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

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The Disciple.

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GLAD amid a maze of sorrows,
Bright when dark the storm clouds lower,
Strong to face the foe,—to conquer
Only in the Spirit's power.

Gentle towards the weak and erring,
Courteous to the aged,—poor,—
Seeking by self abnegation
Thee to copy always more.

Faithful e'en in very trifles,
Patient while most others chafe,
Steadfast, yea, unwavering ever,—
'With Thee, Lord, my way is safe.'

Humble, lowly, taking others
Better than himself to be;
Honest words of counsel giving,
Loathing servile flattery.

Ever giving, ever lending,
Looking not for earth's reward,
Waiting, hoping, praying to be
Recompensed of the Lord.

Sober, modestly apparelled,—
Naught of ornament or gold,—
Wearing inward, blest adornment
By apostles preached of old.

Minister of loving service
To the sick, the poor, the sad,—
Scatt'ring light and comfort;—bearing
News that human hearts makes glad.

Calm when fierce the tempest rages,
Silent e'en tho' tumult reign;
Oft 'mid strife of tongues abiding:
'Lord, restore Thou peace again!'

With the cross that hourly presseth
Onward marching through life's maze;—
'Lord, Thou gav'st it, thus I'll bear it
While Thou still prolong'st my days!'

“So shall ye be My disciples,”—
'I your Master, day by day,'—
All forsaking, eager hasting
O'er the straight and narrow way.

Natal-Transvaal Conference.

THE last report of the Natal Health Institute, Maritzburg, for the month of May is an encouraging one. 1,431 meals were served; 290 treatments were given; 54 of which were free, and 60 at reduced rates; and the rooms were fully occupied during the month. The nurses disposed of 102 copies of *Good Health*, 25 *Sentinels*, and took orders for 11 copies of *Ministry of Healing*, and one yearly subscription for the *Good Health*. The hours worked in the field totaled 32, and the value of sales amounted to £3 9 6. The balance for the month, of the receipts over expense account, was £49 19 3. Doctor Bell reports that the nurses' field work was somewhat limited during the month, owing to pressure of work in the institute. Among the patients was a physician whose malady has yielded to the treatments. The staff are of good courage, and we rejoice with them on the good report they are able to give.

While speaking of the health work, it might be proper to point out that the Natal Health Institute is a conference institution, while we have some other health institutions which are carried on wholly as private enterprises. These are Bellair, Sweetwaters, and Durban. These private institutions, while not belonging to the conference, are all more or less carried on in harmony with the conference, so that there is perfect unity of purpose and plan, and the one helps the other. We are glad that all these institutions are enjoy-

ing a good measure of prosperity and blessing from God, and we are always glad to have their reports. Brother Blaine, at Durban, reported that a young lady who had been under his wife's care had accepted God's message for to-day and is awaiting baptism.

Sister Mary Bell reports success in the development of her school at Maritzburg. She has thirteen pupils, and her work is proceeding satisfactorily. One lady who is not of our faith expresses great admiration for our principles, and sends her children to Sister Bell's school in preference to others that are more lavishly equipped.

The 13th of June was a happy day at Hlobane, where the writer had proceeded for the purpose of joining the hands of Elder W. H. Haupt and Miss S. Birkenstock in holy wedlock. The wedding, which was a very quiet one, owing to the protracted illness of the bride's mother, was a very auspicious affair, and passed off very nicely; the arrangements being all that could be desired. Several telegrams and letters of congratulation were received, and had the wedding been announced more widely, we believe many more would have come in. The service, which was impressive and short, was conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder F. B. Armistage. The bridal party, accompanied by Sister Highlie Smith, left the same afternoon, the former for Pretoria, and the latter for Cape Town. On Monday evening, the 27th, the Johannesburg Church was well represented at a reception given by the

mission family to the newly married couple. Our large dining-room would not hold all that were present, but a very pleasant evening was spent, in the midst of which a presentation was made from the local members and the mission family, of an oak revolving collapsible book-case, and an oak writing table. The proceedings were interspersed by sacred songs, recitations, speeches, and light refreshments. We are sure our readers unite with us in wishing Pastor Haupt and his wife every happiness and more usefulness in the work of the ministry. Brother Haupt and his wife will stay at the Johannesburg City Mission for a few weeks preparatory to going into the field with the tent when the season is reached.

