# The African Division OUTLOOK

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

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camp-meetings, even

though you have to make

a sacrifice to do so. Go

with a will to work. And

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your friends to go, not in

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# **Camp-meetings**

ANCIENTLY the Lord instructed His people to assemble three times a year for His worship. To these holy convocations the children of Israel came, bringing to the house of God their tithes, their sin-offerings, and their offerings of gratitude. They met to recount God's mercies, to make known His wonderful works,

and to offer praise and thanksgiving to His name. And they were to unite in the sacrificial service which pointed to Christ as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Thus they were to be preserved from the corrupting power of worldliness and idolatry. Faith and love and gratitude were to be kept alive in their hearts, and through their association together in this sacred service, they were to be bound closer to God and to one another.

With those who lived at a distance from the tabernacle, more than a month of every year must have been occupied in attendance upon these holy convocations. The Lord saw that these gatherings were necessary for the spiritual them to know what we are, and what we believe. We must find our way to their hearts. Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you. He does not do His work without the co-operation of the human agent. Go to the



Durban Church, dedicated January 13, 1923

life of His people. They needed to turn away from their worldly cares, to commune with God, and to contemplate unseen realities. If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to His church, how much more do they need it now!

This is a time for every one to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The forces of the enemy are strengthening, and as a people we are misrepresented. We desire the people to become acquainted with our doctrines and work. We want not want them to be weakened by depending on human beings for help. They are not to lean, like helpless children, upon someone else as a prop. As a steward of the grace of God, every church member should feel personal responsibility to have life and root in himself. Each one should feel that in a measure the success of the meeting depends upon him. Do not say. "I am not responsible. I shall have nothing to do in this meeting." If you feel thus, you are giving Satan opportunity to work through you. He will crowd your mind with his thoughts, giving you something to do in his lines. Instead of gathering with Christ, you will scatter abroad.

The success of the meeting depends on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. For the outpouring of the Spirit every lover of the cause of truth should pray. And as far as lies in our power, we are to remove every hindrance to His working. The Spirit can never be poured out while variance and bitterness toward one another are cherished by members of the church. Envy, jealousy, evil-surmising, and evil speaking are of Satan, and they effectually bar the way against the Holy Spirit's working. Nothing else in this world is so dear to God as His church. Nothing is guarded by Him with such jealous care. Nothing so offends God as an act that injures the influence of those who are doing His service. He will call to account all who aid Satan in his work of criticising MRS. E. G. WHITE. and discouraging.

AFRICAN	DIVISION	CONFERENCE

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### Missions Rally

ON Sabbath, the 17th, our churches are to have another opportunity to "square up" on their Mission Offerings goal. This is the last such Rally service that will be held this year. From November 17 to December 31, there are six weeks during which time a united and systematic effort will have to be made by all our members to make up any deficiency.

Programmes for the special service have been sent to the churches, and we are confident that all will appreciate the reports from the world mission field. We rejoice to know that the everlasting gospel is being preached to all the world, for as soon as its task is completed our Master is to come. We had hoped to be able to include in the programme some reports of the work in our own field, but these were received too late. However, we take this means of reporting regarding the prospects of our work.

Very splendid reports come to the office of the results of the camp-meetings and institutes recently held in the Zambesi Union. In South Rhodesia, they had seven camp-meetings, all of which were well attended. There were about 300 persons baptised in South Rhodesia during these several meetings. The workers are of good courage, and look forward with great anticipation to results in the near future.

great anticipation to results in the near future. Brother E. C. Boger is full of enthusiasm regarding the future of the work in the Belgian Congo. He and Sister Boger have just returned to Elizabethville from an extended trip. Brother Boger writes that he believes there is a great future before the Songa mission; that they visited several chiefs around there and found them friendly. The plan is to establish seven out-schools around the Songa mission within the next six months.

Brother Bredenkamp recently left his home at Windhoek travelling towards the northern part of South West Africa to investigate an interest that is reported from there, and if thought advisable, he will endeavour to send those people a teacher.

Can we afford to invest 2/6 a week in such a work? If we can, it will mean that additional workers can be

sent to answer the urgent appeals that come direct from the native people themselves. Brother Boger urges that a dozen native evangelists and teachers be secured for his field, so that they might learn the language, and go out and help instruct these interested ones.

Let us make 1923 the best on record,—every conference, church, and member having reached the goal of 2/6 per week per member.

W. B. Commin.

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### Big Week

WHAT is Big Week?

It is a time to sell books.

During Big Week all our colporteurs put forth very special efforts to increase their sales above what they have been any other week before this.

It is a week when, as far as is possible, all our conference and mission field labourers join the colporteur band, and throw their energies into the sale of our spirit-filled, truth-filled, literature.

It is a week when every church member is asked to also put forth special efforts in selling books, especially the "Crisis Series" books, and taking subscriptions to our *Sentinel* magazine. Some of our laymen can devote the entire week to this work. Others can give a few hours. All are urged to do what they can.

During this Big Week, there will be with each person engaging in it a Big Day. The Big Day is whatever day of the week on which you make the largest sales. It will be a different day with different people. The profits earned on Big Day should be turned in to the church treasurer to be sent to our Publishing House at Cape Town.

What will the Publishing House do with this money? They will use it to print a new book, "God's Answers to Man's Questions" in the Zulu language. Could it be used for a better purpose?

Thus those who engage in Big Week will not only scatter the truth, but also help to print it in the language of the great Zulu nation.

The date for Big Week in the South African Union is November 3-9, and in the Zambesi Union December 2-9.

Remember this is the time to sell books,—heaps of books,—more books than have ever been sold in one week before.

Are you ready? W. H. BRANSON.

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### The Week of Prayer

THE General Conference has appointed December 8-15 as the date for the annual Week of Prayer among our people throughout the world. This season of devotion has been observed for many years by Seventhday Adventists, and has proved to be a source of great spiritual blessing to all who engage in it.

