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## Retrospection

Oh, Life, I turn on thee to backward gaze  
Before the sun has set;  
I mark the windings of a tangled maze  
Of paths I'd fain forget.  
I see my footprints in the tell-tale sand,  
Nor time nor death may hide;  
I see where straightest I my pathway planned,  
There most I turned aside.  
And, sharpest sting of my regretful pain,  
What deepest I deplore,  
The path I've made must ever so remain;  
I'll pass that way no more.  
Then dare I 'gainst a straying brother cry,  
Or his intent malign,  
When, gazing backward, clearly I descry  
His path more straight than mine?  
I may not over him in judgment stand,  
Nor ask how he has striven;  
I only clasp in peace his proffered hand  
As I would be forgiven.  
May there not be, hid by his smiling face,  
A troubled heart and sore?  
I humbly whisper, "Father, give us grace;  
We'll pass this way no more." --*Selected.*

## A Request

This is not an appeal for funds, but for reports. We receive many letters expressing appreciation of our little paper, the MISSIONARY, but we are well aware of the fact that it is not what we write from the office that makes the paper so interesting: it is the reports that come from our workers in the field. Our people are interested in the progress of the message, and they want to know what our workers are doing, and what success is attending their labour. For this reason we

ask all who have good experiences to relate to remember the MISSIONARY with them, and thus pass them on for the encouragement of others.

The time for the MISSIONARY to go to press is the 20th of each month, and the matter should be in our hands by the 15th. Sometimes we come up to the day of printing without receiving anything from our workers to print. Then there is usually a delay, for matter must be found. We have sent many personal requests, but we thought that these few lines might catch the eye of some who have been doing good missionary work, but who have never thought of sending a report to the paper.

Do not put off writing because you have not much to write. Short reports are read and prized more than long ones.

We thank all who have contributed to make the MISSIONARY interesting and useful, and in asking for your further support, we request others to assist in helping the paper to fulfil its important mission. O. O. F.

## "Do It"

"Whatsoever He saith unto you do it." Men are called to the Christian life, not to be believers only, but to be *doers of the word*. "Why call ye Me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say."

The remnant of Israel shall return unto the mighty God. Isa. 10:21,22. This shows that they have gone away from Him. The prophet Malachi declares that "from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from Mine ordinances, and have not kept them." Then

he says, "Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts." Then the people inquire, "Wherein shall we return?" "Return in tithes and offerings, wherein ye have robbed Me," is the Lord's reply.

How can any man claim to be of the "remnant of Israel," and yet withhold the tithe from God? We have not received the fullness of blessing, because we have not fully complied with the conditions. When selfishness departs *entirely*, then we will cease to rob God in tithes and offerings; but not till then. To me it is clear that God regards our tithes and our gifts as a measure of our love for Him. Study again the case of the rich young man. When measured by this rule, he went away sorrowful. Are we all ready to be measured in God's way? The "remnant of Israel" will return to God. Are we the "remnant?" Have we returned as He says the *remnant* will return.

I. J. HANKINS.

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### Sabbath School Offerings

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There are but few persons who know how much benefit the Sabbath School offerings are to the work. For many years these offerings were all sent to the General Sabbath School Association and from there distributed to the various fields, but now each local field appropriates them to that branch of the work considered most needy. By this means we have had a steady stream flowing into our hands that we could use as the circumstances demanded.

Last year these offerings were applied to the Basuto Mission, to the opening of a mission in Barotse land, and to the establishing of a printing plant whereby we could furnish cheap literature to these missions. For 1904 the Sabbath School donations have been applied for three quarters are as follows: First quarter, to printing plant; second quarter, to the native printing fund; and third quarter, to the Basuto Mission. We had hoped that it would not be necessary to use these offerings to establish the printing plant, but in this we have been disappointed as the

donations to this work were much less than we had expected they would be. It may be, however, that others will yet take a part in establishing and building up our printing plant.

