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## A Home for the Kaffir Mission

We have heard a good deal during the last few years about a mission for the Kaffir people which was expected to be established in the Eastern Province of Cape Colony. We have all been interested in this proposed mission, and have voted to have our Sabbath-school donations used to assist in establishing the work. At different times we were encouraged by the prospects of securing a farm for the mission site, but each time the way was hedged up. It is possible that some have begun to lose interest, as time has gone by with no work begun. If so, we are glad to say that the waiting time is over, as the mission has now secured a site for its home. Read Elder Hyatt's article in this paper about the location of the mission, and we are sure that your interest will be renewed and deepened.

It is time now for all who are interested in missions to rally to the support of this new mission enterprise. Let all Sabbath-school superintendents speak of this mission to their schools, and encourage the members to increase their offerings for the support of the mission. Everything that goes to make up the facilities for a mission is to be done. A house for the mission family, a school building, which may also be used for a meeting-house, and huts for the boys, will have to be provided. This will be a hard strain on the Union Conference. We hope that all of our people will take hold earnestly to provide the funds necessary to establish a beacon-light of present truth in the midst of the Kaffir people.

O. O. F.

## Kaffir Mission

At the East London Conference, held about eighteen months ago, our brethren voted to open a native mission in Kaffirland. Since that time we have been seeking a location and the necessary funds to open the work. We have prayed and searched. The burden of our prayer has been that the Lord would open the door to the right place and close every other door. This has led us to watch the opening Providence of the Lord, for we were sure it was His will that the work should be started.

We made several attempts to secure a place, but failed each time. Learning that Bro. Charles Sparrow had bought a large farm near a location, we were led to think that it might be that the Lord was opening the way by this means. Accordingly we visited him and mentioned the matter to him. He replied that he had an abundance of land, and if the Lord wanted a portion of it for a mission farm, he was quite agreeable to the plan. In fact, he had been impressed that such a request might be made of him.

After much consideration of the matter, several brethren were invited to visit the place and decide whether this was the place for a mission. On August 6th Brethren Shone, Armistage, Wilmore, and the writer met with Brother Sparrow and spent two days considering this question. As we bowed in prayer under a tree the Lord came near, and we felt that He would accept the place and use it for the salvation of souls.

Brother Sparrow pointed out a strip of land containing 450 acres which he offered to us on a long time lease at a very low rental. He also

said he would pasture twenty head of cattle and twelve ostriches for us as a donation to the mission, all of which were gratefully accepted. I might add that the profit on an investment of £30 in ostriches will pay the rent year by year.

Plans were laid to begin building at once, as there are no buildings. A house, school house, and other buildings must be erected before much mission work can be done. A team, farm tools, also a few cattle and ostriches should be purchased. We soon discovered that our little fund for this work would not go very far, but we thank the Lord that He has given us enough to make a small beginning.

Now that the mission is located, we hope that our Sabbath-school will put forth their best efforts till the close of this year to raise funds for work. My brethren know that it costs something to place a piece of bare land into a condition that it may bring some return. If the Lord impresses any one to donate to this mission, we hope they will do it cheerfully. Every shilling will be carefully spent to place the work in as good a condition as possible. Most humbly and sincerely we thank our heavenly Father for the help and blessing He has given us, and the way He has led us.

W. S. HYATT.

## Church Government.

I am pleased to learn that some of our churches are examining the list of names on their books. Every year the church officers should go carefully over these lists. It will be found that some persons have moved away and should be written to, while others may have apostatised entirely.

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After proper labour, such names should be dropped; for the church cannot be a partaker in their wrong course.

In doing this work, great care should be taken. There should always be a local elder of experience or a minister present to advise in these cases. In receiving, as well as dismissing members, we must not trust to the judgment of novices. If ever we need the council of those of years of experience it is in such matters. In this way we may save the church many great and sore perplexities.

Our churches should never become lax in their government, and allow things to run at loose ends. Some of the members will persist in absenting themselves from the Lord's Supper. All such should be visited, and the cause ascertained. If the cause is sin in their own hearts, it should be confessed, and pardon received. If it is petty feelings toward another—they should be laboured with, and peace restored. Our churches should not only expect, but demand, that the members be in their proper places. Laxness in church matters, like that in the family, causes confusion and every evil work.

