



# The African Division OUTLOOK



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

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## Wishes for the New Year

WHAT shall I wish thee.  
What can be found,  
Bringing thee sunshine  
All the year round?  
Where is the treasure  
Lasting and dear,  
That shall ensure thee  
A Happy New Year?

Faith that increaseth  
Walking in light,  
Hope that aboundeth,  
Happy and bright,  
Love that is perfect,  
Casting out fear,  
These shall ensure thee  
A Happy New Year.

Peace in the Saviour,  
Rest at His feet,  
Smile of His countenance,  
Radiant and sweet,  
Joy in His presence,  
Christ ever near;  
This will ensure thee  
A Happy New Year.  
—F. R. Havegal.

## An Appeal

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS have a commission to go into all the world with God's last message to man, and in harmony with this commission we have for years been sending workers out to the uttermost parts of the earth. Today they are stationed in every continent, and almost every island of the sea, and everywhere they have gone they are having success in rallying men and women to the standard of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. These faithful men and women are now numbered by thousands. They have not sought out the beautiful and healthful places of earth among congenial peoples, but they have gone wherever man is found. Hundreds of them are today living in malarial and fever infested countries, and are there loyally battling against disease and heathenism in their endeavour to fulfil the great commission of the Master to go into all the world and preach the gospel of the kingdom.

But today the work of these men and women, who are our brothers and sisters, is in great danger. During the past two years the income to the mission treasury has decreased instead of increasing as it should have done, and the Mission Board has been forced to cut the appropriations to all fields 28½ per cent for 1923; that is unless the income for missions is increased above what it is at present, the fields will receive, during 1923, 28½ per cent less in appropriations than was received during 1922. This will mean that instead of new recruits joining our force of missionaries during 1923, many will have to leave the field and be sent home.

But such a step as this would be nothing short of a calamity. From its birth the third angel's message has never taken a backward step of this nature, and surely we cannot afford to do so at this late hour.

But what else can be done? There is only one way to avoid this calamity, and that is for our mission offerings to be greatly and immediately increased.

At the recent Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee held in America, at which time the 1923 budgets were passed upon, the following message to the mission fields was adopted and has recently been received at the African Division office:

"In voting this appropriation we recognise the fact that it represents a reduction in the present work of the mission fields of 28½ per cent, and that in the face of such a severe reduction our fields would naturally consider not only greatly reducing the staff of native workers engaged in the service, but the reduction of the foreign missionary staff. Our appropriation is based on present income at the home base. In voting definite estimates of expenditure, we are bound to base those estimates on present income, especially in view of the fact that we have consumed our million dollar surplus the past year in appropriations to the fields.

"However, we ask the fields not to plan at once to send back any missionaries, as our entire home base, conferences, unions and General, are solemnly united heart and soul to seek God and to effect every possible economy in our operations in order to increase funds available for the mission fields. And we believe the brethren and sisters of the entire Advent family will go to their knees as one person to pray God that no missionaries may be compelled to return from fields where souls are being won by the hundreds and the thousands. Hold these foreign missionaries at the task a little longer, dear brethren in the far fields, and give us a little time to see if, as all our people at home rise from prayer to God for help, there will not flow into the treasury this very year sufficient to warrant holding the missionaries in the fields. We believe that God will send deliverance, even in these times of distress of nations through which we are passing, and that the prayers and sacrifices and efforts of the remnant church of God will bring up the mission funds, that the work in the great fields may be kept moving forward. We shall keep the fields informed as to this increase, and we cannot but have firm hope and confidence in God that He will enable His people to make it an assured possibility that these appropriations for 1923 shall be greatly increased.

With the plan set on foot to make up the mission goal, by the help of God, month by month and quarter by quarter, we have high hopes for the mission work in 1923, even though our appropriations here voted are reduced. We believe we shall hear from our brethren and sisters everywhere that we shall be able to restore this 28½ per cent reduction on the mission work you already have in hand.

"By the advice of representatives with us in Council from the great mission fields, we are holding back some workers now under appointment, adding to your forces no further new workers save in certain emergency cases where it seems impossible not to fill in gaps where great loss would come by leaving posts vacant. We know the mission fields will join the home base in effecting every possible economy in this year of shortage, deferring building operations and expenditures that can be deferred, pressing all possible lines of work, as with literature, that will bring income, lifting the local resources, and deferring furloughs one year where this would not represent peril to the life and health of missionaries breaking under the strain. In the home lands we are calling for special united prayer in behalf of our missionaries in the populous and unhealthful regions of earth, where the wife and children and the husband are battling against constant enemies to health and life. Our hearts at the home base are with the great army of missionaries in all the world, and by the help of God and His power to increase our resources, we consecrate our lives anew to standing by the missionary advance which represents our hope of a quick finishing of the work of the third angel's message, and the glad meeting together at Jesus feet."

Our workers in Africa felt so deeply moved over the situation that they have all agreed to personally do all in their power to help relieve the situation, and therefore they joined in a plan to give 5/- per week during 1923 instead of 2/6, and to give at least one week's salary before the close of 1922.

We are practically certain that every worker in Africa will carry out this plan fully, and we take this opportunity of appealing to our brethren and sisters all over this field to join us in this matter. If all our church membership gave one week's salary and 5/- per week per member, it would certainly be a great boon to the depleted mission treasury just now. Word has just come that the workers in America are doing the same and that our laymen there by thousands are joining them in this sacrifice.

Brethren, we simply must not allow our successful missionaries to quit the fields. May God help every Seventh-day Adventist to respond to this appeal at once, and thus help save the cause of God from disgrace.

W. H. BRANSON.

## Questions and Answers About Mission Funds

### BROTHER TREASURER:

I have several questions about mission finances which, if you will answer, I hope may enable me to have a better understanding of the present needs of the Treasury Department in supplying funds to the world-wide fields.

*Ans.*—We shall be glad to answer as far as possible any questions that will give any of our people a better understanding of our mission work and its pressing financial needs. You are holding the ropes while our missionaries are down in dark mines looking for diamonds. We want you to know of the jewels they are finding, and how fully they are depending upon you in this present hour of great need.

*Ques.*—What is the annual budget?

*Ans.*—The budget is a compilation of calls for funds

from all the world fields for all lines of work. Each year each mission field makes out a request for each branch of its work and its estimated receipts, and sends it to the General Conference Treasury Department. These budgets bound together make a book about two inches thick, which is called, "Estimates from the Fields," or "The Budget."

*Ques.*—How are the calls in the budget classified?

*Ans.*—The requests for funds are separated into four classes. Class 1 is for Present Work, and includes the salary of all missionaries in the fields, both foreign and native. Class 2 is for New Workers. Any additional workers required come in this class. Class 3 is for New Expenses, and includes any new expense, such as the equipment of a sanitarium, hospital, or school, expense for meetings, etc. Class 4 is for Land and Buildings. It may be land for a mission station, or a mission home, a school, or a hospital. Any enlargement of the work calling for land and buildings is in Class 4.

*Ques.*—What was the amount of combined requests from all the fields?

*Ans.*—The combined requests for all lines of work from all the fields presented at the Autumn Council at Kansas City amounted to \$4,637,336.79.

