

# The South African MISSIONARY

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

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## Africa.

"FROM Africa's darkened shores am I;  
Hark! hear ye not that mournful cry?  
There human blood is daily shed,  
And living souls are as the dead.  
O, haste and help to free our land  
From Error's dread, despotic hand!"

## Natal-Transvaal Conference.

THE day set apart by the Union Conference for the consideration and support of city mission work was a specially good day in this field. In all our churches special services were held, and persons living away from church-fellowship joined heartily in the exercises. Johannesburg Church headed the list of contributions by a handsome gift of over £100, and on taking up the offering, we were impressed to make a call for the consecration of our youth to the work of God. In response to this quite a number of young people gave their hearts to Jesus, and are now making plans to enter the college and other institutions for the purpose of being trained for God's work. Maritzburg came next with its gift of £55 19s. 3d. Pretoria followed, with £30, and then Durban with £8 18s. 6d.; Ermelo, £1; Bethal, 10s.; Bethal, natives, 6s. 3d. Every report received shows that the liberal spirit manifested brought rich blessing to the church members. We are very grateful for this gift, and appreciate the hearty response to our appeal for help. The Johannesburg Church appointed Brother Jago, to act as collector of this fund, with its pledges, and we believe every pledge will be paid.

Last Sunday we held a very quiet, and blessed meeting in the La Rochelle Church, where seven candidates presented themselves for baptism. This makes thirty persons the Lord has added to this church this year. How it rejoices our hearts! We are glad to say that others are coming along whom we expect to follow in baptism before long.

A word as to the interest being taken in the Johannesburg Church in the Sabbath-school donations to missions. The superintendent has kept the interest up by various means each quarter. The first quarter, a picture of a man climbing a ladder showed each week how the donations were progressing. It took so much each week to climb one round. A thermometer was also used one quarter, then a scale, and now a large map of South Africa, with all our missions showing, and a railway route to each mission, to visit which means so many miles per week, with a three farthing a mile donation. The goal is set each quarter, showing what it costs weekly to cover the coveted ground, and the result has been an increased interest in the missions, a liberal offering, and a good spirit in the school. The first quarter realised £10; the 2nd, £8 6s.; 3rd, £10 12s., and this quarter the train has already taken us ahead of time, and we are looking for being on true time. We are also adopting the plan of appointing separate treasurers for different funds, with great success. The first day offerings, under the charge of Brother Johnson, are larger than they have ever been. We are grate-

ful to God for the prosperity that is now attending the work of this church, and we believe a rich harvest will soon be gathered.

The tent meetings have continued to draw an appreciative audience. Though not large, the congregation is nightly composed of the same persons. Already there has been several responses to our calls for consecration, and some have experienced a complete change of heart. We are now into the very heart of the message.

Since our last report, the departure of Sister Annie Grant for a few months to Scotland, was made the opportunity for expressing the appreciation of the church for her long and zealous services in connection with the church missionary and young people's work. Accompanied with suitable addresses, Sister Grant was presented with a very pretty writing case by the church, and a fountain pen from the young people's society.

The Spiritualists have written suggesting that the writer hold a debate with one of the local mediums,— a "Rev. Mrs." somebody. But we have adopted the counsel found in Leviticus 19:31.

H. J. EDMED.

## Kolo Mission.

WE are greatly encouraged by what is being done in Basutoland. The Lord has shown us in a special manner that the work is taking deep root.

The attendance at our Sabbath

meetings is not large, but those who do come are deeply interested in the studies. They listen closely to the explanation of the prophecies of Daniel, and ask many questions at the close of the service on what has been told them. This shows they are interested.

Often people come long distances to secure the books. They always inquire for the book telling about the Sabbath and the second coming of Christ. We were made glad a few weeks ago when several young men coming from Central Basutoland called on the mission, saying they had seen some of our books which had been sold in South Bald. They mentioned especially "Sabbath Restored" and "Second Coming of Christ." We sold several small books to each. Some returned home, and some went to work in the mines, but they carried with them the silent messenger, which we trust will bear fruit in many different parts of this country. This is only one in many instances.

