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

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Job 36:22.

I SAT in the school of sorrow—
The Master was teaching there,
But my eyes were dim from weeping,
And my heart was full of care.
Instead of looking upward,
And seeing the Face divine,
So full of the tenderest pity
For weary hearts like mine ;
I only thought of the burden,
The cross that before me lay,
So hard and so heavy to carry,
That darkened the light of day.
So I could not learn my lesson,
And say, "Thy will be done,"
And the Master came not near me
As the weary hours went on.
At last, in my heavy sorrow,
I looked from the cross above,
And I saw the Master watching
With a glance of tenderest love.
He turned to the cross before me,
And I thought I heard Him say,
"My child, thou must bear thy burden
And learn thy task to-day

Response of a Church Elder.

[The following is part of a letter written by a church elder to each member of the church in response to a call by the conference officers for faithfulness in tithes and offerings, and a prompt remittance of the same that the treasury be supplied with funds to meet the needs of the labourers in the field. This is as it should be, and if all church elders would take the same interests in the calls made by the conference officers, a spirit of co-operation would come in which would mean much in the advancement of the message.—ED.]

A LETTER received from the conference head office instructs me to inform you that a number of paid labourers in the Cape Colony Conference are going without their due

wages on account of lack of means in the treasury. Consequently there is considerable anxiety, which can only be relieved by immediate payment of all tithes due by church members. God's arrangement is, that if all tithes are faithfully paid up, there will never be lack of means for spreading the message. You will please remember that the validity of our membership will be gauged by our faithfulness in tithing every pound we earn. This is the great characteristic of all who live in the blessed hope of a soon coming Saviour. The tithe is the Lord's and by His faithful people is never touched for other purposes than paying it into the conference treasury. I admonish you to examine yourselves on this point, to see if you stand clear before the all-knowing God, beseeching you at the same time to square accounts with Him, if things are not right, lest you fall into condemnation. Non-tithe paying church members invariably fall out by the way, their hearts not being right before God. I would urge, therefore, that under no circumstances excuses be sought, inducing you not to tithe your income. Slackness in this matter easily creeps in, especially when times are difficult, but the Lord treats the matter as a very serious one so much so that He warns you never to treat tithe money as if you had the least say over it. Tithes are holy, and should be most carefully handled. No sooner is income received than the tithe should be separated from it, and put aside, or paid over, and *never* used for other purposes *in the meantime*. This duty

is incumbent on all who have entered into a covenant with the Lord, whether their circumstances be easy or difficult, and for this duty the Lord calls for the strictest attention.

A Missionary Trip.

SINCE conference I visited several interested individuals in the Cape Colony, then came to Rouxville district in the O. R. C., to plan for aggressive work here and adjacent districts. From here I returned to Lindley to see after the interests of the work there. After spending a few days, including Sabbath and Sunday, with the church at Wilgehoek, I visited Heisterbach, Bethlehem, Fouriesburg, Ficksburg, Ladybrand, and district; also Thaba Nchu, Dewetsdorp, and Smithfield districts, returning here the 22nd of March. I travelled over 300 miles on horseback, visiting either isolated Sabbath-keepers or those interested in the aforementioned places. It was a very trying journey, yet very refreshing spiritually, as I enjoyed the privilege of speaking the words of life to hungry souls. In the Ladybrand district I met a new Sabbath-keeper. Both himself and wife are earnest Christians. He told me of a number of others, who with himself receiving the light on baptism, and in the obedience to the light were baptised, but as a result were cast out of the (Synagogue) Dutch Reformed Church. This Brother then began keeping the Sabbath also, of which he had been long convinced, but which he never could find

courage enough to observe until they cast him out. Now he not only is rejoicing in the Sabbath truth himself, but has been presenting it to the other disfellowshipped ones, and he tells me all, with the exception of one, are convinced but they have not courage enough to step out.

I could hardly get away from this man. He wanted me to remain to labour among them, but as I had to return to Rouxville I could not remain, but promised to send them help. I wrote without delay to Brother Groenewald at Wilgehoek to go as soon as possible to these people, and I believe a rich harvest awaits the faithful labourer.

Surely the fields are white already unto the harvest. The labourers are few, and the treasury low. Who will respond "Here am I, Lord, send me?" The reward is sure, for the labourer is worthy of his hire, and "he that reapeth received wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal."

