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

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## Judge Not.

"THERE'S many a lovely flower that  
blooms  
Where human eyes see no,  
In the silence and depth of the forest  
glooms,  
And the deserts, bleak and hot;  
There's many a song of happy bird  
Our dull ears never hear;  
Music that dies on the air unheard,  
Except by our Father's ear.  
"So, down in the deeps of each human  
life  
That our dim eyes see not through,  
Below the turmoil and sin and strife,  
May be motives good and true;  
Many a prayer for good and right  
That our ears cannot hear;  
But the motives lie plain in our Father's  
sight,  
Not a prayer escapes His ear."

## Pleasant Experiences.

AFTER leaving Cape Town for my Nyasaland trip, I found myself pleasantly located in a compartment with a quiet gentleman who seemed to enjoy serious conversation. I took occasion to offer him a copy of the *Signs of the Times* magazine. After reading the first article he wished to purchase it. He then read it carefully through taking each article in order. When he left the train he carried it with him. How many there are who would be glad to read our good literature if they had opportunity! Shall we not see a more general campaign inaugurated by our churches for the circulation of literature containing the message so important for this time?

I spent the Sabbath at Kimberley, holding two services in which our

brethren and sisters reconsecrated themselves to God for the finishing of this work. There is a good prosperous work going forward at the Baths.

Sister Campbell, of the Barotseland Mission, spent the day with us en route to the Plumstead Sanitarium. Brother and Sister Campbell and the little one have all had the fever, and with the exception of the baby had partially recovered with no serious results. Fears being entertained for their darling they thought best to take it to the sanitarium. The prayers of our people should constantly ascend for our workers in these dangerous malaria fields.

On Sunday I went out to Content and was privileged for the first time to enjoy the hospitality of Brother and Sister Honey's home. It was restful to see his beautiful orchard and pleasant shade trees surrounding the quiet cottage on the veldt. The hearty welcome and the live interest manifested by this family in their own personal Christianity and in the advancement of the work, was refreshing. Each morning at six o'clock the entire family gather to read God's word and seek His guidance and blessing for the day. If in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist the morning and evening devotions were all that they should be, the work would be greatly hastened to its close.

Sister Mary Cobban has a nice little school here, and she is very happy in her work.

We found the spirit of this home reaching out to others who came within its influence. I gave two

Bible studies to one interested lady while there. We expect soon to hear that she has excepted the truth. I also had the privilege of baptising a young lady who had recently accepted the Sabbath; also one of Brother Honey's faithful servants. The Holy Spirit witnessed during the service and hearts were melted under its influence.

Our sympathies went out to Brother Honey in the accident which resulted in the death of nineteen head of fine calves. The gate had been left open by mistake and the young calves got out and strayed on to the railroad where a passing train hurled them to their death. The loss involved was not merely the value of the calves but the loss of the milk of the cows for the season. These experiences remind us that in this world we can not hope for freedom from calamities.

I leave to-night the 18th, for Bulawayo.

R. C. PORTER.

## An Appeal.

"WHY stand ye here all the day idle?" This is the great question for each one of us at this important time. Now is our time to work, for soon the end will be upon us. Our brethren in this field are making strenuous efforts to provide the best of reading matter, especially suited to the work in South Africa, both in the English and in the Dutch languages. Are we doing all we can to get these papers before the people? What an amount of good our brethren might

do with the Dutch paper if each one would take a few copies, secure the addresses of some Dutch speaking people and send the paper to them. Will you not do this? Then there is the *Sentinel* and the new magazine, *Signs of the Times*. These ought to be sold by the thousand every month. Brother D. H. Groenewald writes that he sold 55 *Signs* in three hours at Bloemfontein. He expects to continue there for some months selling our books and papers. This same thing can be done in all of the towns throughout South Africa, and not only can it be done without expense to the worker, but he can make a good profit as well. Will you not send in your orders at once for some of these good papers, and thus help to scatter the light of truth? Every paper sold is a help to you, a help to the cause of God, and helps to make our papers self-supporting.

E. R. WILLIAMS

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### Obituary.

#### A Pioneer Worker Fallen.

OUR esteemed brother, J. H. Tarr, fell asleep April 18th, at his home, "Tarsus," Cathcart. Twenty years ago I first visited "Tarsus," soon after Brother Tarr and family had embraced the truth. The parents and nine children were at that time baptised into the message. Soon after this Brother Tarr entered the canvassing field, and placed many of our books in the hands of the people in his own and adjoining districts. He was everywhere respected as an honest citizen and a sincere and devoted Christian. The results of his labours in the message will never be known till the books of heaven are opened. He loved the truth, and rejoiced in its progress, which he studied with interest in our papers.

