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

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Nature's Song of Praise.

BY GERTRUDE FLATHER.

THE forces of Nature, their harmony grand,
The waves of the sea as they leap on the strand,
The coo of the wood pigeon, luring with love
Its mate on the pine bough that towers above,
The roar of the cataract's deafening fall,
The howl of the wind in the on-coming squall,
The hum of the insect, the soft-babbling stream,
The tenderest rays of the moon's silver beam,—
What is the refrain we hear sung by each one,
But: Praise be to God for all things He hath done?

The elements angry,—the sweet zephyr's sigh,
The star-spangled vault of deep azure on high;
The venomous serpent,—the quady-plumed bird,
Whose voice in the forest resounding is heard;
The life of the ocean unfathomed, so rare,

The moss on the mountain peak rugged and bare,
The gems that are hid in the womb of our globe,
The verdure of springtime, earth's festival robe,—
What manner of message bear these to our heart?
'While all Nature praises, will ye not take part?'

Say, dare man be silent,—created to show
That God can be served by His creatures below?
That, though in his soul there be forces that strive
For mastery ever—yet, seeking to live
The law of his God, he his standard may raise
Till he come to be like God,—live all to His praise;
Till he come to the glorious stature of man
Set forth in the Saviour, Who, after God's plan
Fulfilled all the law in His unsurpassed love,
And sitteth, sin's victor, on His right hand above.

The Church's Work.

"THE church of Christ on earth was organised for missionary purposes, and the Lord desires to see the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth."—*Test.*, Vol. 6, p. 29.

There is no more effectual way of reaching all classes than with our literature, which should now be scattered like the leaves of autumn. At the Cape our people are taking hold of the paper work anew. We are encouraging every individual to take as many copies as he can pay for and use each month. Some take two dozen, others fifty, one two hundred, others a smaller number.

Claremont is now using over eight hundred *Sentinels*, Cape Town one hundred fifty. Some are using the *Wachter*, some the *Good Health*,

others a few of each. The papers are sold, posted, or given away.

Now brethren, why cannot every Sabbath-keeper in South Africa have part in this work? Every mission station, every isolated family, should have ten, twenty, or thirty copies of some paper or papers to distribute. They will cost 7d. per month for ten, 1/2 for twenty, 1/9 for thirty, postpaid. This is for *Sentinel*. *Wachter* is the same, 1/2d. per single copy, but the paper is a little heavier, so postage would be just a little more.

We are endeavouring to meet the issues of our day—to give the message—in these papers. We ought to be using several thousand copies every month. We can reach all classes in this way. Many will read who will not attend meetings, and can be reached in no other way.

"It was the providence of God which in the beginning of the

Christian church scattered the saints abroad." Vol. 6, p. 330. Is it not the same to-day? The Lord wants the isolated ones to shine, and to send the message to their neighbours.

Brethren, send at once for as many papers as you can pay for and use, and let us all together begin anew and with faith and courage to give the message to our neighbours. Let all say *I can*, and *I will* have part in this glorious work.

I. J. HANKINS.

Port Elizabeth.

BY request of the conference president, I visited several places on my return journey to the Eastern Province, calling first at Tarsus, near Cathcart, the home of my brother James whose death was reported in the *MISSIONARY* a few weeks ago. I found the family bearing up nobly

under their sore bereavement, hopeful of soon meeting their loved one in the coming Kingdom.

While at Tarsus, I learned a few more particulars concerning the last years of my brother's life. Though not out in field work, his whole soul was in the message, and wherever opportunity offered he would talk on the truth, give Bible readings and distribute literature. His frequent journeys to East London were often undertaken for the purpose of labouring for the Master; and always on returning had some interesting experiences to relate to the family.