*Ques.*—What are the estimated receipts of the mission treasury to meet this large request?

*Ans.*—The estimated receipts of the mission treasury, counting all mission offerings and surplus tithe and every available resource for appropriation, amounts to \$2,706,900.56, or nearly \$2,000,000 less than the requests called for.

*Ques.*—In view of these large requests, and the estimated dearth in funds, what cuts in appropriations were voted by the recent Council in Kansas City?

*Ans.*—The Council decided to eliminate all calls for Classes 2, 3, and 4; that is, all calls for new workers, except emergency calls, such as experienced workers to keep the work intact in the fields; all calls for new expenses, and all requests for land and buildings.

*Ques.*—Will the estimated receipts of the treasury be sufficient to care for the present work in the fields?

*Ans.*—The requests for present work necessary to pay the salary of workers in foreign fields and pay their ordinary expenses, amounts to \$3,201,165.69. The estimated receipts are \$2,706,900.56, making a shortage of \$494,265.13.

*Ques.*—Will this make it necessary for some of our missionaries to give up their work in the fields and return home?

*Ans.*—The shortage of approximately a half million dollars will necessarily have to be provided. We are hopeful and confident that as our people realise the situation, they will give to the point of large sacrifice, rather than call any faithful missionary from the field.

*Ques.*—What will our mission leaders and their associates do to hold the work intact on such reduced appropriations?

*Ans.*—They will be severely perplexed, and will scarcely know what to do. We know their faith is in God and His people. They will look to us for larger giving to support them in their work.

*Ques.*—What suggestion have you as to the amount each one should give to make up this needed half million dollars?

*Ans.*—At the Autumn Council a recommendation was passed asking all workers in institutions and conferences, both at home and in foreign lands, to donate one week's salary in addition to their other gifts, sometime previous to the end of the year 1922.

*Ques.*—How much relief can be counted on from this source?

*Ans.*—There are 15,009 workers in the world field. If the average salary of each amounted to \$10, it would equal \$150,090. (This is probably a high average, as the wages of native workers are much smaller than those of workers in America.)

*Ques.*—What would \$10 a church member, if given by our people in America, amount to?

*Ans.*—If our people in the United States and Canada should give in addition to their regular gifts to missions an average of \$10 each, it would increase the offerings to missions this year \$1,000,000. This would not only make it possible to hold our missionaries in the fields, but would also enable the Mission Board to send additional missionaries so greatly needed, and to provide mission homes for them.

*Ques.*—Do you think our people are able to give an added donation of \$10 to missions?

*Ans.*—Is it not true that our people as a whole, especially in America, have larger possessions than ever before? While some even by sacrifice may not be able to give \$10, the large majority can, and many, we believe, will be glad to give a week's salary and more to help in this hour of emergency. There never was a better time to help God's cause than now, and there has never been a greater need. A rich blessing is in store for all who, even at the point of sacrifice, bind about their own needs, and give liberally to hasten on the message so near our hearts.—*Missionary Readings.*

they had to reduce the allowance to the world field for 1923 by 28½ per cent on the grant for 1922.

This places our work, as well as the work in all the Divisions in a most perplexing situation. At first the position seemed so hopeless and the future so dark that there was a tendency to discouragement. But there is no situation so difficult but what the Lord is able to control, and He is always ready to guide His servants and lead His cause on to victory.

Consideration was given to reducing the expenditure in order to bring this down to budget provision, at the same time using due care to safeguard the interests of the work in all parts of the field. The arrangements for the reorganisation of the field, the operation of our mission schools and out-schools, and other such plans, will mean a saving of many hundreds of pounds to future budget calls for work already in hand.

Another means of helping out on the problem before us is to increase our income—to swell the inflow of offerings to missions. Every worker on the conference pay roll has doubled his mission offerings goal, and for 1923 pledges to give 5/- per week. All our lay members are urged, so far as this can be done, to follow the same example. The goals for the native believers both in the South African Union Conference and the Zambesi Union have been practically doubled.

We are all interested to note from the *Review and Herald* the wonderful response the workers in the States are making to the plan of a self-denial week, to give before the close of

the year 1922 a week's salary. As a result of many hundreds of workers giving a week's wage the mission treasury hopes for some relief; and as workers in the African Division we want to follow this good example. An appeal is made to all our people throughout the field to join our workers in the plan.

At the recent Autumn Council of the General Conference a "Mission Rally Sabbath" was appointed to be observed in all our churches. A portion of the plan is copied from the minutes of the General Conference:

"WHEREAS, The divine purpose of our message constantly calls for a steady growing contribution of men and means for the rapid finishing of the work in all the world; and

"WHEREAS, In the accomplishment of this great task there is need of more intensive cultivation of the missionary idea, more self-denial and larger sacrifice and continuous definite and systematic giving of mission offerings, that our missionaries may have food, shelter, clothing and other necessities to enable them to press strongly forward with their work,

"We recommend, 1. That of the twelve Sabbaths in the year devoted to the presentation of mission interests, four of these, one each quarter midway in the quarter, be set apart as Missions Rally Sabbath.

### Holding the Ropes

Down amid the depths of heathen darkness,  
There are heroes true and brave;  
Shrinking not from death, or toil, or danger;  
They have gone to help and save.  
But hear them crying: "Do not leave us  
Mid these dreadful depths to drown;  
Let us feel your arms of love around us;  
Hold the ropes as we go down."

"Though far from friends and kindred dear,  
We're holding the ropes for you.  
The work is God's. Cast all your care  
On Him who doth our burdens bear;  
Leave all to Him; do not despair;  
Walk in His way, thy Saviour fear;  
We're holding the ropes for you.

"Take courage, brother, fear thou not,  
We're holding the ropes at home;  
Though dark at times thy path appears;  
Though freely flows the fount of tears  
For darkened souls, thy Saviour hears;  
A rich reward will be thy lot;  
We're holding the ropes at home."

—Selected.

### A Cut Budget

WITH a definite burden to open up work in South West and Portuguese West Africa, and with plans in mind for the extension of the work in the Belgian Congo, the Division Committee had prepared an unusually large budget for 1923. Our plans were fully endorsed by the General Conference, but owing to the financial panic the world over, and which has directly affected the Mission Board treasury, no provision could be made for new work in next year's appropriations. And not only was the General Conference unable to provide funds for new work, but

2. "That the purpose of the programmes be to set forth:
- (a) The missionary ideal of Jesus and the self-denial and sacrifice the message in these closing days requires.
- (b) To more fully acquaint our people with the world-wide work, the wide open doors and the pressing calls for men and means.
- (c) To place definitely upon the hearts of all our people the mission goal of sixty cents a week, and the importance of keeping up their gifts systematically week by week, that there be no delay in pressing on the message.
3. "That each Missions Rally Sabbath be a squaring-up day on the mission quota and the individual goal be the amount short, and as much more as the Lord may have prospered them, and that we recommend a suitable device be placed in the church to indicate the present church standing on mission goal."

It will be observed that one of the purposes of this special programme is to keep before the members the missions offerings goal, and not less than once each quarter that we examine our records to see if we have been faithful. How much easier it is if we are falling behind to bring the record up at the close of each quarter than to allow a whole year to come to its close and only then realise that we have fallen short, and perhaps not be able all at once to reach the goal. This plan of having a squaring-up day once each quarter will not only help the individual, but mean much to the church as well as the conference.

