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

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As a Man Thinketh.

“WHATSOEVER things are honest,
Just, of good report, and true,
Venerable and exalted,
Pure and clean, and lovely too;
“If in any there be virtue,
Whatsoever tends to praise,—
Be of such your meditation,
Think on these things all your days.”
Blessed words! but do we heed them,
We, whose characters must show
All the grace of full perfection
Mirrored in our lives below?
Are we earnestly preparing
Soon to meet the piercing gaze
Of the Judge, the great heart-searcher?—
Does this thought control our ways?
By beholding—thus the maxim—
We are changed, our lives comply
With the object, good or evil,
That is set before our eye.
Would we then be true, be honest,
Shall our lives be just and pure,
Shall our characters be upright,
Staunch and firm, strong to endure?
Let us lift our eyes, our faces
Up, beyond earth’s tainted sod,
To the source of good, of virtue,
To the ever holy God;
Let us contemplate no longer
Things that lie about our feet;—
Thus be cleaner, purer vessels,
For the Master’s service meet.—*F. E.*

Report of Wilgehoek and Lindley Churches.

ON the 2nd of July our company gathered for the commemoration of the Lord’s supper.

Through circumstances our attendance was very small, there being only eight partakers. Nevertheless the meetings were greatly appreciated, and the blessing of the Lord rested richly upon our small company.

Two weeks later, on the 16th July, our coloured brethren had their meetings, which were very interesting. In this meeting there were seventeen partakers. It was most remarkable to see the energy, and to hear the testimonies of these half civilised natives.

It can truly be said that they are more prepared to receive the blessings and rebukes of the Lord than we whites are.

Their minds seem to be less occupied by worldly things, and more dwelling upon the precious promises of the Lord.

What is most wonderful, is to see how tender hearted and conscientious they are in regard to paying their tithes, as they are all subjected to great poverty.

Brethren, pray for the work here that more labourers may be sent into the whitened fields.

Yours in the blessed hope,

F. S. VENTER.

Canvassers’ Experiences.

BROTHER E. ENOCHSON writes: “Some time ago while canvassing in the country north of Pietersburg, darkness overtook me before I had found a place of shelter. Not knowing where to go, but remembering that the Lord had never yet failed me, I committed my case to Him and went forward.

“Before long I came to a large bungalow where I found a goodly number of people. At first I took the place to be a boarding house, but

later found that it was a private farm. After I had exhibited the book to the son of the proprietress of the farm, I was asked to partake of some refreshments and invited to spend the night there.

“When the people gathered in the large sitting room, the lady of the house asked me a question about spiritualism. This paved the way for a Bible reading to which all present paid rapt attention. The lady was delighted to get a slip of paper with all the texts written down. An order for two copies of *Patriarchs and Prophets* was given me, and also paid for the same. On my leaving the next day an invitation was extended to me to stay a day or two when I came again. A few days later the son met me in Pietersburg and gave me another order for *Patriarchs and Prophets* and paid for it on the spot.

“When I returned to this farm to deliver the books, I held a Bible reading on the ‘Signs of the Times,’ which was much appreciated. Before I left they renewed the invitation to call on them whenever I came that way again.

“When making my delivery at Potgietersrust I found that one subscriber with all his family was away. I was advised to take the book to his father whom I was informed would take the book, which he did. At Sterkwater (the tin mines) the schoolmaster, who had entertained me while I was canvassing there, was absent in Pretoria, but he had left word that I should be directed to a friend of his living in the vicinity.

There I received every kindness and hospitality.

"My deliveries were excellent and my experiences have been glorious; demonstrating God's matchless love and unfailing providences: 'The Lord is good . . . trust in Him.' Nahum 1:7."

Brother D. H. Groenewald, who is working in Bloemfontein, writes: "In one house I took an order for *Christ Our Saviour* (Dutch) from the lady of the house. A son-in-law, who is employed on the railway on the Kimberley line, happened to be in the house on a visit and just ready to depart again. He ordered a copy to be sent to him by his mother-in-law and paid cash for it. As I had a spare Dutch copy I took it to the house next day. I found there a young lady to whom I showed the books and secured an order for *Christ's Object Lessons*, and *Christ Our Saviour*; thus getting four orders in the same house. The old lady went afterwards to other people and told them of the beautiful book, thus paving the way for more orders."

G. H. CLARK.

A Good Example.

