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

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The Sermon in the Tent.

Outside in the street there is clanging and rattle,
But here in the tent is a silence that shows—
There are many seem willing to fight the Lord's battle,
But will they prove faithful? our God only knows.

Before us in pews there are questioning faces,
Some, in their deep earnestness, holding their breath,
Some, praying that God will to each show their places,
To rescue the world from the harvest of death.

There's a power in the truth; e'en the careless must
feel it,—
With the third angel's message with imagery grand,
Tis brought home to hearts, for the Lord doth reveal it
By the lips of His minister here in the stand.

The signs of His coming increase, and come faster,
The earth is awaiting the great judgment day,
Oh, sinner, shall Satan, or Christ be your master?
His spirit is asking you, what will you say?

The noise, or the roar in the street, never mention,
For all listen eagerly, aged and youth—
All give to the sermon their earnest attention,
Those under the canvas are hearing the truth.

The sermon has ceased, and the audience scatter—
That God has impressed them each countenance
shows.

Oh, solemn the theme, and important the matter—
Will each one prove faithful? our God only knows.

—L. D. SANTEE.

Solusi Mission.

It has been a busy time at the Mission for many weeks. The weather has been very favorable this season, and nice rains have fallen each week.

With the large number of acres we have to plant, we must keep busy to keep up with the weather. We have not yet finished planting, but will in a few days. The mealies we planted first are now ready for the cultivator the second time; this may give an idea how rapid our crops are growing. It is plant, cultivate and hoe every day. It has been quite a number of years since there was so favorable a time to start crops as this year. We

hope to have a good season till harvesting time.

We are notified that our missions are expected to look well after their industrial work, and try to make our work as nearly self-supporting as possible, owing to a lack of funds in the General Conference treasury. We are trying to do as advised, and do not intend to neglect any department of the work on the mission.

We have every reason to be of good courage. The mission is in a prosperous condition. We cannot speak too highly of the work accomplished here by Brother and Sister Sturdevant. When we consider how God has blessed their efforts during the many years they have faithfully carried the burden of the mission, I am sure we should feel very grateful for their services, and wish them success in their future work. I am sure God will bless them as they go to open up this new field.

It was with many misgivings that my wife and I took up this work, knowing the heavy responsibilities that rested upon Pastor and Sister Sturdevant, but we knew if God called us here, He would give us strength and wisdom if we were faithful to Him. We are quite well settled now and acquainted with the duties of the mission, and enjoy our work. We are all well and the work prospering nicely.

When Pastor and Sister Sturdevant went away they took several from the school to help them in their new field. But since then several more students have come in and our number keeps well up to the one hundred mark in

the home. We have six out-schools which are doing very well. During the planting season the number in attendance drop to some extent, but the school will fill up again when the planting is finished. We have calls for two more out-schools which we will provide teachers for as soon as possible.

There are twenty-eight members in our baptismal class, which will be ready to be baptized in a few months. All these omens give us courage and increase our interest in this line of work. When we see how great this field is, we often wonder who will "come over and help us?"

We are pleased of late to see so many of our own people in this country offering their services. We hope the time will soon come when many more will be in the native work, and then there will be no need to send to a far country for labourers.

We are sure God does not neglect this work, or fail to bless the workers who are willing to come into this field. We see people coming to gain a little of this world's goods, and why not we to labour for that which will not perish? We have no discouraging report for the readers of the MISSIONARY. We are of good courage and glad to labour where God wishes us to. We hope to "come rejoicing bringing our sheaves" when Jesus comes to gather His people.

W. C. WALSTON.

Small service is true service while it lasts;
Of friends, however humble, scorn not one;
The daisy, by the shadow that it casts,
Protects the lingering dewdrop from the sun.

—Wordsworth.

Out-Station of the Malomulo Mission.

THE work in this part of the vineyard is going steadily forward, and we thank God for what success we have had.

There are very few natives living close to the mission, so when seventy-five come to Sabbath service we feel especially grateful, as they come from quite a distance. All services are carried on in the native language.

On Friday our teachers go to the far away villages, and on Sabbath to the nearest ones, to hold services. Last week there were five hundred and seventy-five who attended village meetings. This does not include the work of five other teachers in out-schools some distance away.

