

The South African MISSIONARY

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

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The Missionary's Call.

MY soul is not at rest. There comes a
strange
And secret whisper to my spirit like a
dream of night,
That tells me I am on enchanted ground.
The voice of my departed Lord, "Go
teach all nations,"
Comes on the night air, and awakes mine
ear.
Why live I here? The vows of God are
on me,
And I may not stop to play with shadows,
Or pluck earthly flowers till I my work
have done,
And rendered up account.

And I will go.

I may no longer doubt to give up friends,
and idle hopes,
And every tie that binds my heart to
thee, my country.
Henceforth, then, it matters not if storm
or sunshine
Be my earthly lot; bitter or sweet my
cup;
I only pray, "God make me holy, and
my spirit nerve
For the stern hour of strife."
And when I come to stretch me for the
last,
In unattended agony beneath the cocoa's
shade,
It will be sweet that I have toiled for
other worlds than this.
And through the ages of eternal years
My spirit shall never repent
That toil and suffering once were mine
below. —Selected.

The Week of Prayer.

THIS annual season, set apart as a
period of consecration to God, has
been appointed for March 4-11.
Special readings have been prepared
as usual and sent out to the leaders
of all our churches. If any have
failed to receive them, they are

obtainable at your tract society office.
Each isolated family should also
supply themselves with these read-
ings, that they, too, may enjoy the
privileges of this occasion by its
observance, even though unable to
meet with others of like faith.

The object of the week of prayer
should be sacredly regarded by us all.
It is, first of all, a time to review the
life, and reconsecrate the soul to God
for the finishing of His work in the
earth. This personal consecration to
God, and the dedication of the life
anew to the cause of God, is of the
greatest importance to each of us
personally. In the midst of the cares
and perplexities of life we sometimes
grow careless and neglect a daily
Christian experience, and become un-
mindful of the responsibility that
rests upon each of us as bearers of
the third angel's message. Christ
has forewarned us that this will be
the greatest peril that will confront
the people of God in the last days.
Formality in religion is the prevailing
condition in the world. Money-
making and pleasure-seeking are
uppermost in the minds of the
worldly, and the spirit is catching
even among those who profess to be
forsaking all for Christ. Brethren
and sisters, let us take heed that we
drift not with the spirit of the age
into the same indifferent method in
divine service. Christ earnestly en-
treats that we watch and pray that
we fall not under this temptation.

Parents should be a living example
of their faith before their children
and their neighbours. Their lives
should be such that if their children
or their neighbours should follow

them they would be sure to enter the
kingdom of God. Their tithes and
offerings to the cause of God should
continually witness that this cause is
first in their thoughts. If any have
been giving the impression that the
cause of God is secondary, by the
way they have treated it with their
tithes and offerings, this is a matter
for sincere repentance before God.
The week of prayer should not pass
without a complete change of heart.

It is a time when all should
earnestly pray for the special blessing
of God upon the coming camp-meet-
ing. Not only should each pray for
the success of the meeting, but that
God may open the way for the family
to attend and receive its blessing.
A camp-meeting never passes with-
out great blessings coming to those
in attendance. It is often the turn-
ing point in the lives of the young.
Do we wish to neglect them and see
them drift away into the world and
be lost? Are they not worth more to
us than lands and live stock? Let us
make a definite plan to have them
with us at the meeting to receive its
benefits. Let all differences be con-
fessed and put away, so that when
we come up to the meeting it shall
be to worship God and labour for
souls rather than to spend our time
talking over old difficulties. It is too
late in the day for such things to be
allowed to continue in our experiences.
They drag us down to perdition.

Let us make this period of prayer
and consecration all that it should be
in reconsecration to God, that He
may pour upon us His Holy Spirit
and fit us for His soon coming.

R. C. PORTER.

Natal-Transvaal Missionary Report.