Brethren D. W. and Chas. Tarr of the O. R. C., have just sent in a list of twenty-four names with addresses, to whom they wish the *Sentinel* sent for one year. This order was accompanied with cash. The influence of these papers will not end with the twenty-four families. The results of this investment, who can estimate?

A native minister in the O. R. C., says, "I greatly value the *Sentinel*." A lady in renewing her subscription, says, "I do not want to miss it; it is a most valuable paper to me."

I am still waiting to hear from other scattered brethren, hoping in some way to have their co-operation in circulating our local papers. The August number is full of good things, and is ready to post. Read it; then order a supply for your neighbours. It contains what everybody ought to know, and study. I. J. HANKINS.

Kimberley and Beaconsfield.

OUR members being so scattered, we have organised in both these towns for missionary work, holding meeting in each place one evening each week. We are endeavouring to get all the members to work selling, loaning, or giving away papers, tracts, magazines, and small books. We now take one hundred eight *Wachters*, and seventy-two *Sentinels* monthly, each member paying cash in advance for all supplies. At the end of the quarter each member reports to our librarian, and a condensed report is sent to the conference secretary.

A few strangers attend and seem to enjoy our meetings. One who had backslidden some years ago has recently expressed a desire to again unite with the church. The members, and Brother and Sister Terry, are constantly reporting interested people, and it is more than the local members can do to follow up the interest.

At our quarterly meeting it was voted to ask the conference to provide us with a Bible worker. The church would be pleased to see Sister Ina Austen doing this work if she remains here.

At the church's request I am planning to meet our scattered brethren on the "diggings" next Sabbath, and organise them for missionary work. We had a good time at our ordinance meeting, all the members taking part in a praise service.

Last Sabbath evening I went to Content, and attended the meeting Sister Honey holds with the natives. As many as twenty are sometimes present to listen to the simple Bible stories she tells them. In the afternoon we celebrated the ordinances with the few scattered Sabbath-keepers who gathered at Brother Honey's home. All were of good courage, and expressed their desire to spread the message among their neighbours.

D. SPARROW.

Encouraging Words.

TO SHOW the far reaching influence of our good books, and for the encouragement of the canvassers, I would like to relate two incidents that recently came under my notice.

At a Christian endeavour society for young ladies whose ministers are bitterly opposed to the truth, one young lady who was leading the meeting, took for her text book *Christ's Object Lessons* which they all enjoyed.

In canvassing some years ago I called at a house with *Steps to Christ*, but the man scoffed at the Bible and at the idea of buying my book. Imagine my pleasant surprise, when I recently had occasion to call on him on business and found *Christ's Object Lessons* lying on his table. Mrs. Theunissen has sold him a number of *Good Healths* and he ordered more.

D. C. THEUNISSEN.

Native Work at Bloemfontein.

I AM glad to give the readers of the MISSIONARY a report of our work for the last four weeks. The Lord has greatly blessed His work, and it is moving slowly onward in three locations. Many are thirsty for the water of life. Many say their ministers and leaders feed them with dry chaff instead of the powerful Bread. They say the Seventh-day Adventists feed the flock with Bread of life, and lead them to the pure Water of life. We work hard day and night to warn them from the dangerous way.

I wish to tell you about our lovely meeting which was held at the Waaihoek Church July 7-10. This lovely gathering contained a lot of people of different churches gathered together to listen, and to see the wonderful work which our Saviour has left for His people. They witness that the Seventh-day Adventists really follow in the footsteps of Jesus. All were glad to have full proof of the points of present truth. The

Lord of peace poured His warm spirit in every honest heart. Many had a good chance to study their Bible about the points of the Sabbath, and the Lord's supper. Our hearts were filled with the power of heaven, which is the latter rain promised in our time.

We ask all the MISSIONARY readers to remember us in their prayers in the lovely name of Jesus, the soon coming King.

J. R. MTIMKULU,
Native Pastor.

The Reading Course.

Outlines of Study.

(August.)

Text-Book: "Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work," pages 12-20.

1. Importance of camp-meeting Sabbath-schools.
2. What will the knowledge gained by a study of the lessons do for the soul?
3. How many teachers come close to the hearts of the pupils?
4. Who should not teach?
5. Duty of parents.
6. Personal work for souls.
7. The talkative superintendent.
8. Qualifications of a true educator.
9. Mistakes of teachers and superintendents.