A letter just received from Queenstown, reports that many there are accepting the doctrines of Spiritualism through the teachings of a Mrs. Prior, and that the writer would probably have accepted them if he had not been well established through that beautiful book, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, which he bought from Brother Tarr about ten or twelve years ago. He found it such a good book, that he did not hesitate to buy *Great Controversy* presented by Mrs. Terry. He thinks Mrs. White a beautiful writer, and that everyone ought to become ac-

quainted with her writings. In closing he says, "I write this to let you know the amount of blessings I have received from her pen." Although the deceased has not been actively engaged in the work for a few years, yet his heart was in it, and his closing message to his children in the O.R.C., was, "Take a firmer hold, and do all you can to spread the message."

It was a comfort to Brother Tarr to know that all his children love the truth. What a triumph, what a grand reunion, should every member of this large family—seventeen children, fourteen living,—be ready when the Master comes to receive His jewels! It is a comfort to the bereaved family to know that the husband and father rests in the "blessed hope," not because he thought his life perfect, but because he trusted in a perfect Saviour. When I first heard of Brother Tarr's death, the text came forcibly to my mind, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." His influence in the home will be sweetly remembered, and will continue to work; and even his later years of apparent obscurity will bear their precious fruits when the harvest is reaped. His life reached the three-score-and-ten limit, and he enjoyed comparatively good health until within the last few months, when disease of the heart developed and laid him low. He was buried on the farm by the side of his daughter, Grace, and there he waits for the voice of the Archangel to call him forth to a glorious immortality.

The brethren and sisters in South Africa extend their sympathy to Sister Tarr and her children in their bereavement, but rejoice with them also in the hope of a soon-coming Redeemer. Till then may we all be faithful, and be received into the heavenly mansions to share the joy of our Lord.

I. J. HANKINS.

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### Durban Church.

WE held our week of prayer at the time appointed, and it proved a spiritual refreshing to every member of our little company. Our members living so far apart from each other, three meetings were held each day in different homes.

Brethren G. H. Clark and O. O. Fortner were present with us and rendered efficient help. A spirit of

earnest consecration has taken hold of the brethren and sisters, and many are planning to do more effective work this year selling our good papers. The house to house campaign with our tracts is also receiving consideration.

The outlook for the future is bright and encouraging.

Offerings received, £6 13 7.

A. W. TICKTON.

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### "Patriarchs and Prophets."

#### Special to Canvassers.

AT a meeting of the South African Union Conference Committee, held in Grahamstown last January, it was voted that as soon as the present stock of *Daniel and Revelation*, and *Great Controversy*, then in the tract society offices should be sold, the canvassers should take up the sale of *Patriarchs and Prophets*. Of course this action is not arbitrary in its nature. If the cause can be better advanced by the use of some other book, the committee, and all who who have any responsibility in the matter, will be glad to have it thus. But being so far from the base of supplies, and not having a large capital with which to work, we are obliged to handle a small number of large books at a time. There were several reasons why this book was chosen for the field at this time.

First, Because the Lord commands us to sell it: "*Patriarchs and Prophets* should be sold everywhere. This book contains truth for this time,—truth that is to be proclaimed in all parts of the world. Nothing is to hinder its sale. . . . It contains the precious, comforting light that God has graciously given His servant to be given to the world. From its pages this light is to shine into the hearts of men and women, leading them to the Saviour. The Lord has declared that this book is to be scattered throughout the world. There is in it truth which to the receiver is a savour of life unto life. It is a silent witness for God. . . . Many have read it with eager expectations, and, by reading it, have been

led to see the efficacy of Christ's atonement, and to trust in its power. . . . In the future, this book is to make the gospel plain to many, revealing to them the way of salvation."—An "Open Letter" page 2.

It is always safe, sure and successful to obey the voice of God, therefore we need not hesitate about handling this good book.

*Second*, It is practically a new book in this field. About fifteen years ago a very limited number were sold in some parts of the territory, but nothing like a thorough canvass was made, and the population has greatly changed since that time, so that an exceedingly small per cent. of the people have even heard of the book. On the other hand, *Great Controversy* and *Daniel and Revelation* have been quite universally handled throughout the field.

