



# The African Division OUTLOOK



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

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## The Big Week Plan is Working

PRACTICALLY every post received these days is bringing encouraging words and reports from the field regarding Big Week, May 7-13. This campaign is surely going to be a great success, for all the workers from whom we have heard are lining up to present a strong front during this special week.

The list shown on this page of the OUTLOOK of those who have notified us that they are in the plan, has grown considerably since the last issue. The following have been added: Natal-Transvaal Conference, Orange Free State Conference, Bechuana Mission Field, Zulu Mission Field, Basuto Mission Field, Port Elizabeth Church, Pastor W. H. Anderson, and Dr. A. Kretchmar. We trust this list will be entirely complete by the next issue of the OUTLOOK, including every church and company of workers in our ranks throughout South Africa.

"The great and wonderful work of the last gospel message is to be carried on now as it has never been before. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand. I am bidden to say to our publishing houses, Lift up the standard; lift it up higher. Proclaim the third angel's message, that it may be heard by all the world. Let it be seen that 'here are they that keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.' Let our literature give the divine message as a witness to all the world.

"We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well-prepared literature. Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the isle of Patmos. Let every human intelligence who professes the

name of Christ testify, The end of all things is at hand; prepare to meet thy God.

"Our publications should go everywhere. Let them be issued in every language. The third angel's message is to be given through this medium and through the living teacher. You who believe the truth for this time, wake up. It is our duty now to bring in all the means possible to help those who understand the truth to proclaim it. Part of the money that comes in from the sale of our publications should be used to increase our facilities for the production of more literature that will open blind eyes and break up the fallow ground of the heart. . . .

"The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls. Satan is at work to deceive the very elect, and now is our time to work with vigilance. Our books and papers are to be brought before the notice of the people. Without delay the gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities. Shall we not arouse to our duties? All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers, are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. They are the Lord's messengers, giving to multitudes . . . the glad tidings of salvation. . . .

"God has placed at the command of His people advantages in the press, which, combined with the other agencies, will be successful in extending the knowledge of the truth. Tracts, papers, and books, as the case demands, should be circulated in all the cities and villages in the land. Here is missionary work for all to engage in."—"*Annual for Canvassers*," pp. 73-76.

It is to enable the publishing house here in South Africa to do the very thing that is here mentioned, that this special effort is planned. The proceeds from this Big Week are to go towards building up our own publishing work here, that we may more effectually carry on this great work.

J. G. SLATE.

### Join the Ranks

Sentinel Publishing Company.  
General Conference (African Division) Offices.  
South African Union Conference Offices.  
Claremont Church.  
Cape Sanitarium.  
Cape Conference Offices.  
Port Elizabeth Church.  
Natal-Transvaal Conference.  
Orange Free State Conference  
Bechuana Mission Field.  
Basuto Mission Field.  
Zulu Mission Field.  
Pastor W. H. Anderson.  
Dr. A. Kretchmar.

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## ORANGE FREE STATE CONFERENCE

OFFICE: 106 Kellner St., Bloemfontein, O. F. S.

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### "Big Week" in the O. F. S. Conference

MAY 7 to 13 is the time set for Big Week. Some of the native brethren have requested that they be allowed to commence their Big Week April 30, because this being the end of the month people have more money. Where this plan meets with approval there will be no objection to following it.

I do not think it is necessary that I should explain the object of the Big Week, for I believe all our people are acquainted with the plan. During my recent trip through the Basutoland Field the subject was thoroughly discussed, and plans were laid for our native brethren to proceed with the campaign when the time comes. All the brethren fell in with the plans that were laid, and seemed anxious to do their very best in order to reach the goal. The books in the native languages that we decided to use in the campaign were ordered, and I trust that everyone will have his books when the time arrives for him to start. Doubtless the campaign will be a big success if everyone who can will enlist for field work, and those who are not able to do this will donate the wage or proceeds of one day out of the Big Week to the publishing house.

We shall be pleased to hear from all our people in the Free State and in Basutoland as to their willingness to join us in the Big Week campaign. Remember we are prepared to do all we can to help you.

J. N. DE BEER.



### A Feast of Good Things

THE Paul Roux-Senekal church sends greetings.

At the beginning of this year the Paul Roux and Senekal churches were united. Quarterly meeting was held March 25.

We were very glad when on Friday the 24th Brother Dumini and family, and Brother Venter arrived. Friday evening we had a very good meeting. Brother Venter showed us how much love there should be amongst the brethren, and we are glad to say that all through the meeting the spirit of love reigned. With the exception of the little children, twenty-two were present.

We were strengthened again early Sabbath morning by a prayer and testimony meeting.

