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

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Natal-Transvaal Conference.

SINCE our last report many items of interest have been given to cheer and encourage us in the great conflict we are waging. The week of prayer was a week of blessing in all our churches. At Durban a special programme was arranged and the meetings enhanced in their interest by the presence of Brother G. H. Clark. At Maritzburg the church received a spiritual uplift that will be long remembered. From Pretoria reports come giving gratifying accounts of the spirit of consecration that attended the meetings, and especially the last, which was characterised by solemn yielding of life and strength to the service of God. Several persons are now awaiting baptism in the Pretoria district, and we are planning to follow the week of prayer by visiting the flock at that place and adding more to our church roll. I have never witnessed more spiritual meetings than those which followed the daily programme for the week in Johannesburg. Meetings were held each morning in the tent, and the readings deepened our longings for a better life. The two last readings seemed to create a powerful effect upon all who were present, although every one was inspiring and good. On the last Sabbath, however, the short reading gave time for a good stirring testimony meeting, in which all took part, including several of the children. The offerings, which, on being counted amounted to over £25—more than three times the largest sum previously given on this occasion. We are sorry the other

companies have not informed us of the amounts taken in their respective churches, but they will no doubt appear in the reports from the office in due course. I would say, by the way, that such reports are most inspiring while these occasions are fresh in mind, and should be sent in immediately after they are taken. We are grateful to the Lord for the "week of prayer" idea.

Sabbath-School Department.

The bursting of the Johannesburg Sabbath-school thermometer a few weeks ago did not in any way diminish the interest that was being taken to reach a high standard of liberality in the Sabbath-school the past quarter. After the mercury touched the £6 10 0 mark, and the bulb burst, the financial temperature rose higher and higher until it was announced that the offerings for the quarter amounted to £10—all of which was given to missions. The success of this idea has caused the school to dispense with the thermometer, and to use a ladder, by which they hope to climb still higher. Then a new idea has been inaugurated, viz., an attendance register, by which it is hoped to gain a cent per cent attendance. That is the ideal set for the promised land, wherein it is said, "shall *all flesh* come to worship before Me, saith the Lord." Isa. 66 : 23. There will be no "forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is," in that glad day; and if it is to be so there, why not here?

A Field Day.

Easter-tide was used by the government for a general field day

for its volunteers, and the young people of our Missionary Volunteer Society decided that they would do likewise. From the time the suggestion was made, a lively interest developed in the hearts of the young, and on the day appointed, arrayed in the gospel uniform of Eph. 6 : 11-19, the little ones took to their posts, and under suitable guidance made an aggressive attack on the city with various papers. The results were gratifying enough to create a desire for similar days to be held more frequently, and it has been arranged to hold such a day once a month.

Lantern Lecture.

A lantern lecture, on the "Rise and Progress of our Work" during the week of prayer, served to stimulate our own people, and to strengthen the confidence of those not of our faith. We have now closed down the tent meetings, as the cold night air makes it impossible to draw an audience under canvass. We are seeking for a suitable hall wherein to continue meetings through the winter. Rents are so high that it is almost out of the question, but we believe the Lord will send the necessary means for a work that must be done. In the meantime, several have stepped into the light of the message, while others are considering the matter seriously. One young man for whom we have been praying since October last, informed the writer at the close of the last tent meeting, that he had surrendered his tobacco habit to God, and that he will no longer desecrate the Sabbath day. He has given his heart to Jesus, to the great joy of his wife and those

interested in his case. We think the angels will have some part in this rejoicing, too. Luke 15 : 10.

City Mission.

