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

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Collection For City Work.

"BEHOLD the cities, and their need of the gospel!" These words are found in a recent message from God to this people. If we should obey them, we would see that it is in the cities of our land that Satan is gaining his strongest ground. "The pleasures of sin" abound. Vice lifts its advertisements on every hoarding, while the banner of avarice and pride floats upon every miasma of abounding iniquity. Spiritual darkness hangs like angry, portentous clouds over every citadel that the gospel of Christ should hold. Jeremiah viewed the situation and cried, "My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace." Habakkuk heard of this situation, and cried, "I heard! Then did my bowels tremble; at the report—my lips quivered; putrefaction entered into my bones, and I trembled within myself!"

When Joel watched the judgments of God that were fast destroying the cities and lands because of their sins, he cried, "Alas, alas, alas for the day! Gird yourselves in sackcloth, and lament, O ye priests! Bewail, O ye ministers of the altar!" (Spurrell's translation). Again a later letter says, "O that we might see the needs of these cities as God sees them! At such a time as this, every hand is to be employed. . . In a little while we shall be unable to work with the freedom that we now enjoy. Terrible scenes are before us, and what we do we must do

quickly. . . . Shall we not manifest an interest to set in operation ways and means for the opening up of city work?"

The experience of the past few months has taught the writer that city work cannot be done in a corner. It has also taught us that God is waiting to be gracious to us when we take hold of this work in real earnest. The self-sacrificing workers, who have daily worked in faith in Johannesburg, have been wonderfully blessed of God. This year, they have sold over 16,000 magazines at 6d., and over 1,000 books; and the sales do not weaken with time, for this month this conference shows a record sale, reaching over 3,000 magazines in two weeks. For months we have had no public meetings in this city for want of funds to meet the initial expenses. But we believe that our readers will respond to the call that has been made, and will place hundreds of pounds in the treasury to assist this work, and to provide our conferences with a substantial "City Mission, Religious Liberty, and Emergency Fund." Date for collection, Nov. 12.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

Missionary Volunteers.

"THOSE who really possess the religion of Jesus will not be ashamed nor afraid to bear the cross before those who have more experience than they. They will, if they earnestly long to be right, desire all the help they can get from older Christians; gladly will they be helped by them.

Hearts that are warmed by love to God will not be hindered by trifles in the Christian course. They will talk out what the Spirit of God works in. They will sing it out, pray it out. It is the lack of religion, lack of holy living, that makes the youth backward. Their lives condemn them. They know they do not live as Christians should, therefore they have no confidence toward God, or before the church."

From the above, lack of experience gives no excuse for idleness. Take an example: As soon as the woman of Samaria knew Jesus, she went to her friends. She "left her water-pot." You will notice that which had been uppermost in her mind *was forgotten*. Her entire thought had been drawing water; but the apparently most important thought sank into oblivion when Jesus came.

So this woman. The temporal wants were forgotten. She did not wait for years of experience before she began her labour. No, she left all of her former plans and went to work. And notice *where* she went, "Into the city." Yes, directly *to her own, to her neighbours*. True, she was talking to those who had greater experience than she, but this did not prevent or embarrass her. Her message was put in the form of a question, "Is not this the Christ?" Plainly stated she said, "Jesus has come."

What is our message to-day? "Jesus is coming!" Whom are you telling of this? Do your friends and neighbours know? Have you the satisfaction of knowing that you have

warned them? Can Jesus say of you, "She hath done what she could?"

The watch word is "forward." The work is to be finished by God himself and He will "cut it short."

If the Missionary Volunteers are going to meet the requirement of God, we *must come up on higher ground*. We "will talk out what the Spirit of God works in." We "will sing it out, pray it out." Are we doing this?

You notice the cause of backwardness: "It is the lack of religion, lack of holy living, that makes the young backward." Read the quotation again at the beginning of this article. Does it apply to you? This was the message of God to the youth in 1857. And the word of the Lord is just as applicable to-day. Read "Young Sabbath-keeper," beginning on page 154 in the *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 1.

The Captain of our salvation calls to battle. The Missionary Volunteers must come up to the help of the Lord. Souls are dying. Work remains undone. Are we doing it?