Sabbath school was much enjoyed, after which Brother Venter conducted a very stirring meeting. We indeed realised that Christ came very near to us. After meeting a baptismal service was held, when our young Sister Dumini was baptised. Thirteen took part in the communion service in the afternoon.

Brother Dumini conducted the evening service, and

by the testimonies given we could see how all had been blessed.

In our business meeting on Sunday morning it was voted and carried that Brother and Sister Dumini belong to the Paul Roux-Senekal church. We are very grateful for their kind help in providing the materials wanted for our communion service. We were sorry when the time for separation came.

We were glad to have Sister Shone with us Monday evening and Tuesday morning. She made a very hurried call, but she gave two stirring talks which we greatly appreciated. May the time soon come when there will be no more partings. We look forward to the time when one of our leading brethren may visit this little company of believers again.

SECRETARY, PAUL ROUX-SENEKAL CHURCH.

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## NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

Stranack Street, Maritzburg, Natal

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### Plans for the Big Week in the Natal Transvaal Company

PLANS for the Big Week are well in hand in the Natal-Transvaal Conference, and we are hoping, planning, and praying that May 7-13 will be the biggest week so far as book sales are concerned in the history of the work in this field. The conference is planning that all of the workers will be free during this week to take part in the campaign. It is also hoped that all of our church members will co-operate in making this Big Week in Africa a real success. Our regular colporteurs are all very enthusiastic, and will, we feel sure, strain every nerve to make this a big week indeed.

Possibly some of our church members do not yet fully understand the plan, but this will all be made clear by the officers in the respective churches before the campaign begins, and arrangements will be made regarding the books to be sold and the territory to be worked.

The Big Week is, without doubt, one of the finest enterprises ever launched by the denomination. It is what might well be called a mutual benefit plan. In the first place, provision is made for every worker and church member in the various conferences to spend a full week selling our truth filled literature. This will not only be the means of placing thousands of pages of good reading matter in the homes of the people in Africa, but will materially help in providing funds that are urgently needed for the upbuilding of our publishing work in this most needy field. And last, but perhaps not least, it will bring financial help, and real blessings to all who take part.

The plan does not call for any great sacrifice on the part of anyone, but merely that *all* devote the whole of their time during that special week to the sale of literature, and that the profits of the largest day's

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# THE BIG WEEK PLAN IS WORKING

Are you planning definitely on working the plan?

sales be consecrated to the publishing house in South Africa. If all of our people will respond, by taking part in some way, either by selling literature or donating their wage or proceeds of one day during the week that has been set apart for this purpose, it will mean much to the advancement of this most important branch of the Lord's work in this field.

Owing to the nature of the business in which some of our members are engaged, it may not be possible for them to spend the time suggested in the sale of literature, but one brother who is thus situated has promised to donate an amount equal to the largest day's sales made by any colporteur in the field. This is surely the true missionary spirit, and no doubt there are others similarly situated who would be glad to help in this way.

For many years our little printing plant at Kenilworth has been turning out some small literature in Dutch, English and some of the native languages, but the time has surely come when we must plan for greater things. Our field at the present time is in desperate need of several large subscription books in the Dutch language. Through the liberality of the brethren of the Review and Herald territory in America, funds have come to this field which have made it possible to purchase and partly equip the new publishing house. Yet the plant, as it now stands, is inadequate for the needs of the growing work. In faith we look forward to the time when the Sentinel Publishing Company will compare with the publishing houses in other parts of the world in the production of large subscription books. These are needed in both the Dutch and English languages, in addition to a multitude of other literature in the vernacular. In the book of Job, chapter 8, and verse 7, we read: "Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should be greatly increased." This text might well be applied to the publishing work in Africa. The beginning was indeed small, and for many years it has remained small, but the time has come when it must "be greatly increased." We feel confident that all of our members throughout this great field will respond to the invitation of the General Conference to take part in the Big Week in one or other of the ways suggested. G. S. JOSEPH.



## Natal-Transvaal Conference Session

JANUARY 30 TO FEBRUARY 5

THE fifteenth session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference was held at Standerton, January 30 to February 5.

### DELEGATES

In harmony with the revised constitution, the following delegates were seated representing churches in the conference:

*Delegates at large.*—W. H. Branson, B. E. Beddoe, J. J. Birkenstock, W. B. Commin, G. C. Jenks, Mrs. A. P. Tarr.

*Conference church.*—M. C. Sturdevant, Mrs. Sturdevant, A. Blennerhassett, Mrs. Blennerhassett, J. C. Marais, T. G. Crouch, G. van de Merwe.

*Durban church.*—J. C. Rogers, Dr. E. W. Ingle, E. A. Ingle, A. N. Ingle, R. Morton, John Blaine.

