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

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## Can You?

BY L. D. SANTEE.

SWEET friend, when you and I have passed,  
Beyond earth's shadows and its fearing,  
When paradise is reached at last,  
Brought to us by the Lord's appearing,  
When starry crowns shall deck our brows,  
And the white robes to us be given,  
Dear friend, can you imagine *now*,  
How sweet t'will be to be in heaven?

The "many mansions," high in air,  
Gleam with a more than earthly splendor,  
And shining angels pure and fair,  
Shall greet us with a love most tender.  
No head in grief shall ever bow,  
But rapturous joy to all be given,  
Dear friend, can you imagine *now*,  
How sweet t'will be to be in heaven?

The loved, for whom we've wept of yore,  
We'll greet when this sad life is ended;  
They'll meet us on the shining shore,  
With loving smiles, and hands extended,  
With them, we'll hear life's waters flow,  
Where love's fond tendrils ne'er are riven,  
Dear friend, can you imagine *now*,  
How sweet t'will be to be in heaven?

Ah, no, for heart and mind would fail  
To comprehend the wondrous story;  
For no description can avail,  
To picture out the scenes of glory!  
But still we toil, and hope, and wait,  
For that glad day when crowns are given,  
While faith discerns the pearly gate,  
Beyond which, lies our home in heaven.

## A Message From America.

Dear Readers of the Missionary:—  
Although separated many thousands of miles from you, yet we realize that we are all engaged in the same great conflict. It is one great army pushing on to victory, and the South African work is a part of one great wing of the army, while the work in America is a part of another

wing. We are all under the same Captain, and our Captain has never yet lost a battle; so we need have no fears, but press the battle to the gates.

We always read with great interest the news items in the SOUTH AFRICAN MISSIONARY in regard to the progress of the work in that field; for we will never forget the experiences we had while there. We can never forget the wonderful out-pourings of the Spirit of the Lord that we enjoyed in that wonderful meeting at Claremont College nearly fifteen years ago.

We have been sorry to note that there have been vacancies made in the ranks of those who were faithful workers fifteen and twenty years ago; some have fallen asleep while faithfully standing at their post, and others have become discouraged and left the ranks. But we are glad that the work there is still onward, and that new names appear in your reports from time to time of individuals who have embraced the truth since we were there, and are now bearing responsibilities in the work, and helping to push it forward. And we are pleased, indeed, to see the names of those who were children when we were there in South Africa now engaged in different lines of the work.

The work is onward here, and all over the world; it is not creeping forward, but is going forward by leaps and bounds! Our brethren in this conference are taking hold to distribute literature so we may fulfil the expression that the publications

containing the truth will fall like the leaves of autumn.

Two of our brethren were out visiting one of the churches last Sabbath and Sunday and bring back the report that they took 1300 papers to use in individual work, distributing and selling them. And we notice that this same spirit is taking hold of our people all over the world. It is God that is in the message and is managing His own work, and will bring the truth off victorious in the end.

Our earnest prayer is that all those in Africa, in India, China, and in other countries may be among those who shall enter in through the pearly gates into the city of God when the Lord comes. May His rich blessing continue with the work in South Africa is our prayer.

ELDER & MRS. S. N. HASKELL.

## A Visit to the Somabula Mission.

APRIL 26th, accompanied by Sister Sturdevant, I left Bulawayo for Gwelo. We reached there at 6:30 in the evening after an all day's ride in a slow train. We were met at the station by Elder Walston, and soon his two faithful drivers had the ox-waggon in readiness for our journey to the mission. After driving three hours we camped for the night in the open veldt. The boys prepared a camp-fire while Elder Walston entertained us with stories of lions and other animals that had been seen in the vicinity of our camping place. Upon close inquiry

we learned that Elder Walston had never seen a lion since he came to the mission, and as we were weary with our journey, we were soon asleep. At five the next morning we were on the road again, and after two hours driving, we camped for breakfast. From there to the mission I walked, the distance being about four miles. The waggon came in a few minutes after my arrival.

The afternoon was spent looking around the mission premises. At night my sleeping room was in the pole-and-mud-mission house, the partitions being of white muslin. Everything was scrupulously clean and sweet. Elder Walston took pains to inform me that a short time before a large venomous snake had poked its head through the ceiling and looked down upon himself and wife, and while preparing to kill it it drew back and was lost to sight. With these thoughts I retired and was soon fast asleep, but what wonder that I should dream of snakes! In my dreams I killed them all.

