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

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## God's Will be Done.

Dedicated to the memory of my fellow-labourer in South Africa, the late Elder E. R. Williams.

By JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTEAD.

ANOTHER soldier of the cross

Has fallen at his post;  
His work is done and he has joined  
The Master's silent host.

No more shall we our brother meet  
While in this world of woe;  
His smile no more will welcome us  
As on through life we go.

But we shall ne'er forget him here,  
Although his work is o'er;  
His words of truth and deeds of love  
Shall cheer us more and more.

We can not see why he should fall  
While still the battle raged,  
But God knows best who sees the end  
Of every battle waged.

We mourn him not as those who are  
In darkness dense to grope,  
For he believed in God above  
And cherished Christian hope.

So we commit our ways to God,  
And trust to faithful be  
Till Christ shall come to take us home,  
To spend eternity.

Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A.

## A Trip with the Little Wagon.

WE have just completed a ten days' trip through the Tyumie Valley with the Maranatha Mission "gospel wagon."

Our company was made up of Pastor W. S. Hyatt and wife, Brother Willis Hyatt and Rosa, Doctor Thomason and wife, Brother I. B. Burton, the writer and wife, Brethren Moko, Faba and son, Christian.

For some months we have been planning a trip with this "gospel

wagon" among the natives of Kaffir land, with the hope that we might learn the possibilities of a more rapid way of enlightening them with the message. Brethren Burton and Moko have done faithful work in this valley, and the "little wagon" is known and looked for with delight.

There are two classes of natives in the Tyumie Valley. One class are the unconverted heathen, called the red Kaffir, and the other class are those who have accepted Christianity. The latter have adopted the European dress in place of the blanket; oftimes it amounts to nothing more than a shirt, but it is sufficient to mark the change from heathenism to Christianity. Through the influence of the wagon work both classes are friendly and gave us a cordial welcome to their locations and their huts.

Our experience on this trip has fully demonstrated the possibility of gaining the confidence of the natives through the medical missionary work, and interesting them in the message by use of lantern lectures. This valley is thickly populated. The locations are near together, many of them almost joining. Looking at them from a distance one would think them one continuous location. Our party walked to the top of a mountain, about two thousand feet high, and there spread out before us was a sight never to be forgotten. On one side was the Tyumie Valley, and on the other the Amatola Basin. These valleys are lined throughout with native huts; thousands of them. The soil is fertile, and their little plots of ground for vegetables and

mealies, were in a flourishing condition. These valleys are the garden spots of Africa. The elevation is high, the valleys sloping and surrounded by mountains, the air pure and bracing, and the scenery most delightful. It is little wonder that the white farmers covet these beautiful valleys. They are even now seeking to replace these locations with the farms and villages of civilisation.

We spent from one to two days in a place while on this trip, that we might become acquainted with the interest that had been awakened by the wagon which was in charge of Brethren Burton and Moko. In every place, except one night when it rained, we were greeted by a company of between seventy-five and a hundred interested souls who sat upon the ground and gave the best of attention to the presentation of the Word of God. The next morning all who were ill would come for medical treatment, and the doctor and his assistant were kept busy until about noon of each day. The patient would usually bring a small package of mealies, peas, beans, eggs, (from one to a half dozen) a fowl, and some a small piece of money, to pay the doctor for his services. All who came were given faithful attention. Their confidence was shown by following us from location to location bringing friends for medical attention, and reporting to the doctor the help they had received. In two or three instances life was saved by the treatments administered. When the ten

days' trip was completed, and the doctor glanced over his memorandum, he found that he had given near two hundred treatments.

One intelligent native teacher declared himself convinced of the binding claims of God's law, and that from this time forward he would "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." A native pastor in the Amatola Basin came across the mountain to meet us, and said that he was with us on all points except the Sabbath, and this subject he was investigating. It is evident that the future will develop little companies of Sabbath-keepers all through these valleys. The "gospel wagon" returns to develop the good work begun.

