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

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## Blessings in Disguise.

GOD never would send you the darkness,  
If He felt you could bear the light;  
You would not cling to His guiding hand  
If the way were always bright:  
And you would not care to walk by faith  
Could you always walk by sight.

'Tis true he has many an anguish  
Your sorrowful heart to tear.  
And many a cruel thorn-crown  
For your tired head to wear.  
He knows few would reach heaven at all,  
If pain did not guide them there.

So He sends you the blinding darkness  
And the furnace of seven-fold heat:  
'Tis the only way, believe me,  
To keep you at His feet.  
For 'tis always so easy to wander,  
When our lives are glad and sweet.

Then nestle your hand in the Father's,  
And sing, if you can as you go;  
Your song may gladden another,  
Whose courage is sinking low.  
And, well, if your lips do quiver,  
The Lord will love you the better so.  
—Selected.

## The Holy Spirit an Aid to Bible Study.

The Holy Spirit has been given as an aid in the study of God's word. Jesus promised, "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Those who are under the training of the Holy Spirit, will be able to teach the Word intelligently. When the Bible is made the book of study, with earnest supplication for the Spirit's guidance, and a full surrender

of the heart to be sanctified through the truth, it will accomplish all that Christ has promised.

The results of such study will be well-balanced minds. The understanding will be quickened; the sensibilities will be aroused; the conscience will become sensitive; the sympathies and sentiments will be purified; a better moral atmosphere will be created; and a new power to resist temptation will be imparted.

The knowledge of God is not to be gained without mental effort, without prayer for wisdom. We should search diligently for its hidden treasure, and seek wisdom from heaven that we may be able to distinguish between human inventions and the divine commands. The Holy Spirit will aid the seeker for great and precious truths which relate to the plan of redemption. A casual reading of the Scriptures is not enough. We must search, and this implies a doing of all the Word implies. As the miner eagerly explores the earth to discover its veins of gold, so we are to explore the Word of God for the hidden treasure that Satan has so long sought to hide from man. The Lord says, "If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching."

The great error of the Romish Church is found in the fact that the Bible is interpreted in the light of the opinions of the "fathers." Their opinions are regarded as infallible, and the dignitaries of the church assume that it is their prerogative to make others believe as they do.

Those who do not agree with them are pronounced heretics. But the word of God is not thus to be interpreted. It is to stand on its own eternal merits, to be read as the Word of God, which declares His will to the people.

The blessed Bible gives us a knowledge of the great plan of salvation, and shows us how every individual may have eternal life. Who is the author of the Book?—Jesus Christ. He is the True Witness, and He says to His own, "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand." The Bible shows us the way to Christ, and in Christ eternal life is revealed. Jesus said to the Jews, and to those who gathered about him in multitudes, "search the Scriptures." The Jews had the Scriptures which testified of Christ, but they were not able to discern Christ in the Scriptures. The truths of the old Testament they had so mingled with human opinions that its teachings were mystified, and the will of God to man covered up. Christ's sermon on the mount virtually contradicted the doctrines of the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees. They had so misrepresented God that He was looked upon as a stern judge, incapable of compassion, mercy and love. They presented to the people endless maxims and traditions that had no "Thus saith the Lord for their authority. Though they professed to know and to worship the true and living God, they wholly misrepresented Him and the character of God as

revealed in His Son. Christ laboured constantly to sweep away these misrepresentations, that the confidence of men in the love of God might be restored. He taught man to address the supreme Ruler by the new name "Our Father." This name signifies His true relation to us, and when spoken in sincerity by human lips, it is music in the ears of God. Christ leads us to the throne of God by a new and living way.

Never should the Bible be studied without prayer. Before opening its pages, we should ask for the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and it will be given. When Nathaniel came to Jesus, the Saviour exclaimed, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." Nathaniel said, "Whence knowest thou me?" Jesus answered, "Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee." And Jesus will see us also in the secret place of prayer, if we will seek Him for light, that we may know what is truth. Angels from the world of light will be with those who in humility of heart seek for divine guidance.