Even during his last few days he continued giving away tracts and papers, also talking the good news of salvation to all who came to see him. He bore a beautiful testimony before the Wesleyan Minister only two days before his death, and gave him some tracts on the truth for this time. As he realised that his end was near he called in the family for his parting advice and blessing. He urged upon all the importance of seeking for a closer connection with the Lord, and more earnest efforts to do His will. He asked them to take up the work where he had laid it down, and do all they could to spread the message. My next stop was at Komgha where I found our little company of good courage and doing all they can to further the cause in that section. On continuing my journey I spent a few hours with Brother and Sister Lawrance in King William's Town. Dear old Brother Lawrance has been confined to his bed for the past two years, but is cheerful and happy in the Lord, and looking forward with joy to the consummation of the Christian's hope. Two days were spent with the Sabbath-keepers in Adelaide. These faithful few were encouraged to press forward and let their light shine in that village.

Sunday, May 22nd, a little less than two weeks after leaving home, I arrived in Grahamstown where I found Elder and Mrs. Williams still giving the message to the people of that town. It looks as if a strong

company will be raised up in that place. The following week was spent in visiting relatives and friends in Clumber and Rokeby Park. Some good experiences were enjoyed while talking on the truth for these last days. On Sabbath I was with the Rokeby Church. An intelligent gentleman residing in Rokeby Park has recently taken a decided stand for the truth.

I arrived in this place Tuesday, May 31st, and was cordially greeted by the members of the church here. The Wednesday evening meeting was well attended and the spirit of the Lord came near to bless. In the Sabbath services also the Saviour was present to draw us all closer to Himself. The prospect for the future is encouraging, and I thank the Lord for the privilege of labouring in this part of His vineyard.

D. F. TARR.

Report from Elder G. W. Shone.

SINCE my last report I have been meeting with interested ones and labouring with some in their homes besides holding services for others. This requires much travelling as the interested ones are scattered over several districts. The D. R. Ministers are opposing and warning the people, but in spite of this there are some honest ones who desire to know the teaching of the Word. Some are under deep conviction, but it takes faith and courage to obey. The bitter opposition of relatives and so-called friends seem more than some can face; yet I believe that some will step out and obey ere long. O for the showers of the latter rain when all fears of man shall be gone, and the Lord and His truth alone shall be exalted.

I am also seeking to dispose of books as I go along, and thus far have sold several. I also expect to solicit subscriptions for *De Wachter* and *Sentinel* from now on.

The Lord says that our ministers should feel free to take books along with them as they go from place to

place, to dispose of whenever opportunity presents; and I find this one of the best openings for meeting the people and introducing the message. One prominent man, whose brother is a D. R. Minister to whom I sold *Coming King*, desired something on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. I immediately got for him *Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation* which he has read through twice, and is much interested. Now he desires to have *Here and Hereafter*. He is slowly but surely reading himself into the truth, and I believe he is honest and will step out when he sees the truth as it is in Jesus. This is not an isolated case, but I quote it to show that we cannot overestimate the value of our literature. The printed page is the *best educator* we have wherewith to bring the message speedily before the people, besides being the most powerful weapon against the sophistries and deceptions of the devil in these last days.

Shall any assert in the face of this that it is belittling for a minister to sell books, or that it will hurt his influence and work? When the Lord says that the canvassing work is the best preparation for the gospel ministry, let us believe it and act upon it.

I am pleased to say that some of our brethren are making a covenant with the Lord, and proving his promises. One brother (Heisterbach) told me how that he had twenty-two bags of beans for sale, but the highest offer he could get was 15/- per bag. He loaded his waggon not knowing what he could get, but covenanted with the Lord to give Him all he realized over £1 per bag. The first man he offered them to paid him £37 for the twenty-two bags. So he took the £15, the amount promised to the Lord, and sent it to the tithe fund. Are there not others willing to do the same?

I am glad also to report that the governess teaching the children of the brethren Louwrens' has accepted the Sabbath and is now studying other points of truth. Thus the Lord

brings the honest hearted in contact with His people that they may hear the message for this time. O may our relation to the Master always be such that we shall win souls for His kingdom.

Kolo Mission Station.

I AM glad to report the work at Kolo onward. It has never seemed so clear to my mind that the Kolo mission can and will be a success as it does this year.

The interest of both pupils and parents is increasing in the little school. Some are calling for a night school which we hope to start shortly.

No less than seventy-five different persons have come to the mission station seeking help for different kinds of bodily disorders. All these but two have been successfully treated; these two cases needed more severe treatment than we were prepared at the time, to administer.