Special readings have been prepared and will be found in the *Review and Herald* bearing the date of November 15, and these have also been translated into the Dutch. These readings are being sent out early, so that all, even our isolated members, may have them in good time. It is hoped that they may be read in every Seventh-day Adventist church in Africa, and in the homes of those who cannot attend a church service. A daily service should be planned for every church, and should be devoted entirely to hearing the readings, and to prayer and praise. A special effort should be made by church officers to get every church member to attend each service.

We trust that the Week of Prayer this year will be a time of reconsecration to all our people in the African field. We cannot lead others to a deep Christian experience when we are not right with God ourselves. The times in which we live, and existing world conditions, all have a tendency to deaden our spiritual desires and aspirations. Sometimes ill feelings toward others blight our happiness. They may exist to such an extent as to shut out the Spirit of God till we are cold and formal in our Christian experience.

But prayer changes things. And confession will clear up many a difficulty. "Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hands of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence?"—"Steps to Christ," p. 99.

Let us during this Week of Prayer use the key God has given us, and unlock the storehouse of heaven that all our spiritual needs may be supplied.

Also a liberal offering should be planned for. It should be mentioned on the first Sabbath, December 8, and it would be well to pass out envelopes to the individual members in which to place their offerings. This should be taken up on Sabbath, December 15. Calls are coming from the ends of the earth for our message, and the General Conference is greatly perplexed to know how to answer these calls because of a lack of funds. Shall we not at this time make a real sacrifice to God, and thus help to hasten His coming kingdom? W. H. BRANSON.

### PUBLISHING BIG WEEK IS HERE

Are you ready to do your part in helping to publish the new Zulu book "God's Answers to Man's Questions?"

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SPION KOP COLLEGE • Private Bag, Ladysmith, Natal.

### **News** Notes

WE have just completed a special week of prayer. The presence of Elder MacNeil was greatly appreciated. He spoke to us twice daily,—during the chapel hour, and in the evening. These were times of deep heart-searching and of drawing near to God. Some saw Jesus as their present personal Saviour for the first time; and together we all consecrated our lives to His divine service, determining to be on the right side when the door of mercy is forever shut. A CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE was held at the College, October 11-17. Brethren Joseph and Blennerhassett were in charge. About sixteen of the young men from the College desire to spend the summer in the field canvassing. The secretaries were untiring in their efforts to help these, and we trust that the results of this work will be seen when the young men reach their fields.

MRS. ARMER is at present a guest of the school. She is visiting her daughter and son, who are students here.

WITH other parts of South Africa, we are experiencing an unusually severe drought. The hills and valleys, which at this season of the year should be clothed with verdure, are bare and brown. Wind and dust storms continue, and the heat is intense.

and dust storms continue, and the heat is intense. THE 1923 Graduating Class has recently been formed, and has the distinction of being the largest graduating class in the history of the school. There are seven members,—four young ladies and three young men. Three of these have completed the Normal Course, and will enter the field as teachers. The other four graduate from the Ministerial Course, and are naturally looking forward to finding their places of usefulness in God's cause. Three programmes will be rendered in connection with the graduation: Class Night, November 15; Baccalaureate Sabbath, November 17; and Commencement Exercises, November 18, when the graduates will receive their diplomas.

THE friends of the school will be pleased to hear that a new water project has been put through; and we hope that the question of water for domestic purposes has at last been solved. At the recent meeting of the School Board, it was decided to pipe the water from a spring on the side of Spion Kop. Accordingly, a line of one-inch pipe, 11,800 feet in length, has been laid from the mountain to the large tank on the campus. It is estimated that for nine months of the year this will give a flow of about 7,000 gallons per day, most of which will be used for irrigation purposes. Even now, in the middle of what is termed the worst drought in twenty years, it is supplying us with enough water for domestic purposes. The water is pure and clear, and it is a joy to know that we shall not have to drink muddy river water when the rainy season comes.

### ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

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### Matandani Camp-meeting

JUNE 30 saw the close of our first regular campmeeting at our Matandani mission. Five hundred people came together from the sixteen out-schools belonging to that station for a season of refreshing, and they were not disappointed, if practical consecration is a reliable sign to go by. The whole-hearted attention given to the speakers in the several meetings was an inspiration to us to do our very best to lead our native brothers and sisters to a higher plane of Christian living.

It should be remembered that this station has not

had a European worker resident for more than a few weeks at a time, since Brother and Sister Hurlow left in 1921 to open the Chimpempe work.

We reorganised the church, and added to its one hundred and forty members thirty-five others who were baptised by Brother Davy in the Matandani stream, that flows through the mission property.

When we made the appeal for offerings for missions, we received pledges and cash to the amount of £41-0-9, of which £31-0-9 was given by the natives. Later, when we spoke of the need of a church building, a large number of young people came forward, offering to make bricks, and in other ways to help build a church large enough to accommodate the regular church gatherings. This shows the spirit that animates the dark sons and daughters of Africa.

Last year we held a ten weeks' effort in the Banga group of schools near Matandani, when over eighty people entered the Bible classes for two years' instruction before being baptised. Of these we found over sixty who have been steadfast in the truth, and it did our hearts good to see among them bent and wrinkled old women who had trudged ten miles to hear the gospel message.

The only white workers present were Brother Davy, the director of the station, and the writer.

G. A. Ellingworth.

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### **News** Notes

BROTHER L. E. BIGGS has returned from his visit to Nyasaland, and is again at work in the office.

ELDER W. C. FLAIZ is still out in the field attending camp-meetings and institutes.

SO. AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE J. W. MACNEIL, President, A. FLOYD TARE, Secy. Treas. OFFICE ADDRESS: Box 4565, Johannesburg, Tvl.

# MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CORNER The Advent Message to All the World in this Generation

The Love of Christ Constraineth us

### The Trouble and Remedy

A LETTER from a member of one of our churches says: "We are facing a serious problem in this church. It is a large church, but the attendance at the young people's meetings is sometimes up and sometimes down, and we never know what to expect. Only a few seem willing to take part in the programmes, or to lead in prayer. I do not know when a consecration service has been held in this society."

If the members of this society could realise what a burden their leader must carry, if they could realise how the Lord looks upon their indifference and unwillingness to act their part, if they could realise how their own spiritual and intellectual development is hindered and what their eternal loss may be, surely they would arouse themselves and shake off this lethargy.

The Missionary Volunteer Society is an association for service. The members are not there to be entertained merely, but to get under the load and to lift. They are not there to be coaxed and pulled along in the Christian way, but to act as ambassadors for Christ in persuading others to be reconciled to Him. Every Missionary Volunteer has signed this solemn pledge:

"Loving the Lord Jesus, I promise to take an active part in the work of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, doing what I can to help others, and to finish the work of the gospel in all the world."

Do you love Jesus? I repeat, Do you love Him? Three times Jesus asked Peter that searching question, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me?" Peter thought he did. But Jesus asked as a demonstration of that love that he give himself to the gospel work. Would the conditions mentioned above ever exist if we loved Him as we should?

And what did you promise?—"To take an active part in the work." That surely would mean not only regular attendance at the meetings, but to assist in every possible way to make those meetings a success. The Christian Endeavourer pledges himself "to take some part in each meeting, aside from singing, if opportunity is given." Should the Missionary Volunteer do less?

How shall the individual get out of this state of spiritual coma?—Begin to pray. For what?

There is a story told of a godly minister who was travelling in Scotland, and put up at a certain tavern. He was asked by the landlord to conduct family prayers. He consented on condition that all the servants of the house should be called. When they assembled, the minister asked if all were present. "Yes," said the landlord, "except a poor girl we never bring in. She does the dirty work about the kitchen, and is not fit to come in with the others." "I will not go on till she comes," insisted the minister. Seeing her neglected appearance, the minister took a special interest in her. When he was leaving the next day, he called for the girl and said to her, "I want to teach you a prayer, and I want you to pray it till I come back again. It is this, 'Lord, show me myself.""

When the minister returned a few days later, on inquiring after the girl, he was told by the landlord that she was spoiled, that she was of no use, and could do no work, because she was melancholy and weeping all the time. The minister knew why. He asked to see her, and said, "Now I want to teach you another prayer: Lord, show me Thyself.""

Years after, this minister was preaching in Glasgow, and a neatly dressed woman came up after the sermon and reminded him of the incidents above related. She said: "I am that girl. I prayed that first prayer and got such a view of myself that I was overwhelmed with grief and despair. Then you taught me that other prayer, 'Show me Thyself,' and He showed me Himself, and my grief and despair went, and I trusted Him and found salvation, and He made me what I am today.'

It is no sign of acceptance with God that we are satisfied. It depends on what we are satisfied with. The Lord says, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." Doubtless we all need to pray, "Lord, show me myself;" and then, "Show me Thyself." Have you ever said to yourself:

If every member were just like me,

What kind of a society would this one be?"

THE TROUBLE, SPIRITUAL STUPOR; THE REMEDY, PRAYER

Perhaps the very ones who need these admonitions will not read this article.

What can the leader do? Pray. Prayer is first. The reason why we do not prevail with men is because we do not first prevail with God. Pray earnestly, until you know that God hears prayer and will answer.

What next? Select the most spiritual person in the society or church whom you think would help you, share with him your burden, and you two pray. Ask God to show you what you need to do. Appoint a regular time to meet and pray. Each of you, after seeking the Lord for wisdom, invite someone to join your circle. Let the leaven work. Do not give any one the impression that this is a "holier than thou" circle. If you really pray, you won't. Naturally the first ones to be invited to pray would be the other officers of your society, if they are interested. If they are not, pray anyway, and with anyone who has a burden for prayer for this specific object. No longer is the way to be blocked by indifference. Get the love of God glowing in your own hearts, and an enthusiasm for the Lord's work, and it will spread.

In due time announce your prayer meeting. Others will come. Talk with the Lord and with one another how to do what He wants done in your community. New ideas will come to you and will be clarified by counsel. Talk with others of the possibilities before you as a body of young people, and of your responsibilities.

If your society has no working bands, divide your prayer meeting into two. Let one take up literature and correspondence work, perhaps, and the other Christian help work, or some other line. These two hives of workers may in turn send out other swarms; and you will have a Seventh-day Adventist Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society.

But how about the society meetings, the attendance, some one to take part in the programmes, and getting the members to speak in social meeting? 0, those things have adjusted themselves long ago! The programmes ?---first Bible study. What a privilege to begin at the beginning and study the great doctrines of the Bible, the foundation of our faith! Second, mission study. How interesting these studies are becoming as we trace the story of our missionary advance and watch the advent message grow! See the members lean forward to catch every word in the report of that timid girl who is almost ashamed to tell anything she has done, and yet is glad to give expression of her love for Jesus and tell of her efforts to do a little for Him.

The Association of Dull Indifferents has become the M. E. KERN. Active Order of Wide-awakes.

### **Bible Year Outline**

November 1-15

1. John 10-12: The Good Shepherd; entry into Jerusalem. 2. John 13-15 : The last supper.

3. John 16, 17: Words of comfort and farewell.

4. John 18-21 : Betrayal; crucifixion; resurrection.

5. Acts 1. 2 : Jesus' ascension; Pentecost. 6. Acts 3-5 : Preaching; power; deliverance.

7. Acts 6, 7 : Defence and death of Stephen.

8. Acts 8, 9: From persecutor to persecuted.

9. Acts 10-12: The gospel to the gentiles; persecution.
10. Acts 13-15: The first gospel missionaries.
11. Acts 16-18: Paul at Athens and Corinth.