The Holy Spirit exalts and glorifies the Saviour. It is His office to present Christ, the purity of His righteousness, and the great salvation that we have through Him. Jesus says, "He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you." The Spirit of truth is the only effectual teacher of divine truth.—Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

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### Bredasdorp, Steenbrass and Houw Hoek.

THE last few weeks have been eventful in my experience in the work. On the 17th ult. I left Worcester for Bredasdorp where I expected to baptise a candidate. This brother was led into the truth by Brother Hartnich who is living out the truth there. On the 14th the ceremony was performed in the sea, 12 miles beyond Bredasdorp. This was the smallest baptismal service I ever attended—only the three of us present—but we know that Jesus and His

angels were there to witness the scene.

My few days stay was greatly appreciated by these lonely brethren. On the 27th I went back to Caledon and from there I went to Genadendal—a German mission of many years standing, containing some 3,000 coloured people.

These people are so hedged in that it seems quite a problem to know how to reach them with the message; however, one woman boldly invited me to hold a service in her home, and called her neighbours in, and quite a crowd collected and as I was to leave early next morning before trouble could arise, I made the best of the opportunity and I believe my talk on the second coming of the Saviour was appreciated; from there I visited Brother Bredenkamp and family, at Steenbrass, arriving there December 30th.

Here something providential transpired. Some time ago when living in Cape Town, Sister T. J. Gibson visited Steenbrass for her health; while there she began to hold meetings with some coloured people. The seed that she then sowed only sprang up some two months ago, resulting in two families accepting the Sabbath and partly convincing the third family; these people are now living at Houw Hoek. On the morning after my arrival at Steenbrass, two of these men arrived there having walked 18 miles, to enquire of Brother Bredenkamp for a minister to come and baptise them.

Imagine their joy when they found me there. I followed them the next day to their home, Brother Bredenkamp accompanying me in his cart, and found a good company ready to listen to the word. After going back to Worcester and arranging my work there, I returned on Friday, the 14th instant; the outlook is very encouraging. On Sunday a goodly number listened to the message. I trust with God's help a little church will be raised up in this place. To this end I believe and pray, and invite the prayers of MISSIONARY readers.

D. C. THEUNISSEN.

### An Oasis.

WHILE canvassing with one of the students for *Coming King* in Observatory among a conservative Scotch and unbelieving German population a few days ago, we had a most blessed experience.

We knocked at the door and a young woman of about twenty-one years answered. I at once explained the nature of our work and started showing the book to her, when she interrupted by saying "come inside." We went in and sat down and showed her the book, knowing all the while that she and her sister, who was present, were very much interested. Before the canvass was really finished she said, "Now isn't this wonderful? I have been wishing for some time to get a book that would tell me about Christ's second coming, but did not know where to look for it, and now you have come with it! I am a teacher, also a Sunday-school teacher and oftentimes my pupils ask me about the things that are in this book, and I must have it. When I was a child we had a minister that preached about these things, but he died a short time since and I have thought of them a great deal since."

She took the book out of my hand several times and handled it with much delight, and yet quite sacredly. She bade us God-speed in our work and said she would read the book and then loan it to her sister.

The next day Brother Evert delivered the book, and she wanted his name and address in order to obtain more copies of the book, for she said that she would show it to the people where she was going to teach and sell as many as possible to them.

When one sees the eagerness of such a soul to obtain the truth of the Lord's soon coming, it brings courage to his heart.

Let us do all we can to search out and minister to the needs of the honest-hearted waiting children of God.

G. H. CLARK.

## In Business for the Lord.

IN a letter from Brother G. Dail, of Europe, he tells of the experience of a brother whom he met at the East Prussian annual conference, held at Insterburg. Brother Dail says: "I was greatly rejoiced to look into the happy, radiant face of the brother who has made up his mind to devote all his net gains to the advancement of the cause of God. He is a large farmer, and owns many horses and cattle. He employs several workmen to keep things in order.