OUR church missionary work is going steadily forward in this conference, and two other churches have joined the aggressive missionary campaign which we are seeking to revive. We hope that soon every church, as well as the isolated members, will be represented in our report. Our forth Sabbath programme, as outlined in the *Review and Herald*, is proving both interesting and profitable wherever it is carried out; and we would urge upon all our churches and companies the importance of utilising this most excellent means of keeping the missionary zeal of the church in a healthy condition.

At our last fourth Sabbath meeting we formed a "Pocket League," the members of which dedicate a pocket to the work of carrying tracts for distribution on the trains or cars or wherever opportunity may offer. We are using the *Apples of Gold* series for this purpose. The reading of the report, "How we Accepted the Truth," as outlined in the *Review* of November 10, proved most interesting, and from it we glean the following items:—

The president of this conference and his wife, our oldest Bible worker, the senior church elder, and two of our most successful and devoted canvassers, as well as other faithful burden bearers in the cause, were first drawn to, and largely made their decision for the truth, by the reading of our literature. One who had long known the truth, and was proof against its most powerful arguments, was led to decide in its favour by reading a missionary number of the *Review and Herald*. The power attending the proclamation of this message in heathen lands was an argument she could not resist, and though now seventy-five years of age, she is engaged as far as her strength will permit in disseminating the truth by means of the printed page.

A goodly number owe their acceptance of the message to tent meetings. Some, to the influence of friends, and one was brought to the truth by reading the little tract, *Faith and Acceptance*. Another by reading *Daniel and the Revelation*, and others, *Bible Readings for the Home Circle*. Quite a good proportion owe their conversion to the Bible work done in this city, and some to the distribution of the *Bible Teacher Series*.

Our workers are finding some interesting experiences. One, while engaged in selling our magazines, met a gentleman who was greatly interested in our publications because he had just returned from the Plumstead Sanitarium where he had for the first time in his life become interested in religious subjects. On offering a copy of the *South African Signs* to a lady, a worker was warmly welcomed because the previous number had been sent to a brother who is a minister, and he had sent an acknowledgment requesting that a copy of every issue be sent him. Sister van der Molen found a gentleman who had a copy of *Daniel and the Revelation* sent him by a friend who had purchased it from Brother van der Molen, and which he said had converted him from infidelity. Sister Dixie, while canvassing for the *South African Signs* at Pretoria, entered the home of a lady who was deeply troubled over the subject of future punishment. Our sister unfolded to her the teaching of the Scriptures on this point and gave a Bible description of the new earth. A meal had been spread but was left untasted while this hungry soul feasted on the contemplation of the things that God hath prepared for them that love Him. A letter has since been received from this lady expressing her appreciation of the light received, and desires a renewal of the acquaintance. One gentleman came to the tent for a copy of the *South African Signs*, four times before it was received here.

Thus the good seed-sowing

continues, and we are led by such experiences to look forward to the harvest home, when we shall doubtless come rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us.

ANNIE EDMED,

Conf. Mis. Sec.

Missionary Report for Month Ending December 31, 1910.

	Jeppes- town	Maritz- burg	Pretoria	Krugers- dorp
Missionary Visits	418	696	10	73
Missionary Letters	18	—	—	—
Pages Tracts given or loaned ...	740	2682	—	194
Papers sold ...	114	110	240	—
Papers mailed or given away ...	40	—	—	9
Pages of Books sold	3888	—	—	—
Sick people assisted	3	—	—	1
Letters received	3	—	—	—
Total	5224	3488	250	277

ANNIE EDMED,

Mis. Sec.

A Regiment of "Unquittables."

WE believe it is a step in the right direction to add to our forces a regiment of "unquittables,"—those who will greet January 1 with a prospectus, and canvass the whole year.

The enemy doesn't stop his work; and why should the Lord's servants? A farmer once remarked, "I have an excellent well, with two exceptions: it goes dry in the summer, and freezes over in the winter." This has sometimes been the trouble with the canvassing work. The Southeastern Union Conference has demonstrated that it doesn't freeze up in the winter, and we believe our workers are of the stuff that will not go dry in the summer.

Many of our loyal brethren and sisters should at once join the ranks of the "unquittables," and enter the field in this department to remain until the coming of the Master.