12. Acts 19-21: Paul at Ephesus; farewell; at Jerusalem.

13. Acts 22, 23: Defence before the Jews; conspiracy.

14. Acts 24-26 : Defence before Felix, Festus and Agrippa.

15. Acts 27, 28: The journey to Rome.

To know the providences of God, which are many, in connection with the development of the truth and the giving of the "gospel of the kingdom to all the world," is to be better equipped for life, and more firmly "established in the truth." -Frank E. Thompson.

### CAPE CONFERENCE

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### **Important** Notice

ON Monday, November 26, at 7:30 p.m., the Cape Conference will hold the first meeting of the twentyseventh session, at the Masonic Hall, on Havelock Street, Port Elizabeth.

All organised churches, which have been duly admitted to the Cape Conference of Seventh-day Adventist churches, are entitled to representation in the conference session on the following basis: One delegate for the church without respect to number, and one additional delegate for each ten of its membership or major portion thereof.

Delegates should be selected not later than November 10, and their names, with the names of other persons attending from the church, forwarded at once to the conference secretary, 21 Chapel Street, Port Elizabeth. (P.O. Box 378.) This is necessary so that the names of those attending, the station at which they will entrain and the date on which they will begin their journey to Port Elizabeth, may be sent on to the South African Railways in order that tickets at the concession rate of single fare plus one-fourth for the return journey may be secured.

The importance of this meeting from the standpoint of our own spiritual experience, and the work in the Cape Conference, can be understood only by those who attend.

Arrangements for rooms and other accommodations will be made upon request to the secretary of the O. M. WILLMORE. conference.

### God Gives Success When We Work

Some years ago, Brother Edwin Harebottle, of the Orange Free State, accepted the truth. When I first visited Bloemfontein almost seven years ago, I heard of this brother and met his sister, Mrs. Lynch, who is a member of our church in that city.

A few weeks following, I was visiting the Somabula mission, near Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia. From the mission, by donkey cart, I went far out on the Somabula prairie to visit a Mr. Horne. Mrs. Horne had become interested in the truth through reading papers and tracts sent to her by her brother, Edwin Harebottle. We spent about four days studying together and she was baptised.

About a year ago, at the Bloemfontein meeting, a Miss McCuaig presented herself for baptism. She is a niece of Brother Harebottle, and had studied the truth in his home while on a visit there.

About fifteen years ago, Elders Hankins and Tarr held a meeting at Adelaide, C. P. and left a few who believed to represent the truth. About three years ago Brother Harebottle reported an interest at Adelaide and when Elder Tarr came to find the interested ones, he found Mrs. Midgley, Brother Harebottle's sister, ready to study. The truth worked upon her heart until a crisis came into her life, and she was baptised one year ago by Brother Staples at Port Elizabeth.

When I arrived in Adelaide on September 27 in response to a call to visit some interested ones, I found Mrs. McCuaig, the mother of Brother Harebottle's niece and another sister, Miss Harebottle, anxious to know more of the truth.

Four days were spent together studying. On Sabbath afternoon down in a pool in the quiet shady wood, two were laid away in the watery grave. The stillness of death surrounded all, but the beauty of the place spoke of the resurrection.

One brother, five sisters and one niece, are now numbered from among this family. We are hoping and praying that others may come. The Harebottles are first cousins to Brethren George and Arthur Shone, so we know not how far back the seeds of truth may have been sown. I think it must have been in the days of the old parents. The daughters tell me that daily the family was gathered at the family altar, where the reading of God's Word and the voice of prayer became a part of their life. Even the servants were brought where they might hear and partake of the blessing. The message at that time seemed not to have impressed their hearts, but the seeds of reverence for truth were sown, and now, in God's own time, are bearing the fruits of obedience.

This is not written as a biography of the Harebottles, but only as an evidence of God's blessing upon the efforts of one who would find those of his own family that he might tell them the message for this time.

We may not be able to discern the influence playing upon the harps of other lives; but let us endeavour to strike a note that will be in harmony with God's purpose, so that there will vibrate, in the lives we touch, a desire to do all the Lord's will.

U. BENDER.

### **News** Note

WE were indeed sorry to bid "Goodbye" to Miss Nell on Sunday evening, the 21st of October, and we will miss her very much in the Cape Conference office. She has been asked to take up work at Spion Kop College, and has accepted the call. We greatly appreciate the faithful services of Miss Nell at the office, and hope that the Lord will continue to bless her connection with the work. We wish her every success in her new field of labour.

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### My Little Corner

A LITTLE hidden corner my place here seems to be, But providential mercy selected it for me. It fits a lamed condition, it fits a stricken man, Bears evidence abundant of being God's own plan.

A little hidden corner—yet in God's vineyard still, And not too small or narrow for acting out His will; Frequented oft by angels with messages of light, Replacing my lost hearing with blessed inward sight.

I'm still joined to the fishers, though never fish midstream : All that is left to me now the shallow eddies seem; My catch is never showy, it's only the small fry, But I am in less danger than where I used to try.

A lasting deep conviction of great unworthiness Does not oppress my spirit, it rather seems to bless; For I can plead with sinners as few perhaps can plead, And lead them nearer Jesus than many a one can lead.

To me no one seems lower than I myself have been, And graver trespass than my own my eyes have not yet seen. So I can take a sinner right warmly by the hand, Encourage a despairing soul, and bid him take his stand.

The footlights of distinction have lost their charm for me: Its only in my corner now that I feel safe and free. And while I do my last lap, and soon will reach the goal, My little corner sure will prove a godsend to my soul.

No more the bird's sweet trill for me, no more the brooklet's song :

My lonely tears do tell my God how for it all I long !

I'm quietly preparing for greater silence still, And, Lord, dear Lord, Thou knowest, I'd only do Thy will.

