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East London Camp-Meeting

It was announced in the last number of the *MISSIONARY* that this camp-meeting would be held January 19-29, but since then it has been found necessary to change the date of the meeting to January 11-22. So please bear in mind that the camp-meeting will begin on Wednesday, January 11.

We expect a large delegation to leave Cape Town for East London on Sunday evening, January 9, in a reserved carriage. No doubt many of the members from other churches will join this train on its way to East London.

During the first three days of the meetings we expect the most of the business in connection with the Cape Conference and the Union Conference will be finished, so that, beginning with Friday evening, the remainder of the meeting may be devoted to spiritual meetings. We hope all will plan to attend from the beginning, so that this plan may be carried into effect; thus we will have a real spiritual feast.

We have made application to the traffic manager of the railways for the usual concession—half rates—to the meeting. In order to secure these rates, it will be necessary to use the "delegates' certificates," signed by the secretary. The leader or clerk of each church or company should notify the undersigned as early as possible of the number of certificates required, so they may be signed and sent to one address. We will send these certificates to all isolated members upon request.

We have a supply of new tents, just from the factory, each one supplied with a fly to keep the occupants cool. These tents will be erected on the grounds and rented during the meeting at the following rates:

12 x 14 ft. tents, £1 5s.

14 x 16 " " £1 10s.

All who want tents reserved for them must write to the undersigned, specifying the size; and the earlier the orders come the better, for the supply is not unlimited. The orders will be entered as they come in. If bedsteads or mattresses, single or double, are required, please specify. A small charge will be made for these, as they must be rented from the shops.

This will be an important meeting. You do not want to miss it. Let all be prepared to attend.

O. O. FORTNER.

The Circulation of Our Health Journals

The circulation of our health publications is a most important work. It is a work in which all who believe the special truths for this time should have a living interest. God desires that now, as never before, the minds of the people shall be deeply stirred to investigate the great temperance question and the principles underlying true health reform.

The physical life is to be carefully educated, cultivated, and developed, that through men and women the divine nature may be revealed in its fulness. Both the physical and the mental powers, with the affections, are to be so trained that they can reach the highest efficiency.

Reform, continual reform, must be kept before the people, and by our example we must enforce our teachings. True religion and the laws of health go hand in hand. It is impossible to work for the salvation of men and women without presenting to them the need of breaking away from sinful gratifications, which destroy the health, debase the soul, and prevent divine truth from impressing the mind. Men and women must be taught to take a careful review of every habit and every practice, and at once put away those things that cause an unhealthy condition of the body, and thus cast a dark shadow over the mind.

God desires His people to be light-bearers to a world lying in midnight darkness. But if they refuse to go forward in the light which He causes to shine on their pathway, the light will finally become to them darkness; and instead of being light-bearers to the world, they themselves will be lost in the blackness that surrounds them. God desires his light-bearers ever to keep a high standard before them.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

(Concluded next month.)

Industrial Missions

In Nyassaland there are two mission stations of the "Nyassa Industrial Missions," and eight stations of the "Zambesi Industrial Missions." At each of these missions they do but little more than what we would call good Christian farming. In the morning, before they begin their work for the day, the men are called together and a short service is held in which a few minutes are spent in reading and expounding the Bible. The Sunday and mid-week meetings constitute about all that is done for the many hundred boys employed. They also have a school for the children.

In this way these missions are able to bring the gospel to the hearing of thousands of people. It is true, however, that the men do not, as a rule, stay long enough to accom-

plish very much. But something is accomplished, and they see fruit for their efforts.

As I saw this work, I was led to ask myself the question, "Ought not every Seventh Day Adventist farm be an industrial mission?" Our brethren employ the natives to assist them, and thus they are brought under their influence, and the natives could in this way be taught the gospel. Now let me ask, What reply will we make to the Lord when asked how we have improved the opportunity? I am sure the Lord will require this of our brethren. We can never be clear before the Lord and treat our native help in the same indifferent way others do. God expects us to use every opportunity offered us to spread the knowledge of the truth.