But I wish to call your especial attention to the third quarter's donations. These are for a special purpose. Brother Freeman has long felt the need of having pipes laid from a fountain on the mountain side, and thus bring the water direct to the mission house. It is needed to give the missionaries a good supply of water for the home, and also for the gardens.

We ask all our Sabbath School superintendents to take notice of this and bring it before their schools at the proper time. We ask for a large offering that we may be able to lay on the water at the mission where it is so badly needed. Then, when the offerings are made, let them be sent to the office at once, so that the amount may be reported. In the past these have been held at various points all along the line, but in the future we expect they will be sent to the office without delay.

W. S. HYATT.

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### Victory

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When you are forgotten, or neglected, or purposely set at nought, and you smile inwardly, glorying in the insult or the oversight,—*that is victory.*

When your good is evil spoken of; when your wishes are crossed, your tastes offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient, loving silence,—*that is victory.*

When you are content with any food, any raiment, any climate, any society, any solitude, any interruption,—*that is victory.*

When you can bear with any discord, any annoyance, any irregularity or unpunctuality (of which you are not the cause),—*that is victory.*

When you can stand face to face with folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility, contradiction of sinners, persecution, and endure it all as Jesus endured it,—*that is victory.*

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation, nor to record your good works, nor to seek after commendation—when you can truly “love to be unknown,”—*that is victory.*—*Selected.*

### **To My Brethren in South Africa**

Although separated by several thousand miles of land and sea from my late field of labour and from the familiar faces of former fellow-labourers, yet my mind dwells much upon South Africa and the dear people there who cherish the truth of God, and are proclaiming it to “those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.” Every report from South Africa is of deep interest to me; every conference worker and missionary has a place in my thoughts and is remembered, personally, at the throne of grace. Nothing of a similar nature has ever caused me deeper regret than the sad news of the death of Brother Watson.

Perhaps a brief statement of my experience since leaving Africa, now nearly a year since, may not be without interest to our constituency in South Africa.

On arriving in New York, after a reasonably pleasant voyage, I made it my first duty to seek an interview with our Mission Board; and for this purpose, in response to a telegram from Elder Daniells, I went to Battle Creek, where I spent a portion of two days in reviewing before the executive officers of the Mission Board the condition and needs of our work in South Africa, presenting before them the urgent necessity of hastening approved workers forward to join the force already in the field, mentioning in particular the need of ministers, missionaries, a physician, nurses, canvassers, an editor, and a printer.

The brethren of the Board were fully awake to the needs of the field, but found it difficult to supply all of the calls for help. It is with much satisfaction that I learn that four capable workers, with their families, have since gone to South Africa.

As contemplated when I took my reluctant

departure from Cape Colony, I sought out-of-door, physical employment in America, and am most thankful to be able to report that the freedom of farm life, in a cool and exhilarating climate, and the health-laden, resinous atmosphere of the fir forest on a portion of the farm, in which I have worked during the winter months, combined with the blessing of the Lord, have brought to me greater vigour of body than I have possessed for many years. My family, including the baby that we adopted at the Cape, were never in better health than now.

However, the very fact (produced by this enforced separation from the work that lies nearest my heart) of cessation from labour, of having little active part in carrying the message of salvation to perishing members of the human family, has been a very trying experience to me. It has been my privilege, during this interval, to hold one or more meetings each week in the city of Salem, where we are now living. These meetings have been attended by much of the presence and rich blessing of the Lord.

It is only within the last few weeks that I have made that marked progress, passed the turning point,—the crisis, as it were,—which has given me full confidence that my health will be restored. It has been a hard-fought battle, but now I have full assurance of victory through the goodness and mercy of God.

I trust that, during the months which have passed since landing in America, I have stored up vitality which, if drawn upon judiciously, will enable me to have a part in the last triumphant proclamation of the everlasting gospel.

