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

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Work Where You Are.

"PERHAPS you cannot go away
To some far distant clime,
To preach the glorious truth of God,
The message for this time;
But then your own dear little home
Can be your mission field.
Just work for God where'er you are,
Let love her sceptre wield.

"Perhaps you cannot preach like Paul,
In language clear and plain;
But you can live the truth of God,
And work in Jesus' name.
Perhaps you cannot do *great* things,
Nor *mighty* deeds each day;
But you *can* speak of Jesus' love,
Or give a *tract* away." —Sel.

Importance of the Tithing System.

WE have been requested to prepare some studies from the Bible and Testimonies on God's plan of sustaining and carrying forward His work in the earth. Matters of very great importance to each individual and to the cause of God in Africa will be presented in these studies, and we earnestly request that the churches in the Cape Colony Conference arrange to make a systematic study of the matter presented, and endeavour to get it into the hands of every individual member of the church.

"Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting." A portion of that dread writing on the wall before the eyes of Belshazzar contained these awful words. When Daniel was called in to interpret the writing, he rehearsed before the king the experiences of Nebuchadnezzar, and how God had revealed Himself to

that king, but how he had lifted up his heart in pride; and for all that God had given him he had taken the glory to himself, and had not acknowledged God; and finally he was deposed from his throne and wandered with the beasts of the field till he learned that "The most high God ruled in the kingdoms of men." Daniel then told Belshazzar that although he had known all this, he had not glorified God, but that he too had lifted up his heart by pride, and had used for his own purposes the consecrated things that were taken from the house of God, and had thus dishonoured God. Therefore the decree had gone forth; he had been weighed and found wanting, and all that he possessed had been taken from him and given to the Medes and Persians. Dan. 5.

We are told that all of these experiences that were recorded, were written for our "learning," and "admonition." Rom. 15:4 and 1 Cor. 10:6, 11. As certainly as God gave a kingdom and dominion to Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar, so He has given to each of us our little domain in which He will hold us exactly as responsible for the way we treat His gifts as He held them. To each of us He has committed a stewardship. And each steward will be required to be faithful.

Our means, our all belong to God by right of creation, and doubly so by redemption, for He has paid the greatest price for mankind that heaven could pay. Shall we fail as did Belshazzar to acknowledge God as rightful ruler of all? Shall we use

the sacred things for our own purposes as he did, and have written against our names in the books above "Weighed and found wanting?" God forbid.

While all belongs to God, He has reserved to Himself only the tithes and offerings. Our faithfulness in rendering these to God is a test of the faithfulness of our stewardship.

Nebuchadnezzar said, "Is not this great Babylon that I have built?" and immediately the words fell from heaven that spoke his doom. Belshazzar made use of the sacred vessels that belonged only to the service of God for himself and his friends to feast from. Are any of us saying to ourselves, just see what a fortune I am accumulating, or what a fine farm I have acquired, or what a fine business I have established? Remember Nebuchadnezzar. Are some of us using the tithes which God has claimed as sacred to Himself and for His service alone? Remember Belshazzar. Weighed and found wanting were the words spoken. Brethren, let us be faithful to God in these things. Eternity's years will tell for our faithfulness now.

E. R. WILLIAMS.

A Musicial Sound.

THE last *S. A. Signs* is meeting with good and appreciative patronage, and the workers are frequently meeting with people who can hardly wait for the next number. One gentleman said, "You ought to publish this monthly." Others have accosted the workers in the street, asking when

the next is to be issued. One gentleman in high position, spoke words of commendation for the *Sentinel*, which he said is "a splendid paper." People who have missed back numbers of these magazines, have asked for them. We do not have to *urge* our workers to go out with these magazines, they simply *go*; then the magazines *go too*. It's like the musical sound of a "going in the mulberry trees;" maybe it is the mulberry "autumn leaves" we have heard so much about. Praise God!

The canvassing work is also bearing fruit, for as a result of Brother and Sister E. Howard's canvassing, Pastor W. H. Haupt is getting his time well filled with Bible readers.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

Natal-Transvaal Conference.

Death of Sister Robertson.

SINCE our last report, the usual happy vein of the Johannesburg City Mission home has been turned into sorrow and mourning. The demise of "Grandma" Robertson has come almost too suddenly for us to realise that her bright face and cheerful voice will be seen and heard no more. Yet the providence of God has so decreed, and we cheerfully submit to the One who doeth all things well. Yet we do so, "not without hope."