The work at the City Mission is progressing nicely, and we are all happy in our daily round and common tasks. Our day school now numbers 31 students, and Sister Olive Pote finds her hands quite full in carrying the many grades the school demands. Yet she is willing to add to her school duties some good field work, and each Saturday evening goes to the city to sell our magazines. The last two evenings she disposed of 100 copies at a sixpence each. 200 magazines in about five hours is not a bad record for a teacher! In these Saturday evening excursions to the city, she is accompanied by the Misses C. Dixie, C. De Mann, B. Willmore, and E. Hodgkin, who sell from 50 to 75 copies each without very much exertion. Last month our workers sold over £20 worth of our magazines. Brother W. F. Williams, having taken a course of Bible study and work at the mission, has now returned to his Health Food factory. We are sorry to lose him, but having an interest in the success of every department of the work, we would not stand in his way. Sister Janie (nurse Strachan) has returned to the Maritzburg Health Institute, after a stay of three months at the mission. During her stay she has enjoyed a good degree of success, and we were sorry to have her leave. Her work during the three months amounted to 142 treatments, 117 copies of *South African Signs* sold; 142 *Life and Health*; 117 *Good Health*; 120 *Bible Training School*; and 2 *Wachters*. Total, 496 magazines sold, valued at £10 18 9. Sister Strachan's work was greatly hindered for some weeks owing to suffering with rheumatism in her feet, which prevented her walking.

Health Institute.

The Natal Health Institute, Maritzburg, has enjoyed a successful month in March. They report as follows:— Meals served, 915; treatments given on charge, 178; free treatments, 38;

discount treatments, 29; nursing cases, 4. *South African Sentinels* sold, 12; *Good Health* sold, 269; *South African Signs* sold, 20; *Ministry of Healing* sold, 1; subscriptions taken for *Good Health* yearly, 12; orders for *Ministry of Healing*, 7; 49½ hours were spent in field work, 55 hours in field nursing, and 2 hours in free treatments. This is the most encouraging report we have had from this institution, and we heartily commend the management for their enthusiasm in the field work idea, and the nurses for their co-operation. With such a report, it is not surprising that the institution handed in a substantial profit for that month.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

“What Hath God Wrought!”

At the close of seven months of work we pause a brief moment to survey the wondrous work of God among us.

We have not a full report of all that has been done, but we give the record as it stands on our books for all orders for our books and papers in the field:

September,	1909	£153	7	9
October,	“	351	14	0
November,	“	462	8	1
December,	“	1140	10	4
January,	1910	570	6	9
February,	“	505	10	4
March,	“	629	9	7
Total,		£3813	12	10

You will notice a steady gain in this work. December has in it several yearly reports, also reports from the students that swells it above the normal. March is really the best of all, as it shows the regular, steady work. We are grateful that the work is getting established and settled. Let us all thank God and take courage.

Dear brethren and sisters, these thousands of pounds worth of orders have not been secured without self-denial and earnest effort on the part of the faithful missionaries of the highest order! Some of the work has been done in the welting heat of

Kimberley and Pretoria; some in the drenching rains of Johannesburg; some among scattered farmers after the canvasser had walked many miles to reach them; some where professed ministers of the gospel had unsparingly warned the people against us and our work, and some in the mud huts where the dwellers know but little of God and His truth. Husbands, for the time, have gone from homes and loved ones, and in some cases mothers have arranged and left their children for a short time during the day, to give the precious message of Christ's soon coming to a lost world. Much of the work has been done by those not long in the canvassing field, therefore with more or less fear and trembling. Some have gone, and are going forth, with feebleness and pain of body, but out of weakness God has shown His mighty power. Do not think that the canvasser's life in South Africa is a flowery bed of ease; it is a life of sacrifice and labour, but a glorious opportunity to sow beside all waters, and to gather precious diamonds for the Master's use.

This report should cause grateful praise to ascend to God from every heart for what He has done; but the present month starts out with better prospects than any month in the past, so let us “press with vigour on.” The work will soon be done, the reward given, and eternal peace declared throughout the whole universe of God. “I want to be there, don't you?”

Deliveries.

Some have enquired what success attends our deliveries. We are glad to report that something is being done on this line, and below are figures showing the amount of deliveries during the past seven months:

September,	1909	£91	13	3
October,	“	133	3	6
November,	“	109	17	6
December,	“	512	7	3
January,	1910	299	3	8
February,	“	327	11	6
March,	“	157	5	7
Total,		£1,621	2	3

This is the amount of deliveries reported, but it does not give the full truth concerning the matter. Many books and periodicals have been sold that have never been reported. This is so in every field.

