



# The African Division

# OUTLOOK



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

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## From the Congo to the Cape on Furlough

AFTER a period of two and a half years' service in South Rhodesia, and one and a half years in the Congo, we have been granted a furlough to the Cape. Of all our nine years of mission work, the last four years have been crowded with the hardest work, and they have been filled with the greatest discouragements, the severest trials, the most privations and the most sickness. Yet, as a result of these experiences, the loving Master has come nearer to us than ever before.

During the last year and a half, it has been our privilege to work with Brother and Sister C. Robinson in pioneering the work in that large and hitherto unentered field, the Belgian Congo. We regretted very much leaving them to labour on alone in that remote corner of the Master's vineyard, but on the evening of December 4 we bade them good-bye. Two or three hours before daylight the next morning we began our long and trying "trek" of a hundred miles to our nearest railway station.

In the absence of all domesticated animals larger than dogs or goats, travelling in the Congo has to be done by native carriers, and our trip to the station ordinarily requires five days. We were leaving the mission on Tuesday morning and intended getting the following Monday evening's train; so, counting out the Sabbath as a travelling day, it will be seen we were allowing ourselves very little extra time for the emergency of being rained in, or some other untoward difficulty.

According to our schedule we arrived at Lubinda the first day. It was a good day, and everything was quite dry as there had been no rain for two days. We pitched our little tent, and were very nicely settled for the remainder of the day and that night. But our prospects of a good night and early start the next morning were very badly upset. Late that afternoon a terrific tropical storm came up; wrecked the tent and drenched the earth. Fortunately our things were wet but little; however, the tent had to be repitched and everything underfoot was wet and muddy.

At eleven o'clock that night it started raining again, and that steady heavy drizzle did not stop for a single

moment until 2 P.M. the next day. This meant that we could not possibly reach our next stop that day, but to accomplish only a few miles would be better than remaining where we were. Accordingly, I called the carriers, and in forty-five minutes after the rain ceased we were on the path. We reached Kingo, on the Luzhima River, at sundown. Because of the forced marches which I knew would be necessary to make up the lost time, I took on three more carriers at Kingo for the mashillas. This provided eight carriers for Mrs. Robinson's mashilla, and four for the children's. I used a push bike for myself.

Tuesday morning at six o'clock, we arrived at Sungu Munga, about twelve miles from Kingo, where, according to our schedule, we were to have stopped Wednesday night. On this day we purposed to do some of the forced marching, and forced marching it proved to be indeed.

The next eighteen or twenty miles were over a road which I did not know, and I was therefore dependent upon the carriers. Our schedule called for Thursday

night's stop at the Lovoi River, and it was an easy "trek" of only about twelve miles farther; but they took us to an old, filthy village a mile beyond Sungu Munga, and there laid down their loads. To make short the telling of a hard and very trying experience we got started once again at 10:15, and arrived at the Lovoi at 1:30 P.M. We were fortunate in just missing two big storms, and were only just nicely settled in our tent when a third broke over us.

Friday morning, we crossed the Lovoi at three o'clock in a dense, low fog, which at 7:30 quickly lifted and began coming down in a heavy drizzle. Half a mile farther on we turned in to a village, back in the dense jungle, where we went into a small native hut and sat for two hours waiting for the rain to stop. Only five miles farther on we were to stop over the Sabbath.

Except for persistent demands from the carriers and threats to leave us if we did not comply with their demands, we enjoyed a very pleasant rest at this large village. The carriers did not leave us, but, because of

### Be Strong

We are not here to play,  
to dream, to drift;  
We have hard work to do,  
and loads to lift.  
Shun not the struggle;  
face it; 'tis God's gift.

—Maltbie B. Babcock, D. D.

our failure to comply with their demands, they made us wait two hours Sunday morning after everything was packed, before they would come to shoulder their loads. However, in spite of this, we arrived 7:00 A.M. at Kamalonda in the middle of the twenty-five miles of tsetse fly country. This left us only seventeen miles more to reach Bukama, the station. The path being very rough and rocky, and having most of the next day before us, we decided to stop all day at this place, and by making a very early start the next morning we could reach Bukama by 9 A.M.