As I have thought of this, my mind has run over our field, and I visited our brethren's homes where there are many grand opportunities for work. Many openings are offered our people where they can be missionaries at home, while the Mission Board is spending large sums of money for similar opportunities by which we may reach these same people. I know that many people often say that Christianity is detrimental to the native; but I hope that our people have confidence enough in the power of the gospel to believe it will be a blessing to the people of any nation, tongue, or people who may receive it.

If any of our people feel impressed that God has a work for them to do along this line, I will be glad to assist them in starting the good work. There are grand openings before our brethren which I hope they will improve. If with every S. D. A. farm there is a real live native mission, we will see the truth go with power among the natives of South Africa. It may be that some of our brethren know of a good place for the opening of native work, and if so, I would be very glad to hear from them with reference to it. "Delay shall be no longer;" therefore let everyone arise and act his part faithfully in giving the last message to the last generation.

W. S. HYATT.

The Field

Orange River Colony

After a stay at Bloemfontein, I paid a short visit to Kroonstad in order to meet an old gentleman who was desirous of seeing one of our people, and who had learned something of the truth in Australia. After one whole day and portions of two nights, I had to bring this interesting visit to a close, and then proceeded to Wolvenhoek and Neilbron. Here I was met by Brother Wentzel. Leaving the latter place early in the morning, I finally arrived at Brother Theunis Louwrens' farm at 9 P. M., where this kind brother and his wife gave me a real brotherly welcome. On adjoining farms I was glad to meet Brethren DeLange and Cornelius Louwrens, together with their wives and families, adults and young people together numbering eighteen Sabbath-keepers. There is also a native—a Zulu—professing to observe the Sabbath.

I was particularly glad to meet Brother DeLange, as I had corresponded with him years ago from the office when I had that position. All these brethren have suffered, and are suffering, through the war; but though some were sent away, and all have passed through hard and unpleasant experiences, and have felt as though they were neglected, owing to no responsible worker having visited them, they have held themselves together well, consistently living out the light they have. They meet together in Sabbath-school and service. These brethren live in the district of Bethlehem, about two hours' drive from the town.

After a couple of weeks among the brethren named, accompanied by Brother T. Louwrens, I visited another company. Starting from here, we reached Harrismith the next day, and the day following arrived at Mooihoek, in the mountains. On farms in this vicinity live Brother Moolman, Brother

and Sister Koster and family, and Sister Grobelaar and family. This company, including the young people, numbers fourteen. From all these we received a loving welcome. These brethren also suffered through the war,—as most everyone we met had,—and are doing their best to get their places in order again. I was also pleased to find these brethren alive in the truth, holding Sabbath-school and other services regularly, and desiring to be further instructed in the way. Having had some good times together, we left there for another part of the country. After almost a day's drive, we reached a sister who some time back professed to have seen the light of truth. Further on we came to old Brother and Sister Van Royn, just at sunset. We were glad of their welcome invitation to stay over night. This old couple also appear desirous of keeping on in the good way.

Among those I have visited I think eleven have not been baptised. We are planning for all to meet together some time in December, when we shall have a baptismal service and be organised.

I had a pleasant visit from Brother Dumini, one of the brethren who returned from Bermuda. After a week or so among the brethren here at Heisterbach, I purpose visiting brethren in the districts of Senekal and Winburg, hoping these will be able to meet with us in December. I have strong hopes that from among these brethren there will be those who will be actively devoting their time in labour among the people.

I was glad to find that among some of the people mentioned the efforts and influence of one-time devoted labourers have had effect, notably of Brother Van Eden, when he travelled among the people selling our books. Our people here desire to be organised into a church and working body as soon as possible, and I trust we shall have help and sympathy, practically and otherwise, from all who can help. Any desiring to write to me please note address below.

J. M. FREEMAN.

Heisterbach, Bethlehem, O. R. C.

