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

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“Come Ye Apart.”

BY GERTRUDE FLATHER.

COME ye apart and rest awhile, —
Look up! upon you beams my smile!
Forsake the din and toil of earth, —
Forget alike its woe, its mirth;
Come, rest awhile; your souls relieve,
And let Me sweet refreshment give;
Breathe earnest, contrite, humble prayer
To Me, Who all your sorrows bare.

Come, rest awhile from sin and strife;—
Why still doth well-nigh crush your life
That self-inflicted, grievous load
Ye bear along the thorny road,
While yet My invitation sounds, —
Its echoes reach earth's farthest
bounds:—

On Me your burdens roll, and glad
Exchange for joy your musings sad?

Come, seek a desert place apart.
Your Master, with o'erburdened heart
By sin's dire load our race did heap
Upon His head, — while men did sleep,
And none but angels lingered there, —
How oft upon the mountain bare
A refuge after toilsome days,
And solace found in prayer and praise
When nought of human source can
cheer,

When, heartwring, flows the bitter tear,
When sorrows press, or doubt assails, —
When only heaven's aid avails,
Then come apart and rest awhile.
Look up! See, ever beams My smile!
Take courage! ponder things above
Where He yet reigns, Whose name is
Love!

Natal-Transvaal Conference.

FOLLOWING closely upon Elder W. H. Haupt, the writer joined him in a blessed experience in Pretoria. We found Brother and Sister Armer comfortably located in a nice house near the Zoological Gardens, where

they have already begun giving simple treatments with much success.

They are also engaged in the sale of our health literature, and Sister Armer has taken over 150 yearly subscriptions for the *Good Health* magazine.

Brother Crouch has settled with his family, and is canvassing the capitol city of the United South Africa with *Daniel and the Revelation*. He has met with many difficulties, and the Dutch Reformed ministers keep up a continual warning against Seventh-day Adventists and their literature, which has made his work hard. But Brother Crouch is not easily frightened, and delivers his books in spite of all that is done. He is of good courage, and we enjoyed his lively, hopeful, discussion of the situation. We regret that Sister Crouch's health is not good.

In harmony with arrangements already made by Elder Haupt, we met with a goodly company at The Fountains, a few miles out from the city, and baptised nine converts, some of whom have been waiting this privilege for some time. These were converts who were reached largely under the labours of Brother Hermon Schmidt while there. In the evening we organised a church of seven-teen members. Brethren I. R. Armer and H. Feideler were appointed deacons, and Brother T. G. Crouch was set apart as local elder. There was a good spirit in these meetings, and all seemed to take hold with a deep and earnest consecration, and we hope the blessing of God will so fill their hearts that they will unitedly

press unto the prize of their high calling, and be ready when Jesus comes. On returning, Elder Haupt left for a tour to Swaziland, whither he has gone with the hope of holding meetings with the scattered believers.

Cause for Rejoicing.

We enjoyed a visit from Elder Armitage when passing through to visit the native company at Bethal. No doubt he will report his experience, but we will add that while he was there, we received a letter from Brother Leaser, announcing that several natives of a good sort had taken hold of the truth in Ermelo. One is a capable minister, able to translate or interpret in four languages while others are very much interested. Any one knowing of interested Zulus in this conference, should at once communicate with us that Brother Armitage may search them out.

An Example Worthy of Imitation.

Since the arrival of the last beautiful edition of our *South African Signs* (of which our workers are justly proud), the paper work has been going with much interest. Six ladies, went to the city Saturday night last, and in a little over two hours returned with the following report. Sold:—Mrs. Howard, 23 *Signs*; O. Pote, 75 *Signs*, 10 *Life and Health*; E. Hodgkin, 38 *Signs*; B. Willmore, 40 *Signs*, 10 *Life and Health*; C. Dixie, 38 *Signs*; G. Rowland, 23 *Signs*; C. de Man, 25 *Signs*. Total, 282 magazines, value, £7 1 0.