It is a wonderful experience at a time when the cause of God is suffering, to see His children rally and be prepared to sacrifice rather than that the work of giving to the world the gospel message be delayed in its progress. May we each be faithful and zealous for the work of the Lord.

W. B. COMMUN.



### "No Money"

No money! yet brothers and sisters are dying;  
No money! yet millions in darkness are lying.  
O Christians, arise from your wealth and your ease,  
And seek, while you may, these cries to appease.

No money! to teach them that Jesus waits pleading;  
No money! to send them the joy they are needing.  
Your brothers, my brother, are grappling with death;  
Your sisters, my sister, with fast-failing breath.

O daughters of Zion, the Father is calling!  
He needeth your help; for your sisters are falling.  
O women who rest in the shelter of ease,  
Come, offer *your* part of the load to release!

Must we call back the men from the vineyard of God?  
Shall we fail to trace footsteps the martyrs have trod?  
Shall we rest in our luxury, heedless of cries  
From agonised heathen—of heart-broken sighs?

Must we cry the word "Halt!" to the soldiers awaiting?  
Must we tell them to stop, in measured tones stating  
That money is wanting, that heathen must die,  
That still in their misery our brothers must lie?

—Minnie L. Haskins, in *Missionary Readings*.



"HAPPINESS is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself."



"Not until the providences of God are seen in the light of eternity, shall we understand what we owe to the care and interposition of His angels."—*"Education," p. 304.*

## AFRICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE

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### Educational Council

THE Educational Council for the Division was held at Spion Kop, December 7-15. Aside from representatives from the various conferences and mission fields, the Council was favoured with the presence of Elder G. B. Thompson and Professor W. E. Howell, of Washington, D. C.

Elder Thompson conducted the studies at the devotional hour each morning, which were very inspiring and helpful. While the committees were wrestling with the problems of the field, Professor Howell and the writer interspersed these committee meetings with studies on Christian education and training for the work.

One of the first questions that came up for consideration was a review of the location of the College. The discussion was very interesting indeed; and while the College is not ideally situated so far as railway facilities are concerned, all admitted that its advantages far outweigh its disadvantages. Being removed from the attractions of the city, and possessing such beautiful surroundings, the students have an excellent atmosphere for study and the development of Christian character. The Council unanimously voted to build up a good, strong college at Spion Kop.

The courses of study at Spion Kop were given careful attention. Aside from the secondary course, which was conformed as nearly as possible to the standards of the country, it was voted to add two years of college work. The training features were made very prominent. It was felt that the training should very definitely fit the students for the lines of work that the denomination is carrying forward. A two-year college theological course was adopted for the preparation of gospel ministers. A course of two years in normal work was outlined for the training of teachers, as well as a two-year course for commercial workers. It was further voted to issue regular diplomas for these college courses, as well as certificates for the lower courses of study.

In harmony with the above actions, the College Board met and selected a well-qualified faculty to work with Professor Dick, the new principal. It was voted to equip a good laboratory, and to add very materially to the library. Other improvements were also provided for.

The question of the primary curriculum for European and native schools was given careful study, and elementary courses were adopted for the Union Conference and mission fields. It was also voted to issue our own certificates for the teachers of these schools.

A committee on finance gave careful study to the operating of church and mission schools. A plan was worked out for gradually making mission schools self-supporting, thereby providing funds for opening up many more of these schools. The employment of our church school teachers by the conference will tend to make the employment of such workers much more permanent.

The work of the Council will unify our educational work throughout the field, and has placed the work of this department on a good, strong, permanent basis. Without doubt, there will be seen a rapid advance made in the education of the young and the preparation of an army of young men and women for the great fields yet to be worked.

T. M. FRENCH, *Division Educational Secretary.*



## Report of Division Council Held at Bloemfontein

THE second Council of the African Division was held at Bloemfontein, November 14 to 17. Quite a large number of the brethren from the field were present to counsel together regarding our work, and how best to plan for its growth. The meeting was especially favoured by having present Professor W. E. Howell and Elder G. B. Thompson, who had recently come from America on a visit to the field.

To strengthen the work in fields already established, and to answer some of the many urgent calls that come from the yet unentered sections, require an increased budget to provide both men and means. How much greater the problem before a body of men engaged in a work that knows of no backward move, and yet the budget for which has been seriously reduced! The first word in the great gospel commission is "Go," and therefore the Council proceeded with its task of planning definitely for the extension of the work in this Division in the immediate future, notwithstanding a cut budget. Some of the actions passed by the Council are given here, and will be of interest to all the readers of the OUTLOOK:

### EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

WHEREAS, the Lord has blessed the African Division with a goodly number of souls added to our ranks, and has blessed our workers with a reasonable degree of health while engaged in their arduous duties; therefore,

*Resolved,* That we express to God our heartfelt thanks for these blessings and mercies, and that we rededicate our lives to the finishing of His work.

### EVANGELISTIC WORK

WHEREAS, The chief work of the ministry is to preach the gospel,

*We recommend,* That a strong evangelical campaign be launched throughout the Division during 1923, urging Division, union and local officers who are ministers to plan to conduct at least one effort during the year, and that plans be laid for other ministers, who have no administrative responsibilities, to spend the major portion of their time in aggressive effort for those not of our faith; and because of the heavy expense of efforts where only one meeting a week is held, and in view of the shortness of time and the need of hastening our work, we urge that those conducting efforts plan wherever possible to hold meetings at least six nights each week. That mission station workers also be asked to join in this campaign by personally holding efforts in the neighbouring villages, thus setting the pace for our native ministry.

### MINISTERS' GOAL

*It is recommended* that the European ministers of the African Division set a minimum goal of twenty-five souls each during 1923.

### MEMBERSHIP GOAL

*Resolved,* To recommend that each local field accept a membership goal for 1923 of an increase of thirty-three and one third per cent on this year's membership.

### REORGANISATION OF FIELD

1. *Resolved,* That the Belgian Congo be separated from the Zambesi Union Mission, and as from January 1, 1923, be operated by the Division as a local field, looking towards its being developed as a union mission in the future.

2. That, looking towards the future development of the field, we recommend that as soon as work in Portuguese West Africa and South West Africa develops sufficiently, these two fields be grouped together as a South West African Union. And further, that the French Equatorial Africa and the French Soudan be developed into another union mission, and that as fast as workers and means are available we endeavour to enter these new fields and develop the work.

3. That, as a further means of effecting administrative economies, we recommend that for the South African Union Conference the native and white work in the respective local fields be placed under single administration, and that the territory of the South African Union Conference be divided approximately on the following general plan:

(a) *Cape Conference* with head-quarters at Port Elizabeth; consisting of the Cape Province, with the exception of that portion north of the railway which runs from De Aar to Upington.

(b) *Bechuanaland Mission Field* to include British Bechuanaland and Bechuanaland Protectorate, except that portion to the north now administered by the Zambesi Union Mission.