Grant only that I yet may be of value to a few; Use what is left of me, O Lord, for it is all Thy due. I strive to lay up treasure where moth nor rust can be; The rescue of a few more souls—my God, ah, grant it me! HUBERTUS ELFFERS.

### ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE

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### Camp-meeting at Bloemfontein

No doubt you have all learned that it has been decided to hold the next conference and camp-meeting, of the Orange River Conference, at Bloemfontein, December 18-23, and our native camp-meeting at Emmanuel mission, December 4-9.

Hopes were entertained that we would be able to accommodate our people in tents during the time of the meetings, but after investigation we find this will be impossible, and we are therefore advising you to take rooms. Will those who desire us to find rooms for them please write early to Brother D. A. Webster, telling him just what is required, and we will do our best to secure suitable quarters for them.

"I was shown that dreadful scenes are before us; Satan and his angels are bringing all their powers to bear upon God's people."—"Testimonies," Vol. I, p. 315.

p. 315. "A storm is coming, relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it?"—"Testimonies," Vol. VIII, p. 315.

Events in the world today clearly indicate that the time described in the above Testimony is right upon us. Iniquity abounds, and the love of many is growing cold. We need a spiritual revival and reformation to perpare us to stand in the awful time upon which we are entering.

Every plan is being laid to make the coming campmeetings seasons of special spiritual blessings,—times of earnest seeking after God. So, brethren and sisters, I urge you to come, and let us meet with Jesus for He will come to the feast. Lay definite plans to attend, even at the sacrifice of the temporal things, for the spiritual gain will far outweigh any temporal loss.

We have not done our full duty by making the physical preparation to attend the meetings. There is also a heart preparation necessary if we expect to receive the full blessing and power to overcome sin: "While preparing for the meeting, each individual should closely and critically examine his own heart before God. If there have been unpleasant feelings, discord, or strife in families, it should be one of the first acts of preparation to confess these faults one to another and pray with and for one another. Humble yourselves before God, and make an earnest effort to empty the soul temple of all rubbish,—all envyings, all jealousies, all suspicions, all fault-findings. . . .

"Here is a work for families to engage in before coming up to our holy convocations. Let the preparation for eating and dressing be a secondary matter, but let deep heart-searching commence at home. Pray three times a day, and like Jacob, be importunate. At home is the place to find Jesus; then take Him with you to the meeting, and how precious will be the hours you spend there. But how can you expect to feel the presence of the Lord and see His power displayed, when the individual work of preparation for that time is neglected? . . .

"For your soul's sake, for Christ's sake, and for the sake of others, work at home. Pray as you are not accustomed to pray. Let the heart break before God. Set your house in order. Prepare your children for the occasion. Teach them that it is not of so much consequence that they appear with fine clothes as that they appear before God with clean hands and pure hearts. Remove every obstacle that may have been in their way,—all differences that may have existed between themselves, or between you and them. . . .

"The same work of humiliation and heart-searching should also go on in the church, so that all differences and alienations among brethren may be laid aside before appearing before the Lord at these annual gatherings. Set about this work in earnest, and rest not until

it is accomplished; for if you come up to the meeting. with your doubts, your murmurings, your disputings, you bring evil angels into the camp, and carry darkness wherever you go."—"Testimonies," Vol. V, p. 163, 164, 165.

If we come up to the meetings with our hearts thus prepared, we shall not be disappointed, so let us do it and come to the spiritual feasts to be held at Emmanuel mission, Dec. 4-9, for our native brethren and sisters, and at Bloemfontein, December 18-23, for our European brethren and sisters, expecting large things, —"even the demonstration of the Spirit of God."

J. N. DE BEER.

## Notice

A REGULAR annual session of the Orange River Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at Bloemfontein, Tuesday 10 A.M., December 18, 1923, to elect officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

The voting membership at this meeting shall consist of the following:

(1) Delegates at large.

(2) Regular delegates.

(a) Delegates at large shall be such members of the local, Union, African Division and General Conference committees as may be present at any session of the conference, and all European ordained and licensed ministers holding credentials from the conference.

(b) Such other persons as may be granted delegates' credentials by vote of the executive committee and approved by the delegates in session.

(c) Regular delegates: Each European church shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for every ten of its membership or major portion thereof, and one native delegate when the native church membership shall exceed five hundred, such native delegates to be appointed by the executive committee.

J. N. DE BEER, President, D. A. WEBSTER, Secretary.

# News Notes

BROTHER MOOLMAN, of Reitz, writes that some of his natives are looking forward with great interest to the time of the native camp-meeting which is to be held at Emmanuel mission from December 4-9. Brother Moolman has kindly offered his waggon to these natives as a conveyance to bring them to the meetings. Perhaps some of our other farming brethren will be so kind as to offer their waggons, so that their natives and others may have the privilege of attending. Let us do all we possibly can so that there may be a large number at Émmanuel, for we believe that the meetings will be a great blessing to all in these last days. Brother Moolman also writes that another young man in Reitz district has taken his stand for the truth, while his wife and mother-in-law are on the point of stepping out. This proves to us that our brethren and sisters in Reitz district are doing Home Missionary work.

Brother Ephriam Phomani writes from Majara outschool, Basutoland: "We are receiving many calls over here from people who are longing for the knowledge of the last message. As these calls come, and we look at the handful of workers, we pray that the Lord of the Harvest may send forth labourers into the field. One man bought five of our books on one occasion, so as to study the message we are giving."

We have received a telephone message from Elder de Beer that about twenty persons are deeply interested in the message, as a result of his meetings at Schmidt's Drift. He has organised a baptismal class of eight.

WE wish to draw the attention of our native workers and canvassers again to the fact that we still have a large number of the Sesuto "Bible Lessons" in stock. It is time for us to place an order for the next set of lessons, and we will be very much handicapped if the present stock is not materially decreased.