These treatments have given the people renewed confidence in the mission and its work. Some who were not able to come to the mission have been treated at their homes and now are enjoying health. After administering treatment we bow and ask God to bless the efforts put forth and it is wonderful how He has blessed each effort.

We have commenced a series of meetings in the villages near us, holding three each week. These as a rule have been attended well, and no better attention could be asked than what has been gained. We are sure the results will be good.

A new stone church, 24 x 36, has been planned and most of the stones are already out, and the building will go forward shortly.

A new stone wall is also being built around the mission place, as the old is not sufficient to keep sheep, goats, and cattle, from destroying the trees.

The political state in Basutoland is a bit unsettled and we feel it our duty to work as never before to get the saving truths of the message be-

The Paper Work.

Cape Conference, for week ending May 27, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
Mrs. J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	S. A. Signs,	45	1 2 6
Q. H. Jubber,	Port E'beth,	Misc.,	120	3 0 0
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.,	97	2 7 3
Lucy Groenewald,	,,	Life and Health,	23	11 6
P. E. Frost,	East London,	Misc.,	190	4 12 3
Mrs. M. E. Smith,	Claremont,	Misc.,	47	13 0
Totals, Agents, 6			520	£12 6 6

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending May 27, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
T. G. Crouch,	Pretoria,	D. R.	28	6	4 1 0		4 1 0	4 17 6
E. Van der Moien,	Hatting Spruit, Utrecht,	D. R.	32	11	10 1 0	2 9 0	12 10 0	2 5 0
H. Schmidt,	Dundee,	D. R.	6	2	1 14 6	9 6		9 6
A. W. Tiekton,	Durban,	P. P.	10½	6	4 16 0	6 0	5 2 0	
E. Enochson,	Pietersburg,	P. P.	32	14	12 9 0	2 6	12 11 6	
B. Piercey,	Potchefstroom,	P. P.	19	5	4 17 6	13 6	5 11 0	
Totals, Agents, 6			127½	44	£37 19 0	£4 0 6	£39 15 6	£7 12 0

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J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	C.O.S.	81	58	10 2 0	2 5 0	12 7 0
Q. H. Jubber,	P. E'beth,	P. G.	24	11	6 17 6		6 17 6
P. E. Frost,	East London,	H. M.	11	9	2 9 6	5 6	2 15 0
Totals, Agents, 3			116	78	£19 9 0	£2 10 6	£2 19 6

fore as many of the people as possible while times are favourable. We feel, therefore, to ask you to pray earnestly for this work while remembering the field.

M. E. EMMERSON.

Bloemfontein.

I WISH to tell you about our good gathering at Waaihoek, Bloemfontein, on the 30th of April. We have had a good quarterly meeting, nearly all of our little company assembling for the great remembrance of the wonderful love of our Saviour. I can give you explanation how the Lord poured His powerful Spirit on every one present. The Lord be praised! Amen.

In this lovely meeting was our Sister Frost from Basutoland. She also joined in holy communion. May our dear Saviour go with her to East London. May the Lord bless Brother D. H. Groenewald in his work, remember us in our work.

J. R. MTIMKULU, *Native Pastor.*

North Basutoland Mission.

SINCE Brother Kalaka and family arrived we have been able to open up a little work at this place. At present we are holding one meeting each week in the three nearest large villages. These are attended by an average of thirty-eight, not counting the smallest children. On each Monday and Thursday evening we hold a Bible class for the youth which is attended by about thirty-three. God is blessing in these efforts and under His guidance we know that good will be accomplished. Now some are asking for a regular night school as it is impossible to open a day school. We hope to follow this opening. Your prayers are needed for the work here.

HOMER C. OLMSTEAD.

Personal.

ELDER W. H. ANDERSON, who has spent fifteen years in missionary work in the interior of Africa, spent

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Sunday and Monday at the school. He gave an interesting address Sunday night on Mission Work in Africa, outlining the various mission stations as they were opened from Cape Town northward.