According to this decision, we were all ready to start the next morning at three o'clock, but it began raining at just three. Bedding, tent, and all were packed; so we had to sit under the large shed, where we had pitched the tent, and wait four hours for the rain to stop. We got away at seven o'clock, and at 11:30 we crossed the Lualaba into Bukama. The first thing for us was a good hot dinner in the little railway hotel, where we got bread with real butter.

After a break in our long, tedious journey at old Solusi, and another in Johannesburg, we arrived at the Cape, January 11. Since leaving home, we have each had a hard attack of fever, and our little girl has had a second attack; but here in civilisation, in "a land flowing with milk and honey," where everybody is so good to us, we are at this writing (January 21) already regaining health and strength. With God's blessing, we hope after three months' rest here at the Sanitarium, amid all these good things, to be ready to return to that great and neglected field, the Belgian Congo.

R. P. ROBINSON.

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## AFRICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE

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### Change of Union Conference Presidents

By the time this issue of the OUTLOOK reaches our readers, Elder and Sister Beddoe and family will have left our shores on their way to the United States. As most of our people are aware, Sister Beddoe has been in a very poor state of health for more than a year now, having had a complete nervous break-down, forcing her to remain in bed at the Sanitarium for some two months, and from this nervous state she has not yet been able to recover. Recent medical counsel has resulted in Elder Beddoe's being strongly advised to place Sister Beddoe under as favourable conditions as possible that she may yet effect a recovery, and this has led them to the decision that they should return home, where she can be associated with members of her own family, and where Elder Beddoe can take up some position where it would be possible for him to be home most of the time.

The necessity of giving up the work of the South African Union has been a great disappointment to Elder Beddoe, as I am sure it will be to our people throughout the field. The members of the Union Committee, who have been closely associated with him, have also expressed great sorrow over the fact that he will no longer be associated with them in their work. I am sure that as they return to the States our prayers

will go with them that Sister Beddoe may fully recover, and that Elder Beddoe will be able in the near future to take up definite duties again.

A meeting of the Union Committee was held in Cape Town a few days ago, at which time the question of choosing a successor to Elder Beddoe was carefully considered. The brethren all felt that, if possible, some one already in the field should be chosen, thus making it possible for the work of the Union Conference to go forward without a break, and there was a unanimous decision to call Elder J. W. MacNeil to this position.

Elder MacNeil is known to almost all of our people in South Africa, and we believe that he will receive a welcome to this position all through the field. He has had experience in almost every department of our work, and is eminently qualified for the position to which he has been called. He has served as president for a number of years in America, as well as for one year in the Cape Conference, has spent many years in city evangelistic work, and for a time was connected with one of our training colleges as Bible teacher. Elder MacNeil has already entered upon his duties, and we bespeak for him the hearty co-operation of all our people throughout the South African Union.

The Union Conference has requested the Division to secure for them, at the earliest possible date, one of our strongest city evangelists to take Elder MacNeil's place as Union Evangelist for the South African Union, and this call will be passed on to the General Conference at once, with the request that such a worker be secured just as soon as funds are available.

W. H. BRANSON.



### Sentinel and Wachter Campaign

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the South African Union Conference, consideration was given to plans for a short intensive campaign to increase the circulation of the *Sentinel* and *Wachter*. The date decided upon is March 4-10. This is simply the usual annual effort to keep up the circulation of these papers. As a result of the successful effort made a little over a year ago, a good number of new subscribers were secured. Most of these subscriptions have now expired, and an effort should be put forth immediately to get renewals of these, as well as to obtain additional subscriptions from neighbours and friends.

#### PRESENT CIRCULATION

At the present time the circulation of the *Sentinel* is about 2,400 and the *Wachter* 4,200. This is indeed a very small circulation for such efficient missionary periodicals. We invite our brethren and sisters throughout the field to co-operate with us in a strong effort to gain new subscribers during the second week in March.

As a goal we would suggest that every church member secure at least three new subscribers. Some will no doubt feel that this goal is very low, and many will go far beyond what we have suggested, but in considering the matter, it was felt that the goal should be set so low that even the children will be able to reach it. While the plan does not call for a large effort on the

part of anyone, it is hoped that everyone will take part in the campaign, and, as suggested, send in at least three subscriptions. If every church member throughout the Union will either get three new subscribers, or send in the price of three subscriptions, with the names and addresses of friends to whom he would like the papers posted, this will increase the circulation by more than 3,000 copies each issue, or at least 36,000 for the year. By this means approximately 200,000 sermons on the message will be placed in the homes of these people within the next twelve months. This campaign presents an excellent opportunity for missionary work of the highest order, and, by means of the silent messengers, a large number of people can be reached with the truth, who may be difficult to reach in any other way.

