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

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A Lost Opportunity.

IT came and went so quickly,
My sluggish soul saw not
The Master stand and beckon
To'ard one of humble lot.
And I rose not up to follow,
So slow was I to see,
Till the help I might have given
For ever fled from me.
And often I am grieving,
And longing all in vain,
For a blessed opportunity
That will not come again.
Dear Lord, give Thine anointing,
And make mine eyes to see;
And make me swift in doing
The work Thou givest me.—*Sel.*

Natal-Transvaal Conference.

TENT MEETINGS.

OUR pavilion is up, and the meetings are now in full swing in the heart of Johannesburg, with a steadily increasing attendance. On special nights, such as lantern lecture and Sunday services, the tent has been full. A splendid spirit is manifested, and it is encouraging to see the same persons coming night after night, while their expressions of approval show that the Lord is adding His blessing to our feeble efforts. At the lantern lecture, the pictures were clearer and more impressive than we have had them previously, and as we told the story of our Saviour's love, life, and humiliation, our hearers were frequently moved to tears. On that occasion our audience consisted chiefly of adult persons. We have circulated 14,000 invitations, and have advertised in the local papers

once. This has been as far as we felt justified in going in the expenditure of funds.

One disappointment has met us, as the Lux light repeatedly failed, and somewhat spoiled the effect of our message. But we bought a powerful lamp which Brother Willie Austen kindly sold us at half price, and some of the brethren have since provided two more, so that last evening, on going down, I found the pleasant surprise of a well lit tent. This is greatly appreciated. Meanwhile the Lux light is to be used to light up the ground outside, which was in sad need of more illumination.

Brother E. M. Howard has kept the tent in splendid condition, and our platform, though decorated with the same articles used at our conference, looks exceedingly pretty. The people were deeply interested in our new chart on the 24th of Matthew, which is four yards long.

Several brethren have been kind enough to give their voluntary services each evening. Brother Sates has assisted in the opening exercises, Brethren Johnson, Jago, and Marshall have acted as ushers, etc. Our workers, weary from the day's labours, have willingly strengthened the meetings by their attendance and singing, and we feel thankful indeed for this timely aid. One brother placed £2 in my hand to help advertise, and another gave £1. It costs so much to run this city mission work, that such voluntary, and unsolicited contributions are exceedingly encouraging. We believe these

meetings will be remembered daily in the prayers of God's people, and that Ephesians 6:19 will be applied by my friends to Pastor W. H. Haupt and myself.

BROTHER DIXIE'S WORK.

Brother Dixie has just completed his maiden month at canvassing, and has done very well for a start. He secured over one hundred orders for *The Seer of Patmos*, and has already placed quite a good percentage of his orders.

BROTHER SYMON'S RESTORATION.

Brother James Symons has just returned from a month's rest at Hlobane, which was necessitated by ill health. We trust he can now enjoy good success in his work, and have continued health.

INTERESTING EXPERIENCE.

Brother Hodgkin reports a rather interesting incident: A railway conductor saw a passenger reading *The Story of Daniel* in the train, and obtained a loan of the book during the journey. He became so interested in it that he ascertained where the book might be had, and when Brother Hodgkin went to execute the order, five others purchased a copy each.

SISTER DIXIE LEAVES THE MISSION.

Owing to domestic demands, Sister C. Dixie has left the mission home to reside with her brother and family. We think the move fully justifiable, but Sister Dixie's pleasant association with the mission family will be greatly missed.

SISTER EDMED'S VISIT TO PRETORIA.

Sister Edmed paid a visit to Pre-

toria last week in the interests of the church missionary work. After looking over the territory, she decided to reorganise the paper work. She was accompanied by Pastor and Mrs. W. H. Haupt, who were going to meet certain appointments for Bible study, and to deliver some books for Brother Crouch, who is taking a well earned vacation at the Cape. In the train, after consultation together, Mrs. Haupt decided to try the Union Capital with our magazines, and in response to a wire, we sent 275 copies the next morning. Mrs. Edmed reports a very pleasant and profitable time. The little company is actively engaged in various lines of missionary work. It has kept out of debt, and has adopted the fourth Sabbath offering system for its local work, and Brother Armer is working up the first day offerings, to which there is a full contribution. Sisters Armer and Crouch have decided to take up systematic house to house work with the *Bible Teacher Series*. Pastor Haupt returned wifeless on Monday, and reported that his wife had sold all the magazines we sent, and requested the immediate despatch of 300 more! This means that Sister Haupt actually sold the 275 magazines in the short working time of less than two days! We will report later as to the disposal of the other 300.

