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SOME of our friends who were not at the recent camp-meeting may be surprised at the appearance of this little paper. The MISSIONARY has no apology to offer for its claim upon your attention, but a few words of explanation will not be out of place. At the general meeting held at Uitenhage the Cape Colony Conference recommended the South African Union Conference to take over the publication of the *Fortnightly Visitor*. The Union Conference not only accepted the responsibility, but also changed the name of the paper to the SOUTH AFRICAN MISSIONARY. Thus the MISSIONARY is not a stranger, but claims as its friends all who were friends of the *Visitor*.

The purpose of this little paper will be to make monthly visits to the homes of all our people; to carry messages of cheer, courage, and hope from one to another of His children; to bear witness to what the Lord has wrought amongst us; to present the needs of the cause in all parts of the field, and make appeals for the same; and its greatest joy will be to tell of the advancement of the message. Its work will not be bound by Conference lines, for it is a Union Conference paper. Its sphere of influence will reach to the Zambezi, and it seeks admission to the home of every Sabbath-keeping family in the land.

The MISSIONARY wants its eight pages filled with live, fresh, original matter. It does not want to depend upon clippings from other papers to fill its space. In order to have this, it must start out by requesting reports from all who are engaged in the various branches of the work. It is not necessary to mention here these different branches and lines of work which should be represented. The third angel's message is

not a one-sided message; it has many parts. We want all these parts fitly framed together in this paper, so as to show a harmonious development unto a holy temple in the Lord.

Last, but not least, we want to speak to you about a little matter which concerns the support of the MISSIONARY. The subscription price has been fixed at 2/6 per year. The cost of printing will be heavy, and as the subscription list will naturally be limited, owing to the small number of Sabbath-keepers, the paper will not be self-supporting. Subscribers to the *Visitor* will receive credit for the unexpired portion of their subscriptions. Of course if such subscribers wish to give the MISSIONARY a lift by paying the full subscription price, it will not be refused. Please do what *you* can to introduce the paper and obtain subscriptions, and you will thereby encourage the MISSIONARY to be what its name implies. O. O. F.

The Conference and Camp-Meeting.

THE long-looked-for and much-talked-of camp-meeting is now in the past. For weeks, yes, even months, before the meeting earnest prayers were offered for the success and prosperity of this gathering. Many felt that much was at stake, and that we must have the blessing of the Lord to fit us for the work of another year. In this we were not disappointed, for our Father fulfilled His promise to us as we sought Him, and poured out showers of blessing upon His waiting children. Praise to His holy name.

The meeting was located on a small piece of ground in the pleasant town of Uitenhage. When the time came for the brethren to

arrive, Elder Edmed, who had charge of the preparations, had the tents pitched and rooms ready. It was with no small feelings of anxiety that we went to the station to meet the train containing the delegates from Cape Town, and those gathered along the way. We were surprised when we found that there were two carriages given to our brethren and these were well filled. We had feared that the distance being great and the expense heavy there might not be a large number present, but the Lord put it into the hearts of His people to attend, and from Cape Colony, Rhodesia, Orange River Colony, Transvaal, and Natal they came. It was evident that the Lord had opened the way for many to come up to this feast, and this gave courage and hope to all that we would have a precious season.

On Thursday evening Elder Reaser preached the first sermon from the text, "What think ye, that He will not come to the feast?" Then another sermon followed from the words, "Is the Lord among us or not?" After this came a very solemn call, "The Master is come, and calleth for thee." Other important discourses were given and it seemed that the Lord led in the presentation of the subjects that were needed for the time. Deep impressions were made upon the hearts of all which led to earnest seeking after the Lord. Confessions were made and differences were put away, and thus the way was opened for the Lord to come into our midst and work for us.

Every one believed that He had come up to the feast, that He was among us and was calling to His people to cut loose from worldliness and turn to their God with all their hearts, and thus be prepared to meet their God. It was evident that the time had come to forget those things that were behind, to "remember Lot's wife," and press onward to victory.