In all matters pertaining to church government the church should have proper officers, or else wait until a minister is present to assist. In many instances the local elder will find it advantageous to have the assistance of an ordained minister.

W. S. HYATT.

### Report of the Educational Convention

The Educational Convention held at College View, Neb., June 28 to July 10, under the auspices of the Educational Department of the General Conference, was without doubt the most important educational meeting in the history of the denomination. It was the largest convention we ever held, and the field was most widely represented. The relation of our educational work to the message was never before

so clearly seen or so forcibly presented. A general missionary movement was started to bring the schools and the fields into closer touch. Courses of study were carefully worked out and unanimously adopted covering the church and intermediate schools, academies, colleges and training schools. Text-books were adopted so far as any have been produced specially adapted to the work of our denominational schools; the entire proceedings were conducted in a beautiful spirit of Christian unity and manliness, the conclusions reached being unanimous. The story of this epoch-making gathering is now in preparation by the Department of Education. It will be published by the Union College Press, College View, Nebr., U.S.A., and will be ready in a few weeks. Every Seventh-day Adventist will want to read it. It will increase his faith and renew his courage. The report will contain more than one hundred pages, and the price will be but seven pence. Send your orders at once. Lay the matter before the members of the church, and order in clubs, or singly if you prefer. Order through your Tract Society.

### Port Elizabeth

SINCE coming here we have found many friends, who have made our stay a most pleasant one, and we hope it may be profitable to us and those with whom we associate. We found upon our arrival that the church had been working among those not of our faith, and as a result a number are really interested and seem to be searching for the truth in this terrible time of deception, when every wind of doctrine is blowing and unsettling many minds. Some expressed their desire to be baptized and to cast their lot with our people.

After visiting them and learning more of their desires we asked Elder Hyatt to baptize them, and so arranged the baptism for yesterday. Four sisters, at the close of the morning service, were buried with the

Lord in baptism and were raised to walk in newness of life.

The hope that this may be but the beginning, and that others, after prayerful, Christianlike effort, may fully yield all to Christ, and walk with Him through this life, and then when the great Life-giver comes, be ready for the life to come.

J. F. OLMSTED.

### Rokey Park Mission Help Band

It is some time since the readers of the *Missionary* read a report of the Rokey Park Mission Help Band.

We do not seem to be doing much, but as this is the end of the Mission Band Year, I have looked through the last year's work and find that we have posted 2,230 periodicals and 13,873 pages of tracts.

It is our usual custom to have a mission tree at the end of the year. Perhaps it will be as well to explain how this is carried out. A certain spot is chosen, and on a fixed day, the members of the Band meet. A tree is chosen, the roll is called, and each member brings a gift with value attached, which is hung on the tree. After the luncheon is over, the articles are sold. Our tree this year realised £5 5s. During the past year we have sold articles to the value of £6 14s. These amounts we denote to the most needy fields, after postage, etc., is paid.

BLANCH F. WILLMORE.

Secretary.

### Canvassing in the Karoo

Dear MISSIONARY readers,—

We are glad to once more relate to you our experiences. We left Tulbagh 10th July for Calvinia, coming through the Karoo. In the Karoo we met a man who kindly invited us to take a trip through the Roggoveld Mountains, and stop over night at his place. Indeed we spent a blessed time with the people there. John was doing all he could to give the sick treatment, and I improved my

time by talking to the people about the love of God. I also had the opportunity to explain the prophecy of Daniel to them, and was allowed to speak to the young people at a prayer meeting. I am glad to say that by the help of God I had freedom to speak on the importance of prayer, which moved many to tears.

The people have asked us several times to stop and teach them and their children. At one place they refused to let us go, and kept us eight days. They supplied us with forage for our mules, and washed and ironed our clothes free of charge. At that place John gave treatment to three persons. We honestly believe that the medical work is the right arm of the message, as it has opened the doors of the people for us, and has given us a chance to sell our books. We ask you all to pray that God may keep down all prejudice, for it may be that when the ministers get to hear of us, that they will warn the people against us. We have also met men who deny the Bible and its teaching. We are glad to say the truth conquers every time. Now with Christian love,

Yours in the Masters work,

B. P. and J. N. DE BEER.

*Leeuwdrift, Dist. Calvinia.*

**Union College**

Many of our school-children come from long distances and are not able to go to their homes during the holidays, and yet their parents are willing to give them a little outing.

