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

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Two Questions.

*Shall we recognize our friends in heaven?
“Then shall I know even as also I am
known.” 1 Cor. 13:12.*

*Shall we grieve for those that are not there?
“The former shall not be remembered nor
come upon the heart.” Isa. 65:17*

(margin.)

In the change that shall make us immortal,
We shall lose not the dear ones we love,
With them we shall enter the portal,
Of the beautiful mansion above.
This thought dispels all of my sadness,
Though I walk down life's valley alone,
For, full of unspeakable gladness,
Is the thought, I shall know as I'm known.

The things whose remembrance brings sorrow
The ones that were, and are not,
They come not to sadden the spirit,
They are lost to the mind and forgot.
In all of the ages of heaven,
The thought of them comes not again,
To the ransomed no memory is given,
That will sadden the heart and give pain.

That life will be free from all sorrow,
Through heaven's inexhaustible years,
No shadow to darken the morrow,
No sadness, no pain, and no tears.
In that region where sickness comes never,
All the joys of the blest we shall find,
There gladness will linger forever,
And sorrows ne'er come into mind.

—L. D. Santee.

A Visit to the Heisterbach Church.

Monday, December 26th, 1910,
I left home by the 11:30 a.m. train.
After riding the remainder of that
day, and all night and all the next
day, I arrived at Kimberley where
I spent about twenty-four hours at
the pleasant home of Brother and
Sister David Sparrow. I then left

for Bloemfontein. I spent one night
and one day there. The day was
spent in counsel with Pastor
H. J. Edmed regarding camp-meeting
arrangements, etc. We left at
4 p.m., Pastor Edmed for his work
in Johannesburg, and I for Bethlehem,
having one night to spend at Kroon-
stand on the way. Here I met with
a new experience. I was making
inquiry for a hotel to spend the
night, when the hotel runner came to
me and said that I could get right
into my carriage for Bethlehem, as it
stood on the siding, and I would
not then have to be awakened so
early the next morning. Such care
for one, and at the loss of a bill to
the hotel, I had not met with before.
I very much appreciated the kindness,
and enjoyed a good night's rest in
sleep.

At a little before noon I arrived at
Bethlehem. Brother T. P. Louwrens
met me, and two hours later we
reached the home of this prosperous
Dutch farmer, fifteen miles in the
country. This was Friday evening,
and I had now reached the first
church I had started to visit, having
travelled nearly three days by rail,
a distance of over six hundred miles,
and fifteen miles by cart.

Our first meeting was held on Friday
night, and some of the brethren and
sisters were in from a distance of seven-
teen to twenty-four miles. On Sabbath
forenoon we had another service, and
also one in the afternoon; the after-
noon service being followed by a social
service in which all took part even the
small children. The ordinances of the
Lord's house were then celebrated,

and at eight o'clock in the evening
I spoke again. The next morning
at 6 o'clock the church quarterly
meeting was held, and the church
tract society was cleared of debt, and
a cash fund started for future orders.
At the close of this meeting I held
a meeting with the native brethren,
and we laid some plans for their work.
The next day Brother John Venter
took me by private cart conveyance
across country thirty miles to visit
an isolated family of Sabbath-keepers.
We reached the farm at noon, but
were disappointed to find the house
vacant. We went on to the next
farm house and there learned that
our brother had recently removed to
another house on the same farm.
As we had thirty miles further to go
before night in order to reach another
isolated Sabbath-keeper, we could not
then retrace our steps, but decided to
visit this family on our return journey.

We missed our way ten miles in
the afternoon, where two roads
seemed to go in about the same
direction. This caused us ten miles
of extra travelling, and delayed us
so that we out-spanned within about
a mile of our journey's end, having
travelled by team in a two-wheeled
cart, seventy miles that day. We
passed through fifty wire fence gates,
forty of which I opened and closed
with my own hands; the other ten
we found open, and we left them so.

We staid here with a Dutch farmer
over night as the road was bad the
last mile or so, and it was now dark.
We were treated royally, and slept
sweetly on an old-fashioned feather
bed.

We were disappointed on going on the next morning to Brother Kaster's to find him absent from home. But we enjoyed a visit with his family, and arranged an appointment for a meeting later.

The next morning we started on our return journey, staying the first night with the brother we missed on the outward journey, and the next day completed our journey of one hundred and thirty miles by team to visit two lonely Sabbath-keeping families, feeling well paid for the trip.