But a great surprise awaited us. The nominating committee for the Union Council brought in their report, suggesting that a change be made, placing Elder Reaser at the head of the Cape Colony Conference and the former President as the Chairman of the Union Conference Committee. At the same time a call came for Elder Edmed to take the Presidency of the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

At first it seemed to some of us that these recommendations could never be adopted, but the unity of the brethren convinced all that the Lord was among us, and calling, and we could but respond and say, "Here am I." The brethren at Uitenhage and Port Elizabeth felt that they were asked to make a large sacrifice in giving up Elder Edmed, but the Lord made their hearts willing, Truly "thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power."

A goodly number of the citizens attended, and seemed to be much interested, especially in the magic lantern views given, presenting different phases of the message for to-day. There were revival meetings from the beginning, but the greatest effort was reserved till the last Sabbath, when a large number came forward seeking the Lord, many of whom were seeking Him for the first time. It was a precious season to all as souls found liberty and forgiveness of sins. The last day of the meeting we went to the neat house of worship, which our people have there, and in the baptismal font Elder Edmed buried seven dear souls with their Lord in baptism. It was a precious season.

Our camp-meeting closed with the impression deeply fixed upon the minds of all that the time had come to "arise and shine" for the Lord was about to arise and do great things in the earth. The members of the Union Conference realised as never before that they must take up the great work of giving the last message to the many nations and tribes of Africa. As we look northward we see millions of souls who must hear of a Saviour's love and His second return. This work is given to us. It is a great but precious charge, and the Lord has promised to go with us and help us in doing the work. Men and women are needed, funds are needed, and the word comes to us, "Who then is willing to consecrate his service (and all that he has) this day unto the Lord." May the year 1903 be the beginning of better days and a time when we will see the message go with the long-looked-for power. To this end let us live, and labour, and pray, and we may be assured that Father will never disappoint us.

W. S. HYATT.

The South African Union Conference.

THE tenth annual meeting of the South African Conference was held at Uitenhage, Jan. 15 to 26, 1903. The organisation of the Natal-Transvaal Conference made it possible to effect the organisation of a Union Conference, embracing, in addition to the conference just named, the Cape Colony Conference and the various mission fields south of the Zambesi River. Delegates were there from the Matabele Mission near Bulawayo, Pretoria, Johannesburg, Durban, Sweetwaters, and Bloemfontein, while the attendance from the various portions of Cape Colony was better than was anticipated.

Before the meeting convened, perplexities which seemed insurmountable to the human view-point confronted the delegates; but one of the most remarkable features of the meeting was that each mountain of this character, when approached, almost immediately became a plain, as the Lord led His servants by that unerring guide, the Holy Spirit; and the blessedness of it all was that all saw the leading of the Lord, accepted the deliverance, and thanked the Great Counsellor for His presence and help in the solution of most difficult problems.

Perhaps the most complete triumph of the meeting was the spirit of union and harmony which prevailed. The union of the whole field in one common cause and in one united effort for the advance of message, seems to be more complete than ever before. May the Lord bless the Union Conference, that it may become a blessing to the people of South Africa.

G. W. REASER.

The Week of Prayer.

For many years Seventh Day Adventists have set apart one week each year for the purpose of seeking the Lord. Although we have our regular services we all feel that from time to time we ought to have a few days when we can to some degree lay aside our regular business and work and seek the Lord. Whenever these seasons have been entered into heart and soul, they have been a great blessing to the people. The last *Review* states

that during the recent week of prayer appointed for the Churches in America, the Battle Creek church received one of the greatest blessings that they ever enjoyed. Please turn to the *Review* and read the account.

This annual season of prayer has come for several years during the Christmas and New year holidays, because it was held at that time in America. But many have desired it at some other time, and as the camp-meeting was so near to the holidays it was postponed to a later date. The Union Conference Committee decided that it was best to hold this annual prayer season from March 28 to April 4. The last named date is the time of the quartely meeting and we hope it may be a blessed day to all. We hope to be able to send out readings to all the churches and companies in time for the meeting.

ANNUAL OFFERINGS.