COOKING CLASS ORGANISED.

A cooking class has been conducted the past four weeks by Mrs. Edmed, at our mission home, which has been well patronised; several local members and those not of our faith attending. The aim has been to teach the proper combinations and use of local products, and to provide an inexpensive menu that is also palatable and healthful. The lessons have been greatly appreciated. The present class will probably continue another three or four weeks.

WORKERS WANTED.

Before closing our report this week, we would call attention to some openings we have for conse-

crated workers. At the Natal Health Institute, which is under the management of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Bell, we have a vacancy for two or three strong, healthy, consecrated ladies, and one robust gentleman, to take the nurse's course of training. The candidates should be of mature age, and capable of taking the studies in physiology, etc. They should be sweet tempered, kind, and consecrated, and should enter the course with a view to becoming medical missionaries of a high Christian order.

At the Hydro Bellair, Brother F. Baumann has a vacancy for a well trained lady and gentleman nurse. Applications for these places should be sent in early.

At the Johannesburg City Mission, we could take and train three more workers. The success that has attended our self-supporting workers here in the past should dispel all fears any may have as to their own possibilities in this city mission work. We promised all that came that we would not let them sink, and the Lord has verified the promise. Are there not some consecrated young men and women, who love the Lord and His work, who would like to have the benefit of this training? Apply quickly.

H. J. EDMED.

Sowing Beside All Waters.

WHEN I think of the heathen populations of Central Africa—nobody knows the number—the solemn question presses into my heart, How shall they hear this message? And the answer comes in two Bible expressions:

"The Lord gave the word: great the army of those who published it."

"Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass."

In Bible times the wealth of a man was represented by his ox and ass. The figure is still true, and there is literal truth in the words. Where the ox and ass go under

direction of any Christian, there the gospel and civilisation follow. We may ask, and we should, of the crisis and opportunity in the East: It is all true. It is a wonderful opportunity.

Just now a wave of Mohammedism is creeping over Central Africa. But the gospel of Christ is the heritage of Africa's children. Why did Israel sojourn in Africa more than two hundred years? Why have all African tribes traditions of the great Bible events? Who sent Stanley and Livingstone to open Africa from side to side? And why? Who will deny that these latter were God's forerunners of the last message?

Also in God's good providence, He has planted the seeds of this message clear around this continent. As a wise general, His advance forces are in position. How long shall we stand on the borders? Has not the time almost (or quite) come to "close in?" Probably there are few of the leaders now occupying these advance posts who are not constrained to go on to the heart of the continent. What is necessary that this shall be done?

First, give us men and women to hold and increase the work already in hand. I feel impressed that the present is a time of special reason for advancing north and west from Nyasaland. Four of us who are now here have a working knowledge of the language used by millions to the northeast of us. Brother and Sister Konigmacher are on the border of the great Portuguese country with its densely populated districts, which is their natural field for extension. A new man and wife could take their present station, and free them for that important field. I want to go into the far North of Nyasaland—into virgin territory. This move would require a man and wife of some experience to superintend the old main station at Cholo. My wife is anxious to join me in the North country.

Elder Anderson is pressing on toward the Congo State on his northwest, and Elder Sturdevant eastward in his large territory. These great

fields, white to the harvest, must have some part of the Lord's army of publishers of His Word. They must also have a part of the oxen and asses represented in the houses and lands and earning power of His people. Delay now is—shall I say—“treason”?

JOEL C. ROGERS.

An Unusually Interesting Report.

HAVING just returned from the Mwomboshi district where we have opened three new out-stations, I will write an account of my trip hoping that it will be of interest to the readers of the MISSIONARY.