—CHAS. THOMPSON.

Breede River Baptisms

THE following account of Pastor D. C. Theunissen's work in Worcester as taken from the *Worcester Times*, is of interest:—

"On Wednesday morning, about eight o'clock, a party of some twenty people might have been seen driving down to Breede River from Worcester. These comprised Pastor D. C. Theunissen and members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as well as some half a dozen candidates for membership. The Adventists adopt the Scriptural method of baptism by immersion, this sacrament being administered to adult believers only.

Arriving at the bridge the party alighted and adjourned to a reach of the river where the bank slopes gently to the water of a fairly deep pool, the spot having been previously selected by the Pastor as most suitable for the observance of the rite.

Then a selected hymn was sung: "Down at the Cross where my Saviour died." This was followed by prayer and another hymn.

Pastor Theunissen addressed the assembly, choosing for his text Christ's farewell command to his disciples: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The Pastor proceeded to comment on this command, which he said was backed up by Christ's own example when He was baptised of John in Jordan: "For thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." As if the Scriptures were not plain enough here as to the method of public profession of faith taught by our Lord, the Apostle Paul goes further and says all disciples should be "buried with Christ by baptism."

Pastor Theunissen then called to him the six candidates for membership, and welcomed them to that ordinance instituted by Christ, and to the membership of the church. Leading each one into the water they were immersed in the Triune Name,

Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending February 3, 1911

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mission Company,	Jo'burg	Miscellaneous	118	2 19 0
A. W. Tickton,	Durban,	"	105	1 2 0
Totals,	Agents, 2		223	£4 1 0

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending February 3, 1911

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company, Jo'burg,	S. P.	34	31	10 1 6	19 0	11 0 6	5 3 6	
Health Institute, Mtzburg,	M.H.	49	11	4 2 6		4 2 6	3 15 0	
E. Enochson, Benoni,	P. P.	27	6	6 6 0	7 6	6 13 6	3 3 0	
A. W. Tickton, Durban,	P. P.	26	1	1 1 0	1 6	1 2 6	10 19 0	
Totals,	Agents, 4	136	49	£21 11 0	£1 8 0	£22 19 0	£23 0 6	

Cape Colony Conference, for week ending February 3, 1911.

J. F. Terry, Barkly,	P.P.	33	25	20 1 6	5 16 0	25 17 6	
P. E. Frost, East London,	P. G.	20	1	17 0	18 0	1 15 0	8 15 0
Totals,	Agents, 2	53	26	£20 18 6	6 14 0	£27 12 6	£8 15 0

and returned to the dry bank.

The service then concluded, and luncheon was prepared near by. The party returned to Worcester about noon, and all who participated were deeply impressed with these observances."

With the Canvassers.

IT was my privilege to spend a few days in the field with Brother Terry at Kimberley and Longlands. During the past ten months he has placed nine hundred copies of *Christ Our Saviour*, and six hundred *New Testament Primers*, in the town of Kimberley. These books have been used as a means of introduction to the people before using one of our larger books.

At Longlands we had a most hearty welcome to the home of Brother J. Cook, where every effort was made to help us in our work. The last day that we were there we secured twelve orders for *Patriarchs & Prophets*, and ten for "helps" making a total value of £11 4s. 6d. The orders for the

week amounted to £25 17s. 6d. We secured orders from the Post-master, bank manager, diamond buyer, clerk, and librarian, etc.

"Take the book to business men, to teachers of the gospel, whose minds have not been called to the special truths for this time. The message is to be given in the highways—to men who take an active part in the world's work, to the teachers and leaders of the people. Thousands can be reached in the most simple humble way."—*Open Letter*, p. 4.

I am now in Johannesburg where the work is going well. Brother John Birkenstock is just starting with *Seer of Patmos*, and others are working with small books.

"The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now choose to be labourers together with God will triumph with it."—*An Appeal*, p. 8. G. H. CLARK.

"THE man who does the little thing well, is always ready to do the big thing better."

