

# The South African MISSIONARY

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

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## Union College Juniors' Farewell Song, 1910.

SCHOOL days are over  
And we bid a last good-bye  
To you our schoolmates  
For the moments fly.  
In the years gone by thee,  
God has blessed thy labours all;  
In the years before thee,  
List His tender call.  
Hearken! oh hearken! to the voice that  
speaks to you,  
May you determine to be ever true.  
Though paths be thorny,  
Looking up, take hope again;  
Though friends should fail thee,  
And thy hopes be vain;  
May you then remember  
That our God is still above,  
In the skies a rainbow  
Emblem of His love.  
Nearer our Father, draw us nearer to Thy  
side;  
When storms are gathering, with us e'er  
abide.  
Slowly the school years  
To the last have winged their flight,  
And we have gathered  
Here to bid good-night.  
Let us e'er remember  
That, "to-day" doth play its part,  
Making the "to-morrow"  
Of each life,—each heart.  
Farewell, then schoolmates when "to-  
day's" of life are o'er,  
May we "to-morrow" meet to part no  
more.

## Graduating Exercises of the Plumstead Sanitarium.

VERY interesting and well conducted graduating exercises marked the close of the work of another nurses' training class at the Plumstead Sanitarium. Miss Tersha Page and Miss Bessie Gibson finished their course very creditably, and received their diplomas.

Many friends, including several members of the board of management of the sanitarium, were present to enjoy the occasion.

After a short address in which Doctor Thomason set forth the purpose of our medical missionary work, and gave a testimony of unqualified satisfaction of the faithful work that had been done by the graduates, speaking in strong terms of his confidence that the principles of the institution would be rightly represented by these two young lady graduates, he presented the diplomas.

In response to Doctor Thomason's address, Miss Page spoke for the class expressing appreciation of the painstaking labour on the part of Doctor Thomason, Miss Thomason, and others who had acted with them as instructors while they were in training.

Pastors Hyatt, Williams, Hankins, Brother Clark, and the writer, responded to an invitation to say a few words as to the importance of this line of missionary work. The enthusiastic talks that followed were a source of encouragement to all who are connected with the medical missionary department of the work.

The exercises were enlivened by appropriate vocal music, at the close of which the sanitarium served a most delicious vegetarian dinner, which spoke very creditably for the institution. It strongly represented the essential health principles, that not merely certain kinds of foods are essential, but tastily prepared and palatable dishes, as well as properly combined elements are important

qualities in hygienic cookery. Those who partook of this much appreciated dinner wished that in the homes of all our people the art of preparing simple, healthful, palatable meals, might be learned. All felt to thank the Lord for the light upon health reform. Let us show our appreciation of it by a loyal adherence to its principles.

R. C. PORTER.

## Commencement Exercises of Claremont Union College.

A REAL treat was given the patrons of the college on the evening of November 7th, as they gathered to listen to the closing exercises of the school year.

Our thoughts went out to the fathers and mothers of the youth whose names appeared on the programme as participants, and we imagined with what parental pride they would have listened to the rendering of the different parts; and our imagination carried us still a little further, until we could hear the fervent responses of gratitude to God for the privileges their dear children were enjoying at the college, and especially for its influence to draw them heavenward, and to give them a desire above all else to prepare for the Master's work.

We insert the programme but must necessarily withhold comment upon the merits of the papers, addresses, declamations, recitations, and music, more than to say that it was unusually good. This was the sentiment expressed by all present.

The violin solos, by Miss Susie Wessels, and the piano accompaniment by her sister, Mrs. de Villiers, was greatly appreciated.

The class roll consisted of but two this year,—Miss Susan M. Visser and Mr. William A. George. Both will enter the work at once, Miss Visser as student teacher in the primary department of the college, and Mr. George will connect with the Barotseland Mission in Rhodesia.

The church was tastily decorated with potted plants and flowers making it in appearance like a beautiful garden.

