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

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### Said I Not So?

SAID I not so—that I would sin no more?

Witness, my God, I did:

Yet I am run again upon the score;

My faults cannot be hid.

What shall I do?—make vows and break them still?

'Twill be but labour lost;

My good cannot prevail against mine ill:

The business will be crossed.

Oh, say not so; thou canst not tell what strength

Thy God may give thee at the length.

Renew thy vow, and if thou keep the last,

Thy God will pardon all that's past.

Vow while thou canst; while thou canst

vow, thou may'st

Perhaps perform it when thou thinkest least.

Thy God hath not denied thee all,

While He permits thee but to call.

Call to thy God for grace to keep

Thy vows; and if thou break them, weep—

Weep for thy broken vows, and vow again:

Vows made with tears cannot be still in vain.

Then once again:

I vow to mend my ways;

Lord, say, Amen,

And Thine be all the praise.

—George Herber.

### Malamulo Mission.

AFTER a long slow journey of a little more than four weeks from Cape Town I reached the Malamulo Mission. I was met at the railway station by Elder Rogers with a machilla team. We made the trip from the railway station to the mission in about five hours. The distance is a little more than twenty miles. When within about four miles of the mission we were surprised to meet Sisters Rogers and Etta Austen with a number of the boys from the

mission. They had come from the mission to extend to me a welcome. Meeting them there in the woods, some time after dark, was a much more impressive welcome than I had anticipated. It was a very pleasant experience after being so oft delayed by missing connections and by accident to the steamer causing us to lose nine days from Beira to Blantyre. We were entertained the remainder of the journey by the peculiar machilla yell answered by other machilla teams which echoed and reechoed through the neighbouring hills and insured our safety against attack by any of the wild animals that frequent this section of the country.

We were happily surprised when daylight broke next morning to find ourselves in one of the best located mission stations we have in South Africa. The main station is situated upon a rising plot of ground which overlooks the surrounding country. In most beautiful panorama the wooded hills and valleys stretch out before the eye for many miles with Cholo mountain lying near by toward the west, and Mlanjo mountain standing boldly in the background more than thirty miles distant toward the northeast.

The superintendent's residence stands prominently in the foreground of the station. The front yard is beautifully decorated with a lawn and well kept walks, lined with beautiful tropical flowers and ornamental trees, shade trees, and well laden lemon trees. Near by is the kitchen, and east of this is the shop where a sup-

ply of goods, clothing, and groceries, are kept for the trade, and adjoining this is the home for the superintendent of the girls. Standing still back of this are the girls' cottages. Farther north stands the well built church edifice and the boys' dormitory. All of these buildings except the girls' cottages are of brick with thatched roofs, except the kitchen which is a shingle roof brick building. This building was shingled as an experiment and it is giving good satisfaction except that during the hot weather the thatched roof buildings are cooler. A house for married women and a cheaply constructed school-house west of the church building, with a temporary carpenter shop, and a brick building for the sewing department, completes the present campus. Shaded avenues lead to the different near by villages and spring houses. A milk-and-butter house stands east of the campus, and still farther east across the brook is the cow-barn and cattle kraal. They are planning to build an additional cow-barn to provide for their increasing dairy herd. They will also build a feed barn to provide protection for the feed which they use on the mission station. Some of the cheaper buildings will be replaced by brick buildings when they find it necessary to rebuild them. The bricks are made on the ground and the mission family do all of the work of construction. They will doubtless make tile roofing for one or both of the barns.

The farm consists of more than two thousand acres of fertile soil. It

is well watered by living streams which are used for irrigating the gardens during the dry season. As the result they have fresh garden produce the year round. Strawberries, oranges, bananas, peaches, and other tropical fruits do well in Nyasaland. The Malamulo Mission is planning to have a good supply of home grown fruits and vegetables to supply the needs of the family and for the school as soon as possible. Already they have an abundance of lemons, bananas and strawberries. They have other fruits in prospect from their thrifty young orchard.

