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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 Voyage of Life.

WE all are voyaging o'er the main—
We cannot pass this way again.
Great dangers crowd on every hand
As soon as we put off from land.
Shall we, as on the deck we walk,
Waste precious hours in idle talk?
Or let the moments run away
In mirth or slumber, day by day?

The hosts of hell would blind our eyes
To signs of danger, as they rise,
And hold the watchman by the throat
Lest he should give the warning note,
And bind the hands in hellish wrath,
That guide the ship from danger's path.
There's awful wreckage floating near,
And perils thick and fast appear.

We cannot tell how soon may come
The shock that takes her to her doom.
Let's do our duty every one,
And help the life-belts fasten on;
And have the boats prepared for sea,
For surely they will need be.
The watchman's voice with ringing sound
Must strike with terror all around.

Let none look on in apathy,
And miss life's opportunity,
For souls will perish 'neath the wave,
Lest we reach out our hands to save.
The wise alone will cross the tide,
And stand by their brave Captain's side.
The careless ones, and those that sleep,
Will surely perish in the deep.

A. STUTTAFORD, M. D.

Narooma, N. S. W.

Words of Cheer.

FROM the workers throughout the field come words of encouragement and cheer. God is blessing their work and opening doors before them. We have great reason to thank God and take courage. Let the prayers of God's people follow those who are out in the harvest field gathering the

ripened grain. Nothing is more encouraging to the workers than to know that they have the sympathy and support of their brethren.

Not only are the reports which are coming in from the workers of an encouraging nature, but the way in which our people are sustaining the work by their means, is also an evidence of advancement and a cause for gratitude.

The available funds which have flowed into the treasury of the Cape Conference during the quarter just past have considerably exceeded those of any quarter for a long time. Shall we not all join in thanksgiving to God for this, and determine that henceforth we shall even do better? If this is done it will only be a short time until we can put more workers in the field.

The amount of tithes received has been £522 12s. 4d., and from other sources, £149 3s. 5d.; making a total of £671 15s. 9d. The Lord has told us through the spirit of prophecy that, "God's plan in the tithing system is beautiful in its simplicity and equality. All may take hold of it in faith and courage, for it is divine in its origin. . . . If one and all would accept it, each would be made a vigilant and faithful treasurer for God; and there would be no lack of means with which to carry forward the last message of warning to the world. The treasury will be full if all will adopt this system, and the contributors will not be left the poorer."

We wish to thank our brethren for

their hearty response to the request that the tithes be sent in monthly instead of quarterly. This has enabled the treasurer to send the workers their wages very nearly on time. If all will continue to be as faithful as they have been during the past quarter, the conference will soon be on its feet, and the cause of God will not be crippled for want of means.

How sweet is the thought that treasures are being laid up in heaven, and soon if faithful we shall have the blessed privilege of meeting in the kingdom of God, those whom we have helped to rescue. This will eclipse any and every sacrifice we may have made here. "The tears of the sower and the songs of the reaper shall be mingled together in joy by and bye."

E. R. WILLIAMS.

Our Local Papers.

THE last issue was as follows:—*Signs*, 6,300; *Sentinels*, 3,000; *Wachters*, 1,000. If the *Signs* issue could be raised to 8,000, there would be a small profit, providing all were sold. The *Sentinel* is published at a loss, but a 5,000 issue would help its finances materially. The *Wachter* is having help of special donations, which relieves it much financially, but we ought to publish 2,000, and use every copy.

Our subscription list is only 160 *Sentinels*, and 84 *Wachters*; also a very small *Signs* list. 600 *Wachters* are sent out in clubs, used by churches

and scattered members. This leaves over 300 copies unused.

The *Sentinel* club list is as follows: Cape Town church, 150; Claremont, 318; Port Elizabeth, 258; Johannesburg, 160; Durban, 150; Plumstead Sanitarium, 88; Pretoria, 99; Kimberley, 72; Uitenhage, 72; Salt River, 64; Johannesburg Mission, 100; Maritzburg, 60; Rokeby Park, 50; Rustica, 36; East London, 24; Cathcart, 25; Grahamstown, 12; Brother Beissner, 36; Miss Bourne, Faure-smith, 25; Brother Beckner, 100; Brother Williams, Klerksdorp, 12; Brother Hartnich, 10; 6 copies each to W. B. Commin, J. G. Cooks, Mrs. Billis, C. R. Sparrow, Rhodesia, Brother Walston, Brother Honey, and D Kasseoam. The Young People's Society of Claremont take 100 copies, and the remainder are sold Saturday nights and on college "field day." The last issue is all gone.