After the exercises were over all were invited to inspect the work of the students of the different standards as represented by the sewing department, the drawing, writing, spelling, painting, and carpentering. The lovely paintings caught the eye of everyone, and very profuse were the compliments heard on every side. Mr. Rowland, while pursuing his studies in the college, has very ably conducted this department. He will continue his work in the college another year.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after the exercises closed, were busy days at the college, as the matron, professor, and missionary agent assisted the family of students off to the work or to their homes for the three months' vacation. A goodly number will enter the canvassing work.

#### Programme.

##### PART I.

PIANO SOLO - - - *Selected.*  
MISS SCHONKEN.

INVOCATION.

ADDRESS - *Discussion of Motto.*  
MR. WILLIAM GEORGE.

VIOLIN SOLO. *{(a) Andante Religioso.*  
*{(b) Romance.*  
MISS SUSIE WESSÉLS.

PAPER - *Past, Present, & Future.*  
MISS EDMED.

VOCAL SOLO - *Hold Thou My Hand.*  
MISS SUSAN VISSER.

ADDRESS - - - *"Go Ye."*  
MR. WILLIS HYATT.

DECLAMATION - *Two Ways.*  
MR. ERIC SMITH.

##### PART II.

VIOLIN SOLO - - - *Selected.*  
MISS SUSIE WESSÉLS.

CLASS POEM - - - *Miss Visser.*  
MISS LAURA PAGE.

PIANO DUET *On the Road to Moscow.*  
MISSES EDMED AND PAGE.

RECITATION - - - *The Leper.*  
MR. EVERT BIRKENSTOCK.

PAPER - *{Opportunities Before*  
*{a Girl Graduate.*  
MISS SUSAN VISSER.

PRESENTATION of DIPLOMAS by  
PASTOR R. C. PORTER.

SONG - - - - *Farewell.*  
MISSES PAGE, EDMED, MESSRS.  
WILLIAMS, HYATT.

BENEDICTION.

MOTTO: *To-day Determines To-morrow.*

#### Impressions of Mission Work as Carried on at the Barotseland Mission.

NOW these out-schools. It is the best plan for teaching the native the gospel that I have ever heard of,—especially in this particular place.

In some places the giving out of tracts and other literature containing the message, is the best way to reach the people, but here they have no written language except as white people have written it, and none of our literature being translated into it as spoken, that plan can not do here now.

The medical work is the right arm of the message in many places, but here they have not a great many sick among them it seems, notwithstanding they have some of the most dreaded diseases, and the sick they do not pay but little attention to, but let nature take its course. So the medical work is not the leading one for this place just now.

The natives have for centuries been steeped in the ignorance of heathenism until they seem to have no system of worship whatever, except a certain, or uncertain, vague

form of ancestral worship, so they can not grasp the message at once, but it must be drilled into them by the slow laborious process of first teaching them their A B C's, so to speak, in their own language, then as they learn to read teach them the gospel message.

And in this plan of industrial schools the native converts themselves are utilised, both in making the work self-supporting, and in teaching their fellowmen the message. In this way the white labourers can superintend and carry on a much larger work than they could possibly hope to do unassisted. More than this a white man can not appeal to a native as one of his own race can, no matter how well he may know the language. And so far as I can see this is the very best plan that could be used here at present, and I am so glad the Lord led us to this field.

These out-schools act as feeders to the home station, making it a complete system of expansion or enlargement. When the boys get too far advanced for the native teachers, they come into the home station and are trained for a time as teachers. The out-schools bring in more boys to make more teachers, to start more out-schools, etc., etc., expanding and ever enlarging until it will, we hope, reach the utmost parts of Africa and of the world, that the message may be preached in all the world for a witness, then the Lord will come and take us home.

E. C. & MRS. SILSBEE.

#### Canvasser's Letter.

Dear Brother Clark:—

YOUR kind letter to hand. I am still plodding along here, and the work goes pretty hard. The people are very indifferent to spiritual things, and it is very hard to awaken an interest. Occasionally I meet one who is interested, and it is an inspiration to me.

I met a lady the other day who bought *Patriarchs and Prophets* from

one of our canvassers seventeen years ago, and she told me that she thought very highly of the book, and she readily ordered a copy of *Bible Readings* when she heard that it contained truths of a like nature.