It is about twenty-one years since Sister Robertson took her stand for the third angel's message, and she has since been a consistent member of our church. Many will remember the death of her husband which occurred eleven years ago, and the large funeral cortege that followed him to his last resting place at Mowbray Cemetery. From that time, the same esteem in which he had been held by a large circle of friends, was cherished for mother, and many who have been at our home during the many years she has been with us, will long remember her kindly words, her trustful spirit, and her desire for their good.

Although advancing years diminished her strength, and disabled her from enjoying the fellowship of the saints at church, yet she took a keen interest in the advancement of the work up to the last. Among her last sentences was an inquiry as to how some of the workers had succeeded that day. She kept herself fully informed regarding the work by reading every paper and report that came to our home, and was conversant about every institution of import in our world-wide denomination.

Her health has been usually good, yet for some months we have noticed that her strength was decaying slowly. She had just recovered from a slight attack of bronchitis, and on Monday morning, July 4th, she awoke bright and happy. A little after eight o'clock A. M., she was seized with paralysis, and gradually sank until the 8th inst., when she breathed her last, being eighty years old.

During the five days' illness, mother, scarcely able to speak distinctly, would try to sing "Happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away." At other times she would say, "I am resting, sweetly resting, in the shadow of the cross of Calvary." This seemed to be her favourite hymn. Two days before she died, Brother Clark talked with her kindly about the coming crisis, and she clearly repeated after him the twenty-third Psalm; and she also quoted the verse,—

"The hour of my departure's come,
I hear a voice that calls me home.
Arise, O Lord, let troubles cease,
Now let thy servant die in peace."

The fatal moment was reached on Sabbath eve, just after we had sung for our Sabbath worship,

"Abide with me, fast falls the eventide,
The darkness deepens, Lord with me
abide."

and,

"I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? where grave thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me."

Then the family gathered around her bedside, and at 6:15 witnessed the end.

The funeral, which was held on Sabbath afternoon, was attended by almost all the Adventists of this city, and several friends. Kindly words were spoken by Brethren Haupt, Howard, and Webber in prayer. A beautiful wreath was placed by the Jeppestown church, and deep sympathy was extended to us from friends at the close of the impressive, if simple service. Mother lies at rest in the Braamfontein Cemetery, nearly one thousand miles from her late husband, but assured that they will meet with us when the angels gather the Lord's elect.

In behalf of myself and family, I desire herewith to tender our sincere and grateful acknowledgment of the many telegrams and letters conveying expressions of loving sympathy from our friends in all parts of South Africa.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

"De Wachter" Publication Guarantee Fund for 1911.

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

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| Amount previously | |
| acknowledged, | £48 0 0 |
| J. J. Kemp, | 1 5 0 |
| Elder D. Groenewald, | 1 0 0 |
| Mrs. D. Groenewald, | 1 0 0 |
| Elder G. W. Shone, | 5 0 |
| Mrs. Shone (mother), | 5 0 |
| Total, | £51 15 0 |

Since the above fund was started, the interest in our Dutch paper has greatly increased, if one may take the contents of the various letters I have received as a criterion. Several subscriptions have also come in, and some new "clubs" ordered, all of which is very encouraging. I am anxious that our brethren should take a correct view of this matter, one that would make it precious to them all. Our *Wachter* is a losing proposition to the union conference,

and must continue to be so, until its circulation has increased manifold. At the same time it represents the only Messenger in South Africa who can be sent anywhere, where we have reason to expect the third angel's message to be received favourably. As long as we have this Messenger, the sacrifice of a three-penny bit to our Saviour's cause will suffice to give any Dutch family, on the remotest farm, a taste of the precious gospel which has been committed to our hands. I know that the same consideration holds good in the case of an English paper and an English household. And yet—how vast is the difference! The Dutch side of our cause in this country has few labourers, and *but the one paper*. It is a mistake to contend that cheaper publications may be imported from abroad to replace it. All other considerations aside, there is this, that more and more the gulf between Holland and Dutch South Africa becomes widened. Since the introduction of the simplified spelling, now universally adopted, a movement has become general to reject all words, phrases and idioms, with which the people locally are not thoroughly familiar. It is in that way that the contents of *De Wachter* are studiously compiled, so as to be real food for the people, easily assimilated. These things being so, and with the portents of an eventful future before us, when a well established and widely read Dutch paper will be of priceless value, I feel it incumbent upon myself to solicit my brethren's liberal aid in placing *De Wachter* for next year upon a footing which will guarantee its regular appearance in good—I hope, in an improved—form, the burden of which shall not be borne by the conference, but by ourselves.

