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

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The Cloud is Rising.

'TIS a glorious time for the church to-day
For the trumpet again has blown,
And the hosts of God by the pillar led,
Move on to the promised home;
And the Holy Ghost in the "latter rain,"
With His peace and joy and power,
O'er the church now falls with refreshing
flood,
Like a glorious summer shower.

'Tis an awful time for the faithless man
In the church of God to-day,
For the final sifting at last has come,
He is falling by the way.
But the justified in their armour bright,
And with faith their battle cry,
Are marching to-day 'gainst the walls of
sin,
With power from on high. —Selected.

Emmanuel Mission, Basuto- land.

THE above name was suggested by Sister Porter for the new mission station being built up in northern Basutoland. We think it a very appropriate name, for of a truth God has been with us in opening up the work here.

When we first came to look up a site we were given a place, as Brother Emmerson reported last January; but when ready to begin work the chiefs seemed filled with excuses and delays. Their real reason finally proved to be that Jonathan, the leading chief, wanted us nearer his place, and especially away from the first site given, as that is near one of his enemies. During these three or four months of waiting we clung to the promises of God and believed that He would give us a better place. Then

it was faith but now through the power of God it is a *fact*.

The chief has given another place better in nearly every respect than the first. That which we now have contains as much tillable land, is much better protected from winds and cold, has an equal supply of spring water, is three miles nearer a R. R. siding and trading point, and has more than three times as many natives and school children within two miles. The only advantages of the former place are that it could be fenced with less expense and has a small hill pasture. It is two-thirds surrounded by low mountains, but exactly on the wrong side, leaving it open to the full sweep of the strong, cold, westerly winds. That now given is protected on three sides, leaving it partially open on the north.

After living here for five months we are much better able to decide upon a location. We praise God for His leading to the place we now have.

For some time after it was given we delayed most work, waiting for Jonathan to give us a letter to the English commissioner, as Brother Emmerson had been informed that it must be recorded to make it legal. However, after inquiry we learned that this is never done. But to be sure I interviewed the assistant commissioner of this district and also wrote a letter which was sent to the high commissioner. By last post we received in part the following reply:

"There are no such things as 'grants' of land in Basutoland,

though a chief, such as Jonathan may allow the use of a piece of land as a mission, no actual grant of ownership can be made. The land belongs to the tribe and cannot be alienated by any chief. Government is not directly concerned in such questions between chiefs and missions, though it retains in its hands the right to interfere if a question appears to call for intervention in the public interest."

Thus it is settled, and few can appreciate our feelings of thankfulness in being able to say it. It is as sure now as other mission stations in Basutoland. At present we have a cattle kraal and a two-roomed sod house nearly completed. When we get money we shall commence the stone buildings.

Emmanuel Mission is about twenty-five miles from Ficksburg, a good trading point, and nine miles from Schalkwyk's Halt R. R. Siding.

It is easy of access being near a main road and contains at least one-third more land than has been given to the Kolo Mission. The chiefs promise more land when it is needed to support pupils in school.

Securing a location for a new mission station in Basutoland is quite different from what it is in most parts of South Africa, and it has not been accomplished through our strength. Zech. 4:6 explains it all: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." With thankfulness for God's past care we trust Him and press forward.

H. C. OLMSTEAD.

Sabbath-school Teachers' Reading Course.

WE are now able to announce to our Sabbath-schools that the supplies for our Teachers' Reading Course have come. We have not been responsible for this delay; and while we are sorry our schools have had to wait so long, yet we feel it is our privilege to number this delay among the all things which work together for good.

But let us now be prompt to send our orders for these supplies either direct to Brother J. V. Willson, 56 Roeland St., Cape Town, or through our state Sabbath-school secretaries. The books needed are: *Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work*, price 1s.; *History of the Sabbath-School Work*, price 3d.; *The Art of Securing Attention*, price 9d.

The programmes for study will be sent us each month through the MISSIONARY.