By the time this news reaches you, you will no doubt all be busy with the Big Week Campaign. Will you please let us have your Big Week report not later

than the 10th of November, and do not forget the amount for the Big Day Fund. We shall be glad to hear of any interesting experiences you may have during the Big Week, or on any other occasion.

WE would just like to remind our Dutch-speaking brethren and sisters again, that a very fine hymnal in Afrikaans has been published, but we have received very few orders for same. This little hymnal contains 126 of the best hymns translated from "Christ in Song." The number of each hymn in "Christ in Song" is printed in small figures alongside those in the Afrikaans Hymnal. The price is only 1/- post paid. Send your orders, with cash, to the Orange River Tract Society, 41 West Burger Street, Bloemfontein.

ELDER DE BEER has just returned from an extended trip through the western portion of the conference. He spent a very profitable time with the believers at Douglas. There he found one family deeply interested in the truth; in fact they have begun to keep the Sabbath.

ELDER BIRKENSTOCK was a welcome visitor at our office recently. On his return to Potchefstroom he stopped off at Kroonstad for a few days.

WE are very sorry indeed to report that Sister Hiten is very seriously ill, and we wish to ask all our brethren and sisters to remember Sister Hiten in our prayers before the Throne of Grace. THE Orange River Tract Society has a large number of *Life and Health* magazines of the following dates: December 1922, January, February, and March 1923. These magazines have 32 pages, and cost us approximately  $4\frac{1}{2}d$ . each copy. We are now prepared to sell these at 3d. each, railage or postage paid. Send your order with cash early.

ALL personal correspondence for Pastor J. N. de Beer and family should be addressed to 106 Kellner Street, Bloemfontein, and all business letters intended for the Orange River Conference office, should be addressed to 41 West Burger Street, Bloemfontein.

BROTHER D. W. JONKER, JNR., at Warden, O. F. S., writes: "The people here are very interested in the truth, every Sunday I have Bible studies with them. Last Sunday there were twenty-one persons present. Can you send me some literature for free distribution?"

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"A DAILY, earnest striving to know God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent, would bring power and efficiency to the soul."—"Desire of Ages," p. 355.

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### Orange River Conference

### Report of Tithes and Offerings for Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1923

(EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT)

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### NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

W. S. HYATT, President, A. A. PITT, Secy. Treas. OFFICE ADDRESS: 8 Stranack St., Maritzburg, Natal.

### Notes

THE first business session of the conference will be held at 10 A. M., TUESDAY, December 11, and not 10 A. M., MONDAY, December 10, as stated in our previous notice.

THE constitution of this conference provides that each church is entitled to one delegate for each ten members on the roll, and one delegate for the whole church. (A church of 50 members is entitled to 6 delegates.) We shall be glad if our churches will take into consideration the appointing of delegates as soon as possible.

As we are not having tents at this camp-meeting,

it will be necessary for us to secure rooms for our people. We shall therefore be glad if those who intend coming will kindly let us know as early as possible, what accommodation they will require.

WE would like to make a suggestion to those of our people who find it difficult to meet the expense of going to campmeeting. Why not spend some time between now and De-cember 10 selling some of our small books? We can supply you with a good assortment of these, and will give you a liberal discount. Write to us as soon as possible if this appeals to you and we will do our best to help you.

By the time this issue reaches you the Big Week effort will be in full swing. The prospects of success are good. There is still time for You to take part.

WE are happy to report that this conference is "All Square" on our goal for Mission Offerings for the nine months ending September 30, 1923. You will notice in the report for the quarter just closed that the offerings amount to 3/2d per week per member. The amount received for the nine months is 2/7 per week per member. The following churches passed their goal: Durban, Hlobane, Maritzburg, Spion Kop and Sweetwaters, while some of the others came very near to it. The total offerings received for missions for the nine months was  $\pounds 2,613$ -12-11. Of this amount  $\pounds 924$ -5-4 was received from the Harvest Ingathering campaign. The balance of  $\pounds 1,689$ -7-7 was contributed by our own people to Sabbath School Offerings and other funds. God's blessing has surely been on His people and His Spirit has made them responsive to the needs of His work.

THE amount received to-date for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign is £1,026-13-9. While this is £173-6-3 short of our goal of £1,200-0-0 we are thankful that we have received this much. It is an evidence that God has blessed the faithful efforts of those who have had a part in this work.

### Natal=Transvaal Conference

# Report of Tithes and Offerings for Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1923

(EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT)

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THE tithe receipts for the quarter ending September 30, 1923, namely £1,391-17-0, are the best for over two years, which is further evidence that the Lord is helping His people in these difficult times. We are glad to say that the number of members paying tithe shows a good improvement. We appreciate very much the response of our people in this matter. The steady increase in tithe receipts this year has enabled us to reduce the heavy deficit of £847-4-9 to £386-17-5.

A. A. PITT, Secy. Treas.

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### Klerksdorp

WE are glad to report that the work is progressing at Klerksdorp. Elder de Beer and Brother L. Molokomme have recently held an effort here, and we hope soon to see the fruits of their labour, for we know that there are many honest souls that will step out, and keep the commandments of God.

On September 22, we had a most encouraging Rally Day. Most of the members took part. The programme was nicely carried out, and the children did splendidly. At the close, pledges were taken to enable us to reach our goal, and we feel indeed happy to report that we have passed it.

The members of the Missionary Volunteer Society are at present very busy distributing "Autumn Leaves." We trust that these silent messengers will bring men and women to salvation. D. WILLIAMS.

### Standerton

It is some time since we last told you how we are getting on, and we feel sure that you will be greatly interested in reading something of the providential workings of the Lord.