G. W. SHONE.

Progress of the Message.

CHRISTIAN, Daniel, and Isaiah, are the first-fruits of our work in this vicinity. The first two are sons of Ngwamanda, who is a native minister in the Lutheran Church.

About two years ago the light of the Sabbath question was revealed to Daniel after much praying and searching to arrive at the truth of the matter. It became evident to him that the Sabbath was a question of vital importance to every true believer. After having decided to keep the Sabbath, he questioned his missionary, Mr. Schoeman, and asked him whether it should be observed or not. No definite answer was given him, notwithstanding Mr. Schoeman strictly forbade Daniel and wife to abstain from labour on Sunday. This in a certain sense compelled them to observe two days.

In course of time Christian and wife, Isaiah and his wife, with several other women, became convinced of the Sabbath truth. In addition to that some light was given them on

the sanctuary question. About this time they heard for the first time from a native minister who is now also observing the Lord's day, that there was a Sabbath-keeping family in Vryheid. This made them stand out boldly for the truth.

Notwithstanding that they were forbidden to do any work on Sunday, they felt compelled to obey God rather than man. This made the missionary very indignant. He notified them to leave the mission farm as he could not have Sabbath-keeping boys on the premises. As no one proved to them that the Sabbath was incorrect, they did not see any reason for being excommunicated, as it were, from the church, and they remained therefore on the farm. Their houses were then burned and Christian, Daniel, and Isaiah, were imprisoned in Vryheid for a period of two months. Meanwhile their wives, except Mrs. Daniel who was sent to Noodsburg, were left on the mission farm. They were forbidden to move about or to say anything.

While in prison the three natives found out to their joy from a fellow-prisoner, that a Dutch family at Hlobane were the Sabbath-keepers they had previously heard of. They were so filled with joy and gratefulness that they determined to find out the whole truth. The news came down upon them as water to a thirsty soul.

We are greatly rejoiced that the Lord has answered our prayers by sending us these natives. They have had many studies, and are progressing very nicely.

Daniel has settled here at Hlobane, while the others are still at Nthabankula, about twenty miles from here. A few more have lately accepted the truth. We trust that the good work will not end here.

A good interest is manifested by the natives in this neighbourhood. The evening school here is doing much for the boys.

The message is speedily advancing and will soon reach earth's remotest bounds. Brethren, let us help in furthering it along. We trust that

you will remember us in your prayers.

JOHN BIRKENSTOCK.

Queenstown.

ON Monday, March 14, I arrived here and in the evening, Sister Terry and I called at a place where she had been invited back, that she might meet the gentleman of the house, who was much interested in Spiritualism. I showed him *Great Controversy* and secured his order for a morocco binding. He seemed like an honest, but deceived man. We are hoping that this good book will help him to see the light and truth for this time. He directed us to a friend of his who is a leading lawyer here, also a very strong believer in Spiritualism. I called upon him and learned by his conversation of the terrible, blasphemous and satanic doctrines of Spiritualism. Surely the time has come when the spirits of devils are doing their deceptive and destructive work with those who receive not the love of the truth.

Brother Terry and I were invited into a parlour one day and the daughter then called her mother, who presently entered and said that she did not care for any more books. We changed the conversation for a brief time and then got her attention and interest centered on the book, but from the start, she affirmed that she was not going to take it. I produced the prospectus and immediately she took it into her own hands and said, "We have a book of questions and answers on the Bible, but never cared much for it, and then we have other books that are of no use to us." We then proposed to exchange and allow her something for one of her old books. At that point she left the room and we knew that our moment to pray had come, and we did, in our hearts, pray most earnestly for the Lord to work. She returned with a much worn, morocco bound copy of *Bible Readings*, which she finally gave us, with eight shillings for a copy of *Great Controversy* in the gilt binding, which we

delivered in the afternoon. Surely the Lord speedily and wonderfully heard and answered prayer. Glory to his name!

Brother Terry canvassed a lady who said that she and her husband had been attending the lectures on Spiritualism, and desired her husband to see the book, as it dealt with that subject. We three went one evening and showed the book, took the order, gave a short Bible reading, then they brought the usual refreshments, showing their kindness towards us, after which we had prayer. They accompanied us quite a distance on our way home before bidding us good-night. He is in business and our prayer is that both these dear souls may yet take their stand for the Lord.

