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

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A Week of Thanksgiving and Prayer.

THIS important season which is set apart annually has again come to us laden with the choicest blessings of heaven. It is well to review the past year's experiences and recount the manifold blessings with which God has visited us during the year.

Our training school is filled with a mature class of devoted young people who are earnestly preparing for work in the cause of God.

Our canvassing force has greatly increased, and is doing a strong and very successful work in carrying the closing message to the people of Africa. God has given marked prosperity to this line of work. The report for the last four months of the year is as follows: Sept., £146 8 0; Oct., £307 4 0; Nov., £443 3 0; Dec., £898 2 0.

The city work in both conferences has been greatly blessed, and many new ones will observe this week of prayer with us for the first time.

The sanitarium work is steadily advancing and its influence is drawing souls to the light of the message.

The periodical and magazine work has kept pace with the advancing light of truth in this field.

The MISSIONARY has been increased from a monthly to a weekly paper in order to report the most important items of interest in the work.

The Sabbath-school and young people's work have taken on corresponding life and activity. The church-school work is also catching the spirit of progress, and the call for

teachers has been greater than could be filled.

The missions have enjoyed a year of unusual prosperity. In every place where work is being carried on God's special blessing has been experienced. We believe this has been the result of the prayers of our people in behalf of the work.

There are now three objects for which we should offer special prayer at this time. First, That the personal experience of each may more perfectly reflect the life of Christ. Second, That God may give to our churches a greater zeal in placing our literature before the people. Third, That God may make the coming year one of much greater prosperity than the past year in the advancement of this work.

Let us not allow our business cares to prevent our attendance at the meetings during this week of prayer. The meetings should be held at a time most convenient to accommodate all.

If the curtain could be lifted and we could see how rapidly earth's closing days are passing, and how soon the cases of all will pass in final review before the Judge who reads the heart, none would be content to sit idly by, or be indifferent to their own and others' salvation. Shall we not make it our first work during this week of prayer to get right with God?

The readings for the week of prayer will be found in the *Review* of November 18, 1909. The time appointed for this important season of special devotion in South Africa is April 2-9. Shall we not all plan to

make this occasion all that it is designed to be?

R. C. PORTER.

The Week of Prayer.

ANOTHER annual season of prayer is just at hand. Many are the blessings that we have received from these seasons in the past, and greater ones are in store for the future. I am sure that our brethren rejoice as they see the good work the Lord is doing in our midst; but, brethren, the Lord is waiting to do greater things for us. I am sure that you agree with me that now is the time when we should *earnestly contend* for the faith once delivered to God's people. We need it and must have it as a people if we are ever able to perform the task allotted to us.

Brethren, let the prayer of faith ascend to God at this time. Pray at your homes, at the family altar, and in the closet, that we may receive such a measure of the Holy Spirit as will enable us to be true witnesses for Him. At your daily meetings pray as never before. It is not enough to go to the service and hear the reading and return home! The reading is to prepare our minds for earnest prevailing prayer. The message is going; we can hear the sound all about us, and we must arise and keep pace with it in order that we may triumph with it by and by.

W. S. HYATT.

A Time of Refreshing.

MAY the week of prayer be a spiritual refreshing to every Sabbath-

keeper in this country; not for personal benefit only, but for acceptable service in the Master's work. The character of the message and the limited time call for this special week of prayer. How can every one best improve it? This is the question.

I. J. HANKINS.

Natal-Transvaal Conference.

THE stirring messages contained in Volume IX of the Testimonies have reached us, and have proved a source of encouragement and joy. We find many good things which are especially applicable to the work in South Africa, while the repeated calls to our individual members in the churches to take hold of God's work in home and in foreign fields, should revive and intensify every power of our being for the finishing of God's great and glorious work.

A sample:—"My heart is often burdened because so many who might work are doing nothing. They are the sport of Satan's temptations. Every church member who has a knowledge of the truth is expected to work while the day lasts; for the night cometh when no man can work. Ere long we shall understand what that night means. The Spirit of God is being grieved away from the earth. The nations are angry with one another. Wide-spread preparations are being made for war. The night is at hand. Let the church arouse and go forth to do her appointed work. Every believer, educated or uneducated, can bear the message."

