

# The South African MISSIONARY

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

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## On Growing Old.

THEY call it "going down the hill" when  
we are growing old;  
And speak with mournful accents when our  
years are nearly told:  
They sigh when talking of the past—the  
days that used to be—  
As if the future were not bright with im-  
mortality.  
But oh! it is not "going down," 'tis climb-  
ing higher—higher  
Until we almost see the mansions that our  
souls desire;  
For if the natural eye grow dim, it is but  
dim to earth,  
While the eye of faith grows keener to per-  
ceive the Saviour's worth.  
Those bygone days, though days of joy we  
wish not back again:  
Were there not also many days of sorrow  
and of pain?  
But in the days awaiting us, the days be-  
yond the tomb,  
Sorrow shall find no place, the joy un-  
marr'd forever bloom.  
For though in truth the outward man must  
perish and decay,  
The inner man shall be renewed by grace  
from day to day;  
They who are planted by the Lord, un-  
shaken in their root,  
E'en in old age shall flourish and still  
bring forth rich fruit.  
It is not years that make men old; the  
spirit may be young,  
Though for the "threescore years and ten"  
the wheels of life have run;  
God has Himself recorded, in His blessed  
Word of truth,  
That "they who wait upon the Lord, these  
shall renew their youth."  
And when the eyes, now dim, shall open to  
behold the King,  
And ears, now dull with age, shall hear the  
harps of heaven ring,  
And on the head, now hoary, shall be  
placed the crown of gold,  
Then shall be known the lasting joy of  
never growing old. —Selected.

## A Visit to the Kolo Mission.

IN company with Pastor W. S. Hyatt, following our visit to Kimberley, we went to Marseilles where we were met by Pastor M. E. Emmerson, and carried by cart and by man-back to the Kolo Mission Station forty miles distant. The curiosity of the reader may be aroused by the statement that we were carried by man-back, as well as by cart, so I will explain: We were late in leaving Marseilles, so night came on before we reached the mission. When we reached the river, about six miles from the mission, it was dark and our driver missed his way and suddenly came to a halt before a steep bank of the river. As he began to investigate he found that he had quite missed the road, and also that the ponies were sinking in the quicksand. This made it necessary to unload quickly, and in a place where the water was knee deep. As Pastor Emmerson was already in the water he insisted on carrying me out on his back. He accomplished the task so neatly that he returned for Pastor Hyatt. This was more of an undertaking, and Pastor Hyatt was not quite sure of the strength of his biped steed, so he refused to take both feet from the cart at once. Pastor Emmerson suddenly removed them and proved equal to the occasion, landing his burden safely on the dry sandy bank. With the cart relieved of its load the ponies soon brought it out, and at a little past 10 p. m. we were safely at the Kolo Mission Station. On our way from Kimberley to

Marseilles we made a very pleasant call at the home of Pastor and Sister D. Groenewald at Bloemfontein, and at the State Normal College with Sister Furks, principal of the college. We found this little company happy in their work, and loyally seeking every opportunity to pass the message on to other inquiring ones.

At the Kolo Mission we found Sister Emmerson and little Melvin quite well and happy. Pastor Emmerson seized the opportunity when Brother Henry Wessels left for Rhodesia, to purchase his fine dairy herd of friezeland cows. They now have about thirty head of good heifers and young cows, which will doubtless soon prove to be a valuable asset to the mission, as it will be a source of revenue to help meet operating expenses.

The village headman has offered free pasturage, and farm land upon which to raise forage for winter feed at a low rental.

Since my visit a year ago, a new stone fence, very high and substantially built, has been erected as a protection to the mission place against pigs and goats that had heretofore caused them no little annoyance.

A large reservoir for water with which to irrigate the garden is being put in, which is filled through pipes from a mountain spring a half mile distant.

A new stone church building is soon to be erected, the stone being already on the ground.

The mission school, which a year ago had twenty students in attendance, now numbers forty, and the in-

terest in our work seems to be increasing.

Brother Bombi, who has been an assistant at the Kimberley Baths for a long time, has now gone to assist Pastor Emmerson by looking after the farm, garden, and dairy work. He will attend the night school.