At the close of these annual seasons of prayer our people have made offerings to the cause of the Lord with which the message is sent into destitute fields. Last year our people gave about one hundred pounds and it has been used in placing our literature in the hands of the Dutch people. Thousands of people have heard of the message in this way, and the fruit will be seen in the kingdom of God. Every one will be glad that they had an offering to give in the day when these are reckoned up and the results are shown. This year we appeal to our people to make offerings for the purpose of sending the truth to the natives of South Africa. Last year the money was all spent in literature for the Dutch people and this year we desire to print and place thousands of our books and tracts in the hands of the natives. We need funds for this work and we are confident that our people will take hold and help at this time. The message must go to the races and tongues of Africa before the Lord can come. Let every believer begin to plan at once to be ready to lift at the time of this annual offering.

We hope that the season of prayer for 1903 will be a precious season to all the Lord's children, and as His blessings flows out to them, their hearts will be open to receive it and in turn the blessings received will flow back to God in thanksgiving and offerings to send the truth to those who know Him not.

W. S. HYATT.

Educational.

The Union College Training School.

WITH this issue of the "VISITOR" in a new dress and under another name, we are glad to greet all the kind friends and patrons of our school; and since the enlargement of the paper gives us more space, we shall try with each issue to give a general report of the progress of our Training School, of the church schools, and of educational work and news in general.

As teachers we have great cause to thank the Lord for the successful opening of the new school year. Seventy-six was the enrolment for the first day; others have since come in, and still more are expected. The home is so rapidly filling up at present, that it is taxing the capacity of the facilities and the ingenuity of the matron. We have an excellent class of young people who, more or less, have come with a firm determination to fit themselves for some branch of the Lord's work.

To-day the Conferences could employ teachers, Bible workers, and missionaries to the natives, were they at hand. Our hearts were made sad by the perplexities that confronted the brethren in their council meeting at the late camp-meeting in regard to the scarcity of these classes of workers. One of our church schools is closed, another cannot begin, and still another had to accept a temporary substitute till suitable help can be given.

We have plenty of material close at hand, as good and bright young people as can be found anywhere, who, if they were only fully consecrated and had the proper training, could fill these positions acceptably, and render valuable help to the cause in Africa. Our school at the Cape is established for the express purpose of giving our young people the necessary fitting up and each year we increase our facilities and improve our methods to do this work quicker and better than ever. We urged the need, at the camp meeting, for our young people to enter the school, and for

the parents to send them, and from the present enrolment we must say that both have responded nobly.

We have cause also to thank the Lord for the rapid strides our educational work made at the camp meeting in the matter of organisation. Our School is now a school for all South Africa. It is the recognised training institution of the denomination, and as such comes under the parental care and general direction of the South African Union Conference Committee. It is this Board, as a representative body of all South Africa, that will hereafter mould the work and shape the policy of the School.

Friends and patrons of the School, it is time that our work in Africa took on some rapid strides. The signs are numerous that portray the end of all things is near at hand. In view of the momentous times, are we doing our duty towards the children and youth? "Delay no longer" is the watchword for the present time. C. H. HAYTON.

School Items.

School opened Wednesday, February 4, with an enrolment of 76. Others have entered since.

We have the largest family of girls we have had for some years. Most of them are young ladies who are preparing to enter the work as soon as possible. Others are expected soon.

Brother and Sister Barnard are spending a few days at the College before sailing for England. Brother Barnard is rendering some much needed help in the office work.

The College has started a circulating library. We already have about 200 volumes, but many of our shelves are still empty. We desire to have them all filled with interesting and instructive books. Are there not some of our brethren who will donate books or money toward this worthy enterprise?

A literary society has been organised for the purpose of training our young people to take part in any public work. Its programmes will consist of the usual literary work, music, and discussions. Mr. O. O. Fortner is our president.



OBJECT LESSONS CAMPAIGN

The Jubilee Funds.

DOUBTLESS all would like to know how the "Christ's Object Lessons" work stands to-day. We will give a brief statement of what has been done and what remains to be done. As those who have been readers of the *Visitor* are aware, the book was sold by a few canvassers for a time. When the book was sold in this way, only 3/6 from the sale of each copy came back to the fund. The number of copies sold by the canvassers was 796, from which £139 6s. was turned into the fund for the relief of the school debt. The number of copies taken by individuals and churches was 435, from which £133 13s. was realised for the fund. Thus we have in this fund now £272 19s. As the debt on the College is £2,600, this will leave a balance of £2,327 1s. still to be raised. To raise this amount from the sale of "Object Lessons" at 6/- each, 7,757 copies will have to be sold.