*Third*, Because of the value of the book. It is filled with most valuable spiritual lessons, which draw us nearer to the Lord by revealing to us His tender mercy and loving care for His chosen people. Most beautiful and comforting words are found on every page. "It clothes with new meaning the promises and prophecies of the sacred record, vindicates the ways of God in dealing with rebellion, and shows forth the wonderful grace of God in devising a way of salvation for sinful man." Its perusal will be blessed to the good of all who read it and result in turning the feet of many into the way of life.

While the people need strong, doctrinal teaching, they also need the "sincere milk of the Word, that they may grow thereby," and in this work it is to be found. It is a great help in breaking down prejudice and in preparing the way for further Bible truth.

It is stated in *Canvassers' Manuel*, page 13, that "The canvasser's strength, courage, and success will depend on how fully the truth presented in the books is woven into his own experience, and developed in his character. When his own life is thus moulded, he can go forward repre-

senting to others the sacred truth he is handling. Imbued with the Spirit of God, he will gain a deep, rich experience; and heavenly angels will give him success in the work." I am sure that we, as canvassers, will be more spiritually-minded if the teachings of *Patriarchs and Prophets* are received and practiced in our lives.

*Fourth*, It is published in both English and Dutch, which is altogether necessary in South Africa.

*Fifth*, Because it will clear the English Publishing House of hundreds of pounds worth of books and signatures that were prepared for this field but have not\* been used until now, and no other field is calling for them at present.

It is being demonstrated by Brethren Purchase, Piercy, and Tickton, that this book is a good seller. Brother Piercy has never canvassed before, but during his first eight weeks with this book, he has taken £14 worth of orders each week on the average. Brother Purchase has worked with it only eight weeks, and his orders are 40 per cent. higher than when handling *Story of Daniel*. Brother Tickton and myself worked a few days together with it and each day our love for the book increased greatly.

I trust that all the canvassers will fall into line and take up the sale of this precious volume—*Patriarchs and Prophets*—as soon as convenient.

G. H. CLARK.

## The Paper Work.

Cape Conference, for week ending April, 15, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
*Mission Company,	Johannesburg,	Signs, } L. & H., } B. T. S., }	362	8 2 0
Mission Company,	Johannesburg,	Signs, B. T. S., L. & H., Sentinel, G. Health, Wachter,	342 351 111 54 2 10	8 11 0 8 15 6 2 15 6 13 6 6 2 6
A. Tickton,	Durban,	Signs,	160	4 0 0
Totals,	Agents, 2		1392	33 0 6

\* For week ending April 8.

## The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending April 15, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	S. D.	170 $\frac{1}{2}$	92	23 14 0	2 19 9	25 1 9	54 12 9
C. Dixie,	Jeppestown,	D. R.	22	1	1 1 0		1 1 0	10 14 0
E. Van der Molen,	Alcock Spruit, Darrhauser,	D. R.	40	10	9 6 6	1 2 0	10 8 6	9 2 6
T. G. Crouch,	Pretoria,	D. R.	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	10 14 6		10 14 6	3 15 6
E. Enochson,	Boksburg,	D. R.	28	7	7 7 0		7 7 0	
H. Schmidt,	Durdie,	D. R.	27	15	15 15 0	3 0	15 18 0	3 0
Totals,	Agents, 6		319 $\frac{1}{2}$	137	67 18 0	4 4 9	70 10 9	78 7 9

Cape Conference, for week ending April, 15, 1910.

J. F. Terry,	Tarkastown,	G. C.	38	10		4 10 0	4 10 0	
Mrs. Terry,	Queenstown,	G. C.	18	1				
Q. H. Jubber,	P. E'beth,	C. O. S.	39	28	4 17 0		4 17 0	
J. D. le Riche,	Harrismith & Bethlehem,	Misc.	48	4	4 18 0		4 18 0	12 0 0
H. J. P. Dwyer,	Paarl,	Misc.	12					1 5 0
Totals,	Agents, 5		155	43	9 15 0	4 10 0	14 5 0	13 5 0

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### Testimonies, Volume IX.

I HAVE just finished reading the first reading of this excellent collection of instruction to the church. When I first began reading it, and concluded each chapter, I thought I should have to give a special announcement of the chapters because of the timely admonition each contained. When I had finished reading the volume I felt that the special mention should cover the entire book, for every chapter was filled with information of a timely nature.

It contains instruction for all classes of workers, and in all lines of the work. It appeals in the most pathetic language to laymen as well as workers to engage with all the heart in work for the salvation of the perishing before the time of trouble shall break upon a slumbering world.

