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

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## Will It Pay?

Do YOU want to make an investment that will pay? If you were sure that you could place your money where it would pay you thirty, sixty, or a hundred per cent., and without any danger of loss, would you do it? We are pleased to be able to tell you of an investment of this kind, where the security is absolutely "guilt edge,"—in fact the very safest and surest thing in the universe. Are you interested? Let us tell you about it.

No company on earth has ever made such an offer. Just think of it! The King offers you an heirship in His kingdom—a title—indeed He even offers to make you a son or a daughter, and to make you a joint-heir with His own Son. How much will it cost? Well, all He asks is that you give yourself wholly to Him and let Him direct you in all you do. If you will do this He will see that your calling and election is sure. Is heaven and all its glory security enough for you? Its bank is open for your investments. That bank has never had any failures. No thief has ever been able to break its doors. How many are laying up treasures there? Do you ask what the returns will be? Only eternity can tell it all, but the most precious returns will be in the saving of souls for whom the Master has died. He has invested *all* in this work, and now He means to make you a partner with Him in it, and also a partaker with Him in the glory by and bye.

Last year some of our brethren at

the Grahamstown camp-meeting pledged, and gave, for the city mission work, and the result has been that a church has been raised up in that place. When we meet in the kingdom of God some of these dear people, do you think that anyone will feel that he has sacrificed too much for that work? No,—a thousand times no! We will only feel that if we had another chance we would sacrifice much more.

This year we wish to continue the invitation to our brethren to donate to the city mission fund. Last year a number gave £15 each, others gave less, as they were able. This year some of our brethren are giving as much as £20. All are earnestly requested to pray over this matter and decide how much they wish to invest this year in the salvation of souls. Send in your pledges and donations as soon as possible to the offices.

We are planning on a larger and stronger campaign for the coming year than has been conducted during the past year. We need your help. God is calling us all to do our best. Let each give all he can and let our prayers follow our gifts and soon the work will be done and we shall join in the reward of the faithful. May the Lord bless and encourage all to be a blessing to others.

E. R. WILLIAMS.

## Thrilling Experiences of E. C. Silsbee.

[We are indebted to Brother J. V. Willson for this report. It was given him in a private letter from Brother Silsbee, and he thoughtfully "passed it on" to the readers of the MISSIONARY.—EDITOR.]

*Dear Brother and Sister Willson:—*

How glad we were to get your good letter last Monday. And now as I read it again way out here in the wilderness with no white person within twenty-five miles that I know of, you may be sure that my heart is again cheered as I am thus reminded of warm friends in this blessed truth.

I brought your letter with me that I might the better write you of my experiences and impressions of them. As I write I am sitting on the bank of a river a little way from the waggon. About fifty yards the other side of the waggon is a native kraal. This morning early they came out to the waggon with their spears saying that a lion was heard near their kraal last night, and a few steps further on I found his fresh tracks.

This is a new experience with me, as all I ever saw or knew of lions in America was in story books or in menageries. I have our kodak along with me, and if I see a lion on this trip, I intend taking a snap-shot at him if he will pose long enough. I also have a rifle and may take other shots later—that will depend upon circumstances.

On my last trip a wild boar charged at me at the rate, I should judge, of a mile a minute. In a very short space of time I took four shots at him (not with the kodak, however) which seemed to persuade him that the weather was too warm down our way, so he turned aside into the bush, and I let him turn. I was sure he stopped one of the bullets, but as they are hard to kill, especially

by a tenderfoot who does not know where to hit them, and as I was not looking for trouble, I followed him no longer, glad that he did not make me climb a tree.

Truly the Lord is good to us. After I have done all I can to save myself, I have absolutely no fear of these wild beasts, for I know there is One who can send His angels and close the mouths of lions to-day as well as in Daniel's day,—especially when we are in His service.

Since writing the above I have finished taking supplies to all the rest of the out-schools, hauled one hundred and fifteen bags of mealies from one of them to the railroad, and walked thirty-five miles home. I will tell you a little more of my experience while on this trip:

The Sabbath night after writing the first part of this letter, we started on to the next out-school. After dark we found we were beset with lions which seemed to want an ox for supper. They do not attack a team (we had eighteen oxen) when on the move as a rule, so we kept going. Sometimes they would be following us, and sometimes along side of the waggon out in the bush. It was too dark to shoot at them, and the frightened dog, a good one, too, and the boys, kept things interesting, and the occasional crackling of bushes near at hand, on one side or the other, seemed to send the dog into convulsions. But the Lord protected us, and after two or three hours of this kind of trekking we arrived safely at the out-school. The next day we were kept busy. From this school we loaded and took five thousand pounds of mealies across to another school. It was a big load and we were "stuck" in the rivers no less than half a dozen times, and once in a sand ridge, where we stayed all night with the tiger-cats and hyenas giving us a royal serenade. One of the rivers where we were "stuck" after dark, was where some time before a lion had chased Pastor Anderson to his waggon and carried off one of his oxen. So we built two

fires to keep them away, and carried the mealies up the steep river bank till the oxen could pull the rest.