Some weeks ago we sent out letters to all the elders of the churches of the Cape Conference asking for information and suggestions. We have written also to all names of isolated young persons whose names we could get. To these letters only a *very* few have replied. We ask now for all persons who are interested in the work for our youth, to write to us.

R. G. RYAN.

Somabula Mission.

JUST before our last vacation Brother Walston decided to send us over to the Selukwe Native Reserve to definitely locate a school site, the native commissioner having previously written that he was prepared to consider our application.

On the afternoon of September 21st we left the home station by the "Somabula Express," and six days later, after a pleasant but uneventful trip, arrived at Chief Indema's Kraal, situated in the north central portion

of the reserve. At this place we met three chiefs of the district and talked with them with reference to a school. They all expressed eagerness that we should establish mission work in their midst and promised to send two of their number to the native commissioner's office at Selukwe to council with him regarding the matter.

In searching for a site we decided on a place just lately vacated by a farmer who was compelled to leave the spot as soon as it was found to be within the borders of the reserve. It is plateau land near the western border of the reserve and otherwise central. From its eminence one can view a greater portion of Indema's country, to the North, East and South. About five years ago an English missionary located within a half mile of the site we have chosen, erected a stone house and had commenced mission work, but his wife took ill with the fever and died within a few months of their arrival: he left the field shortly afterwards.

The place is about twenty-two miles by road from Selukwe, the nearest railway station, and about twelve miles by native foot path over the mountains. It is only seven miles off the main coach road to Victoria. The country is well watered and there is a mountain stream within easy reach of our prospective place.

On our return journey, on the road approaching Selukwe, we received a short note from Brother Walston, telling us that Elder Sturdevant had received the new mission grant, and instructing us to return to Somabula as quickly as we could after finishing our business. We are sending in our application and will hope for final word from the commissioner within a few weeks.

On Monday, the 10th instant the Walstons took their departure. We all felt the separation keenly. Saying good-bye under present circumstances is different to what it would be amongst a large company of friends and relatives.

The prospects are that we shall

have early rains this season, there has already been enough to give the grass a start.

T. J. GIBSON.

An Encouraging Omen

THE Report of Brother J. V. Willson, given in the last Missionary, shows a most commendable zeal and growth of the spirit to free our tract societies from debt. I trust that this spirit will become general throughout the union conference. It never was the purpose of the tract society organization to have the local societies work on the credit basis. The original design was to have the local societies keep a cash balance with the state office so that they could at any time draw supplies upon their balance without embarrassing them by an overdraw.

Shall we not take hold together and clear all our local societies of indebtedness with the state offices by the close of the year? And may we not as individuals as well as societies join in the jubilee song of freedom from debt by the close of the year 1910? Let us pray and work to this end.

R. C. PORTER.

Walter Mead Writes.

Dear Brother Willson,—

Enclosed you will find a money order for £6 12s. which you will please apply as tithe to the Cape Town Church.

As I told you when I saw you in Michigan, I wish my church-membership to remain in Cape Town, so that I will feel free to send my tithe there. My interest is still in South Africa and I want to help the work there with my tithe and later with myself. The Missionary still comes to me and I enjoy reading it.

During the past year at Berrien Springs, Michigan, in the Emmanuel Missionary College, where I have been, we had one division of the missionary volunteer society that devoted themselves to the study of

Africa. You may be sure we made good use of the copies of the MISSIONARY when our study was on Africa. And my endeavour, in conducting the African division, was not so much to provide entertaining study, as to learn what was being done, and what was needed to be done. . . .

My greatest desire is to be just where God would have me, and in such condition that He can use me. My hope and trust in God is strong, and I intend to go forward with this message till Christ shall come.

A Soul for Christ.

IN looking over the year book for the year 1904, these thoughts came into my mind and I pass them on.

I noticed that the membership was 540 for the Cape Conference. Now we each individually have a part in this work of sounding the loud cry. We have been told that we are in that time now. Soon probation will close and every one will receive his reward according to his works.