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Notice is hereby given that the Seventh Annual Session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference will convene at Bloemfontein, March 16-26, 1911, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

H. J. EDMED, *President.*

F. MACDONALD, *Secretary.*

Book Sales, Somabula Mission.

Bibles 18	£2 12 0
Testaments 7	0 9 6
Hymn Books 15	0 9 0
School Books 14	1 5 0
B.S. 5	0 2 6
Sundries	4 0 3
	<u>£8 18 3</u>

One of our boys has just returned from a ten days' trip during which time he sold and delivered for cash, 50 books, value £5 10s. 6d. He visited only two mines, and two days were occupied in travelling.

THOS. J. GIBSON.

Rates to the Camp-Meeting.

THE certificates are now ready to be sent to the delegates who are elected by the churches to attend the camp-meeting at Bloemfontein. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organisation, and one for each additional ten members in the Cape Colony Conference.

These delegates should be elected and their names passed in at once to Brother J. V. Willson, 56 Roeland Street, Cape Town. None but duly elected delegates, and ordained ministers are constitutionally delegates in the Cape Conference. No others are entitled to certificates. The railway company are very particular about this. The same applies to our mission stations.

The Natal-Transvaal Conference churches will receive certificates from Brother F. Macdonald, or Pastor H. J. Edmed.

Let church clerks please attend to this matter at once, sending in all names of delegates.

R. C. PORTER, *Pres.*

The work is soon to close. The members of the church militant who have proved faithful will become the church triumphant. In reviewing our past history, having travelled over every step of advance to our present standard, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ as a leader. We have nothing to fear from the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.

—Mrs. E. G. White.

Annual Conference.

NOTICE is hereby given that the seventeenth annual session of the Cape Colony Conference of Seventh Day Adventists will convene at Bloemfontein, March 16th to 26th, 1911, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

R. C. PORTER,
Pres. C.C. Conf.
J. V. WILLSON, *Sec.*

South African Union Conference.

NOTICE is hereby given that the fifth session of the South African Union Conference of Seventh Day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Bloemfontein, March 16th to 26th, 1911, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

R. C. PORTER,
Pres. C.C. Conf.
J. V. WILLSON, *Sec.*

Notes.

—Pastor D. F. Tarr is at the Cape planning for the removal of his family nearer his field of labour. Three of the boys will enter the college home. They plan to leave about the 22nd inst.

—The Johannesburg Mission has recently been presented with a good milch cow. The donors were Brother and Sister H. Ritchie of Krugersdorp. The gift is much appreciated by the mission family.

—New arrivals at the Plumstead Sanitarium are daily turned away because of the already over crowded condition.

—"A Missionary Trip," by Doctor Geo. Thomason, will appear next week.

—Every week brings new arrival to the college. The seats reserved for them at the Sabbath services, are fast filling up.

Natal-Transvaal Conference.

**Statement of Tithes and Offerings for the
Quarter ending December 30, 1910.**

Churches	Tithes	S.S.O.	R.D.O.	City Mis- sion Fund	Total
Maritzburg ..	56 0 10	3 15 1	15 0	25 5 3	85 16 2
Kyffers ..	81 10 9	10 11 0	2 11 0	12 10 0	107 5 9
Trynvald ..	28 15 4	2 0 8		2 10 0	33 5 0
Durban ..	35 15 4	3 5 5		5 2 0	44 1 1
La Rochelle ..	15 12 11	3 2 2	8 6	17 6	41 19 8
Krugersdorp...	15 9 10	2 9 0	1 0	15 12 11	41 19 8
Bethula ..	2 1 0	6 12 0		6 12 0	14 18 0
Swetwaters...	3 0 0	1 2 0		1 2 0	5 4 0
Beaufort ..		6 7 9	11 0	6 0 0	18 7 9
Heidelberg ..		13 9 0		1 0 0	15 9 0
Home Dep't...		12 0 0			12 0 0
	242 4 1	33 17 6	4 6 6	54 0 9	334 8 10

F. MACDONALD, Treasurer.