R. C. PORTER.

"De Wachter" Publication Guarantee Fund for 1911.

[ALL moneys pledged under this head are due and payable to the Union Conference treasury.]

Amount previously acknowledged	£62	9	6
Less amount Vryheid Church (reported twice) ...	...	6	0
		56	9
Less loss of pledge ...	...	0	12
		55	17
A. Boekhout, Wynberg ...	...	1	0
T. Smith, Wynberg ...	...	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. E. de Beer, Swazie- land ...	...	1	0
		£58	17

To our Brethren,—

In my capacity as editor of the Dutch paper I want to give the absolute assurance that *De Wachter* will be continued as a Union Conference paper during the year upon which we have now entered. This assurance is given on the authority of the Union Conference committee, with a view to allaying all existing fears, that the Dutch paper might possibly be stopped.

The fund's position is as follows:—

Moneys paid in ...	£37	17	0
Pledges not yet paid ...	21	0	0

This gives a possible total of £58 17 0. The net result of the effort is, therefore, that the object in view has not been reached. We have gone only half the way towards it. To sustain *De Wachter* for the year, and improve the paper at the same time, we require about £120. This is the cost of production, exclusive of the editor's salary.

We, therefore, need a good deal more money, if the Union Conference is not to bear the burden of the Dutch paper for the current year. I emphasize this fact, as I know that some of our brethren are waiting for this information before they will open their hands and give liberally. The fund, such as it is, has been largely collected from the pockets of brethren who cannot read *De Wachter* and the purses of others who have gone on short rations—actually so—to be able to send their donations. The majority of those in whose interest the Dutch paper is issued, have so far not come forward, and it is to them we now principally look to bring up the fund to the required £120, and do it without delay. We are pleading for a cause whose needs are crying needs, and so can afford to be brief and to the point. Brethren, let us have the satisfaction of seeing *De Wachter* properly supported, until the paper eventually gets on its feet and can run without calling on you for extra help. Do not forget that the paper stands for at least three Dutch preachers in its wide-spread influence. I shall do my best to improve the paper, both in looks and in contents. But I cannot do all things single-handed. I want brotherly support in what is strenuous endeavour to help on the cause of God in this country among the Dutch population. Do not disappoint the Union Conference, brethren. They have their hands full. Relieve them for this year of the responsibility of a paper which does not pay for itself—not by a long way—and cannot do so for some time to come. Help to increase the circulation of *De Wachter*. Send it about wherever you see an opportunity. Get your acquaintances who read Dutch interested in this publication. Do what you can during 1911. And above all things, complete the fund necessary for publication.

I appeal to you with frankness, and shall look for loyal support from many among you.

HUBERTUS ELFFERS.

"To Every Man His Work."

That "work" is the work of the Master, and it is now summed up in third angel's message. In the sparsely settled districts of this country the faithful circulation of literature, attended by letter or personal visits, is the most effective means of giving the message. Another year has now opened to us its doors of opportunity. Shall we not speedily place the truth in every home in this land? This is possible if every one were awake to the urgency of the case. Every agency should be enlarged and strengthened. Every believer should be enlisted to do something. Our paper clubs should be enlarged; more tracts should be distributed, and more books sold; we should all read the Bible, the Testimonies, and our good literature more than we have done; we should visit more, pray more, meditate more, and study to show ourselves approved of God day by day. Are we all satisfied with our own past year's work? Doubtless every one has resolved to do more and better work this year. Shall we simply desire and resolve, or shall we *act*? The word of the Master is, "Get ready," "step fast," "awake," for the end is nearer than we think.

I. J. HANKINS.

Our Papers.

THE *Sentinel* is now registered, and in Cape Colony will be sent at newspaper postage rates; but to other parts the postage is still the same as before. Before paying excess postage, weigh the parcel, and be sure it is required. We will endeavour to put on sufficient postage to carry parcels (clubs), so excess postage cannot justly be asked.

The *Signs* is also registered as a newspaper, and may be sent in Cape Colony (only) at newspaper rates.

I. J. HANKINS.

Onward.

PERHAPS December is the most difficult month of the year for the canvassers and their work, but in spite of all the hindrances, some very faithful and successful work was done last month. £17 worth of periodicals were sold, £288 worth of orders for books were taken, and £194 were delivered.