*Ermelo church.*—S. G. Hiten, Mrs. Hiten, C. van

de Merwe, F. N. Breytenbach.

*Johannesburg church.*—M. W. Carey, H. S. Beckner, Mrs. Beckner, G. T. Pratt, Mrs. Pratt, Miss C. A. Dixie, Miss M. J. Dixie, Mrs. McCraw, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Lombard, Miss E. Edie, Mrs. T. Staples, M. Hegter, V. E. Clack, Mrs. McConnachie.

*Martizburg church.*—C. A. Paap, Mrs. Paap, A. A. Pitt, J. C. Baumann, F. C. Ernst, Mrs. J. J. Birkenstock.

*Pretoria church.*—D. F. Tarr, P. J. Vermaak, Mrs. Vermaak, Mrs. Kruiter, Mrs. Mac Morland, Mrs. Kruger.

*Standerton church.*—P. M. Kotze, M. Hoffman, D. Pienaar, T. P. Louwrens, H. Wessels, G. S. Joseph, Mr. Sates.

*Spion Kop church.*—P. A. Venter, Jr., Mrs. Bender, V. Cooks, P. van de Merwe, Miss V. Harding.

*Vrijheid church.*—C. Birkenstock, W. Birkenstock, F. Pretorius.

The reception of new churches into the conference was an occasion of more than ordinary interest. Two new churches, Vrijheid and Standerton, were presented by Pastors J. J. Birkenstock and S. G. Hiten, and by vote accepted into the conference.

### OFFICERS ELECTED

Officers were elected as follows:

President: J. J. Birkenstock.

Secretary-Treasurer: A. A. Pitt.

Executive Committee: J. J. Birkenstock, C. A. Paap, S. G. Hiten, H. S. Beckner, G. S. Joseph, Dr. E. W. Ingle, J. C. Baumann.

Departmental secretaries: Field Missionary and Home Missionary, G. S. Joseph; Missionary Volunteer, Mrs. E. W. Ingle; Sabbath school, Mrs. A. N. Ingle.

### CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES

Credentials and licenses were voted to workers in the conference as follows:

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS: J. J. Birkenstock, C. A. Paap, M. W. Carey, H. C. Olmstead, S. G. Hiten, D. F. Tarr.

MINISTERIAL LICENSES: G. S. Joseph, J. C. Marais.

MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS: A. A. Pitt, Miss C. A. Dixie.

COLPORTEUR CREDENTIALS: P. J. Vermaak, Miss M. J. Dixie, R. Morton, T. G. Crouch, D. B. Lee, A. S. Pheasant, V. E. Clack, A. Blennerhassett, Miss E. Edie, Mrs. D. Kaspersen, Miss I. Kaspersen, Miss M. Kaspersen, W. A. Kaspersen, W. Smith, F. C. Ernst, Mrs. J. A. Smith, Mrs. M. E. Smith.

### RESOLUTIONS VOTED

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father to show His approval of the work attempted for Him in this conference during the biennial period by adding 203 souls to His church, and WHEREAS, He has poured out upon His people many spiritual blessings, has protected them from many dangers which have surrounded them, and has prospered them materially in a time of depression, therefore

*Resolved,* That we show our gratitude to God by a full surrender to His will and a deeper consecration to His service.

*Voted,* That the conference secretary supply the ministers, workers and church elders with a monthly synopsis of the activities and financial situation of the conference, so that they may be in a position to place before the church members the needs of the work throughout the field.

*Voted,* That Section 2 of Article 5 of the Constitution be altered to read, "The executive committee shall consist of seven

members, four of whom are to be conference workers, to represent various departments, and three laymen. The president of the conference shall be one of the members of this committee."

*Voted*, That the Constitution be so altered that "a quorum consist of four members, including the president and one layman."

*Voted*, That we set a goal of 2/6 per week per member for the year 1922, half of this amount to be raised by the Sabbath school.

*Recommended*, That a ministerial and workers' institute be held in this conference annually, and that such instruction be given that will ensure uniformity of teaching of the fundamental principles of the message, especially with regard to the standard required before the rite of baptism be administered.

*Voted*, That the conference committee take into consideration as early as possible the matter of supplying the Durban church with sufficient help to build up the work in that city.

Since canvassing for our literature is missionary work of the highest order, and is the very best means of getting before the people the truth for this time, therefore

*Resolved*, That we put forth special efforts during the present year to make this the very best year we have experienced in this department of our work, and further that in order that this might be brought about, we would urge our conference workers and church officers to keep the importance of this work before our people.