(c) *Orange River Conference* consisting of Orange Free State, Basutoland, and that portion of the Cape Province lying north of the railway line running Naauwpoort, De Aar, and Upington, and the following districts of the Transvaal: Bloemhof, Wolmaransstad, Lichtenburg.

(d) *The Natal-Transvaal Conference* including Natal Province, Zululand, Swaziland, the province of Transvaal, excepting Bloemhof, Wolmaransstad, and Lichtenburg districts, and that portion of Portuguese East Africa lying south of Latitude 22.

4. That Portuguese East Africa lying north of Latitude 22 remain as a part of the Zambesi Union Mission.

### ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

*Resolved,* That the native and white work in the respective local fields of the Zambesi Union be placed under single administration.

### DISTRIBUTION OF LABOUR.

*Resolved,* To adopt the report of the committee on Distribution of Labour. The report is as follows:

1. That E. G. Boger fill the position of superintendent of the Belgian Congo.

2. That L. A. Hertogs, of Natal, connect with the work in the Belgian Congo.

3. That J. R. Campbell, of the Transvaal Field, take the superintendency of the work in Portuguese West Africa.

4. That O. O. Bredenkamp, of the Zambesi Union, connect with the work in Portuguese West.

5. That W. H. Anderson be invited to respond to the call of the South African Union Conference to take the superintendency of the Bechuanaland Field.

6. That J. D. Stickle be appointed superintendent of the work in South West Africa at the close of the next school year at Spion Kop.

7. That C. Robinson, of the Belgian Congo, connect with the work in South West Africa.

8. That Miss Ethel Willmore be invited to respond to the call of the Zambesi Union Mission to connect with their office.

### MISSIONS OFFERING GOAL

WHEREAS, there is need of materially increasing the offerings to missions,

*We recommend,* That the missions goal of the Division Conference, for Europeans, be set at 2/6 per week per member. That the workers throughout the Division adopt an individual goal of 5/- per week per member, and that our lay members be exhorted to do the same wherever possible. That the goals for the native fields be set as follows:

Southern Union Mission Field .....	6d.
Cape Coloured .....	9d.
South Rhodesia .....	4d.
North Rhodesia .....	2d.
Nyasaland .....	1d.

That our Sabbath-schools be asked to take the responsibility of at least one half of the goal.

We further recommend that funds received from Harvest Ingathering be credited on the church and conference goal's, but not on the individual goal.

## SELF-DENIAL WEEK

*Resolved*, That as a further means of help to meet the present financial situation of the mission treasury, that we invite all the workers in the African Division to observe a self-denial week, December 3 to 9, 1922, donating all their income for that week to missions, and that we appeal to all our people in the field to join our workers in this plan.

## HARVEST INGATHERING GOAL

*Recommended*, That we set our Harvest Ingathering Goal at £3,000 for the Division.

*Recommended*, That the Harvest Ingathering Campaign continue for a period of eight weeks, and that the time be set for May and June.

In the event of any field finding it necessary to suit local conditions to change the time, that they be privileged to do so, with the understanding that the campaign shall close for the whole field not later than October 31.

## HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS, The Foreign Mission Board is confronted with a most serious perplexity in financing our work already under way in foreign fields; and not to mention the many increasing demands for workers and funds to enter opening providences in all parts of the world field; therefore,

*We recommend*, 1. That every conference and mission field committee in the African Division give earnest study to plans for the coming Ingathering Campaign, with a determination to reach their full goal.

2. That every conference and mission field worker be assigned an active part in the Ingathering Campaign, devoting full time to this work, as far as consistent with other working plans.

3. That every conference and mission field be asked to set a goal for every worker through the Harvest Ingathering plan.

4. That each conference and mission field be districted for the campaign, a conference or mission field worker to be in charge of each district, and responsible for raising the goal of each church in that district.

5. That during the six weeks campaign, each conference and mission field report weekly, by telegram if necessary, to the Union office, and the Union likewise to the General Conference Home Missionary Department of the African Division.

## ORGANISATION HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

1. *Union Campaign Committee*. The Home Missionary Departments of the Unions throughout their territory shall have general charge of the campaign, and shall co-operate with the local campaign committee of the "Ingathering Missions" through some representative appointed by the Union Committee to work in the general interests of the campaign.

2. *Local Campaign Committee*. The conference president or local field superintendent, the missionary secretary, the conference or local field secretary, the Sabbath-school secretary, the Missionary Volunteer secretary, shall be a committee to arrange all the details of the campaign between the conference office and the field. This committee, in counsel with the local church committee, next herein-after named, to fix the goal to be worked in the several churches and to see that all supplies are promptly in the hands of the local church committee.

3. *Local Church Committee*. The elder, the missionary secretary, the treasurer, the Sabbath-school superintendent and the Missionary Volunteer leader in each church to be a committee to conduct the plans of the campaign in the local church; this committee in counsel with the local campaign committee above named shall arrange for all necessary supplies, assigning territory to the members, see that report cards are faithfully filled out and forwarded to the conference missionary secretary each week.

WHEREAS, The urgent needs of our Foreign Mission Board demand that strong plans be laid throughout the field for successful campaigns,

*We recommend*, That early and earnest consideration be given by local conferences to the appointing of capable Home Missionary secretaries who shall give a sufficient amount of time to properly care for the interests of the work of this department.

## CASH POLICY

WHEREAS, It is found that in many sections of the field the cash policy is not being adhered to as adopted by the Council in Johannesburg in January of 1921,

*Resolved*, That the cash policy be reaffirmed, and that every part of the field be urged to give serious consideration to this very important working plan.

## SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

*Resolved*, That a series of Sabbath-school lessons be arranged for the native peoples covering a five year cycle, the first two years, or 1923-24, to be on Old Testament history, the next twenty-one months on the life of Christ, the following nine months on the book of Acts, and the last six months of the period to be topical studies.

*Resolved*, That a Sabbath School Rally be conducted in Sabbath schools of this Division September 22, 1923, using the programme to be published in the *Sabbath School Worker*, but adapted for use in our missions.

## UNION SESSIONS

*Resolved*, To recommend that the Union Conference and Union Mission Field sessions be held every two years beginning with the early part of 1924.

## ZAMBESI UNION MISSION OFFICERS

*Resolved*, That E. M. Howard be appointed superintendent, and L. E. Biggs secretary-treasurer of the Zambesi Union Mission.

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

*Resolved*, That T. M. French be appointed to the position of Chairman of the Educational Board. The Educational Board of the Division was then appointed as follows: T. M. French, F. E. Thompson, W. C. Flaiz, E. D. Dick, H. G. Patchett, U. Bender and Mrs. Stickle.

## PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

*Resolved*, That the next Publishing Department Big Week be from April 8-14, 1923.

## HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

*Resolved*, That the date for the next Big Week for the Home Missionary Department be November 4-10, 1923.

Inasmuch as the work of God 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,

*Resolved*, That plans be laid for a number of Home Missionary conventions to be held in the churches throughout the Division during 1923.

## CHURCH SCHOOL FINANCE

*We recommend*, That all church school teachers be employed by the local conference committee, upon request of the local church and in counsel with the Union Education Department, and be paid from the local conference treasury and recognised as regular conference labourers.

That from 25% to 50% of the salary be paid by the Union from the Educational Fund, and the remainder be drawn from the local church.