It calls upon all for a whole-hearted consecration to God, and the dedication of the life to the finishing of the work. It most forcibly appeals to all to forsake criticism and disunity for the sake of their own soul's salvation, and in the interests of the message we bear.

Every worker and church member should read it without delay. It should be read for the personal benefit of the reader rather than for the purpose of merely seeing what it contains. All who read it for personal benefit will be greatly profited. I have read it once and have found so much help that I shall commence at once to read it again.

Order it of your tract society.  
R. C. PORTER.

"TIME was, is past, thou canst not it recall.  
Time is, is now, improve the portion small.  
Time future is not, and may never be.  
Time present is the only time for thee."

### Notes.

—THE "Rustica" church now numbers thirty-one, and the membership of the Sabbath-school forty-five.

—We have a good report in hand from Elder Edmed for our next issue. It breathes the usual spirit of courage and hope.

—Sister J. R. Israel's friends will be glad to learn that her health is improved since her visit to the Battle Creek Sanitarium where she underwent a serious operation.

—We have in hand something of more than usual interest from G. H. Clark for our next issue. We had hoped to give it this week, but space would not allow of its going in entire, and it was too good to be divided.

—Sister Campbell and baby are still struggling with the fever, but are reported better as this paper goes to press. The baby has been dangerously ill the past week. We assure Sister Campbell of our sympathy and prayers.

—Brother Macdonald was thrown from his bicycle and is suffering from a bruised knee, so serious as to confine him to his bed. MISSIONARY readers extend sympathy and hope the worst is over and Brother Macdonald back at his post of duty.

—Elder D. F. Tarr is holding some Bible readings with interested parties while enjoying his vacation at Claremont. It is had for a lover of this precious truth to cease his labours sufficiently long enough for a needed rest, in view of the near coming of Christ.

—The "Rustica" treatment rooms gave one hundred and seventeen treatments last quarter, fifty paid and sixty-seven free. Fifteen missionary visits paid to the sick, one patient supplied with food, two with medicine, and clothing to the amount of fifty shillings supplied to the poor.

—At the quarterly business meeting of the "Rustica" church certain matters affecting the life and policy of the church as a body were brought up for discussion. It was felt that this church should strive to stand in South Africa as an example on account of special privileges they en-

joy. Should not every Seventh-day Adventist church be an example for this very reason? What more could the Lord do for us than He has not done?

—Died at Luderitzbucht, German South West Africa, on April 17th Brother Conrad Roll, aged sixty-two years. Brother Roll was a faithful missionary, scattering the seeds of truth among the people where he lived. We have no further particulars regarding his death, but Brother Willson says they have always received his tithes promptly each quarter. This testimony speaks of his Christian character, and we believe he sleeps in Jesus soon to awaken in glad immortality. One less worker for needy Africa.

—A letter from Sister Etta Austen of Nyasaland, says the end of the fever and rainy season is very near and winter is creeping on, the mornings being quite chilly. She says they have had such an abundance of rain, the ground hardly having been dry in six months. Sister Etta is alone since Sister Ina left for the Matandana station, but is happy and cheerful in her labour of love for a people so greatly needing the help and influence of a medical missionary. Brother and Sister Rogers have both had a short attack of the fever, but Sister Etta has so far escaped. More regarding her work next week.

### Natal-Transvaal Conference

#### Report of Tithes and Offerings for the Quarter Ending March 31, 1910.

Churches	Tithes	S. S. Offs.	F. D. Offs.
Maritzburg,	£71 17 7	£8 1 6	£2 7 0
Jeppestown,	56 13 3	6 9 3	9 0 6
Vryheid,	81 18 7	1 10 0	3 0 0
Pretoria,	2 7 3		
La Rochelle,	23 4 9		
Durban,	21 6 3	2 10 4	
Bethal,	1 7 6		
Krugerdsdorp,		1 0 0	
Ermelo,		18 9	
Isolated,	5 9	3 8 0	
Totals,	£259 0 11	£23 17 10	£14 7 6
Amount reported for previous quarter,	198 18 8	15 18 10	10 7 9
Total for ½ year,	£457 19 7	£39 16 8	£24 15 3

F. MACDONALD, Treasurer.

### Honour Roll.

Previously Reported,	£27 13 9
J. N. de Beer,	2 6
Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Sparrow,	10 0
Jeppestown Church,	2 0 0
Total,	£30 6 3