East London

The interest in our Bible work here continues to grow. At the readings we have realised much of the presence and blessing of the Lord, and the people attending them have been deeply impressed. Nine persons have recently taken their stand for the truth, most of whom are intelligent men, holding good positions in East London. About twelve others are very much interested, whom we hope soon to see walking in the light of God's Word. The majority of these have in the past made no profession of Christianity, some even doubting its genuineness.

God has indeed worked in a marvellous way. This to us is an evidence that the time has fully come for us to go out into the highways and hedges and "compel" the people to come to the "marriage supper of the Lamb."

Until lately our Sabbath services have been held in Sister Porter's house; but on account of being overcrowded, we have now secured a hall, where we also hold a preaching service each Sunday.

At the location, also, the work is progressing. Three natives and one coloured person have recently decided to obey the commandments of God. So in East London we now have two strong companies of Sabbath-keepers. Brother Shone is devoting his time to the work in the location.

We are looking forward with much interest to the coming camp-meeting and conference which is to be held in East London, January 11-22. We trust that our people from other parts will come up to this gathering filled with the Spirit of God. And we pray that as a result of the meetings many souls will be firmly established in the faith, and the cause of truth greatly advanced. D. F. TARR.

The Mission Field

On August 24 I left the Plainfield Mission for Natal. I had spent a month with Brother Branch's family, and it was time spent both

pleasantly and profitably. I reached Chinde in a few days, and there had to wait three days for the ocean steamer. It takes but four or five days to sail from Chinde to Durban; but, as our boat had cargo for Beira and Delagoa Bay, we were two weeks in making the trip. It seemed good to get into a section once more where I could get my mail and see a daily paper.

I was met at the docks in Durban by Elder Altman, who is labouring there. He conducted two tent meetings in the city, and as a result a few good souls accepted the truth. I remained one week with him, and then went to Maritzburg. I have learned since leaving Natal that Elder Altman's little boy Roger has broken his hip. I am very sorry for this, and ask that Elder Altman and wife may be remembered in your sympathies and prayers. It was a privilege to spend a few days with Elder Edmed and family once again. They have had sickness in their home that has been very severe, but God in His mercy spared their lives. The church school is prospering under the faithful labours of Sister Amy Ingle. Brother and Sister Armer have been doing some good work in the "Natal Health Institute," and several persons have been greatly benefitted by the treatments. Time has demonstrated that a few of those gathered into the church last year were stony ground hearers; but through the faithful labours of Sister Mary Robertson, others have filled these vacancies.

After remaining over two Sabbaths, I then went to Johannesburg and spent two weeks assisting Brother Kuehl in his tent meetings. Sister Webster and Sister Keet are helping them in the work by doing medical missionary work, Bible work, and by lending tracts, selling papers, etc. All were very busy, but they find it difficult to reach and gain the attention of the Johannesburg people. However, there are a few who are rejoicing in the truth as the result of the work done. During my stay Mr. Baker, the director of the compound missions, gave me some insight into their work. He and his co-workers have a

vast field for work. They have thirteen missions, where there are from 500 to 1500 boys who come from all parts of South Africa. From these missions the light of the gospel is being carried into many of the darkest portions of this country. Mr. Baker, having read "Power for Witnessing," bought and placed a copy in the hands of each of his missionaries, and now he is translating it into Zulu. Thus the good work is onward to victory.

On October 18th I went on my way to visit the Kolo Mission, where I arrived in safety and received a hearty welcome from Brother and Sister Chaney. They have been here five months, and are getting settled down into the work nicely. There are none of our missions so closely surrounded by other missions as this one, hence they do not have the difficulties we have here. Opposition is strong, and this makes the work go hard. Still it moves, I am glad to say. On Sabbath we had a nice company out, who listened attentively to the Word. Brethren, while you are praying for the mission work, I would ask that you especially remember the work in Basutoland, that God will give an open door for the message. W. S. HYATT.