That it be our policy to employ all teachers of more than one year's successful experience in church school work for the calendar year, endeavouring to utilise their talents during the holidays in regular conference work.

That the church schools carry only six standards above sub-standard work. That church school boards obtain permission of and comply with plans and requirements of the Department, as to course and equipment upon adding advanced standards.

## SOUTH AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE TRAINING SCHOOL

*Recommended*, That Bethel Mission be the South African Union Conference training school for natives.

## POLICY FOR OUT-SCHOOLS

*Resolved*, That in countries where our message is established, it be our policy in conducting out-school work to make it self-supporting.

1. By requiring patrons to build and equip school houses.

2. To raise on the budget plan from patrons and friends a fund sufficient to cover the teacher's salary and expense.

3. That all funds thus raised be turned over to the mission treasurer and all payments in turn be made by him.

4. In establishing our work in new fields we recognise the out-school as an entering wedge to many places, and that it may not be possible in all such places to at once place these on the above basis, but that it be our aim to do so as rapidly as possible.

5. That it be our aim to bring all out-schools already established on the above basis within a period of two years.

## FINANCIAL POLICY MISSION BOARDING SCHOOLS

*Resolved*, That for 1923 our mission boarding schools be operated on the following basis:

(a) That all personal supplies outside of board, room and instruction be furnished by students as specified by the management.

(b) That three hours labour per day and £4 per year be required to cover board, room and tuition charges. In the event of a student being unable to meet the cash charge he be required to work an extra three hours per day.

(c) That for 1924 a £2 cash payment or its equivalent on the above plan, be required, with a reduction of hours of labour, to three per day the first half year, and six hours the latter half.

(d) That for 1925 and succeeding years the entire cash charge or its equivalent, plus three hours labour per day, be required.

(e) All cash tuition charges are payable annually in advance.

(f) Any modification of the above plan to meet local conditions be with the approval of the Union and Division Committees.

## FIRESIDE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

*Voted*, That we organise a branch of the Fireside Correspondence School in Africa.

*Voted*, That the Division Educational Secretary and the Educational Board for the African Division work out a plan to organise a branch of the Fireside Correspondence School, and report same to the Division Committee.

*Voted*, That the Division Educational Secretary, Professor T. M. French, be asked to take charge of the Correspondence School.

## MINISTERIAL COURSE

It was stated that some of the Divisions of the General Conference are promoting the Ministerial Reading Course, and it was

*Recommended*, That the African Division not only approve of the ministers taking the Ministerial Reading Course, but that they take special effort to promote it here.

*Voted*, That the African Division promote the Ministerial Reading Course, making such substitutions as in the mind of the committee would make the course more adaptable to this field.

## DEVELOPMENT SPION KOP COLLEGE

*Resolved*, That after careful consideration to the question of the future development of our European educational work in South Africa, it is the sense of this Council that plans should be laid to build up and develop the Spion Kop College as rapidly as possible, in order to make it a strong training centre for workers for the African Division field, and that we appeal to all our people to rally to the school by sending their sons and daughters there for training and by giving of their means to assist in building up the school to the point of efficiency.

## COURSES OFFERED AT SPION KOP COLLEGE

- (a) Primary Course—Six standards above substandards.
- (b) The Secondary Course—Four standards above Standard 6.
- (c) The Ministerial Course—Two years above Standard 10.
- (d) The Bible Workers' Course—Two years above Standard 10.
- (e) The Commercial Course—Two years above Standard 10.
- (f) The Normal Course—Two years above Standard 10.

## CURRICULUM SPION KOP COLLEGE

*Resolved*, That we adopt the Spiral System for the Primary and Secondary Courses.

That we adopt a system of credit based on thirty-eight weeks of actual teaching.

That we adopt the following in harmony with our General Conference plan:

- One year of sub-standard work.
- Six years of primary work.
- Four years of secondary work.
- Two years of junior college work.

## MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Experience has shown that unless actively enlisted in the work of the church a large proportion of our young people drift away from the truth, and

WHEREAS, Efforts in their behalf yield sure and abundant returns, and

WHEREAS, If rightly directed and educated they constitute our most valuable asset to the finishing of the work; therefore,

*Resolved*, that an earnest effort be put forth in behalf of our

young people in accordance with the following general plan:

1. That every worker in visiting the churches and the homes of our people present to parents and children the definite call of God for the dedication of every Adventist boy and girl to a place in the work, and the responsibility of parents and children in view of this call to training and service, and above all the menace of worldly education.

2. That an information card be prepared and supplied to every worker, upon which may be supplied to the Union office the name, address, age, standard in school, and such other information as will give the young people's workers a basis for intelligent personal work.

3. That a definite effort be made by our young people's workers to follow up these young people by personal correspondence, keeping alive their interest in the work, and helping them in planning their future.

4. That through this correspondence the young people be encouraged to read good books, to read and study the Bible, to engage in and report missionary work as outlined by our Missionary Volunteer organisation, and above all to work and plan to attend school.

5. That every effort be made by all workers to keep before all our people the fact that our training schools are the gateway to a place in the work.

6. That a day be appointed for the presentation in all our churches and to the isolated members, of the needs of our young people, and the plans of our Missionary Volunteer organisation to meet these needs.

## MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY

*Resolved*, That March 10, 1923, be set apart as Missionary Volunteer Day.

## RELATION TOWARDS OTHER MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

*Resolved*, That we reaffirm the principles adopted by the Division in March 2, 1922, and that all our workers be asked to adhere to the principles laid down in the published leaflet, "Statement of our Relations to other Missionary Societies." Further,

*Resolved*, That this leaflet be circulated amongst government officials and missions operating in this field.

## CHURCH LOCATIONS AND PLANS OF BUILDING

*Resolved*, to recommend that before any church or minister attempts to erect a church building, that counsel first be had from the local conference committee, who in turn will submit their plan to the Union Conference Committee before definitely deciding on any plan; and that in arranging for new church buildings, that careful study be given to providing suitable rooms for church schools.

*Further recommended*, That before a lot is purchased that the Union Conference president or his representative be given the opportunity of first seeing the lot and advising thereon.

## EVANGELISTIC EFFORT AT SALISBURY

*Resolved*, to ask Elder T. M. French to lead out in a city effort at Salisbury in harmony with the request of the Zambesi Union Mission.

## SANITARIUM

The South African Union Conference Committee, in session at Bloemfontein on the 16th inst., passed an action asking the Division to take over the Cape Sanitarium. It was

*Voted*, to grant the request for the Division to take over the institution immediately. The following Board of Managers was appointed: W. H. Branson, Dr. J. Reith, B. E. Béddoe, C. W. Bozarth, J. G. Slafe, T. M. French, W. B. Coffin.

## EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO GENERAL CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

*Resolved*, That we express to Professor W. E. Howell and Elder G. B. Thompson our sincere appreciation of the very valuable help that they have given to this field during the time of their visit. As these brethren have travelled through the mission field, leading out in the native camp-meetings and institutes, as they have met with the Division in council and have shown such a kind and sympathetic interest in all departments of our work, it has been an inspiration to all of us to renew our consecration and strengthen our efforts to greatly advance the work in the African field.