When we compare the first three months of this year with the corresponding ones of last year, it may encourage us somewhat.

January, 1909	£75	9	3
February, „	21	8	0
March, „	53	6	10

On the Sunday before the delivery of books the first of this month, the canvassers spent the day in fasting and prayer for God's blessing upon the delivery of our orders, and thus far (April 20) the reports show that £412 worth have actually been placed in the hands of the people. Last year the deliveries for the month of April were £61 1 7.

We feel like thanking God and taking courage for what has been done and what is to be done, rather than complaining of what has not been done. The Lord is leading on and we are constantly learning how to better secure and deliver orders.

G. H. CLARK.

Revival of Church Missionary Work.

At the meeting of the South African Union Conference Committee, held at Grahamstown during the conference recently, it was decided that efforts should be made to revive an interest in the churches in genuine missionary work, under the auspices of Church Missionary Society. To this end it was resolved to invite our church officers to unite in setting apart a special day for the purpose of holding a convention for the consideration of this important phase of church life. The Lord is calling loud and long for every member to take up their work and shoulder their individual responsibility for the salvation of their neighbours; and we earnestly request our church officers to take immediate steps for the accomplishment of this idea. We sug-

gest that the fourth Sabbath—May 28, be devoted if possible to this matter, and that plans be formulated for a strong aggressive movement in which every church member will have a part.—S. A. U. C. Committee.

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending April 22, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Natal Health Institute,	Maritzburg,	G. Health,	269	3 7 3
		„ Subs. (12)	144	1 10 0
		Sentinel,	12	1 0
		*S. A. Signs,	20	10 0
H. B. Feideler,	Pretoria,	S. A. Signs,	21	10 6
		Wachter,	10	2 6
A. Tickton,	Durban,	S. A. Signs,	146	3 13 0
Mission Company,	Johannesburg,	S. A. Signs,	144	3 12 0
		L. & H.,	106	2 13 0
		G. Health,	6	1 6
		B. T. S.,	29	14 6
C. A. Dixie,	Johannesburg,	G. Health,	177	2 4 3
Totals,	Agents, 5		1084	18 19 6

* For one month.

Cape Conference, for week ending April, 22, 1910.

†D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.,	122	3 11 0
Lucy Groenewald,	„	L. & H.,	31	15 6
M. E. Smith,	Claremont,	Misc.,	83	
Totals,	Agents, 3		236	4 6 6

† For two weeks.

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending April 22, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	S. D.	28½	17	5 10 6		5 10 6	1 12 6
E. Enochson,	Driefontein,	D. R.	22	12	12 12 0		12 12 0	
*C. A. Dixie,	Jeppestown,	D. R.	51½	18	15 18 0		15 18 0	
*E. M. Howard,	Newlands,	D. R.	44	47	40 14 6		40 14 6	
*B. B. Piercey,	Klerksdorp,	P. P.	60	10	10 10 0		10 10 0	27 12 0
*A. W. Tickton,	Sea Veiv							
	S. C. Junction,	P. P.	51½	16	11 3 6	18 6	12 2 0	18 6
T. G. Crouch,	Pretoria,	D. R.	21	16	15 6 0		15 6 0	
E. Van der Molen,	Dann-							
	hauser,	D. R.	22	9	11 9 6	1 1 0	12 10 6	1 1 0
H. Schmidt,	Dundee,	D. R.	14½	8	7 13 0		7 13 0	
Totals,	Agents, 9		315	153	130 17 0	1 19 6	132 16 6	31 4 0

* For two weeks.

Cape Conference, for week ending April 22, 1910.