These books cost us last year at the rate of 1/3 each, landed at Cape Town. We will now be able to get them landed here at about 1/1 per copy. At this rate it will cost £421 17s. to get the necessary 7,757 copies yet to be sold in this country. This is a large sum to raise, but if all will take hold and lift, we believe it can be raised. At the recent Conference, in a public meeting, and within a very few minutes, a sum of £170 was subscribed to the fund for purchasing the books. There were many of our people who were not at the camp-meeting, and who did not have the opportunity there to give something to this worthy enterprise. We hope this matter will now be taken up in the churches and among the scattered Sabbath-keepers with the same liberality as was shown at the camp-meeting. The amount still to be raised to purchase the necessary books is £251 17s. Let the donations, large and small, come in, that the good work of freeing the school from debt may go on. The amount of donations received each month for this work will be reported in the *MISSIONARY*. O. O. F.

An Appeal.

WE make this appeal once more to all our brethren and sisters throughout South Africa to push the good work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons." Let every member of the various churches and organisations resolve to help by selling, or causing others to sell, these books. It is surprising how interested people are when told of this plan of paying a debt and many are thus led to purchase a book.

We do not need to spend time in going about from door to door as do the regular canvassers, if our time is limited. Have a book near at hand in the home, one you have read yourself, and when the grocer, baker, or other tradesman comes to take your orders, tell him of the book and the story that led to the plan of paying off a debt in such a novel way, and you may often take his order. When your friends, neighbours, or relations visit you, do likewise, and it will surprise you how many books you can dispose of in this manner. One sister of the Claremont Church sold thirty books in just this way.

Brethren, it is not so much the time we need as it is the constant thoughtfulness to grasp every opportunity that comes to us. If every church member would bear in mind to speak with every one with whom he comes in contact, on this matter, how long would it be before we could all join in the glad jubilee song? Brethren, don't wait for a time to sell, begin at once. We shall never be any less busy. Then let us begin once more. Let all take fresh courage and soon shall all the books be sold and every vestige of debt disappear. God grant that that time is near.

C. H. HAYTON.

"A good beginning has been made in the sale of 'Christ's Object Lessons.' What is needed now is an earnest, united effort to complete the work that has been so well begun. In the Scriptures we read, 'Not slothful in business: fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.' Rom. 12:11. Every branch of God's cause is worthy of diligence; but nothing could be more deserving than this enterprise at this time. A decided work is to be done in accomplishing God's plan. Let every stroke tell for the Master in the selling of 'Christ's Object Lessons.' Let all who possibly can, join the workers. E. G. W.



MISSIONARY WORK.

The Sixpence per Week Plan.

The readers of the *MISSIONARY* who have read the *Review and Herald* are familiar with the plan of supporting the mission work known as the "Ten-cents per Week Plan." Some years ago the brethren adopted the First-Day Offerings for the support of missions. This was a plan devised by Paul when he wanted to raise money to assist the poor saints at Jerusalem. It was a success, and this led the brethren to think that the plan was a good one, and they adopted it for the support of the work of giving the third angel's message to the world.

But many desired that they might have a definite sum to give and urged that a change be made. This led the brethren to consider the ten-cents per week plan. At present this plan is bringing into the treasury large sums of money with which to push the message on to every nation, tongue, and people. At our Conference the matter of support to the mission work was considered, and it was decided to recommend to all our people the plan of giving sixpence per week for this work.

It may be that some can give more, and possibly some would not be able to give so much, especially where the family is large. But we hope that each church will be able to reach this amount. Brethren, we have to depend upon your liberalities for the spread of the message. There are four sources for the support of mission work: Donations, Annual Offerings, Weekly, or Sixpence per Week Offerings, and the Sabbath-School Offerings.

