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

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## Chasing the Rainbow.

I OFTEN call to mind the years when I, a simple child,  
With quaint, fantastic stories was so happily beguiled;  
And ever, when across the sky a rainbow I behold,  
I recollect my boyish search to find a creak of gold.  
I quite believed the story, and with eagerness profound  
I dreamed of wealth awaiting where the rainbow reached the ground;  
And in my youthful innocence I started out to make  
My first vain chase for rainbows we can never overtake.  
Dull truths have come with fleeting years,—  
I'm wiser now than then,—  
Yet after all a boy's strange thoughts resemble those of men.  
We're children of a larger growth, and love to chase, in truth,  
The same delightful phantoms that beguiled us in our youth.  
We miss the honest beauty that may hide in homely facts,  
The while a vague, romantic hope our longing gaze attracts;  
And none of life's dull certainties can in our heart awake  
Such dreams as do the rainbows we can never overtake.  
Thus we pursue the witching tints of every hue and kind,  
Filled with an eager hope that we shall fame and fortune find;  
While kindly opportunities unnoticed pass us by,  
Since all our thoughts are centered on the bow across the sky.  
Just over there we'll grasp the prize! A little way it seems  
To where the bow of hope comes down to gladden all our dreams.  
And not until life's sun is set shall one of us forsake  
The rare, illusive rainbows we can never

## Spiritual Light-Houses.

BY MRS. E. G. WHITE.

FROM every member of the church a steady light should shine forth before the world; so that they shall not be led to inquire, "What do these people more than others?" Religion is not to be held as a precious treasure, jealously hoarded, and enjoyed only by the possessor. True religion cannot be thus held; for such a spirit is contrary to the gospel. "Freely ye have received, freely give," are the words of the Master. While Christ is dwelling in the heart by His Spirit, it is impossible for the light of His presence to be concealed or to grow dim. On the contrary it will grow brighter and brighter, as day by day the mists of selfishness and sin that envelop the soul are dispelled by the bright beams of the Sun of righteousness.

Christians may learn a lesson from the faithfulness of the light-house keeper. "A gentleman once visited a light-house that was placed in a very dangerous position to warn men of the perils that threaten them on the trackless sea. The keeper was boasting of the brilliancy of his light, which could be seen ten leagues out at sea, when the visitor said to him: 'You speak with enthusiasm, sir; and that is well. I like to hear men tell what they are sure they know; but what if one of the lights should go out?'"

"'Never, never, absurd, impossible!' replied the sensitive watchman, with consternation at the mere

thought, 'yonder where nothing can be seen, there are ships going by to every port in the world. If, tonight, one of my burners should go out, within six months would come a letter, perhaps from India, perhaps from Australia, perhaps from a port I never heard of before, saying that on such a night, at such an hour, at such a minute, the light at such a point burned low and dim; that the watchman neglected his post, and that vessels were consequently put in jeopardy on the high seas. Ah, sir,' and his face shone with the intensity of his thought, 'sometimes in the dark nights, and in the stormy weather, I look out upon the sea and feel as if the eye of the whole world were looking at my light. Go out? Burn dim? That flame flicker low or fail? No sir, never!'

"And shall Christians shining for tempted sinners, allow their light to fail? For, ever out upon life's billowy sea are souls we see not, strange sailors in the dark, passing by, struggling, it may be amid the surges of temptation. Christ is the great Light, and Christians are appointed to reflect that light. The ocean is vast, its dangers are many, and the eyes of far-away voyagers are turned toward the light-house,—the church of Christ." If the world intervenes between the church and Christ, its light will burn dim, and souls will be lost because of the lack of light. Shall not the language of every heart be: "What! let the light that is in me

**Signs of the Times Magazine.**

Third Quarter.

THIS magazine is now coming from the press. How many who have read Elder Hankins' article in the last issue of the MISSIONARY are ready to act upon the suggestion and admonition given? Are we each satisfied with the effort we are making to pass on the message to others? Do our lives speak the near coming of Christ? Is the warning sufficiently given in the vicinity of every Seventh-day Adventist in Africa? A fearful responsibility rests upon us if we give not the warning and souls are lost as the result! The Lord has made us depositaries of this message and brought us to such a time as this for a purpose. Will we be clear in His sight if we allow trifles to hinder us in this work? There should be an army giving their undivided attention to "the business" of passing on this message. The opportune time has come, the way providentially opened. Harvest hands are needed, for "the harvest of the earth is ripe," and "much will be lost should the harvest wait."