Text-Book: "The Art of Securing Attention," pages 10-18.

1. What is one of the first requisites in good teaching? Give an example of the effect of talking "over the heads" of pupils.
2. What are the advantages of a change of posture?
3. What is good concert reading, and how may it be secured?
4. Describe elliptical reading. What is gained by this method?
5. What is elliptical questioning? What points must be guarded in using it?
6. What faculties should the teacher especially cultivate?
7. How may inattention be unconsciously encouraged by a teacher?
8. What two principles form the basis for the suggestions of these

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending July 15, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
B. Willmore,	Johannesburg,	Misc.,	100	2 5 3
J. Hodgkin,	"	S. A. Signs,	33	16 6
C. de Man,	"	Misc.,	265	6 2 0
E. Hodgkin,	"	S. A. Signs,	70	1 15 0
Mrs Armer,	Pretoria,	Misc.,	28	10 6
H. B. Feideler,	"	Misc.,	58	1 6 6
Totals,	Agents, 6		554	£12 15 9

Cape Conference, for week ending July 15, 1910.

Mrs. J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	Misc.,	32	14 3
P. E. Frost,	East London,	S. A. Signs,	26	13 0
Totals,	Agents, 2		58	£1 7 3

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending July 15, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company, Jo'burg,	Misc.	128½	74	24	1 0	4 6	24 5 6	17 16 3
T. G. Crouch, Pretoria,	D. R.	64	12	12	18 0		12 18 0	23 4 0
E. M. Howard, Vrededorp,	D. R.	50	22	19	14 6	18 6	20 13 0	15 17 6
E. van der Molen, Wakkerstroom,	D. R.	31	13	10	13 0	15 6	11 8 6	15 6
E. Enochson, Nylstroom,	P. P.	8	2	2	2 0		2 2 0	7 3 0
H. Schmidt, Maritzburg,	B. R.	31	8	8	8 0		8 8 0	
I. R. Armer, Pretoria,	H. H. B.	½						6 10 0
Mrs. Armer, ,,	H. H. B.	8½	1			18 6		2 8 6
Totals,	Agents, 8		321½	136	£77 16 6	£2 17 0	£79 15 0	£73 14 9

Cape Conference, for week ending July 15, 1910.

J. F. Terry, Kimberley,	C.O.S.	38	9	1	11 6	19 0	2 10 6	12 8 0
Q. H. Jubber, P. E'beth,	P. G.	29	1		14 0		14 0	
P. E. Frost, East London,	H. M.	19	18	5	17 0		5 17 0	
H. J. Dwyer, Wellington,	Misc.	60				4 14 0	4 14 0	4 14 0
J. D. le Riche,		160	133	158	16 0		158 16 0	
Totals,	Agents, 5		306	166	£166 18 6	£5 13 0	£172 11 6	£17 2 0

mechanical methods of securing attention?

Text-Book: "History of the Sabbath-School Work," pages 5-10.

1. What situation led to the organization of the Sabbath-school work? Describe the beginning of the effort.

2. What suggestions in the letter of R. F. Cottrell might now be followed to advantage?

3. Describe the methods employed in conducting the early schools. In what respects is the experience of some of the adult members an example and a reproof to us?

4. Describe the beginnings of our present system of lessons.

Suggestions for Teachers' Meetings.

First Week: Make a blackboard

list, suggested by teachers, of at least ten points set forth in the study of the Testimonies, in which improvement should be made either in the work of the teachers or in the conduct of the school.

Second Week: Ask each teacher present for a statement of one principle, suggestion, or method, set forth in the lesson on securing attention.

Third Week: Call for a synopsis of the history lesson. By questions, develop the points which have a bearing upon the work now.

Fourth Week: Reports from teachers upon the results of newly tried methods.

Grahamstown Location.

THE work at the location is still onward, and although there is not a

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large company, their hearts are becoming knit together, and a desire for a deeper consecration is being manifest, that they may be ready to meet Jesus when He comes.

The Lord comes very near to us all, and many tears flow as we study together the work of Christ for us.

Pray that God may bless His work here among this people.

I. B. BURTON.

A Double Wedding.

AT the home of Brother Schafer, five miles from Wellington, on July 26th, Christian Schafer, Jr., was united in wedlock to Miss Susau Dwyer, and Brother H. J. P. Dwyer to Christina Schafer. A goodly number of the neighbours came to witness the ceremony, which was performed under the trees in the front yard—the house being too small to accommodate the people. We can but wish these couples the happiness and blessings which may exist in this most sacred of human relationships.