Let none get the idea that this Reading Course was planned only for our large, well-organised schools. This is an individual study, and any teacher, or prospective teacher, can take it anywhere, even on our isolated farms where one seldom sees another of like precious faith. Indeed I would urge the individual study even above, if possible, the meeting together for a circle study. I hope there are many of our farming brethren who are planning to hold Sabbath-school with their natives. Doubtless many think they do not know how to reach the native mind. This "course" affords a splendid opportunity to all such as well as to our brethren in charge of mission farms to learn how *best* they can teach the precious gospel story to our unenlightened heathen.

"We are to become daily learners if we would be true educators. It is a noble thing to teach; it is a blessed thing to learn. Knowledge is a precious possession and the more we obtain of it, the better work will we do if we make the right use of it." "Teachers should feel their responsi-

bility, and make use of every opportunity to improve, that they may render the best kind of service in a manner that will result in the salvation of souls." "If you are called to be a teacher in any branch of the work of God, you are called also to be a learner in the school of Christ. If you take upon you the responsibility of teaching others, you take upon you the duty of going to the bottom of every subject you seek to teach."

MRS. A. P. TARR,
S. S. Sec. S. A. U. C.

The Reading Course.

SABBATH-SCHOOL officers and teachers everywhere are invited to take up the studies outlined. The expense is small. No examination or written work is required. Each teacher is urged not merely to read, but to study the pages assigned for the month's work. Not how much can we read, but how thoroughly do we make what we do read our very own, is the question to be considered. Let this be a *sentence study*. Read, consider, then put into practice the knowledge acquired. May God bless this little beginning in the direction of fitting ourselves for more skilful work in the Sabbath-school.

Outlines of Study.

(July.)

Text Book: "Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work," pages 1-11.

1. Duty of Sabbath-school pupils to attend church services.
2. Comparative importance of Sabbath-school and day-school lessons.
3. How to find time for study.
4. What "helps" are proper in the Sabbath-school?
5. What modes of teaching should be adopted?
6. Need of study, plans, and work.
7. How may parents and children obtain benefit from the Sabbath-school?
8. What custom should be avoided? What is the remedy?
9. How to strengthen the memory.

10. What other things may be given up or neglected in order to make time for a daily study of the Sabbath-school lessons.

Text Book: "The Art of Securing Attention," pages 1-10.

1. Definition of attention.
2. Why it is difficult to give attention or to secure it.
3. First see the difficulties.
4. Attention absolutely essential.
5. What only will secure it.
6. Preparation of the teacher—
 - (a) Accurate.
 - (b) Abundant.
7. How to gather that which will interest.

Text Book: "The History of the Sabbath-School Work."

1. The beginning.
2. The earliest Sunday-schools.
3. Modern Sunday-schools.
4. The first Sabbath-school on record.

Suggestions for Teachers' Meetings.

First Week: Call for a synopsis of the instruction given concerning the daily study of the Sabbath-school lessons. Plan for practical reform on all needed points touched upon in the study of the Testimonies.

Second Week: Assign the seven topics suggested in the outline on "The Art of Securing Attention," to various teachers, calling for one-minute talks upon the same.

Third Week: Review the portion assigned for home study in "History of Sabbath-School Work."

Fourth Week: Devote ten minutes to hearing each teacher relate the special points in the month's study which he found most helpful.

A Work for Everybody.

WILL it pay?—Yes, without question. What is it?—The circulation of our papers. The price of our *Sentinel* and *Wachter* is so low that everybody can afford a few copies—only a half-penny per copy. The churches at the Cape are now using nearly one thousand copies monthly; but we cannot reach the people in

the sparsely settled districts. We don't know them, not even name or address, so our scattered brethren and sisters will have to assist in this work. We want to place our papers in every corner of this land. It is providential that we are scattered; for we can now scatter truth, if all will co-operate.

Our missions should co-operate in this, and become centres of light to the white people as well as to natives. Our papers contain light for South Africa. If every Adventist will do his utmost to scatter this light, the message can soon be given. Two dozen *Sentinels* will cost you only 1s. 6d. per month. The July number is ready and all will want it.

The quarterly *Signs*, number three, is out. You will all want a copy, and possibly a few copies for your friends. Order from the Cape Town office.