J. F. Terry,	Tarkastad,	G. C.	32	6	4 5 0	2 6 9	6 11 9	
Mrs. Terry,	Queenstown,	G. A.	8	3				
Q. H. Jubber,	P. E'beth,	C. O. S.	74	45	7 16 6		7 16 6	
Lewis Williams,	Cradock,	C. K.	30	12	3 6 0	13 6	3 19 6	
Hugh Williams,	„	C. K.	30	15	4 2 6		4 2 6	
D. H. Groenewald,								
	Bloemfontein,	C. K.		4	18 0	5 6	1 3 6	
Totals,	Agents, 6		198	85	20 8 0	3 5 9	23 13 9	

Such a movement as the above has been pictured before the Lord's servant, and is given in the following language:—

“In the visions of the night representations passed before me of a great

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reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and many other miracles wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. *Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God.* Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God. I heard voices of thanksgiving and praise, and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844."—*Testimony, vol. 9, page 126.*

What a blessed picture! God hasten its realisation! But this is largely in the hands of the churches. Let every member press in now, for this prize is within easy reach.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

Attention!

ALL mail for the Maranatha Mission should now be addressed to P. O. Martindale, via Grahamstown, instead of Trumpeters Drift. Brother Ellingworth informs us that a new route has been established, and mail will now reach them Thursday afternoon after arriving in Grahamstown on Wednesday evening.

Special Notice.

I SHALL be out of touch with the workers of the Union Conference for nearly three months during my visit to the Nyasaland Mission. All matters of importance needing attention

during my absence should be referred to Elder W. S. Hyatt, vice president of the Union. His address is P. O. Martindale, via Grahamstown, Maranatha Mission. Let the Union Conference workers take notice of this.

R. C. PORTER.

College Notes.

—OUR museum at present consists of one cabinet with only a few choice relics. No doubt many of our friends will be glad to assist in an endeavor to enlarge this by contributing any specimens, relics, or trinkets.

—We greatly appreciate the added help we have in Mrs. Smith, our new Preceptress. Sister Smith comes to our home full of courage and with a spirit to help us in our endeavour to make our home all that God would have it.

—Our library has just undergone a thorough renovation and our book shelves contain many excellent volumes, many of which are donations from kind friends. Still we have room for many more and would much appreciate any books which might be donated to us.

—The class in oil painting has now grown to nine students and an excellent class of work is being done. We also have a class in free hand drawing in each of the rooms, conducted by Mr. Rowland. We hope this will be of practical help to our prospective teachers and Bible workers.

—We are just beginning a class in simple treatments and Hydrotherapy in the school. Miss Ida Thomason of the Plumstead Sanitarium, has kindly arranged to teach this class for us, and we feel that this will prove to be one of the most helpful classes conducted in the school. We appreciate the co-operation of our sister institution in helping us to efficiently equip our young people who are soon to be out in the field giving the message. This class will hereafter be incorporated in the regular curriculum.

Brethren and Sisters, pray for our school.—*A Teacher.*

Notes.

—Sister M. C. Sturdevant made her friends at Somabula, Elder and Sister Walston, a visit the first of the month.

—Read carefully the report on "What Hath God Wrought," and praise Him "from whom all blessings flow."

—A wire from Elder Porter on the 6th reported his arrival at Beira where the boat was in waiting for Chinde. He was well.

—Sister Morgan arrived in Cape Town the 25th of April after spending her vacation in England. She is in correspondence with Elder Williams as to plans for her future work.

—Elder D. F. Tarr will leave for Port Elizabeth on Tuesday the 10th where he will take up labour for the present. He will visit the family of his brother, the late James Tarr, at Cathcart, over Sabbath the 14th.

—H. C. Olmstead made a business trip to Bloemfontain the first of the month. Plans for the opening of the new out-station at Leribe, is progressing satisfactorily. The readers of the MISSIONARY are promised a full report a little later.

—A college for the German population of our young people of the United States has been located at Hamilton, Missouri, within two minutes walk of Elder and Mrs. Porter's former home. The property purchased for the purpose is ideal for situation, and central for the United States.

—Sister P. A. Frost has entered the field in the interests of the paper work. She spent the last Sabbath in April at Bloemfontein much to the encouragement of the little company there, going on later to East London where she will begin active work. Sister Frost is an experienced paper worker and will demonstrate that our magazines can be sold in South Africa even as elsewhere. Notice her reports as they appear from week to week.

"REVIVE thy work, O Lord!
Exalt the precious name!
And may thy love in every heart,
Be kindled to a flame!"