WHEREAS, The publishing work throughout the world has materially benefitted as the result of the Big Week held last year, and

WHEREAS, The publishing houses are still in great need of more funds for the carrying on of the great work God has established them for, therefore

*Resolved*, That we endorse the plan of the South African Union Conference to join with other parts of the world in the Big Week this year, and that we plan that every worker, as well as layman, spend this week in the field with our publications, selling all they possibly can, and donating the profits of the biggest day's sales to the Sentinel Publishing Company, to assist them in more fully developing the publishing work in this great Division.

*Voted*, That we reaffirm the action taken by the conference committee at Johannesburg in January 1921, that this conference and all conference institutions conduct their financial affairs on a cash basis, that the following clause be added: "That all church members be required to obtain their supplies through their church missionary secretary, and not order directly from the tract society office. That the church missionary secretary in taking orders from church members adhere strictly to the cash policy. That the church missionary secretary remit to the tract society office payment with orders."

The committee viewed with grave alarm the present widespread and deplorable lack of the practice of health reform among our workers and members. "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, p. 112 states "The work of health reform is the Lord's means of lessening suffering in our world and for purifying His church." Page 156 states, "Those who are in a position where it is possible to secure a vegetarian diet, but who choose to follow their own preference in this matter, eating and drinking as they please, will gradually grow careless of the instructions the Lord has given regarding other phases of present truth and will lose their preception of what is truth. He who is thoroughly converted will abandon every injurious habit and appetite." In view of the above and innumerable other equally grave warnings from the spirit of prophecy,

*Resolved*, That our leaders be called upon to inaugurate a strong educational effort along these lines to bring our people up to a higher standard, and to remove one important impediment to the free outpouring of the so much needed latter rain.

*Voted*, That the executive committee take into consideration the advisability of disposing of the Woodhouse Street property at Maritzburg.

*Voted*, That this conference heartily accepts the Union Conference resolution that the third Sabbath of each month be used as Foreign Missions' Day in our churches.

*Voted*, That in view of the urgent need of suitable Sabbath school lessons for our young people, this conference urge the South African Union Conference to obtain the "Junior and Kindergarten Lesson Pamphlets" as prepared by the General Conference.

Inasmuch as the Missionary Volunteer Department meets an urgent need in assisting to save our young people, and

WHEREAS, It is earnestly desired that all our youth and children be encouraged to connect with this department,

*Resolved*, That all our church officers and all parents foster and assist the Missionary Volunteer work throughout this conference.

*Voted*, That the conference committee give due consideration to any applications from workers for conveyances to assist them in their work, and that the conference supply as soon as possible at least two outfits for aggressive country colporteur work.

*Voted*, That all our people be encouraged to give their children a Christian education in our denominational schools, thus preparing them to fill the many calls for workers in the African fields.

*Voted*, That travelling workers in any and all departments consider themselves links between the isolated members in their sphere of labour and the conference Sabbath school secretary.

*Voted*, That the executive committee shall nominate the standing committees of the conference sessions and these committees shall be nominated to, and elected by, the delegates in session.

*Voted*, That every Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society be furnished with a copy of the *Church Officers' Gazette* at the expense of the church.

*Voted*, That a minister visit the isolated members so as to give them an opportunity of partaking of the Ordinances at least once a year, and that Potchefstroom have first consideration.

*Voted*, That as far as possible the local conference session be held before the South African Union Conference session, so as to enable the local conference to appoint delegates to the South African Union Conference.



## Work at Hlobane

In response to the kind invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Haupt, I arrived here on the first of last November, to help them in the work of the sanitarium which they were about to start here on the beautiful farm of Hlobane. I was very pleased to find considerable pastoral work also awaiting me. I had to start a baptismal class at once, and, on the last Sabbath in January, had the privilege of burying five precious souls with their Lord in baptism. There are a few more waiting to go through this solemn rite in the near future. The same afternoon we celebrated the Lord's supper. At both these services we all enjoyed much of the blessing of God.

The Harvest Ingathering of the little church here last year amounted to £39-0-0; and tithes and offerings to £544-0-0. I am glad to be able to report that our members all love God's great saving message for today, and are enjoying a good Christian experience. We have not yet had the formal opening of our little sanitarium, but our Heavenly Father is sending us a few patients already, and is blessing our work for Him in this line. For this we feel very grateful and wish to consecrate our lives fully to Him.

D. H. GROENEWALD.



## Maritzburg

SINCE our last report from this city, the camp-meeting at Standerton has come and gone. In the meantime we have, on one occasion, baptised fourteen adults, and on another occasion, one. On a third occasion all preparations were made for the baptism of another adult, but owing to the illness of the writer the ordinance had to be postponed.

