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

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When the Saviour Shall Come.

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WHEN the Saviour shall come, Oh my
brother.

All the want, and the sorrow, and care
Will pass, and no more be remembered,
In the home of the saved, over there.
There's a hope that's beyond every other,
And it whispers of heaven and home,
I am waiting the time, Oh my brother,
The time when the Saviour shall come.

Earth's by-ways are thorny and dreary,
And life's burdens—we've carried them
long,
But we think, when we're friendless and
weary,

Of the home—land of light and of song.
We lift up our hearts to our Father,
For grace to endure and be strong,
But we long for the time, Oh my brother,
The time, when the Saviour shall come.

Sometime there'll be rest for the weary,
And sometime the burdens will fall,
And the paths where we've toiled, and
grown weary,

Will not be remembered at all,
The joy that out-weighs every other,
Is the rapture of heaven and home,
I long for the time, Oh my brother,
The time when the Saviour shall come.

It Is Stealing Upon Us.

THE thought to be kept before students is that time is short, and that they must make speedy preparation for doing the work that is essential for this time. Every man, in and through the grace given him of God, is to do the work, not depending upon his human earnestness or ability; for God can remove human ability in a moment. Let each one, in the strength of the living Saviour, who to-day is our Advocate in the

courts of heaven, strive to do the will of God.

I am bidden to say to you that you know not how soon the crisis may come. It is stealing gradually upon us as a thief. The sun shines in the heavens, passing over its usual round, and the heavens still declare the glory of God; men are still pursuing their usual course of eating and drinking, planting and building, marrying and giving in marriage; merchants are still engaged in buying and selling; publications are still issuing one upon another, seeking the highest place; pleasure-lovers are still attending theatres, horse-races, gambling hells, and the highest excitement prevails; yet probation's hour is fast closing, and every case is about to be eternally decided. There are few who believe with heart and soul that we have a heaven to win and a hell to shun; but these few show their faith by their works. The signs of Christ's coming are fast fulfilling. Satan sees that he has but a short time in which to work, and he has set his satanic agencies at work to stir the elements of the world, in order that men may be deceived, deluded, and kept occupied and entranced until the day of probation shall be ended, and the door be forever shut.

The kingdoms of this world have not yet become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. Do not deceive yourselves; be wide-awake, and move rapidly, for the night cometh in which no man can work. . . .
—Mrs. E. G. White.

The Emmanuel Mission.

EARLY Sunday morning Pastors Hyatt, Emmerson, and the writer started from Kolo to the North Basutoland Mission. As we wished to strengthen our team, two Basuto ponies, which had been broken to the saddle but not to the harness, were added to our team for leaders. It was not long until they were travelling off as pleasantly as if they were well broken.

About 5 p. m. we reached Ladybrand, where we stopped for the night. We soon learned of “wonderful manifestations of the spirit” in the so-called Apostolic Faith meetings which were in progress in the town. We met one of our sisters who explained to us that they were having visions, speaking with tongues, and that in a vision they had been instructed to keep the seventh day Sabbath. They were also instructed by the spirit to bear the testimony to their brethren in Johannesburg that they must obey the command of God and keep the seventh day Sabbath. As Pastor Edmed has reported, one of their Johannesburg prophets soon after had a vision in which he said he was instructed to say that it was not necessary to keep the seventh day Sabbath.

Upon inquiring we learned that in vision sympathy with the Battle Creek apostasy was reproved. Some of our own people were even led to wonder if this was not the long promised “latter rain.” We enquired whether the eyes of the one in vision were closed or open. The answer was

that the eyes were always closed. We replied that is the mark of the devil's counterfeit. We learned later that the pretended spirits of the dead were caused to come with communications to those under the spirit.

They had the gift of tongues but it was only that kind that "peep and mutter" like frogs, against which both Isaiah and Paul bear emphatic warning. They also set time for the second coming of Christ. These questions will be considered in the next two issues of the *Sentinel* under the title "Miracles versus Miracles."

After a short interview those of our people who had questioned as to whether this was the genuine or the counterfeit, saw clearly the true nature of the manifestations, and we went on our way.

The next day the wind blew a gale. Sometimes it was with difficulty that we could see the horses in the lead on account of the blowing sand. We were glad when, with the coming of the evening, the wind abated. We were very hospitably entertained in the evening by a miller, without cost.

At the Mission.

On reaching the mission about noon we were welcomed by Brother and Sister Olmstead. We found their little babe in a very critical state of health. Since then Sister Olmstead has taken it to the Plumstead Sanitarium where it is gradually improving.

After dinner we looked over the mission campus. The central portion of the ground had been planted to orchard and fenced. There is a never failing spring of good water on the place, and the land slopes from the sun so it is a favourable place for fruit. It is Brother Olmstead's plan to give his attention to fruit and vegetable growing rather than to general farming or to dairying as a means of support to the mission school. The location and surroundings seem favourable to this work.