"Formerly, so I am told, he was rather of a disposition to gather and hold all he could to himself. He married a woman who also had considerable means. But on their conversion to the truth, they at once began to demonstrate that the spirit of the message had won their hearts away from all covetousness.

"Already he has put thousands into the cause in Germany, and now runs his farm for the advancement of the third angel's message. You would enjoy meeting the brother, as he is so earnest, so simple in all things, and so joyful in the Lord."

Ought not that to be the aim of every Seventh-day Adventist—to run his business for the Lord? It is a blessed thing to give all to God, so that everything—aside from the necessities of life, which our Heavenly Father dedicates to His children—shall be counting for the hastening on of this work. The cause of Christ calls for the undivided energies of every soul of us.—*Review and Herald*.

### "De Wachter" Publication Guarantee Fund for 1911.

[ALL moncy's pledged under this head are payable to the Union Conference treasury.]

Amount previously acknowledged	£60	1	0
C. J. Louwrens	...	2	10 0
Grahamstown Church	...	2	10 0
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HUBERTUS ELFFERS.

"Rustica,"  
25th January, 1911.

## Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

## The Paper Work.

## Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending January 13, 1911

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mission Company,	Jo'burg	Miscellaneous	263	6 0 9
Mrs. E. Armer,	Johannesburg,	"	177	3 15 6
Mrs. Crouch,	Pretoria,	"	46	1 2 6
Hessie Johnson,	Durban,	"	5	2 3
A. W. Tickton,	Durban,	"	142	2 6 0
Totals,	Agents, 5		633	£13 7 0

## The Book Work.

## Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending January 13, 1911

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	S. P.	47	32	10 8 0	1 5 6	11 13 6	8 14 6
A. W. Tickton,	Durban,	P. P.	16	3	2 15 6	14 6	3 10 0	
H. Schmidt,	Maritzburg,	B. R.	8	2	2 2 0		2 2 0	6 6 0
E. van der Molen,	Dundee,	P. P.	25	2	1 7 0	1 0 6	2 7 6	4 3 0
E. Enochson,	East Rand,	P. P.	50	3	3 3 0	6 6	3 9 6	19 12 6
Totals,	Agents, 5		146	20	£19 15 6	£3 7 0	£23 2 6	£38 16 0

## Cape Colony Conference, for week ending January 13, 1911.

J. F. Terry,	Beaconsfield,	C.O.S.	28	14	2 9 0	18 0	3 7 0	1 15 0
P. E. Frost,	East London,	P. G.	15	1	1 1 0		1 1 0	6 1 0
A. J. Wessels,	Ceres,	G.C.	12	4	3 5 0		3 5 0	
Little Wagon,	Lusington	C.K.		18	4 19 0	17 6	5 16 6	14 0
H. J. P. Dwyer,	Goudini	Misc.	50					4 0 0
Totals,	Agents, 5		105½	37	£11 14 0	£1 15 6	£13 9 6	£12 10 0

H. J. P. Dwyer's report for December 16, should read £6 6s., not 6/6.

## Weddings.

A goodly number of friends and acquaintances gathered at the Claremont church, January 24th, 1911, at 3 p.m., to witness the marriage of Miss Jane W. Page to Brother J. Victor Wilson. Elder I. J. Hankins officiated and as a prelude, made some very fitting remarks in regard to the marriage relation.

The bride and groom are well known in the Colony both being graduates from Union College. Miss Page acted as assistant matron during the last year also taught in the College, giving universal satisfaction. Brother Wilson graduated three years ago and soon after took up work on the Solusi Mission station where he has proved himself a faithful labourer.

The happy couple left by the evening boat for Port Elizabeth where they will spend a week with

the parents of the groom. They will then proceed to the Solusi Mission where Brother Victor will henceforth share his labours with his worthy companion.

We extend to them hearty congratulations on behalf of the Missionary family.

On the same afternoon, Charles Wessels and Beatrix Austen were also united in marriage at the residence of Elder I. J. Hankins, in Rosmead Avenue, Claremont. Charles is the youngest son of Peter Wessels, now living at Soudendal Siding near Wellington. Beatrix has been teaching the primary department of the College School during the past year. We also extend to this couple our heartiest congratulations, wishing them happiness, prosperity, and success as they enter together upon the experiences and responsibilities of married life.