On the strength of his, the College hired a cottage at the sea. Friday, July 13, the horse and car drove up to the verandah and the boys began to pack onto it

the various boxes and bags that were waiting, enough they said, "to take a trip up country." A merry party it was of sixteen boys and girls, in company with a teacher, who started for Kenilworth Station. It could not exactly be said that each had taken up their bed and walked, for the cart was carrying that, but it certainly was true that each one had taken up their food and walked, as you could have seen if you had looked closely at them and saw this one with a pan of College beans, another bending his shoulder under the weight of a can of milk, and last, but not least, came the youngest boys with jam from the tarts they were carrying dripping down their coats.

When we reached Kalk Bay the little village was not long in ignorance of our arrival. The boys borrowed the station trucks and soon we were marching after them toward Douglas C. Many hands make light work, and the sun had hardly hid himself behind the mountain when we were ready for Sabbath worship, and a pleasant evening of song. The next day we had a Sabbath-school and spent some time talking about the 107th Psalm, and with the great sea before us we said together:—

"They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord and His wonders in the deep. For He commandeth and raiseth the stormy wind which lifteth up the waves thereof. They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.

He maketh the storm a calm so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet: so He bringeth them to their desired

haven. Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" The week days were filled with bathing, shell hunting, walking and sleeping. A good piano afforded the children a continual enjoyment, whether it did the neighbours or not. Thus the younger members of the College family spent three weeks. A busy time went on with the boys at home, who gave the kitchen and serving-room a good cleaning and painting.

The new quarter opened July 23. In a few days one of our little girls, who had been away at Cape Town, came down with the measles. She was removed at once, but not until great damage had been done. Sister Sutherland, who has often opened her house to us before in time of sickness, kindly did so again. Not many days later, two more cases were sent to her, one of them being our little Hope. When the fourth case developed in the Home, and several more in the neighbourhood, it seemed best to close the school for a week, at least. As all the sick ones had been from among the girls, they were the ones who had to be banished, and so they were confined to the third floor, with Miss West and Miss Tarr. Lest some might escape, a good gate and lock was put in the stairway, and then they had plenty of practice in using the fire-scapes for their going in and out. The week passed far more quickly and pleasantly than was anticipated. We are very thankful to God that all are now better, and we are able to resume our work. The time lost will be made up before the end of the year, so the students will miss no school.

RUTH H. HAYTON.

**Cape Colony Canvassing Report, June & July, 1906.**

AGENT	TERRITORY	BOOK	Hours	Orders	Misc.	Total	VALUE	Deliv'd	VALUE
I. B. Burton & P. J. Vermaak	Swellendam	Misc.					£16 19 6		£16 19 6
Mr. D. Kalaka & Topo	Basutoland						1 10 3		1 10 3
Mrs. E. George	Sea Point	Guide	28	15		15	15 5 0		
E. Enochson	Kimberley	D. & R.	83	27	18	45	21 7 5	5	3 10 0
D. Locke	East London	C. K.	51	58		58	15 18 0	58	15 18 0
S. W. de Lange	Bethlehem	Misc.		62		62	17 10 6	62	17 10 6
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>162</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>88 10 9</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>37 17 9</b>

**South African Missionary**

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Editor: - - - - - **O.O.FORTNER.**  
Kenilworth, Cape.

At the Sanitarium, on the 31st of July, Mrs. Fortner and the writer were graciously presented with a little daughter.

BROTHER J. S. BLETCHELY, Waterfall, Beaufort West, writes that he would like to secure the services of a young man who understands farming, the management of sheep, etc.

SISTER BOURNE, Fauresmith, has received a nice supply of papers for her missionary work, and wishes to thank the kind friends who have sent them.

No one need be alarmed because the measles paid a visit to the College recently. Their visit was a brief one, and the holiday in their honour lasted only a week. The work of the school is now going on as usual.

BROTHER ISRAEL, the printer who is coming to take charge of the printing works, is expected next month. We will be greatly relieved when he comes, as that work has taken altogether too much of our time this year.

SISTER HANKINS is making preparations to open a vegetarian dining hall at her home in the Gardens, Cape Town, where healthful meals will be served to all who wish to discard the unwholesome and uncertain products of the filthy slaughter and packing houses.