Immediately upon our return from Standerton, steps were taken to open a mission in the Ladysmith Town Hall. The hall was secured for a term of some months, three nights each week. Our cards and posters were all printed, and we were ready to begin on

March 5, but a sudden attack of influenza put me to bed with a serious illness for two weeks.

At the time of writing I am up and about again, but in no physical condition for active service. The doctor orders me to take a complete rest and change from this climate, and the conference committee has graciously voted me a furlough. We are therefore going to Bechuanaland to spend the time among our people who first accepted the truth when we came to Africa. We hope and plan when our energies are restored to return later on to assist in an effort in Ladysmith. We trust the Lord will go before us, and prepare hearts to receive the truth that the labours which our mission family will put forth may not be in vain.

C. A. AND M. E. PAAP.

### Wedding Bells

A QUIET, but very pretty, wedding was solemnised in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Sweetwaters, on March 15, when Lewis Albert Hertogs was united in holy matrimony to Miss Dorothe Dixie Bulgin.

Mr. Hertogs has been a canvasser in the Natal-Transvaal Conference, and the bride, an old student of the Spion Kop College, has been teaching the Maritzburg church school.

The ceremony was performed by the writer, assisted by Pastor C. A. Paap. The church was artistically decorated with flowers and ferns, and was well filled with the friends and wellwishers of the bride and bridegroom. As the bride, supported by Mr. A. A. Pitt, entered the church, the congregation sang the beautiful hymn "When There's Love at Home," Miss Rosie Hyatt officiating at the organ. After the signing of the register the party left, to the sweet strains of the wedding march, for the home of the bridegroom's parents where a reception was held, and congratulations received. Refreshments were served on the spacious verandah, after which the happy couple left by the 5 P. M. train for Durban.

May the Lord bless them and give them many souls for their hire is our sincere wish.

I. B. BURTON.

## CAPE CONFERENCE

OFFICE ADDRESS: 56 Roeland Street, Cape Town

### More About Big Week

THIS Big Week is designed primarily as a great week for selling our literature, all who can do so being invited to take part in the campaign.

The employees of our publishing house have agreed that this shall be a Big Week in the production of literature. Their wages for the best day of the week will be consecrated to the Sentinel Publishing House enterprise. Workers of other institutions and all our people who are so situated as to be unable to join in the field work, are invited by the General Conference to donate to this enterprise the wage or proceeds of one day out of the Big Week. If all our people in South Africa will enter into this plan with whole-hearted devotion, it will prove a great blessing to our publishing work in this field.

We are told by the spirit of prophecy in "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 7, page 169, that "a far greater effort should be made to extend the circulation of our literature in all parts of the world. The warning must be given in all lands and to all peoples." Again we read in Vol. 9, p. 117, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to

the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelising ministry of the word in our books and periodicals. Let us now by the wide use of periodicals and books preach the word with determined energy. The third angel's message is to be given through this medium and through the living teacher."

May the Lord help us to do our part the coming Big Week.

ALBERT PRIEST.

### On Tour in the Cape Conference Territory

ACCORDING to appointment, Brother Thompson and the writer arrived at Aberdeen on Tuesday, March 14, and were very cordially received into the home of Brother and Sister Henning.

This brother and sister are the only baptised Seventh-day Adventists in Aberdeen, but since their removal to these parts a few years ago, they have been letting their light shine. Their persistent home missionary activities have borne fruit, for in our meetings were five or six men and women who are now rejoicing with us in this blessed hope and present truth. One family came a distance of forty miles, and another drove twenty-eight miles, to meet with us in these services.

It was encouraging to see these souls hungering for more light and truth, and we were kept busy, day and night, holding services and answering questions. It is hoped that on our next visit to this place there will be seven or eight persons to be baptised. Pledges were received for a further 100 copies of *De Wachter* to be posted out from July to December of this year.

Graaff-Reinet was our next stop. We had heard of a company of men and women who were keeping the Sabbath, but who needed to know more of the truth, not being acquainted with the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists. After considerable searching we found this company, composed of about eight or ten adults, truly keeping the Sabbath, and they have been doing so for about eight years. We found them to be cordial and earnest, and we were pleased to meet and talk with them. The leader accepted our offer to send them Sabbath school quarterlies in Dutch, and we trust that they will accept other literature which we are planning to send them. We told them how the third angel's message developed, and how we are learning of little companies in various places, who are learning of the Sabbath truth without the aid of human teachers. This was shown them to be evidence that God Himself is in this message and doing the work. Their hearts were cheered when we told them of the thousands in all parts of the world who are worshipping God on the Sabbath, even as they do. They were glad to learn that a company of Sabbath-keepers lived in their district. Brother Henning has promised to visit this company as soon as possible. Let us pray that they will accept all the truth, and unite their strength with ours in giving this last call to Africa.

