

The South African MISSIONARY

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

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In Memoriam.

(These lines are written on the death of
Pastor E. R. Williams.)

AT noonday! noonday of a life
Spent in the Master's service;
Labouring amid the whiten'd fields,
And bringing home the sheaves.
Our brother's task is over, and he rests.
Tired heart, sleep on, till Jesus comes
And calls thee for thy crown and great
reward—
The grand, "Well done" thou faithful
servant,
Enter thou into the joy and peace of thy
dear Lord.

Our requiem of sorrow is of joy.
Of sorrow for we miss a master hand,
A loving voice that we shall never hear
again
On earth, but in the dear homeland.
A warrior servant to his Master true,
Eager for toil, and loving, tender, brave,
Is laid to rest, and the loved voice is hushed.
For this we sorrow. But we joy that he,
Now resting, yet shall live again eternally.
A servant of thy Master, that was all.
The cenotaph, dear brother, that we raise
to thee
Is not in marble—but thy works of charity.
Dear Saviour! as we now commit to rest
A brother dear, we pray Thee,
Grant that our lives, devoted, true, may
be,
Forgetting all but Thy eternal love.
So, following in Thy footprints, we may
labour on,
And with our brother meet in heaven above.
—Fred Wiles.

Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A.

[We extract some items of interest from
Pastor J. F. Olmsted's private letter
for the benefit of our readers.—ED.]

WE are always pleased to hear
from South Africa; it seems to ap-
peal to us more than any other mis-
sion field, and we always read the

MISSIONARY with deep interest to
learn of the work and workers and
the advancement made. We are
truly thankful that the work is rising
in sunny Africa.

We are more than contented and
highly pleased with our work here in
Columbus; from the very start every-
thing has moved nicely. After the
church books were revised we found
a membership of one hundred and
one. We now have one hundred and
six, and four awaiting baptism. Our
work has been seriously hindered
this summer on account of the street-
car strike which has been on for nine
weeks. Over fifty have been killed
and hundreds seriously hurt. During
one night three cars were blown up.
As nearly as we are able to ascertain
about twenty cars have been blown
up. £300 worth of windows have
been broken. £47,600 was the
amount paid the soldiers who at-
tempted to keep order. Although three
thousand were here under the charge
of Major General Dick, there were
forty-three riot calls in two hours in
one night. About £15,000 have al-
ready been paid the special police
and deputy sheriffs who have been
on strike duty. The company has
lost £300,000, yet they refuse to
settle. The whole trouble is over the
recognition of the street-car union.
The city is in a state of riot and peo-
ple are warned by the mayor to keep
off the streets unless in the pursuit
of lawful business, but worst of all
there is no move to catch the dove
of peace. This is doubtless a fore-
runner of what will be all over the
earth in the near future. God's

Spirit is being withdrawn and evil
men are waxing worse and worse,
but the child of the King need have
no fears nor tremble in alarm in the
face of danger, for the mighty arm of
strength is around us, if faithful, to
keep us in every trying hour.

Both of the children are strong
and well. Vera goes in the class in
Sabbath-school and comes home de-
lighted with the lesson study. She
often tells us about Jesus while He
was on earth and many things He
did. She relates many experiences
that happened in Africa. Elsie has
had rather a hard summer with her
teeth, but since the cooler weather
has come she seems much better.
Mrs. Olmsted remains about the
same, still worn and tired, and very,
very thin in flesh. I think she will
improve after the children get a bit
older and require less care.

The work is going nicely here in
Ohio, a good feeling exists among the
workers and things are moving on.
We have such a nice church and
pleasant associations here, and then
there is a great work to be done.
Since the census we find that there are
181,511 people here in this city. Four
Bible workers have been promised us,
two are already here, the other two
will reach us in four weeks. This
is more help than any other city in
the State has, but we have great
faith in good Bible workers, so we
asked and soon we shall receive. We
expect that our labours will be blessed
with fruit and that our own souls
will be watered as well. The Ohio
Conference is planning on having
their annual conference in our church

sometime in January. It was here last year with one hundred eight delegates, and there will be a few more this year.

Please accept our best wishes for your success in all your plans for the advancement of the Master's cause in South Africa. May the Lord give you health and strength to press ever on in the land of Livingstone and Stanley and carry the truth to every tribe and tongue.