Read carefully "Spiritual Light-Houses," in this issue by Sister White. If we are not already doing our utmost to advance the Lord's work here in Africa, is it not high time we were buckling on the armour for service? Let none of us wait for a more convenient season, for now is the day of salvation, and our salvation as well as others lies in the attitude we assume towards this message at this time. If other work than giving this message is occupying our time and attention, then we are proving untrue to the trust God has given us, and great is the danger if we delay.

Thousands of copies of this message-filled magazine will be printed this quarter, so let the orders come in thick and fast. Our good office workers will be willing to work day and night for a time if necessary—

swer quickly, saying, "Here am I, O Lord, send me?"

**North Basutoland.**

THE readers of the MISSIONARY will be glad to learn that after some considerable delay in getting the work started in north Basutoland that a suitable site has been given and that plans for buildings are being perfected; in fact the building work has started.

In spite of the opposition to grant Seventh-day Adventist a mission home in north Basutoland, the Spirit of God so worked upon the hearts of chiefs and people that all said against us turned out for us.

We have been given about 12½ morgan of well-watered land where the buildings will be erected, and the promise of as much land as *we need* to put our work on a successful basis.

We all feel to praise God for His kind watchful care that has been over both this work and workers in north Basutoland since first the work started. We are greatly encouraged as we see the prospects for future work in this part of Basutoland.

Meetings in the village near the mission property have been started with a fair attendance and good attention. These meetings are held each Sabbath and Sunday.

We are anxiously looking forward to a good school and also to see the book work take a deep hold in that part.

We were thankful to have opportunity to introduce our methods for caring for the sick with good results. This had its influence for our work. We hope to make this line of work prominent in all Basutoland.

When presenting your supplications to the Throne of Grace remember the work and workers in Basutoland.

M. E. EMMERSON.

**Extracts from Letters.**

"I GREATLY value the *Sentinel*."

"I do not want to miss it; it is a valuable paper to me."

"Enclosed 1/6 for your valuable paper, the *Sentinel*."

A letter to the Rokeby Park Young People's Society enclosed a donation, stating "how much he appreciated the papers, especially the *Sentinel* and *Good Health*."

Another says, "I am looking forward to receiving the *Sentinel* and *Signs*."

A gentleman, for thirty years a superintendent of education in U. S. A., says, "I appreciated very much the *Signs of the Times*. . . . Its articles are ably written, and show a vigour of thought that is pleasing in these days when there is too much absence of a willingness to express one's convictions on matters where people do not see things in the same way. The magazine deals with vital questions," etc.

Occasionally a paper is returned because not wanted; but as a rule, our papers are appreciated, and I am sure they are doing good. Co-operation in giving them a wider circulation, is the Lord's instruction to the church. I am glad for the good response so far, and hope that every Sabbath-keeper in South Africa will have part in *this* work.

How many copies per month shall we send you?

I. J. HANKINS.

**An Incident.**

THE Basutoland roads were not made for cycling but circumstances seem to make it necessary here. The opposing element (white) tried to make the best use of this by saying we were not missionaries, and that we must be very poor to walk or ride a bicycle. In this ridicule they were quite free, even before Brother Kalaka, our native teacher. I must admit that when on the road I did not enjoy meeting them,—they in their fine carts, or mounted on good horses with native attendants, and I with the sweat running off my

the bicycle over a bad road. These sarcastic remarks reached Chief Jonathan but did not produce the effect they desired. A man brought a horse to us and said, "Chief Jonathan told me to bring this horse to you and leave it. Chief Levi said Jonathan told him that he had sent a horse for us to use as it was not good to always ride a bicycle.

My mind goes to the seventy-third Psalm. "Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches. . . . But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God: . . . that I may declare all Thy works.

HOMER C. OLMSTEAD.