God has given us a great work to do in this generation. Our motto should be to give the truth to all nations in this generation. This calls for a general rally among all our people, it is not the few giving large sums, while we appreciate these, but it is the whole body of believers all doing a little. It is the little streams all flowing together that make the greatest and mightiest rivers of earth. It is these little streams flowing from

all God's people that will bring support to the work and send the message out to the world to do the greatest and mightiest work that this world ever saw,—to prepare a people to meet the Lord.

We now ask that each family will take this matter up and begin at once. Can we not decide that from the beginning of 1903 we will give an offering of sixpence per week for the support of the work of the Lord that we love so much?
W. S. HYATT.



The Rokeby Mission Help Band.

A FEW months ago the Rokeby youth, with the help of a few elderly sisters, formed themselves into a mission help band. At first the membership was small, but it now comprises thirty-three members.

Perhaps the readers of the *MISSIONARY* would like to know something about the work we are doing, so I will give a brief statement of it, hoping that the Lord will touch the hearts of all His children to the end that they may be "up and doing." We do not realise the good to be derived from such efforts to spread the gospel, or I am sure there would not be a church without such a band.

We hold our meetings every second Sunday, as this is the day that is most convenient for farmers. The meetings open at 2 P.M., The opening exercises, such as a hymn-prayer, etc. being finished, the work begins. The brothers wrap the papers. In this way we spread our literature among the people. Last quarter, ending December 28, 633 papers and 780 pages of tracts were scattered throughout the surrounding country districts. This is called the paper department.

The sewing department comes next.

This consists of all the lady members, old and young. We have a cutting out committee, who see to everything in that line. Then there is the price committee, who fix all the prices and sell the articles brought by the members.

We had a picnic and sale of work on Christmas day. Such a gathering has not been seen in Rokeby for many years. At 3 o'clock in the morning the whole community

was astir, preparing for the grand holiday. It was indeed a holy day to us all.

The journey with the ox waggon, which took some hours, would have been long and tiring had not our uppermost thoughts been of the work we were going to do. We finally reached the desired place, and Brother Sparrow, arriving in his cart, led the way down the small incline into the Valley of Kaffir Kraal. There were three carts, two waggons, one Scotch cart, and some rode on horseback.

At ten o'clock the bell was rung, and all assembled around the Christmas tree, which had been planted in a cool part of the "bush." Bro. W. H. Willmore read the roll, and in answer to their names each member gave in their offering. A short interval followed, while the committee arranged the tree. The

sale was then opened, the proceeds of which reached the sum of £5.

Then came dinner, which was spread "in the deep shade of the forest." After dinner the young people had a pleasant time out on the grass. At 3.00 P.M. we again assembled, and a short entertainment was given by the young people of the Help Band. It consisted of hymns and recitations, ending with a few words of thanks by our Elder, Bro. Sparrow. Then all joined heartily in the grand old hymn, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

On December 28 the quarterly meeting of the Band took place. £6 was donated to Bro. Edmed's gospel waggon. Thus ended a quarter that will long be remembered by every member of the band.

I. J. WILLMORE, *Sec.*

Grahamstown.

Natal-Transvaal Canvassing Report for Nov., and Dec., 1902, and Jan., 1903.

Agent	Territory	Book	Ord.	Value			Value of Helps			Total		
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
J. H. Camp	Maritzburg	H.H.B.	38	58	10	0				58	10	0
Mrs. Howard	Johannesburg	"	94	165	0	0				165	0	0
Mrs. Galley	Durban	L.G.	4	4	0	0				4	0	0
H. Schmidt	Pretoria	G.C.	61	56	17	6	5	11	0	62	8	6
S. S. Barnard	Johannesburg	"	180	164	13	0	4	2	0	168	15	0
Mrs. Barnard	"	"	43	30	12	0	1	1	0	31	13	0
Mrs. Strachan	"	"	30	22	17	6		9	0	23	6	6
Miss Smith	"	"	9	8	5	0		12	0	8	17	0
Miss Grant	"	C.O.S.	24	5	4	0	1	2	6	6	6	6
9 Reports			483	515	19	0	12	17	6	528	16	6

Cape Colony Canvassing Report for January.