Kolo and East London

In my last report to the MISSIONARY I had just arrived in Basutoland. I remained there over two Sabbaths, and enjoyed the visit very much. The last Sunday we had a service, and the building was well filled. Brother and Sister Chaney played the cornet and organ, and the natives enjoyed the music. The Lord has given us these instruments of music to be a blessing to the work, and it is right that we make the best possible use of them to attract the people to our services. I fear that we have not used these as much as we should in the past.

The mission school is small, having less than twenty children in it. Why this is so I do not know, and we hope and pray that

the Lord will help the brethren to build up the school and train young men for the work. They have opposition to encounter, but Father will be on their side as they seek Him for help. The message must reach that people, and natives are needed to do the work, hence we should ask in faith till He grants our request.

Having received a most earnest call from Brethren Tarr and Shone to visit East London, I spent a week at that place. Elder Tarr's work has been greatly blessed of late, and seven men and two women have recently accepted the truth, while as many more seem to be deeply interested. Brother Shone is now devoting his entire time to the work of the natives and coloured people. He takes a deep interest in the work, and feels that he is now where the Lord has wanted him for a long time. We hope that he may be blessed in his work for the natives.

The way has opened to get a good central location for the camp-meeting. It appears to us that the camp-meeting may accomplish much good and be a means to lead some souls into the truth. We hope that our people are planning to attend this important meeting. It has been two years since we had a gathering of this kind, and now we hope that many will attend the meeting and assist in making it a success.

November 10 I arrived at the Cape, and received a hearty welcome from the brethren. It seemed good to meet old friends once more after an absence of seven months. During this time I travelled about 5,000 miles, visited our four missions, the ministers and their work in Natal and the Transvaal, also the workers in East London. Thus it will be seen that I visited the entire field in South Africa during the trip, and spent ten weeks of the time assisting at the mission farm. I thank the Lord for His blessings on this trip. W. S. HYATT.

Keep in mind the dates set for the East London camp-meeting,—January 11-22.

A Letter from Somobula Mission

Dear Brother Fortner:—

As Mr. Armitage is very busy at present it is very hard for him to find time to write. We are moving from where we were, so as to be nearer the natives.

The first week in October Mr Armitage took the wagon and some provisions, picks, axes, spades, etc., twenty-five young men and ten girls, and began cutting poles and clearing the ground of what bush there was. The girls were provided with sickles and began cutting grass for roofing. They were up at day-light and began work. They worked till eight, had breakfast and worship, then worked again till eleven, when they all gathered under the shade of a tree, and had school. They had dinner at three, after which they worked again until dark. For the first two weeks they could not carry on their evening school, as they had no building. They now have a building twenty by thirty feet for a dining room, and it also will be used as a school-house for this year.

Our house is also up so we can move into it now, though it is not finished inside. They are now putting up little houses for sleeping rooms for the boys. Each house will have a door and half a window. This will be quite a treat for our boys, for so far they have had only a piece of white calico for windows. They will also have windows in their school house. We have had to move slowly in making improvements, as we had nothing to begin with but ten calves and an old wagon. The Lord has surely blessed us in many ways in opening the way for us to get means to support the school.

I tell you, the boys and girls all went to work with a will. They were glad that we were not going to leave the district altogether. I am still at the old station, as our things have not been moved yet. The cows, goats, and fowls are also here. Some of the boys are here with me, and I have school with them. All the girls except two have gone home to dig their gardens. When the rains come the girls must appear in their kraals

with their hoes, or there would be trouble at once. The boys can go or stay as they please.

We now have six boys from Nyassaland. Half of our boys have come a long distance. This is a great advantage in the spreading of the truth, as they will surely return to their own country again, carrying a knowledge of the truth with them.

Some of those who have been attending other mission schools seem quite anxious to learn more about the Bible, and seem so pleased when they get hold of a new idea or truth. I trust and pray that God will give us wisdom to teach these boys as they come to us from different parts of the country. Our Sabbath meetings continue about the same.