BROTHER C. R. SPARROW, of the Mkupavula Mission, after suffering the most intense agony for three weeks from a large abscess on his leg, came down to the Sanitarium the latter part of last month. After Dr. Thomason relieved him of the cause of his distress, he has been improving day by day. Brother Sparrow expects to be able to return to Rhodesia next week.

A FEW friends of the vegetarian cause recently met at the office parlour in Roeland Street, Cape Town, and took the first steps toward the organisation of a vegetarian society. A provisional committee was appointed to draft the plans for the organisation, of which Dr. Thomason is chairman. This committee has met and formed their recommendations, and a meeting of all who are interested in food reform will be held on the evening of the 27th August.

AFTER leaving the Eastern Province, Elder Hyatt proceeded with Elder Armitage to Gwelo. After visiting the Somabula mission, he will return to Bulawayo and spend some time with the Solusi mission.

BROTHER ALBERT WHITE and family left the Cape early this month and returned to Australia. About a week later Brother White's mother and sister took passage for the same place. We wish them prosperity in the Australian land of promise.

**CAPE COLONY CONFERENCE**  
REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
FOR 2ND QUARTER 1906.

CHURCHES	TITHE	F. D. O.	S. S. O.
Beaconsfield.....	20 14 6		
Claremont.....	72 . .	4 9 5	
Cape Town.....	53 16 4	1 13 5	
Bonnyvale.....	10 16 6		
Cathcart.....	10 . . .		
East London...	14 6 2	2 2 9	
E. L. Location..	12 9 .		
Heisterbach....	92 14 5	5 3 0	
Isolated.....	1 13 6		3 0
Klipdam.....	51 4 10	2 12 0	
Port Elizabeth..	22 10 5		14 0
Rokeby Park....	23 7 7	2 13 9	
Uitenhage.....	9 6 0	1 15 11	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>383. 3 4</b>	<b>21 6 6</b>	<b>41 5 7</b>

T. J. GIBSON, TREASURER.

**SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORT**

FOR QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1906.  
CAPE COLONY CONFERENCE

NAME	No. of Schools	Membership	Av. Attendance	No in Senior Div	Donations	Expenses	Donations to Missions
<b>REGULAR SCHOOLS.</b>							
Cape Town .. ..	37	31	25	3 14 1			3 14 1
Claremont .. ..	83	69	14	0 1 43			
Rokeby Park .. .	33	22	10	2 12 13		17 1 1/2	1 15 0
E. L. Location ..	14	11	8	18 2			
Beaconsfield .. .	35	28	13	3 11 6			
Bethlehem .. ..	22	16	12	1 7 7			11 7
Salt River .. ..	32	22	16	2 12 3		2 2 8	9 7
Parow .. .. .	24	20	7	16 7 1/2			17 6 1/2
Fauresmith .. .	29	22		17 0			17 0
Mooihook .. ..	17	11	3	17 0			
Port Elizabeth ..							
East London .. .							
Retreat .. .. .							
Uitenhage .. ..							
Klipdam .. .. .							
<b>HOME DEPARTMENT</b>							
D. Groenewald ..	6	6	6	16 3			16 3
E. W. Hartnich ..	5	5	2	5 0			5 0
C. R. Dubber .. .	7	7	3	13 0			5 0
P. A. Venter .. .	7	6		1 9 1			1 9 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>26 11 6 1/2</b>	<b>2 19 9 1/2</b>	<b>11 8 1 1/2</b>

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Cape Col. Conference.	14	351	276	119	26 11 6 1/2	2 19 9 1/2	11 8 1 1/2
Natal-Trans -do.	8	133	101	67	22 6 6	3 3 3	19 14 6
<b>MISSIONS.</b>							
Plainfield .. .	1	90	82		1 2 2		
Solusi .. .. .	1	69	57	69	1 6 6		1 6 6
Kolo .. .. .	1	18	18		1 8 3		1 8 3
Somabula .. ..							
*Mkupavula .. .							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>52 14 11 1/2</b>	<b>6 3 3</b>	<b>33 17 4 1/2</b>

\*This school not reported because of Bro. Sparrow's absence and severe illness.

NOTE.—We wish to express our appreciation to Natal, Plainfield, and other distant missions for their promptness in sending this quarter's reports. They were in time for publication in the July MISSIONARY had the general report been published as usual.