Medical Missionary Work.

Brother Frank Hall has accepted a call to assist in the work at the Bel-lair Hydro. A good report comes to hand from the Natal Health Institute for February. The place was full of good patrons during the month. 805 meals were served, 138 treatments were given, 44 of which were free, and about 60 hours were spent by the nurses doing field work with periodicals. The result of this latter work is the sale of 301 copies of *Good Health*, 3½ yearly subscriptions;

26 *South African Signs*, and 42 *Sentinels*. Quite a substantial profit is shown on the month's work. Brother Cyril Blaine reports successful developments at his private health institute at Durban. One person has been led to accept the truth under its influence, and to meet the growing patronage he has had to invest quite a large sum of money. At the Johannesburg Mission, the medical department has been quite a busy one. We have two patients in the home, both having improved in a few days. Nurse Strachan has had her hands full, and has given quite a number of treatments inside and outside of the home. The other workers have assisted with this. Nurse Strachan has also canvassed, and disposed of 76 *South African Signs*, 115 *Good Health*, and 42 *Life and Health*, besides giving 111 treatments. Brother and Sister I. R. Armer have located in Pretoria, where they are planning to extend the treatment work. Sister Armer has been working for three weeks, in which time, besides giving treatments, she has secured 61 yearly subscriptions for *Good Health*. Pastor W. H. Haupt is happy over the success of his treatment of a gentleman in good position here. Like most people his digestion was out of order, but such manifest improvement has taken place under the treatments, that he is prepared now to accept any advice on the principles of healthful living.

Mission Native Work.

The natives at Bethal have finished their church building, and are anxiously watching to see if Seventh-day Adventist people are any better than other white people in keeping their promises, and will send them the long-promised missionary. Brother John Birkenstock reports a strong awakening among the natives at and near Hlobane. So keen is the interest that he feels it would be unwise to delay opening up this Zulu work much longer. We trust the S.A.U.C. will soon release Elder Armitage for this work.

Educational.

The Stafford House School pro-

gresses satisfactorily. Sister Pote has as many students as she can well accommodate, and if the attendance increases at the rate it is now doing, we shall have to seek other quarters. The parents are immensely pleased with the work being done. Sister Pote, besides canvassing from door to door for pupils, has spent successful time in the field selling our periodicals. She has made the record for number sold at any one outing, selling seventy *Watchman* in one evening. She has sold altogether 264 magazines after school hours. Let it be understood that this work is done without in any way interfering with the full school work.

Tent Meetings.

The attendance at the tent the past two weeks has been somewhat disappointing, but the people who have come have been deeply interested. Evidence is plentiful that the message is reviving hearts, and creating a love for the dear old gospel. We are of good courage, and appreciate the faithfulness of our own workers and people in supporting the meetings with their presence. Many of them have a three quarter of an hour's hilly walk each way to and from meeting, and yet they are found present every night.

General Field Work.

From every quarter good reports are being received. We should be very cheerful and courageous in the conflict in which we are engaged. Brother Crouch writes from Pretoria that he is now in the harness, and is finding scattered jewels for the kingdom. He searches for sick people in his work, and sends them for treatment. Prejudice exists among some classes but the work goes on. The mission workers are having some hard battles in territory assigned, but they take gladly the good and the bad. The Johannesburg church is planning to join the great campaign, and members are applying for territory and work.

HERBET J. EDMOND.

A MAN can never move the world, who lets the world move him.—*Martin Luther*.

Experiences in the Canvassing Field.

MRS. E. TERRY.

I went to a German Baptist minister's home and showed his wife *Christ Our Saviour*. Her little boy was standing by her side, and he said to her in German, "Mother, get me the book." The mother said in a very cross way, "No, you have quite a good many books. I'll not buy you any more, and I have on money to spend on books." They both spoke in German but I understood what they were saying. She told him to go and play, that he could not have the book. He was quite taken with it, and went away sad. Then she turned to me and said in broken English,—"We have plenty of good books to read; his father has a church and teaches him a plenty." She was very cross and said, "You earn lots of money." I said, the dear Lord never lets his people starve when they work for Him, but if I was earning a very large wage I might not do His work as I ought. She asked me many more questions and at last I said to her, we only depend on the sale of our books for a living. We are not paid a salary, and if we do well we are just as happy, and if we do not well we are just as happy, for we have God to help us and He is the Master that we are working for. Then I saw a wonderful change in her. She said with tears in her eyes, "Come inside. I do not know who you are or what you are but you are a Christian. I'll take the book for my little boy and he will be so glad when he comes home from school and finds it here." She asked me to tea in the evening. I thanked her and accepted the invitation. We had a nice talk, and I was thankful that with God's help, I could speak to her of His love and guidance although she was a minister's wife.