The two following field days added almost phenomenal results to our report. Sister B. Willmore enjoys the

honour of selling in one day, by house to house canvassing, 105 magazines, only three of which were less than 6d. each. Notice the following report for the two days:—Mrs. Howard, 80; B. Willmore, 151; A. Strachan, 111; E. Hodgkin, 98; C. de Man, 75; C. Dixie, (one day only) 74. Total, 595; making, with Saturday night's street work, a total of 877 magazines sold. Many of the workers on returning expressed their regret at not taking more, as they could easily have sold more. On seeing the present number of the *Signs*, one gentleman enquired if there were not more previous numbers. On being informed affirmatively, he paid for the last two numbers and gave a stamp for postage. The people are delighted to see so fine a specimen of South African enterprise. We praise the Lord for the way the paper work is going. We believe it should go everywhere, and that every church member should see and have a few copies monthly and weekly with which to supply their neighbours.

A Trip to Krugersdorp.

Last Sabbath, by appointment, my wife and I went to spend the week end with the Krugersdorp company. Brother and Sister Ritchie very kindly entertained us. The meeting was held in their house, Mrs. Edmed taking charge of the Sabbath-school, and the writer following with a discourse that seemed to be favourably received. The presence of God was felt in each heart, and we believe this company is enjoying a rich experience in spite of many reverses. We were specially glad to meet with Brother and Sister Ernst, who had just returned from the country, and Brother and Sister George Pratt, with their fine boys, who have lately taken up residence in that city. We are glad to find members of the company standing true to the message, and growing perceptibly in grace.

Important Appeal.

We desire to call the attention of our members to our urgent need of more help in the work. The writer

and his helpers are feeling the strain of this long steady pull, and yet we can keep it going apparently indefinitely if we could have the help of at least a good city man. Brother Macdonald has found that the increase of the canvassing work has brought great additions of taxation on his strength, and he should at least have a suitable youth in the office to assist him. Brother Clark calls loudly for some one to relieve him of his correspondence, so that he can go into the field with the canvassers and do the work he came to do. The tithes have rather decreased than increased the past half year. Our work is expensive work, in spite of the rigid economy we endeavour to practise. We need to rent a suitable place in which to hold meetings. We have refused everywhere offers of from £6 to £7 10 0 per month. From £17 to £20 is asked for a hall to seat 200 persons. Will not the church officers do their work, and go through their list of members, and ascertain who are faithful in paying their tithes and who are not? I think our local elders need have no difficulty in finding out the standing of their members in this matter. Here is one company of thirteen members, paid £1 7 6 for one quarter's tithe. This represents that the thirteen members if they have paid a faithful tithe, only earned for three months £13 8 0,—a little over £1 per member! But this cannot be so! With the increase of membership we have enjoyed, and the sales of our canvassers, our tithes should easily support three more workers this year than ever before, and we ought not to be struggling with financial problems in the midst of a great work. Let every member test his integrity to God in this matter, and come now by honest means giving what God calls His own, and we shall be able to employ all the workers we can find work for. After taking the life of the Son of God, and drawing His precious blood to cover our sins, shall we steal from His store what He claims as His own?

H. J. EDMED.

A Missionary Campaign.

WE are hoping soon to see a general missionary campaign started and aggressively pushed by all of our churches throughout South Africa. As an opening to this campaign there will be a Missionary Rally Day, a programme of which will soon appear in the *MISSIONARY*. That all may feel the importance of such a movement, and of taking part in it, I here append a few statements from the Spirit of Prophecy, found in the little tract *A Call to Service*.

“As a people we need to be reconverted, and our lives sanctified to declare the truth as it is in Jesus.

“We are to make opportunities for presenting the truth. Christians are to be workers together with Christ. They are to engage in many lines of evangelistic work.

“Time is precious. The destiny of souls is in the balance.

“Until the time comes when Christ shall say, “It is finished,” His work for the saving of souls will not decrease, but will grow in importance, and will be far-reaching. . . .

“We have no time to lose. We must make more determined efforts to lead the people of the world to see that the day of judgment is near at hand.

“If the curtain should be rolled back, you would see souls perishing in their sins, and the church idle, indolent, unsympathetic, absorbed in selfish interests, and caring not whether souls are saved or lost, so long as they themselves can have an easy time, and be secure in the hope of salvation. But no one will ever enter heaven who is not a labourer together with God.

“Every Christian, high or low, rich or poor, learned or ignorant, is to talk of the kingdom of God, to speak of Christ and Him crucified, to those who are in ignorance and sin. You are to speak to sinners; for you know not but God is moving upon their hearts.

“We must now be terribly in earnest. We have not a moment to lose

in criticism and accusation. Let those who have done this in the past fall on their knees in prayer, and let them beware how they put their words and their plans in the place of God's words and God's plans.