A few weeks ago one of our teachers went to his school, and finding but a few children searched for the others. He found them in another village at a big dance and beer drink. There were two hundred and twenty-five men, women and children congregated here, and they stopped the dance and listened respectfully as the teacher talked to them about Jesus. The Catholics claim these villages as their territory, and their native teacher was at the dance. Our teacher appealed to the chief, and was granted preference over the other teacher. This is especially gratifying, as but a few months ago this same chief forbade his children to attend our school. Now there are pupils attending school who come from farther in the Catholic territory.

We have also been granted permission to place a school in a village which has been twice refused on account of the Catholics. Altogether we have eight out-schools, and a three-session school at the mission.

We are putting forth an effort toward self-supporting work, and trust God will bless in this.

We have one case in our native hospital. The other evening a child was brought to us supposed to be dying, one simple treatment was sufficient to relieve the little one; it

is well at present. Last week the drums were sounding the death of the chief's child, a dose of castor oil was very effective in this case.

This evening three boys came from a distance to go to school, sleeping two nights on the road. They seem willing to hoe, although one is just back from the Johannesburg mines, and the other a teacher from another school.

So, although opposition is great, God is greater. Pray for the work in this field.

Mr. & Mrs. S. M. KONIGMACHER.

Of General Interest.

[The following report is extracts from a private letter from Sister F. B. Armitage to Sister J. V. Willson. Sister Willson passed it to the editor.]

"I have long delayed answering your letter, hoping we should soon get into our new mission, but this is taking ever so much more time than we had expected. One reason for this is that the Union of South Africa has just taken place, and all the old men in office do not feel at liberty to go ahead and decide anything of importance, and the new men have not been appointed as yet. I expect by this time things will have adjusted themselves now that parliament has met at the Cape, so we will soon know what the Government will do for us.

We are here in Zululand on a rented farm of one hundred acres. We have rented for one year. It is only about eight miles from the place we have selected for a mission station. We can now be raising food for the school next year; besides we can be working for the people in holding meetings and visiting them and getting acquainted, and in this way gain their confidence, so that when we open the mission we will have the good will of the people. . . . If we get the mission site, we are near enough so that we can begin building just as soon as the rainy season is over.

We were eight days coming about thirty miles to reach this place. Such

hills! It was up one hill and down on the other side, and then up another all the way, and we are settled in the midst of them, not being able to see any distance in any direction. We passed some of the finest mountain streams I ever saw. Such lovely water! in fact the whole country is nothing but hills and rivers and little valleys. But for all its beauty, good water, abundance of green grass, it is a deathly country. Sheep cannot live here, and the horse and cattle are all dead. We have our farm horses here, but we dare not keep them during the rainy season. We are planning to send them out of the country next week. We have twenty donkeys with which to do the farm work. Some of them are young, never having been inspanned until we came here. They had a hard trip and many times the horses had to help them up the hills. We had to off-load in three different rivers because they could not pull the wagon out. We had quite an interesting time carrying things up the hills; men, women and children all helped, and soon we were up the hill, then down on the other side and to do the same thing over again. Well, as all things come to an end some time, so our journey did, and we are all thankful to be here.

We have oranges, peaches, grapes and bananas at this place, with plenty of mosquitoes, but we are told no fever is here. We hope it is true.

We are just on the edge of Zululand, so we are not very far from white people, but they are nearly all Dutch people. We have plenty of black neighbours. The head chief was down and made us a call, and he seemed glad that we had come, and said he wanted to dwell nicely with us.

Last Sunday we had a lantern service appointed for the evening, but it rained very hard all day and evening, so we expected no one to come, but to our surprise twelve came, dripping wet. . . . This was our first meeting in Zululand. We have another appointed for next Sunday evening. The news of those wonderful pictures

have gone far and near, and several have been here during the week to ask when we will show them again.

We are just ten miles from a weekly post, so that is not so bad; also a general store where one can get the common necessities.

MARY ARMITAGE,

*Nongoma, Zululand,
via Somkele.*

Bellair-Hydro Institute.

Report for October and November.

DURING October we had one surgical case, one maternity case, and gave in all one hundred and fifty-three treatments; eleven of these were free. Nurse Hamilton nursed a case at Charlestown during the month.