An Unusually Interesting Report.

(Concluded.)

I believe that the Lord has a great work for us to do in this part of the world, and our hearts are made glad as we see so many openings for our work. And we are none too soon in getting a foothold here, as the Dutch church, the Methodists, and the Wesleyans, are all preparing to open schools.

After a stay of eight days at Mpiere, I started for home with three carriers—one being too sick to travel—and we had a pleasant trek. We encountered a large buffalo bull near the Kafue River, and as they are quarrelsome animals and dangerous, some of the boys put down their loads and made good time across country, but although he looked threatening for a few minutes, in the end he ran off and we were glad of it. We returned by another route so as to get some idea of the country to the west of Chikupi and then turned east to the latter place. When within two and one half days from Chikupi, another of my carriers fell sick with pneumonia, and I had to put him and his load on the mule and finish the journey on foot. I arrived at Monze on the 3rd of October, having been away almost seven weeks. I am thankful that during that time the Lord gave me good health and strength for the work.

Brethren, pray for those schools. We need God's help in giving the

message to these people. We do not understand their ways. We cannot think as they do, or follow their reasonings, but we do know that when we are perplexed, God will open the way. He will direct our minds aright, and we can safely trust this work in His hands, because, as "Captain of the host of the Lord, I am now come."

C. ROBINSON.

"Dutch Testimonies."

ON seeing the advertisement of the above in *De Wachter*, I wrote for a couple of copies, as I have felt very much needed something of the kind for our Dutch speaking brethren and sisters. I hoped this would meet the long-felt need, and I am glad to say that I am not disappointed.

As I read in another language the same old familiar truths, I said to myself, This book should certainly be in the home of every Dutch family in our ranks. These two copies I have supplied to the two Sabbath-keeping families in this vicinity, and I expect to place it in the homes of all who may accept the message for this time under my labours.

Sister White says that the *Testimonies* and *Great Controversy* should be in the homes of every Sabbath-keeping family.

Of what value is our literature as an aid to the minister in his work to instruct and build up those for whom he labours, in the knowledge of the truths of the Bible! Especially is this true when labouring in the country among farmers.

I always have, and still maintain, that the most substantial members in our ranks are those who become established through reading.

Great Controversy, and *Daniel and the Revelation* should be read and studied in every Seventh-day Adventist family. None can afford to be without these two books in their homes so as to become familiar with the truths contained in them. The same applies to the *Testimonies*.

In my labours as I find one after another interested, I make it a point to visit these by turns, doing some personal work, then leaving them some reading matter in the shape of tracts bearing upon the various features of the message, at the same time getting them interested in *Daniel and the Revelation*, and *Great Controversy*, and then as they purchase these books I know they will be kept busy until my next visit.

In this way each visit (these being two and sometimes three weeks apart, as there are quite a number of families more or less interested and living long distances apart), I find them advanced in the knowledge of the truth. This makes the work so much easier for me.

Five more have now taken hold and are keeping the Sabbath as the result of this kind of work. The opposition by the ministers and others has been, and still is, very bitter.

As I have felt my dependence upon the arm of the Infinite One, I have seen the manifestation of His power as revealed through the sword of the Spirit, Eph. 6:17, not only to convince but to transform the life and give courage to obey. These are all established on the Sabbath, the second coming of Christ, state of the dead, and baptism. I am now beginning to educate them upon health principles, tithing, etc. Three of these brethren will have a terrible struggle with the tobacco habit as they are inveterate smokers. One has begun the struggle; the others are not yet fully convinced that smoking is wrong. One sister has given up using snuff (a common practice among the elderly Dutch). All who have accepted the Sabbath thus far are from among the leading families of Dutch farmers.

I have never so enjoyed my work, this being the first time it has been my privilege to carry to completion the work of which I have laid the foundation. The total number who have accepted the Sabbath in these parts since I began work here about

the beginning of April, is seven adults. I attribute the results in a great measure to the literature, as it would hardly be possible to keep an interest alive in the country, by personal work alone, when there are intervals of two to three weeks between the visits.

The country work is of necessity slow, but in due time the harvest will be reaped if the worker does not become weary.

I am looking and praying for more to accept who are convinced.

G. W. SHONE.

Ladybrand.