The Somabula Mission owns no farm. It is located on a native reserve. It can be leased but for three years in advance, then must be renewed. For this reason their buildings are constructed of poles set up on end, daubed with dogger, (mud). The roofs are thatched with coarse grass. They are very comfortable, neat and cosy inside.

The main station holds a lease of one hundred acres of farming land, and the right to graze over five hundred acres of pasture land. Aside from the main mission building, which is occupied by Elder Walston and family, and Brother T. J. Gibson and family, they have a storage building and waggon shed; also a house for the native student girls, twelve by thirty, and ten huts for the boys. These have just been newly built. They have also erected a study room for the boys, a new kitchen, dining-room, and school building.

They have seventy-two head of cattle after selling £100 worth of

cows with a view to buying a better grade. They have sixteen head of donkeys which they use for driving when they can not get into Gwelo with the oxen on account of the cattle sickness.

The mission has about one hundred acres of mealies, four acres of sweet potatoes, and two acres of garden truck. Last year they had about the same amount of mealies, and they sold four hundred and twenty-five bags besides caring for the needs of the family and the school. The profits on the store last year was about £80.

#### The School.

The main boarding school is well managed, and is doing good work. There are fifty-four students now enrolled, eight of whom are girls. The three out-schools have an average attendance of about twenty-five in each. In connection with the white teachers, they have eight coloured teachers for the main and out-schools. They have opportunity to start another out-school if a white teacher can be supplied to supervise the school. It is now contrary to the law to have the white superintendent on one reserve looking after the schools on another reserve. This is a difficulty to be met at this station. The gold mines interspersed all through Rhodesia make it hard to hold the students long enough to get them settled in the truth. However this people must be reached with the message, and I see no other way than to furnish white superintendents and go forward.

#### Results

This mission has been in operation eight years. There are fifty-five church members as the result of the work during that time. Ten have apostatised, leaving forty-five loyal and faithful. Another class are taking instruction preparatory to baptism. The tithes last year, including the white teachers', were over £30. Sabbath-school offerings, £5 and annual offerings £5. The outlook for this station is very promising.

If Elder and Sister Sturdevant go

on to open up a new station near Umtali, as they hope to do, Elder and Sister Walston will go to Solusi and have charge there, and Brother and Sister Gibson, with an assistant, will have charge of the work at this station.

We shall long remember our first visit to this station. On Sabbath there were one hundred forty-eight present at the service. One white sister walked twelve miles to attend the meetings, and the natives came from the surrounding kraals and paid very respectful attention to the word spoken. Most of those present requested prayers that they might be Christians. A deep interest in the gospel has been awakened generally in this section. The work goes forward, for the Lord has it in hand, and soon it will close in glorious triumph. I go from here to visit the Malamulo Mission in Nyasaland.

R. C. PORTER.

#### Maranatha Mission.

LAST Sabbath—May 14—was a good day for us here. After Sabbath-school we had a discourse on baptism and its importance, and then all went to a nice pool of water near by and four of our young people were baptised. This is the result of the faithful labours of Brother and Sister Armitage. They sowed the seed and we reaped the harvest. Four others requested baptism but it was thought best to postpone it for a short time.

The new buildings that Elder Armitage built have been completed and are now occupied. We are thankful that we have two good, substantial dormitories for our students besides a commodious dining-room and kitchen.

At present our time is occupied gathering our crops, building fences, etc., while each of the mission workers are busy with their varied duties, and all are happy and cheerful and enjoy their work.

The native work in Grahamstown is slowly taking root, and about a dozen are now keeping the Sabbath.

I have assisted in the work all I could, having spent but two Sabbaths at the mission since the camp-meeting. We are confident that the message will triumph gloriously ere long and we hope that Kaffirland may have a few representatives among the 144,000.

W. S. HYATT.

### Jeppestown Church Missionary Report for March and April.

MISSIONARY visits made,	10
Bible readings held,	30
Persons supplied with food,	2
Sick persons assisted,	13
Pages of tracts loaned and given away,	5,685
Pages of books loaned,	3,950
Pages of books given away,	2,400
Papers given away,	46
Papers sold,	221
Subscriptions taken for periodicals,	1
Missionary letters written,	10
Missionary letters received,	2
Hours of Christian help work,	1½
Offerings for foreign missionary work,	17/9

MRS. H. J. EDMED,  
ANNIE GRANT.