People come for miles, to be treated for bodily ailments, and we are glad it is our opportunity to follow in the Saviour's steps by caring for the sick and suffering. A few days ago when I returned from mission duty to the station, a woman came down with a sick child who had been suffering from a boil on the arm as large as a man's fist. After lancing the affected part I washed it carefully with a solution of permanganate of potash, and then did it up neatly with a bandage. The mother said, "I am so thankful, but why do you leave the mission station? We don't know where to go to get help when sick when you are away." I explained to her that I had missionary work elsewhere as well as here. I told her that sometimes as I ride along the road I am called in to help the sick. When I am called out to care for the sick I take one of the mission helpers along so as to give them practical experience in giving treatments. Both my native helpers can give good fomentations, sweats, and also know

how to care successfully for a sore. The number of people coming to the mission to be treated for body ailments has increased steadily during the past two years, so that now if a day passes when I am at home and no one comes to be helped, I am surprised.

The school is another encouraging feature of the work. It was rather hard to get the school started at first. One year ago we felt greatly encouraged when the roll registered twenty-five. This year when we gave the vacation there were fifty-five in attendance. Many of these children attend Sabbath-school, and are learning of One Jesus who died for their sins.

For some time mission help has been scarce. Much work has been done on the place. The old wall had fallen down, the barn caved in, and these, together with other things, have demanded our attention so that it has been impossible for me to pursue my waggon work. Now we have more help and very soon I expect to go down south with books again.

This year we are doing a bit of farming in connection with the mission. Seven and one half bags of mealies have been put in and are doing well. Ten and one half bags of forage have been sown. Three bags of potatoes were planted and are growing nicely. The produce all looks very well though the ground is in need of rain.

We are of good courage in the work of sowing the gospel seed, and praise God for His guiding hand. Pray for the work in Basutoland.

M. E. EMMERSON.

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### To the Friends in South Africa.

*Dear Brethren and Sisters:—*

We would like very much to answer personally all of the wires and letters of sympathy that have come to us, but I find myself too weak physically. I sincerely hope and trust that you will consider this an answer to the letters that you have so kindly written us.

Mr. Williams worked exceedingly hard for the prosperity of the third angel's message in this country, and it fills our hearts with gratitude to you as we read the many expressions of your appreciation of his hard toil.

In our home he was kindness itself and we are all heart-broken. The irreparable loss comes over me with such overwhelming weight at times, that it seems as though this terrible pain in my heart will not cease till Jesus comes.

I had just received a cheerful and an encouraging letter from him and was answering it when the wire came telling of his death. But the Lord knew that the shock was greater than I could bear alone, and He was with me to sustain me. He pointed me to 2 Kings 22:19, 20. Surely the Lord is good. The text of Scripture that He gave me is a comfort to me still. And as I think of Mr. Williams' past life for the last few months, I know that it is true. He manifested such a humble, gentle, kind spirit toward every one. He was carrying volume IX of the *Testimonies* with him and studying its pages, and I find the first paragraph on page 155 marked where it begins, "Pride and weakness of faith are depriving many of the blessings of God."

Everything sinks into utter insignificance in comparison to the thought, we must be ready. The greatest ambition I have for my sons is, to have them consecrate their lives to God each day. God will take care of the future if we are only His children. We comprehend more fully the great sacrifice that God made for us in giving His dear Son, and we must not be a disappointment to heaven.

The Word of God is more precious to me than ever before. I have always looked forward with the greatest of pleasure to the coming of Christ, but now more so, and we pray that God will hasten that glad day. We are trying to lift up our heads and work for Jesus while we wait. The three boys are doing

house-to-house work, selling our precious truth.

It has been a great source of comfort to us to know that the united prayers of all our people were ascending to God in our behalf. Please continue to pray for us. We need your prayers. We thank you all again and again for the words of encouragement that you have spoken and written; also for the many other acts of kindness that you have shown us. They are all appreciated.

We are yours in the hope of a soon coming Saviour.

HELEN M. S. WILLIAMS  
and FAMILY.

## The Reading Course.

### Outline of Study.

(January.)

*Text-Book:* "Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work," pages 47-52.

#### 1. Co-operation With Christ:—

(a) What is the real test of Sabbath-school work?

(b) What instruction is given concerning personal work?

(c) What training should be given our youth? What plan is suggested?