"In many places there are settlements of industrious, well-to-do farmers, who have never heard of the truth for this time. Such places should be worked. Let our lay-members take up this line of service. By lending or selling books, by distributing papers, and by holding Bible-readings, our lay-members could do much in their own neighbourhoods. Filled with love for souls, they could present the message of present truth with such power that many would be converted.

"Now, as never before, the great and wonderful work of this message is to be carried. The world is to receive the light, and many will gain their knowledge of the truth through an evangelising ministry of the word in our books and papers. Our periodicals are to be distributed by men and women of all stations and walks in life. Young and old are to act a part."

What a wonderful privilege God has given each one of us to be labouring together with Him. Shall we not all respond by saying, "Here am I, Lord, send me.?" Get ready to do your best brethren, and let not one ask to be excused.

E. R. WILLIAMS.

Barotseland Mission.

THE school is progressing nicely. At present we have an enrolment of seventy-two at the home station, and a good prospect of more soon.

The boys are taking much more interest in their new Chitonga readers than they did in their old books of "Æsop's Fables"; besides they are storing their minds with truths essential to their salvation.

We have been very busy gathering mealies the past three weeks, and hope to have the last gathered by the first of next week.

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending May 6, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mission Company,	Johannesburg,	S. A. Signs,	30	15 0
A. Tickton,	Durban,	S. A. Signs,	80	2 0 0
		Good Health,	14	3 6
		Sentinel,	3	3
		Present Truth,	2	2
Mrs. Armer,	Pretoria,	Good Health,	112	1 2 6
N. Health Institute,	Maritzburg,	Good Health,	100	1 5 0
	2 Subs.,	Good Health,	24	5 0
Totals,	Agents, 4		365	5 11 5

Cape Conference, for week ending May 6, 1910.

Mrs. J. F. Terry,	Queenstown,	Signs,	8	4 0
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.,	96	2 7 6
Lucy Groenewald,	"	L. & H.,	40	1 0 0
P. E. Frost,	E. London,	Signs,	100	2 10 0
M. Schonken,	Observatory,	Signs,	10	5 0
Totals,	Agents, 5		254	6 6 6

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending May, 6, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
E. Enochson,	Germiston,	D. R.	28			4 0	4 0	8 12 0
T. G. Crouch,	Pretoria,	D. R.	17½	14	13 19 0		13 19 0	2 2 0
H. Schmidt,	Dundee,	D. R.	19	5	5 5 0		5 5 0	4 4 0
A. W. Tickton,	Durban,	P. P.	33	8	5 15 6	10 6	6 6 0	6 4 0
B. Piercey,	Wolmaranstad,	P. P.	29	9	9 9 0		9 9 0	
F. Purchase,	"	P. P.	60	8	8 8 0		8 8 0	
Mrs. Armer,	Pretoria,	H. H. B.	13	3	6 10 0		6 10 0	
Miss. Edie,	Germiston							
	Location,	Misc.	(1 month)			13 9	13 9	13 9
Totals,	Agents, 8		199½	47	49 6 6	1 8 3	50 14 9	27 15 9

Cape Conference, for week ending May 6, 1910.

J. F. Terry,	Tarkastad, &							
	Queenstown,	G. C.	39	2	1 12 6		1 12 6	10 16 0
Mrs. Terry,	Queenstown,	G. C.	16					3 19 0
Q. H. Jubber,	P. E'beth,	C. O. S.	35	11	1 15 0	6 6	2 1 6	10 18 0
D. H. Groenewald,								
	Bloemfontein,	Misc.	28	1	4 6		4 6	1 7 0
P. E. Frost,	E. London,	Heralds,	10	14	4 11 0		4 11 0	
Totals,	Agents, 5		128	28	8 3 0	6 6	8 9 6	27 0 0

Though the crops are not as large as we had hoped for, on account of the late rains, still we have gathered already more than we had last year. As soon as the crops are gathered we expect to prepare more ground down by the spring for fruit trees; those already planted are growing exceedingly well. If any of the brethren have seeds to spare of Natal fruits, namely,—tree tomato, mango, custard-apple, avocada pear, loquat, and

medlas, we would gladly pay the carriage on them.

Our seven out-stations are prospering, and at present there are seventy enrolled, besides those who are daily taught in the villages.