To do the work on *De Wachter* properly for next year, and to a certain extent be able to illustrate the paper, a sum of about £120 is needed, towards which we now have almost half. The cost of editing is not included in this figure; but that will be otherwise provided for. As to the

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending July 8, 1910.

| NAME | TERRITORY | PAPER | NO. SOLD | VALUE OF PAPERS |
|----------------------|-------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| N. Health Institute, | Maritzburg, | Sentinel, | 22 | 5 6 |
| | | S. A. Signs, | 188 | 2 7 0 |
| | | Good Health, | 20 | 5 0 |
| Mrs. Tickton, | Durban, | Present Truth, | 60 | 5 0 |
| | | S. A. Signs, | 225 | 5 12 6 |
| | | Good Health, | 13 | 3 3 |
| Mrs Armer, | Pretoria, | Good Health, | 12 | 2 6 |
| | | Life and Health, | 68 | 1 14 0 |
| | | Bible Training School, | 39 | 19 6 |
| H. Feideler, | ,, | S. A. Signs, | 97 | 2 8 6 |
| | | Sentinel, | 23 | 5 9 |
| | | Wachter, | 20 | 5 0 |
| Totals, | Agents, 4 | | 787 | £14 13 6 |

Cape Conference, for week ending July 8, 1910.

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| Mrs. J. F. Terry, | Kimberley, | Misc., | 54 | 1 6 0 |
| P. W. Frost, | East London, | | 9 | 4 6 |
| Totals, | Agents, 2 | | 63 | £1 10 6 |

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending July 8, 1910.

| NAME | PLACE | BOOK | HRS | ORDS | VALUE | HELPS | TOTALS | DEL'D |
|-------------------|--------------|-------|-----------|------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| I. A. Fourie, | Maritzburg, | M. H. | 42 | 15 15 0 | | | 15 15 0 | 7 6 |
| S. Fourie, | ,, | M. H. | 3 | 1 2 6 | | | 1 2 6 | |
| J. Strachan, | ,, | M. H. | 1 | 7 6 | | | 7 6 | |
| H. Schmidt, | ,, | B. R. | 18 | 2 2 2 0 | | | 2 2 0 | 8 14 0 |
| E. van der Molen, | Wakker- | | | | | | | |
| | stroom, | D. R. | 39 | 14 11 6 6 1 19 0 | | | 13 5 6 | 3 15 0 |
| A. Tickton, | Durban, | P. P. | 13 | | | | | 12 16 6 |
| E. Enochson, | Pietersburg, | P. P. | 31 | | | | | 28 7 0 |
| E. Edie, | Germiston | | | | | | | |
| | Location, | Misc. | (1 month) | 1 9 0 | | | 1 9 0 | 1 9 0 |
| Mrs. Armer, | Pretoria, | Misc. | 7½ | 10 15 0 | | | 15 0 | 15 0 |
| Totals, | Agents, 9 | | 108½ | 72 £32 17 6 | £1 19 0 | £34 16 6 | £56 4 0 | |

Cape Conference, for week ending July 8, 1910.

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|-------------------|--------------|--------|-----|----------------|--------|---------|----------|--------|
| J. F. Terry, | Kimberley, | C.O.S. | 40 | 13 2 5 6 2 3 6 | | | 4 9 0 | 19 8 9 |
| Q. H. Jubber, | P. E'beth, | P. G. | 62 | 11 8 6 0 | | | 8 6 0 | 1 15 6 |
| D. H. Groenewald, | Bloem- | | | | | | | |
| | fontein, | C.O.L. | 11 | | | | | 8 2 6 |
| P. E. Frost, | East London, | H. M. | 23 | 16 4 8 0 | | | 5 6 | 4 13 6 |
| Totals, | Agents, 4 | | 136 | 40 £14 19 6 | £2 9 0 | £17 8 6 | £29 17 9 | |

fund, I expect help from a large number of brethren yet who have thus far not added their names to our list. I would say to them that, by assisting us in this movement, they would perform a duty of self-evident excellence. To support the weaker side is ever virtuous. And the Dutch side of our work is the weaker, although the hope of God's cause on South African soil lies in it. The Dutch side represents the stability of our community to a very large extent, and happy shall we feel in the days of the future, if we now put

forth an unwearied, long sustained, persistent effort to develop God's great message scheme among the Dutch of Africa.