#### 2. Behind Our Duty:—

(a) In what way are we behind our duty?

(b) What double purpose is accomplished in training the youth?

(c) What questions should Sabbath-school workers ask of themselves?

#### 3. Object of Sabbath-School Work:—

(a) For what are teachers and students responsible? What testimony should they bear?

(b) What plan is suggested by which a converted youth may be a blessing to others?

(c) What should be done for the converted youth?

(d) Describe the efforts now going on to enlist persons into two opposing armies.

#### 4. Avoid Controversy:—

## Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

### The Paper Work.

#### Natal-Transvaal Conference, for four weeks ending December 16, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
A. W. Tickton,	Maritzburg,	Good Health,	55	13 9
C. Dixie,	Johannesburg,	Misc.	698	18 0 0
B. Willmore,	"	"	392	8 10 0
M. E. Howard,	"	"	958	22 7 6
Mrs. van der Molen,	Dundee,	"	43	16 3
Mrs. Armer,	Pretoria,	"	284	4 14 3
E. R. Hodgkin,	Johannesburg,	"	189	4 12 3
Health Institute,	Maritzburg,	"	61	12 7
Totals,	Agents, 8		2,680	60 6 7

### The Book Work.

#### Natal-Transvaal Conference, for four weeks ending December 16, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company, Jo'burg,	Misc.	295	254	88	5 0	8 9 6	96 14 6	49 6 6
H. Schmidt, Maritzburg,	B. R.	114	23	23	0 6	5 1 6	28 2 0	9 3 6
A. Tickton,	"	P. P.	20	6	5 17	6	5 17 6	3 16 6
E. Enochson, Krugersd'p,	P. P.	124	28	28	5 6	7 6	28 13 0	12 11 0
E. van der Molen, Dundee,	P. P.	165	9	7	4 0	11 15 0	18 19 0	13 9 9
M. J. Dixie, Durban,	M. H.	58	28	10	10 0		10 10 0	1 17 6
J. Strachan,	"	M. H.	61	17	6 15	0	6 15 0	7 6
I. R. Armer, Pretoria,	H. H. B.	3	2	3	0 0		3 0 0	1 10 0
Mrs. Armer,	"	G. P.	23	34	2 11	0	2 11 0	2 11 0
E. Egie, Germiston,	Misc.					4 0	4 0	4 0
Totals,	Agents, 10		901	438	182 3 6	25 17 6	167 1 6	95 4 3

#### Cape Colony Conference, for four weeks ending December 16, 1910.

J. F. Terry, Beaconsfield,	C.O.L.	102	99	17	6 6	6 3 0	22 18 6	9 5 6
P. E. Frost, Port E'beth,	P. G.	64	15	12	3 0	2 18 6	15 1 6	10 3 9
B. P. de Beer and J. D. le Riche,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.	45	24	40 10	0	40 10 0	
E. Smith, Sea Point,	G. C.	16	2	1	5 0		1 5 0	
I. Williams, Salt River,	G. C.	33	4	2	6 0		2 6 0	
L. Williams, various places,	G. C.	36	3	1	17 6		1 17 6	
H. Williams, Woodstock,	C. K.	49	14	4	7 0		4 7 0	
P. Evert, Salt River,	C. K.	49	15	4	5 6	5 6	4 10 0	3 10 0
P. Tarr, various places,	P. for W.	69	17	4	14 6	2 0 0	6 15 6	
A. Wessels, various places,	G. C.	99	9	6	2 6		6 2 6	1 17 0
H. J. P. Dwyer, Ceres Rd.,	Misc.							6 6
Totals,	Agents, 12		692	222	16 7 0	10 7 6	119 16 6	31 5 0

(a) Why is the influence of the Holy Spirit especially needed in the Sabbath-school? attention and discipline? Illustrate.

(b) What spirit should be kept out? 3. How may the habit of giving attention be strengthened? How is it frequently weakened?

(c) What should be the nature of the study? 4. What is the direct inference to be drawn from this?

(d) What admonition is given to the youth? 5. How may a teacher strengthen the mental powers of his pupils?

*Text-Book:* "The Art of Securing Attention," pages 31-38. 6. Why is the power of giving attention so important a faculty?

