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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 Missionary's Call.

MY soul is not at rest. There comes a
strange
And secret whisper to my spirit like a dream
of night,
That tells me I am on enchanted ground.
The voice of my departed Lord, "Go teach
all nations,"
Comes on the night air, and awakes mine
ear.
Why live I here? The vows of God are on
me,
And I may not stop to play with shadows,
Or pluck earthly flowers till I my work have
done,
And rendered up account.

And I will go.

I may no longer doubt to give up friends,
and idle hopes,
And every tie that binds my heart to thee,
My Country.
Henceforth, then, it matters not if storm
or sunshine
Be my earthly lot; bitter or sweet my cup;
I only pray, "God make me holy, and my
spirit nerve
For the stern hour of strife."
And when I come to stretch me for the last,
In unattended agony beneath the cocoa's
shade,
It will be sweet that I have toiled for other
worlds than this.
And through ages of eternal years
My spirit shall never repent
That toil and suffering once were mine be-
low. —Selected.

Wilgehoek and Natal-Transvaal Conference.

AFTER we returned from the trip
through Basutoland, Pastors Hyatt,
Williams, and the writer, visited the
church at Wilgehoek. We spent a
few days with this church very
pleasantly and profitably for the work.
Some of the brethren and sisters

came over from Heisterbach, and to-
gether we studied some vital ques-
tions with reference to the "latter
rain." The instruction was well re-
ceived and all seemed to be strength-
ened for the work as the result. As
Brother Venter is a member of the
Cape Conference Committee we spent
some time each day in committee
councils.

The church-school, that is being
taught by Sister V. Sutherland, is in
a very prosperous condition. The
educational inspector has given her
work an excellent recommendation
in his report to the department of
education. We were much pleased
with the way in which she is hand-
ling the work.

At the close of the meetings with
this church, Pastor Williams went
to Ladysbrand to assist Brother Ben
Groenewald in work which had taken
a peculiar shape so that he wished
the help of one of experience for a
time. There is a good interest there
which should, by careful handling,
bring some into the truth.

Pastor Hyatt returned to the
Maranatha Mission. It was at no
little sacrifice to the work of the
mission that he accompanied me on
the Basutoland trip. His labour and
counsel in that field was very valua-
ble and greatly appreciated both by
the mission superintendents, and the
writer. We very much enjoyed the
association with our fellow workers,
and the mission superintendents, and
the churches in the O. F. S.

After parting with the brethren
and sisters at Wilgehoek, I joined
Pastor Edmed and the Natal Con-

ference Committee in Maritzburg.
The committee had a most pleasant
and harmonious meeting. There
was an earnest spirit of seeking wis-
dom from God for guidance in laying
plans for the advancement of His
work. Meetings were held with the
church during our stay which were
much appreciated. The Maritzburg
and Sweetwaters members are very
loyal and devoted to the interests of
the work of the message. Any call
for means for the advancement of
any line of the work always meets
with a hearty response on the part
of the brethren and sisters of these
places. When I see how much is
given annually by this little handful
of earnest souls I wish that every
church in the entire field would take
up the work with as much interest as
they are doing. All are doing some-
thing throughout our churches but
may we not greatly increase the
volume of the work by each doing
his best?

Our visit here brought us in touch
with Dr. J. J. Bell and his faithful
associates in the institute work. The
financial increase during the past
quarter indicates an increasing pat-
ronage. We were very hospitably
entertained at the institute while in
Maritzburg. We expect to see in-
creasing prosperity attend the work
for the future.

Enroute to Durban we spent a few
hours at the pleasant home of Brother
and Sister Johnson, of Hill Crest.
As we talked of the onward march
of the message we spent the time
looking about the farm. It revived
memories of earlier days to be out

among the fruit trees, the fowls, bees, and the garden. Brother and Sister Johnson came the next day to Durban, where we held meetings over Sabbath and Sunday. The "baths" at Hydro Bellair and at Durban are well patronised.

We were greatly refreshed as the spirit of union came in to witness how the sweet spirit of God came to seal the work that was well begun. Since Pastor Edmed has reported the meetings of the committee and with the churches I will not write more.

Our labour together and our association with the Natal Conference Committee and with Pastor Armitage, from the Zulu Mission, was very enjoyable. The bond that unites us in the Master's work is stronger as the result.

R. C. PORTER.

Johannesburg.