They have five acres of peanuts, five acres of sweet potatoes, ten acres of beans, ten acres of other vegetables and forage, twenty-five acres of cotton, and fifty acres of corn. The cotton field is all set to rubber-trees. They are making a remarkable growth. The rubber industry is now giving promise of being a very helpful industry in bringing financial returns. Cotton is also a very paying crop. It is proving a good crop for this section. There is no market for corn. It is only profitable to grow a sufficient amount for use in the mission. It is so far from market and the shipping and freight rate is so exorbitant that it makes it impossible to ship corn from this section.

This is a good stock raising country. Dairying is very profitable. The mission owns one hundred head of cattle. They are selling about £100 worth of butter annually. This will become a profitable industry for the support of the mission. The present plan is to increase the dairy herd, plant larger fields of cotton, and increase the rubber-tree acreage quite materially, as these are all promising industries. Rubber-trees begin to yield returns at three years old.

The number of students in attendance at the Malamulo School is now two hundred. They are making excellent progress in their studies. They read well, and in their mathematics they would keep many in our European or American schools of the same grades busy in working problems with

rapidity and accuracy to surpass them. When it comes to Bible study they are in advance of many who have had better opportunities. The entire school will recite verses committed to memory by the half hour and give the references from the Scriptures. I was surprised at the remarkable memory of these darkened heathen. It seems that God gives them special help in committing to memory many portions of Scripture. The entire school here is doing a high grade of work. The Bible class gives special instruction to candidates for baptism covering a period of two years in most instances, before baptism. This gives them time to become well established in the faith and those who are vacillating usually drop out before the time for baptism is reached. I had the pleasure of joining Elder Rogers in a baptismal service at the close of the school year in which twenty-two followed their Lord in baptism. This makes one hundred and fifteen names now enrolled on the church record in this mission.

There are nineteen out-schools with a combined attendance of over five hundred students. It is remarkable the amount of work that is being successfully carried forward here in Nyasaland with three white teachers and their thirty native assistant teachers. Brother and Sister Rogers, Sisters Ina and Etta Austen, and Brother and Sister Konigmacher are the only white workers connected with the work in this vast field. Were it not that we remember the miracle of the loaves and fishes we would be inclined to say, "What are these among so many?" More help must be furnished for this field soon.

One difficulty here is that there are no waggon roads out from the mission. All produce must be carried out and all goods in for several miles. They are now planning to make waggon roads so that much machilla and goods carrying expense may be dispensed with. Machilla carrying is very expensive and unsatisfactory.

R. C. PORTER.

## Back to Africa.

*Dear Brethren and Sisters:—*

It is a pleasure to me to greet you all and to be back among you again.

My furlough in America has been a profitable one in many ways. It has given me a new lease of life, and I feel well and strong again for the work. Naomi also has been much benefitted by the change and appears now to enjoy excellent health.

I find the brethren in the homeland more interested in missions than in any other branch of the work. They have come to realise that the great work before us is to give the message in the heathen lands.

I visited twelve of our schools and found them all more than filled with earnest, consecrated young people who have given themselves to the Lord for service.

The churches and conferences are also giving liberally of their means to advance the work. The offerings to missions in 1909 were more than £20,000 in excess of 1908. The sixpence a week plan was so successfully carried out in some conferences that each member contributed more than a £1 to missions. This was in addition to carrying church and camp-meeting expenses, and the usual conference outlay.

In speaking for the work in Africa, I mentioned the brethren who were faithfully working in the field and did not have the opportunity of personally appealing for help. There was a ready response to all the calls. I could not help contrasting the condition in some of the conferences this year with what I found there six years ago. I received individual donations this time that were larger than were given by whole conferences six years ago. There were several donations of £50 each, and one, from a man not of our faith, of £200, with a promise of £250 more next year.

Our hearts are encouraged by these successes. With additional help, health, and the blessing of God we return to the field to try to do our part in finishing the work in north-

west Rhodesia. Pray for us that we may be faithful and have souls for our hire.

W. H. ANDERSON.

### Solusi Mission.

FROM a private letter from Elder Sturdevant we feel at liberty to take the following: "I am just in from a trip of more than one hundred miles visiting the out-schools. Found all doing nicely. We have added another school to our number making the eighth. I found the teachers of good courage and working in earnest. On the Sabbath I preached to a crowded house at one of our out-schools; held three services during the day. I found two married men there who had been asking our teachers for baptism. I talked with them and found them well posted on all points of the faith. Their wives are also keeping the Sabbath.