Now, brethren, are we doing all we can? If we were awake to the necessities of the hour, I am sure we would double our paper work before January 1911. We have hoped that every Seventh-day Adventist in South Africa would take a number of such papers as he could best use, pay for them, and distribute them faithfully and conscientiously. Some are doing this. Let others do likewise. Ask your neighbour to subscribe for a paper, after you have loaned him a copy to read. Our local papers contain the message for South Africa, and now is the best time to deliver it. Let every one do his best. Let no one neglect to pay his paper accounts promptly. We are working for the Lord; are we doing all we ought to do? "There shall be delay no longer."

I. J. HANKINS.

PROMISE — prayer — performance are three links in the chain of blessing. If the middle link is missing, we have no right to expect the third.
—D. L. Moody.

Solusi Mission.

OUR work is still onward and new students are added nearly every week. We now have one hundred two boarders, twenty-nine of which are girls. In the past it has been almost impossible to get any girls, but it is just the opposite now. If we should keep all the girls that come to us we could soon double our number. Many come to us who have run away from home, but none are accepted unless their parents are willing for them to come. We find it means only trouble for us if we take them in regardless of their parents wishes.

In the first, or morning school, the students are taught only in the native language. When they can read the Zulu Bible well and have studied *UKristu UmSindisi Wetu*, they enter the second school and begin the study of English still continuing their other studies in the native language. It is marvellous how rapidly some of these natives learn to read. In three to four months the brightest of them can read the Zulu Bible, who on coming to us did not know a single word. Five teachers are kept busy in day school and three in the night school.

Our buildings are all getting too small, which one year ago looked as if they would never be full. Two new huts for the boys are being built, and we are busy making bricks with which to extend the building used for night school and dining-room. Our church and school-house are also too small for our large family, and we are contemplating building a new church and using our present church building for school.

During the past year our number has more than doubled and many more are wanting to come at present. All over the country our school is well known and has a good name. The natives say they have the Bible explained to them properly here, while at the other schools they only read it. The other missionaries around are getting jealous of our work and

are doing all in their power to prejudice the natives against us. Some of them even preach it from the pulpit, and one even went so far as to tell one of the induna's to drive away our teacher who was teaching at his kraal, but it had the opposite effect to what was anticipated. The text, "For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth," never fails. All that would be for our harm only awakens in some a desire to come here to learn.

We are of good courage and although the work seems just begun, we believe, as the Lord has promised, the work will be cut short in righteousness.

J. VICTOR WILSON.

Sowing Besides All Waters.

THE old expression, "slow but sure," seems to describe the condition of the canvassing work here. I do not take many orders, but almost all I get I deliver. The people are glad to receive the books, and I believe they will be read with eagerness.

I find many of our books already in the homes of the people which show the efforts that have been put forth by faithful canvassers in the past. Some I find have been read but little, and some not at all; others are old and worn from usage.

One dear sister said she had read her *Coming King* over and over, and loaned it many times; her housemaid had just finished reading it. She could not say enough in its favour.

Another had *Christ Object Lesson* on the table besides her work. It was certainly in a dilapidated condition. She said she often read it when she had even a few moments to spare, and that her children enjoyed it too.

Great Controversy is now the book that is being read by many, and invariably they bring it to me to let me know what a good book they have so recently bought.

I met a dear old Catholic sister one day who seemed delighted with

my book, *Heralds of the Morning*. When I had finished showing it to her, she remarked, "All you have said is true and I will have one." I took her order and she then said, "I used to subscribe to a paper called the *Sentinel*. I liked it much but I did not renew my subscription and I have not seen it for years." I told her I had it and brought it from my canvassing case. She seemed so glad to see its face again. I told her I should be glad to take her subscription to that also. "Well," she said, "my son gave me 1s. 6d. this morning and asked me to go for an *outing*, and take a ride on the tram, but I prefer the *Sentinel*." So she subscribed. I told her she had made a good choice, as the day was becoming too windy for her to go out.

