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

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Diary.

THE convasser, we know full well,
Who goeth forth our books to sell,
Needs most the prayers of those who pray
That God will guide him every day,
And keep him in the narrow way.

The pioneer to clear the ground
And plant the seed, if may be found
Some honest heart in all the land
Who would not build on shifting sand,
But will abide by God's command,—

He works, not just for worldly gain,
For such rewards are counted vain.
Weighed against the final treasure,
God will give in fullest measure
Unto all who do His pleasure.

And now while days and months fly past,
The faithful still are holding fast;
Some others, though, have weary grown;
Preferring rather ease and home,
They from their Master's work have
flown.

We meet with trials by the way;
Our beds have oft been only hay:
To barns and sheds we oft do hie,
And one we know, all night did lie
Between two friendly shocks of rye.

But, brethren dear, the time has come
When God's great work must quick be
done;

So let us work now day by day,
And as we work, O let us pray
That from the truth we may not stray.

When you, dear friends, lie down at
night

On nice, soft beds in homes so bright,
Pray for the agents far away
In search of some good place to stay,
Until shall dawn another day.

—A. J. Walters, Bible Training School.

Good News From China.

[We are indebted to Elder M. C. Wilcox, Mountain View, Cal., U. S., A. for this good report of how the work is going in China.

It came to him through correspondence, a copy of which he sent Elder Porter. We will not be able to use the entire report, much to our regret.—ED.]

ABOUT eleven years ago, a Mr. Bach was sent out to China by a German university committee. After getting the language he went to work. He had a good school but it was more of a political institution, and so the influence for good was very small. Coming from a German university Mr. Bach's belief was such as is held by higher critics, and the Christian religion meant little more to him than a system of ethics, perhaps somewhat more superior to that of Confucius or Buddah. He smoked and drank with the Chinese, and never retired without a couple of pistols under his pillow. Through the evangelist, C. M. Alexander (not an Adventist), Mr. Bach was converted. He immediately wrote to his board, or committee, that he had found that Christ was a living, risen Saviour, and that he had been converted and the whole course of his life was changed, and asked that he might invite Christ to come into his work at that place and so conduct it as a Christian mission should be conducted. His committee cabled his dismissal. He then began labouring on his own account. About this time a missionary from California came to China looking for a place in which his church could start some mission work which would be directly under their control and supported by them. When he heard of Mr. Bach and the circumstance of his conversion and the good work that he had been doing, he engaged him to work

under the direction of that church. Mr. Bach was now beginning to be a Bible student. He learned that sprinkling was not the proper mode of baptism; he became convinced that Christ was soon coming again; he saw that the dead were not conscious, and that the wicked do not receive their reward until the second resurrection, and then they will be destroyed forever. He has about five hundred native converts, and these truths he has taught them as fast as he saw them himself.

Last summer he felt that all was not right in the church under which he was working, so he went to America to investigate. He found that although the pastor seemed to be a sincere Christian, the greater part of the church had gone off into Gifts of Tongues, Christian Science, and a number of other delusions. He immediately severed his connection with that church as their missionary, and started back to China independent of any church or mission board. In San Francisco he found in some second-hand book store an old copy of *Great Controversy*, which he bought for two shillings. He read it and thought it the most wonderful book he had ever seen, and just what he had been wanting to get hold of. He went to Seattle and engaged passage to China on the steamship *Minnesota*. He said he had no desire to go on that boat, thought it too slow for him, but the Lord seemed to be leading him to go on the *Minnesota*. On that same boat was Elder Smith and a young man who had gone to Korea to be the printer for that field. On board