A good move has been made by our mission school. The landlord kindly permitted us to remove the walls from the coach-house, insert two nice windows, and convert it into a school-room. The result is we have a room 15 x 30, and the large carriage yard forms a spacious play-ground; away from the house. Our thanks are due to Brother Jago for many days' help in the plastering and brick-work, etc., which were given gratis. The expense was about £10 altogether.

Brother Tickton has been staying at the city mission for a few days, and reports progress in Durban. There are some awaiting baptism there, and the church is endeavouring to forge the work ahead.

Our readers will no doubt observe by the reports the phenomenal success that has attended the Johannesburg City Mission work during the past few weeks. The sale of our valuable magazines and books increases. The reports show that the more our literature is circulated, the greater becomes the demand. Every member of our churches could help in raising the number of our tracts, magazines, and papers that are distributed in various ways, and some day, when the crisis of Rev. 13:13-17 is reached, and we are brought before

the rulers of the land, and the court, to answer for our faith, thousands of persons who have read our literature from time to time will stand in defence of the truth, and take their stand with us. We must work *now*, or we will work *never*. At a recent social meeting one sister expressed her fear lest the end would come and she not have one star in her crown. It was a heart-melting statement, and we all broke down. Some one has said, that in the plan of redemption the Lord has not designed a single crown that is starless. He has made the crown, and left us to create the stars. Every star is created by a convert we have brought to Jesus. Let us not disappoint the Lord by asking for a starless crown.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

Somabula Mission.

IT has been some time since we have reported, but our work is still progressing and we are always busy. Our number of students in the school holds to the usual mark, and some who have come lately are the best we have ever had in the school. Quite a new interest in religious matters has sprung up in the school, and our social meetings are more interesting than they have been for some time previous. Nearly all the students speak, and a number are awaiting baptism. We have much reason to be thankful to God for His mercy and love to us. We have had little fever and all the mission family have escaped entirely.

We will have more mealies than last year, and we thought we had a large crop then. We have our new buildings well toward completion, and the changes we are making will be a benefit to our work. We have been obliged to discontinue our work on the Que Que Reserve. A good work has been accomplished there during the two years we have held an out-school, and we hope and expect quite a number of the older students will come here to the mission school. We have two new openings

on a large reservation about fifty miles from the mission, but we must have white teachers to put in these reserves to superintend the work and then we can open as many out-schools as we need in that territory. We plan now to make an application to the government for a lease of this mission site for a period of ten years free of cost. Now we pay £10 a year, but if we can obtain a lease for a long period, we shall feel more like putting up more permanent buildings and extending our work. The mine near us has started work again after being shut down nearly eight months. We expect we will now find a market for our grain and not be obliged to transport it to Gwelo.

There is but little to mention only in a general way. I might mention one incident: There is a native in this section who is known by the name of Pogo, who is nearly blind. He wanders from kraal to kraal, and stops wherever he can get something to eat and a place to sleep. For several years he has often come to the mission stopping to bring some water from the spring for us, and we in return give him something to eat. For the last year he has been nearly every day, and besides giving him a bit to eat, we have given him a blanket and some clothes. He always attend meetings on the Sabbath, but we never thought he was very much inclined to be religious. He attained his name because he always attends the beer drinks at the kraals, and generally is the worse for beer, when the vacation is over. Pogo is the name in short for Repogo, a grain of which the natives make their beer, so they think the name Pogo is a proper name for our native friend. We were all very much surprised last Sabbath in our afternoon social meeting to see Pogo arise and give in a good earnest testimony. We never know where the seeds will grow, but are commanded to "sow besides all waters."