Now, brethren, you can see the possibilities in the paper work as outlined in the *MISSIONARY*. We hope to receive an order for at least a few copies of *Sentinel* or *Wachter* from every isolated Sabbath-keeper in this field. Send your order at once. Let no one say, "Excuse me."

I. J. HANKINS.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

THIS campaign will begin this year October 31st. The thirty-two page *Review* will bear date of November 3rd, and the 500,000 copies to be printed in the first edition will be ready for delivery October 1st. Arrangements are now made for this movement to be world-wide, including Europe, Australia, and South Africa.

Last year we came in late on this campaign, and yet it was not a failure. We want to be on time this year, having our orders in early so that we may begin work nearly, if not quite, as soon as our brethren and sisters across the sea. Each member of every church in our union should and may have a part in this

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending June 17, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
A. Strachan,	Johannesburg,	Misc.,	58	1 9 0
C. Dixie,	"	"	251	6 2 6
J. Symons,	"	Signs,	41	1 0 6
J. and E. Hodgkins,	"	"	464	11 12 0
O. Pote,	"	Misc.,	57	1 8 6
C. de Man,	"	"	289	6 9 6
B. Willmore,	"	"	244	5 18 6
M. E. Howard,	"	"	184	4 12 0
Totals,	Agents, 8		1,588	£38 12 6

Cape Conference, for week ending June 17, 1910.

Mrs. J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	S. A. Signs,	37	18 6
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	Misc.,	108	2 10 3
P. E. Frost,	East London,	"	24	10 8
Mrs. M. E. Smith,	Claremont,	"	132	1 3 5
Totals,	Agents, 4		292	£5 2 10

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending June 17, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	Misc.	46½	25	8 2 6	1 6	8 4 0	6 3 0
E. M. Howard,	Newlands,	D. R.	8	3	2 0 6		2 0 6	7 10 0
H. Schmidt,	Maritzburg.	D. R.	3	2	2 2 0		2 2 0	
E. Enochson,	Pietpotgietersrust,	P. P.	27	23	24 3 0	3 6	24 6 6	1 1 0
B. Piercey,	Wolmaranstad,	P. P.	33					23 2 0
T. G. Crouch,	Pretoria,	D. R.	21½	7	7 7 0		7 7 0	3 16 6
C. A. Dixie,	Jeppestown,	D. R.	11					7 4 0
Totals,	Agents, 7		149½	60	£43 15 0	5 0	£44 0 0	£48 16 6

Cape Conference, for week ending June 17, 1910.

J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	C.O.S.	33	19	3 6 6	3 10 6	6 17 6	
Q. H. Jubber,	P. E'beth,	P. G.	34	3	2 2 0	1 6	2 3 6	
P. E. Frost,	East London,	H. M.	18	8	2 6 0	5 6	2 11 6	2 6 0
Totals,	Agents, 3		85	30	£7 14 6	£3 17 6	£11 12 0	£2 6 0

good work. Those who can not get out because of home cares, or physical inability, can write a letter and post a *Review*. The paper will speak for itself and create an interest wherever it finds a lodgment.

This short notice is to call attention to the matter and set us to thinking as to what we mean to do along this line as churches and as individuals. Let the orders come pouring into our offices at Maritzburg and at Cape Town, stating the number of copies needed to do justice to your surrounding territory. We can then get the order early to America, and so get the order filled there early. Let every reader of these lines say I will have a part in this work be it little or much. Our love for this

message is largely measured by our interest to see it advance. God has given it to us to pass on to others, so let us be faithful to our trust.

Let our scattered Sabbath-keepers remember to get their orders in early as well. Our office secretaries will keep a faithful record of every order received, and as soon as the papers arrive they will be sent out promptly, and we can then begin at once to give those not of our faith a knowledge of what we believe and of what we are doing to enlighten the world with the gospel, and also to reveal to them the near coming of Christ. By our united efforts we may raise a goodly sum for the advancement of our mission work.