there were many missionaries of many different denominations, and the first day out they met and planned that they would have Bible studies together every day, and they would each take it in turn according to alphabetical order of the names. Brother Bach's turn came first, and he showed them from the Bible that those who would be looking for Christ's second coming would be keeping the commandments of God, and would have the Spirit of Prophecy. Of course this was very interesting to Elder Smith, and after the service he asked him how he had found that out. Mr. Bach replied that he had found it out by simply reading the Bible, and that it was very plain. At this time he had not learned to what denomination Elder Smith belonged. As Mr. Bach himself says: 'The first day or two we were very close, and after the third day we were truly brethren.' When our workers left the boat at Japan, they gave Mr. Bach a letter of introduction to Dr. Miller and our workers there, and he came immediately to them upon arrival, and there he is yet. He saw the Sabbath very clearly and is now keeping it. He has been studying our truth early and late since he landed and is now about as well informed as any of us. He expects his wife and two little boys to arrive to-day, and he believes his wife will be in full sympathy with him. He is now only waiting until there is a meeting of the mission committee to offer his services as a worker under our board. He speaks Cantonese well, and Mandarin somewhat, and is quite a proficient Chinese scholar. He is well known to all the missionaries of all the denominations here in China, and he tells them right out that he is a Seventh-day Adventist. He is doing a work that we have longed to do but could find no opportunity for. He is so well known that they dislike to forbid him to come among their workers, and as long as they only act a little cool he does not pay any attention to them. There are many honest workers under these

mission boards who believe in the second coming of Christ, and are much dissatisfied with the condition of modern missions, and are longing for something they have not. We can seldom talk with the other missionaries about our truths, for they are afraid of us, and will not give us any opportunity, confining their friendship to the merest pleasantries, but Mr. Bach claims the privileges of an old friend, and so has the chance to bring in the knowledge of the truth to them.

Of course it is too early to announce it as a fact, but in all probability Mr. Bach will take up work under our mission, and with his knowledge of the language will be a wonderful help to us. He has written a great deal for missionary journals in Germany, and has written one book on China. We can not help but believe that he is a true Christian, he is so sincere in all of the affairs of daily life. We are indeed thankful to have him with us.

This report has not been given word for word on account of space; but it did us so much good we wanted to pass it on to the readers of this little paper. Isn't it wonderful to see how the Lord is working in every land and language? How thankful we should be that He has set His hand to the work here in Africa as well. May we each be where He can use us to His glory.

Grahamstown.

THE good work begun at the time of the camp-meeting is still going forward. God has been mightily moving upon the hearts of the people of this place. Up to the present time more than thirty souls have decided to follow the footsteps of the Master, and keep all the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Some of these are men of influence in the town, and men who can be a strength to the work of God in South Africa. There are also many others who are deeply interested, and whom we doubt not will yet take their stand for the truth. This is a time

of struggle with many, but our hearts are cheered from day to day as we learn of one after another making their decision for God and His truth.

Some of the young men and young women have sacrificed their positions to accept the truth, but are happy and confident in God, believing that He will open other avenues of usefulness to them. Some are expecting to attend our College at the Cape and prepare themselves for work in the cause of God. Thus the message is gathering strength, and the Lord is raising up workers and means to still advance the cause of truth.

Elders Porter, Hyatt, Tarr, and the writer, together with Brother G. H. Clark, and a number of our young people, have remained since the camp-meeting to give strength to the work. As we have sought God together we have seen the evidence of His answer to our prayers in touching hearts and turning them to His truth. To His name be all the praise. So we all feel.

We believe our brethren throughout the field are watching with interest the results of the work at this place, and that their prayers have been with us. Let us still continue to pray as we work, and we are confident that we shall see a good strong church in this place ere the work is finished.

It has been arranged so that Elder Hyatt can spend a portion of his time in evangelistic work in the Cape Conference, and he will remain for some time and give his help to the work in Grahamstown. The Union has also given us the help of Elder Porter for some time, and I feel sure that all will greatly appreciate the assistance the Union Conference is giving us. While we are receiving all this good help, we shall best show our appreciation of it by doing all in our power to stand by the work. Shall not each one of us ask, What can I do to best further the interests of God's cause this year? Remember that God expects every one to do his best; to be faithful in work and prayer, and to be faithful in sending in the tithes

and offerings. God is calling to the battle and expects everyone to stand at his post of duty.

E. R. WILLIAMS.

Union College School.

WEDNESDAY morning, January 26, marked the opening of another year of school,—the nineteenth in its history. Our opening was rather small owing to the fact that a number of our students who are canvassing were unable to return until the first week in February. However at present writing our enrolment is fifty-six, and we are still expecting a number more with us soon.