I. J. HANKINS.

Cape Colony Conference.

Report of Tithes and Offerings for the
Quarter Ending June 30, 1910.

Churches	Tithes	S. S. Offs.	F. D. Offs.
Beaconsfield,	£7 13 6	£1 17 0	£1 3 3
Bloemfontein,	18 4 6		6 0
Claremont,	82 15 8	19 0 3	3 0 6
Cape Town,	78 1 9	1 2 0	1 17 6
East London,		7 0	
East London,			
Location,	1 12 0		
Heisterbach,	23 15 8	1 6 1	
Klipdam,	12 1 6	1 11 9	16 0
Parow,	9 14 0	6 2	5 0
Port Elizabeth,	4 16 10		
Rokeby Park,	59 13 7	2 0 7	9 0
Rustica,	73 17 5	3 14 4	4 4 6
Salt River,	7 2 0		1 1 0
Uitenhage,	2 0 0		7 6
Wilgehoek,	57 1 3	1 14 10	1 12 0
Sundries,	84 2 8	4 4 0	6 7 0
Totals,	£522 12 4	£37 4 0	£21 9 3

J. V. WILLSON.

Notice.

WILL all canvassers and paper workers kindly note that my address will be Stafford House, First Street, Bezuidenhout Valley, Johannesburg, as at present, until further notice. All reports, etc., should be forwarded to this address until otherwise requested.

G. H. CLARK.

Notes.

—THE Barotseland Mission will soon start work in brick-making. Thirty thousand are needed.

—July 24th a dear little flax-haired girl took up her abode at the home of Brother and Sister H. C. Olmstead, to be trained for mission work in Africa.

—Elder D. C. Theunissen has been suffering with an attack of tonsilitis confining him to his bed for several days. A card dated the 27th of July reported him as much improved.

—Sister E. R. Williams is doing good work for our periodicals at Grahamstown. She secured nine subscriptions for the *Signs* (American), and was at work for a list of *Sentinels*.

—Chief Jonathan has given to the Emmanuel Mission thatch-grass with a total local value of about twenty pounds. All it cost the mission was the cutting, leaving a clear gift of about fourteen pounds in value. This is much appreciated as thatch-grass is scarce and rather expensive in Basutoland.

—There are more than one hundred twenty boarders in the Barotseland Mission schools at present, with the prospect good for its increase to two hundred before the end of August. Students have been coming at the rate of five a week for more than a month at the main station. They number more than ninety at present.

—Elder Anderson reports the fruit trees doing excellent on his station. The lemons and oranges are now bearing until the limbs must be propped to keep them from breaking.

The pineapple trees are also bearing. Some of the berry vines have made a growth of fifteen feet the last year. They are setting out a thousand logan blackberry vines this year, and many other kinds too numerous to mention. With the present prospect they count on having fruit for the market ere long. Elder Anderson took up two hundred seventy fruit trees from the Cape on his return to the mission.

Sister D. C. Theunissen has recently formed a young people's society, and they are now working on the investment plan. Sister Theunissen gave them each a threepence, telling them to trade on it so as to increase it. A genuine enthusiasm was manifest in the society, and at the first meeting a week later, some had increased it almost two hundred per cent. Some of the older members were also taking it up, and a definite object is now before them to which the increase will be applied. We will hear more of this society later. Let us not despise the day of small things.

—From a letter from Sister E. Edie, I take the liberty to pass on a word of encouragement: "I inclose post-office order for five shillings as a donation toward the MISSIONARY which I have long intended to send. I feel an inspiration each week after receiving it, with its helpful account of the progress of the work in all directions. I am very glad that the paper comes weekly instead of monthly. My work in the location, though I find many sunken in sin, I find others seeking to walk in all the light they can get; so I am of the best of courage, and feel it a great privilege to talk to them of our beautiful message. I began last year to teach in Zulu, and it comes quite readily when needed, which is not, however, every day, for there are but few Zulus here (Germiston)."

Honour Roll.

PREVIOUSLY reported,	£37 5 9
J. N. Loughborough,	1 0 0
D. W. Tarr,	6 0
Albert White,	5 0
Miss E. Edie,	5 0

Total, £39 1 9