At Port Elizabeth, we were pleased to again meet with the brethren who are looking forward with much joy to the proposed evangelistic effort, which is planned

to be held by Elder MacNeil and his Union Conference Evangelistic Corps. The members in Port Elizabeth all pledged themselves to do their part in the Big Week and Harvest Ingathering campaigns.

It was our privilege to meet with the Grahamstown church, March 28 to 30. While some are away on a holiday, we were glad to meet in counsel with those remaining. All are of good courage, and planning to have a real part in the campaigns for home missionary work as planned throughout the field. Last year this church did very well in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and will, we are sure, more than duplicate it this year.

From Grahamsown Brother Thompson leaves to go to Spión Kop, while Brother Priest and I go on to our advertised appointments.

GEO. R. E. McNAY.

## SO. AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

OFFICE ADDRESS: *Rosmead Avenue, Kenilworth, C. P.*

### Bechuana Mission Field

AT the close of the Bookmen's Convention at the Cape, I came directly into this field to take up the work that was assigned me at the Bloemfontein meeting. So far, wherever I have been, I have found many encouraging omens. We visited a small company of Sabbath keepers living about eighteen miles to the west of Border Siding. There has never been anything done at this place to build up the work, but the truth reached them through a native who had worked in Kimberley for our late Brother Willson. While we were there a son of this brother decided to cast in his lot with us. This young man is well educated, being a certificated teacher.

I made a short visit to Mafeking which is the headquarters of our work in this field. I found the work prospering in every way. The school is doing nicely, and has about eighty students. Sister Anderson is doing a remarkable work for the natives along medical lines, and at the same time she is doing Bible work as well. Dr. Kretchmar arrived at the same time as I did, and he is hard at work for this people. He has secured a very promising place in which to locate the dispensary. We believe that the "right arm" of this message will be a great help to us.

From Mafeking I came to Taungs and pitched the tent, starting meetings for the natives. Opposition has been strong. A native minister with his son who has just finished his training with the London Missionary Society has accepted the truth. Besides these, an evangelist who has been preaching for this same Society for seventeen years, has also decided to unite with us in giving this message. Not only so, but the village teacher is now keeping the Sabbath, and other teachers are deeply interested.

The attendance at our meetings has ranged from 40 to 150. At the close of each sermon we review the subject, using the lantern and slides. Daily we have a Bible class for the training of these native brethren in giving the message. Two of them gave sermons in the tent last week, and we hope that they will soon be able to run tent meetings by themselves. We also

have a small baptismal class which meets daily. In this way we are kept quite busy. We rejoice that God has counted us worthy to act a part in this blessed work of giving the last message to this people. If ever I needed the prayers of my brethren and sisters in Africa, I feel it is now.

W. S. HYATT.

## ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

*P. O. Box 573, Bulawayo, Rhodesia*

### Good News from the Congo

No doubt most of our readers are interested in the work that is being carried forward in the Congo. When Brother and Sister Robinson first started their work in this section they found it very difficult to get any response whatever from the natives. Day after day they laboured on, and James, the teacher they took up with them, daily went over to the village to preach.

They almost began to think their labours were in vain, but we can, to some extent, imagine the joy that came to their hearts when a few weeks ago five natives responded by rising to a call made to all who wanted to become Christians. Four of these boys had been under the mission influence, but one was a newcomer. Perhaps a few words regarding this newcomer would be of interest.

Many years ago a native tribe from near the Portuguese West country came over on a raid to the district where our Songa Mission is now located, and took back a number of slaves to the country bordering on Angola, North West Rhodesia and the Congo. Dr. Fischer operates the Kaleni Hill Mission at this point in connection with the Plymouth Brethren. Four of these captives, two men and two women, were brought up under the influence of this mission and in later years married, the father and eldest son being trained as teachers.

A little while ago, these two families had a great desire to return to their home country, and last December the one family arrived at the Songa Mission with a note from the superintendent of this Kaleni Hill Mission, addressed to our friends in the Congo, asking them to befriend this family. The family was favourably impressed with our mission and went back to fetch the brother and his family. The party then consisted of three married couples, one grown son and daughter, and seven small children. Their homes are within twenty miles of the Songa Mission.

The older members of this family were originally sold as slaves. They are supposed to be the children of old Kasonganyemba, who made a practice of selling off his sons as they grew up, for fear they would kill him and usurp the chieftainship. One of the men was exchanged for a young woman.