We called upon Chief Johathan and had a very pleasant interview with him. He said that he was glad

to see "grey hairs" back of our mission. He said the young men were good but he had more confidence in it now that he could see older men back of it, and he assured us that he would do all he could to assist the work of the mission. We were well pleased with the hearty co-operation which the chief manifested in our work, and we shall expect his continual support.

The school, under the direction of Brother Murry, had about fifty students in attendance when we were there. We held one meeting which was attended by the headmen, and about one hundred and fifty people. They seemed greatly pleased with the mission school and we were assured of their co-operation. We felt confident as we left the mission that it was starting on a prosperous career. Brother Olmstead will start a campaign of evangelistic and literature work as soon as possible.

R. C. PORTER.

Report from Pastor H. J. Edmed.

THROUGH the resistless energy of Brother E. M. Howard, and the benevolent disposition of our brethren, the Johannesburg Mission home is now provided with a much needed horse and trap, which has been donated by subscription to the Natal-Transvaal Conference for city-mission purposes. In this great city, with our rush of work, and heavy expense for travelling and cartage, this vehicle will prove a great boon, and we take this opportunity of thanking our friends by whose thoughtfulness this comfort is added to us.

I left the Maritzburg flock on Saturday last, and enjoyed the companionship of Brother O. O. Fortner, and Sister Fourie, to Johannesburg. The visit of Pastor Porter and myself has seemed a blessing, and we are grateful to God that the work in Natal is advancing steadily. We assisted Brother Macdonald in taking stock, and can report that his work in the office is eminently satisfactory.

During my absence, the city mission company have done exceedingly well, having disposed of 2,412 magazines, and 122 books during September. Another of Sister Strachan's readers has accepted the truth with her family. Mrs. Edmed visited the Krugersdorp company and organised a missionary society with a membership of seven. A club of 60 *Sentinels*, and 12 *Good Healths* was subscribed for monthly, and some of the members have commenced systematic house-to-house work with tracts and Bible Teacher Series.

Pastor W. H. Haupt finds much interest among his readers, and one gentleman and his wife have already embraced the truth. This gentleman assisted us much at our last camp-meeting, and became interested through the labours of Brother Howard.

Brother Crouch reports a severe conflict in his canvassing work at Pretoria. Yet the Lord has helped him. The prejudice and opposition is strong. He met a lady who purchased a copy of *Daniel and Revelation* fifteen years ago in Kimberley, and became interested in the Sabbath question. Her husband wrote to our English office for more light on the question, but it failed to come, and they have been waiting for the Lord to bring them in contact with others who could enlighten them. This may emphasise the importance of having our local tract societies' address subscribed to all our books. Doctor van Wyk has also invited Brother Crouch to his house to study the second advent question with him.

An interesting letter from Sister van der Molen shows that the Lord is working in Heidelberg, where two families have begun to keep the Sabbath as a result of books sold to them. Quite a stir was recently made by a German pastor and his son, who have charge of a large and prosperous native Presbyterian Church in that town; announcing that the Seventh-day Sabbath is according to Scripture.

Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

The Paper Work.

Cape Conference, for week ending September 23, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mrs. P. E. Frost,	East London,	Misc.	45	1 2 6
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.	34	17 0
Mrs. M. E. Smith,	Claremont,	Sentinel,	30	2 6
		Good Health,	23	3 10
		Life and Health,	3	1 6
		S. A. Signs,	9	4 6
		Cook Books,	10	1 8
Totals, Agents, 3			154	2 13 6

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending September 23, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
E. Enochson,	Boksburg,	P. P.	26	9	7 19 0		7 19 0	
I. R. Armer,	Pretoria,	H.W.L.L.	10½	6	1 17 0	5 6	2 2 6	6 0
T. G. Crouch,	Pretoria,	D. R.	25	12	12 12 0		12 12 0	7 0
E. van der Molen,	Heidelberg,	D. R.	20			12 6	12 6	1 12 0
Totals, Agents, 4			81½	27	£22 8 0	18 0	£23 6 0	£2 5 6

Cape Conference, for week ending September 23, 1910.

J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	C.O.S.	15	6	1 1 0	12 0	1 13 0	1 6 6
P. E. Frost,	East London,	H. M.	3	2	13 0		13 0	13 0
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.	6	4	1 6 0		1 6 0	1 7 6
Totals, Agents, 3			24	12	£3 0 0	12 0	£3 12 0	£3 7 0

“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.]

Amount previously	
acknowledged,	£51 15 0
Miss Louisa Wessels,	2 0 0
The Coloured Brethren	
at Bethal (Transvaal),	2 0
Total,	£53 17 0

All those who have given pledges, and all others who still wish to join in completing the *Wachter* fund for next year, are requested to now send in their subscriptions and gifts either to the treasurer of the union conference, or to the undersigned.

HUBERTUS ELFFERS.

Old Canvassers Take Notice.

A FEW days ago there was sent to me several testimonials for *Patriarchs and Prophets*. I consider these to be very valuable to those who are handling this book. If any of you are in possession of testimonials for any of our large books, however old they may be, will you kindly forward them to me, that I may make copies of them for the use of our canvassers

who are now, or may be later, handling the book for which the testimonials were given? I will return the originals if you so desire.