Almost two months ago, we presented the "Sanctuary" question, and were leading up to the "Great Day of Atonement in the Heavenly Sanctuary." Our attendance was low (an average of about thirty-five), and we felt sad. On the day we advertised to speak on the "Judgment," a Baptist preacher pitched his tent close to the church, and held a few services. He mentioned that he would not have service that night, as he was going to the Adventist church. A rumour was soon circulated that there would be a controversy that night in the church between the Adventists and the Baptists. We went to church rather anxious, but feeling somehow that this important subject should be heard by everybody. Imagine our surprise to find our seating accommodation for 112 taxed to the utmost. Surely the Lord can do great things if we seek Him earnestly! We thus had the opportunity of presenting to a large audience the importance of obedience to the law of God.

A brother and sister have recently taken their stand, and two brethren who have long known this truth are asking for baptism. On November 24, when we hope to have Elder D. F. Tarr with us, we plan to have a baptismal service, when five dear souls will be baptised.

Mrs. Lee and the writer are now in Newcastle

assisting Brother Carey. We, however, hope to visit Standerton occasionally. Strong plans were laid when Elder Hyatt was with us the last week end, and we feel sure that the brethren in Standerton will faithfully carry out the duties assigned to them. We also celebrated the Ordinances of me Lord's Supper and received many rich blessings.

We learn that our next field of labour will be Bechuanaland. We plan to leave here on the 23rd of November, staying over at Standerton for the week-end.

### D. B. LEE.

### The Old Chapel

[The following verses were written by Brother Castle, who was a charter member of the first church ever built and owned by Seventh-day Adventists. Brother Castle was a subscriber of the Review and Herald for more than fifty years, and to the time of his death had never missed a single issue of the Youth's Instructor. With his passing away a few months ago, we lose the only surviving member of this our first church at Bucks Bridge.]

I STOOD within the hallowed dome

Where I had worshipped from a child. The faces of my early home

Were round me with their wonted smile.

Oft had I wished to tread again Those sacred aisles which erst I trod.

Again my holiest prayers to blend In that dear temple of my God.

The boon was given-and now I felt The glowings of those bygone years, When at that altar I had knelt

And poured my supplicating tears.

I thought of friends that worshipped there, Whose places now were vacant seen : The young, the beautiful, the fair,-

How well remembered was their mien!

The aged, too, with locks of snow, Were round me with their wintry smile. The middle-aged, I saw them now-

The harshly stern, the sweetly mild.

I saw them, as I saw them there Receive the high baptismal vows-

I saw them as upon the bier,

With death-stern silence on their brows.

O, thronging memories ! How ye come To make the heart and eyes o'erflow. When shall we reach that better home

Where meetings bring not thoughts of woe ?

### Songs for the Children

(Continued from page 11)

Takoma Park, D. C. Stamps or cash must in all cases accompany the order, as the Department carries no accounts.

These songs are supplied at the very low rate of two copies for  $2\frac{1}{2}d$ . A sample of each of these four songs will be mailed for 5d., or larger numbers of each or all may be ordered at the same rate.



"THE highest mission on earth is submission."

### "The Real Home"

A young woman accepted a position as teacher of violin in a select, private school. She spent her last evening at home playing for her father, mother, big brother, and little Ted.

After listening to selections from the great masters, brother said, "Now play the 'Home Tune.' Mother will play the accompaniment." This tune was the girl's own composition, one she had written for those she loved best.

"Here we are sitting around the fire," she said, as she played the low, bass notes. Brother interrupted, "Yes, and then father and mother begin to talk together.

The musician smiled. This music needed no inter-pretation in *that* home. Clearly, tenderly, came the tones, until the last floated away softly on the evening air.

The time came when a noted musician the girl greatly admired visited the school where she taught. The principal told her she must play before him and a distinguished company which had been invited.

When the appointed hour came, the girl tremblingly stood before her audience. "I will play a very simple melody called the 'Home Tune,' she announced.

As she played, the eager, restless group be-fore her faded

away, and she saw only the dim, sweet picture of her own fireside. She saw her dear, patient father. She saw her mother. She saw her deal, patient failed. She saw her mother. She heard big brother say, "Now I come in," and three-year-old Teddy proclaim, "An' now the fairies dance an' sing!" Then she saw them sitting quietly, dreaming before the dying embers.

The music ceased. The master violinist came to her side and asked that it be repeated. When the last notes were finished, he said:

"This music is different. I spend my life trying to find music for the hearts of the people. I find that which is brilliant, sentimental, but oh, so rarely, real. Your music plays true."

Life in the home always " plays true." There is the truest representation of real life. The merry laugh rings out. Peace and contentment are there and joy presides. At other times, there is heartbreaking sadness, and bitter weeping. Alas that there should ever be cruel anger and raging passion, bitterest sorrow and the silence of death!

The foregoing paragraphs are taken from the first chapter of the new book "The Real Home," by Vesta J. Farnsworth. It is dedicated to those who have homes, and those who have none; to those who, while striving, have not yet reached the ideal home life; to all who seek to make the home below a training ground to prepare for the home above. The contents of this most excellent book cover practically every phase of the home life, and should be in every home where these lines are read. The reading will be interesting to the young as well as to the old, and its value cannot be measured by the small investment of the purchase price.

A letter to your conference tract society or book depository, with postal order to the value of ten shillings and six pence, will bring this beautifully bound book of 438 pages to your home, postage paid. Write the letter today, before it is forgotten.

J. G. SLATE.

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### Songs for the Children

CONSTANTLY we are adding to the available supply of special songs for the children. The music is easy and pleasing, and the little ones delight in them. Here is the complete list now provided by the Sabbath School Department. They are appropriate for Sabbath schools, church schools, children's meetings.

> or may be sung in the home.