I HAVE just spent a very pleasant week-end with the Pretoria company, having been kindly entertained by Brother and Sister T. G. Crouch. On the evening of my arrival, Brother Crouch took me to fill a Bible study appointment with one of the leading doctors of Pretoria, the capital city, whose family have become interested in the message through Brother Crouch's labours. The subject asked for was, The Sanctuary and Twenty-three Hundred Days. We spent two hours in a study that was greatly appreciated. On Sunday evening we were invited to visit an officer of the Salvation Army, who with his wife has also been investigating the message. They asked for a study of the Sabbath question, which we were delighted to give, and we believe in both these cases it will not be long before they will step out on the side of truth. We regretted that we could not hold a meeting with a number of families whom Brother Crouch has succeeded in interesting in the truth, but we were much gratified to find our canvassing brother connecting Bible studies with his other work.

Brother Crouch thinks if we could place a Bible worker in Pretoria, a good harvest of souls awaits us; although there is a very strong and active warfare being waged against Brother Crouch's work. A man of Brother Crouch's calibre, however, is not easily frightened, and the Lord has thus far enabled him to turn many seeming defeats into signal victory.

The meetings on Sabbath and Sunday were very representative, and the good Spirit of God came very near to us all. The quarterly meeting was held, and the testimonies borne were of a character that reveals growth and loyalty.

The business meeting held on Sunday was a very encouraging one. In response to our appeal, 150 copies of the special Pageant number of the *Sentinel* were ordered, and plans were made to increase and improve the missionary influence of the church. The librarian's report gave two dozen *Signs*, fifty *Sentinels*, one dozen *Wachters*, and six packets of *Bible Teacher Series* distributed and sold. They had visited the local asylum, and had a cash balance of 6s. 4d. It was decided that the fourth Sabbath's collection should be applied to this work. The tithes paid to the local church treasurer (excluding some that had been paid to the office) amounted to £14 11s. 2d.; First Day Offerings, 7s. 3d.; and Sabbath-school Offerings, 14s. 10d. The sum of 2s. 11d., Sabbath-school expenses, was subscribed at this meeting, leaving all the offerings to the missions. This company is but a small one, but has every reason to be encouraged with its standing and prospects.

Our visit was saddened somewhat by the sudden and severe illness of Brother Crouch's little boy, but prayer was offered and answered, and when we left this morning the little fellow was out to say "good-bye."

Nurse (Susie) Fourie has joined our city mission company for six months. We regret to report that Brother and Sister Howard have been

incapacitated from work owing to Brother Howard's severe illness for two weeks. There are now signs of improvement, and we trust Brother Howard will soon be in the harness again.

H. J. EDMED.

"Union-Pageant" Sentinel.

THE following are some of the articles in the November *Sentinel*: Our "Ship of State"—My Library of Sixty-Six Books—The Ancient Hope, by George Müller—Infinite Love, by Mrs. E. G. White—Propositions to be Considered by the Church and the State—Union in South Africa—A Rest Day for Working Men—Is Satan Dead or Living? poetry—Importance of His Coming, by Moody—Social Wine Drinking—Let Us be Kind, etc., etc.

These are short articles, giving a favourable introduction to the *Sentinel*; for we hope during "Pageant week" to place it in the hands of many who have never seen it before. It strikes fairly the question of religious and Sunday legislation, and should be placed in the hands of members of the Union Parliament at once.

There are more illustrations than have ever before appeared in one issue of the *Sentinel*. These are principally historical, such as The Landing of the British Settlers, Early Pretoria, Early Bloemfontein, Cape Town Castle in 1800, Vasco da Gama, David Livingstone, C. J. Rhodes at the Matoppos, etc. These illustrations will greatly aid in selling the paper. The "Union-Pageant" number will contain a cover, but will still sell at the coast towns for a penny. Kimberley and Johannesburg will have no trouble in selling it for three pence. We are printing 5,000 of this special issue. Let churches and individuals send in their orders at once. Surely you will want an extra supply of this number. Terms same as before.

I. J. HANKINS.

Sabbath-School Work.

