carrying of the gospel to the lost involves expense as well as labour. Some must go, and all must supply the means, so that all may share equally in the work of carrying the gospel to save the lost.

Since man's fall, occasioned by appropriating the fruit of the *one tree* which God reserved in recognition of His ownership of all, God has extended the reserve which He originally made, so that it should cover the expense of repairing the loss which man's first failure involved. Instead of one tree among all of the trees, it is now made a tenth of all; that is, a tenth of all the increase God now reserves as His for the

work of saving the lost. "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:30, 32.

This is as plain a reserve as was the tree of knowledge in the beginning. Will man now be loyal under this test, or will he fail as before? "Abraham gave a tenth part of all." It was to be used for the support of the priesthood. Heb. 7:1, 2. This Melchisedec priesthood was not after the order of the priesthood of Aaron which passed away, but after the order of the priesthood of Christ which is unchangeable and never passes away until the close of the work of redemption. Heb. 6:20; 5:5, 6, 10; 7:22-28; 8:2, 5, 11; Gen. 14:18-20.

Jacob followed this system and was greatly prospered of God. Gen. 28:10-22. When God's people have failed to recognise this obligation after He has given them light upon it, His displeasure has been manifested. Haggai 1:2-13; 2:6-9, 15-19.

Christ's testimony is that this plan should be practiced by all who would receive His instruction. Matt. 23:23. He teaches that it is as important as judgment, mercy, and faith.

In the third chapter of Malachi there is a prophetic forecast of the last days and the work of the judgment. The fourth chapter opens with the burning day of the destruction of the wicked. It is clear that

this prophecy is applicable in the last days. It says that the people have *robbed God* in *tithes* and *offerings*. Mal. 3:8. As the result God's curse rests upon the people. Verse 9. Then follows His blessed promise "Bring ye *all the tithes* . . . and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Verse 10.

The blessing of God with nine tenths is far more than all man's substance with God's curse. Shall we be loyal under test, or fail as did Adam?

R. C. PORTER.

Churches Attention!

THE conference labourers are paid every month. Many of our churches send in their tithes but once a quarter, and this leaves the treasury empty at times before the end of the quarter, thus greatly embarrassing the labourers who are away from home and wholly dependent upon the tithes for their support.

Will not all of our brethren and sisters hand in their tithes *monthly*, so that the church treasurer can send them in to the conference treasurer each month? This is very important. The workers are rendering faithful service, so let us not by neglect cause them distress or perplexity. Let us all work faithfully in this matter that the work be not hindered.

R. C. PORTER.

Grahamstown.

THE past week has been a very wet time for our work. Last Monday evening we had one of the hardest rains that I have known since I came to this country. The camp ground was one sheet of running water both inside and outside of our tents.

The work is moving slowly onward. During the past week three more decided to obey, making a company of thirty-five who have expressed their determination to keep the Sabbath of Jehovah, and many more are "in the valley of decision." We are daily crying to God for His convicting and converting power to so rest upon the spoken word that these may be drawn fully to the Lord and His truth.

Brethren Burton and Moko are conducting meetings at the native location, and from three hundred to four hundred attend each evening. The natives have called long and loud for us to come over and help them.

Last week on Friday Elder Porter started for the Cape. We miss his counsel and assistance very much. The same day, Elder Williams returned after an absence of nearly two weeks. We were glad to welcome him back into our midst, and to a part in this work.

We hope that our brethren will continue to remember this great work at the throne of grace.

W. S. HYATT.

To all Paper Workers.

SPECIALLY prepared report blanks have been printed for you to use in reporting your paper work, and now will you not kindly drop your tract society secretary a card and ask him to forward as many as you need? Then use them each week if you are a *regular* worker, if not please report at the end of *every month*. Send *two* reports, one to the office, the other to me. This will greatly help the Lord's work, and if you wish to assist just send your reports along.

May the Lord help us to scatter these pages like the leaves of autumn.

G. H. CLARK.

Experiences in the Canvassing Field.

DURING the last week Hugh Williams and I have been labouring in Colesburg. Hugh has done most of the canvassing, as I have been writing a great deal and have been

unable to sit up all of the time. We have not secured a large amount of orders, but the Lord has been with us and blessed. I canvassed one lady for *Great Controversy* who seemed very much interested and who very attentively listened to all that was said. When I made the effort for the order she said she could not give the order without her husband's consent, and that they read only their own books. Through further

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending Feb. 25, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mission Company,	Johannesburg,	Signs,	491	12 5 6
		G. Health,	204	2 11 0
		Sentinel,	20	5 0
*Health Institute,	Maritzburg,	Signs,	26	6 6
		G. Health,	301	3 15 3
		Sentinel,	42	3 6
Totals,	Agents, 2		1084	19 6 9

* For one month.

Cape Conference, for week ending Feb. 25, 1910.