The teachers have been busy out of school hours plowing. They have now about one hundred seventy-five acres under cultivation. Much of this is new ground, recently plowed. Three older out-stations have raised

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more than enough this year to make themselves self-supporting, paying the wages of two boys on each station, and supplying the children with food and clothing. The surplus they will divide among the more unfortunate stations. Next year we believe the seven stations will be self-supporting.

We will be hindered in extending our work this year, because some of the boys who were expecting to finish their schooling are deeply engaged in matrimonial affairs. It usually takes from three to six months to perfect arrangements for marrying. We hope these boys will be with us again soon.

We are both enjoying our work and our health is good. As we see the advancement of these heathen children our hearts are made glad.

We hope that you will not forget us at the throne of grace, that we may be faithful, and have wisdom to rightly carry on the work here.

C. ROBINSON.
J. R. CAMPBELL.

Natura Health Coffee.

A Message to Our Brethren.

AT the recent Grahamstown camp-meeting an effort was made to introduce a new brand of health coffee, made locally of colonial cereals, and handled by our tract society. Those who were privileged to attend that meeting will no doubt remember the nicely-flavoured, aromatic drink served them, which by most users was commented on for its excellent qualities. The sale of this coffee has since passed into the hands of our tract society, so that the article is obtainable at the Roeland Street Office, Cape Town. The makers are

the Wynberg Treatment Rooms, Wynberg, Cape Colony. The coffee is retailed at 1s. per lb. packet, postage extra; but arrangements have been made by which any community ordering 40 lbs., cash accompanying the order, can have that quantity delivered at their nearest railway station *carriage free*. This is indeed a grand offer! The best, wholesomest, most palatable drink procurable can thus be had by all at just 1s. per lb., anywhere in the country, in lb. packets, always fresh from the makers.

This coffee easily beats the imported article on every point worth mentioning. A lb. packet makes 72 cups—i. e. 6 cups of health-giving, nutritious drink, fit for old and young alike, for 1d, *and no freight to pay!* Free samples are sent on application, sufficient for making two or three cups.

Notes.

—ANXIOUS friends here and elsewhere will be glad to learn that Sister J. R. Campbell and baby are well on the road to health again. They contemplate leaving the sanitarium the coming week.

—A good report from Elder Porter of his visit to the Somabula Mission is held for next issue. Also one from Elder S. N. Haskell and wife, and Sister Frost. There is some joy in anticipation, if not as much as in realization.

—After a stirring talk from Elder Anderson on missions before a large gathering of our people in America, two brethren came forward and offered to open up two out-stations, donating in all about £260. Elder Anderson called for no collections, but took what was offered him. He says the people are aroused to finish this work.

—Elder W. H. Anderson and wife will be at home to their many friends at the Barotseland Mission, North-west Rhodesia, June 26. The bride is a Kansas, U. S. A., lady. She leaves many warm friends in the

homeland, but we can assure her as many here, and welcome her to the joys and sorrows, the bitter and the sweet, which is sure to come to one engaged in this work on a mission station in Africa.

—The editor feels that a word of appreciation is due the workers of the union and local conferences, church librarians, secretaries, and also the college, for their faithfulness in contributing to the columns of the MISSIONARY. We have never come up to publishing day without sufficient matter of interest for that issue. This has greatly lightened the work of the editor, and has also been the life of the paper. "Give and it shall be given you again." For past, present, and future contributions we are exceedingly thankful.

—A letter from Elder W. C. Walston, May 13, gives us the sad news of the death of Sister Walston's father at Uitenhage. Sister Walston is quite overcome with grief, as this is the first death in their large family, and she was living on the thought of a visit with all her loved ones in the old home at the end of the year, which will now be so greatly marred. The readers of the MISSIONARY extend sincere sympathy, and yet we know that words in a time like this are cold at best. Soon will be ushered in that happy day when there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying. There is comfort in this.

—Through a private letter from Elder Anderson by the last American mail he says he will leave New York the 11th of May, spending a few days in England, leaving in time to arrive in Cape Town the 14th of June. It would seem that his plans to attend the world's missionary conference in Scotland, had been changed. Elder Anderson expresses himself as just longing to get back to his mission. He says America has no charms for him. He contrasts the needs of Africa with more favoured fields, and is willing and anxious to go where the need is greatest. This is what every true follower of Christ will do.