I also secured an order from a local preacher who had *Great Controversy*, which he had purchased from one of our canvassers many years ago. He said that it is the first book he has ever read. He and his wife have read the book several times, and they are reading it again now.

So, while the majority reject the truth, there are some (thank the Lord) who receive it and prize it highly.

H. SCHMIDT.

### Honour Roll of Freedom from Debt.

WE propose to publish once a month the names of those local tract societies who succeed in emerging from the bondage of *debt* until all are free, which it is hoped will not be many weeks.

The list to date is:—

Uitenhage, Parow, Salt River, Cape Town, Rustica, Bloemfontein, Beaconsfield.

Who will be the next?

J. V. WILLSON.

### Jeppestown "Missionary Volunteers."

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

##### INCOME:

To bal. at July 1, '10	£8	2	0
„ Don. at meetings	8	0	
„ Proceeds of work sold ... ..	15	3	
„ Papers sold ...	17	8	

##### EXPENDITURE:

By storage on papers	4	6	
„ Material for sale of work ... ..	5	0	
„ Donation to Mr. Roger's ricksha	5	0	0
„ Balance ... ..	4	13	5

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ANNIE E. GRANT, *Leader*.

ERNEST S. GRANT, *Treasurer*.

## Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

### THE PAPER WORK.

#### Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending October 28, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
B. Willmore,	Johannesburg,	Misc.	34	16 3
C. Dixie,	„	„	251	6 7 0
M. E. Howard,	„	„	188	4 4 9
S. Haupt,	„	„	27	12 3
A. Strachan,	„	„	74	1 16 6
C. de Man,	„	„	25	6 3
H. Feideler,	Pretoria,	S. A. Signs,	13	6 6
Totals,	Agents, 7		612	£14 9 5

#### Cape Conference, for week ending October 28, 1910.

D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.	192	4 18 0
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### THE BOOK WORK.

#### Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending October 28, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company, Jo'burg,	S. D.	140½	182	58 19	6 18	9 6	77 9 0	2 18 6
E. Enochson, Bethal,	P. P.	15	1	1 1	0		1 1 0	1 11 6
H. Schmidt, Maritzburg,	B. R.	19	5	5 5	0	3 6	5 8 6	
E. van der Molen,	Tavelling,	D. R.	3	2 0	6 1	10 0	4 10 6	4 15 0
Totals,	Agents, 4	174½	191	£67 6 0	£20 3 0	£87 9 0	£9 5 0	

#### Cape Conference, for week ending October 28, 1910.

J. F. Terry, Kimberley,	C.O.S.	29	24	4 4	0 2	3 6	6 7 6	2 1 6
P. E. Frost, East London,	P. G.	10	2	2 2	0	19 6	3 1 6	
B. P. de Beer,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.	38	23	39 4	0	39 4 0	
Totals,	Agents, 3	77	49	£45 10 0	£3 3 0	£48 13 0	£2 1 6	

### Jeppestown "Missionary Volunteers."

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

Missionary letters written ...	13
Missionary letters received ...	8
Missionary visits made ... ..	19
Bible readings held ... ..	7
Subscriptions taken ... ..	5
Papers sold ... ..	148
Papers mailed and given away	632
Books sold ... ..	1
Pages of books loaned ... ..	776
Pages of tracts loaned and given away ... ..	3020
Hours of Christian help work	2½
Persons supplied with food and clothing ... ..	6

ANNIE E. GRANT,

*Leader*.

GWENNIE ROWLAND,

*Secretary*.

### A Good Meeting.

OUR beautiful and lovely quarterly meeting was held at Wilgehoek, in Lindley. Our gathering contained over fifty people from different farms. Many came to inspect when the lovely company went down to the riverside to bury our sister with our Saviour in holy sepulchre. She was baptised, and the work was done well.

Our Lord's supper was received by all with peace and thankfulness. The Lord has blessed His work greatly. All departed to their homes filled with the Holy Spirit. The work was done by Brother P. A. Venter, the church elder, and the writer.