What are we doing to bring this truth to others? Can we say that we are waiting for the Lord to say thou has been faithful? Have we each found a jewel for the Lord? There are still a few short months before conference. Would it not be a glorious plan to set to work and win a soul for Christ? It can be done. Let each of these 540 read *Early Writings*, beginning with page 137, entitled "The Loud Cry," and after reading make a full surrender to God to be used in His service, to bring if only one soul into the truth. If we do this with our whole heart not resting satisfied until we find one, I say, brethren, what a blessed time we will have. By the grace of God I will bring a soul.

Will you, dear reader, bring yours? Let us all so relate ourselves that God can work in and through us.

I. B. BURTON.

"We can do nothing without courage and perseverance."

Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending October 14, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
E. Hodgkin,	Johannesburg,	Misc.	211	5 2 3
S. Haupt,	"	"	83	1 18 6
M. E. Howard,	"	"	360	8 3 9
C. Dixie,	"	"	63	1 7 6
C. de Man,	"	"	173	4 6 3
B. Willmore,	"	"	209	4 18 0
Mrs. Armer,	Pretoria,	"	30	11 6
A. W. Tickton,	Durban,	"	91	1 12 8
Totals,	Agents, 8		1,220	£28 0 5

Cape Conference, for week ending October 14, 1910.

D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Life and Health,	27	13 6
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The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending October 14, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company, Jo'burg,	S. D.		5½					2 18 0
T. G. Crouch, Pretoria,	D. R.		22	5	4 17 6		4 17 6	16 8 6
H. Schmidt, Maritzburg,	B. R.		34	5	4 17 6		4 17 6	1 14 6
A. W. Tickton, Durban,	P. P.		12	4	4 4 0		4 4 0	
E. Enochson, Boksburg,	P. P.		14	1	1 1 0		1 1 0	2 5 0
E. van der Molen,	Heidelberg,	D. R.	67	6	4 1 0	1 17 6	5 18 6	4 9 6
E. M. Howard, Vrededorp,	D. R.		87	44	34 19 0		34 19 0	4 10 0
Mrs. van der Molen,	Heidelberg,	Misc.	10		16 6 1 0 0		1 16 6	1 16 6
Mrs. Armer, Pretoria,	H. W. L. I.		2½		4 6		4 6	4 6
E. Edie, Germiston,	Misc. (1 month)					8 6	8 6	8 6
Totals,	Agents, 10		254	65	£55 1 0	£3 6 0	£58 7 0	£34 15 0

Cape Conference, for week ending October 14, 1910.

J. F. Terry, Kimberley,	C.O.S.		26	16	2 16 0	1 4 0	4 0 0	2 17 0
P. E. Frost, East London,	P. G.		9					1 6 0
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Man.	5	1	1 5 0	6 0	1 11 0	
B. P de Beer,	Bloemfontein,	Man.	4	10	13 0 0		13 0 0	
J. D. le Riche,	Bloemfontein,	Man.	29	10	13 0 0		13 0 0	38 10 6
Totals,	Agents, 5		73	37	£30 1 0	£1 10 0	£31 11 0	£42 13 6

Hydro-Bellair Institution.

Report for September.

INDOOR treatments, one hundred and ninety-nine.

Outside treatments, twelve; the last being free.

On the 28th inst., we had an operation performed in the institution by Doctor Peesly, of Malvern. He used the Stovaine Anesthesia. With this the patient remains conscious all through the operation, yet feeling no

pain whatever on the part operated on.

We have been kept busy all the month, and at present every room in the institution is occupied except one. We feel grateful to the Lord for His blessing on our work. We do not forget to remember similar institutions in our prayers. We are all working for the advancement of the third angel's message, and have the same blessed hope to cheer us.

MRS. MARY BAUMANN.

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Notes.

—Sister M. E. Emmerson and baby Melvin are in East London with her mother, Mrs. P. E. Erast. They remained but a short time in Bloemfontein.

—Pastor W. H. Anderson says he has just finished laying the bricks for a store room 48 x 12 feet. A part of this building will be used as a carpenter shop, aside from a place to store their farming tools.

—Another building of 60 x 14 feet is in process of building at the Barotseland Mission, to be divided into five rooms as homes for the girls and the married boys at that mission.