One noticeable feature this year, and one for which we are grateful, is that our student body is made up largely of young men and young women rather than children. This means to us that we have a class of students who can more speedily be trained for aggressive work in the field which is calling for labourers. A good spirit has been manifested from the first and already our classes are all doing good work.

Saturday night, February 12, an opening reception was held to welcome to our school those who had come for the first time, as well as to welcome again our old students. A number of patrons and friends favoured us with their presence, thus expressing their interest in the work of the school.

Not only is the work in the school-room progressing, but hard work prevails in every department. The brush factory is again the scene of activity with a company of boys working with orders ahead to keep them busy. In the printing office there is the usual activity. Our foreman, Brother Shaw Tarr, having a short holiday, Brother William Bell who is only in his first year apprenticeship, with the assistance of one young man, has printed the last two issues of the MISSIONARY as well as the February *Sentinel*.

In the culinary department we are unusually busy canning fruit. Last Thursday was a record day,

thanks to the faithfulness of our girls and some assistance from our good sisters. A little over two hundred fifty quarts of fruit were canned on that day, besides the regular work done. On the farm potato digging is the programme just now. We are very grateful to God for His blessing in our garden which has yielded abundantly this year.

One other feature which will be of interest to some is that we now have electric lights installed in the halls, and in all public and work rooms, as well as in our study room. This removes the danger and inconvenience of lamps and greatly adds to the comfort of all.

As teachers our courage is good for the coming year. We try to realise the great responsibilities that rest upon those who engage in the work given us, but we also know that we have One who is interested in our work and will give grace sufficient for every faithful worker. We earnestly request your continual prayers in behalf of our school that the great Spirit of God may pervade every part of the work and fill every heart.

We give below the present enrolment of the school, thinking it will be of interest. There is still room for others and we are anxious to hear

from any who may be contemplating coming:

May Butler, Lawrence Breda, Euphemia Brandt, Golonde Brandt, Theodore Bulgin, Neville Bulgin, Robert Baumann, Conrad Baumann, William Bell, Elizabeth Birkenstock, Evert Birkenstock, William Clark, Gifford Davies, Olive Davies, Ade D'Arcy, John de Beer, Fred de Beer, Annie Evert, Philip Evert, Harry Collard, Irene George, William George, Ethel Edmed, Edna Edmed, F. Haussmann, Willis Hyatt, Bertie Ingle, Caroline le Riche, Donald Lund, Dorothy Oliver, Laura Page, Lilian Robertson, Gordon Rowland, Jack Segal, Kate Segal, Emma Staples, Mary Strachan, Nellie Sutherland, Eric Smith, Floyd Tarr, Harvey Tarr, Percy Tarr, Mabel Townsend, Owen Sparrow, Lawrence Sparrow, Alfred Solomon, Beatrice Solomon, Ruby Visser, Annie Visser, Susie Visser, Fred Visser, Philip Venter, Lena Wessels, Hendrik Wessels, Andrew Wessels.

C. P. CRAGER.

Note.

ONCE again we will undertake to make clear some errors regarding the Cape Colony Conference officers. Elder W. S. Hyatt wishes it an-

The Paper Work.

Ratal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending Jan. 28, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mission Company,	Johannesburg,	Signs,	103	4 1 0
		G. Health,	12	3 0
		Watchman,	120	3 4 6
Totals,	1 Agent,		304	7 9 0

The Book Work.

Ratal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending Jan. 28, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	S. D.	49	45	14 12 6	12 6	15 5 0	2 12 0
C. A. Dixie,	"	D. R.	17½	14	13 1 6		13 1 6	
E. Howard,	Judith Paarl,	D. R.	29	12	8 4 6		8 4 6	
Mrs. Howard,	"	D. R.	18	14	10 6 6		10 6 6	
E. Enochson,	Rustenburg,	D. R.	28	9	9 1 6	3 6	9 5 0	
E. van der Molen,	Charles-							
town & Newcastle,	D. R.		30	9	8 6 6	1 8 0	9 14 6	1 8 0
Totals	0 Agents,		171½	103	£63 13 0	2 4 0	65 17 0	4 0 0

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nounced that he is not vice president of the conference, even though his name appears second on the committee.