My heart is in Africa, and if the Lord so directs, I will gladly join the beloved labourers in that field again. Meantime my prayer is that the good hand of our God may be over His cause and people in South Africa, and that the message of truth may make more marked progress there than ever before.

The work of the cause in America is decidedly onward, and I expect, within a few weeks to devote all of my time to the grand-

est work given to the members of Adam's race ; namely, that of winning souls to Christ.

Numerous kindly letters from our people in Africa have been cheering to me, and I would gladly send personal letters to many if my time would permit.

Yours in the bonds of Christian fellowship,  
G. W. REASER.

we can unite with them in bearing the load, and we hope and pray that God will bless us and make us a blessing to this people. There is much talk of a native uprising, and we know not what the future may bring to us. But, brethren, we earnestly ask your prayers that God will hold the winds of strife till His message has been carried to all parts of this dark land.

W. S. HYATT.

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## The Field

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### Our Trip to Matabeleland

In accord with the request of the Union Conference Committee, Mrs. Hyatt and I left Cape Town, April 9, to join the mission workers in Matabeleland. Elder Sturdevant and wife find the work at the mission farm more than they can do ; and, as help is scarce, we now join them in the work. On our way we spent Sabbath and Sunday with the "little flock at Content Siding. We enjoyed the hospitality and the comfortable home of Brother and Sister Honey. On Sabbath we had two Bible studies together, and on Sunday we had one. We all enjoyed these very much.

Monday afternoon we again started on our journey. At Mafeking we met Brother Tickton whom we found hard at work selling "Christ's Object Lessons." The Lord has greatly blessed his efforts in that direction as he has laboured to place this precious book in the hands of the people. In this way hundreds of people will get to know of the truth, and a large amount of the College debt be wiped away. I hope the day is not far distant when many more may be inspired to take up this good work and push it on to victory.

Elder Sturdevant and Brother C. H. Sparrow met us at the station in Bulawayo, and the next evening we arrived at the mission and received a hearty welcome. The dear workers at this place are well and of good courage. They are working very hard in doing the home work, gathering in the crops, and conducting the school. We are glad that

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### East London Cent

April 7 we held our first meeting, with a very small attendance. Friday there were a few more out, and on Sunday afternoon and evening we had about two dozen interested hearers; Monday evening not quite so many, but some very interested people. We are asking the Lord to send us the people who want light. The daily paper has published three outlines of sermons, which attracted some attention, and I hope will awaken an interest to hear. We have spoken thus far on God's purpose in creation, the second advent, and the millennium. Brother Shone speaks to-night on Daniel 7, and Brother Tarr follows on the 2,300 days, and then the Sanctuary.

We have a pleasant grassy spot for our tent, quite central for the Quigney people. The 20 x 33 tent is a fine one for small meetings. Brother William Haupt and Brother Moko occupy a small tent, and care for the larger one.

The interest in the location continues, and open-air services are held nearly every evening. Several of the natives are convinced on the Sabbath question, but so far they have not courage to obey. Their position in service holds them as with iron bands; but the same is true of the white man. We sow the seed, however, believing that some of it will bear fruit in time.

Brother Shone is conducting a Dutch service every Sunday in a Cambridge hall, with an interested company of thirty to forty, or more. They are calling for week night ser-

vice also. One hundred and fifty *Sentinels* have been sold, and twenty-two "Object Lessons."

We desire to co-operate with the Lord in this work, and to see some souls embrace the gospel message for this time. I. J. HANKINS.

### Eight Baptised

About three weeks ago, Brother Tarr baptised eight coloured persons residing in the location. They were leading members of other churches, persons of intelligence and influence. The ministers of these churches have tried to stop our work in the location. A petition was sent to the city council asking them to remove Brother Moko. On the ground of having no licence to reside in the location, Brother Moko was served with a notice to leave. This was a mere pretext, and was not the true reason in the minds of the petitioners. Brother Moko was a boarder in another family, and this family paid the required sum for his residence, to the inspector; so the charge of having no licence was only a technicality. The policemen understood the true spirit of the thing, and so did many of the people. Some advised Brother Moko to let the officers take him to prison, and then meet the question in court. If his removal would have closed his work in the location, we would have advised the same; but he simply moved his bed to Brother Tarr's for a few days, and then to the tent when it was pitched, and now he and Brother Tarr continue work in the location with more interest than before.