"The work here at the home station is still at its best. New recruits are coming in almost every week, and some are going out as new teachers.

"Our mealie crop is shelling out better than we at first dared hope, and we have pumpkins by the ton, so our Father is supplying all our wants. We are of good courage and preparing for the move."

### The New "Signs."

IT is no use crying victory before you have gained it; but when things are well indeed, one should feel at liberty to say something, that God and His work may be glorified.

Things have been going well with the *Signs*. The union conference secretary reports that every copy of the April edition is sold. Now the July edition is out, a larger number than the previous one by 1,300 copies. The paper looks neat and proper, attractive and a ready "seller." May its issue prove successful, and become a great blessing! What we send out this time amounts to 6,300 copies. Some of us think that the size of the

## The Paper Work.

### Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending June 10, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
A. W. Tickton,	Durban,	S. A. Signs,	36	18 0
		Good Health,	14	3 6
		Present Truth,	10	10
Mrs. Armer,	Pretoria,	Good Health,	42	10 6
		Life and Health,	132	3 0 6
Mrs. Feideler,	,,	S. A. Signs,	17	8 6
		Wachter,	8	2 0
		Sentinel,	2	6
Natal H. Institute,	Maritzburg,	Good Health,	102	1 5 6
		Sentinel,	25	2 1
		Good Health Sub.,	12	
Totals,	Agents, 4		400	£6 7 5

### Cape Conference, for week ending June 10, 1910.

Mrs. J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	S. A. Signs,	18	9 0
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.,	120	2 13 9
P. E. Frost,	East London,	Misc.,	6	3 0
Totals,	Agents, 3		144	£3 5 9

## The Book Work.

### Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending June 10, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
E. van der Molen,	Hatting Spruit, Utrecht,	D. R.	37	2	1 4 6	1 9 6	3 4 0	20 14 0
		D. R.	53½	23	19 14 6	1 8 6	21 3 0	17 15 3
E. Enochson,	Pietersburg,	D. R.	44	6	5 11 0		5 11 0	15 11 6
H. Schmidt,	Dundee,	D. R.	18	2	1 14 6	3 10 0	5 4 6	4 9 0
E. M. Howard,	Newlands,	D. R.	52	15	10 17 7		10 17 7	26 0 0
B. Piercey,	Potchefstroom,	P. P.	29	8	8 8 0		8 8 0	1 14 6
Mrs. Armer,	Pretoria,	H.H.B.	2	1	1 10 0		1 10 0	
Totals,	Agents, 7		235½	57	£49 0 1	£6 8 0	£55 18 1	£86 4 3

### Cape Conference, for week ending June 10, 1910.

J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	C.O.S.	33	46	8 1 0	3 7 0	11 8 0	
Q. H. Jubber,	P. E'beth,	P. G.	32	8	5 15 6		5 15 6	
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.	25	1		4 6	4 6	2 6
		H. M.	4	1	5 6		5 6	
P. E. Frost,	East London,	H. M.	4	1	5 6		5 6	
H. J. P. Dwyer,	Paarl and Wellington,	Misc.	70	44	4 10 0		4 10 0	4 10 0
Totals,	Agents, 5		164	100	£18 12 0	£3 11 6	£22 3 6	£4 12 6

edition will gradually increase, until we have regained the position we at first thought of occupying, namely, that we shall have a quarterly issue of 10,000 copies of the *Signs*, and sell out completely. So far the paper is meeting expenses—the larger edition would do just a little more, and become a small source of revenue to the cause.

A few more good canvassers on the work, stationed in populous districts, and we shall accomplish the end in view. And what a beautiful thing it would be to us all to know that part of our regular work is the

issue of a good, successful, quarterly magazine that finds 10,000 regular buyers because of its intrinsic value! What assurance it would give that the message is gaining ground in South Africa at last!

HUBERTUS ELFFERS.

### 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.

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[ALL moneys pledged under this head are due and payable to the Union Conference treasury before December 31st next.]