We supplied each out-school with one teacher, one large boy and two small boys to help him; also with nine oxen and farm implements. With this help we hope that they will be able to support themselves after the first season.

The oxen, boys, my carriers, and mule went by road while I followed (with three boys) some days later by train.

To reach our destination we had to cross the Kafue river, which is a fine stream varying in width from one hundred and fifty to seven hundred yards. The railway bridge is almost five hundred yards long. Crocodiles are very numerous in this river, and the oxen had to be taken across by the native boatmen. A pole is placed across two boats which are thus tied together, and an ox is tied to the pole, and with another boat following behind, they take him safely over. The mule, however, refused to enter the water so I had the boys take him over the bridge. We opened the first out-station about thirty miles above the bridge; three miles to the east of Lusakas. Here there is a railway station and post-office with quite a colony of Dutch farmers. There is a lot of good farming land, occupied and unoccupied, around here, and I put the boys on six hundred acres of good land near a strong spring of good water.

Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

THE PAPER WORK.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending November 4, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
I. A. Fourie,	Maritzburg,	Misc.	61	18 0
Mrs. Armer,	Pretoria,	„	70	1 15 6
Totals,	Agents, 2		131	£2 13 6

THE BOOK WORK.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending November 4, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
E. van der Molen,	Waschbank,	D. R.		3	2 0 6	10 6	2 11 0	2 11 0
E. Enochson,	Driefontein,	P. P.	38	15	15 0 0	14 0	15 14 0	4 13 6
H. Schmidt,	Maritzburg,	B. R.	30	6	5 18 6		5 18 6	2 17 6
I. A. Fourie,	Maritzburg,	M. H.		20	7 10 0		7 10 0	8 5 0
Mrs. Armer,	Pretoria,	G. P.	8½	24	1 16 0		1 16 0	1 16 0
E. Edie,	Germiston,	Misc.				9 0	9 0	9 0
Totals,	Agents, 6		76½	68	£32 5 0	£1 13 6	£33 18 6	£10 12 0

Cape Conference, for week ending November 4, 1910.

J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	C.O.S.	33	10	1 15 0	18 0	2 13 0	5 19 0
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.		11	11 0		11 0	
B. P. de Beer,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.	32	15	24 0 0		24 0 0	
L. Logan,	Victoria East,				10 0		10 0	10 0
Totals,	Agents, 4		65	36	£26 16 0	18 0	£27 14 0	£6 9 0

The mule and the oxen arrived safely and in good condition.

During my stay of ten days we got well started on the buildings. The natives seem to appreciate our work for them, and before I left there were already four pupils (boarders) in the school. I told these boys that the teachers would not have much time for school work until the buildings were finished, as the rainy season was close at hand, but they wished to stay, and will be a help in the work.

Before I left this place three of my four carriers fell sick, one with fever, one with stomach trouble, and the third with pleurisy, and so I made a sleigh and with four oxen to draw it, took my things to the next out-station, Chikupi, about eighteen miles south-west of Lusakas. This is a broad, well-watered valley with fine soil and plenty of small timber. The rich soil is attracting many settlers, both white and black, and since I was there last year I can see a con-

siderable increase in the population.

We were fortunate in getting two hundred acres along the banks of a good stream, and the boys should have no trouble in supporting their school here after their second season. Here we found some difficulty in buying enough food for the boys, as the traders have bought over one thousand bags of grain in this district, and the natives did not wish to sell any more, but after some difficulty we secured what we needed.

We had our camp in the midst of a clump of beerbab trees (cream of tartar) which are quite a feature of the country, and look very grotesque, having immense trunks, and limbs, and short stunted looking branches. The “cream of tartar” is obtained from the seed pod.

The natives here are, in many respects, a hard class of people to deal with, but they are very numerous, and we found some, and no doubt there are many more, who are desirous to learn of Jesus. Most of the

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people here recognise a Supreme Being whom they call Leza, but when we ask them of Jesus, they say, "We do not know Him. Who is Jesus?" In our Sabbath services many expressed their desire to come to school, and we hope that by energetic work on the part of the teachers, with the Lord's blessing, a good school will be raised up here and many souls be gathered into the ranks of God's people.