Sister Terry and I called at the door of a Dutch Reformed lady who informed us quite emphatically that she had her own religion and did not wish to be upset. We showed her, for about three minutes, the things contained in *Great Controversy* and readily secured her order. We know the angels were present and gave us success.

Brother Terry and I went to three native ministers and a native teacher and secured three orders for *Great Controversy* and one for *Patriarchs and Prophets*.

It is not well to magnify difficulties, but to master them. Some of the difficulties that we met here were holidays, being taken for Mormons, Go Preachers, and Apostolic Faith people. All these have worried the people and there is much prejudice against them. In spite of all, we secured 33 orders for our large book, and about the same for small ones. Brother and Sister Terry remain to finish the work. May God give them abundant reward for their labour of love.

It is plain to be seen that *now* is the supreme moment for doing our work. Oh, my brethren and sisters! could you see what some of us are seeing, as we mingle with the people, you would weep before God that you had so long neglected to carry the

bread of life to hungry souls. Some are deciding for the truth, while most of the people are turning away and going their own ways. Can you sit idly by under these conditions and say you have nothing to do in rescuing the perishing? May the Lord stir every one of us to *action now*.

My soul cries out, "Hasten on, glad day!" I greatly rejoice in God my Saviour, and never was my faith in Him so strong as now. I know

that if we are faithful to Him we shall have all our needs supplied here, and soon eternity, with all its glories will be spread out before us to enjoy forever. Praise God for such a sure hope!

G. H. CLARK.

Errata.

IN the issue of March 14, under the title Somabula Out-Schools, should read Elder Walston, instead of Eld'r Sturdevant.

The Paper Work.

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

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mission Company,	Johannesburg,	Signs, Life & Health,	133 288	3 6 6 7 4 0
Totals,	Agents, 1		421	10 10 6

Cape Conference, for week ending March 25, 1910.

M. Schonken,	Observatory,	Signs & Watchman,	9	4 6
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Good Health,	76	19 0
Totals,	Agents, 2		85	1 3 6

The Book Work.

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

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company, Jo'burg,	S. P.							
	S. D.	72½	49	15 18 6	13 6	16 12 0	2 2 9	
E. Enochson, Eastleigh,	D. R.	20	5	5 5 0		5 5 0		
T. G. Crouch, Pretoria,	D. R.	29¼	16	13 11 6	6 6	13 18 0	3 13 2	
E. Van der Molen, New-castle,	D. R.	34	9	7 11 6	1 0 0	8 11 6	1 10 6	
Mrs. Howard, City & Sub,	D. R.	4	4	2 14 0		2 14 0		
E. Howard, Newlands,	D. R.	11	5	4 2 6		4 2 6		
C. Dixie, Jeppestown,	D. R.	17½	7	6 12 0		6 12 0		
*H. Schmidt, Volksrust,	D. R.	15					8 8 0	
" Dundee,	D. R.	10	8	8 8 0		8 8 0		
*B. Piercey, Klerksdorp,	P. P.	30	7	7 7 0		7 7 0		
" "	P. P.	34	19	19 19 0		19 19 0		
*F. C. Purchase, "	P. P.	28	5	5 5 0		5 5 0		
" "	P. P.	30	12	12 4 6		12 4 6		
Totals,	Agents, 12	341¼	146	108 18 6	2 0 0	110 18 6	20 10 5	

* for March 18th.

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

J. F. Terry, Queenstown,	G. C.	29	8	5 0 0	1 16 0	6 16 0	
Mrs. Terry, "	G. C.	24	4	2 10 0	1 3 6	3 13 6	
P. Ahlfeldt, Ft Beaufort,	G. C.	14	7	1 1 0	12 6	1 13 6	2 10 0
Hugh Williams, Middle-burg,	C. K.	22	12	3 6 0		3 6 0	
Lewis Williams, Middle-burg,		13	2	1 7 0		1 7 0	
I. B. Burton, Grahamstown Location,	C. K.	58	8				9 11 0
Totals,	Agents, 6	167	47	13 4 0	3 12 0	16 16 0	12 1 0

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An Interesting Summary.