Amount previously acknowledged,	£21	0	0
W. H. Haupt,	5	0	0
H. S. Beckner,	5	0	0
Frank Macdonald and T. G. Crouch, (paid)	2	5	0
Frances Liesching,	1	0	0
Ebenezer Austen,	10	0	0
C. J. Laurens, Muiskraal, (paid)	5	0	0
Total,	£35	0	0

I acknowledge these guarantees and paid-up donations with true gratitude. There are six months to run before this money need be paid; and to do the work well next year, and take the burden of this publication off the conference's shoulders, we require another £90. I trust the brethren will continue to assist in raising this fund. Several of those who have already communicated with me, have promised to do more before the end of the year. May God bless those who have put their hearts into the work.

HUBERTUS ELFFERS.

### College Notes.

— ONE half of the school year 1910 is in the past, and as we take a retrospect of the work we can see many omens of God's care and blessing over us, notwithstanding the fact that the instruments that God has used in doing His work have been human and subject to human weaknesses and mistakes. We feel to express to Him our gratitude for His sustaining grace and His forbearance with us,

and to pledge to Him for the coming terms more faithful service and stronger endeavours to bring our school day by day up to the ideal He has given us. As teachers we received a hearty co-operation from our students which has been most gratifying and helpful.

—The results of the reviews and tests at the close of the term bear witness in most cases to a faithful endeavour on the part of our students to become proficient in the studies pursued.

—Thursday evening, June 16, Miss Schonken and her music pupils gave a piano recital which was enjoyed by all and bore evidence of the progress being made in this department under the faithful effort of the teacher.

—The work of our seminars under the supervision of Brother R. G. Ryan with the boys, and Sister I. J. Hankins with the girls, have been progressing, and show an increasing desire on the part of our students to fit themselves not only to know the truth but to know how to give it. Last Sabbath, by invitation, a member of the young men's seminar spoke in the morning at one of our nearby churches. This we trust is but the beginning of fruit from this class of the school.

—While thus far we have been somewhat disappointed in the results of our "field day," in which we have endeavoured to do some house-to-house work in our vicinity, yet something has been accomplished in this line, but more apparent success has been attending the efforts in selling our papers on the streets.

—We have much appreciated the efforts of Sister Hankins in her work as leader of the missionary volunteer society, which has done good work and been of much help to us all.

—Several are added to our home family as we begin the new term which will bring our family to number fifty-six including the teachers. This means seven full tables in the dining room which was our aim as we began the year. We still are extending open arms to any who may be looking this way. We should be glad to correspond with any who may desire to attend the school but are unable because of insuf-

ficient means to pay their full way—either girls or boys—provided they are willing and able to work.

—The work in the brush factory has been very encouraging. With the exception of about two weeks in which some changes were being made in the shop, from twelve to fifteen of our boys have been kept steadily at work thus far this year, several of them earning half their way in school thereby.

—We have written this little report not to show that any great thing has been done for we have nothing whereof to boast, but to acknowledge God's blessing upon us and to enlist your further interest and prayers in the work of this your school, which can mean so much under God for the future work in this field.

C. P. CRAGER.

### Two Wonderful Weeks at the Johannesburg City Mission.

WE are glad to give the readers of the MISSIONARY the following report for two weeks ending June 17th.

Hours worked, 237; magazines sold, 3,023; value, £71 15 0; making an average of twelve magazines sold per hour, at a sixpence each.

Miss Blanche Willmore sold 95 papers one day and 105 on another, making 200 in two days. Miss Edith Hodgkin, who recently came into the town, sold 75 papers on the street one evening after Sabbath. This is a practical demonstration of what can be done by consecrated effort under the blessing of God. "This is the Lord's doing and marvellous in our eyes."

Perhaps all cannot reach this standard in handling our splendid periodicals, but much can be done if our people will consecrate themselves to the Lord and go forth with the truth-laden literature. Let us earnestly pray for those who write the articles for these papers and magazines, and then co-operate by active, earnest, consistent distribution of the papers. The time has surely come when "there shall be delay no longer."

The mission workers are very happy in their work. Many words of commendation of the magazines are heard on every hand. Brethren and sisters, let us awake to our duty and go forth with the printed page to help finish this great work.

Yours in the love of Christ,

G. H. CLARK.