Plans for aggressive work were laid while we were there, and we are confident that the work at this mission will move forward with greater strength, and accomplish more, as it proceeds with its present plans to connect with its book work an evangelistic campaign.

R. C. PORTER.

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### Durban.

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WE have been much encouraged by our visit to Durban, where, in company with Pastor R. C. Porter we spent last week, and were very hospitably entertained by several families. The Bellair Hydro, with its lovely surroundings, is a picture of natural beauty.

Brother and Sister Fred Baumann were very busy attending a full patronage, as were also Brother and Sister Cyril Blaine. We had the pleasure of visiting their well fitted treatment rooms, which, like the Bellair Hydro, are very prosperous just now. Both these institutions provide a palatable, as well as a healthful table, which never fails to gain the approbation of the patrons, and increase the popularity of the food reform. This is God's way of working, and will bring prosperity, while unwise extremes when forced upon the public, will always tend to kill the work.

Satan had gained some advantages with this little company, but the Spirit of the Lord moved upon hearts at the Sabbath meeting which was conducted by Pastor Porter, until all wrongs were righted, and those few specially affected left the meeting assured of God's forgiveness and acceptance. The lantern lecture on "The Rise of Our Work" was much

appreciated, as were the other meetings held.

At a business meeting held on Sunday, some interesting reports were given. With a membership of twenty-three, most of whom have given their tithes, the total offerings for three quarters were £93 4s. 7d. This sum was made up as follows: Tithes, £66 16s.; Sabbath-School Offerings, £7 5s. 3d.; Annual Offerings, £5 3s. 7d.; First Day Offerings, £2 14s.; Poor Fund, £3 14s. 6., and £9 11s. 3d. to Church Expense Account.

The members are engaged in house to house work, for which purpose, besides tracts, they take monthly, 150 *Sentinels*, and 36 *Good Healths*. The church books are nicely kept, and we believe when all the members rise to their privileges, God will richly bless them.

Brother A. Tickton was elected and ordained to the office of local elder. Some applications were made for baptism.

Among the interesting items recently reported from the canvassers is an order secured by Brother E. van der Molen from Prince Alec Henry, of Orleans, for a copy of *Daniel and the Revelation*. He also requested that we provide him with a catalogue of our publications. The promise is that "princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful." May the Lord bless this prince.

H. J. EDMED.

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### A Wonderful Statement.

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A TABULATED statement in a recent number of the *Missionary Review of the World*, shows that all the principle Protestant denominations (not including Seventh-day Adventists) have entered forty-three missionary fields. Seventh-day Adventists have entered thirty-four of the forty-three named, besides several others not included in their list.

The greatest number of fields entered by any other society is ten. True, we have not the men and facilities in many of these countries

that others have; but in the providence of God, the work of the third angel's message is spreading out into all the world, and soon the earth will be lightened with its glory.

A. G. DANIELLS.

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### A Report from Worcester.

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THE Lord is giving us many evidences of His willingness to bless His cause here. Last Sunday night my wife and I called to see a little sick boy whose life was despaired of. I offered to give him some treatments to which the parents consented. The Lord blessed the treatments given, and the next morning the crisis was passed, and now, to the joy of his parents, he is on the road to recovery.

Our present quarters for holding Sabbath services are getting too small. We shall soon have to have a larger place.

Mrs. Theunissen's "ticky" investment fund is still growing. Three months ago we started with sixteen "tickies," and last Sunday night we had £1 7s. 9d., a gain of almost seven hundred per cent. The end is not yet. We are still busy and hope to swell the fund considerably by the end of the year. Among our workers there is an aged sister almost three score and ten years who has increased her "ticky" to 2s. 6d. by sewing.

Our courage in God and in the work is good.

D. C. THEUNISSEN.

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### The Collections for Orphans.

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AS WE announced in the last issue of the *MISSIONARY*, there is great need that a good strong collection should be taken for this worthy class of children who are less fortunately situated than some others.

October 15th is the date fixed for taking the offering. Let every church in the union, all scattered Sabbath-keepers, and all of our mission stations join in this worthy call.

R. C. PORTER.

## Sabbath-School Work.

## Weekly Report of Book and Paper Sales.

### THE READING COURSE.

#### Outlines of Study.

(October.)

*Text-Book:* "Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work," pages 29-34.