We have all felt keenly the sad news conveyed to us through the MISSIONARY of the death of Pastor Williams. We feel deeply for Sister Williams and family, and trust they will be comforted by the "blessed hope" of the Lord's soon coming, when they will meet again the one who has been taken from them.

MARY BAUMANN.

God's Call to His Church.

IT must have been a surprise to the Church of Antioch when they were told to separate Barnabas and Saul for a foreign mission. They had five prophets and teachers in that city of 250,000 inhabitants. All Syria and Palestine, with hundreds of towns and cities, needed the gospel, and they had only five preachers in Antioch. They were probably planning a grand home missionary campaign. Barnabas and Saul had gone down to Jerusalem to carry the famine fund raised in Antioch and had returned. It certainly seemed a favourable time to work for Syria and Palestine. But the Holy Spirit took a wider and broader view than any one church could take, and said, "Separate me your two best men, Barnabas and Saul." There was no questioning *that* voice. So they fasted

Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending December 23, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
C. Dixie,	Johannesburg,	Misc.	113	2 16 3
M. E. Howard,	"	"	166	3 19 3
F. Armer,	Pretoria,	"	69	1 11 0
Totals,	Agents, 3		348	£8 6 6

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending December 23, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company, Jo'burg,	S. P.	52	31	10	1 6		10 1 6	3 5 0
A. W. Tickton, Durban,	P. P.	31	4	4	4 0	4 2 0	8 6 0	
J. Strachan,	"	M. H.	17½	6	2 5 0		2 5 0	15 0
M. J. Dixie,	"	M. H.	9½	9	3 7 6		3 7 6	7 6
E. van der Molen, Dundee,	P. P.	35	3	2	8 0	15 0	3 3 0	3 3 6
E. Enochson, East Rand,	P. P.	30	11	11	11 0		11 11 0	
Totals,	Agents, 6		175	64	£33 17 0	£4 17 0	£38 14 0	£7 11 0

Cape Colony Conference, for week ending December 23, 1910.

J. F. Terry, Beaconsfield,	C.O.S.	26	38	2	2 0	1 8 0	3 10 0	4 12 6
P. E. Frost, East London,	P. G.	11						4 16 0
A. Wessels, Porterville and Sodendal	G. C.	27	3	1	17 6		1 17 6	1 0 0
Totals,	Agents, 3		64	41	£3 19 6	£1 8 0	£5 7 6	£10 8 6

and prayed and laid their hands on these two and sent them away—two-fifths of the whole corps of ministers. Europe and America are what they are to-day, because that young man Paul was obedient to the call of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit has kept on speaking to the Church ever since, "Separate me your sons and daughters—your choicest and best loved ones—Christ needs them—the world needs them."

—H. H. JESSUP, D.D.

Our Native Pastor's Letter.

MY great desire is to tell our MISSIONARY readers about our work up here in the present time. Since last October I visited our brethren at Lindley and Bethlehem. Our members are scattered.

About school matters: It took me a long time before I could manage the work in a proper way, but now we thank the Lord we have started the plan to get a school for coloured children; also to settle about our

teachers, and to pay them, and about helpers in the work to assist and drive the work onward. I am helping them, and we hope soon to reach the top.

J. R. MTIMKULU.

Notes.

—Pastor G. W. Shone is at the Cape in the interest of the Dutch work. He will remain until about the 16th.

—Brother George Hutchinson, of the Somabula Mission, is taking Brother Victor Wilson's place in the school at Solusi during Victor's absence on his vacation.

—Pastor H. J. Edmed met Pastor R. C. Porter in Bloemfontein, on December 29th, for a day's counsel regarding camp-meeting arrangements, etc.

—Brother J. W. Johnson, of Johannesburg, arrived at the Cape with his family the 28th of December, and entered upon his work at the college printing press the first of the year.

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—Brother Victor Wilson, of the Solusi Mission, arrived at the Cape the 30th Dec. He is here in the interests of the mission. He is planning to return the last of the present month, going by way of Port Elizabeth for a few days' visit with his people.

—The Barotseland Mission have one hundred acres of mealies planted. If rain comes soon they will keep on planting. They have had but very little rain so far this season. Their cotton fields are looking well. At each of the out-schools they have also planted a small crop of cotton as an experiment.

