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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 Christian's Battle.

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(Old Creature.)

YOUR brother has offended you!  
Must you forgiveness show  
When he has not forgiveness asked?  
I really do not know  
That you are called to go that far;  
He's very much to blame.  
Of course I should not slander him,  
Nor injure his good name;  
But then, I think I'd show him too  
That he has quite offended you.

(New Creature.)

How can I be a child of God  
And not forgiveness show?  
Why, He has covered all my sins,  
And I must surely grow  
In that sweet grace which from the heart  
Forgives by word and deed.  
I would be like the blessed Lord,  
For in His Word I read  
That He left all the joys of heaven,  
To die that I might be forgiven.

(Old Creature.)

Your brother has imposed on you!  
Says, "All that's thine is mine";  
It is not right; what shall you do?  
Where will you draw the line?  
Why should you share your earthly goods  
Which you by thrift acquired?  
That which you toil for is your own,  
And you are not required  
To give to every one who comes  
To seek your help, your bread, your home.

(New Creature.)

I've often wished that I had lived  
When my Saviour left His throne  
And trod this earth in human form,  
That I might then have shown  
My love to Him, in service sweet;  
But still, the suffering Christ  
Walks by my side each day, and how  
Neglected, poor, despised.  
Still needing ministries of love—  
Now here's my chance my love to prove.

(Old Creature.)

Your brother slandered you I hear!  
And tried on you to throw  
Suspicious base to injure you;  
Told things that were not so;  
Surmised that you had evil done;  
Tells others of his fears.  
With coolness meets your looks of love,  
And costs you many tears.  
You do not owe him in return  
A love which he will only spurn.

(New Creature.)

'Tis not my brother you hold up;  
'Tis not his faults you show;  
It is my brother's enemy,  
Like you, a deadly foe.  
My brother does not do the things  
That you lay at his door;  
'Tis his old creature that one day  
Shall trouble him no more.  
The new creature is my kin,  
The new creature does not sin.

## "Suppose"

(Written for the Missionary.)

A SOLDIER was one day found by himself enjoying the flowers and pleasures of a beautiful park. He was arrested, court-martialed and shot. "Just because he was found in this park harming no one?" you ask. Yes, he was positively injuring no one, but was putting in his time napping and enjoying things generally. But while he was thus busying himself pleasantly, his comrades were in action. "This was different," you say, "he ought to have been in the ranks with the rest." And so he had. Suppose we look into another army a moment:

"Suppose some one were to offer me a *thousand dollars* for every soul that I might earnestly try to lead to

Christ, would I endeavour to lead any more souls to Him than I am endeavouring to do now? Is it possible that I would attempt to do for *money*, even at the risk of blunders or ridicule, what I hesitate or shrink from doing now in obedience to God's command? Is my love for money stronger than my love of God or of souls? How feeble then, my love of God! Perhaps this explains why I am not a soul-winner.

"Suppose I were to be asked how many persons I had *persistently tried* to win to Christ during the past month, or even during the past year, what would my answer be? How many have I even spoken to? How many have I on my prayer list now? If I am not interested enough in the salvation of others to even have a daily prayer list, is it any wonder that I am not a soul-winner?

"Suppose I were to see a blind man unknowingly approaching the brink of a high precipice, and that I were to sit by without concern or any effort to warn or save him from certain death, would I not be as guilty of his death in God's sight as though I had murdered him outright? The death of a body which might have been but was not prevented, is a terrible thing; but how about the preventable death of a human soul—perchance of many souls for which *God may hold me responsible*? If my murder of another's body by neglect is an unspeakable crime, what shall be said of my murder by neglect of another's soul?"

These quoted suppositions are presented by one who knows not the

importance of the warning message of Revelation 14. Now let us suppose a little farther:

Suppose the warning contained in the third angel's message against the receiving of a certain wicked thing into the life and heart was known in your neighbourhood only by yourself, and that you did no more than you are doing now to warn these people of it, do you think you would be clear before God in the day of judgment?

Suppose these neighbours and friends were to ask you when the day of salvation had passed, "If you knew these things were coming upon us, why did you not tell us?" what answer could you give them?

