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

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The Object of the Tithe.

Mal. 2:10.

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THE sweet, sad story of the cross of Christ
Falls on the ear, like music in a dream.
We list, and listening bow before our King.
We know He gives us life and strength
and all
The blessings we enjoy. We know He lives;
We fain would show our love and loyalty.
What shall we do to recognise by act
His ownership and power? He claims
a tithe,
Not as a tyrant grasps a revenue,
But as a means for human hands to use
To push the gospel work, to win the world

O ye, who oft, perchance, have robbed the Lord,
Beware. O ye who would be blessed,
give heed.
God's word is true, his promise sure:
"Thy barns
Shall overflow." How sweet to say:
"O Lord,
The earth is Thine, and we are Thine.
The tithe
Is thine, and we return it at Thy word,"
To show that we acknowledge all as
Thine.
The serpent would beguile and lead our
minds
Astray, lead us to stretch forth wanton
hands
To rob Thee, O our God. The tithe is
seed
From which shall spring a harvest,
plentiful,
To glorify Thy name, Thy precious
name.

The sweet, sweet story of the earth re-
deemed
Will be the song on joyful lips in days
To come, when Jesus claims all that He
died
To save. No more a tithe, but all for
God;
And we shall reign with Him as heirs—
joint heirs.
Then let us haste the coming of the One
We love, by speeding on His work, nor
dare
To touch the means made sacred by our
Lord
For His own cause. It is forbidden fruit.

The Week of Prayer.

AFTER leaving Grahamstown I attended the morning chapel services at Union College for ten days. I very much enjoyed this season with the teachers and pupils. There was a hearty response to the principles presented that would place the school in the best position for efficient work as a training school for workers. It was an inspiring sight to witness the fervency of spirit manifested on the part of students and teachers as from time to time they united in the worship of God.

This same spirit continued to increase and deepen during the week of prayer. The church partook of the spirit of the readings and from day to day there was a continually deepening experience of consecration manifested on the part of both the church and the school. Many expressed a desire to place all upon the altar of service until the work is finished and the dear Saviour comes and calls us home.

Dr. Thomason, nurses, and other workers from the Plumstead Sanitarium attended most of the meetings at the Claremont Church. They drank deeply of the same spirit that prevailed in the meeting. It was good to be there. The blessing of God which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow prevailed during the week refreshing all hearts. During the last meeting seventy-five testimonies were borne in twenty-five minutes.

On the last Sabbath afternoon, by invitation from Professor Elffers, Elders Hankins and Tarr, Dr.

Thomason and the writer joined Professor Elffers at Rustica in a brief summary of the readings for the week. This was followed by a consecration meeting in which nearly all present participated. The same spirit that had been manifested in the Claremont church was in the hearts of the worshipers there and it was a season of refreshing.

It had been so arranged that all of the churches at the Cape shared in the labours of the ministers available during the week. The same report of good meetings and consecration to the work prevailed at Cape Town, Salt River, and Parow. Brother and Sister C. R. Sparrow were providentially with us and shared in the spirit of consecration. The offerings to missions were liberal. £27 were donated to the work by the Claremont church. We believe that the results of the week of prayer will be lasting.

R. C. PORTER.

Malamulo Mission.

THE last mail has brought reports of the Grahamstown meeting and some reports from the other missions. How cheering are these good reports, especially to us who know the South African field so well. The weekly MISSIONARY brings that field nearer to us. We rejoice with you in the great blessings God is giving you so freely. We have prayed very much that God might also visit us in this time of refreshing, and answers of blessing are coming here also.

A harmonious spirit is manifested among our workers here. This is

greatly appreciated, and we know that it will affect all parts of our mission work for good. After Peter Nyambo had returned to Malamulo from Matandane, Brother Konig-macher soon requested that Peter might go up again to help in opening some new out-schools. But as Peter was then settled in responsible work here, and had his garden made, he could not well leave. Yet it did not seem right to leave Brother Konigmacher without the help he required. Sister Ina Austen had mentioned that she would like to go to the Matandane Station, and as she had been working among the villages here, it seemed best to arrange for her to go. She had also suffered several light fever attacks here, which we hope may be avoided at the higher station. We are very glad to make any exchange of workers which will benefit them personally as well as the mission work. And we trust it may prove so in this case.