The mission has nothing to bring in any income at present except the fowls, and they are dying quite rapidly now. We have to buy all the grain this year, as we had no team with which to plow last year. We had the loan of a team for a while, so we put in some mealies, but nothing to run a school of so many with.

We are all well and of good courage. Mr. Armitage has been gaining in strength since he went to work at the new station.

I am yours in the work,

MARY ARMITAGE.

Educational.

Religious Exercises

Each Sabbath, immediately after church, a company of teachers and older students meet in Brother Hayton's parlour for our Mission Band meeting. Here we talk over the work which needs to be done and how it can be accomplished. We have had good seasons together, and as a result two Bible readings have been held each week, one Sabbath-school for coloured children has been carried on, tracts have been distributed, missionary visits made, and much personal work done among the students of the Home. God has

blessed the seed sown, and several are much interested in the truth. There is also an improvement in the spiritual condition of the Home.

Sabbath afternoon the Students' Alliance has its meetings. These meetings are attended by our younger students. During the year we have had many lessons on the lives of missionaries. As we studied the lives of the two Mrs. Judsons, those faithful women who braved all the dangers and privations of pioneer work in India, we have felt a strong desire for such a character that God could trust in hard places like these.

Luther's life taught us the value of strict discipline in childhood, and of hard labour and privation in youth. In his early life he learned to endure, to obey, and trust. The fruits of these experiences were seen in a life which was willing to be cast into the furrow of the world's need. The struggles of his youth made him strong,—so strong that when brought before the world's most august tribunal and asked to renounce the Word of God, he bravely answered, "Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. May God be my helper. Amen." Amid all his trials his soul ever said,—

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing,
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing."

While he was not given the honour of a martyr's death, still he had all the sufferings of their lives. In civil and religious liberty, the centuries since his day have reaped an abundant harvest of the seed which was sown by Luther amid anguish and tears.

The experiences of these men and women of God teach us what we may be if we are willing to endure the discipline which God gives us. We all desire to be great and useful men and women, but oftentimes we forget that we must be tried before we are trusted, and that the path of usefulness is coincident with that of suffering. If we will endure the necessary discipline without murmuring and complaining by the way, God will lead us

step by step and hour by hour until we come to the perfection of Christ. We should study the lives of these men and women for they teach us like the poet of old that we—

"May make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us,
Footprints on the sands of time."

Good music has been rendered by the students, and interesting selections have been read and recited. Many packets of tracts have been given out, papers have been sent to Johannesburg, and about 250 *Sentmels* sold each month.

The Q. W. Society has been quietly going on with their sewing and have about £2 on hand which will be sent to Professor Shaw to aid in the school work in India.

It has been the experience of us all that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We hope to do much more next year than we have this.

The most interesting feature of our school life is our Friday evening service. At sunset we all gather in the chapel for worship. Several songs are sung and then a season of prayer follows where students and teachers alike mingle their voices in praise and prayer. These prayers are heard and hearts are touched. A short lesson on some practical subject is given and then an opportunity is given for all to tell of Jesus and what He is to them. The younger and more timid ones who cannot yet say much, only read a verse which expresses their desires; the older ones give testimonies which cause us all to rejoice. These seasons linger long in the memories of the students, even after they have gone from us. Letters from the old students nearly always say they miss the "social meetings" more than anything else here. The seed of the Word is sown in these services and God's Word never returns unto Him void. In the great harvest ingathering of souls, I am sure will be found those who have learned the way in the Friday evening services. These services are open to all young people and are attended by a number outside the home.

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—Read the first article in this paper about the camp-meeting.

—It is expected that a dining tent will be conducted on the camp-ground, if it is found to be expedient. There will also be a book tent and health food stand.

—Do not forget to send word to us if you are expecting to go to the camp-meeting. We want to send you the certificates so that you may get the reduced rates.

—Sister Kuehl writes that they have closed the children's services at Johannesburg. They wish to thank the friends who have sent them papers, but they will not require any more now.