In a letter Brother Robinson says: "Just now they are singing hymns down at their house, and it does us good to hear them. We have been needing just such Christian families to settle here, and we hope the mission work will take on a new aspect. I have commenced giving them Bible studies, and hope soon to be able to send them out into the villages. It seems providential that these people should have been sold and taken so far away, become Christians, and then

return to teach the truth to their people. It reminds one of Joseph, does it not?"

Let us unitedly pray for the work in the Congo. I am sure the Lord has others already trained to help give the message in this country.

E. M. HOWARD.



### What is Being Done at Rusangu

SOME people have the mistaken idea that natives cannot be entrusted with any responsibility, and that the white man must stand by and supervise, often taking a hand in order to get any work out of them. A visit to Rusangu mission would be an "eye-opener" to such. Rusangu Mission students would make and harvest a crop with no other instruction than to be told when, and where to plant. This year they asked for permission to begin plowing very early in the morning as it was easier on the oxen. Permission being granted, they were heard at 2 A. M. busy at their work; and so every morning long before day they plodded away until over two hundred acres were planted. Today, while all about us crops have failed, we have more than an ample supply of food in sight for the present year.

The Rusangu Mission school has an attendance of one hundred students, including those who attend from the outside. These are not composed of little boys who have left home for a lark, or to get out of herding cattle, but the great majority of them are bright, earnest, promising young men. Twenty-five of these are baptised Christians, while fifty of them are in the baptismal class. For the last few months this class has averaged one new member per week. They meet every Sabbath. The lesson is prepared during the week, when each one memorises a verse of Scripture on the same subject. In reciting, the questions are asked, and they respond by quoting the Scripture. Our aim is: "Every boy on the mission a Christian."

The Friday night service is always an interesting one. In the testimony service no time is wasted. Often a half dozen will be on their feet at once. Their testimonies reveal a real live Christian experience. There is a class of twenty young men preparing for the ministry. They meet Sabbath afternoons and spend a profitable hour in studying the topical subjects of the message. Outlines are made, and copied by each; from time to time they are given opportunity to speak. Most of them show signs of developing into good strong workers. We hope that many of these will help in meeting the crying need for native evangelists in this locality.

WALTER W. WALKER.

(To be continued in the next issue)

## Report of Literature Sales for February

### Natal-Transvaal

NAME	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL'D
A. Blennerhassett	B.R.	89	43	52 15 0	1 13 0	54 8 0	
P. J. Vermaak	P.G.	79	21	16 15 0	4 0	16 19 0	53 16 6
M. J. Dixie	B.R.	29	6	10 19 0		10 19 0	7 0 0
V. E. Clack	H.H.	33	6	1 10 0	10 0	2 0 0	
A. S. Pheasant	B.R.	36	7	9 2 6		9 2 6	
R. Morton	P.G.	23	5	5 12 6	7 0	5 19 6	4 15 0
Mrs. Landesman	P.G.	36	1	1 2 6		1 2 6	
T. G. Crouch		49		39 0 0		39 0 0	
Agents, 8		374	89	136 16 6	2 14 0	139 10 6	65 11 6

### Cape

A. Renou	P.P.F.	66	23	39 13 6		39 13 6	
Miss E. M. Bush	P.P.F.	50	14	9 17 6		9 17 6	
Subs.			29	7 9 2		7 9 2	7 9 2
Helps			36	4 15 7		4 15 7	4 15 7
Magazine Sales			597	48 11 11		48 11 11	48 11 11
Agents, 2		116	699	110 7 8		110 7 8	60 16 8

### Union Conference Mission

Kafirland		84	20	3 14 6		3 14 6	3 14 6
Zululand		478	90	16 12 0	14 0	17 6 0	16 12 0
Basutoland							
Bechuanaland		30	7	1 2 6		1 2 6	1 2 6
Transvaal		52	16	3 12 6	18 6	4 11 0	3 12 6
Total		644	133	25 1 6	1 12 6	26 14 0	25 1 6
Grand Total, All Agents	10	1134	921	272 5 8	4 6 6	276 12 2	151 9 8

## Obituary

ADELINE EMMA BLANCHE WYKEHAM was born overseas in 1861, and passed away at the Cape Sanitarium, Plumstead, on the 2nd of April, 1922.

She was the daughter of James and Emma Wykeham, and spent her childhood in England with her parents and brother. At the age of twelve years she came to Africa, and has regarded this country as her home ever since. Sister Wykeham was formerly a member of the Church of England, but in the year 1914, while living in Cape Town, she heard the message of present truth, and after thorough investigation, gladly accepted it. She was baptised a year later by Elder D. F. Tarr in Durban. Since then her life has been consistent with the principles she espoused. The third angel's message has been near to her heart, and she has laboured faithfully to bring its light to others, circulating many tracts, papers and books. She will be longest remembered, however, for her deep sympathy with the poor and afflicted. This sympathy she expressed not only in words of comfort, but in many practical ways. A large portion of her means has been devoted to the relief of distress, and to the education in our own schools of needy young people.