(To be Continued.)

C. ROBINSON.

Notes.

—A few copies of the Seventh-day Adventist Year Book for 1910 are still obtainable at the Cape Town office. Price 1s.

—Miss Bessie Gibson (nurse) left the Plumstead Sanitarium the evening of the 12th for an up country visit preparatory to leaving for America. She will probably remain abroad about a year.

—A wire from Pastor H. J. Edmed on the 14th inst. says, "Splendid meeting Sabbath. Raised one hundred pounds cash and pledges for city work. Eight young people gave themselves to the work."

—Mrs. H. C. Olmstead and baby Lola left Claremont for their home on the Emmanuel Mission station the evening of the 12th. Little Lola was in the best of health and gaining very satisfactorily.

—Brother T. G. Crouch of Pretoria is enjoying a well-earned vacation at Claremont and the sea. He has undergone a slight operation for enlarged tonsils at the sanitarium, and so is getting renewed generally for another long and strong pull in the canvassing work. Brother Crouch is

one of our most successful workers along this line.

—Pastor E. R. Williams arrived at the Cape on the 7th inst. He left for Worcester the morning of the 18th where he will remain over the Sabbath and organise the little company of Sabbath-keepers into a church. Pastor D. C. Theunissen and wife have laboured at Worcester for more than a year, and this little church organisation is the fruit of their labours.

—Sister H. J. Edmed writes that she is working to get every church in their conference to take up systematic tract work. The last quarter she has succeeded in getting six churches at work satisfactorily, and hopes to double the number this quarter. She is also arranging for the scattered Sabbath-keepers to take up work in their vicinity. She hopes to soon realise the ideal that the Spirit of Prophecy has placed before us, "Every church member a missionary."

—A letter from Prof. H. Elffers gives word that he is slowly but steadily improving healthwise. Although in so great need of rest, and for this reason he left his business cares, he so keenly appreciates the need of the people of Beaufort West for the message, that he is giving a Bible study each evening. Like the prophet Jeremiah, the message in him is like a fire shut up in his very bones, and he does not feel that he can take even the much needed vacation without intertwining with it the giving of the truth to those in need.

—Six student canvassers, of Union College, entered the field on the morning of the 10th inst. Percy Tarr and Philip Everts will go to Worcester, Andrew Wessels and Hugh Williams to Wellington, Irwin and Lewis Williams to Malmesbury. All six of these boys will handle *Great Controversy*. Remember them, reader, when you pray, that they may be a light and leave a stream of light behind them as represented in the books they sell, while working this territory. Three students are

still in training who expect to enter the work a little later.

Wanted.

FOR the Natural Healing Sanitarium at Sweetwaters: A person who is willing to learn and do the cooking; also another reliable strong person to take charge of the ladies' bath rooms and to give treatments, and see to the bed rooms.

Knowledge is not required as our methods are so simple that a willing person can learn them in a few days.

Apply to A. Beissner, Sweetwaters Sanitarium, Maritzburg, Natal.

Encouraging.

THE renewals for our denominational papers for the coming year are pouring into the tract society office in a steady stream. There are others who have not yet been heard from. We hope they will all come in before the 23rd of this month, so as to all go on together to the publishing houses. All are renewing to Dec. 31, 1911.

J. V. WILLSON.

Notice!

IF the scattered Sabbath-keepers when sending in tithes and offerings to the tract society office, will kindly state the name of the church they belonged to, it will assist in giving proper credit for the money sent.

J. V. WILLSON.

Obituary.

It is with feelings of deepest sadness that we bear to our readers this week the death of Pastor E. R. Williams. It will come to you as it did to us, so sudden and unexpected. His death was caused by apoplexy, Sunday, the 20th inst. May the prayers of our readers ascend as one to God in behalf of Sister Williams and the fatherless boys, upon whom the blow falls most heavily. As this paper goes to press, the sad message is being conveyed to them. He died at Worcester, and the body will be brought to Claremont for burial. A full notice will appear next week.