Brethren, there is yet plenty of time to bring the fund up to its actual requirements. There are yet five months. Our present contributions range from five shillings to as many pounds. Come forward, brethren, all of you, and have against your names in the list any sum between these extremes. Gladden our hearts by a prompt response. The Lord is watching this movement!

HUBERTUS ELFFERS.

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**A Letter from Elder J. N.
 Loughborough.**

Dear Sister Porter:—

I enclose a post office order for £1. It is to be applied on the SOUTH AFRICAN MISSIONARY which you are sending to me. I assure you I greatly enjoy the reading of this paper, especially as it brings to mind the places where I was about a year since.

I rejoice with our people in South Africa for the blessing of the Lord that is attending the work there; especially to see the grand success that is attending the canvassing work.

I remember with pleasure my association with the people at the Cape, Plumstead, Rustica, Claremont, and other points. Be assured that you have my daily prayers for the prosperity of the work in Africa.

The Lord has enabled me to visit with our schools and different institutions since my return to America, more than my friends anticipated I would be able to do. I thank the Lord for the health He still gives me; and that strength is His own, which I wish to use to His glory.

Attention!

THE office at 56 Roeland Street, Cape Town, has received a large consignment of ripe olives; also a high grade of prunes, raisin, peaches, and nectarines. This fruit is from Sister E. G. White's orchard in California, U.S.A., and was sent so that it can be sold cheap. Prices given on application. A large shipment of health foods has also just come in. Order while they are fresh.

J. V. WILSON.

Extracts from a Letter.

A LETTER and a donation was received this week from Brother Albert White of Adelaide, South Australia. He says had it not been for his wife's health, they would have been in Africa yet, as this field holds a warm place in their hearts, and they note with interest the progress of our work. He speaks of Brother William Haupt as one of his closest school friends, and of the time he spent at the Solusi and Somabula Missions. He says Brother and Sister J. A. Chaney are engaged in the work in that conference, Brother Chaney acting as missionary agent.

Brother and Sister White wish to be remembered to the brethren and sisters of the South African Union Conference. They keep in touch with us through the MISSIONARY, and are loath to miss a single copy.

**Report of Hydro-Bellair
 Institution.**

SISTER MARY BAUMANN says: "I can send but a brief report for the month of June."

Treatments given, sixty-four, thirty of which were free. The institution is well patronised, and a good spirit prevails. One institution—of which there are three—helps the other in time of need, and thus the work prospers and is carried forward.

Notes.

—WORD from Elder Sturdevant says that Sister Sturdevant is slowly improving. She will not be able to return to the mission for some time yet, as she is just beginning to sit up for a little while each day.

—Naomi Anderson was sick with the measles while enroute from the Cape to her mission home. Sister Anderson contracted the disease from her later and was quite ill for a few days. We trust ere this they are both in their usual health.

—Brother and Sister E. Ingle left for England on the 20th. They will remain abroad until about the first of October. Sister Ingle goes for a visit with her people, and Brother Ingle will combine business with pleasure.

—We have given the readers of the MISSIONARY the benefit of Elder Loughborough's letter which was received by the last mail. In this we are following the suggestion of our missionary agent, Brother Clark, that when we receive a good thing, to "pass it on."

—Sister J. R. Campbell is planning on returning to her mission home early the first of August. Her health and that of the baby are both so good that she feels drawn to her work again on the mission station. She expects Brother and Sister Silsbee to accompany her on her homeward trip.

—Elder Sturdevant says it goes hard at the mission without the helping hand of his wife. They have twelve fresh cows, so there is much milk and butter to look after. Elder Sturdevant with his family of ninety-seven children feels that the cares rest heavily upon him. The readers of the MISSIONARY will be glad when Sister Sturdevant is able to be at her post again, and are encouraged that the prospect is as good as it is for that hope to be realised.

—A quiet wedding took place on the 19th, at the home of Elder and Mrs. Porter, where Mr. H. E. Shaw and Miss Highlie Smith took the vows that made them one. About twenty of their friends from the college and from "Rustica" were present, thus adding interest to the occasion. Brother and Sister Shaw left that evening to spend a few days at the farm home of Brother and Sister Smailes, Sir Lowry Pass. After their return they will take up work at "Rustica."

—Victor Wilson has lately set out fifty strawberry plants, seven guava trees, ten orange seedlings, and twenty-seven grape cuttings. He says he does not see why fruit should not grow there, and he is going to give it a trial. The guavas he set out last year are doing fine and will bear this year.