Then our water supply ran out at this place, and we also broke our water jug and lost our water. The next stop for the day was at a salt spring where we had nothing but warm water from a hot salt spring to drink. But when the sun is hot here one can drink anything that is wet and drinkable. After this for two days we nearly famished for water. At one place we were sure we would find water and plenty of it, but after trekking twenty or thirty miles with the joyful anticipation of having a good drink when we came to this well-known watering place, lo, we found it dry. The short wet season, and the long dry one this year was too much. Oh how I wished for a good cool drink from our filter at home.

But now we had twenty miles further to trek, which also must be done in the middle of the day, before we could get water. So, tired, hungry, and thirsty, and our oxen also nearly famished, we started on again. I hurried on ahead of the waggon to the next out-school to send water and fresh oxen to meet the boys I had as drivers, and I nearly fainted with the heat and a burning fever before I reached there. My pulse running at one hundred and twenty per minute, and a temperature of one hundred and three, or more. Finally I came to a native village, or kraal, near the school, and had a drink. O it was so good. After seeing that relief was sent from the school to meet the waggon, I lay down to rest.

The boys arrived that night all well, but tired and well-nigh worn out. The next morning my fever was gone, and I felt much better. The next few days I spent hauling mealies to the railway siding. In the meantime it rained but the Lord kept our grain from getting wet. Sleeping under the waggon, with the cold rain beating in and trickling down under you in your blankets is somewhat different from being at

home and in a good dry spring bed. But we lived through it, and shortly after this I walked between thirty and thirty-five miles home in less than nine hours, where I am now with my loving wife, well and happy.

This is something of my experiences, but not all by any means. It would take a book to tell them all, but we glory in tribulation, knowing that it is for our good and the furtherance of the gospel."

Next week we will give Brother Silsbee's impressions of mission work in Rhodesia as being carried on by the Barotseland Mission.

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### "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,	£53 17 0
Pastor J. N. Loughborough, Lodi, California,	2 0 0
Brother and Sister	
A. P. Tarr,	10 0
Total,	£56 7 0
	H. ELFFERS.

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### Natal-Transvaal Conference.

#### Treasurer's Report for Year Ending September 30, 1910.

IT was pleasing to be able to report a record year for the tract society, and it is equally gratifying to find that like prosperity has attended the work of the conference for the past year.

The tithes, Sabbath-school, first day, and annual offerings total £1,201 7s. 11d., details of which appear on the report appended. For the past five years a continual increase has been maintained.

Most of the financial statement will, we think, be self explanatory, but a few items call for comment.

#### Camp-meeting Account.

Our total expense under this head was £63 14s. 3d., but £49 10s. 7d. of

this was recovered by donations, tent rent, etc., leaving a loss of only £14 3s. 8d., as shown.

On the balance sheet we find the Johannesburg Mission down as owing the conference £265 14s. 7d., but £183 17s. 3d. of this is for books (*Story of Daniel* and *Story of Patmos*), most of which we believe is in stock at the mission home. The expense of maintaining the mission, if any, has not been dealt with in this report, as the work is still in full swing, but an account of this will be given in the future.

The Natal Health Institute, which figured in the 1909 balance sheet to the extent of £140, has now, we are glad to say, paid back every penny to the conference, and is entirely free of debt.

Both the conference and tract society books are ready for auditing, and we hope to have this done very soon.

If any of our readers desire further information regarding any of the items appearing in the reports, it will be gladly furnished. We trust that a clear understanding of the finances of the conference will lead to more confidence and greater co-operation and liberality on the part of every member.

#### Tithes and Offerings from Various Churches in the Conference.

Churches	Tithes	S. S. O.	F. D. O.	An. Of.
Maritzburg.	£303 6 7	£24 1 3	£18 2 1	£14 12 6
Jeppestown.	235 8 3	24 14 3	24 17 5	21 18 6
Vryheid.	181 18 4	5 2 3	4 10 0	4 18 0
Durban.	117 9 3	12 11 7	15 0 0	5 3 7
La Rochelle.	83 4 8	1 18 9	3 0 0	2 0 0
Pretoria.	25 8 6	2 3 0	7 3 1	6 6 6
Krugersdorp.	38 15 3	5 2 0		
Bethal.	10 11 3	3 10 9		
Camp-meeting.		4 7 5		
Isolated.	8 12 3	10 17 3		1 4 3
Totals.	1,004 14 4	94 8 6	51 1 9	51 3 4