About eighteen months ago her health began to fail, but with little thought of herself, she continued her labours of love. Last November an operation became necessary, and serious conditions were revealed. Two later operations were performed in the hope of saving her life; but God willed otherwise. Her last months were spent at the Cape Sanitarium, where all was done that medical science and skilful care could do.

Our sympathies go out to Sister Phillips, her faithful friend and relative, who is now left alone.

We believe it will be a very short time until we meet our sister again.

O. K. BUTLER.

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### General News Notes

MISS MOCKE, of the Cape Conference office, has lately returned to work after taking a much needed holiday.

MRS. W. H. HURLLOW and baby boy left the Cape, March 30, to join Mr. Hurlow at Port Elizabeth.

MRS. J. W. MACNEIL, who had planned to leave the same time, has been detained at the Cape Sanitarium on account of little Marian's being ill.

MISS RUBY VISSER, who has been spending a time visiting her many friends at the Cape, left for her home at Ermelo, April 3.



### South African Union Conference Notes

OUR readers will rejoice to know that Brother A. V. Ward is making a rapid recovery after an operation. We hope he may soon be able to take up work again.

BROTHER A. FLOYD TARR has recently been at Mafeking, Johannesburg, Ladysmith, and Maritzburg in his auditing work. He does not plan to return to the office for several weeks.

PASTOR M. W. CAREY reports three persons baptised on a recent Sabbath at Johannesburg. He expects others to follow soon. Our work is moving steadily forward in this, Africa's largest city.

PASTOR B. E. BEDDOE met with the Johannesburg church the first Sabbath in April. While there he met also with the Transvaal Mission Field Committee. From Johannesburg Pastor Beddoe went to Spion Kop, Maritzburg, and Durban.

WE take pleasure in announcing to our people that Miss Daisy Ingle has accepted the invitation of the Union Conference Committee to connect with Dr. Kretchmar in his work in Bechuanaland Protectorate. Miss Ingle is a nurse of experience and will render valuable service.

AT Taungs, Pastor W. S. Hyatt is directing a series of tent meetings for natives. Associated with him in the work are some of our native evangelists. At first the attendance was not large, but later word reports excellent attendance and interest. Dr. A. Kretchmar is spending some time with Brother Hyatt in the work at Taungs.

### Natal-Transvaal Conference News Notes

PASTOR C. A. PAAP who has recently had a severe attack of influenza, is enjoying a month's vacation among friends in Bechuanaland. We are glad to hear of the good progress he is making healthwise.

MISS C. A. DIXIE arrived in Maritzburg this week to follow up the interest left by Pastor Paap. We are glad to have Sister Dixie with us, and feel sure that her experience as Bible worker will be a blessing to those interested.

PASTOR H. C. OLMSTEAD has started house to house work in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg, and reports a good interest among the people. Several homes are open for Bible studies, and we feel sure he will soon see fruit for his labour.

WE are thankful to our heavenly Father for the protection given to His people on the Rand during the recent disturbances. Many passed through trying experiences but have come safely through. To them the promises of Psalm 91 were fulfilled.

THE Durban church is busy scattering the Leaves of Autumn throughout that city. They have recently received 15,000 Autumn Leaves from this office, and hope to have a successful house to house campaign. We wish them every success in this enterprise.

PASTOR D. F. TARR, who recently went to Pretoria to follow up Pastor W. L. Hyatt's work, reports that there is an increasing interest among the people whom he is visiting. He has received an urgent request to hold Sunday night meetings in one of the large halls, and is planning to start meetings there shortly.

OUR canvassers in the Rand area have had a very trying experience during the recent disturbances. It has been impossible for them to sell books, but we are glad to hear that they are of good courage and determined to push the work on and make up for lost time. We are glad to report that some of our canvassers in other parts of the field have done excellent work during the past month. They have sent several good orders to our office. We trust that the Lord will give them a good delivery.



### Then Life Has Been Worth While

If we have tried our level best to do,  
Whatever we thought right  
In joy or sorrow, loss or gain, we feel  
Life's burden is but light.

If we can show one troubled soul the joy  
That always lies in pain,  
Then swiftly to our souls there comes the thought  
That life is not in vain.

If some despondent heart to hope is stirred,  
Some sad lip made to smile  
By any act of ours, or any word,  
Then life has been worth while.

STELLA M. MILNE.