This trip has fully convinced and demonstrated that this method of evangelistic work among the natives, remaining long enough in each place to give a full course of lectures and establish the people in the truth, will prove to be the most effectual, rapid, and economical way of carrying the message to the native races of South Africa. Pastor Hyatt's experience in this work should be utilised in extending this plan of work in other parts of the field.

Our company greatly enjoyed the time spent together, and believe it was profitably spent. R. C. PORTER.

### The Bloemfontein Conference.

DOUBTLESS this conference will be the most important as well as the most profitable gathering of its kind ever held in South Africa. It is the first to be held under the great national movement that has been inaugurated since we last met together.

To-day one law controls the entire country, and one government is to guide the destinies of South Africa's peoples, and the ministers that control that government the bitterest in their opposition to the principles of our message. Whatever the new government does, it will affect our work in every part of the field alike. That our work should be placed before the men at the head of affairs in its

right light is important, and that our plans of future aggression shall be adapted to the new conditions prevailing, is also important.

With the churches clamouring for religious legislation, with Spiritualists organising for the most powerful campaign ever known in South Africa, with the increasing unpopularity of truth, and the eagerness with which people are lured into spurious gifts of the Holy Spirit and doctrines that emanate from beneath, Seventh-day Adventists must prepare to make a mighty move that will enlist the co-operation of each conference, each church, and each member. I notice on the mines here, that the hooters that make the most noise have the largest whistles. We believe this message is to swell into a LOUD CRY, and in order for the cry to be heard with greater force and at greater distances, we must enlarge our resources of consecration and activity. I suppose this is why the Lord inspired the words of Joel 2:15-19, and Zeph. 3:1-3. I expect we are face to face with a crisis that is about to test the strongest faith in our ranks, for conditions suggest this on every hand. It is for this reason that I would put in a special plea for every member in South Africa, if it is at all possible, to attend this conference.

A little planning will often enable persons without means to attend such gatherings. At the General Conference we attended in America there were present several ladies who had started out weeks before with magazines and small books which they sold from town to town. In each town they made enough profit to pay their fare to the next town, and covered in this way the whole expense of travelling hundreds of miles. The old axiom "where there's a will there's a way" added to Paul's motto, "I can do all things through Christ," should set those who are longing to attend the conference but who think they cannot do so, to praying and planning. Do not forget that the Lord "maketh a way in the wilderness where there is no way." You

make the plan, step into it, and God will do the rest. If there should arise any disappointment about concession tickets, let several in a church company together and travel third class. You can always make third into first with a few cushions, soap and towel, and a happy heart. The greater your sacrifice to attend, the greater will be your interest in the proceedings, more earnest your prayers, and more heavenly the results. We live but for one thing to-day,—to finish God's great work.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

### The Camp-Meeting.

The time is near when our annual camp-meetings are to convene. It is generally understood that the Natal-Transvaal and Cape Colony Conferences, and the Union Conference will convene together, and the place is Bloemfontein. The date of the meeting is March 16-26.

The meeting will be followed by a missionary convention and canvassers' institute.

There are many reasons why this should be the largest gathering of our people ever held in South Africa. Since the union and the local conferences are uniting in this meeting, and the place appointed is central for the entire field, there should be a large attendance from both conferences, and each mission should be represented.

Important plans will be considered for all branches of the work, and the time so limited for so great a work to be accomplished, demands the self-sacrificing devotion of the entire body of our people.

More will be said regarding this important gathering from time to time, but I urge upon all to begin *now* to lay plans to attend and bring your families. I feel safe in saying that you will be amply repaid even though you come at a great sacrifice of time and money.

Order your tent without delay of your tract society secretary and come up to the feast. R. C. PORTER.

## Work in the O.F.S.

ON the 16th of January, a number of believers gathered on Brother Henning's farm, Boschberg, for the baptismal service appointed for that date. Five dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. After the baptism the ordinances were celebrated. Ten in all partook, consisting of Brother Vorster, and wife and daughter, Brother Landesman and myself, besides the five newly baptised ones; Brother A. L. Henning and wife, Brother Cloete and wife and daughter. It was a blessed occasion. We only regretted that circumstances prevented some being there who are anxious to be baptised, and others, who though fully convinced of the whole truth and keeping the Sabbath, yet are afraid of the opinions of their relatives and friends to take the final step.