—Pastor Sturdevant of the Tsungwesi Mission, is not in the best of health at present. The extra burden of moving and starting a new mission has greatly taxed his strength. They are exceedingly thankful for the buildings that were left standing on the government grant of land for the mission. These were previously sold to a stranger by the government, and Pastor Sturdevant asked the Lord to give him a sign that this was the right place for his mission by holding the buildings for them, and it was so. The rainy season was on, all the grass for thatching had been burned, and one can see how inconvenient it would have been had the buildings been removed. God held them, and to Him be the praise.

—The *Review* reports nearly £400,000 raised for evangelistic work in 1909, with prospects of a larger sum in 1910. We now publish in 66 languages,—different books 336, pamphlets 292, tracts 1,108, periodicals 124. Total cost one copy each—£100. Literature sold in 1909, nearly £300,000, which is more than was sold in the first 27 years after the work was organised in 1863. Review Office alone shipped 20 car-loads of literature during first eight months of 1909.—*I. J. Hankins.*

Report of Sabbath-Schools for Quarter Ending September 30, 1910.

Cape Colony Conference.

SCHOOL	MEMBERSHIP	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	DONATIONS	EXPENSE	TO MISSIONS
Beaconsfield,	35	23	£2 5 9	£1 1 11	£1 3 10
Claremont,	81	68	5 17 8		5 17 8
Cape Town,	49	33	2 15 6		2 15 6
Chicago,	22	22	11 0	2 3	8 9
Heisterbach,	11	11	13 7		13 7
Port Elizabeth,	25	18	1 19 4	2 3	1 17 1
Parow,	11	10	19 0	7 0	12 0
Salt River,	18	11	19 5	10 5	9 0
Uitenhage,	33	25	2 17 1		2 17 1
Wilgehoek,	16	11	1 4 3		1 4 3
Worcester,	14	11	1 6 0		1 6 0
Rokeby Park,	18	13	2 13 1		2 13 1
Rustica,	45	28	3 12 0		3 12 0
Grahamstown,	32	26	4 0 9	3 5 9	15 0
Grootkop,	13	10	16 0		16 0
Bloemfontein,	18	18	1 6 2		1 6 2
Cradock,	2	2	7 6		7 6
Fauresmith,	1	1	3 6		3 6
Bredasdorp,	3	3	3 3		3 3
Soudendal,	5	5	4 0		4 0
Longlands,	9	9	1 12 9		1 12 9
Komgha,	7	7	19 6		19 6
Gladstone,					
Content,	10	9	2 7 6		2 7 6
Molteno,	3	3	1 0 0		1 0 0
Muiskraal,	5	5	7 6		7 6
Tweespruit,	14	17	4 10		4 10
Bethlehem,					
Totals,	500	399	£41 6 11	£5 9 7	£35 17 4

Natal-Transvaal Conference.

Durban,	30	17	£2 12 5		£2 12 5
Maritzburg,	23	14	4 6 7		4 6 7
Sweetwaters,	15	13	4 7 10		4 7 10
Jeppesstown,	82	58	10 11 0		10 11 0
Pretoria,	6	4	2 10 0	(six months)	2 10 0
Reitfontein,	12	10	14 10		14 10
Bethal,	13	6	10 3		10 3
Hlobane,	13	11	1 19 10		1 19 10
Klerksdorp,	5	5	1 0 0		1 0 0
Heidelberg,	5	4	13 9		13 9
Ermelo,	4	4	1 2 0	(six months)	1 2 0
Native Compound,					
Bethal,	18	18	12 0		12 0
Home Dept.,	1	1	6 0		6 0
Totals,	227	165	£31 6 6		£31 6 6

Missions.

Solusi,	143	109	£3 3 9		£3 3 9
Barotseland,	63	63	2 10 6		2 10 6
Emmanuel,	23	19	14 9		14 9
Kolo,	16	12	10 0		10 0
Somabula,	90	89	19 9		19 9
Malamulo,	150	130			
Maranatha,	46	42	2 4 7		2 4 7
Totals,	531	464	£10 3 4		£10 3 4

MRS. A. P. TARR, S. S. Sec., S.A.U.C.