"THE BOAT ON GALILEE"

This is the title of a song which tells the story of Jesus sleeping in the boat on the Sea of Galilee, of the fear of the disciples, and how Jesus qui-eted the rolling

CONFERENCE	PLACE	DATE
Cape Conference	Port Elizabeth	Nov. 26 to Dec. 2
O. R. Conference, Native	Emmanuel Mission	Dec. 4 to Dec. 9
Natal-Transvaal Conference	Pietermaritzburg	Dec. 10 to Dec. 16
Orange River Conference	Bloemfontein	Dec. 18 to Dec. 23

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waves. The motions to be made by the children as they sing, are fully described. ' THE RAINDROP''

This is a rainy-day song, but the children are not content to sing it only on rainy Sabbaths. The song may appropriately be introduced by a short nature study on the clouds, and the drink they send to the grass, the trees, and the flowers. Directions for appropriate motion illustrations are given.

### "A HAPPY LITTLE HOME "

This is a bird song, and was taught to the Sabbath school workers in one of the meetings of the Department at General Conference time. It is a great favourite and never grows old. The sheet of music gives directions for the motions and suggestions for suitable object illustrations.

### "LITTLE BIRD SONG "

This is a song that will appeal to the children of the kindergarten age especially. The music is very simple, the motions suggested come naturally. This sheet of music is appropriately illustrated by a group of flying birds and a nest of birds with the mother bird. We wish every little child might learn this song.

### HOW TO GET THESE SONGS

No publishing house or tract society has them. They may be obtained by ordering direct from the General Conference Sabbath School Department, (Continued on page 10)

November 1, 1923

### THE AFRICAN DIVISION OUTLOOK

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### General Conference of Seventh=day Adventists, African Division

Subscription price, five shillings

### MISS PRISCILLA E. WILLMORE, Editor Grove Avenue, Claremont, Cape

"I know my hand may never reap its sowing, And yet some other may;

And I may never even see it growing,

So brief life's little day. Still I must sow, though I go forth with weeping; I cannot, dare not stay-

God grant a harvest, though I may be sleeping Under the shadows grey.

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### General News Notes

MISS CECILY HEYDENRYCH, of Johannesburg, was a recent Cape visitor.

ELDER U. BENDER, president of the Cape Conference, is at present visiting the Cape.

MISS E. HENNING, of Aberdeen, has joined the nursing staff at the Cape Sanitarium.

On Sabbath, October 13, nine more members were received by baptism into the Cape Town church.

MRS. J. REITH, with daughters, Isabel and Caroline, left Cape Town, October 27, for England, on an extended holiday.

BROTHER F. E. THOMPSON returned to the Cape from Rhodesia the beginning of October, but left again two weeks later on a trip through the South African Union.

On Thursday, October 18, a number of the Cape Town church members, who had not before had the opportunity, visited the Publishing House at Kenilworth. They were much interested in going through the institution.

MRS. A. C. LEBUTT, of Elizabethville, arrived at the Cape Sanitarium, on Sunday, October 28. Her little son accompanied her. Both have been ill, and we trust that their stay at the Cape will prove beneficial to them.

ELDERS W. H. BRANSON AND T. M. FRENCH, as well as Brother G. S. Joseph, have returned to the Division office, after having spent some time visiting various parts of the field. They will spend a short time at the office, before attending the local camp-meetings.

### Mottoes for Preachers' Wives

DON'T tell everything your husband tells you.

Be careful how you talk; Moses shut himself out of the Holy Land by speaking unadvisedly.

Keep in mind that God and the people expect the best from you.

Guard against loss of power through hasty words and idle conversation.

In order to lift others, you must let God lift you.

You are a living sermon, whether you preach a word or not.

Do not lose the blessing that is hidden in your trials.

When you forget the peculiarities of your people and watch for their good points, you'll become fond of them.

When your home threatens to become a hotel, remember the saints were given to hospitality.

Be willing always to take the lowest place, and you'll get the largest blessing.

The measure of your sacrifice shows the measure of your love.

Do not place your burdens on your husband, but lean on God.—Selected.

### A Prayer

(Sent in by Pastor I. B. Burton)

My Holy Father, and my God, I lift my eyes above to where I think is Thine abode, the home of Thy great love. And as in vision I behold Thee seated on Thy throne with all Thy glorious Majesty, Thy holy servants worship Thee, Thy messengers of light, adore and praise Thy might. How great, how glorious, is Thy home above! it is too high for me. But Lord I praise Thee too, for Thou hast also remembered me, and, a place prepared where I may bend the knee. Yes, Lord, heaven is Thy throne and let it be, but earth Thy footstool is, and that Thou gavest me, that I may to Thee flee when sorrows, sickness, dark distress, and troubles compass me. And like a little child whose heart is sad, but who is soon made glad, when it rests its head upon its mother's knee, dear Lord, I likewise come to Thee. The world's allurements, however fair, are cares and snares, and have no attractions now for me. Thou hast, dear Lord, de-livered me, redeemed me, for with great love Thou lovest me, and all my sins forgavest me. Then give me faith I pray today that ever it may be, my life is hid in Thee.

### **Obituaries**

BROTHER ROBERT H. RAW, of Durban, passed peacefully away in the early morning of October 2. Born at Hull, November 20, 1847, he had almost reached the age of 76. After his conversion to this message in 1917, he lived a consistent, faithful Christian life. In times of need or trouble, he was ever ready to offer a helping hand, and he will be greatly missed by the Durban church.

His wife is also a member of this church, and it was chiefly because of her faithful life that he was converted. She, with seven sons, three daughters, and many grandchildren, are left to mourn their sad loss.

Brother Raw's firm faith and trust in God during his last illness made a deep impression on all who knew him. His last words to his wife were : "I am at peace, and am falling asleep, knowing that I shall hear the voice of Jesus calling me when He comes for the redeemed.", Blessed rest!

J. C. ROGERS.

DIED, at East London location, October 12, 1923, Emily Ngqangweni, at the age of twenty-one. Sister Emily died with the hope of meeting Jesus at His second coming, and is now wait-ing for that beautiful, cloudless morning, when the righteous dead will sing that victorious song of 1 Corinthians 15:55. BANDFORD T. SCOTT.