E. ENOCHSON.

I am enjoying my work very much. My experiences of late, in the light of the testimonies, have convinced me that grievous troubles

will soon burst upon the inhabitants of the towns. This urges one on to greater earnestness in prosecuting His work. I think we should take advantage of every opportunity that we now have to circulate our literature. I sometimes think that it may not be long that we will continue to find such favour in the sight of the people. They buy readily *now*, then let us sell *now*.

B. B. PIERCEY.

I went to one home where I found that the gentleman was an Atheist. I had quite a long conversation with him. I thank God for giving me words to speak to this man. Before I left he gave me an order for my book, morocco binding. Another home where the lady said it would be useless to show her the book, as they did not want such things, I persuaded her to give me a few minutes of her time which she granted.

When I had finished canvassing her she was very much interested, and said that her husband was very fond of such books and requested me to call again in the evening, which I did, with the result of another order, morocco binding.

I realise now what it means to be a canvasser. Although it is hard work and one often gets spoken to harshly, it is all forgotten when one has a conversation with a good, honest soul.

I am very much satisfied with the week's work as a whole. Our heavenly Father has wonderfully blessed me. A gentleman asked me one day what denomination I belonged to? I told him the denomination of Seventh-day Adventists. He asked what that meant? I explained to him briefly and we appointed a time and discussed the matter more fully, after which he

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending March, 4, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mission Company,	Johannesburg,	Signs,	46	1 3 0
		G. Health,	49	12 3
Totals,	Agents, 2		95	1 15 3

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending March, 4, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg, S. D.		33	29	9 8 6	1 15 9	11 4 3	19 6
E. Van der Molen,	Nigel,							
	Grootvlei, D. R.		32	1	1 10 0	1 7 0	2 17 0	9 11 0
E. Enochson,								
	Witwaterstrand, D. R.		28	4	4 4 0		4 4 0	10 1 0
E. Howard,	Sophiatown, D. R.		29	7	5 2 6		5 2 6	3 15 0
Mrs. Howard,	City & Sub, D. R.		17	11	8 3 6		8 3 6	7 5 6
B. Piercey,	Klerksdorp, P. P.		28	21	21 13 6		21 13 6	
F. C. Purchase,	" P. P.		26½	7	7 7 0	13 0	8 0 0	
Totals,	Agents, 7		193½	80	57 9 0	3 15 9	61 4 9	31 12 0

Cape Conference, for week ending March, 4, 1910.

P. Ahlfeldt,	Fort Beaufort, G. C.	19	5	3 7 6		3 7 6	
Mr. Terry,	Stutterheim, C. O. S.	24	4	14 0		14 0	14 0
Mrs. Terry,	" Steps & G.O.S.	13	7	1 2 6		1 2 6	1 2 6
Hugh Williams,	Colesburg, G. C.	19	2	1 7 0	4 13 6	6 0 6	
Lewis Williams,	Kimberley, G. C.	100					14 17 6
Q. H. Jubber,	P. E'beth, C. O. S.	24	8	1 8 0		1 8 0	7 6 0
J. D. le Riche,	Harrismith, G. C.,						
	C. K., & Man.	49	37	43 1 6		43 1 6	
Totals.	Agents, 7	248	63	51 0 6	4 13 6	55 14 0	24 0 0

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said that it was clear to him, especially the Sabbath and baptism. He ordered a book and is very much interested.

G. H. CLARK.

Our Next Magazine.

THE new quarterly *Signs* is specially devoted to Spiritualism, Church Federation, and the Sunday Movement. The "Rustica" press is doing the work, which will be far superior to the first issue. Terms same as before. Send orders to Tract Society, 56 Roeland St., Cape Town, and Stranach Street, Maritzburg, Natal. Sample copy, 6d. Send at once.