—You are requested to remember that the members of any of our churches can get health foods from the International Tract Society, Cape Town, at a discount of twenty per cent.

—Do not fail to order a tent for the camp-meeting, if you want one. If you prefer to have a room, the camp-meeting committee will do their best to find accommodation in the vicinity of the camp.

—The reports from the field in this number are especially interesting. Please do what you can to get new subscriptions for the MISSIONARY, as this is the means of keeping our people in touch with the progress of the message in South Africa.

—Several brethren have sent in donations for the building fund in Washington, D. C., U. S. A. This is the fund that is mentioned so much in the *Review*. All who desire to give something to this fund may send their donations to the Union Conference treasury.

—Instead of the date announced last month for the camp-meeting, this meeting will be held January 11-22.

Cape Colony Conference Report

OF TITHES, WEEKLY OFFERINGS, AND SABBATH
 SCHOOL OFFERINGS FOR QUARTER
 ENDING 30th SEPT., 1904

| CHURCHES | Tithe | | Weekly Offerings | | Sab.-School Offering | |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
| Beaconsfield..... | 25 | 19 6 | 5 | 12 6 | 17 | 2 |
| Bloemfontein..... | 8 | 13 0 | | | 14 | 6 |
| Bethlehem..... | 20 | 0 0 | 1 | 0 0 | 18 | 6 |
| Cape Town..... | 51 | 16 10 | 7 | 2 4 | 3 | 6 7 |
| Calcutta..... | 7 | 7 0 | | 10 0 | | |
| Claremont..... | | | 3 | 16 6 | 4 | 14 4 |
| Claremont..... | 100 | 10 6 | 5 | 1 0 | 5 | 14 0 |
| East London..... | 6 | 6 0 | | 10 0 | | |
| East London Location..... | | | | | 2 | 8 5 |
| Fairfield..... | | | 3 | 0 0 | 1 | 0 0 |
| Grahamstown..... | 6 | 8 6 | 1 | 6 0 | 10 | 0 |
| King W's Town..... | 5 | 16 6 | 1 | 1 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Klipdam..... | 8 | 8 3 | 1 | 0 6 | | |
| Harrismith..... | | | | | 14 | 2 |
| Port Elizabeth..... | 23 | 13 3 | 2 | 2 5 | 2 | 10 5 |
| Rokeby Park..... | 53 | 15 7 | 2 | 18 0 | 1 | 16 7 |
| Uitenhage..... | | | 2 | 19 3 | | |
| Isolated..... | 7 | 1 9 | | | | |
| TOTAL | 324 | 16 2 | 35 | 2 6 | 25 | 16 8 |

O. O. FORTNER, TREASURER.

Natal-Transvaal Conference

REPORT OF FUNDS FOR QUARTER ENDING
 SEPTEMBER 30, 1904.

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| Maritzburg | £2 | 14 5 |
| Johannesburg | 59 | 10 4 |
| Durban | 17 | 17 3 |
| | £59 | 19 0 |
| SABBATH SCHOOL DONATIONS | | |
| Maritzburg | £4 | 15 0 |
| Johannesburg | 3 | 1 11 |
| Durban | 2 | 9 10 |
| Sweetwaters | 1 | 1 2 |
| Pretoria | 0 | 4 0 |
| | £11 | 12 5 |
| WEEKLY OFFERINGS | | |
| Maritzburg | £3 | 7 6 |
| Durban | 3 | 16 0 |
| Johannesburg | 2 | 5 6 |
| Sweetwaters | | 16 0 |
| | £10 | 5 0 |

J. H. CAMP, TREASURER.

Cape Colony Canvassing Report, Oct. 1904

A. H. White. Bulawayo, health books, 5 orders, value £5 5s., delivered 13, value £12 3s.

I. B. Burton, Caledon, C. O. S., 192 hours, 96 orders, 13 miscellaneous, total 109, value £19 8s. 6d., delivered 96, value £13 9s.