I called on another, who asked me if it was not a Seventh-day Adventist book. I told her yes. "Well," she said, "I don't so object to reading their literature, but when the last Adventist called at my door I decided to have nothing more, for he became somewhat impatient because I did not buy his paper, and he the same as told me I would be lost because I had rejected light." I listened to her story and then said, "My dear sister, he was not an Adventist, he may have been a Mormon." "Yes," she quickly replied, "he did say he was a Mormon, but said he had Adventist papers." I told her there was a mistake; that Mormons never sold our literature. She spoke then of what his papers contained. I told her they contained some truth; good Bible truth, but soaked it in error until they made it far from truth. I had the *Signs* magazine with me, and read from it "Mormonism Exposed," which quite settled the matter in her mind. She subscribed for it, and when I went to deliver it she was quite ready.

I am treated very nicely by the people. They are warm-hearted and generous. "Come inside," is the usual greeting when I step to their door, and when inside there is often a mutual friendship formed, a kindly

Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending August 12, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
A. Strachan,	Johannesburg,	Misc.,	163	3 19 9
B. Willmore,	"	"	225	5 2 3
Mrs. Haupt,	"	"	131	3 2 9
C. Dixie,	"	"	354	8 9 0
C. de Man,	"	"	235	5 11 3
E. and J. W. Hodgkin,	"	S. A. Signs,	584	13 1 3
Mrs. Howard,	"	Misc.,	738	17 15 0
H. B. Feideler,	Pretoria,	"	128	2 14 6
Mrs. Armer,	"	"	49	15 9
N. Health Institute,	Maritzburg,	"	134	2 13 6
Totals, Agents, 11			2,741	£63 5 0

Cape Conference, for week ending August 12, 1910.

Mrs. P. E. Frost,	East London,	Misc.,	52	7 8
D. H. Groenewald,	Bloemfontein,	"	47	1 0 3
Mrs. M. E. Smith,	Claremont,	Sentinel,	102	8 6
		S. A. Signs,	49	1 4 6
		Good Health,	78	13 0
		Cook Books,	27	4 6
		Life and Health,	4	2 0
Totals, Agents, 3			359	£4 0 5

The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending August 12, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	S. D.	60½	40	13 0 0	18 6	13 18 6	13 0
		S. P.	85	22	7 3 0		7 3 0	18 17 0
T. G. Crouch,	Pretoria,	D. R.	61	13	8 19 0		8 19 0	27 16 6
E. van der Molen,								
	Wakkerstroom,	D. R.	28	3	2 8 0	14 6	3 2 6	5 17 6
E. M. Howard,	Vrededorp,	D. R.	30	11	8 11 0		8 11 0	7 3 0
C. Dixie,	Jeppestown,	D. R.	4					1 7 0
E. Enochson,	Bethal,	P. P.	20	7	6 19 6		6 19 6	
H. Schmidt,	Maritzburg,	B. R.	30	8	8 8 0	3 6	8 11 6	1 4 6
Mrs. Armer,	Pretoria,	H. H. B.	4					
Totals, Agents, 8			322½	104	£55 8 6	£1 16 6	£57 5 0	£66 10 0

Cape Conference, for week ending August 12, 1910.

J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	C.O.S.	30	20	3 10 0	1 11 6	5 1 6	
Q. H. Jubber,	P. E'beth,	P. G.	27	1	14 0		14 0	
P. E. Frost,	East London,	H. M.	25	15	4 17 0		4 17 0	1 6 0
D. H. Groenewald,								
	Bloemfontein,	C.O.L.	20	15	4 10 0	17 6	5 7 6	6 2 6
Totals, Agents, 4			102	51	£13 11 0	£2 9 0	£16 0 0	£7 8 6

invitation often extended to me to call and see them some Sunday afternoon, so that I feel quite at home among them. I rejoice that I am here, although my work may not count so fast in pounds, yet I trust the Lord has been pleased, and He is still verifying His promise to "supply my needs." I pray that God will help me do faithfully my work, and that some precious sheaves may

be gathered into the heavenly garner as a result of my labours. Pray for the work in East London.

PHEBE E. FROST.

Report of the Hydro Bellair Institution for July.