Professor C. P. Crager holds the office of educational secretary in the Union and *also in the Cape Conference*.

The name of Professor H. Elffers was omitted from the list of ministerial credentials by mistake. It was passed upon at the conference but overlooked in preparing the list for the MISSIONARY.

Our Papers.

THE quarterly *Signs* should not detract from the circulation of the *Sentinel* and *Wachter*. A united effort would secure many subscriptions for these papers. Very few of our own people subscribe for the *Sentinel*, and I presume many seldom see it. If you cannot afford 1/6 a year for it, please let us know, and we will see what can be done for you. Some of our people are taking clubs for distribution. Twelve copies monthly will only cost you 8½d. How can you do better missionary work with that small sum?

If you sell the twelve papers, you have 3½d. profit. Local events are considered in these papers, which make them more suitable for circulation here than our imported periodicals. Let those who can use the *Wachter* write for terms to Prof. H. Elffers, *Rustica*, Wynberg. We still have at the Cape Town office a good supply of the quarterly *Signs*. Who will help to dispose of these before the next issue, April 1?

Every Adventist in South Africa should read and help to circulate our locally published papers. If you do not have them, send for *free* sample

copy, and send *at once* to the writer. Claremont Cape.

I. J. HANKINS.

Interesting Facts for Book Workers.

(Comparative Table.)

	Total-Transvaal	Cape	Total
September,	£56	£110	£166
October,	43	272	315
November,	336	119	455
December,	591	465	1056
Totals,	1026	966	1992

PAPER WORK.

October,	38		38
November,	18		18
December,	32	16	48
Totals,	88	16	104

TOTAL BOOK AND PAPER WORK.

	1026	966	1992
	88	16	104
Totals,	1114	982	2096

G. H. CLARK.

Financial Statement of the Kimberley Baths.

RESOURCES.

Real Estate,	£3,200	0	0
Property,	460	0	0
Flower Garden,	40	0	0
Accounts Receivable,	27	8	0
Standard Bank,	15	12	2
Cash on Hand,	48	17	1

LIABILITIES.

Accounts Payable,		50	10	0
Present Worth,		3,791	7	3
		£3,791	17	3
		£3,791	17	3

LOSS AND GAIN ACCOUNT.

LOSS.

Real Estate (Written Office),	£88	0	4
Property	116	7	1
Expense,	115	3	0
Baths,	92	8	7
Insurance and Rates,	34	19	9

GAIN.

Rent,		119	6	6
Flower Garden,		200	15	10
Capital,		126	16	5
		£446	18	9
		£446	18	9

Items from our Nyasaland Mission.

—Sister Ina Austen is spending a few months at the Matandane station assisting Brother and Sister Konigsmacher.

—The last out-school opened in a village some twelve miles from Mala-

mulo station has almost fifty pupils enrolled. The teacher is enjoying his work.

—Sister Rogers is spending two weeks of the four weeks' vacation in Blantyre. The change is doing her good already, says Elder Rogers.

—The dairy industry is prospering. For a few weeks more butter was made than they could sell. The December sales amounted to about £9. The cows are all getting fat on the fresh grass.

—Forty-eight received baptism during the year 1909. A class of about seventy-five are urging baptism, and some of these have waited two years and more. At the Matandane station and one other large school, about one hundred are receiving instruction preparatory to baptism.

—Elder Rogers says it is very encouraging to hear the good reports from the old Colony. He sometimes wonders if there is a harder field on earth. He and his wife first landed in Cape Town January 1, 1894, so have known the field a long time. A revival of the work gives them courage.

Notes.

—PLEASE give Interesting Facts for Book Workers a second reading. Notice the totals.

—Mr. Moody is cited as saying that the second coming of Christ is mentioned, either directly or indirectly, on an average of every 25th verse in the New Testament.

—Elder E. R. Williams will soon return to the Cape to perfect arrangements for moving to Grahamstown where they will reside for some time. The strength they will be to the work there will enable it to go forward in a satisfactory manner.

—In a private letter from the Solusi Mission station, Sister M. C. Sturdevant says they will have to build more huts to make room for the students that are coming to them. They now have ninety-two; thirty girls and sixty-two boys. Good rains have now come so that the crops are looking fine.