### Canvassers Notes and Experiences.

BROTHER T. G. CROUCH'S last two weeks' reports amounted to £31 4 0. He is having some good experiences in his work with the people as the following extracts from his letters will show:—

"The first is about the Salvation Army. While passing their quarters the Lord impressed me to go inside and knock at the door. The adjutant came in answer to the bell. I told him my business and he asked me inside. I came right to the point with my work in order to prevent any questions being asked. After I had given my canvass he liked the book and was very much taken up with it. He then asked me who I was working for, and I told him. With that he told me to call in the afternoon and he would see his wife. In the afternoon I called again and who should I see there but the captain and his wife to see the wonderful book. I started right off with my work, but the captain started asking questions in between, which I answered. Afterwards he said, "Are you not a Seventh-day Adventist?" I told him that I was. I could see the captain was a prejudiced man and should have been glad for me to go. I could see that I had an order

## The Paper Work.

### Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending June 3, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
A. Strachan,	Johannesburg,	Misc.,	126	3 3 0
B. Willmore,	"	Misc.,	457	11 2 0
O. Pote,	"	Misc.,	49	1 4 6
E. and W. Hodgkin,	"	S. A. Signs,	250	6 5 0
J. Symons,	"	Misc.,	33	10 6
C. de Man,	"	Misc.,	139	2 12 0
C. Dixie,	"	Misc.,	276	6 18 0
A. W. Tickton,	"	Misc.,	47	1 1 3
Totals,	Agents, 8		1,377	£32 16 3

### Cape Conference, for week ending June 3, 1910.

Mrs. J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	S. A. Signs,	39	19 6
P. E. Frost,	East London,	Misc.,	35	9 0
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.,	43	16 6
Lucy Groenewald,	"	Misc.,	9	4 3
M. Schonken,	Salt River,	S. A. Signs,	6	3 0
Totals,	Agents, 5		132	£2 12 3

## The Book Work.

### Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending June 3, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company, J'burg,	Misc.		38½	33	10 10 6		10 10 6	6 6
T. G. Crouch, Pretoria,	D. R.		30	21	19 16 0		19 16 0	1 1 0
E. van der Molen, Hatting Spruit, Utrecht,	D. R.		34	5	4 2 6 2 5 6		6 8 0	11 13 6
H. Schmidt, Dundee,	D. R.		19					20 4 6
B. Piercey, Potchefstroom,	P. P.		32	9	8 6 6		8 6 6	
A. W. Tickton, Durban,	P. P.		8					9 9 0
I. R. Armer, Pretoria,	H.H.B.		10	4	6 10 0		6 10 0	1 10 0
Miss E. Edie, Germiston Location,	Misc.	(1 month)			10 6		10 6	10 6
Totals,	Agents, 8		171½	72	£49 16 0	£2 5 6	£52 1 6	£45 5 0

### Cape Conference, for week ending June 3, 1910.

J. F. Terry, Kimberley,	C.O.S.	33	5	17 6 2 5 0	3 2 6 5 5 0			
Q. H. Jubber, P. E'beth,	P. G.	29	7	4 7 6	4 7 6 5 3 0			
P. E. Frost, East London,	H. M.	15	6	1 19 0 1 13 0	3 12 0			
Totals,	Agents, 3		77	18	£7 4 0	£3 18 0	£11 2 0	£10 8 0

from the adjutant, and *that* I desired to get quickly, which I did, thank the Lord. The adjutant asked me more about our work. I told him how our people were getting on, and when I got home sent him a copy of the special missionary number of the *Review*. While I was at the Salvation Army quarters the adjutant gave me a nice cup of milk, knowing that I did not take tea. He also asked me to call again.

"Second, I came to a lady's house and as she was rather chilly I did not wait to be asked inside but went in quickly. I commenced my canvass and she sat down and in a little

while questioned me as to whether this was not the book relating to the prophesies of Daniel. She seemed rather strange, but I went on and finished my canvass. Many interruptions came but she seemed riveted and presently she told me how she had fled away from that book for two years, even giving up two houses on its account, and here at last she was caught in Pretoria. I am sure the Lord sent me into that house. I told her, on receiving her order, that my heart felt glad at her taking the book. She told me that she was not going to let the minister put her off any more, but that she was going to

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read the book and teach it to her children."

The following is an extract from a letter received from Brother Enochson. He says: "Some time ago I read *Patriarchs and Prophets* through twice but hurriedly. On reading passages in my prospectus my admiration for the book is rekindled. It is indeed a good book which will be the means of uplifting people spiritually. I like the book and so do the people." His first week's report with the book is £12 11 6.