1. Have our Sabbath-schools accomplished all that God designed they should?

2. What training should the Sabbath-school give in another line?

3. What assurance is given to the earnest seeker after truth?

4. How does the plan of the Sabbath-school seem in harmony with that which is outlined for the "solving of mysteries"?

5. How may the work be hindered by narrow ideas?

6. Study carefully the paragraph urging us to "go forward," and determine what this means in Sabbath-school work.

7. What lessons should be taught the children?

8. How shall Christians not of our faith be regarded?

9. In what are Seventh-day Adventists lacking?

10. For what work are our young people to be prepared? What do they need?

11. Are failures due to lack of ability?

12. In what should the teacher be an example? What admonition is given him?

*Text-Book:* "The Art of Securing Attention," pages 16-20.

1. Does a teacher's apparent unconsciousness of a lack of attention increase or diminish it?

2. How may a teacher cultivate a "quick eye and ear"?

3. Note seven questions that a teacher may profitably ask himself.

4. What are some of the minor characteristics of a successful teacher?

5. Upon what two principles is the foregoing instruction founded?

6. How is reviewing an aid in holding attention? Give an illustration.

### The Paper Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for two weeks ending September 16, 1910.

NAME	TERRITORY	PAPER	NO. SOLD	VALUE OF PAPERS
E. Hodgkin,	Johannesburg,	Misc.	312	7 13 9
B. Willmoré,	"	"	322	7 7 9
C. de Man,	"	"	401	8 12 9
M. E. Howard,	"	"	529	12 18 6
S. Haupt,	"	"	162	3 18 9
C. Dixie,	"	"	259	6 9 3
A. Strachan,	"	"	71	1 14 3
Mrs. Armer,	Protoria,	"	235	3 2 6
A. Tickton,	Durban,	"	437	6 0 3
N. Health Institute,	Maritzburg,	"	225	3 1 5
Totals,	Agents, 10		2,953	£60 19 2

### The Book Work.

Natal-Transvaal Conference, for week ending September 16, 1910.

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Mission Company,	Jo'burg,	Misc.	75	16	7 19 0		7 19 0	13 13 0
E. van der Molen,	Utrecht,	D. R.	32	1	1 1 0	3 6	1 4 6	2 15 6
E. Enochson,	Boksburg,	P. P.	14	8	7 13 0		7 13 0	2 1 0
T. G. Crouch,	Pretoria,	D. R.	30	11	11 11 0		11 11 0	4 14 6
Totals,	Agents, 4		151	36	£28 4 0	3 6	£28 7 6	£23 4 0

Cape Conference, for week ending September 16, 1910.

J. F. Terry,	Kimberley,	C.O.S.	30	4	14 0	19 6	1 13 6	
D. F. Tarr,	Port E'beth,	C.O.L.		61	15 5 0		15 5 0	4 15 0
J. D. le Riche,	Senekal,	Misc.	50		78 10 0		78 10 0	12 0
Totals,	Agents, 3		80	65	£94 9 0	19 6	£95 8 6	£5 7 0

*Text-Book:* "History of the Sabbath-School Work," pages 15-18.

1. How many conferences are represented in the first statistical Sabbath-school report? How many schools? How many members?

2. What prominence was given to Sabbath-schools during the summer of 1879? What indicates that thoroughness in lesson study was expected?

3. What important steps were taken in 1882, 1884, and 1885?

4. What significant change of name was made in 1886?

5. What financial policy was inaugurated in 1885-87?

6. Summarise the general progress of the work from 1877 to 1887.

#### Suggestions for Teachers' Meetings.

*First Week:* Study the relationship of the Sabbath-school work to the field; to those not of our faith. Note the cause of many failures in this work.

*Second Week:* Assign the following topics to various teachers, calling for two-minute talks: "Need of a Quick Eye and Ear," "A List of Questions for the Teacher," "What to Do With the Idle Boy," "Value of Reviews."

*Third Week:* Make a comparison between the first statistical Sabbath-school summary and the last one. (See February number of the *Worker*.) Summarise the progress of the Sabbath-school work between the years 1877 and 1887.

*Fourth Week:* Assign beforehand the work of preparing a summary of the month's studies in each book to three teachers; allowing three minutes for each one.