G. H. CLARK,

“Wynnnton,”
Selous Road,
Claremont, C. C.

All Paper Workers Please Take Notice.

AT the union conference committee meeting held last August, I was released from having charge of the paper work, and Pastor I. J. Hankins, Rosmead Avenue, Claremont, C. C., was chosen by the Cape Conference to take charge of the work here; and at the Natal-Transvaal committee meeting, recently held in Maritzburg, Mrs. H. J. Edmed was elected to have charge of the paper work in that conference. Her address is Stafford House, First Street, Bezuidenhout Valley, Johannesburg. You are hereby requested

to send all reports and all other business pertaining to the paper work, to the above named persons. My earnest prayers and all possible help will still be given to you and your work. May the day soon come when the printed page will be scattered like the leaves of autumn over this great land.

G. H. CLARK.

Restore the Pledge.

AT the last annual conference several members made pledges for the relief of some very needy branches of the work. We are glad to say that most of these pledges have been honourably discharged, but some still linger on. We would earnestly plead for a settlement of these pledges without delay, and take this opportunity of thanking those who have already redeemed theirs. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

F. MACDONALD.

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Union College Notes.

THE last quarter of this school year is well on its way and these closing days are days of hard work for students and teachers.

After a long rainy winter, the bright spring days are indeed appreciated by all. With the coming of spring, garden making becomes the order of the day. Our garden is nearly planted and is looking well.

A live interest is being shown in the canvasser's institute which has just opened under the direction of Brother Clark. We trust that this interest may so increase that we may see fruit of the institute in that a number may go out this summer and put into practice in active field work some of the things they have learned the past year.

Our Young Men's Seminar which has been doing good work throughout the year is now beginning to take on a very practical phase. Moved by the desire to help spread the message our young men have laid plans to hold some street meetings in the suburbs of Cape Town the remainder of the school year. The first of these was held Saturday night, October 1, at which three of our young men spoke on the "Coming of the Lord." Thus the young men are gaining an experience while in training, and at the same time scattering seeds of truth. Eternity alone will reveal the results.

Our chorus class which has been under the direction of Dr. Barrow-Dowling, has been working on a short sacred cantata which will be rendered Thursday, Oct. 27. Marked improvement is noted in the singing since this class began its work.

A steady growth has continued throughout the year in our enrol-

ment, not only in the number of boarding students, but day scholars as well. We have a good number of children not of our faith, especially in the primary and kindergarten rooms.

During the past week many letters have been sent out by students and teachers in an endeavour to raise some funds to assist in building up a small laboratory for the science classes of the school. There is great need of these facilities, as at present we have very little and are thus handicapped in our work. We trust if you have received one of these letters you will give it your careful consideration, and if you have not received one that you will not feel debarred from the privilege of donating to this practical cause. Address all remittances to Treasurer, Union College School, Kenilworth, Cape.

The Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers gave its last open meeting for this year last Sabbath. The subject was the life of Moses and was indeed interesting and helpful. The society, under the leadership of Sister Hankins, has been doing good work.

Already we are receiving letters from those who are looking forward to entering school at its opening next year. It is not too early to begin to lay plans to this end. It is wonderful how God works to make possible what seems to us impossible when we place ourselves in the place where He can work for us, and we pray earnestly for Him to open ways before us.

C. P. CRAGER.

Notes.

—SISTER M. E. EMMERSON and baby Melvin are enjoying a few days' vacation at Bloemfontein.

—Please bear in mind that the 15th is the date set for remembering in a practical, tangible way, our orphans.

—Through a personal letter we learn that Pastor and Sister Williams are leaving Grahamstown for a short visit to the Port Elizabeth Church.

—On Sabbath, October 1st, there was a consecration service held at the Claremont Sabbath-school, the regular programme being dispensed with.

—Professor H. Elffers left the 6th inst. for a few days' vacation at Beaufort West, C. C. His health is such that his friends insisted on his taking a much needed rest.

—The Emmanuel Mission opened its school a short time since, and already it has forty-eight in the day school, and fifteen in the night school. Brother Olmstead has an assistant teacher.

—One hundred and thirty-five Bibles and Testaments have just been sent the Somabula Mission. Pastor Walston says they are selling many other books as well. Five hundred of the Zulu Bible readings had just arrived.

—An encouraging letter was received from Sister Fannie Bourne, one of our scattered Sabbath-keepers. The letter was accompanied by her yearly tithes. "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much."

—Here is a sample of Doctor Thomason's work for one day: Thirty-four calls last Friday in addition to the work in the sanitarium. We can understand better now why the doctor is anxious for his assistant to arrive. Doctor Williams is expected the last of the present month.

—Mention was made last week that the first carload of books ever shipped was shipped by our people from Nashville, Tenn., U. S. A., into Fort Worth, Texas. Since that carload was shipped it has been found necessary to order a second carload. The shipments called for seventeen thousand one hundred books valued at £9,000, and all containing the third angel's message.

EVERY experience is a key to be used for others.—Margaret Bottome.