This little flurry has given Brother Moko the sympathy of the people generally, and they are more anxious than ever to know the things that make him such an objectionable resident, especially to the clergy.

A representative of the kafir paper met Brother Tarr recently, and congratulated him on the work going on in the location. They are giving it notice in their paper. So it is demonstrated again that man can do nothing against the truth, but for it. I. J. HANKINS.

### Letter from Bloemfontein

The papers came along with the "Home Hand Book" and Sesuto tracts, but the time that I had expected to give to selling papers had passed and I had begun on "Home Hand Book," so Mrs. Chaney urged me to give my whole time to the book, and she would work with the papers. She has been out four mornings (about two hours each time), and has sold 122 papers.

I have canvassed eight days and have orders for £37 10s. worth of "Home Hand Book" and £1 8s. worth of "Friend in the Kitchen." I have set my delivery for May 16; but I now think that if I work the place properly, it will take me into June. I will finish as soon as I can, and do faithful work. The book really takes very well here, and I think I would have many more orders if money matters were not so tight. This is a splendid place for native work. I will be able to tell you about the population of Bloemfontein in a few weeks, as they are taking the census today.

We have met with Pondo (a kafir) and wife who are keeping the Sabbath. Pondo was backslidden some months back but seems quite earnest now, and is giving Bible readings to two natives (Basutos) who seem just upon the point of deciding to keep God's commandments. Pondo and I are going to see another native this afternoon who is interested. The awful lies which the black missionaries teach to these people makes one heart-sick.

This field is ripe for harvest. Where are the reapers? We go up on Naval Hill and have Sabbath School lesson with Sister Court in the fore-noon on Sabbath, and then spend the afternoon at the location.

Sister Wocke is still in Basutoland, but expects to be home in about ten days. Mrs. Chaney is not quite so well as she was at the Cape. I am well. J. A. CHANEY.

—Brother Branch sends good reports of the work done at the Nyassaland Mission. Though being left alone, he is not discouraged.

## Educational.

### College Notes

"The Word of God is the foundation of all true knowledge."

—Walter Mead has remembered the College library in a very substantial manner.

"It is the degree of moral power pervading the college that is a test of its prosperity."

We are glad to welcome to our Teachers' Training Class Miss Stella Coombs, of Maritzburg, Natal.

The new school quarter has opened very favourably. Ninety-four were in attendance the first day. Others have come in since.

There are still many unfilled shelves in the College library. The importance of good reading matter in connection with the school cannot be over-estimated. Books or money will be very welcome.

"There is science in the humblest kind of work, and if all would thus regard it, they would see nobility in labour. Heart and soul are to be put into work of any kind; then there is cheerfulness and efficiency.

This week's mail from America has brought a kindly remembrance to the school from Mr. W. A. Ruble, its former principal,—a money order for £3 10s., as a donation from kind friends towards the College bathroom.

"The teachers have a task which but few appreciate. If they succeed in reforming wayward youth, they receive but little credit. If the youth choose the society of the evil-disposed, then the teachers are censured and the school denounced."

The librarian of the Claremont Tract and Missionary Society is interesting the junior members in active work. Meetings are being held, plans are laid, and you may expect a call for assistance from them at any time. Encourage the children in missionary effort.

Winter barley has been sown upon the greater part of the College farm, and the early rains have transformed the parched ground into a carpet of living green.

"We need schools in this country to educate children and youth that they may be masters of labour, and not slaves of labour. Ignorance and idleness will not elevate one member of the human family. Ignorance will not lighten the lot of the hard toiler."