Agent.	Territory.	Book.	Days	Ord.	Misc.	Value.			Delivery	Value.		
						£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
G. W. Shone	Stellenbosch	C.K.	5	12	13	4	5	0	24	4	11	0
Q. H. Jubber	Cape Town	M.M.	6	25	6	30	14	0	12	15	1	0
Mrs. Stapleford	Woodstock	L.G.	14	32	10	35	6	0	31	22	13	6
Chas. Haupt	Fort Beaufort				42	4	7	0				
Miss Webster	Kimberley	H.H.B.	8	12		18	0	0	3	4	10	0
T. J. Francis	Steytlerville	G.C.		10	71	11	7	9	81	11	7	9
Mrs. Tickton	Kimberley	C.K.	5	3	4	1	15	6	20	5	9	6
A. Tickton	Taungs	G.C.	4	6	11	5	12	6	26	6	11	0
8 Reports.			42	100	157	111	7	9	197	70	3	9

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—How can you expect to keep pace with the message if you do not subscribe to the *MISSIONARY*?

—The gospel waggon will soon enter the field again under the supervision of Brother Francis. This time it will work toward Graff Reinet.

—Brother W. H. Anderson is spending a few weeks with Brother Chaney at Sweetwaters, Natal. They are hastening the translation of "Steps" into Zulu.

—Brother G. W. Shone is preparing to start to Bloemfontein. He will engage in ministerial work in the Orange River Colony.

—Read what is said in the "Object Lesson Campaign" column, and make up your mind to do something at once to get this book out to the people, and to get some money in for the fund.

—Pastor D. F. Tarr is to go at once to the district of Stockenström to assist in completing the work begun in that field by others.

—A sanitarium will soon be started in the Plumstead Orphanage building. Sister Webster and Brother and Sister Armer have been invited to connect with the institution.

—Pastor H. J. Edmed has already taken up his duties as President of the Natal-Transvaal Conference. He is now at Johannesburg, but his family will remain a few months at Uitenhage.

—Sister Cora Blodgett remained at Uitenhage after the camp-meeting to take charge of the church school there, as Sister Ina Austen had resigned on account of failing health.

—Sister Amy Ingle proceeded from Uitenhage in company with brother and Sister Chaney to Sweetwaters, Natal, to begin church school work there.

—Brother Booth, who has had charge of the mission work in Nyassaland, is on his way to

Cape Town for consultation with the Union Conference Committee.

—The Sixpence-a-week Plan was heartily endorsed by those assembled on the camp ground. It means that each Seventh-Day Adventist should plan to contribute at least that amount each week for the support of mission work. Shall we not all co-operate in this plan?

—The last word from the Mission Board states that two missionaries with their wives are about to be sent to South Africa for Barotseland. Brother Guy Dail, who is at present in Europe, has been recommended to proceed to Cape Town to become the editor of the *Sentinel* and *Journal of Health*.

—Last month as Brother Kalaka was out on one of his missionary tours in Basutoland, he was violently thrown from his cart and severely bruised. It was an unfortunate accident. It was on this account that Brother Freeman was prevented from attending the camp-meeting. Brother Kalaka, however, has returned to the mission, and is recovering from the injury.

—A telegram from Bulawayo announces the death of Elder Sturdevant's son, which occurred on the 10th inst. Spinal meningitis was the cause of death. Another grave will thus be added to the mission cemetery, which is already large in proportion to the number of workers. We sympathise deeply with Brother and Sister Sturdevant in their bereavement, and trust that they may feel the presence of the Comforter.

—The last *Review* brings an account of the second great loss which has been inflicted on the cause by fire. The *Review* and *Herald* Publishing House was visited by a terrible fire on the evening of December 30. The main building, machinery, and other contents were totally destroyed, the loss being over \$300,000. This loss was only partially covered by insurance of \$100,000. This building has been for nearly half a century the home of the *Review*, the paper best beloved by Seventh-Day Adventists. From its presses have also come a large portion of the literature which has been such a powerful factor in the spread of the truth since the earliest days of the message. While we regret this great loss, we have learned that institutions may be taken away, but the principles for which they stand, being established in the hearts and soul-temples of His people, will stand forever.