#### Honour Roll.

Previously reported,	£40 11 5
Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Baumann,	1 0 0
Mrs. Laynton,	5 6
Mrs. Sparks,	5 0
Total,	£42 1 11

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### Books Shipped by Carload Lots.

[We take this from the *Pacific Union Recorder*, California, U. S. A.—EDITOR.]

SOMETIME since we made inquiry of the railroad companies as to their carload rate on books. The officials to whom the question was addressed replied, with no little amusement, that there was no such rate, and that they had never heard of books being shipped in carload lots. However, the matter was finally taken up with the State Railroad Commission, who granted a carload rate; and, last week, we received a carload shipment from our factory in Nashville, at a considerable saving in the transportation charges. The car contained eighty cases (boxes), weighing nearly thirteen tons, and yet it lacked 4,380 books of filling our order.

So far as we have been able to ascertain, this is the first carload of books ever shipped into Texas.

### Acknowledgment from King George V.

THE Avondale School Press issued special memorial numbers of their three island papers following King Edward's death, each containing photographs of the late King and of King George V. "Copies of these papers were sent to the King, accompanied by a letter stating that they were published by Seventh-day Adventists, and explaining the principles advocated in their columns. The nearness of the second coming of Christ was mentioned as being the leading message taught.

A reply has now been received by the Avondale School Press, from the King's private secretary, at Buckingham Palace, acknowledging receipt

of the letter and papers, and conveying by command his Majesty's thanks."

### Notes.

—A FEW more such donations as are reported in the honour roll this week, will be very thankfully received.

—All matter for the MISSIONARY should reach the editor by Monday of each week to insure its insertion the same week after received.

—Elder W. H. Anderson reports that their new canner for canning fruit is on the way to the mission. They are building a new brick house for its reception.

—Sister M. E. Robertson, of the Johannesburg Mission, is taking a much needed vacation. She is visiting at the home of Sister A. P. Tarr, Tweespruit, O. F. S.

—Brother H. Howard of Cape Town lies in the hospital seriously ill after a critical operation. Let us not forget to remember Brother Howard at the throne of grace.

—Brother and Sister E. van der Molen are reaping some fruit of their labour soon after the sowing. Two ladies are keeping the Sabbath where they have placed books on going over the ground the first time.

—The school at the Kolo Mission is still on the increase. It now numbers fifty day students, and fifteen night students. Pastor Emmerson is much pleased to have Bombi with him, as he is a faithful and trusty boy.

—Brother G. H. Clark, our missionary agent, arrived at the Cape the morning of September 29th. As his stay will be an extended one, he desires that all mail be sent to him here, directing to "Wynnton," Selous Road, Claremont.

—Those who have not received and read the last issue of the *South African Signs* have missed a treat; and those who are not engaging in its circulation are missing a rare opportunity. Since the Johannesburg

Mission received its shipment and examined it, they have wired for an extra thousand. There is a prospect of having to print another edition. If you have not your order in, better see to it at once.

—Pastor O. A. Olsen reports through the *Australian Record* that they were establishing a foreign city mission training school in New York City. In this school no English-speaking worker would be admitted, but it would be wholly confined to foreigners; especially to the Italians, Bohemians, Slovaks, and Hungarians. This is the first such training school to be established among us. How rapidly the Lord is preparing to cut short His work in the earth. It behooves us to be awake lest we fall behind.

—Brother J. R. Campbell, of the Barotseland Mission, left the station some days ago for Grahamstown and vicinity where he will spend a few weeks' vacation. His wife will join him there, leaving Claremont where she and their little daughter have been since the middle of April last. Both are in excellent health. Brother Campbell is also reported in better health than for some time. He left the station on foot intending to walk as far as Livingstone, a little less than two hundred miles, with the expectation of pegging out some more new out-schools for the Barotseland Mission. Our loyal African missionaries are always willing to sacrifice their own pleasure in the interests of the Master's work.

### Notice.

TESTIMONIES for the church, No. IX has now been received by the office at Cape Town, and all who have not this book should make haste to get it, as it contains much that is of importance to us as a people at this time.

WHEN one task is finished, jump into another,  
Don't hesitate, don't falter, don't waver,  
Don't wait. —System.