Brother van der Molen reports 189 hours work for the month. Brother Terry comes next with 129 hours, £25 orders, and £14 deliveries; Brother Dixie 119 hours, £37 orders, and £30 deliveries; Brother Enochson has 118 hours, £26 orders, and £10 deliveries. Other good reports might be mentioned, but it is unnecessary. The records of these faithful men show what can be done even when the world is almost wild with the pleasures and dissipations of the holiday season.

Satan is unceasing in his efforts to destroy, why should not we be to save?

We pause for a moment and greatly rejoice in God that we have had reported the actual delivery of £3,543 worth of literature during the year 1910. To God alone be all the glory.

This report is a £100 more than has been reported during the four preceding years.

"What hath God wrought!"

G. H. CLARK.

Bellair-Hydro Institute.**Report for December.**

We gave in all ninety treatments, twenty of which were given in a private home, and free. We sold one copy of *Ministry of Healing* to a lady patient.

During Christmas we have been quite busy, almost full with patients and boarders, and are still.

I trust all is going well with the work at the Cape. We hope Doctor Thomason will soon be able to pay a visit to Natal.

MARY BAUMANN.

Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.**The Paper Work.****Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending December 30, 1910.**

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Health Institute,	Maritzburg,	Good Health	50	12 6
Mrs. van der Molen,	Dundee,	Miscellaneous	133	1 5 3
Mrs. E. Armer,	Johannesburg,	"	58	0 14 3
Totals,	Agents, 3		241	£2 12 0

The Book Work.**Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending December 30, 1910.**

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg, S. P.	19	11	3 11 6	0 6 0	3 17 6	0 13 0	
Health Institute,	Mt'burg, M.H. month	61	22	17 6		22 17 6	7 17 6	
T. G. Crouch,	Pretoria, D. & R.	45	22	21 12 0		21 12 0		
E. Enochson,	East Rand, P. P.	9	3	3 3 0	1 5 0	4 8 0		
E. van der Molen,	Dundee, P. P.	33	5	4 2 6	0 11 6	4 14 0	1 3 0	
H. Schmidt,	Maritzburg, B. R.	39	7	7 7 0		7 7 0	1 1 0	
Totals,	Agents, 6		145	109	£62 13 6	£2 2 6	£64 16 0	£10 14 6

Cape Colony Conference, for week ending December 30, 1910.

J. F. Terry,	Beaconsfield, C.O.S.	7				0 10 6	0 10 6	1 9 0
I. B. Burton,	Victoria East, Mis.	19		2 11 3			2 11 3	0 14 6
A. Wessels,	Tulbagh G.C.	13						
I. Williams,	Salt River, G. C.	60	4	2 2 0	0 11 0	2 13 0		
H. Williams,	Salt River, C. K.	56	13	4 4 0		4 4 0		
L. Williams,	Maitland, C. K.	30	4	1 3 6		1 3 6		
P. Evert,	Observatory C. K.	51	6	1 13 0		1 13 0	1 2 9	
Totals,	Agents, 7		217	46	£11 13 9	£1 1 6	£12 15 3	£3 6 3

The Value of Prayer.

"YOUR prayers are almost everything to us. Often the mails are delayed, and we may be weeks letterless, as in many another land they are months; but the prayers come *via* heaven, and God forwards the answers straight on to us. Dear friends, will you not send us ever so many prayer telegrams? Pray for us whenever you think of us, turning thought into prayer, and know that not one ever 'miscarries.' Nor will the answer come too late."

—A Missionary in Japan.

Attention!

THE Parow Church request that the members who have moved to other localities, and are no more attending the said church, have their names transferred to the church to which they are now attending, that their names may no longer appear on the Parow Church roll. While the roll shows a large membership, the

income is small, which income is derived only from the few members that remain. Therefore, the church will be thankful if such comply with the above request.

D. MAY, *Elder.*

Jeppestown Church.**Missionary Report for Month ending November 30th, 1910.**

Missionary visits made	...	177
Missionary letters written	...	3
Pages of tracts given or loaned		1097
Papers sold	...	295
Pages of books loaned	...	1401
Papers given away	...	90
Persons supplied with clothes		5
Sick assisted	...	3

Krugersdorp Church.

Missionary visits made	...	31
Pages of tracts given or loaned		123
Pages of books loaned	...	757
Papers mailed or given away		72
Papers sold	...	24

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Persevere!

PERSEVERE, though certain failure
Seems to stare you in the face;
Don't stop running if another
Gets before you in the race.