THE readers of the MISSIONARY will no doubt be interested to hear of the progress of the work in this part of the field. Although the opposition is strong, and trials severe, yet I am of good courage as I behold the many open doors to present the truth. I rejoice in having a humble part in proclaiming the last message of warning to a world in darkness.

We all expect to meet with more or less opposition from the Dutch Reformed ministers, who are constantly preaching against the truth and warning their congregations against our literature. But especially were the leaders of the Apostolic Faith aroused, who came here to oppose our work, when they learned that their local minister with his wife, another evangelist and one of their coloured missionaries, besides two other families, had accepted the Sabbath. We trust that these dear souls may endure the severe trials which they have to encounter, and be sanctified in obeying the truth. Others are in the valley of decision.

Brother H. Moolman, having once attended a lantern lecture given by Brother Ernst in Natal, got the conviction that a lantern would greatly help a worker to reach our Dutch people, so he and Sister Moolman have donated two oxen to supply me with a good lantern. Brother David Groenewald has kindly given me the

Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending November 18, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
B. Willmore,	Johannesburg,	Misc.	169	3 6 0
E. Hodgkins,	"	"	23	11 6
C. de Man,	"	"	93	2 1 3
C. Dixie,	"	"	442	9 18 0
Totals,	Agents, 4		727	£15 16 9

Cape Conference, for week ending November 18, 1910.

D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Life and Health,	120	£3 0 0
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The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending November 18, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	S. D.	95	113	36 14 6 3 9 6	41 3 6 15 13 6		
E. van der Molen,	Dundee,	D. R.	36	5	3 15 0 5 19 0	9 14 0 1 18 0		
H. Schmidt,	Maritzburg,	B. R.	30	6	6 6 0 3 10 0	9 16 0 1 1 0		
E. Enochson,	Krugersdorp,	P. P.	45	21	19 16 0	19 16 0		
I. R. Armer,	Pretoria,	H. H. B.	12	4	6 0 0	6 0 0		
Totals,	Agents, 5		218	149	£72 11 6 £12 18 6	£86 9 6 £18 12 6		

Cape Conference, for week ending November 18, 1910.

J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	C.O.S.	32	12	2 2 0 18 0	3 0 0 1 13 6		
P. E. Frost,	East London,	P. G.	25	9	6 17 0 16 6	7 13 6 1 10 0		
H. J. P. Dwyer,	Tulbagh,	Misc.			6 0 0	6 0 0 6 0 0		
B. P. de Beer,	and J. D. le Riche,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.	74	76	97 7 0	97 0 0	
I. Williams,	Malmesbury,	G. C.	18	4	2 12 6	2 12 6		
L. Williams,	"	G. C.	30	4	2 15 6	2 15 6		
P. Tarr,	Hex River Valley,	G. C.	31	5	4 3 0	4 3 0		
P. Evert,	"	"	G. C.	29	6	3 16 6	3 16 6	
Totals,	Agents, 9		239	116	£125 13 6 £1 14 6	£127 8 0 £9 3 6		

loan of his lantern until the one Pastor Williams has ordered for me has arrived. I hope to make the most of this facility which God has placed in my reach to get the truth before the people in the towns as well as on the farms. People who otherwise would not attend our meetings are willing to come great distances to listen to a lantern lecture, and through this means hear the message for this time.

I am glad for the prospect of having Pastor D. F. Tarr here shortly to assist in the work, and trust that God will bless our united efforts, so that we may soon have a church organised here.

Those of our brethren who are more or less acquainted with the op-

posing spirit we have to meet here, can realise how much we need divine wisdom, and the Holy Spirit to direct us in the work. We would therefore ask them, and all who love the truth, to remember us in their prayers.

B. C. GROENEWALD.

In Loving Remembrance.

Pastor H. J. Edmed suggests that a shilling collection be taken throughout the union conference for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument to the memory of our fallen brother, Pastor E. R. Williams. The surplus will be used to defray funeral expenses. Forward through tract societies.

R. C. PORTER.

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The New Year "Signs."

WE hope to have this number in the hands of the workers before Christmas. The following are some of the leading articles:—

The New Year—Origin of Christmas—The Harvest of War—World's Christian Citizenship Congress—Roman Catholic Eucharist Congress—Miracles vs. Miracles—Saving Faith—Elijah the Prophet—Downfall of Turkey—Brilliant End to Pageant—Treasures Venerated by Rome—The King's Oath—Getting Away From Truth—Christmas on Sunday—Booker T. Washington—Typhoid Fever Conquered, etc., etc.