Also we attended a quarterly meeting service at Heisterbach. Our little company were gathering together for

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the Lord's supper at 3 P. M. The ordinance was received by nine members. In the beautiful meeting were visitors from farms around Heisterbach Church, of Wesleyan and Zion Churches. In the hour of testimony all were asked by T. Lawrence, the church elder, to give their feelings. A friend stood up and said, "I am glad to have this time to ask you what the foot-washing means?" And his question was answered in a plain way, so to let him understand. He was thankful.

May the Lord call more people to come to His work. The Lord has blessed His work complete, and we all depart with peaceful hearts.

J. R. MTIMKULU,  
Native Pastor.

### A Letter of Appreciation.

[THE following letter was written to Pastor Porter by a native of Kaffirland, and as its contents are of general interest, we place it in the MISSIONARY. The influence of the "little waggon" is felt all through Kaffirland.—EDITOR.]

My Dear Master:—

I believe that you are the people that have done good work around here and I wish to thank you very much for the same. The work that I have seen done by you was upon the second coming of Christ,—things that I had never heard before.

To me it reveals that Christ is near at hand—nearer than I ever thought He was. I believe His promises. I do not know in what way to thank you for the work that has been done by those who have been with the "little waggon." I remain, your servant,

W. M. NGXOKOZELE.

Gilltown School.

### A Worker's Letter.

MY time for magazine work has been somewhat broken up of late by looking for a house to begin treatment work. However I have had some nice experiences. I have now sold out my stock of *Signs*. Two men came to me asking for extra copies, and each gave me their subscription for one year. They said they liked the paper because of its religious liberty principles.

A chemist who has purchased some of literature, is asking for more. Recently I gave a copy of the *Signs* to a doctor under whom my wife did some nursing. He did not care for it, but turned it over to the chemist, he being interested in our people and their teaching.

Thus you see my magazine work from house to house is a means of keeping our work constantly before the people, and finding out the honest in heart.

D. H. GROENEWALD.

### Johannesburg Mission Notes.

Sisters Haupt and Pote have been doing systematic work with the *Bible Teacher Series*, with some very encouraging results. They have found the people quite interested to read, and one Jewish lady is showing a special interest in the truth. Another, a member and active worker in the Presbyterian Church, has been sending her readings to England, and has herself requested Sister Haupt to give her Bible readings.

One of our local sisters, a Norwegian by birth, and the mother of a family, devotes a portion of her time to the selling of our papers. As a result of her work, one lady and her family are now keeping the Sabbath.

A few weeks ago one of our paper workers was stopped by one of the prominent members of the local Y.M.C.A., and asked what her motive was in selling our magazines. Said he, "we cannot get our lady members to do such work." After stating her

reasons for engaging in this work, he replied, "I have a very great admiration for the work your people are doing, and I believe that this literature is just what is needed in Johannesburg." He then bought some magazines and wished the worker "God speed."

Another gentleman ran after this worker and asked if she was selling the *Signs of the Times*. On receiving an affirmative reply, he said, "That is just what I have been looking for. Here's a shilling for the next two copies." Giving his address, he left the worker much encouraged.

ANNIE EDMED.

### Baccalaureate Sermon.

ON Sabbath, November 5th, Dr. Thomason delivered the Baccalaureate sermon at the Claremont Church. The address was an earnest appeal to the young people to seek true wisdom while engaged in training for the work of God.

The fear of the Lord was shown to be the enduring wisdom when temporal things shall have passed away. Many examples of how God trains his workers through experiences of trial were drawn from the Bible. The thoughts presented were very practical and inspiring and the address was much appreciated.

Appropriate sacred vocal music was rendered.

R. C. PORTER.

### Attention, Please!

THE tract society has sent out a circular letter to all subscribers of the *Review and Herald*, *Youth's Instructor*, *Life and Health*, *Sabbath-School Worker*, *Signs Weekly*, and *Our Little Friend*, in the Cape Colony Conference, telling them when their subscription to the papers runs out, and what the price will be to December 31, 1911. The periodical "office letter" renewing all these for another year will be sent on to the publishing house on November 23. It is hoped that all will renew their subscriptions in time for that letter. It is the design to have as many as possible end with the year, December 31, 1911.

We are pleased to note that the renewals for the papers to end of year 1911, are rapidly coming in. We hope none will fail to appear on time.

J. V. WILLSON.