

THE CLAREMONT SANITARIUM.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.

IN the year 1893 several members of the South African Conference visited the Sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich., and became so interested in the great work it was doing that they determined to establish a similar institution in Cape Colony.

The sum of \$25,000 was donated by these brethren to create a fund for the medical missionary and benevolent work. On their return to South Africa an organization was completed, to be known as a branch of the American Seventh-day Adventist Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association. Some three thousand dollars more was donated to this fund later.

The first work of the Association was to erect an orphanage building at a cost of about nine thousand dollars. Twenty different children have had the privileges of this home during the past two years.

Bath-rooms were next opened in Cape Town, and carried on at quite an expense, but this kind of work was considered a good means of getting the principles of rational treatment for the sick before the people. Three trained nurses were sent from America to help in this work.

In 1894 some \$17,000 was invested in land near Claremont, a suburb of Cape Town, to furnish a suitable site for a sanitarium building. This building, which was erected at a cost of nearly \$50,000, was dedicated and formally opened early in January, 1897. It contains fifty-one rooms, and is fitted up with all the latest facilities for treating the sick. A steam laundry and a bakery are connected with it. The location is an exceptionally fine one, commanding a slightly view of the open country around, and from the tower a view of Table Bay and the shipping. It is about a mile from Claremont station.

Most of the money invested in the Claremont Sanitarium and the Orphanage was contributed by Mrs. J. J. Wessels and mem-

bers of her family. Considerable sums were also contributed by Fred Reed and others.

Dr. R. S. Anthony, the first physician to enter the employ of the Association in South Africa, began work in Cape Town in March, 1896.

By recommendation of the Medical Missionary Board, Dr. Kate Lindsay, of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, has recently gone to South Africa to connect with the institution there for a time. Her long experience at Battle Creek will doubtless be of much service in this new enterprise.

Two physicians, twelve trained nurses, and fifteen employees are now at work in connection with the institution.

A Training-School for Nurses was organized in November, 1896, the rules, regulations, course of study, etc., being the same as those of the Battle Creek Sanitarium Training-School.

A part of the land purchased was afterward sold for some \$35,000, thus giving means to purchase property in Cape Town, where a branch work is being carried on in connection with the Claremont Sanitarium.

The property now owned by the South African branch of the Association is valued at \$87,660. The sanitarium opens with a debt of not more than \$20,000, which it is hoped may be soon canceled through the generosity of the friends of the institution.

Summary.

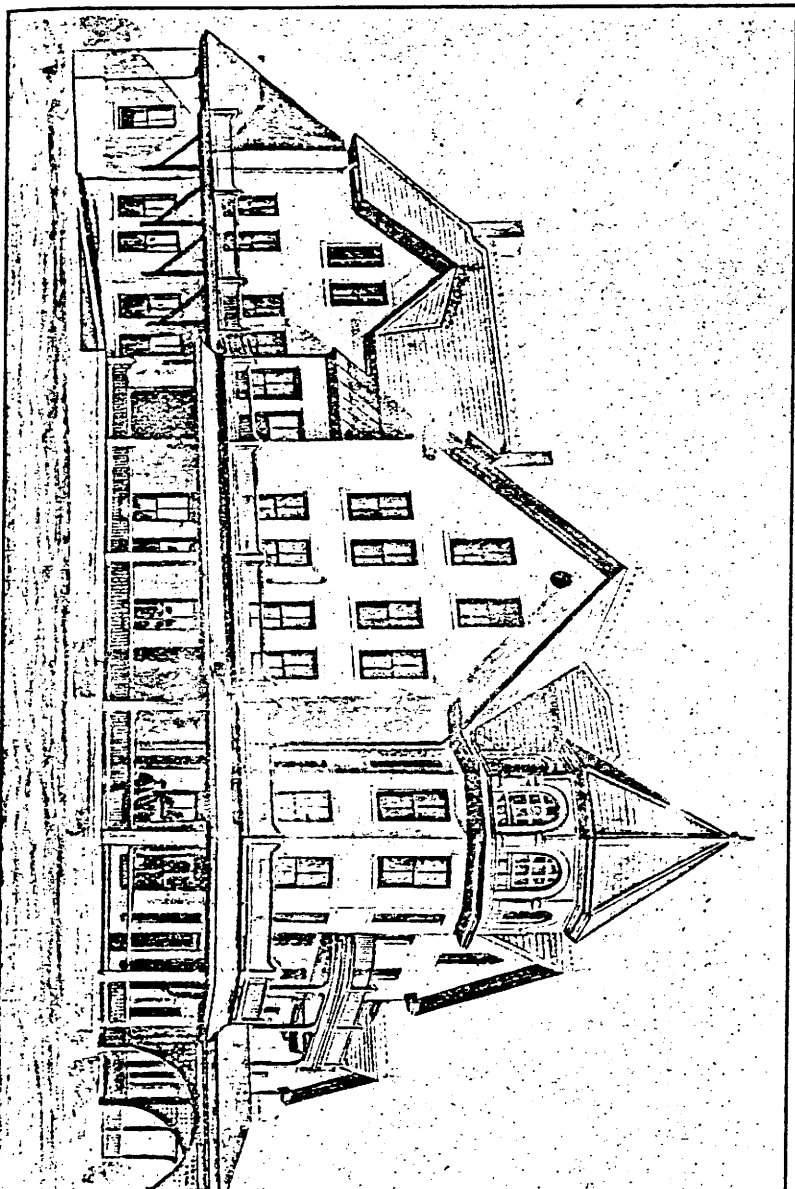
Dr. Anthony's report for the past eight months is as follows:—