#### Table of Tithes and Offerings for Past 10 Years.

Years	Tithes	S. S. O.	F. D. O.	An. Off.
1901-2.	£1,412 14 1	£50 2 10	£20 12 9	
1903.	479 12 10	43 11 8	20 18 0	£10 18 0
1904.	865 1 9	65 15 10	58 10 9	17 6 0
1905.	752 14 8	77 9 0	52 11 3	13 14 9
1906.	672 18 2	62 13 4	34 13 6	24 17 3
1907.	715 12 1	69 0 10	26 16 5	25 8 9
1908.	804 12 3	71 17 11	20 16 3	30 12 6
1909.	865 11 7	91 3 10	36 18 9	38 10 3
1910.	1,004 14 4	94 8 6	51 1 9	51 3 4

## Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

### The Book Work.

#### Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending October 21, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
E. Enochson, Bethal,	P. P.		27	4	4 4 0		4 4 0	
H. Schmidt, Maritzburg,	B. R.		30	6	5 18 6		5 18 6	
T. G. Crouch, Pretoria,	D. R.		42½	16	16 15 0		16 15 0	1 1 0
Totals,	Agents, 3		99½	26	£26 17 6		£26 17 6	£1 1 0

#### Cape Conference, for week ending October 21, 1910.

J. F. Terry, Kimberley,	C.O.S.		26	12	2 2 0	1 14 6	3 16 6	1 4 0
P. E. Frost, East London,	P. G.		20	4	3 4 0	1 6 0	4 10 0	
H. J. P. Dwyer, Paarl,	Misc.					6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0
J. D. le Riche and B. P. de Beer, Bloemfontein,	Misc.		83	110	140 0 0		140 0 0	
Totals,	Agents, 5		129	126	£145 6 0	£9 0 6	£154 6 6	£7 4 0

#### Loss and Gain Account.

<b>GAINS.</b>	
By Balance from 1909.	£77 3 7
" Profits from conference workers sale of some books and papers,	17 14 10
" Tithe.	£1,004 14 4
Less to S.A.U.C.,	100 9 5
	904 4 11

#### LOSSES.

To Wages,	£651 11 1
" Labourers expense (transportation),	72 18 2
" General expense,	39 13 11
" Depreciation on tents, chairs, etc., 20 per cent.,	40 9 11
" Bonus (Haupt £12, M. E. Robertson and Strachan £5 10s. each),	23 0 0
" Union College Principal's salary,	28 5 1
" Canvassers' institute at Johannesburg,	19 9 6
" Camp-meeting at Johannesburg,	14 3 8
" Tract account,	9 4 1
" Interest on loan from D. Bender,	5 8 3
" Flashes,	2 1 10
" Vryheid Church,	60 17 7
" Balance to 1911.	32 0 3
	£999 3 4

#### Balance Sheet.

<b>ASSETS</b>	
By Cash in hand and bank,	£25 11 5
" Bible Teacher Series,	10 3 9
" General inventory account (tents, chairs, etc.),	162 9 8
" Johannesburg Mission,	265 14 7
" I. T. Society,	84 16 10
" La Rochelle Church,	100 16 6
" Medical Mission Fund,	11 4 5
" Sundry debtors,	10 13 11
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>	
To Bible Training School,	£183 17 3
" Sundry depositors (D. Bender £147 9s. 11d., G. Webber, £100,	247 9 11
" Johannesburg Church Building Fund,	66 1 3
" S. A. U. Conf.,	51 3 4
" College Jubilee Fund,	48 17 0
" Sundry creditors,	42 2 1
" Capital account,	32 0 3
	£671 11 1

Balance from 1909,	£77 3 7
" this year,	32 0 3
Loss this year,	£45 3 4
Present worth,	£32 0 3

F. MACDONALD, Treasurer.

### Jeppestown Church.

#### Financial Report for Quarter Ending September 30, 1910.

<b>INCOME.</b>	
To Balance at July 1st, 1910,	£13 5 5
" Periodicals, etc., sold,	4 12 9
" Sabbath-school supplies,	2 18 11
" Fourth Sabbath offerings,	3 2 0
<b>EXPENDITURE.</b>	
By I. T. Society,	£7 13 1
" Postages and stationary,	5 0
" Balance,	16 1 0
	£23 19 1
Balance in hand per cash book,	£16 1 0
ADD: Amount owing by members,	£5 6 5
" Sabbath-school,	1 10 10
	22 18 3
DEDUCT: Amount owing to I. T. Society,	11 17 3
Nett assets over liabilities,	£11 1 0

Librarians, ANNIE EDMED,  
ANNIE E. GRANT.