Suppose that every other member of the church to which you belong were doing no more than you are to warn the world of Jesus' soon coming, when might we look for Him to appear in the clouds of heaven?

Suppose I fail to do for those about me that which the Lord designed I should do when He let the light of the third angel's message shine upon my pathway, by living and giving it to them, how am I to expect they are to know these things? and upon what can I base my hope for a heavenly reward?

Suppose no other believer in this solemn message was doing more than am I to send it to the ends of the earth in this generation, when may we expect the words of the prophet John to be accomplished when he wrote: "And I looked, and, behold, a Lamb stood on Mount Zion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads"?

Suppose we all take these things home to ourselves and think and pray about them in earnest at least for one week in our private devotions, and listen to what the *Spirit* may say to us as to what we should do individually.

T. E. BOWEN.

"HE is not rich who lays up much, but he who lays out much."

### Something of interest.

#### A CHURCH SCHOOL.

DURING my stay in Maritzburg I greatly enjoyed a visit to the little church-school that is being very successfully conducted by Sister Mary Bell. There are twelve students, who are organised into four grades. Most of those are of the lower standards, and some are spending their first year at school. An examination of the work done gave great satisfaction, and the improvement in penmanship, reading, mathematics, and composition since the opening of the school, is very encouraging. Some very neat needle work was exhibited, and we have nothing but words of commendation for the school. Such schools are needed everywhere, and many young people should be preparing to enter this work.

#### BEWARE.

One of Satan's latest schemes has been an attempt to unite the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Johannesburg, with the sect known as the "Apostolic Church." These people claim to have the gift of tongues, though evidently they have not yet received the gift of holding their tongues. There is much in common between this sect and Spiritualism. Some of them claimed that *we* have the *truth* and *they* have the *power*, and if we were united, a perfect church would result. Evidently they have forgotten that he who has the truth has also the power, for the gospel of truth *is* the power of God unto salvation. Some confusion has been occasioned in their ranks, however, since some of their number have related "visions" received, showing that the Sabbath is the first day of the week, and not the seventh. These people evidently are fulfilling Matt. 24:24. In the final consummation the test will not come out of what miracles one has wrought (Matt. 7:21-23), but rather upon keeping the truth. Isa. 26:1, 2. Let us therefore hold fast to the truth and be saved with the elect.

#### ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEETING.

A very harmonious meeting of the Natal-Transvaal Conference Committee has just closed, at which we appreciated the counsels and association of Pastor R. C. Porter. Several important matters were considered, and the decisions reached were briefly as follows:—

1. Dr. J. J. Bell and Pastor F. B. Armitage was elected to fill the places made vacant on the committee by the change in Doctor William's work, and the removal of Pastor D. C. Groenewald.

2. Brother E. M. Howard is invited to unite with the writer as tent-master during the next tent season in Johannesburg.

3. Brother F. Macdonald is to be given an assistant for the office, where the increasing work demands more help.

4. A health food department will be opened up in connection with the office.

5. It was decided that the conference, not having any old stock, is unable to furnish tracts free of charge, as some have requested.

6. That an additional 250 copies of *Ministry of Healing* be imported, to be sold by our nurses.

7. Three or four more persons are to be taken into the health institute to be trained as medical missionary nurses.

8. That probationers attending the health institute should pay their own travelling expenses.

9. Sister S. Fourie is to join the Johannesburg Mission as nurse, for six months.

10. The recommendation of the union conference committee to hold their next conference at Bloemfontein, and that we unite with them by holding ours at the same time, was accepted.

11. The donation of a horse and trap to the Johannesburg Mission, was endorsed and accepted.

12. Mrs. H. J. Edmed was appointed to supervise the conference correspondence and missionary department.

13. A fund is to be raised in our churches for the purpose of meeting the various emergencies that are now arising, to be called "The Religious Liberty, City Mission, and Emergency Fund."

HERBERT J. EDMED.

### Somabula Mission.

OUR school work is progressing fairly, we think, and the enrolment is now at sixty-three. It was up to sixty-five a few weeks ago. These figures constitute the record for the Somabula station only. The new huts are all comfortably filled, and the Walstons' are much relieved to get the girls into their new dormitory.