I. J. HANKINS.

Union College.

UNION COLLEGE is in need of the monthly dues for which statements are sent out. It greatly embarrasses the business management when the bills are not met monthly. Will not all the patrons kindly remit promptly and thus make the burdens carried by the management as light as possible? The school is doing excellent work. Let us encourage it by prompt remittances.

R. C. PORTER.

Honour Roll.

THE question has been raised by some what is meant by the "Honour Roll?" We are sorry if we have not made this sufficiently clear, and thereby have missed some good donations; exceedingly sorry. It means this: The name of every person donating toward the expense of the publication of the MISSIONARY is placed upon the honour roll. This plan is taken so that all can know just what is received,

and also how much will remain at the close of the year unpaid, and also serves as a receipt for all money received. We sincerely wish the six hundred readers would be seized with the same spirit as the people around the Somabula Mission are for books, and each contribute as they are able. There would then be no sum to be made up at the end of the year, and the expense would be equally divided. If this plan seems practicable to you we shall be glad to hear from you. Some have done nobly in contributing as the honour roll shows.

Canvassers' Notes.

LEWIS and Hugh Williams are now working at Hanover with *Great Controversy* and *Coming King*.

—Brother le Riche is having good success in his work in the O. R. C. Sister E. Edie is placing our literature among the people of Germiston.

—Brethren Piercy and Purchase are working together in Klerksdorp with *Patriarchs* and *Prophets*. Brother Piercy's last two reports together amounted to £40 16s.

—The Johannesburg Mission workers have been hindered in their work of late on account of heavy rains. They are making good time between showers however, judging from their reports.

—During the month of February Brother H. Schmidt delivered £55 3s. worth of books, and Brother Van der Molen's delivery £76 9 11. Brother Van der Molen also had a week's delivery the first of March.

—Brother and Sister Howard are securing a large number of orders of late. In one day of eight hours Brother Howard secured twenty-four orders, value, £19 4s. This is the highest record yet, being an average of nearly £2 10s. an hour.

—The canvassers' report that will go from the South African Union Conference to the General Publication Association for the month of February indicates, so far as reports have come in, £527 3 3. The report for deliveries is £251 6 9. Let us thank God for this, but step a little higher this month.

—We heartily commend the action of Claremont Union College in setting apart one half day each month for field work by the students. Great good will be done to the people, actual experience gained by the students in gospel work, and partial self-support be provided thereby.

Let every student make the most of these valuable opportunities, which are God's best gifts to man.

G. H. CLARK.

Notes.

—ELDER D. F. TARR is making a short visit to his family at Claremont.

—Week of prayer April 2-9. Readings for the occasion will be found in the *Review* of November 18, 1909.

—Brief reports from our churches giving interesting items gleaned from the week of prayer will be appreciated by the readers of the MISSIONARY.

—William Commin and Mollie Tarr of Cape Town were recently united in marriage. The best wishes of the MISSIONARY family are extended.

—A letter from Sister Ina Austen to her Sister Trixie, states that she is ill with the fever. We extend sympathy, and trust ere this she has recovered.

—Born to T. H. Gibson and wife at the Somabula Mission, March 15, a daughter, Julia Elizabeth. Brother and Sister Gibson are much pleased with this addition to their family.

—Longley Staples and Violet Armitage will be married at Rokeby Park in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Tuesday the 29th inst. The readers of the MISSIONARY wish this young couple a happy and useful life.

—A letter just received from Elder Hyatt says the meetings continue at Grahamstown with a good interest. Nearly two hundred in attendance at the Sunday night service. The meetings at the location are also well attended.

—O. H. Jubber and Blanch Tarr were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents at Cathcart the 17th. They are "at home" to their friends at 16 Patterson St., Port Elizabeth. May the department of the work in which they are laboring be strengthened by their united efforts is the wish of their many friends.

—The college board has invited Sister B. Smith of Wynberg to take the work of preceptress in connection with her teaching. Sister Ryan was requested to take this work at the beginning of the year, but was obliged to give it up on account of her health. Brother and Sister Smith will live in the home, and Sister Smith will be assisted in her work by Sister Janie Page.