### Jeppestown Church.

#### Missionary Report for Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1910.

Missionary letters written,	4
" visits made,	123
Bible readings held,	7
Pages of tracts loaned and given away,	2094
Papers sold,	236
Papers given away	187
Pages of books loaned,	2202
Subscriptions taken,	1
Sick assisted,	7
Persons supplied with food,	3
Librarians,	ANNIE EDMED, ANNIE E. GRANT.

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### Some Encouraging Facts.

LET every reader praise the Lord for the onward march of the Lord's work in the earth.

Following is a comparative statement of literature work done and reported in this field during three months of last year and the corresponding months of this year.

		1909.		1910.		GAIN.	
July,	£124	11	9	£460	13	0	£336 1 3
Aug.,	47	12	6	292	1	6	244 9 0
Sept.,	133	7	9	323	7	9	190 0 0
Totals,	£305	12	0	£1076	2	3	£770 10 3

		1909.		1910.		GAIN.	
July,	£86	18	6	£258	3	0	£161 4 4
Aug.,	65	17	0	199	7	0	133 10 0
Sept.,	91	13	3	333	2	3	241 9 0
Totals,	£244	8	11	£780	12	0	£536 3 4

You will notice that the *gain* in *orders* this year is more than two and one half times the whole amount of orders last year for the given time; and the *gain* in deliveries this year is more than two and one fifth of all the deliveries of last year for the three months. The September *gain* in deliveries this year lacks only £2 19s. 11d. of being equal to the whole three months' deliveries of last year, and that the September deliveries were a little above 100 per cent. of the orders.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6. "Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, the evangelist's work will not, cannot be without fruit."—*A Call for Canvas-*

### Canvasser's Notes.

—The report, contained in the MISSIONARY dated October 3, crediting Brother le Riche with *orders* to the amount of £78 10s., should have been *deliveries* instead.

—Brethren le Riche and B. P. de Beer have together put in ninety hours' work and secured £166 worth of orders in Bloemfontein. This shows what consecrated push will accomplish under the blessing of God.

—We were very glad to receive the first report from Brother A. Dixie of £21 2s. 6d., with whom Brother Howard worked last week. He writes:—"I thoroughly enjoyed my work with Brother Dixie. I look for him to make a decided success of the work, and prove to be one of our best canvassers." May the Lord grant it and send still others into the harvest field.

—Brother Burton reports that one native young man has accepted the truth. Brother Burton says he is a fine young man and seems to be in real earnest. G. H. CLARK.

### Honour Roll.

Previously Reported,	£42	1	11
A Friend,	1	0	0
J. V. Willson,	10	0	
J. C. Rogers,	10	0	
W. S. Tarr,	10	0	
M. H. Rudman,	3	0	
Prof. H. Elffers,	3	0	
W. Williams,	1	5	
A. B. Gibson,	5	0	
Mrs. P. J. Howe,	2	6	
W. A. Haupt,	5	0	
M. H. Rudman,	2	6	
P. Smailes,	1	6	
A Friend,	2	6	
Mrs. E. Tarr,	2	6	
Mrs. E. Henrich,	5	0	
J. F. Olmstead,	4	2	
G. H. Clark,	5	0	
Total,	£46	17	6

### Notes.

—Pastor and Sister E. R. Williams are visiting the churches at Port

Elizabeth, Uitenhage, and the company at Alexandria. They had a baptismal service at Alexandria. They report good meetings at all these places.

—Pastor D. F. Tarr is making the home folks' a visit. He brings a good report of his work at Port Elizabeth. We trust Pastor Tarr will "pass it on" that all may know of what the Lord has done through human instrumentalities.

—The Claremont Union College gave a musical recital October 17th to a full house composed of the Claremont and Rustica Churches, and friends from the city. It was rendered in a way that showed both talent and training.

—Mrs. Hatton, mother of Mrs. C. P. Crager, sailed from New York on the 22nd of October for South Africa. She is likely to arrive in England in time to join Brother and Sister Ingle on their return to Cape Town the last of the present month.

—Glance over the nice long list of contributors to the travelling fund of our MISSIONARY and see if your name appears there. It would please all who are interested to see such a list every month. Who will start the list for next month?

—Dr. H. J. Williams arrived in Cape Town on November 30, having had a pleasant voyage from England. He has entered upon his work, and so numerous and pressing are the calls from the sick that both he and Doctor Thomason are working almost day and night.

—A card was received from little Virginia Fortner, daughter of O. O. and Mrs. Fortner, of Cape Town, which reads: "I have come to tell you that I have a little sister. Her name is Genevieve. Born October 31st, 1910." Virginia's picture is on the card and judging from the looks of her smiling face she is delighted with the prospects of a little playmate.

—The conference is greatly in need of funds with which to pay the workers. Will our churches please send in any tithes on hand.—*E. R. Williams.*