How sad to find that some value the good will of parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends more than the approving smile of Him "Who loved us and gave Himself for us." O, that we all could realise what our redemption has cost, then we would not be ashamed to confess our beloved Redeemer before the world. Yea, we would glory even in suffering shame for His name. On the other hand if we are ashamed to confess Him here before men, He will also be ashamed to confess us before His Father and the holy angels. The Saviour says:—"He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me." "If any man will come after Me let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

We have appointed another baptism for February, when those who could not be present can be baptised; and we hope the hesitating ones will also then yield themselves, and find that joy and peace which comes through believing and walking in obedience to the teaching and example of the blessed Master.

## Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

## The Paper Work.

## Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending January 27, 1911

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mission Company,	Jo'burg	Miscellaneous	154	3 17 0
Mrs. van der Molen,	Glencoe Junction	"	27	13 6
A. W. Tickton,	Durban,	"	99	1 6 4
Totals,	Agents, 3		280	£5 16 10

## The Book Work.

## Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending January 27, 1911

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	S. P.	75	48	15 12 0	1 0 0	16 12 0	2 12 0
T. G. Crouch,	Pretoria,	D. & R.	95	54	51 6 10		51 6 10	12 4 6
E. Enochson,	Benoni,	P. P.	28	10	10 10 0	8 6	10 18 6	1 1 0
E. van der Molen,	Dundee,	P. P.	28	4	3 1 6	16 6	3 18 0	3 4 6
A. W. Tickton,	Durban,	P. P.	12	6	5 3 6		5 3 6	
H. Schmidt,	Maritzburg,	B. R.	26	6	6 6 0		6 6 0	
Totals,	Agents, 6		264	128	£91 19 10	£2 5 0	£94 4 10	£19 2 0

## Cape Colony Conference, for week ending January 27, 1911.

J. F. Terry,	Longlands,	P.P.	19	3	2 5 0	3 0 6	5 5 6	2 4 6
P. E. Frost,	East London,	P. G.	16	1	17 0	4 6	1 1 6	1 1 6
A. J. Wessels,	various places,	G.C.	7					5 17 6
Totals,	Agents, 3		42	4	£3 2 0	3 5 0	£6 7 0	£9 3 6

After the services I took a seventy five mile trip on my bicycle to visit my parents home, where a brother has recently begun the observance of the Sabbath. I reached this place early Thursday morning, travelling the latter part of the journey by moon-light to escape the heat.

Sabbath, 21st January, was a precious occasion. As we studied the lesson a longing desire came into my heart to behold the Saviour and look at the marks in His hands, His feet, and His side, caused by my sins. In the prayer season which followed the tender melting influence of the Holy Spirit was felt and we all wept with mingled feelings of sorrow and joy; and our minds were lead by the Spirit to intercede by name for our loved ones still outside the pale of truth. We were four who gathered there—Mother, who has been a Sabbath-keeper nearly eighteen years, my wife who had preceded me on a visit to my parents, my new-found brother, now such in a double sense,

and myself. How good the Lord is to me! I am so unworthy of all His blessing and love shown to me in such a marked manner this past half year. To me it is but another evidence that we are very near the end of this world's history. I have always believed that just before the end I should see my loved ones taking their stand on the Lord's side. I feel more than ever encouraged to pray for the others, and above all to maintain such a relation to my Saviour, as ever to reveal His sweet and tender Spirit and thus draw others to Him.

Several of these new members are beginning to lay plans to attend the conference. Shall we not as workers do all in our power to get our brethren and sisters to attend, that they may receive the blessings the Lord will have for all who go *prepared* to receive?

The end of all things is at hand, let us be sober and watch unto prayer.

G. W. SHONE.

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### Notes.

—Week of prayer March 4-11.