We also greatly appreciate the willingness of Sister Ettie Austen to go on with her own work the same as when her sister was with her, and to take on also some of the work left by her sister. And the best of all is that she seems quite happy about it. Of course when one worker leaves to help in another place, the remaining ones must divide the work thus left. But almost any amount of work can be borne if a good spirit prevails.

We are greatly encouraged by the successful progress of our out-schools. During the past two months Mrs. Rogers has visited all the out-schools in our district; some of them several times. There are seven in the near vicinity, the farthest being about twelve miles distant. The day on which she visited that one, and another on the way, it was long after dark when she returned, though she went with her donkey, for the country is very hilly. She is now away visiting one 35 miles distant, and will be gone several days. On such journeys we have to carry camp, bed, and provisions, mosquito nets, etc.

The enforcement, in the two new out-schools has started a larger than

any schools yet opened in this district; 75 in one and 50 in the other. These schools are taught by married men who have their wives living in the villages with them. Sabbath meetings are held and Sabbath-school the same as at the main station. These out-schools cost nothing except the teachers' wages, 4/- to 5/- a month, and books and slates. A special blessing came to us in one of these out-schools this month. One of our teachers had lately married a mission girl left here by Sister Branch. Wife beating is a common practice in Nyasaland, but one of our rules is that no man is allowed to beat his wife on the mission. This teacher began it within a fortnight. We were awakened at midnight by such wailings as are heard only at the time of a death. Both myself and wife went as quickly as possible, expecting to find some one dead. This same girl was sitting outside the house crying like she was about to die, while the husband was inside putting on his clothes to run away. I will not describe in detail what followed. We supposed he would run away before morning, or do some terrible thing, so two natives were left to watch him. Our surprise cannot be expressed, when early in the morning he came to us and meekly said: "I want to go back to my school and take my wife with me." And she wanted to go with him. Wonderful is the working of our God! And wonderful, beyond our comprehension, is the way of the native mind.

The natives—more than 200—living in villages on the mission, seem to be getting more under our influence and control; and yet there is much to do for them. Last Sabbath was a rainy day, and yet there were present at the service 184.

We have made application to the government for land at our Monekera out-station so that we may erect a permanent brick school building. We have at that place about twenty church members, and others will be baptised soon, so it seems that we should have something more perma-

nent there than a grass building. We are planning to hold a conference of all our European workers and native teachers at that place while Elder Porter is with us. We are looking forward to the visit of Elder Porter with much interest, knowing that his counsels will greatly strengthen our work.

I feel that we have found a plan for dealing with the question of native trading that we can recommend to our other missions. It is well known that there are some objections to missions engaging in trading with the natives. The natives are always wanting clothing and other supplies which somebody must furnish for them to buy. After considerable study of the matter, we arranged with the leading wholesale dealers of Blantyre to furnish the goods for a native store. The company allows us a liberal commission for selling the goods, and we keep a native boy in the store. The mission is not required to invest any money in the goods, only to turn over the cash monthly, when the commission is allowed. No risk is incurred by the mission, the company even insuring the goods. The commission will considerably more than pay all expenses connected with keeping the store, besides removing all objectionable features of trading.

For some weeks we have been blessed with excellent rains, so that all our food crops and the cotton are doing well.

J. C. ROGERS.

Extracts from a Letter from Elder and Sister Walston.

It will be remembered that the prospects were that we should have to close up one of the out-schools of the Simabula Mission. Elder Walston writes later regarding it as follows: "Mrs. Walston and I are on a trip to visit the Que Que Reserve out-school. Elder Sturdevant had written us from Salisbury that there was no alternate; the school would have to be closed. We planned to go on to the school, remove the

teachers and baptise those who wished to be baptised. While in Gwelo I called on the native commissioner and told him that I was on my way to Que Que to get my teachers and close out our work there. You can imagine my surprise when he told me that he was very sorry, but wished us to continue the school, and said that he was quite sure there was a misunderstanding on the part of his Honour, the administrator, at Salisbury. He said we should leave our teachers at the Reserve with the school until we could make one more effort to have the matter considered. The plan he proposed is this: When I return to the mission I am to write him a letter setting forth our work in full at the mission, and our plan of holding out-schools, and then urge a reconsideration of the question of recalling our teachers. The commissioner would then send it to the administrator and strongly support our request. He is very favourable to our schools. He has visited us many times, and always seemed pleased with what he saw. I could hardly express my gratitude to him for his kindness. We went on our way praising God for helping us in planning.