And further, that we express to the General Conference Committee our appreciation of the interest they have shown in the work in Africa by sending these two leading brethren to visit this field.

## DIVISION COMMITTEE

Resolved, That Brother E. D. Dick, as representative of the Spion Kop College, and Brother J. G. Slate, representing the Sentinel Publishing Company, be appointed as members to the Division Committee.

W. B. COMMINS, *Secretary*.

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**SO. AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE**


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### The Workers' Institute

THE European workers of the Union Conference gathered at Bloemfontein, November 17-23, for the Institute. A very profitable week was spent together in studying questions of personal Christian experience and methods of winning souls to Christ.

Elder G. B. Thompson's studies on "How to Have Victory Over Sin in the Worker's Life" were very helpful, and from the testimonies borne at the morning devotional hour, one would judge that many entered into a new Christian experience. And how important it is that those who preach and teach the gospel know its saving power in their own lives!

Very profitable studies on "The Work of the Holy Spirit" were conducted by Elder Branson. He drew lessons from the experiences of the apostles as converts flocked to the early Christian church, and made earnest appeals to our workers to seek for the endowment of the Holy Spirit for the finishing of the work in this great African field.

The writer devoted several hours to the discussion of "Methods of Soul-Winning." He called for the most earnest and thorough preparation for presenting the vital truths which we bear to a perishing people. Emphasis was placed on getting into close touch with the people, and working with them from their viewpoint. The value of very definite personal work for souls in connection with public efforts was also discussed.

It was with regret that the illness of Professor Howell prevented his taking an active part in the studies.

The keynote of the Institute was the speedy finishing of God's great work in this field. The need of the work is for a deeper consecration to God and His service, complete victory in the Christian life, a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit for the winning of souls, and a supreme, earnest, intelligent effort for the salvation of souls. As the workers left the Institute and returned to their fields, it was with the determination of making the next year the most fruitful in soul-winning of any in their experience. The earnest prayers of all of God's people are solicited in behalf of the men and women he has chosen as messengers of this great truth.

T. M. FRENCH.

### Jottings from Professor Howell's Opening Address at the Workers' Institute

"I CANNOT help feeling that we are upon the eve of a great advance movement here in Africa."

"God has gone out before us, and is doing the work ahead of us; yet He wants us to be the harvesters."

"When I consider what the white man has done to open up the way before us with the railroad lines they have built, and with the various facilities to aid the worker, and all that has been done to pioneer the way into that great central field, it seems to me the direct leading of the providence of God; and then when I look over beyond the limit we have reached and think of the same thing going on up there in the great Ethiopian section of the north, there is a wonderful experience in the thought that God is mapping out the way before us."



### Bloemfontein Camp-meeting

THE Cape, Natal-Transvaal, and Orange Free State Conferences held their annual camp-meeting jointly at Bloemfontein, November 24 to December 3. By holding this joint camp-meeting thus early, we were favoured with the ministerial services of Pastor G. B. Thompson and Professor W. E. Howell, representatives of the General Conference. The labours of these faithful leaders were much appreciated by those in attendance. We were also favoured with the labours of Pastors W. H. Branson, T. M. French, and Brethren G. S. Joseph and W. B. Commins, and Mrs. A. P. Tarr, all of the Division organisation.

On account of the uncertain weather at this season of the year, this was a camp-meeting without tents. Meetings were held in the Town Hall. The various parts of the field were well represented by our people present. Several were present from such cities as Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban, Port Elizabeth, and Bloemfontein. Believers came in in ones and twos and small groups from many parts of these conferences. Though there are just a few of us in our local church and in many cases one or two of us are "the only Sabbath keepers in our town," yet we were a few hundred strong when we got together at Bloemfontein.

From the first meeting through to the very last the Lord blessed us in the meetings. Many will long remember this gathering of God's children. Our faith in the soon coming of the King was increased. Hearts were warmed and revived by the love of God. Revival, consecration and devotion were characteristic of the gathering. The young people enjoyed their meetings under the leadership of Pastor French. Children's meetings were conducted by Sister Baker of Emmanuel Mission.

On the last Sabbath morning there was a wonderful meeting. It was a real consecration service. With the consecration of heart and life there came also the consecration of earthly treasure. On the altar was placed money, property, cattle, jewelry—all sorts of things that men count as treasure. Gifts, large and small, all representing a sacrifice to the givers, were devoted to the work that we have come to love more than the treasures of this world. When the value of all these gifts are in the Lord's treasury it will increase by possibly £6,000 or more the mission money that is hastening the messengers on to the ends of the earth. God is surely blessing His people in South Africa and He will just as surely honour their devotion to His cause.

Another outstanding feature of the camp-meeting

was the manifest awakening of our interest in the Christian education of our children and young people. One would rather expect this as Professor Howell is the Educational Secretary of the General Conference; then, too, we had with us Professor E. D. Dick and Pastor T. M. French, the former the new principal of Spion Kop College, the latter, the General Educational Secretary for Africa. Several new church schools are to be opened this year to give our children a Christian education under God-fearing teachers. Scores of our older young people are turning toward Spion Kop College.

We wish all our people could have been at this camp-meeting. We know that circumstances do not permit us always to attend these gatherings. Many were the prayers ascending to heaven from hearts all over this great country. God answered prayer and sent His blessings to His children. May its influence be felt everywhere.

Now for another year's work—another year for laymen and ministers to unite in hurrying the message on. May God help us to be more faithful in His work this year than any year we have known.

B. E. BEDDOE.

### Conference Sessions

EACH of the three local conferences in South Africa held their annual sessions at Bloemfontein at the time of the camp-meeting. More detailed reports will probably be made by the conference officers, so only mention in brief will be attempted at this time.

In the session of each conference, officers were elected for 1923. The Cape delegates re-elected Pastor G. R. E. McNay, president, and Brother F. Macdonald, secretary-treasurer, some change being made in the personnel of the executive committee.

Pastor J. N. de Beer was re-elected to the presidency of the Orange River Conference, and Brother D. Webster, secretary-treasurer. The committee was changed slightly.

For some time plans have been in formation for a Union Conference Dutch evangelistic company. At Bloemfontein, Pastor J. J. Birkenstock accepted the urgent invitation of the Union Conference to be our Dutch Union evangelist. Brother Birkenstock has been the president of the Natal-Transvaal Conference the past two years, labouring untiringly in the interests of his field.

The Natal-Transvaal delegates elected Pastor W. S. Hyatt as their president to fill the position made vacant by the release of Pastor J. J. Birkenstock. Brother A. A. Pitt was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and committee members will be announced later.

Pastor W. H. Anderson was appointed superintendent of the Bechuanaland Mission Field instead of Pastor Hyatt who has been called to the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

B. E. BEDDOE.

### Reorganisation in South Africa

"NECESSITY is the mother of invention." In the same way a shortage of funds forces us to work out economies we would perhaps not even see in times of prosperity. This is what has happened in South

Africa. A year of financial depression has cut our world supply of mission funds by hundreds of thousands. In every mission field in the world most rigid economies have been made necessary. In this, Africa is no exception.