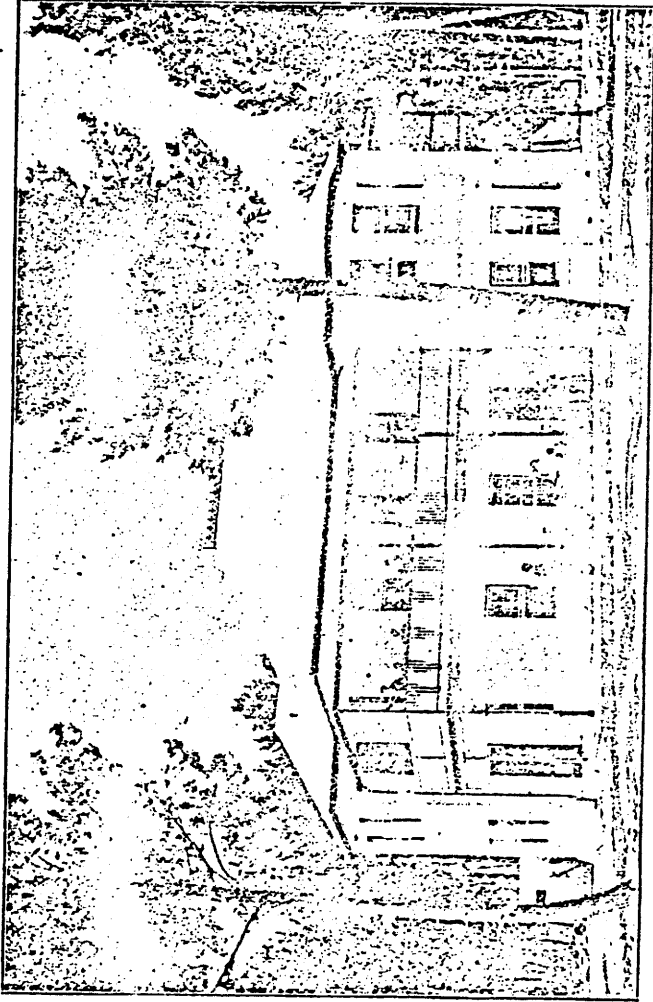
Professional visits in the city.....	1798
Office cases.....	480
Charity cases.....	349
Partial charity.....	245

[Just as this report is going to press, the mail brings us the gratifying information that the Claremont Sanitarium was formally opened January 12, with every room occupied. The patronage has grown to such an extent that it has been found necessary to rent adjacent buildings to accommodate the rapidly increasing family.]

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