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### Notes.

—Both Brother and Sister W. H. Anderson have had a slight attack of fever lately, but it did not last long.

—Miss Mary Cobban left Cape Town the 25th inst. by the morning train to take up her school work again in the home of Brother R. C. Honey at Content. She was accompanied by Mrs. R. G. Ryan who will spend a few weeks recuperating at Content.

—Sister W. H. Anderson has so far mastered the native language that she is now translating some Bible lessons in Old Testament history for her school. One of the native teachers will help her in this work. She follows the line of Professor Bell's lessons quite closely.

—Heisterbach Society has paid off all their debt, and are now ready for aggressive work. There is only one more Society now to whom we are looking to emerge from the darkness of debt, and we hope soon to complete our campaign. Shall we not soon hear from that one?

—We are called on for financial and statistical reports of this Union Conference, and the General Conference wants to receive reports in February. We hope that all who have received blanks to fill out will be prompt in making them out and sending them in to the Office.—*J. V. Willson.*

—Brother J. V. Willson notifies that he is now prepared to fill orders for the Morning Watch Calendar. To those who have used these helpful little booklets no word of recommendation is needed, and to those who have not yet seen them,

we suggest a trial. The texts follow the line of the sabbath school lessons the same as last year.

—An encouraging word comes from the Matandane mission station in Nyasaland. They now have ten out schools. Brother Konigmacher rejoices that he has been able to start a school in the village of one chief where he has been trying for two years past to gain an entrance. The Lord has heard our prayers.

—Sister Konigmacher started on a trip to visit the Malamulo mission station at Cholo, but when she reached Blantyre, she was taken with the fever and was obliged to return home where she was confined to her bed for a few days. Her fever ran high, but at the time of writing she was feeling quite herself again except being rather weak.

—As we near the time for the opening of the College again, faces both familiar and not familiar are to be seen around the buildings and grounds. Miss Hyatt arrived by boat on Monday morning to take up her duties again as teacher. Four students also came by the same boat. Others have come in by train and there is a prospect of a good attendance on the first day of another school year.

—A letter from a member of the Port Elizabeth church states that they are glad the Conference sent Brother and Sister Jubber to open treatment rooms in that place. They have had a hard pull, but hope the lane has turned, and that the future success of the treatment rooms is assured. The condition of the church has improved since these faithful workers came there, and is out of debt. May the treatment rooms be of great help to many in Port Elizabeth.

—A friend of the cause stepped in to the office of the Conference Treasurer a short time ago, and left a very substantial amount of tithes for the Cape Colony Conference. This came in a time of need, and was

exceedingly acceptable. This enabled us to pay off all the labourers for the balance of November, and all of December, and we think we shall be able to pay promptly the January wages. This will bring gladness to the hearts of those who were in much need of the money. The Lord sees all these things, and a book of remembrance is written for those who remember God's cause.

### Week of Prayer.

THE week of prayer will be held this year March, 4-1. All the churches should lay their plans for special services during that week.

The Week of Prayer readings will be sent out to the Elders of churches, and Leaders of companies in time to get them in good season for the meetings. If any do not get them at least a week before the time for the meetings to commence, notify the Tract Society Secretary at once.

### Week of Prayer Readings

WE have a few copies of the Week of Prayer Readings, we can send out to scattered Sabbath-keepers, who will be unable to meet with their church during Week of Prayer. Any wishing a copy please let me know at once.—*J. V. WILLSON, Secretary.*

### The Work in the O.R.C.

OUR good meetings were held at Wilgehoek church, on the January 14th, 1911; good services were held and many people gathered from different places—and before noon we were ready to go to False river to baptise. After a hymn being sung six persons were then baptised, one being a lady from the Zion church. Many people came to listen—the Lord has greatly blessed his work.

J. R. MTIMKULU.