The native commissioner told me that if the church of England were able to carry out its plan to open up mission work on the Reserve, then we would have to withdraw our teachers, as they had the promise of that territory if they could put a white man there, but as long as they did not do so, he could see no reason why we should not have a school there. He also told me that he did not believe that they would be able to send a European teacher there very soon."

Elder and Sister Walston then visited this out-school and spent the Sabbath there. He says further: "I wish you were here just now. A large company of young natives are coming across the veldt to meeting, singing a gospel song as they come. It brings the tears to see what God is doing. The natives kept coming in companies of from five to twenty

until there were over two hundred, and under the friendly shade of a large tree we held two services. They came from ten to twenty miles. The old people wanted to come but it was too far. It did us good to see them come streaming in singing our songs. Their head teacher spoke to them once, and then I gave them a discourse. His talk was based on Isa. 1:18, telling also of the soon coming of the Saviour. I followed talking from John 3:16, bringing in baptism, after which the whole company went to the river and five willing souls were buried into the Lord's family. Several of the old people from the near-by kraals were present. One old chief who never came to the meetings before, and who stoned the teachers when they visited his kraal on the previous occasion, met with us. We feel much encouraged at the prosperous con-

dition of the work here, and hope we may continue our school."

Maranatha Mission.

TO-DAY we were called upon to say good-bye on the occasion of the departure of Elder and Sister Armitage and family for Zululand.

The young people escorted them about a mile on their way before bidding a final farewell to those whom they had learned to love as their instructors and guides in spiritual matters. We are all sorry to lose them but realize the needs of other fields and assure them our prayers shall follow wherever the Lord leads. May our heavenly Father bless and strengthen them for the arduous labours of pioneer mission work. The party travel by rail to Port Elizabeth where they will take the boat for Durban on Friday the 8th.

The Paper Work.

Cape Conference, for week ending April, 1, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
M. Schonken,	Observatory,	Signs & Watchman,	15	7 6
Mrs. J. F. Terry,	Queenstown,			1 10
Totals,	Agents, 2		15	9 4

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending April 1, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
E. Howard, Newlands,	D. R.	11	7	5 9 6			5 9 6	
T. G. Crouch, Pretoria,	D. R.	24½	15	14 5 0			14 5 0	
E. Enochson, Boksburg,	D. R.	29	9	9 9 0	4 6	9 13 6	2 2 0	
E. Van der Molen, Utrecht,	D. R.	40	27	22 7 6	1 7 0	23 14 6	3 1 6	
B. Piercey, Klerksdorp, & Harriesburg, P. P.		34	8	8 8 0	1 1 0	9 9 0	3 0 0	
F. C. Purchase, Klerksdorp, & Harriesburg, P. P.		28	7	7 7 0		7 7 0		
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Cape Conference, for week ending April, 1, 1910.

J. F. Terry, Queenstown,	G. C.	39	8	5 0 0	2 11 0	7 11 0	1 3 0	
Mrs. Terry,	"	20	2	1 5 0	3 6	1 8 6		
Lewis Williams, Middle- burg, G. C.		30	1	13 6 1	2 0	1 15 6		
Hugh Williams, Middle- burg, C. K.		28	11	3 0 6		3 0 6	2 15 6	
Q. H. Jubber, P. E'beth,	C. O. S.	23	46	7 16 0		7 16 0		
P. Ahlfeldt, F't Beaufort,	G. C.	20					9 19 4	
Totals,	Agents, 6		160	68	17 15 0	3 16 6	21 11 6	13 17 10

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Those living in the neighbourhood of the mission feel that they have lost a friend as all had learned to come to Elder Armitage for help in time of need.

Our School.

We are glad to report progress in our school. We have all our last quarter's scholars back except two who were too ill to come when school opened. School closed with a total of twenty-eight; this year we have thirty-three in the home: an increase of five.