M. Schonken,	Observatory,	Signs,	12	6 0
Totals,	Agents, 1		12	6 0

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending Feb. 25, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	S. D.	75½	73	28 0 3	3 5 9	31 6 0	4 17 0
Mrs. Howard,	City & Sub,	D. R.	13	12	9 12 0		9 12 0	
E. Howard,	Sophiatown,	D. R.	22	33	26 8 0		26 8 0	
E. Enochson,	Germiston,	D. R.	23	10	10 10 0	1 6	10 11 6	
E. Van der Molen,	Standerton,	D. R.	35	9	8 0 6	1 3 6	9 4 0	7 7 6
B. Piercey,	Klerksdorp,	P. P.	30½	20	18 9 0	13 6	19 2 6	
E. C. Purchase,	"	P. P.	26	10	9 15 0	6 0	10 1 0	
C. Dixie,	Jeppestown,	D. R.	18½	12	12 9 2	12 0	13 1 2	
E. Edie,	Germiston							
	Location,	Misc.			1 11 0		1 11 0	1 8 4
Totals,	Agents, 9		243½	179	124 14 11	6 2 3	130 17 2	13 12 10

Cape Conference, for week ending Feb. 25, 1910.

P. Ahlfeldt,	Fort Beaufort,	G. C.	27	12	9 12 0	1 10 0	11 2 0	9 0
Philip Evert,	Kimberley,	G. C.	26					9 3 0
Eris Smith,	P. Elizabeth,	G. C.						
	& H. M.					5 2 0	5 2 0	10 10 0
Percy Tarr,	P. Elizabeth,	H. M.	8					3 18 0
Q. H. Jubber,	P. E'beth,	C. O. S.	28	35	6 2 6	5 0	6 7 6	
J. D. le Riche,	Bethlehem,	G. C.,						
	C. K., & Man.		47	40	49 11 0		49 11 0	
I. B. Burton,								
	Grahamstown Location,	C. K.	83	4	1 6 0	4 7 0	5 13 0	
Totals,	Agents, 7		219	91	66 11 6	11 4 0	77 15 6	24 0 0

Report of Sabbath-Schools for Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Cape Colony Conference.

School	Membership	Attendance	Donations	Expenses	Don. to Missions
Wilgehoek,	5	4	1 14 6		1 14 6
Worcester,	14	14	2 12 0		2 12 0
Parow,	28	22	19 10	5 0	14 10
Heisterback,	12	12	1 4 5		1 4 5
Chicago,	22	16	5 7		5 7
Rokeby Park,	25	20	1 16 5		1 16 5
Rustica,	36	25	4 0 10		4 0 10
Beaconsfield,	33	25	1 18 10	1 16 0	2 10
Cape Town,	50	37	3 4 7		3 4 7
Claremont,	94	67	6 8 6		6 8 6
Salt River,	16	6			
Port Elizabeth,	9	7			
Tweespruit,	9	9	5 0		5 0
Komgha,	7	7	1 8 6		1 8 6
Cradock,	1	1	3 0		3 0
Thaba Nchu,	4	4	10 0		10 0
Fauresmith,	1	1	3 6		3 6
Bethlehem,	2	2	7 6		7 6
Muiskraal,			5 0		5 0
Longlands,	8	8	1 7 3		1 7 3
Content,	9	9	2 10 3		2 10 3
Wellington,	4	4	1 5 0		1 5 0
Totals,	389	300	32 10 6	2 1 0	30 9 6

Natal-Transvaal Conference.

La Rochelle,	16	10	19 9		19 9
Maritzburg,	33	23	3 16 4		3 16 4
Sweetwaters,	12	8	1 11 11		1 11 11
Pretoria,	21	12	12 4		12 4
Bethal,	17	10	19 6		19 6
Durban,	29	18	2 9 8		2 9 8
Jeppestown,	51	34	5 19 3		5 19 3
Ermelo,	5	4	18 3		18 3
Bellair,	9	6	2 0 0		2 0 0
Hlobane,	9	8	1 10 0		1 10 0
Heidelberg, (6 months)	7	5	1 8 0		1 8 0
Krugersdorp,	5	5	1 0 0		1 0 0
State Home Department,	2	2	6 0		6 0
Conference Meeting,			4 7 5		4 7 5
Totals,	216	143	27 18 5		27 18 5

Missions.

Solusi,	121	98	2 9 0		2 9 0
Nyasaland,	417	150			
Barotseland,					
Basutoland,					
Mknpavula,	13	9	15		15 0
Maranatha,	45	41	2 10 0		2 10 0
Somabula,	80	68	17 1		17 1
Totals,	677	366	6 11 1		6 11 1

conversation I learned that they were Jewish people. I told her that I was a Jew and kept the law of the Lord. She seemed somewhat surprised and pleased to hear that I had faith enough to obey the Lord when I could work only five days in the

week. O that these wandering sheep of God's fold would return to Him, their tender Shepherd.

We canvassed a coloured woman for *Coming King* who said her husband would return in about four days from the country, then we should

call and see him. Only a short time after that, a coloured man spoke to me on the street and asked me if I was "the man with the book?" I said that I was. He said that his name was Brown, where I called a few days before. He told me to bring the book, for his wife could not get her eyes from it; it was before her continually. A well educated coloured man gave us an order for *Great Controversy*. I think he is studying for the ministry in the English Church.