—Mrs. W. H. Anderson is now preparing a series of Sabbath-school lessons on the life of Christ for their mission school. She prepares them in English, and Pastor Anderson translates them into the native language.

—Sister H. C. Olmstead and baby Lola have left the Plumsaad sanitarium and located in the pleasant home of Sister Page. Sister Olmstead will remain at the Cape for a time yet to give the little one a further opportunity of getting stronger. It is gaining very satisfactorily now.

—Miss C. Kreft of Friedensau, Germany, has joined the "Rustica" company as a Bible worker. Miss Kreft is an experienced worker, having labored in different countries of Europe. We welcome her to South Africa, and trust she will be able by the help of God to gather some sheaves for the heavenly garner.

—Will all who have occasion to send money to the office at Cape Town, please note that all sums over one pound be sent by money order, check, or bank deposit slip, and *not* by postal notes, as they are not at all

safe. Money has been lost in this way of late, and there is no redress for it, as they can not get a duplicate for them.—*J. V. Willson.*

—Brother E. C. Silsbee of the Barotseland Mission has become so well acquainted with the territory during his short stay there, as to be able to visit the out-schools alone. Brother Anderson believes in quickly inspanning the new workers, so as to give them no time for homesickness in case they are so inclined.

—We have several articles for our next issue of more than ordinary interest. Brother Macdonald will have a valuable statistical report of the Natal-Transvaal Conference; some thrilling experiences of Brother E. C. Silsbee while visiting the out-schools of the Barotseland Mission; a letter of appreciation from a native chief, etc. Look for them.

—I now have the promise of the British and Foreign Bible Society that we will have the entire New Testament out early next year, so that we will soon have that for Bible study. They have given me a place on the Bible revision committee to see that the manuscript is straight before it is published. I will have most of the work done, however, by Brother Campbell, who is becoming quite an authority on this language.—*W. H. Anderson.*

—Pastor G. W. Shone reports two new Sabbath-keepers at Aliwal North, with several others in the valley of decision. The enemy of all righteousness is at work to hinder as usual, but One stronger than he is also at work. Brother Shone says: "One sows, another waters, but God must give the harvest. How precious the 126th Psalm to the worker who sows in hope, and waters the seed with tears and prayers, for without doubt he will reap sheaves for the heavenly garner." He says the new Sabbath-keepers have caught the spirit of the message, and are already awakening an interest in the truth among their relatives.

—The Solusi Mission generously donated toward opening the new

mission in Mtali, one hundred pounds. Pastor Sturdevant invested this money in a span of donkeys. Pastor Sturdevant intended to take with him from the Solusi Mission several head of good cows and oxen, but on account of the cattle sickness in the country, he was informed by the government that he could not take them. Pastor and Sister Sturdevant will leave the Solusi Mission October 30th. Let every lover of the message in Africa follow by prayer these dear and tried workers to their new home. Another beacon light will thus be established in Mashonaland to lighten dark Africa.

—Pastor and Sister W. C. Walston bade good-bye to the Somabula Mission on the 10th inst., and are taking up work at the Solusi Mission. Pastor Walston has spent several years at Somabula, and it was like leaving home when they left. They will be missed there more than we can tell, but our Solusi Mission called for an experienced mission superintendent, as Pastor and Sister Sturdevant are going on to open another mission, and no others could so well fill their places as Pastor Walston and wife. What is loss to one mission is gain to the other. Brother John de Beer and wife, of Claremont, two of our experienced and successful canvassers, will take Pastor and Sister Walston's place at Somabula. They leave the 2nd of November.

—Brother C. Robinson, of the Barotseland Mission, returned the 2nd of October, from another trip north in the interest of their out-schools. He returned this time fairer and fatter in flesh than when he started out. The work in that part of their territory is progressing nicely. A part of the schools opened on the last trip are in operation, and already students are having to be turned away until a crop of food can be raised to feed them. Brother Robinson says that the land is a land of milk and honey, but full of fever as well, and will have to be worked very carefully so far as the white workers are concerned. Brother Robinson will attend our coming union conference after which he will go into this territory to locate permanently. The third angel's message will lead people where nothing else will.