The last few weeks we have started an evening class for those living near the mission. To us this is most encouraging, as we feel that the influence of the mission is breaking down opposition. We are glad to help those who live around us, and trust the class of five will increase till we have a goodly number from the neighbouring kraals.

Brethren, remember us in your prayers that we may be enabled to give the message which is to break the chain of darkness and let the captive free. G. A. ELLINGWORTH.

Notice.

TESTIMONIES for the Church, Volume IX, has just arrived at the Cape Town office. Those who have written for it please renew their orders.

The *Australian Union Record* has this to say of it:

"It is now five years since Volume VIII of this series was published. During this period, messages of encouragement, reproof, and counsel have been given from time to time, as in former years. Some of these messages have been published in the *Review*, some have been printed in tract form as 'Special Testimonies,'

Series B, and many others have been sent out in letters and manuscripts to a few persons only. In this volume 'things new and old' have been gathered together for study.

"In its several departments this volume constitutes a strong appeal to all classes of Christian labourers for renewed consecration, and for greater courage and activity in service; and it is hoped that its wide circulation at this time may lead to a large increase in the number of willing workers in the Master's vineyard.

"Every Seventh-day Adventist needs the instruction from the Lord contained in this volume." It contains 301 pages, and sells for 2/6. (postage 4d. extra.) J. V. WILLSON.

Canvassers' Notes.

—BROTHER AHLFELDT expects soon to work the Butterworth line of railway and then go on from Blaney to Burgersdorp.

—We were recently made glad by the reception of a paper work report from the Maritzburg Health Institute. This is a move in the right direction.

—Brother Shone informs us that Brother Van Eden is desirous of taking up the canvassing work in the near future in the O. R. C. All will be glad to see him again actively connected with the Lord's work.

—The best report, except one, since December 24th, from Johannesburg Mission, on paper work, was received a few days since. There were 421 papers sold at a value of £10 10 6. This shows what organised, systematic, continuous, hard work will accomplish under the blessing of God.

—We hear that Brethren Burton and Moko are in the midst of a tent effort among the natives in Grahamstown. The work is one, and we are glad to see that our brethren have gained an experience in the canvassing field that has fitted them to step in to whatever work the Lord may open for them to do. We hope, however, to see them scattering the printed page again before long.

—Application for the privilege to canvass has just come from an isolated Seventh-day Adventist near Harrysmith, in O. R. C. He feels that he must do something to warn the people of their danger, and point them

to "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the World." How truly are the following words coming to pass: "I will take obscure men, and move upon them by My spirit to carry out My purposes in the work of saving souls." The last message of mercy will be given by a people who love and fear God. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit."

G. H. CLARK.

Notes.

—THE Somabula Mission has just disposed of over two hundred bags of mealies at 12/6 a bag.

—Word from Elder E. R. Williams says the interest is coming up in the meetings at Grahamstown. There were one hundred and five out the evening before, with as many more listening on the outside of the tent. Mrs. Williams has twelve regular appointments each week for Bible readings, and Elder Williams is engaged every evening. Those who have taken hold of the truth are growing spiritually.

—Leopards visited the Malamulo Mission leaving destruction in their path, writes Elder Rogers. They ventured up to within fifty yards of the open door where Elder and Sister Rogers were sitting and in about five minutes' time picked up eight young cockerels. They were a choice pen of extra fine Buff Orpington's, the proceeds of which Sister Rogers was using to help defray the expense of the mission. The eight cockerels killed did not finish the lot, as they had another pen which the leopards did not break through.

—Elder R. C. Porter leaves the 14th for Nyasaland. He goes by rail to Beira, visiting Kimberley on Sabbath the 16th, spending the day following at Content. Monday evening he will proceed to Bulawayo where he will spend a few days in counsel with Elder Sturdevant. From there he will go to Gwelo where Elder Walston will take him out to the Somabula Mission for two or three days. Returning to Gwelo May 3, he will connect with the boat at Beira the 5th, arriving at Chinda the 7th, if all goes well. From there on to the mission he will go by the river boat, train and machilla. His trip will cover several weeks' time. May the dear Lord send His angel to accompany Elder Porter to keep him on his way, and make his visit a source of encouragement to these workers on the mission stations, and a blessing to the work.