One white gentleman listened very attentively to the canvass and then took the prospectus and went into the house and canvassed his wife, while Hugh and I prayed most earnestly that the Lord would help him to give her a good canvass and secure the order, which he did. Praise the Lord! From here I go to Hanover for a few days, then on to meet Brother and Sister Terry at Queenstown, where my address will be until the first of April.

My dear brethren and sisters in the work and out of it, let us stir ourselves for finishing this work as we have never done before. If we half believed what the third angel's message means, we should see a very different state of things than what we now see. "The moments now granted us to work are few. We are standing upon the very borders of the eternal world. We have no time to lose. Every moment is golden, and altogether too precious to be devoted merely to self-serving. Who will seek God earnestly, and from Him draw strength and grace to be His faithful workers in the missionary field?"

G. H. CLARK.
HUGH WILLIAMS.

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**Sabbath-School Teachers'
Reading Course.**

At the late session of the General Conference held nearly one year ago in Washington, U. S. A., the following resolution was passed.

"Whereas, One of the greatest factors in the promotion of a success-

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ful Sabbath-school is the teacher, and since many who are called to teach have had very meagre advantages for training in their work,

We recommend, That the Sabbath-school department of the General Conference prepare in permanent form a reading course for the benefit of our Sabbath-school teachers."

That course is now prepared and the time has come when Sabbath-school teachers and officers in South Africa must plan to do it. All interested in Sabbath-school work, especially those who desire to teach now and in the future, should take this course. The cost is small. The books needed are *Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work*, price 1/- in cloth and 1/6 in leather; *The Art of Securing Attention*, price 7½; *History of Sabbath-School Work* price 2½. The cost for the entire course will be about 2/-. Information about the programmes for study will be given later. Our organised schools will have a set time when their members will meet for a methodical study of these lessons. Shall we who are isolated, whose needs are greater, do less? Can we not, shall we not, devote some definite time to the study of these valuable lessons?

I feel sure that if we follow these studies systematically, faithfully, prayerfully, we will see a decided improvement in the character and quality of the teaching done in our Sabbath-schools.

A model Sabbath school teacher, writing to the church at Phillipi, was able to write to his scholars "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you." (Phil. 4:9). Fellow-teachers, are you ready to give such counsel, and assure such a promise to those in your care as Sabbath-school

scholars? This reading course will help you to reach this high standard. Present lessons prepare us for future crises. We hope one hundred per cent. of our teachers will take this reading course.

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

Notes.

—DOCTOR WILLIAMS is soon finishing his work in Edinburgh preparatory to joining us in labour in South Africa.

—A preceptible rise will be seen in the Cape Colony canvassers' report. Sister Willson assures us that another just as good is in hand for next week.

—Word reaches us of the prosperity of the California sanitariums this year. St. Helena has 120 patients; Loma Linda has 60; Glendale 40, and Paradise Valley 35.

—Such prolonged rains are coming in the vicinity of the Solusi Mission as have not been known before, writes Victor Wilson, and crops will be heavy as the result. It also means water and grass for the winter.

—Still the calls keep coming for more out-schools at the Solusi Mission. Elder Sturdevant is planning to fill these calls at his earliest opportunity. A white missionary belonging to the London Missionary Society not far from the Solusi Mission died recently.

—Brother John Birkenstock is out in the field doing aggressive work among the natives near Vryheid. We assure Brother John of our interest and prayers in his work, and feel assured that he will tell us more about it through the columns of the MISSIONARY.

—The Reading Course for Sabbath-school teachers of which Sister A. P. Tarr writes is worthy of a careful reading. It is as necessary for Sabbath-school teachers to prepare for their work by study and training, as for any other class of workers. The opportunity now comes for this training, and let every teacher improve it.

—Elder J. F. Olmstead writes by

last mail of attending the Ohio Conference, and of the splendid meeting and attendance. He expects soon to be a worker again in that conference. He said they met so many of their old friends at the meeting that it seemed like a family reunion. Sister Olmstead was slowly regaining her health, and the children were growing fast. They were anxious for reports from the college and the young people that became very dear to them during their stay here.

—Victor Wilson, with the help of some of his older native teachers, is translating some hymns into the native language for use in their school and Sabbath services. He hopes to have three hundred hymns ready for the press by June or July. He says he should not know what to do without Jim and Mark, two native teachers. He could not carry the work he is carrying without them. He says his schoolroom is so packed that it would be impossible to get any more in. They are calling for and needing more help.

—A letter from Elder Anderson dated at Logansport, Ind. the 9th of February, says he has had his hands full since reaching America. He was at Washington for two weeks during which time he held about thirty meetings with the students of the Foreign Mission Seminary, and the nurses in the Sanitarium. Naomi had been quite ill with what seemed to be the African fever, but he was in hopes she would be able to accompany him to Battle Creek where he was going to attend the Lake Union Conference, and where he expected to leave her with her auntie while he went north to attend the meeting of the Northern Union Conference to be held at Des Moines. After that he expected to go to College View, Nebraska, then back to Washington where he would make preparation to leave for Africa early in May. Elder Spicer wrote that Elder Anderson was doing good work for missions in these large meetings that he was attending. He was well and enjoying his vacation to the limit.