Brother Feidler of Gezina, near Pretoria, has ordered a supply of *Signs* and is about to take up the work again.

Brother and Sister Armer of Pretoria are working hard with *Home Hand Book* and papers. They are having quite good success.

Miss C. Dixie has been taking a much needed rest during the past few weeks. She will soon be at work again having regained her usual strength.

Miss Blanche Willmore, who is connected with the Mission in Johannesburg, has begun work with *Seer of Patmos*.

Brother A. W. Tickton, who has been living at Bellair, near Durban, has moved to the city where he can more easily reach his territory.

Brother Terry and wife are nicely settled in Kimberley and are doing quite good work.

It was my privilege a few days ago to visit Brother W. Williams of Klerksdorp, and I was greatly encouraged to know that he and Sister Williams were doing so much missionary work with over literature. Since the camp-meeting at Johannesburg last October, they have sold 24 *Sentinel*, 24 *Good Health*, 3 *Small Bible Readings*, 24 *Glorious Appear-*

*ing*, 24 *Christ Our Saviour*, 48 *Steps to Christ*, 2 guinea *Bible Readings*, and 3 guinea *Daniel and Revelation*,—total value, £18 9 0. This is missionary work of the right sort and we hope it will be repeated by all our people. Will not every one follow their good example and thus help to hasten the coming of our Saviour?

G. H. CLARK.

### Notice.

BROTHER J. V. WILLSON, Cape Secretary, wishes the announcement made that *Johnson's Bible Text Book* can now be had at his office, 56 Roeland Street, Cape Town. It is a very handy little book for Bible reference, and sells for 2s. post paid, limp leather binding.

### Hydro Bellair Institute.

Report for Month of May.

THIS has been a quiet month with us, the most quiet month we have had this year. Indoor treatments, 34; outside treatments, 28.

The outside treatments were mostly free, and given to patients who had been operated on in the institution. The nurses are gaining quite an experience at the Hydro, some being able to assist with the operations, and give the treatments following.

MRS. MARY BAUMANN.

### Notes.

—ELDER W. S. HYATT left the Maranatha Mission the 20th of May for a five weeks' trip into Kaffirland.

—Miss Lilian Lawrance in sending in a donation for the MISSIONARY says as they are the only Adventists living in their home town, they greatly enjoy the weekly visits with our workers through the pages of the MISSIONARY.

—One of the workers in our publishing office, Brother W. Bell, is at Rokeby Park for a vacation. He believes that more and better work can be accomplished by turning aside to rest a while, so when his vacation

is finished we shall expect him back at his post with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

—A wire from Elder Porter on the 11th reports him leaving Blantyre where he has spent almost three weeks visiting the main station, the out-schools, and assisting in an institute for the teachers of this mission. At this date he was in good health, and would arrive at the Cape by the Castle Line on June 27th.

—In our issue of May 16, mention was made of Elder J. F. Olmstead and family locating in Cleveland, Ohio. It should read Columbus instead of Cleveland. Later word says he has taken over the pastorate of the Columbus Church numbering one hundred and thirty members, and they are busy planning how to quickly warn the 234,000 inhabitants of Columbus. They desire to be remembered to the MISSIONARY readers.

—Elder W. H. Anderson, wife and daughter arrived on Tuesday, the 14th, by the S. S. Kenilworth Castle. They have planned to remain at the Cape until the arrival of Elder Porter on the 27th. Brother Silsbee and wife are hoping to arrive in Africa in about two or three weeks' time. Their delay was caused owing to Sister Silsbee desiring to finish her school and receive her graduation papers before entering upon work in a foreign field.

—Word just received from Elder W. C. Walston says he has been notified that he must withdraw his teachers on the Que Que Reserve, as the Church of England were beginning operation there the first of June. We share Elder Walston's sorrow at this time in the loss of one of his best out-schools. A call is now made for two other schools, one seventy-five, and the other about forty miles, from the mission, but white teachers must be secured before these schools can be opened. Elder Walston says "How I wish we had workers to fill these places."

### Wanted.

BY the 1st of July 1910, a strong young man to work in my Healing Home as nurse, and to make himself generally useful if required. Apply by letter and state if any experience, to A. Beissner, Sweetwaters, via Maritzburg, Natal.