In order to reduce administrative expenses, but to still maintain efficiency, the General Conference Committee advised a territorial reorganisation in South Africa. The request is that we organise our conference and mission field work to conform to our general plan in operation throughout the field, i.e. all our field work in the same field to be supervised by one administration. For example, heretofore we have had the Cape Conference and the Kafirland Mission Field operating white and native work respectively in practically the same territory. The new plan places both lines of work under the Cape Conference. The plan decreases the number of administrators and increases the number of evangelists.

Representatives of each of the three conferences present at Bloemfontein were called by the conference presidents to consider the recommendation. Without exception these conferences approved of the plan and at once adopted it. Some sections of the Cape and Natal-Transvaal Conferences were set over to the Orange River Conference and the Bechuanaland Mission Field. Even though the plan meant sacrifice in territory and membership to the Natal-Transvaal and Cape Conferences, especially to the latter, the delegates in a brotherly way heartily adopted the plan.

The territory of the South African Union Conference is now divided thus:

1. Cape Conference. All of Cape Province except the districts of Hopetown, Hay, Herbert, Kimberley, Barkley West, Herschel, and the territory served by the railway line between Aliwal North and New England and British Bechuanaland. The Kafirland Mission Field is now a part of this conference. The delegates voted to move the headquarters from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth. Pastor McNay tells us he is beginning to make preparations for the move at once.

2. Orange River Conference. The Orange Free State, Basutoland, that territory of the Cape Province excepted in the last paragraph, also the districts of Bloemhof and Wolmaransstad of the Transvaal Province. The Basutoland Mission Field is now included in this conference.

3. Natal-Transvaal Conference. Natal Province, Transvaal Province except the districts of Bloemhof, Wolmaransstad, Lichtenburg and Marico, and Swaziland. Both the Zulu and Transvaal Mission Fields are now a part of the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

4. Bechuanaland Mission Field. The two Bechuanalands and the districts of Lichtenburg and Marico of the Transvaal.

It will be seen that now four administrations will carry forward the work formerly divided into eight fields.

B. E. BEDDOE.

"It is through the gift of Christ that we receive every blessing. Through that gift there comes to us day by day the unfailing flow of Jehovah's goodness." —*Ministry of Healing*, p. 424.

## ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

E. M. HOWARD, Supt.

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### Plans for Aggressive Work in the Zambesi Union

As we draw near to the close of the year and look back over the past year's work, we feel to praise the Lord for His blessings and for His prospering hand which has been over us. From every part of our union there comes the word of good cheer, and our workers look forward with confidence to the accomplishment of greater things the coming year. Even though it looks as though our funds will be scarce, yet we are not discouraged, and do not mean to simply hold on to the work we already have. Our committees are facing the situation with a confidence in this message that will bring success.

The effort which Elder MacNeil conducted in Bulawayo has meant much to our work in this town. Quite a number are deeply interested and have taken their stand for the truth. It is an inspiring sight to see the company gathered together from Sabbath to Sabbath in the Tabernacle. During the coming year we plan to continue the good work begun by Elder MacNeil and look forward to the privilege of conducting another series of meetings in our new church, which we hope will be ready for occupation in a few weeks.

Among other plans for aggressive work during 1923 may be mentioned the opening up of work in Portuguese East Africa. At the present time we have no workers in the whole of that country, and we expect to place at least two European workers in that field this coming year. With a native population of nearly 3,000,000 surely it is time we did something for these people who today are sitting in heathen darkness. We also hope to build up the work on our new mission stations in North East Rhodesia and the Caprivi Strip.

The European work is not to be forgotten. The local fields are calling for evangelistic efforts to be held during 1923 at Livingstone, Gwelo and Salisbury. We find that the Europeans of Rhodesia are calling for this message, and we look forward to seeing a large number take their stand this year.

The plans laid at the Division and Educational Councils for the future policy of our work will mean much to us in this country. We are endeavouring to put as many of these plans as possible into operation the coming year. This will mean a large saving to the cause.

We are very happy to be able to give of our working force to assist in opening up work in the countries as yet unentered, which come under the direct supervision of the Division. The North Rhodesia Field Committee very willingly agreed to release Brother Brendkamp to take up work in Portuguese West Africa, and we also plan to release some of our best native workers to go into these fields. It is therefore with great courage and confidence that we face the year 1923.

We are happy to have Elder and Mrs. Flaiz and family to assist us in the work. Elder Flaiz comes as

our Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary. We are also very glad to have Brother and Sister Biggs with us. Brother Biggs comes to take the position of secretary-treasurer for our union. Brother Symons will devote all his time to Bible and tract work for the Europeans.

E. M. HOWARD.

### An Ideal Prayer

Not more of light we ask, O God,  
 But eyes to see what is,  
 Not sweeter songs, but ears to hear  
 The present melodies.  
 Not more of strength, but how to use  
 The power that we possess.  
 Not more of love, but skill to turn  
 A frown to a caress.  
 Not more of joy, but how to feel  
 Its kindling presence, near.  
 To give to others all we have  
 Of courage and of cheer.  
 No other gift, dear Lord, we ask,  
 But only sense to see  
 How best the precious gifts to use  
 We have received from Thee.  
 Give us all fear to dominate,  
 All holy joys to know,  
 To be the friends we wish to be,  
 To speak the truth we know,  
 To love the pure, to seek the good,  
 To lift with all our might  
 All souls to dwell in harmony  
 In freedom's perfect light.

—Selected.

### "Others May; You Cannot"

Nor long ago I ran across a little tract with the above title. Since I have read it there have been a good many calls for it. I do not know where it is published, as I have lost the original tract, but below is a copy which may interest many.

"If God has called you to be really like Jesus, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put upon you such demands of obedience that you will not be able to follow other people, or measure yourself by other Christians, and in many ways He will seem to let other good people do things which He will not let you do.

"Other Christians and ministers who seem very religious and useful may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it; and if you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

"Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their success, of their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

"Others may be allowed to succeed in making money or may have a legacy left them; but it is likely God will keep you poor, because He wants you to have something far better than gold, namely, a helpless dependence on Him, that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury.

"The Lord may let others be honoured and put forward, and keep you hidden in obscurity, because He wants to produce some choice, fragrant fruit for His coming glory, which can only be produced in the shade. He may let others do a work for Him and get the credit for it; but He may make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then, too make your work still more precious. He may let others get the credit for the work which you have done, and thus make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

"The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings, or for wasting your time, which other Christians never seem distressed over. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own. He may not explain to you a thousand things which puzzle your reason in His dealings with you, but if you absolutely sell yourself to be His love slave, He will wrap you up in jealous love, and bestow upon you many blessings which come only to those who are in the inner circle.

"Settle it forever, then, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes, in ways that He does not seem to use with others. Now when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of heaven."

These words contain a great deal of truth for us in these last days. It is only through the sacrifice of Calvary that we will be able to prepare ourselves to stand in the great crises that are to be brought upon this earth. If we can apply the lessons in this little leaflet to our own lives we shall come nearer the ideal the Lord has for us.

LYNN. H. WOOD.



## Do You ?

Do you whisper or talk to the one sitting next to you during Sabbath school or the preaching service?

Do you leave the room during the lesson study or while the minister is speaking?

Do you come late to the Sabbath services?