It is anticipated that the March issue of the *Sentinel* and *Wachter* will be of special interest to our people and subscribers generally. The editor assures us that he will do his utmost to make the March number one that will not only appeal to the eye, but that will contain vital features of the message. "The News Interpreted" Department will deal with the recent developments in Europe and the Near East, which have caused the world such anxiety as has not been experienced since the fateful days of 1914. Pastor Branson's recent sermon in the Opera House, Cape Town, on "Millions Now Living Will Die Twice," will be one of the leading articles. Other features will be announced in the next issue of the *OUTLOOK*.

A liberal supply of papers will be sent to all of the churches, and sample copies will be obtainable from the church missionary secretaries. Any further information can be obtained on application to the president or Home Missionary secretary of your local conference.

G. S. JOSEPH,

*Home Miss. Secy., African Division.*

## SPION KOP COLLEGE

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### Plans for 1923

SINCE coming to this field of labour and taking up work at Spion Kop, I have found myself kept busy endeavouring to get acquainted with the school, its work, and its problems. Indeed, I have found myself so busy, that, no doubt, I have been somewhat remiss in keeping the many interested friends of the school in touch with its present happenings, and its plans for the future.

The news items of the school, we hope, will appear from time to time, so only the plans for the coming year's work will be dealt with here.

The work of putting out a new calendar was necessarily delayed pending the Educational Council and the adoption of its actions by the Division Committee, which met in session prior to the Bloemfontein camp-meeting. Since then, the material was placed in the hands of the publishers as early as possible, and, no doubt, before this appears our calendar will already have been in the hands of the constituency. However, lest there be some who will not obtain a calendar, but who wish to keep in touch with the school, we feel

that we should give a few facts concerning the coming year's work.

At the recent Educational Council, plans were laid for strengthening the work given. It is planned that all work of the sub-standards and the first six standards be given in the elementary department. The work of the preparatory or academic department will cover standards seven, eight, nine and ten. The work in this department will be given on what is sometimes known as the Spiral System, or after the method of administration as followed in the public schools. Through this method, students coming to us, who have been in these standards in other schools, can be classified without suffering handicap, and, on the other hand, those who may go from us to other schools can do so without difficulty. The work of these standards is sufficiently heavy to demand earnest application to successfully pass any one standard in a year.

Besides the work of the preparatory department, we are offering a number of training courses: the Theological Course, the Bible Workers' Training Course, the Normal or Teachers' Training Course, and after this year, the Commercial Course.

Each of these courses is two years in length. Strong work in these courses will be offered.

The expenses for the school year are practically the same as last year, and will average £55 or £60 for the school year.

The school year is forty weeks in length, and begins February 15. We are hoping for a large attendance and will be glad to supply, free of charge, to all interested in the school, a calendar giving complete information regarding all the work of the school.

E. D. DICK, *Principal.*

## SO. AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

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### Leaving South Africa

As announced elsewhere in this number of the *OUTLOOK*, I leave Cape Town, January 31. This has been made necessary on account of the health of Mrs. Beddoe. We are greatly disappointed that our stay in South Africa is to be no longer than two years. Our decision to return to America comes only after we have made every effort known to us to effect a relief. We do not understand just why this change should be necessary after so short a stay in this country.

During my stay here, I have very much enjoyed my association with the workers and believers in Africa. I shall never forget happy acquaintances formed in this land. Letters of regret are now coming to us from many parts. It will probably be difficult to reply individually to all these sympathetic messages. We pray the Lord to bless you all, and the cause we so much love. I am sure Pastor J. W. MacNeil will have the same loyal support as the president of the South African Union Conference that I have enjoyed. May the Lord greatly bless the onward progress of His work in South Africa and the great mission fields to the north.

B. E. BEDDOE.

**Spion Kop College opens February 15**

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## NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

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### News Items

MISS RUBY VISSER has joined her parents at the Cape.