Another incident might be of interest: A native woman brought us a child not long since with one of

its fingers nearly cut off—it only hung by a little shred of skin—and she wished me to cut off the finger and dress it. After examining the member I said, “No, I think it will grow on again.” The natives thought it impossible but I bandaged the finger carefully twice a week for nearly two months, and had the satisfaction of seeing the finger whole again with only a slight crook, much to the surprise of the natives. These little incidents help to make mission work interesting, besides helping to open up the way for the message to reach the hearts of these people in such gross darkness.

I never expected to labour for souls in this wild part of the world when I left my native land, but I have never been sorry that God called me to an experience among the natives. ‘It is not as pleasant as some lines of work but “the harvest is great and labourers few,” and souls are perishing all over this country. Who will “come over and help us?”

W. C. WALSTON.

Out-Schools of the Malamulo Mission.

It was an interesting trip to go out among the out-schools of this mission, and to see the students and people in their native state. It was more interesting to see them in their native simplicity eagerly studying the Word of God. It was a new revelation to me to see the simple faith of these heathen people when teaching them the Bible. It would put the scholastic “higher critics” to shame if their unbelief were placed in contrast with the simple faith of these wild children of nature, when the Word of God is brought to them.

Beside the main station, which has an attendance of over two hundred students, there are twelve out-schools, ranging in distance from the main station of from three to sixty miles. Seven of these schools are within walking distance, one is fifty, and four are sixty miles away. The total attendance in the twelve schools is

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending June 24, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
A. Strachan,	Johannesburg,	Misc.,	171	3 13 6
B. Willmore,	”	”	161	3 15 3
C. de Man,	”	”	162	3 14 6
C. Dixie,	”	”	120	2 14 9
M. E. Howard,	”	”	248	5 13 9
E. Hodgkin,	”	”	301	6 15 6
J. W. Hodgkin,	”	S. A. Signs,	269	6 14 6
O. Pote,	”	”	3	1 6
Mrs. Armer,	Pretoria,	Good Health,	103	13 3
Totals,	Agents, 9		1,538	£33 16 6

Cape Conference, for week ending June 24, 1910.

Mrs. J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	S. A. Signs,	30	13 9
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.,	41	17 0
M. Schonken,	Woodstock,	”	24	2 0
Totals,	Agents, 3		95	£1 12 9

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending June 24, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	Misc.	40½	33	10 1 6	6 0	10 7 6	1 6 0
Mrs. Armer,	Pretoria,	Misc.	9	19	1 8 6		1 8 6	1 8 6
E. M. Howard,	Vrededorp,	D. R.	24	29	22 11 6		22 11 6	2 0 6
H. Schmidt,	Maritzburg.	D. R.	23	17	17 9 6		17 9 6	
E. Enochson,	Pietersburg,	P. P.	27	5	5 5 0		5 5 0	7 19 0
Totals,	Agents, 5		123½	103	£56 16 0	6 0	£57 2 0	£12 4 0

Cape Conference, for week ending June 24, 1910.

J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	C.O.S.	35	21	3 13 6	8 13 6	12 7 0	
Q. H. Jubber,	P. E'beth,	P. G.	32	6	4 11 0		4 11 0	
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.	18	13	3 18 0	1 11 6	5 9 6	2 6
P. E. Frost,	East London,	H. M.	26	10	3 11 0		3 11 0	3 16 6
Totals,	Agents, 4		111	50	£15 13 6	10 5 0	£25 18 6	£3 19 0

over four hundred, or on an average of thirty-three in each school.

The climate being always warm, their school buildings are usually built of bamboo poles placed close together perpendicular. The roof is thatched with long coarse grass. The seats are quite rudely constructed by driving forked sticks into the ground and laying a pole across. The natives usually furnish the material and assist in the erection of the building.

The attendance is good and quite regular. It often embraces the village headman, and married men and women. Their ages range from five to fifty. The majority, however, are of the usual school age.

The first work in an out-school is to teach reading and writing in their

own language. They are then taught mathematics, geography, Bible, and sometimes grammar. Those who are being trained for teachers are taught English. They manifest extraordinary ability to memorise. This makes it difficult to get them to comprehend the practical side of the instruction given, but in time they learn to study and apply principles. When they have reached this point in their experience, they are as a rule quite strict in their adherence to principle.