Though the world may count it failure,
God will know you did your best;
In His sight you'll have succeeded,
And have won the victor's rest.

—*Australian Union Record.*

Notes.

—Sister David Tarr, and little daughter of Thaba Nchu, O. F. S., is spending a few weeks with her sister-in-law, Sister D. F. Tarr, at the Cape.

—Pastor D. F. Tarr and Brother B. C. Groenewald, began meetings for the public at Ladybrand December 20th. We have not yet learned of the interest. Meetings are conducted in both the English and the Dutch languages.

—Pastor W. S. Hyatt reports the baptism of ten native converts near Grahamstown. We have the promise of a report in full later.

—Brother T. J. Gibson sends in a plea for more help on his mission, as the work is opening up faster than they are able to carry it with the help they now have. Harvesters are needed to gather in the ripened grain.

—Pastor and Sister M. C. Sturdevant are planning to open school work on their new Tsungwesi Mission the first of the year. A few prospective students had already visited the mission and expected to return.

—Mrs. J. W. Cradwell and three daughters left the Cape, to which place they had come a few months ago that the girls might have the educational privileges at the college, and returned home on account of the serious illness of the husband and father.

—Mrs. S. C. Austen, of Beaconsfield, is enjoying a vacation with her daughter and son at the Cape. They have spent their time so far at the sea.

—Brother C. Robinson, of the Barotseland Mission arrived at the Cape Sunday the 8th inst. for his vacation. He will remain some weeks. Naomi Anderson accompanied him, and will enter upon school work at the college.

—Brother Clifton Tarr, who has spent some years in America, returned to Cape Town by an intermediate boat which arrived last Sabbath. His coming was a surprise to his many friends here. Brother Tarr anticipates the arrival of his family at no distant day. Thus another family of loyal adherents to the message of truth will be added to the working force in the Dark Continent. Brother Tarr will visit his mother at Gathcart, leaving the Cape about the 11th, so we understand.

—Pastor G. W. Shone is leaving for his field of labour on the 10th. His words of courage were much appreciated by the Claremont Church, as he related of how the Lord had wrought for the truth among the Dutch speaking farmers, bringing about twelve adults to see and accept the Sabbath. A report of his work will be read with interest. Pastor Shone spoke at "Rustica" Sabbath afternoon.

—Pastor D. C. Theunissen made a brief trip to the Cape to visit his wife who is ill at the sanitarium. He found her much improved. Pastor Theunissen is having some interesting experiences in his work of late, of which we hope to hear more.

—Sister A. V. Sutherland is leaving the Cape the 10th where she has been for about three weeks visiting her mother. She returns to her school work in the O. F. S. Sister Sutherland is one of our most successful church-school teachers. Her school has an enrolment of about twenty-five, a little more than half of whom are children of those not of our faith. The school is wholly supported by the Government. The educational

inspector recently visited this school and gave the students a thoroughly critical examination, and he was so highly pleased with the thoroughness of the work done that he said his influence would be in favour of retaining Sister Sutherland as teacher so long as the school should be maintained. Her salary has once been raised, and with the prospect of a second rise this coming year shows in what high esteem the teacher is held. Sister Sutherland's interest is undivided in her school work.

—In making the trip by cart from Heisterbach to Wilgehoek, a distance of one hundred twenty-five miles, Pastor R. C. Porter writes that they had opened and closed one hundred twenty-five wire gates; one hundred fifteen of which he had opened and closed himself. All the farms are fenced, but no roadways fenced, so the gates through every farm must be opened. Pastor Porter reports being ready for supper at the close of this day's work. He speaks of a custom among the Dutch farmers of feeding their horses every two hours while driving. One would think it would delay them, but the time is made up by faster driving, even trotting up hill and down all day.

—The college "home" is taking on a new appearance inside, the walls and wood-work changing their shabby coats for a clean one, in anticipation of a warm welcome to this year's students, some of whom are already beginning to arrive. The prospects are good for a fuller attendance than last year.

Obituary.

MARIA TITUS, aged sixty-three, died in Woodstock, January 1st, and was buried in Maitland Cemetery on the 3rd. Sister Titus was a faithful and consistent member of the Cape Town church. Service was conducted at the grave, a goodly number of brethren and sisters and friends being present. Her work is done, and she rests in the "blessed hope."

H. J. HANKINS.