You will be interested in the following figures. I have received nearly complete returns of sales for 1909 from our publishers in the United States and Canada. Only partial returns have come in from other lands. Will make complete report, including the foreign fields, later:—

Sales in United States and Canada, 1908,	\$823,735.03
Sales in foreign fields, 1908,	466,446.21
Total Sales, 1908,	<u>\$1,290,181.24</u>
Sales in United States and Canada, 1909,	\$944,059.80
Sales in United States and Canada, 1903,	823,735.03
Gain for 1909 over 1908,	<u>\$120,324 77</u>
Estimate of sales for 1909, with no allowance for a gain in foreign fields,	\$1,410,606 01

I hope soon to have complete returns from fields abroad, so as to be able to publish the total sales for 1909. The above figures, however, give us a substantial basis for thanksgiving and good courage.

E. R. PALMER.

Notes.

—DIED at Salt River, March 24, Mayble Schultz. The MISSIONARY readers extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

—Sister W. S. Hyatt has taken up school work at the Maranatha Mission. The school is doing good work with the usual number in attendance.

—Several orders have been received this week for the MISSIONARY to be sent them. May the list grow until every family in the Union is reached is our prayer.

—Brother and Sister D. H. Groenewald have located in Bloemfontein where they will enter upon a lively canvass for the *South African Signs and Life and Health*. Who will be the next to join this enterprising class of workers?

—Elder F. B. Armitage and family left the Maranatha Mission the 3rd inst. His family will be located at Vryheid for the present. Elder Armitage will select a site for the new Zulu mission of which we hope soon to tell our readers more.

—Sister A. P. Frost is hoping a little later to spend a few weeks in the paper work. Such news is received most gladly, for it means that hundreds of people will be reached with the light of truth. Sister Frost is an experienced worker, and withal a successful worker.

—Rosie, Lizzie, and Willie de Deer have sent in fifteen shillings for the new Zulu Mission, proceeds from their missionary garden. Where the treasure is, there will the heart be also. May this offering increase a hundred fold in winning souls from Zululand for the kingdom of God. Let other children go and do likewise.

—Elder W. C. White in a letter to Elder Porter says:—"We are much rejoiced at the good news from your missions. It is very cheering indeed to hear such reports as are sent in from the old Solusi station, and from Elder Rogers of Nyasaland. It is also cheering to hear that your school and sanitarium in the Cape Colony are advancing."

—A cheering letter from Sister Emmerson of Basutoland says she has entered the schoolroom as teacher: Murry, their native teacher having joined the North Basuto Mission in connection with Brother and Sister Olmstead. Sister Emmerson is enjoying fairly good health. She has adopted the "Fresh Air Cure," living out of doors during the day, and sleeping in a tent at night. The school is taught in a tent on her account. She is very happy in her new work.

—The week of prayer was a con-

tinual feast to the Claremont church and College. The church united with the students in the six o'clock morning meeting, and the College united with the church in the evening service. The students' meetings were prayer and consecration meetings, and the evening services at the church were for the readings prepared followed by a prayer and social service. The Lord has greatly blessed, and a spirit of deeper devotion to the message has come in. Soon we will have passed the last annual prayer season.

—"An Interesting Summary" was sent us by Elder E. R. Palmer. He says "Pass it on" is a good motto. The principle is right, and the practice helpful. He says these newsy notes concerning the progress of the third angel's message are about the best remedies in the world for dyspepsia. He finds them more helpful to his digestion than any other prescription he ever tried. Such reports can not help but inspire every lover of this precious truth. Let us as workers and laymen here in Africa adopt this motto and so pass on every item of interest that may fall into our hands. If they reach the editor of the MISSIONARY they will be passed on through its columns.

Honour Roll.

Previously reported,	£25 17 3
S. M. Konigmacher,	5 0
Mrs. Carrie Howe,	2 6
Miss Maria Webb,	2 6
J. G. Cooks,	2 6
Walter S. Mead,	6 0
Sister Lease,	6
Miss Birkenstock,	5 0
Mr. & Mrs. J. V. Willson,	10 0
G. P. de Beer,	2 6
Total,	<u>£27 13 9</u>

CHRISTIAN, look up; be of good cheer; The day of peace and rest is near; A few more weeks of hopes and fears, Of light and darkness, joy and tears, And we with all the blest shall come To our reward, our crown, our home.