1. By whom should a teacher measure progress? 7. How may a teacher easily fail to develop attention in his pupils?

2. What connection exists between teacher? 8. What rule should guide the

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9. What is the advantage of combining a man's intellect and a child's heart?

*Text-Book:* "History of Sabbath-School Work," pages 30-33.

1. What is "Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work"?

2. What change in the plan of organisation was effected in 1901?

3. State six important changes in the manner of conducting this work which the re-organisation plan made necessary.

4. What change was made in the location of the general Sabbath-school office?

### Suggestions for Teachers' Meetings.

*First Week:* Note carefully a number of short, positive statements in the study of "Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work," as to what should be done in each Sabbath-school. Plan to carry out the suggestions.

*Second Week:* Topics for Presentation:—

1. The relation between discipline and attention.

2. How to strengthen the habit of attention—

(a) In ourselves.

(b) In others.

*Third Week:* Outline the important changes made by reorganisation of the work in 1901.

*Fourth Week:* Review those topics in which there is greatest interest or of which there is greatest need.

### Notes.

—The address of Pastor F. B. Armitage is Nongoma, Zululand, via Somkele.

—Fourteen of the students at the Barotse-land Mission are ill with the mumps, causing some inconvenience as regards help in planting of crops.

—Pastor and Sister W. H. Anderson visited Livingstone the 19th and 20th of December, to see the administrator about opening up more out-schools.

—The out-schools of the Barotse-land Mission are all making excellent progress. A good interest is manifest in both the schools and the farm work by the native teachers, and this always means progress.

—Pastor R. C. Porter left the Cape Monday the 26th of December for a visit to Kimberley, Bloemfontein, Ladybrand, Wilgehoek, and Grahams-town, before making a trip with Pastor Hyatt into Kaffirland with the "little waggon."

—Another tract society has joined in the song of jubilee; the Rokeby Park Society is out of debt. Brother Willson, our secretary, says he feels like singing all the time when such a good work is constantly going on. A few more only remain and then we will have a clean slate.

—Brother and Sister J. R. Campbell left the Cape the evening of the 24th of December for a visit to Brother and Sister Olmstead at Leri-ribe, Basutoland. Brother Campbell has quite recovered from the fever, and is looking much fairer and fatter in flesh than when he came from Rhodesia.

—Brother C. Robinson, of Barotse-land Mission, has been having a touch of the fever lately. He will leave the end of December for the Cape for a well earned rest, so writes Pastor Anderson. He will be accompanied by Naomi Anderson who will come to attend the college this year.

—Pastor Sturdevant's last letter conveys the sad news of the death of the wife of his head native teacher, Mark. This has made it necessary for Mark to return to the Solusi Mission that he may find a home with relatives for his motherless little ones. The prospects are that Clarence and wife of Solusi will take up work at the Tsungwesi Mission.

—Brother T. J. Gibson, of the Somabula Mission, writes that their

courage and health is good. He says: "Brother and Sister de Beer went to Gwelo last week to get a stove and other things needed. He took a few green mealies from the garden for the market and received 3s. a dozen for them. Brother de Beer is planning for a strong early garden next year. We are more thankful every day that they were sent to us."

—Sister J. C. Rogers has taken a tent and a few boys as helpers and gone some distance from the mission to engage in mission work for a few weeks, this to serve as her vacation. She will establish an out-school in a large group of villages, and make a specialty of language study while on the trip. We must admit that Sister Rogers is not taking a vacation such as the majority of workers take, and it certainly is unselfish of her to thus combine so much wearying labour with her resting spell. God will make her a blessing to those in so great need at this time.

### Honour Roll.

Previously Reported,	£51	1	6
Mrs. Ticky,		5	0
Miss Webb,		2	0
W. A. Haupt,		5	0
F. C. Baumann,		2	6
Allan G. Willmore,		2	0
J. R. Campbell,		2	6
Total,	£51	19	0

### Notice.

THERE has come a call from the General Conference brethren to supply them with the names of those who have come into the truth through reading our literature,—books, tracts, or papers. Will such please write out the particulars and send them to our tract societies? They will then be forwarded to the proper ones, and from these reports will be issued a small tract for the use of those who are working with our literature.

J. V. WILLSON.