At the close of his address Monday morning an opportunity was given the school to aid Brother Anderson financially, and over seventeen pounds was raised toward opening an out-station near his central work at Monza.—*Southern Field Echo*. U. S. A.

“De Wachter” Publication Guarantee Fund for 1911.

[ALL moneys pledged under this head are due and payable to the Union Conference Treasury before December 31st next.]

Hubertus Elffers,	£5	0	0
Gertrude Flather,	5	0	0
Anna C. van Pelt,	2	0	0
Frieda Elffers,	2	0	0
G. H. Clark,	2	0	0
Robert Elffers,	1	0	0
Eleonore Elffers,	1	0	0
Mary Liesching,	1	0	0
R. C. Porter,	1	0	0
C. D. Kearney,	1	0	0
Total,	£21	0	0

A Call for Reports.

WE ask that every person, except those who have already reported to us, who have sold any books or periodicals since the first day of last September, to immediately report to your church librarian or elder, the kind, number, and selling price of all that you have sold—not given away. Please attend to this at once. It is important. Do not delay.

G. H. CLARK.

Notes.

—ELDER E. R. WILLIAMS has been ill for several days with a severe

cold. A letter from Sister Williams dated June 6th reported him better.

—Miss Anna Evert was called home from the College at Claremont this week on account of the illness of her mother. She hopes to return and take up her studies again before the close of the year.

—Sister M. E. Smith hands in a good report from the sale of papers. In addition to this work she has given away 23 *Sentinels*, 1 *Signs*, 209 pages of tracts, and visited the sick daily. A faithful weeks' work.

—Word from Elder Anderson and party by last mail came from England. He was that far enroute to Africa. He arrived there in time to see the crowned kings from several countries in attendance at the late King Edward's funeral.

—The little company of new Sabbath-keepers at Grahamstown manifested their appreciation of our little MISSIONARY by contributing sixteen shillings toward its travelling expenses; an example worthy of imitation. We thank you.

—One of the out-schools at the Barotse land Mission have already gathered forty bags of mealies, and eleven bags of monkey nuts. Two other schools are not far behind. The out-schools are filling up as those not in attendance see what the schools are doing for those in attendance, and they are attracted.

—Two of our enterprising canvassing boys walked one hundred and fifty miles to their home for a couple of days' vacation in order to save their money for an education. They are planning to enter the college at the beginning of the next term. Such determination in boys for a good cause will result in a life of usefulness.

—Elder E. R. Palmer will not visit Africa this year as expected. This is a disappointment to us here that is hard to recover from. Elder Palmer also is disappointed; but with the bitter there is some sweet, for we have the promise of one of the general conference brethren to visit us during

the time of our union conference to be held early in 1911.

—Word has been received that Dr. Williams will not come to Africa as previously arranged. He will likely take up work in England. Dr. Bell is being urged to remain, and will do so if England will release their claim on his services. The Hydro Bellair Sanitarium is now filled with a good class of patients. Fifteen pounds were turned into the conference last month, this amount being over and above expenses.

—Brother J. R. Campbell says “As I was walking through the tall grass the other day I suddenly found myself facing a lion and lioness at about twenty-five yards distant. The lion only disclosed his teeth when both slunk away in the grass.” Brother Campbell did not say whether or not he was armed, but likely if he had been he would not have felt like risking a shot there being two such savage beasts. Again the promise of God was proven: “He shall give His angel's charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy way.” Brother Campbell says the last two years spent in Africa have been the most pleasant of his life. “True, trials fall to the lot of the missionary, but what are they when compared with the blessings received?”

—Brother Robinson reports himself and Brother Campbell feeling remarkably well. He says, “We feel fit for anything.” They are enjoying the fine weather, which, Brother Robinson says, is like the best of the summer weather in England. Their chief difficulty is in the cooking department; but they manage nicely being fortunate in raising a fine crop of splendid Irish potatoes which he terms as a good “stand-by.” They also have an abundance of tomatoes. They managed to catch a few swarms of bees a few months ago, and these have given them several pounds of clear, well-flavoured honey. They are looking forward to Elder Anderson's return with interest, and are rejoicing that his coming is so near.