The boys are just finishing the floor in the new school-house and we will move in after our next vacation early in October. We shall be able to utilise the old building by putting in a couple of partitions so as to divide it up into an ironing room for the boys, also a store room and a work shop.

Two weeks ago Brother Walston sent us to visit one of the out-schools about fourteen miles from here on this reserve. We left on Thursday evening and returned on Sunday morning in time for school. There were over a hundred natives out to the Sabbath service which we held with them in their new school building. The new building is about 18 x 24 feet and was complete except the hardened floor and door and windows. The teachers, with the help of their school boys, have done the work, and as they would say in Australia it's "not too bad."

T. J. GIBSON.

### Words of Appreciation.

A PRIVATE letter from Brother and Sister E. C. Silsbee tells of what a pleasant trip they had from the Cape to Northwest Rhodesia. They were given a compartment to themselves all the way to Bulawayo.

They reflect with no little pleasure

## Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

### The Paper Work.

#### Cape Conference, for week ending September 9, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mrs. P. E. Frost,	East London,	Misc.,	23	5 6
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.,	24	12 0
Totals,	Agents, 2		47	17 6

### The Book Work.

#### Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending September 9, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company, Jo'burg,	Misc.		62½	29	9 8 6	1 6	9 10 0	8 15 6
I. A. Fourie, Maritzburg,	M. H.			37	13 17 6		13 17 6	16 10 0
S. Fourie,	"	M. H.		20	7 10 0		7 10 0	3 0 0
J. Strachan,	"	M. H.		5	1 17 6		1 17 6	15 0
T. G. Crouch, Pretoria,	D. R.		29¼	8	8 0 6		8 0 6	11 9 6
E. van der Molen,								
Waschbank,	D. R.		34	5	3 15 0	7 0	4 2 0	8 16 6
E. Enochson, Bethal,	P. P.		19	3	3 3 0		3 3 0	9 16 0
A. W. Tickton, Durban,	P. P.		10					7 13 6
H. Schmidt, Maritzburg,	B. R.		23	5	4 17 6		4 17 6	4 16 0
I. R. Armer, Pretoria,	H. W. L. I.		11½	7	1 2 6	15 6	1 18 0	1 4 6
Totals,	Agents, 10		189¼	119	£53 12 0	£1 4 0	£54 16 0	£72 16 6

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J. F. Terry, Kimberley,	C.O.S.		30	7	1 4 6	1 5 6	2 10 0	
P. E. Frost, East London,	H. M.		4	1	6 6		6 6	1 19 0
I. B. Burton, Mission								
Waggon,	Misc.			17	12 0 3	15 0	12 15 3	8 3 9
E. F. Pote, Uitenhage,	Misc.			153	18 9 6		18 9 6	18 9 6
Totals,	Agents, 4		34	188	£32 0 9	£2 0 6	£34 1 3	£28 12 3

on their short visit at the Cape. Before landing they fell to wondering how they were going to find their way about in a strange city alone, as they had been obliged to do in some of the cities of America. Great was their surprise to find so many of the brethren and sisters at the wharf to welcome them and show them around.

Their goods came through in first class shape, and they are settled and hard at work. Brother Silsbee has made one trip among the out-schools and was greatly pleased to see what could be accomplished by the establishment of schools on the industrial plan. The Lord has blessed and is continuing to bless as evidenced by the results.

Our new workers are impressed with the missionary spirit manifest in the workers on the mission station, and also with those whom they met at the Cape. May their impressions

continue and deepen as they become better acquainted with us. It is our privilege thus to be known.

### Something Refreshing.

REFRESHING reports still come from the periodical workers in the Johannesburg City Mission. The total hours put in for the week ending September 9th was 126. Total number papers sold, 1,284; and total value, £29 17s.; or an average for each worker of nine papers per hour at a value of 4s. 5d. Surely the Lord is marvellously blessing these faithful labourers, and may the seeds of truth spring up and bear fruit unto eternal life.