—Pastor R. C. Porter is expected at the Cape the morning of the 8th.

—The Emmanuel Mission school has started up after a five weeks' vacation with forty students in attendance.

—Thirty pounds of butter is made weekly at the Barotseland Mission, forty at the Solusi Mission, and sixty at the Malamulo Mission.

—Fifty-five students returned after the vacation to the Barotseland school, and all were taking hold well for another year's work.

—Sister Etta Austen left the Malamulo Mission for her home at Beaconsfield, January 23rd. She was coming home alone, but did not dread the journey in the least.

—Mark has returned from the Solusi Mission, to which place he went after the death of his wife to make plans for his motherless children, to assist Pastor Sturdevant on the Tsungwesi Mission.

—A well is being put down on the Emmanuel Mission which will be invaluable during the dry season. The well is five feet in diameter, thirty-five feet deep, and at a cost of £1 10s.

—Pastor Anderson in a letter of recent date speaks of the rains like this: "It is raining, yes, pouring, and this is about the twentieth time that it has come down like this every day for two weeks."

—Sister Helen Williams writes that she is much better in health, and is now taking up her regular work again. She has been in poor

health for some weeks. The prayers of God's people have been heard in her behalf.

—The Tsungwesi Mission school opened the first of January with twenty-three students enrolled. An opposition school has been opened near by, but it seems not to draw from our school. The students say, "We like our teacher."

—Pastor Sturdevant is recovering his health again, and says he feels quite like himself now. He has not been well for some months. All the workers on this mission are enjoying good health at present, and for this we praise God.

—Brother W. A. George, of the class of 1910, is entering upon work at the Maranatha Mission. He will enter the school as a teacher, so relieving Brother Willis Hyatt who will return to the college and take up his work with the seniors.

—The Plumstead Sanitarium has had to close its doors against all new arrivals until the first of March. Every available space is utilised. At night the halls and the bath-rooms are turned into sleeping rooms.

—While touring the Tyumie Valley in Kaffirland, Doctor Thomason averaged about twenty-five treatments a day among the natives. Their appreciation for help received was shown in their contributing all manner of their valuables to the doctor, including ornaments of adornment, eggs, fowls, mealies, etc.

—Pastor W. H. Anderson has just made a visit to his out-schools. He says: "The farm work was beyond my expectation. There had been good rains at all the stations, and from the present prospect I see no reason why we should have to spend a penny on any of the ten stations that we are now operating. The prospect is good for a little surplus. We praise the Lord for this."

—Our readers will be glad to know that the college is in full operation again after the vacation. Several

new faces are seen, and a large per cent of the old ones. The slight illness experienced at the beginning among a few of the students, we are glad to say has quite disappeared. The professor also was indisposed for a few days, but is again in his classroom with a cheery countenance. We are promised a report from this department soon.

—Brother G. H. Clark our missionary agent left the Cape January 15th for Kimberley. After a short stay there in the interests of the canvassing work, he will proceed to Johannesburg, thence through the Natal Conference visiting the faithful canvassers to see how they do. It will be some months before he expects to be at the Cape again.

—A plot of ground adjoining Victoria Park on the east has been secured for our camp-meeting. It lies very central for all parts of the city, and is carpeted with grass so will be quite free from dust. The city council offer to connect the ground with the city water supply, and the lavatories with the sewerage.

—Very heavy rains are reported from our Solusi and Tsungwesi Mission stations. Pastor Sturdevant writes that everything is flooded on his station. Pastor Walston started the boys to market with a load of grain, and a heavy shower came on when a few miles out from the station, and before they could out-span the water rushed down and the wagon had to be abandoned in mid stream. The wagon and load went rolling over and over down stream. The boys reported the catastrophe to Pastor Walston, and the next day he went with them to recover if possible the lost property, or what was left of it. The wagon was recovered without a break, and twenty bags of grain were saved out of the thirty-two. Pastor Walston being a whole-hearted optimist was rejoicing at so little a loss.

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"Blessed are the pure in heart:  
for they shall see God."