SISTER MARY BAUMANN gives a very good report of the work done at the institution during the month of

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July. Every room in the building was occupied. Two hundred and twelve treatments were given in the Hydro, and thirty-seven outside. She says: "We feel to praise God for the evidences we have had of His blessing on our work in the manifestation of restored health and strength to the patients who have come to us."

They are constantly handing out the printed page, so uniting their faith with their works. In this they are meeting God's mind in the establishment of such institutions.

The Signs Magazine for Cape Colony Conference.

IN order to save expense, and also to get the *Signs* magazine in the hands of the canvassers as soon as possible, we are planning to have the orders come in ahead from the agents, and so be able to send the magazines right from the printers to the agents without delay, and at a lower rate of postage. This will make it better for the agents, for the office, and better all round. We therefore ask that all who expect to sell any of the next issue of the *Signs* magazine, to immediately send in their orders for all they think they will need, to the secretary of the Tract Society, 56 Roeland Street, Cape Town, so all can be arranged for. This will also help us in estimating how large an issue to print. We hope that all who expect to handle the paper, will send in their full order at once.

J. V. WILLSON, Sec.

Notes.

—SIX candidates were baptised at the Barotseland Mission on August 13th.

—The Barotseland Mission is turning out bricks to the number of 3,000 a day.

—The July *Life and Health* have arrived at the 56 Roeland Street office, and Brother Willson reports that all orders will receive prompt attention.

—The prospect is good for the opening of a Zulu Mission by Elder Armitage about sixty-five miles from Vryheid on a Reserve. When the plans are further developed the readers of the MISSIONARY will hear more about it.

—Brother E. P. Freeman, the Union Conference stenographer, has now located at Claremont. He has a room in Elder Porter's residence, and all mail addressed to him at "Wynnton." Selous Road, will reach him promptly.

—A number of changes and recommendations were passed upon by the Union Conference Committee at their recent session, and as fast as the parties interested have expressed a willingness to coincide with the plans laid for them, their appointments will be published.

—Sister Morgan writes of her delight in God's service in Grahams-town. She gives twelve readings a week, spending the forenoons in the paper work. She meets with many experiences of a cheering nature, and God is making her a blessing and a light to those for whom she labours.

—It has been decided that the Cape Conference and the Natal-Transvaal Conference hold their annual camp-meeting at the same time, the place to be Bloemfontein. The Union will also hold their Conference at the same time and place. The middle of March was set as the time if delegates' concession tickets can be secured at that time. If not, then at about Easter time.

—The Union Conference Committee have invited Brother A. G. Ellingworth to connect with the Malamulo Mission, Nyasaland. He has expressed himself as willing to go, but the time of his leaving we have not ascertained. What one

mission will lose the other will gain. Brother Ellingworth will be greatly missed at Maranatha, and it was hard for the superintendent to give him up. It was the need at Malamulo that appealed to him.

—Brother C. Robinson is making another tour north in the interests of the Barotseland Mission out-schools. He goes to open up two or three new stations. Sister Anderson is filling his place in the home school during his absence. She has over seventy of the advanced students. We admire her courage to undertake the work with no knowledge of the language, yet she is studying hard and anticipates mastering the language by the end of 1911.

—Brother S. M. Konigmacher has been suffering from an attack of the fever, but is reported quite well at present. His trip from Blantyre to Neno, one hundred miles on the bicycle, proved too much of an exertion for that hot climate. He is planning to do more of his travelling with a donkey when means will permit of one being bought. Do not some of our young people's societies see in this an opportunity for a worthy investment of their donations?

—The Malamulo Mission is just harvesting their cotton crop. It was cut short on account of the cold rains in May and June, and yet it will net them about forty pounds. They have the foundation for a new barn finished, and will soon have bricks burned sufficient to finish the barn before the rains come on. They will have an office in one end of it, which will be fixed up nicely for the business manager when he arrives. Their dairy is in a prosperous condition, and they are selling about £3 10s. worth of butter a week. Elder Rogers says their agent at Blantyre who handles their butter sent in his order first for twenty-five pounds, then twenty-eight, then thirty-two; and in the meantime he sent a carrier to the mission saying, "Can you possibly spare us six pounds more butter?—Everybody wants it." The churn Brother Willson sent up works fine.