HAVE we, as workers, reached our missions' goal of 5/- per week per member so far this year?

BROTHER W. H. HURLLOW is assisting in the effort which is being held in Cape Town by Elder W. H. Branson.

MISS VIOLET JEFFREY, of Port Elizabeth, C. P., has connected with the Sentinel Publishing House, as stenographer.

BROTHER G. S. JOSEPH is now in the field forwarding the interests of the Publishing and Home Missionary Departments.

OUR readers will be sorry to learn of the illness of Elder J. J. BIRKENSTOCK. We trust that very soon he will be quite well again.

BROTHER AND SISTER A. V. WARD and children sailed for America, January 14. A number of friends were at the boat to bid these workers farewell.

DR. AND MRS. A. H. KRETCHMAR and little son arrived at the Plumstead Sanitarium on the 21st of January from Kanye, B. B. Miss Daisy Ingle accompanied them to the Cape.

BROTHER A. L. HENNING, of Aberdeen, C. P., has recently paid the Cape a visit. He was accompanied by his daughter, who is connecting with the nurses' class at the Plumstead Sanitarium.

MRS. J. N. DE BEER, of Bloemfontein, O. F. S., with her two little girls, is spending a time at the Cape. Elder de Beer was here for a short time recently, attending the South African Union Conference Committee meetings.

THE workers at the Publishing House were interested in talks given by Elders W. S. Hyatt and W. H. Anderson during chapel time last week. These brethren have lately been at the Cape attending committee meetings.

BROTHER AND SISTER R. P. ROBINSON and family are at the Cape on a much-needed and well-earned holiday. The members of the Claremont Missionary Volunteer Society much enjoyed a talk given by Brother Robinson at their meeting two weeks ago.

BROTHER AND SISTER F. G. CLIFFORD, of England, arrived by the "Walmer Castle," January 15, to connect with the Spion Kop College. Sister Clifford is well known to our people in Africa as Miss Edna Edmed. We extend a hearty welcome to these new workers.

A SPLENDID interest is being manifested by the people of Cape Town in the lectures being given in the Opera House and Railway Institute by Elder Branson. On Sunday nights the Opera House has been filled to its limit. We trust that as the testing truths of this message are presented, many will be lead to take their stand for the truth.

### Periodical Campaign

ONCE again we look to our people in the Natal-Transvaal Conference for help; not for money, but for a few hours' work during the few days from March 4-10. The Union Conference has chosen the first week in March as the time for a campaign for our papers. You will remember that in the past we have had these campaigns every year, but, for some reason, we failed to have one during 1922, so now, at the beginning of 1923, plans have been laid for one.

I need not attempt to place before you the value of these truth-laden messengers, the *Sentinel* and the *Wachter*. Your experience with them has convinced you of this long ago. The spirit of prophecy encourages us in the use of these publications in the following words: "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelising ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals." And again I read these words: "Let us now by the wise use of periodicals and books preach the Word with determined energy." —*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol IX, pp. 61, 62.

Our force of living preachers is very small, but we may have just as large a force of these messengers as we desire to send forth. Through these we may "preach the Word with determined energy;" yes, and by this means we may reach many whom it would be very difficult for the living evangelist to reach. This being so, let us unite in making it possible for these silent messengers to accomplish the work they are designed to do; namely, that of proclaiming the last message to thousands who know it not.

In the past, we have rallied as a people during these efforts and secured a large number of subscriptions for our papers, and what we have done in the past we can do again, I am sure. In another column, Brother Joseph will give you full particulars regarding this campaign. The pastors of our churches and the local elders are invited to call a meeting of the church officers and lay plans for this work. If we are to get every member to act a part in this effort, it will require some wisdom to know how to plan the campaign, but through prayer and united action we will be able to accomplish this.

Brethren and sisters, shall we not determine that we will send in at least one subscription? Doubtless all can do this, and many others can do much more. Some may not be able to go out and canvass for the papers during this week, and, if not, I would suggest that we pay for one or more subscriptions, and have the papers, either the *Sentinel* or the *Wachter*, sent direct to the home of some friend or relative.

Be sure that the names and addresses are written out plainly before you hand them to the Home Missionary secretary of your church. Cash should accompany the orders. The *Sentinel* office expects this. Shall we all unite to make this effort a real success?

W. S. HYATT.