The manual training classes in operation at the present time are,—sewing in two divisions, cooking, cardboard work, and wood-work. The actual value of this special class of training is not fully appreciated by most parents. Not only in the knowledge of each subject gained does the value lie: but in the training of a steady and careful hand, an accurate and observing eye, and the cultivation of neatness and self-reliance, manual training stands without a rival.

A visit to the class rooms and the school home will reveal the promptness and earnestness of both teachers and students in attending to their respective tasks. From the rising bell in the morning till the retiring bell at night, one finds little time other than to attend faithfully to his duties. Children love order and system. A well ordered and regulated home is a type of heaven. Order is heaven's first law. A time for everything and everything in its time and place, is a valuable training for the youth, and in the end will accomplish sure results.

"Many have felt, 'Well, it doesn't matter if we are not so particular to become thoroughly educated,' and a lower standard of education has been accepted. And now when suitable men are wanted to fill various positions of trust, they are rare; when women are wanted with well balanced minds, with an education fitting them for any position of trust, they are not easily found. What is worth doing at all is worth doing well. While religion should be the pervading element in every school, it will not lead to cheapening of the literary attainments."

**Periodical Subscriptions**

The Tract Society receives many complaints about not receiving certain papers that are published abroad. When these complaints are received, the records are consulted, and almost invariably it is found that these subscriptions have been forwarded or renewed. These subscriptions pass through various hands and books before they reach the publishers, and occasionally mistakes occur in transcribing addresses. When the papers are sent out, they have to come long distances and make connections by land and by sea, and it must be remembered that the same care is not taken with papers as is the case with letters.

The Tract Society will continue to receive subscriptions, which will now be forwarded through the Union Conference office. If the papers are not received after due time, efforts will be made to set the matter right, but the office will not be responsible for irregularities with these foreign papers. We even receive complaints, sometimes, because no papers come during one week, while a double supply

comes the following week, as though we had control of the Imperial mail service. We might say by way of consolation that this office suffers all these inconveniences also.

We might also say a word with reference to the *Sentinel* and the *Journal of Health*, published here. We have received several notices stating that the papers were not received by subscribers, but on looking the matter up, we find the addresses on our list, and that the papers were sent out. In such cases we can not account for the papers not being received; but we will guarantee to put the papers in the post-office, addressed to the subscribers; and if they do not reach their destination, we will do it again if we are notified. Fearing that some of the wrappers may have become broken in the mails, we have now secured stronger wrappers.

O. O. F.

—Elder Altman is conducting a series of meetings in a tent in the city of Durban. We have not received a report from the meetings yet, but we hope to have one for our next issue.

**Natal-Transvaal Canvassing Report for March, 1904.**

Agent	Territory	Book	Orders	Value	Helps	Total
E. M. Howard.....	Johannesburg	Masterpiece	57	£ 87 10s. 0d.	.....	£ 0 0s. 0d.
Mrs M. E. Howard....	"	Ladi's Guide	18	19 13 6	.....	0 0 0
C. Robinson.....	"	Gt. Contro.	31	25 13 0	.....	0 0 0
F. A. Spearing.....	Maritzburg	"	7	4 7 6	.....	0 0 0
Mrs. E. K. Stapleford..	Durban	"	12	10 7 0	.....	0 0 0
F. C. Ernst.....	Bulwer	"	10	7 7 6	.....	0 0 0
V. J. Maybury.....	Maritzburg	"	45	29 6 6	.....	0 0 0
E. M. Foster.....	Pretoria	"	.....	0 0 0	.....	0 0 0
Mrs. C. Howard.....	Johannesburg	H. H. Book	69	122 10 0	.....	0 0 0
H. Schmidt.....	Pretoria	"	.....	0 0 0	.....	0 0 0
J. Stapleford.....	Durban	"	.....	0 0 0	.....	0 0 0
Mrs. Infield.....	Johannesburg	H. W. L. I.	55	15 7 6	.....	0 0 0
9 Reports.....			340	£ 322 2 6		£ 0 0 0