Report of Sabbath-Schools for Quarter Ending June 31, 1910

CAPE COLONY CONFERENCE.			
SCHOOL	MEMBERSHIP	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	DONATIONS TO MISSIONS
Claremont,	78	68	£5 18 11
Cape Town,	49	30	2 6 8
Chicago,	22	11	10 0
Beaconsfield	28	23	3 1 11
Heisterbach,	11	11	1 5 7
Port Elizabeth,	15	10	2 14 2
Parow,	29	20	16 4
Salt River,	18	14	17 3
Uitenhage,	24	20	
Wilgelhoek,	14	13	18 6
Worcester,	10	9	1 5 6
Rokeby Park,	17	13	3 11 7
Grahamstown,	30	27	3 16 0
Rustica,	46	27	3 9 3
Grootkop,	13	12	1 3 0
Cradock,	3	3	7 9
Bloemfontein,	13	13	1 0 4
Fauresmith,	1	1	3 6
Bredasdorp,	3	3	3 2
Zoudendal,	5	5	10 0
Komgha,	8	8	1 13 8
Muiskraal,	2	2	
Gladstone,	5	5	10 0
Tweespruit,	12	14	5 0
Content,	10	10	2 6 10
Bethlehem,	2	2	
Molteno,	2	2	1 0 0
Totals,	470	370	£39 14 11

NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE.

Jeppestown,	68	49	8 6 0
Pietermaritzburg,	22	19	3 16 0
Durban,	22	16	3 1 0
Sweetwaters,	9	9	4 1 3
Bethal,	17	13	17 0
Krugersdorp,	16	14	2 10 6
La Rochelle,	12	11	19 0
Hlobane,	9	9	2 0 0
Heidelberg,	5	4	14 0
Klerksdorp,	7	6	1 1 0
Home Department,	1	1	6 0
Totals,	188	151	£27 11 0

MISSIONS.

Solusi,	129	112	2 4 3
Somabula,	95	93	17 0
Mkapavula,			13 6
Malanulo,	537	482	
Barotseland,			
Maranatha,			
Kolo, Basatoland,			
Totals	761	687	£3 14 0

MRS. A. P. TARR,
S. S. Sec., S. A. U. C.

Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending September 30, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
N. Health Institute,	Maritzburg,	Misc.	148	1 11 1
E. van der Molen,	Heidelberg,	S. A. Signs,	4	2 0
Mrs. Armer,	Pretoria,	Misc.	68	1 3 6
E. Hodgkin,	Johannesburg,	"	41	1 0 6
C. de Man,	"	"	61	1 2 9
C. Dixie,	"	"	111	2 15 6
M. E. Howard,	"	"	132	2 18 6
S. Haupt,	"	"	51	1 5 6
Totals,	Agents, 8		616	£11 19 4

Cape Conference, for week ending September 30, 1910.

Mrs. P. E. Frost,	East London,	Misc.	8	3 10
Mrs. M. E. Smith,	Claremont,	Sentinel,	38	3 2
		S. A. Signs,	13	6 6
		Good Health,	1	2
Totals,	Agents, 2		60	13 8

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending September 30, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEP'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	Misc.	147	105	40 3 6 3 3 0	43 6 6	3 14 6	
H. Schmidt,	Maritzburg,	B. R.	27	6	5 10 0	5 10 0		
E. Enochson,	Vogelf'n't'n,	P. P.	22	10	9 15 0	9 15 0		
Totals,	Agents, 3		196	121	£55 8 6 £3 3 0	£58 11 6	£3 14 6	

Cape Conference, for week ending September 30, 1910.

P. E. Frost,	East London,	H. M.	22	4	3 0 0	6 6	3 6 6	3 18 0
G. W. Shone,	Rouxville,	Misc.		40	10 6 0		10 6 0	10 6 0
Little Waggon Company,	Amatole Basin,	C. K.		8	3 7 3		3 7 3	3 7 3
Totals,	Agents, 3		22	52	£16 13 3	6 6	£16 19 9	£17 11 3

Do It Now.

THIS is the motto prominently posted in the printing office of the Avondale School Printing Plant. It is the motto of that school, and in general of the Australian Union Conference. It is a good motto and I wish to suggest it for this union.

The Union College is soon to close its year's work. It will have no income with which to meet bills during vacation. It must therefore pay its bills now. Some have not yet paid in all that is due the college, and the money is greatly needed now. It is imperative that every one owing the college pay all dues at once. The best time that you will ever have is now.