Do you study your Sabbath school lesson every day?

Do you learn the memory verse for each Sabbath?

Do you have family worship in your home every morning and evening?

Do you spend some time in secret prayer every day?

Do you invite your friends and relatives who are not members to attend the church services?

Do you do some missionary work each week?

Do YOU?—*Echoes from the Ilocano Field, in Asiatic Division Outlook.*



"CULTIVATE the habit of speaking well of others. Dwell upon the good qualities of those with whom you associate, and see as little as possible of their errors and failings."

## Sermons We See

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day,  
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.  
The eye's a better pupil, and more willing than the ear,  
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear.  
And best of all the preachers, are the men who live their creeds;  
For to see good put in action, is what everybody needs.

I can soon learn to do, if you'll let me see it done,  
And I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast  
may run.

And the lectures you deliver, may be very wise and true,  
But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do;  
For I may misunderstand you, and the high advice you give,  
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

When I see a deed of kindness, I am eager to be kind,  
When a weaker brother stumbles, and a strong man stays behind  
Just to see if he can help him, then the wish grows strong in me  
To become as big and thoughtful as I know that friend to be;  
And all travellers can witness, that the best of guides today  
Is not the one who tells them, but the one who shows the way.

One good man teaches many, men believe what they behold.  
One deed of kindness noticed is worth forty that are told.  
Who stands with men of honour learns to hold his honour dear;  
For right living speaks a language which to every one is clear.  
Though an able speaker charms me with his eloquence, I say,  
I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one any day.—*Selected.*



"THE children of God are called to be representatives of Christ, showing forth the goodness and mercy of the Lord. As Jesus has revealed to us the true character of the Father, so we are to reveal Christ to a world that does not know His tender, pitying love. . . . In every one of His children, Jesus sends a letter to the world. If you are Christ's follower He sends in you a letter to the family, the village, the street, where you live. Jesus dwelling in you, desires to speak to the hearts of those who are not acquainted with Him. Perhaps they do not read the Bible, or do not hear the voice that speaks to them in its pages; they do not see the love of God through His works. But if you are a true representative of Jesus, it may be that through you they will be led to understand something of His goodness, and be won to love and serve Him."—*"Steps to Christ," page 119.*



"EVERY Christian is a looking glass of God, a facet of the jewel that constitutes the Christian church."

## Obituaries

It is with regret that we have to report the death of Johanna Herculina, the three months' old daughter of Brother and Sister F. Pretorius, of Hlobane. She was born July 12, 1922, and died October 29, after about three weeks' suffering from meningitis. She was laid to rest in the graveyard on Brother C. Birkenstock's farm, Hlobane. The service was conducted by Brother C. Birkenstock. The parents wish especially to thank Dr. Haupt and Nurse Vermaak for their kind attention to her during her suffering.

DURING the afternoon of December 6, 1922, Roux Francis Wentzel, aged 55 years, passed away quietly and peacefully at his home "Driehoek," P. O. Frankfort, and was buried Friday, the 8th.

He was a patient sufferer for many long years, and had been very ill for five days, when the end came. We console ourselves with the thought that we shall see him when the Saviour comes.

A. B. GIBSON.

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ANOTHER year is dawning!  
Dear Master, let it be  
In working or in waiting,  
Another year with Thee.  
Another year of service  
Of witness for Thy love;  
Another year of training  
For holier work above.

### News Notes

WE welcome back to the Sentinel office Pastor D. E. Robinson.

MR. AND MRS. P. VENTER, Jr., recently paid the Cape a short visit.

WE are indeed glad to have Mr. and Mrs. F. Visser, recently of Ermelo, in Claremont again.

MRS. E. INGLE, of Durban, is spending a few months' holiday at Kalk Bay, C. P.

MR. PIETER HENNING, of Aberdeen, has connected with the Publishing House staff of workers.

ELDER AND MRS. MACNEIL and Marian are once again with us at the Cape. Elder MacNeil's visit will be a brief one.

BROTHER G. S. JOSEPH and family have recently arrived at the Cape. Brother Joseph is already busy at the Division office.

WE are glad to know that Miss Coralie Willmore, of Spion Kop College, who has been ill at the Berea Institute, Durban, is making good recovery.

AMONG Sanitarium patients at present are Mrs. W. H. Anderson, and Mrs. Bredenkamp, of Content. Mrs. W. H. Branson, who was a recent patient, has returned to her home in Claremont.

ELDER AND MRS. WALSTON left the Cape for Spion Kop, Sunday, December 17. Elder and Mrs. O. K. Butler and family left the following Sunday for the College.

WE are glad to report that little Hija Birkenstock, who was very ill, is quite well again. The parents wish to thank Dr. and Mrs. Haupt and Nurse Fourie for the services rendered to her during her illness.

SISTER CECILIA DU TOIT, of Spion Kop College, underwent an operation at the Vrijheid Hospital for appendicitis and is progressing nicely. Dr. Haupt performed the operation. She is expected soon to leave the hospital.

### Lovest Thou The Jew?

TWELVE men once walked in Palestine,  
They saw the Saviour still the sea;  
They marked the miracles He wrought  
In old Judea and Galilee.  
And each one gave his life that we  
The gospel story sweet might hear;  
And suffered untold agonies,  
That we might know the Saviour dear.

Each one of these was just a Jew.  
Dost owe them ought? Ah, what think you?

One day in loved Jerusalem,  
There rushed a shrieking, maddened crowd  
Upon a lowly kneeling form,  
Before His God and Saviour bowed.  
And when with cruel stones they crushed  
His beautiful and gentle life,  
He prayed the Father to forgive  
Their ignorance, and raging strife.

This man was Stephen, lo, a Jew,  
Who died for Christ. Would I? Would you?

See, far upon the lonely isle,  
An aged man with snowy locks,  
Exiled to labour in the mines,  
His only temple wind-swept rocks.  
Ah, once he leaned on Jesus' breast,  
And gazed with fond adoring eyes  
Into that face, where love divine  
Still beams upon us from the skies.

This man was John, beloved, a Jew,  
Witness for Christ. Am I? Are you?

A Galilean fisher stood  
Amidst a fierce and angry throng;  
No tremour spoke of hidden fear,  
His face was peaceful, calm, and strong.  
And when they nailed him to a cross,  
As they had nailed his blessed Lord,  
He gloried thus to die for Christ,  
And counted it a rich reward.

This man was Peter, just a Jew,  
Who died for Christ. Would I? Would you?

A captive bound was brought one day  
To Nero's judgment seat at Rome;  
For Christ he wore the heavy chain,  
For Christ he had not wealth nor home;  
The noblest martyr Rome could boast,  
Of all the thousands that she slew,  
The great apostle sent of God  
To Gentiles, with the message true.

This man was Paul, e'en Paul the Jew,  
Who died for Christ. Would I? Would you?

When Jesus veiled His glory bright  
In human flesh, that He might bear  
Our sins, and died that we might live,  
And all His radiant heaven share,  
He came in Jewish flesh and blood;  
A Jewish mother's tender arms  
Encircled His sweet babyhood,  
His Jewish life of sad alarms.

And this is Jesus Christ, the Jew,  
By whom we're saved, both I and you.

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