**Cape Colony Canvassing Report for March, 1904**

Agent	Territory	Book	Hours	Ord.	Misc.	Total	Value	Deliveries	Value
C. Haupt.....	Cape Town.....	Dan. and Rev.	136	76	.....	.....	£ 27 9s. 0d.	17	£ 9 14s. 6d.
C. Kassebaum.....	Wynberg.....	Miscellaneous	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
A. Tickton.....	Kimberley.....	Object Lessons	58	38	32	70	15 0 0	42	8 15 0
A. Tickton.....	Ma feking.....	"	54	40	43	83	17 10 0	60	11 13 6
G. W. Shone.....	.....	Coming King.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. B. Burton.....	Wynberg.....	"	17	2	1	3	1 16 0	1	0 5 6
T. J. Francis.....	Gospel Wagon.....	Miscellaneous	.....	.....	65	65	5 16 6	65	5 16 6
4 Reports			265	156	141	221	£ 67 11 6	185	£ 36 5 0

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—Brother Tickton is at Mafeking at present, having taken a trip there to sell "Object Lessons."

—We have sent the manuscript for the Zulu "Christ Our Saviour" to London to be published.

—Sister Austen, of Beaconsfield, is visiting some relatives at Indwe. She was taken advantage of a little leisure time to sell "Object Lessons." The Tract Society has just received an order from her for forty copies of this book. How could one spend a holiday more profitably?

—Elder Edmed, with Sister Edmed and Brother Robinson, have gone to Johannesburg to begin work in that city. Every Sabbath keeper in South Africa will be interested in the progress of the message in the largest industrial centre in this country. We earnestly pray that the Lord will direct and bless the effort that will soon be made to reach the people of Johannesburg with the saving truths for this time.

—Elder L. R. Conradi, president of the European General Conference, is now in German East Africa, superintending the establishment of a mission in that country. The mission is to be supported by the German Conference. In a post card written from Tanga, German East Africa, March 29, Elder Conradi says: "Our party of five reached here March 27. Two missionaries met us. We are now buying provisions, etc., for the inland trip. We have secured a good location, nearly 4,000 feet in altitude, well watered, and about 2,000 natives living within three miles. We go by rail fifty miles, then march 100 miles. I expect to remain here till May 6, then go to Zanzibar, and from thence to Europe.

—We hope our Sabbath Schools will enjoy the next Sabbath School lessons which will be "Outline Studies in the Revelation."

—The Beaconsfield church have sold over 700 copies of "Object Lessons," and they are still cheerfully working. The members of that church did not take hold of this work half-heartedly, but they believed that the books were to be sold, and that the Lord would help to sell them if they put forth an honest effort. We rejoice with the Beaconsfield church in the success and the blessing attending their efforts to sell this good book and to pay off the debt on the College.

—In each copy of this issue of the MISSIONARY will be found a little leaflet which we would advise you not to throw away, but to keep for future reference. It is a price list of health foods stocked by the International Tract Society, Cape Town. We know these foods are all right, and we have no hesitancy in recommending them to our readers. Wishing to encourage our people to use more of the health foods, the Tract Society is now offering a discount of 20 per cent to all Seventh Day Adventist church members. If you have never tried any of these foods, send a trial order, and we are sure that you will be pleased. Remember, 20 per cent off the list price.

—The last Sabbath School *Quarterlies* arrived too late to be sent out at the proper time, as they had been sent by freight with a consignment of goods to Natal instead of by post direct to us. We thought that would be the best time to make the change in the lessons mentioned in the last issue, so we printed four lessons in the MISSIONARY. We expected to print two more in this issue, but in the meantime the *Quarterlies* came, and we sent them out so the last two lessons in them could be used. The new *Quarterlies* from America have just arrived, and we have sent them out to the schools. The first lesson in the new pamphlet will be studied on Sabbath, May 14. If we all notice this date, all the schools will be studying the same lesson.