In fact the *do it now* policy is the only safe policy. The canvasser that

follows this policy will always keep up his accounts at the office, and this will enable the office to keep up its payments with the publishers. The paper sellers who follow this plan will pay for papers at once, and so will never run behind with their personal accounts. They thus save themselves many perplexities. It is a great annoyance to be harrassed with debt. It is difficult to pay the debts after the money is spent. The only safe plan is to pay the money over before it is spent.

Let us adopt this policy as conferences, as missions, as institutions, and personally, and so avoid debt as we would the leprosy.

When the money comes into our churches on the orphan collection, please pass it in at once. It is much needed. *Do it now.*

R. C. PORTER.

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"A Good Report Maketh the Bones Fat."

WE are glad to give a good report of our local tract societies in the Cape Colony Conference. At the beginning of the year every local society in the conference but one was in debt to the International Tract Society all the way up to £16. ("Rustica" never gets in debt, but pays cash for supplies.) As this was not a favourable condition for active missionary work, some influence has been brought to bear to get out of this condition, and we can now report progress. Uitenhage, Port Elizabeth, Parow, Salt River, Beaconsfield, and Cape Town, will, it is expected, sing the song of jubilee this month. Some of them are out of debt already.

Every day, almost, come reports of new victories. Cape Town came out on the right side this morning. Beaconsfield had a large sum to meet, but have just reported the victory. Now there are a few more societies that it would rejoice our hearts to hear from; but freedom from debt is in the air, and soon we hope to see every society in the conference free from debt, and having a credit here at the office on which they can draw publications as needed.

Let the good work go on! Issues are likely to come up when publications will be needed for use, so it is well to have a credit to draw on.

J. V. WILLSON, *Secretary.*

Canvassers' Letters.

E. ENOCHSON,—A German lady who had bought a copy of *Great Controversy* from me more than a year ago, has just returned from Germany

where she went about eleven months ago. She had left the book there with a friend. But she is so pleased with the book that she intends to buy another. She gave me an order for *Patriarchs and Prophets*.

Two or three young men who have purchased books from me are lay preachers, and one at least makes use of the book in his work.

J. F. TERRY,—The other day I called on a Dutch family and found the husband sick in bed. I prayed with them and had a good talk, and the very next house I called at, the lady gave me an order for seven *Christ's Object Lessons*, so you see the time I lost canvassing at the home of the sick man, the Lord made up at the very next call.

The Lord does truly work wonderfully with those who endeavour to sow beside all waters.

Is This Your Church?

DIED,—In Laodicea, the PRAYER-MEETING, aged one year.

The health of this meeting was poor most of the year, and its life was despaired of. But anxious friends kept it alive, and sometimes it would so revive as to encourage them. Discouragement however, at last prevailed, and the meeting died. It died from neglect. Not a Christian was present when it died. Over forty were living within a mile of it, and not one was there. Had two only been there, its life might have been saved; for where two are agreed as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them. Two-thirds of the forty might have been there, had they been so disposed, but they were not, and the prayer-meeting died.—*Australian Missionary Programme.*

Notes.

—Doctor Williams is expected Sunday, October 30th, on the Durham Castle from England.

—Pastor R. C. Porter is giving

some morning talks to the students in the college on Preparation for Missionary Work.

—Brother G. H. Clark still continues his work in the college. He has a large and enthusiastic class taking the drill. They meet twice each day, morning and evening. The Lord is giving a number the desire to work for Him during the vacation.

—The first of the articles mentioned last week by Brother Porter, "Miracles versus Miracles," to appear in the November *Sentinel*, will necessarily have to wait till December. Our illustrations have taken so much room, that our longer contributions must wait. They will keep.—*I. J. Hankins.*

—Pastor and Sister Rogers are working to get things in shape to welcome Brother Ellingworth. A letter written the 18th of September had just brought to them the word that he was coming. They were very much pleased, and to use Pastor Roger's own words, he says: "You may rest assured that he will be appreciated."

Scattering Precious Seed.

AS THERE was quite a quantity of periodicals accumulating on the shelves here at the depository at Cape Town, we wrote to a number of hospitals, the Seaman's Home, military camps, etc., asking if they would like some magazines to use. I received encouraging replies from quite a number, but some wished sample copies before replying. Two of them after receiving the sample copies, declined to accept of the offer, but the others were glad to get them. After they had been received and read, we received some very encouraging letters telling how pleased they were with the papers and asking for more. It seems so much better to have our papers out doing some good, rather than lying idle on the shelves.

J. V. WILLSON.