### Cape Colony Conference.

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

Churches	Tithes	S. S. Offs.	F. D. Offs.
Beaconsfield,	£26 18 6	£ 7 10	£ 19 0
Bloemfontein,	12 1 10		
Claremont,	11 17 2	16 1 0	3 2 7
Cape Town,	54 8 10	6 12 5	6 3 6
East London,	1 0 0		
Heisterbach,	28 9 6	3 2 5	
Klipdam,	16 11 0	1 7 3	11 0
Parow,	5 9 3	14 10	5 9
Port Elizabeth,	4 15 6		
Rokby Park,	37 9 5		9 0
Rustica,	119 5 2	4 0 10	2 11 0
Salt River,	1 13 6		19 6
Wilgehoek,	13 7 0		6 6
Scattered Ones,	86 8 0	9 11 3	3 17 4
Totals,	£522 14 8	£41 17 10	£19 5 2

J. V. WILLSON.

### Honour Roll.

Previously Reported,	£30 6 3
J. A. Chaney,	10 0
Mrs. A. Butterfield,	5 0
Agnes Staples,	2 6
Natal Friend,	1 0 0
D. W. Tarr,	6 6
Mrs. Howard, (U.S.A.)	10 0
Mrs. John Hembury,	5 0
Miss Sissing,	2 6
Total,	£33 7 3

## The Paper Work.

### Natal-Transvaal Conference, for two weeks ending May 20, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mrs. Armer,	Pretoria,	Good Health,	324	3 9 9
Mrs. Tickton,	Durban,	S. A. Signs,	153	3 16 6
		Present Truth,	5	5
		Sentinel,	1	1
		Good Health,	25	6 3
Totals,	Agents, 2		508	£7 13 0

### Cape Conference, for two weeks ending May 20, 1910.

Mrs. J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	S. A. Signs,	78	1 19 0
Mrs. M. Schonken,	Observatory,	S. A. Signs,	20	10 0
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.,	79	1 19 3
Lucy Groenewald,	"	Life and Health	30	15 0
P. E. Frost,	East London,	Misc.	27	13 6
Totals,	Agents, 5		234	£5 16 9

## The Book Work.

### Natal-Transvaal Conference, for two weeks ending May 20, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
T. G. Crouch,	Pretoria,	D. R.	23	4	4 4 0		4 4 0	26 6 6
E. Enochson,	Germiston & Pietersburg,	D. R.	39	4	3 16 6	12 6	4 9 0	3 3 0
H. Schmidt,	Dundee & Volksrust,	D. R.	32	13	13 13 0	14 0	14 7 0	1 15 0
E. Van der Molen,	Hatting Spruit, Utrecht,	D. R.	68	13	11 0 6	15 6	11 16 0	46 11 0
A. W. Tickton,	Durban,	P. P.	43	19	16 3 0	5 6	16 9 6	
Mrs. Armer,	Pretoria,	H.H.B.	12½	5	7 5 0	6 0	7 11 0	6 0
F. C. Purchase,	Klerksdorp,	P. P.	57			16 6		23 17 0
B. B. Piercey,	"	P. P.	33			13 6		24 15 0
Totals,	Agents, 8		307½	58	£56 3 0	£4 3 6	£58 16 6	£126 13 6

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J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	C.O.S.	42	41	7 3 6	5 0 6	12 4 0	
Lucy Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	H.W.L.I.						4 6
I. B. Burton,	Albany,	H.H.B.	21	2	2 15 0	2 0	2 17 0	2 0
P. E. Frost,	East London,	H. M.	20	11	5 6 0	7 9	5 13 9	
J. D. le Riche,	Kroonstad,							128 0 0
Totals,	Agents, 5		105	54	£15 4 6	£5 10 3	£20 14 9	£128 6 6

### Improved Her Opportunities.

SISTER MORGAN reports a very pleasant journey to Grahamstown, having as an agreeable companion a niece of the Rev. Andrew Murray. Many hours were profitably spent in talking of the truths of the message. An interest was awakened to know more, and she was delighted when Sister Morgan promised her some reading matter.

She also met a physician and his wife, the latter having spent some time at our Plumstead Sanitarium. Through Bible talks with them an interest was created, and they gave

Sister Morgan the name and address of a special friend of theirs living at Grahamstown whom they wish her to visit.

Sister Morgan was of good courage, pleased with her place of labour, and especially so with the people of Grahamstown. For the time being she was occupying a tent so as to be company for Sister Williams when Elder Williams should leave for the O. R. C.