Visiting out-schools is rather a laborious work. It must be done by machilla, donkey, or bicycle. Of the three I much prefer the two latter methods.

(To be Continued.)

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It is some time since I have reported to the MISSIONARY. I can say however, that we have been enjoying some good experiences all along. Our family of Sabbath-keepers have recently been increased by two, with the prospect of the third, a member in the same family.

These three ladies are some of my relatives, and the first that I have succeeded in leading into the truth. The outlook is encouraging. I am kept busy visiting and giving Bible readings every day and every evening, and I have also given a number of treatments to the sick.

Some weeks ago I visited Brother Peter Wessels and family at their farm "Zoetendale." They received me very kindly and I spent a few very pleasant days with them. It was also my privilege to hold a service with their labourers and to give treatment to one of them.

I might mention that when I lost my situation through accepting the truth many years ago, Brother Wessels took me right into the family to work for them, and many are the recollections of family prayers and Bible studies we enjoyed together until I was prepared, two years later, to enter the work.

On Sabbath morning the 2nd I visited the little church at Parow where we enjoyed the ordinances of the Lord's house together. The sweet subduing Spirit of the Master was present in a marked manner, and when the invitation was given for those who would desire prayers to make it manifest, seven hands went up from among the young people. The Lord bless them!

In the afternoon I visited our Salt River Church where Brother Fisher

has been endeavouring to "hold the fort." I am thankful to say that I found them of good courage. I also spoke there on Sunday evening when the little building was crowded with believers and friends.

D. C. THEUNISSEN.

Notes.

—MISS C. HENDERSON is making the Emmanuel Mission (Basutoland) a visit of a few weeks.

—On the evening of July 2nd the Johannesburg Mission family sold over 250 copies of the new *Signs*.

—Brother T. J. Gibson and family of the Somabula Mission have gone by donkey team for a ten days' trip to look up a location for an out-school.

—The Claremont Young People's Society will occupy the hour on Sunday night, July 17th. Subject, Christ the Desire of the Ages.

—Elder E. R. Williams writes that a church organisation will soon take place at Grahamstown, where he thinks at least forty members will be enrolled.

—Two more familiar faces are noticed among the students at Claremont College — Lewis and Hugh Williams. They have spent several weeks in the canvassing field of late, which has been an education of profit.

—Nine good cows have been added to the dairy herd at the Malamulo Mission. Several are to be sent to the Matendana station for Brother Konigmacher. Elder Rogers writes that they had sold that week thirty-four pounds of butter.

—The Plumstead Sanitarium is having an unusually large patronage, the institution being filled to overflowing. Several critical, but successful, operations have been performed of late. The annex for the coloured patients is in operation and a few cases have already been treated there.

—Brother B. C. Groenewald is enjoying some rich experiences in his

work in and around Ladybrand. A few good people are taking their stand for the truth, and others are much interested. The Spirit of God manifests itself in a marked manner while studying the Word at the family fire-side.

—A new well has been put down at the Solusi Mission. They now have plenty of good water right at their door. This is greatly appreciated as heretofore it has been necessary to haul it from a distance. The well is forty feet deep, and was put down at a cost of only ten pounds.

—Our missionary agent, Brother Clark, is now at the Johannesburg Mission. With the help of Brother Freeman as stenographer he is working hard in the interest of the book and paper work. Some important letters have been sent out urging co-operation on the part of the churches, especially church elders. In union there is strength, and plans will be laid for advance moves all along the line. The Lord through His servant sends us word to "give special study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends and neighbours."

—Just as the MISSIONARY goes to press a wire is received from Elder Edmed saying, "Mother Robertson died last evening." A full notice will appear next week. Our sympathy is extended to Sister Edmed in the loss of her dear mother.

"Sleep on then, dear one, blest are thou
In resting on thy Saviour's breast;
Thy works of love shall follow thee,
Though now thy dust be laid to rest.

"Soon shall the voice of Jesus sound,
And burst the fetters of the tomb;
Then shalt thou rise and hail thy Lord,
But now, rest on—until He come."

Wanted.

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.