The journal will be illustrated. Now is the time to send in your orders to the office. Don't delay, if you wish the journal early.

I. J. HANKINS.

Notes.

—Miss Mary Cobban, of Content, is enjoying a vacation at the Cape.

—Prof. H. Elffers has returned from his vacation much benefitted by the rest and change.

—There will be no paper next week. The next issue will be a double one, and bear date of December 19th.

—Pastor D. C. Theunissen and family are in Claremont for a short vacation. They plan to return to Worcester in about a week.

—The October number of *Life and Health* is now at the Roeland Street office, and Brother Willson is ready to fill orders promptly.

—Now is the time to renew yearly subscriptions to the *Sabbath-School Lesson Quarterly*. 1s. 2d. post paid. We are now making up the list for the year 1911.—J. V. Willson.

—Brother J. V. Willson, our conference secretary, sends out word to add to our "freedom from debt honour roll" the Claremont Society. This makes the eighth society. Who will be next?

—By request of the Union and Cape Conference Committees, Pastor R. C. Porter has consented to act as president of the Cape Conference in connection with his other work until the camp-meeting.

—Sister E. R. Williams returned to Grahamstown the 29th inst. to resume her work. The boys will continue in the canvassing work during the vacation as planned by their father before his death.

—Brother T. J. Gibson writes that Brother George Hutchinson entered at once upon his work at the mission, having left the 13th, four days after his arrival, on a trip to one of the out-schools. Before leaving for the out-school he taught in the mission school a few days. A knowledge of this blessed truth implants a "mind to work."

—Perhaps some who are depending upon the Reading Course programme from the MISSIONARY, have been disappointed the last two months on account of it not being printed. It was an oversight Nov. 7th, and crowded out of Dec. 5th. For this we are sorry. It will be resumed again Jan. 2nd, omitting the Nov. and Dec. lessons.

—Brother J. R. Campbell, of the Barotseland Mission, is now at the Cape, having accompanied Sister Williams from Grahamstown where he and his family had intended spending their vacation. The fever was still in his system, and it was thought best that he remain at the Cape, where it was cooler rather than at Grahamstown. His family came in the evening of December 1st.

—Plans are being matured, whereby Sister J. C. Rogers will take a vacation soon. We are glad that it is possible for Sister Rogers to be spared from the mission so as to get some rest before the camp-meeting. Long continued work on a mission,

and in a trying climate, necessitates one turning aside for a little rest occasionally. Just where she will take her vacation we have not yet learned.

—Pastor J. C. Rogers in making a visit to the two new out-schools lately established, says: "And the game I saw! Not twenty, or fifty, or a hundred, but hundreds of buffalo, eland, water-buck, hartebeeste, antelope (many kinds), wild pigs, baboons, and many others. In one herd I saw fully one hundred buffalo, and in another about fifty eland." Pastor Rogers had some lively and exciting times while on this trip. He walked over the ground where the elephant and the lion had but just preceded him. Each of the out-schools has over one hundred students in them (233 enrolled in the two), and they hope some day to get some good members out of them.

—*The Harvest Ingathering Special Review* is now at the Cape Town office. With its new page cover, more than three score and ten illustrations, and with a condensed report of our work the world over, it is sure to be read and appreciated by every one into whose hands it falls. Let the orders come in thick and fast until the last copy is in the hands of the people. Every copy should be used before the end of the year. Do not delay ordering at once lest you be too late to secure what you need. Remember they cost you nothing. May you be successful in securing a goodly sum for missions, which is so greatly needed at this time.

Honour Roll.

Previously Reported	...	£46	17	6
A. Beissner	...	2	0	0
H. E. Tarr	...	10	6	
Salt River Church	...	9	6	
W. Clegg	...	5	0	
J. H. Commin	...	5	0	
Mrs. F. L. Wilson	...	3	0	
Mrs. M. K. Page	...	2	0	
Mrs. M. P. de Necher	...	2	6	
Mrs. J. Studer	...	2	6	
H. S. Beckner	...	2	6	
P. Smailes	...	1	6	
Total	...	£51	1	6