### Visit to Bloemfontein.

I ONCE heard of a person who had the letters T and P written in many

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places along the margin of his Bible opposite certain verses. When asked the reason of this, he said: "Those letters stand for tried and proved." He had tried and proved the Saviour on these special promises.

Now I wish to say I have tried and proved my Master and find Him "not slack" concerning His promises to me.

On the 28th of April I arrived in Bloemfontein, going directly to the post office where I expected papers, for which I had gone there to sell for a few weeks. But to my surprise I found none. A letter was there from Brother Clark saying the territory was let to Brother Groenewald and wife, and that he would be glad if I could take up the work in East London. I had left home with just enough money to get me well started in Bloemfontein. I walked out to Sister Wocke's, and finding her gone, I tried to find Brother and Sister Groenewald but could not. I had heard of a Sister Firks, principal of the Normal College. I called and she was away for the afternoon. I wondered what I had better do; for I hadn't enough money to take me to East London, and the next day was Friday. I knew I could not make the journey before the Sabbath even if I had the means with which to go, so I took my trouble to the One who saith, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." I then felt impressed to go again to the college and see if I could find Sister Firks, as I learned from the servant at Mrs. Wocke's that Sister Firks could direct me to the Groenewalds. So I followed the inclination and found her at home, and informing her of the situation, she offered to take me right into her home and room, and keep me over the Sabbath.

I felt so grateful. She sent me to Brother Groenewald by one of her pupils, and there I got the loan of £1, and one hundred *Signs*.

I had a nice visit with them and with dear Sisters Firks and Purchase at the college. It was a treat to me to meet so many nice teachers and pupils preparing to teach, and to learn of the great interest that has been awakened in the hearts of many of them in the study of the Scriptures bearing upon the vital truths for our time. Every evening at 9:30, after all labour has been laid aside and the college worship is over, from ten to fourteen bright intellectual young ladies gather around Sister Firks, their beloved teacher, Bibles in hand, and for twenty minutes study with her some important truths; It was a beautiful sight to me, and as she turned them over to me the three evenings I was present, how I did enjoy the studies with them and to see how intently they listened and eagerly they grasped the truth. I learned from her that she had gone over all those subjects with them before and that a number of them have *Helps to Bible Study*. I am thinking if all Sabbath-keepers could devote twenty minutes each evening with some friend or neighbour, after their own work is laid aside, what great good might be accomplished.

I enjoyed the Sabbath privileges with the little company. It was ordinance day, and God came very near to us; and as there were seven nationalities represented in the twenty-three present, all understanding the Word of God, given by Brother Groenewald in their own tongue, I could but think of the "Day of Pentecost," and long for the time when God's people will be prepared to receive the out-pouring of His Spirit.

On Sunday morning Sister Firks had her nice horse and vehicle made ready to take me to the station, herself accompanying me. Brother and Sister Groenewald were also at the station to see me off, and my visit had been so enjoyable, I was loath to

leave them. His promises are sure.

PHEBE E. FROST.

### Notes.

—JUST the name, *Malamulo Butter*, stamped on the wrapper guarantees its purity.—*Nyasaland Times*.

—Brother S. M. Konigmacher and wife are celebrating over the arrival of a new missionary in the form of a baby boy.

—Two candidates, nurses from the Plumstead Sanitarium, were baptised at "Rustica" Friday evening the 20th of April.

—The issue of the MISSIONARY that should bear date of May 30 was omitted. The office was being moved from one building to another, and it being *Sentinel* week, it was thought advisable to drop one issue of the MISSIONARY.

—A wire from Elder Porter on the 23rd reported a safe journey through to Blantyre where he was met by Elder Rogers. He was associated on his trip from Beira to Blantyre with two clergymen, nephews of the Rev. Andrew Murray. They were going as missionaries where the need was greatest.

—A donation of six pounds for our mission work came from the Loma Linda College, U. S. A., a few days since. The donors there recognise the world as the field, and would have a part in the proclamation of the message in the field as a whole. "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields" beyond your own borders, is the Master's instruction. The example of the students of the Loma Linda College is worthy of imitation. We thank them in the name of the South African Union Conference for the generous gift.

—While at Blantyre Brother and Sister Konigmacher took advantage of the opportunity to take an examination in the native language. Mr. Holmes, the educational inspector spoke very highly of their advancement, saying they stood as high as the average of their missionaries. Especially was Sister Konigmacher's paper complimented. This speaks well for Brother and Sister Konigmacher, and we are justly proud of them. They have improved their time to good advantage the short time they have been in Nyasaland to make so good a record.