Should not such reports encourage all our people to greater activity in the Lord's cause? Dear reader, will you not join in this good and successful means of giving the last warning message to the world?

G. H. CLARK.

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**Our Magazines.**

THE Lord is greatly blessing the sale of our magazines in different countries. One lady in America sold 370 copies in a city's business offices in 360 minutes. It has been demonstrated that they will sell in South Africa. These journals deal with current events in the light of the message, and thus bring "present truth" prominently before the people. The new *Signs* which is now in the hands of the workers meets the Sunday observance issue in this country, its first and last article being devoted to the evils of religious legislation.

A systematic effort is on foot to secure Sunday legislation in the coming Union Parliament, and members are being pledged to support the measure. Now is our time to give the warning; soon it will be too late. Every church and every Sabbath-keeper should be helping to circulate the *Signs*. Send to the office for at least a few copies, and give it a trial. Angels will co-operate with your efforts.

I would be glad to hear from any individual who desires to assist in this enterprise. But in the meantime send 1s., 2s., or 3s. to the office for papers, and satisfy yourself that they can be sold. Then you will be ready for a larger supply.

I would suggest that the Cape Conference place a copy of this magazine in the hands of every member of the Union Parliament within its borders, and that the Natal-Transvaal Conference do the same for the members in their territory, accompanied by an appropriate letter. Fourth Sabbath donations may be used for this purpose.

Let us do something, and do it now. I shall be glad to hear from

those who are selling papers in the Cape Conference, and from others who desire to do so.

I. J. HANKINS.

**Amatola Basin.**

JUST a few lines to let the readers of the MISSIONARY know of our glorious meeting with the people here. We find them hungry for the truth of God. We are of good courage and believe and know that this is the right way to teach the native people—going from kraal to kraal with the waggon. O that we had fifty in place of one! We are looking forward to the time when there will be more of this work done.

Satan is not at all pleased with this kind of work, for he sees what can be accomplished by it. To-day he actually tried to kill poor old Moko by starting the oxen on a stampede down hill to the river. Brother Moko jumped out to turn them and was thrown under the waggon and two wheels passed over his legs. Fortunately no bones were broken, but the dear old man will not be able to do much for some time.

Brethren, pray for us that God may bless this work, and that Moko may soon be restored and able to go about his work again.

I. B. BURTON.

**Our Orphans.**

IT has been the custom for some time to take up one or more offerings each year for the benefit of our orphan children. Since we have no regular orphanage, provision has been made to care for some of these needy ones in Union College. The college has been providing for some this year as usual, and as it is in need of funds to meet its operating expenses, the union conference committee have advised that October 15th be set apart as the day when a special offering be taken in all of the churches throughout the union for this purpose. We earnestly request that the church

officers in every church make a special announcement regarding the collection on the Sabbath previous to the time appointed. Let all scattered Sabbath-keepers send in their contributions also. Let us have a generous offering.

R. C. PORTER.

**Notes.**

—BROTHER E. T. BOWEN sends us a timely article. Do not pass it by with a hasty reading.

—Pastor R. C. Porter arrived at the Cape on the evening of the 22nd, after an absence of about six weeks.

—Measles are the order of the day at both the Solusi and Barotseland Missions. One case of pneumonia resulted in death at the Barotseland Mission.

—Brother G. A. Ellingworth will sail for Nyasaland on the 29th inst. He left the Maranatha Mission on the 23rd, and is spending the few days that intervene in bidding his friends farewell. Let us not forget to remember Brother Ellingworth when we pray that God will bless and prosper him spiritually and physically as he goes to his new field of labour, and make him a blessing in that dark corner of the vineyard.

—A wire from Pastor Sturdevant on the 19th brings the long-looked-for report that the Government has given a grant of land for a new mission station near Mtali, in Mashonaland. We are not sure as to the amount of land received, but sufficient for a self-supporting station. Elder Sturdevant will give us a full description of this mission-to-be, and also the time of his leaving Solusi. In this opening we can see the hand of God urging us onward, and may we all be as ready and as willing to enter these openings as Elder Sturdevant and wife are to move onward at this time.

"DUTY makes us do things well; but love makes us do them beautifully."