H. P.

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

Amount previously acknowledged,	£35	0	0
Elder M. C. Sturdevant (paid),	5	0	0
Vryheid Church,	6	0	0
Miss Henriette van Pelt,	1	0	0
M. H. Rudman,	1	0	0
Total,	£48	0	0

HUBERTUS ELFFERS.

Honour Roll.

Previously reported,	£33	7	3
A. Beissner,	2	0	0
Grahamstown,	16	0	0
W. H. Anderson,	10	0	0
J. H. Commin,	5	0	0
T. G. Crouch,	2	6	0
J. Lesar,	2	6	0
Lilian Lawrance,	2	6	0
Total,	£37	5	9

Notes.

—MISS TRIXIE AUSTEN, teacher in Claremont College, is spending her vacation with her mother and sister at Kimberley.

—Miss H. Smith (nurse) is in Claremont visiting her mother and brother at the college. She has been nursing Sister Birkenstock of Vryheid, and reports her patient as much improved.

—Brother P. Wessels and family met with the Claremont Church for quarterly meeting services. Their daughter, Miss Louisa, teacher in the Cradock high school, accompanied them.

—Elder Anderson and family remained at the Cape until the arrival of Elder Porter. They left the 28th for their station full of courage, and anxious to reach their field and get to work.

—The first programme for the Teachers' Reading Course will be found in this issue of the MISSIONARY. It will appear monthly so that all may have access to it. The next programme will be dated August.

—A wire from Brother J. R. Campbell of the Barotseland Mission reported him as having another short attack of the fever. We trust this is the last attack as the season is now very favourable for the health of our workers there.

—Elder R. C. Porter returned to the Cape on the morning of the 27th of June in the best of health and spirits. He brought words of encouragement from the three stations visited, and will pass them on through the MISSIONARY.

—Brother and Sister Silsbee are leaving New York on the 2nd of July for Africa. Their coming was delayed because of being unable to get booking earlier, as there is much travel during this season of the year across the North Atlantic. This will bring them to us the first of August.

—Word reached us by the last American mail of the serious illness of Sister W. W. Prescott. She was lying at death's door, and unless God in His wisdom saw best to raise her up, the physicians saw no hope. Her illness is caused by cancer. Elder Prescott and son have our deepest sympathy.

—It is with much satisfaction and interest that we see the *Wachter* publishing fund rising weekly. It is a test of the interest taken in the Dutch population of Africa. The fund indicates that the message shall go to the Dutch as well as the English. Let the good work go forward to its completion.

—A few new faces are seen at the college at the opening of the last term of school for 1910. Miss Olive Davies returned home to act as as-

sistant to her mother, not expecting to return again this year. The marriage of Miss Olive's sister made necessary a helper in the home, and so Olive will continue her education there for the present.

—Miss Ina Austen returned with Elder Porter from the Nyasaland Mission station to her home in Kimberley. She has been troubled much with the fever during her stay there, but at present is enjoying a fair degree of health. Her sister, Miss Etta, will remain on the station another year. She returns home at the request of her mother who is lonely since her husband's death.

—In the issue of this paper of June 13th, a note was made regarding the prosperity of the Hydro Belair treatment rooms. It should read the Maritzburg Institute instead of the Hydro, and it was this institution that turned over the fifteen pounds to the conference. There are four institutions now operating in the Natal Conference for the care of the sick, and they are all in a prosperous condition.

—Brother W. J. Gradwell, one of our scattered Sabbath-keepers, sends a word of courage to the readers of the MISSIONARY. He is busy scattering the printed page among his neighbours and friends. This family and Brother Richards are rejoicing that Elder Armitage had come into their vicinity for a short meeting at Bethal before going on to Johannesburg. It was their first acquaintance with him, and they are greatly attached already. A small gathering of our people assembled at Bethal for a two days' meeting. Six natives were baptised, and the ordinances of the Lord's house celebrated.

Wanted.

By the 1st of July 1910, a strong young man to work in my Healing Home as nurse, and to make himself generally useful if required. Apply by letter and state if any experience, to A. Beissner, Sweetwaters, via Maritzburg, Natal.