

Gifts of Sacrifice

WE live in a time when everything seems to be unsettled, when men are dissatisfied with their lot and are looking for something different. Greater fortunes than ever are being stored up by the few; the working class, to a large extent, is not satisfied with its wages, and strikes are threatening; the poor are becoming poorer and actual starvation is found in many homes. What is the cause, and what the remedy?

The apostle James foretold the above conditions as those that would be found in the last days and adds, "For the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." We live in an age of luxury, in a time when money is freely circulated. The scale of living has risen very considerably the past few years, and the demand for a higher wage becomes more persistent.

The Saviour when here upon the earth stated that at the time there would be great national troubles with nation against nation and kingdom against kingdom, there would also be famines and pestilences in the land; and that these conditions were to be regarded as signs of the end of all things. These troubles are found in our own land today. Throughout Rhodesia and many sections of the Union of South Africa, the effects of drought and the locust pest, are most pitiable. We learn that in some parts families are actually suffering with hunger on account of the failure of crops. But notwithstanding such distressful conditions, we find a people who love the work of God and who regard its advancement even above temporal necessities. There has come to our notice the experience of a brother, which proves his loyalty to and his love for the Cause of God.

Recently, the president of one of our conferences was out on a trip visiting the scattered members. One family visited was in embarrassing circumstances. The severe drought had continued so long that the crops had entirely failed, and there was not the necessary means to secure food. It was decided that kafir-corn would go further than anything else, and so the few pence on hand were taken to buy kafir-corn. Just before the conference president left, the brother fetched from his room a handkerchief in which had been placed his tithe and mission offerings that he felt it was his duty and privilege to give to the Lord.

We have in mind also an experience that was related to us by Brother Joseph, who recently attended the camp-meetings in South Rhodesia. When reporting on the offerings taken at these meetings, Brother Joseph wrote: "It was very evident that in most cases the pledges represented a real sacrifice on the part of those who made them. In several instances, the amounts pledged were equivalent to approximately four months' salary." The amounts in themselves may have been small, but we believe that the Master regards such gifts as He did the widow's mite. Her gift was considered more valuable than any other, "For all they did cast in of their abundance, but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

We rejoice that there are such faithful souls in our ranks, who are willing to sacrifice in order that the Message might be taken to others. The blessing of heaven upon the loaves and fishes made them suf-

ficient for the multitude on the hillside, and God will multiply the value of the gifts we make in sacrifice for the spread of the Gospel.

W. B. C.



Exploring in Angola

A LETTER has been received from Brother Anderson who, with Mrs. Anderson, is still travelling through Angolaland with a view to establishing new mission sites in that country. Brother Anderson writes from the south-eastern part of the Lunda district and gives a description of that part of the country. We quote from his letter written from Dala dated July 10, and which reached our office on September 23:

"As I have a chance to send off post today by carriers, I will pass along a letter to you. You will not find this place on the map, but I can assure you it is on the earth. If you get a map of Angola and look at the Lunda district, you will see in the south-east the part called Cassai du Sul. Dala is about the centre of the Cassai du Sul. Here is where we are today, and I will be here over the Sabbath exploring in this part, and then we will move to the capital of the district at Searimo. That is 204 kilometers from here and we can drive there with the car in a little more than a day.

"Right about the post here, there are many natives and they build better houses for themselves than any natives I have ever seen. There is good timber in the country and they are able to get long straight poles so they have the walls of their houses about eight feet high, and then the roofs are very steep and high, as they have a very heavy rainfall in the district. There seems to be no paramount chief in the country here, as it has been the plan of the Portuguese Government not to allow the chiefs to get too strong and have too big a following, so they cannot start a rebellion.

"Right here, the elevation is about 3,600 feet and the rainfall last year was 43 inches which was about the average. Just now, it is the coldest part of the winter and the thermometer goes down at night to 40. They have no frost nor ice. We are only 9 degrees from the equator at this post. There are many pine-apples grown here, and they seem to do well all over the district, as far as I have seen. They also have rice locally grown, and at the last mission station they had guavas, persimmons, pineapples, granadillas, apples, peaches and pears growing and looking well; also the citrus fruits,—oranges and lemons.

"This is a well-watered country so far as rivers are concerned. We have crossed five large rivers in the last hundred miles, and by big rivers, I mean rivers which have a large quantity of water flowing all the year round. At the last one, the Chihumbwe, there are beautiful waterfalls and rapids just where the motor road crosses the river. We stopped there for the night, and in the morning before starting, we had a look at them. The fall in the rapids and falls, amounts to over one hundred feet, but most of it is in the rapids, so the actual fall is about thirty feet.

"The soil for most part is sandy and not very good excepting along the rivers, and there it is very fine. I visited the garden here at the post yesterday and

they have a lot of old peat soil that looks as if it would grow anything. I have seen that along every river that I have explored as yet; but the highland is poor ground. Still the natives seem to grow plenty for their needs.

"Next week, we will have to leave the motor road and get carriers to explore some of the back districts. While the motor roads are a great help in travel, the natives move back from them, so we must resort to walking to find them. I will work Lunda until about the first of September and then start for Loanda. It is about ten days from Searimo to Loanda by car and train.

"We are very well and enjoying the work, although I get tired of walking sometimes when exploring. It may be that the car is spoiling me. I have seen one place that looked good for a station, but I want to see the whole country before deciding where to settle."



"Special Sabbath Special"

"An Appeal to Fundamentalists, by One of Them" for a recognition of loyalty to God and obedience to His eternal unchangeable law as the "Basic Fundamental;" "Who Originated Sunday Observance?" "The True and Abiding Sabbath;" "Are Protestants Consistent?" "Kept in the Early Church;" "Religious Fiction;" and "Why Emphasize it?" are some of the headings to Sabbath articles in the November *Signs*.

Instead of pressing the Sabbath question in every issue, it is our policy to give it special emphasis only in certain issues. We are certain that there will be a great demand for this issue when you see it, but in order to save disappointments, orders for extra copies should be sent in early in order to reach the printing office before the paper is printed.

The number of letters that are being received by the editor, and the number of subscriptions being voluntarily sent in by those who have seen a copy are indicative of a widespread interest in the message-filled series. Just today we received a letter from a reader who had seen only Number 4, sending in a subscription with a request for all back numbers. Let us continue to support the *Signs* with our endeavours and our prayers, and we may be assured that God will add His blessing to its circulation.

D. E. ROBINSON.

ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE

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Boschberg Church

At the close of September, I had the privilege of attending the quarterly meeting of the Boschberg church held at Brother Vorster's farm. I am glad of the opportunity of telling of the good time we all had, for it was no usual meeting. Although the meetings were held in Dutch and I could understand only about one half of what was said, I enjoyed that meeting more than any other I have ever attended. The spirit that was manifested was just wonderful. The

members seemed to uphold each other in a bond of love and unity.

Not only were we reminded by word of mouth of God's many blessings to usward, but a glance at the green carpeted hills, the beautiful trees clothed in their glorious new foliage, the sound of the birds bursting into song, the warm sun adding a rich beauty to all, brought to mind that text of Scripture: "O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy riches." Surely, if He has made all these things for the happiness of mankind, He will be with us to guide and to help through all the vicissitudes of life.

Especially impressive was the baptism of two new members on Sabbath afternoon. In a small pool at the side of a hill, on a picturesque part of the farm, a young brother and sister followed their Lord in baptism.

On Sunday morning before the business meeting, Brother Snijman, the church treasurer, informed the members he was ready to receive the tithes and offerings. After the older folks had handed in theirs, two tiny tots approached him with small coins in their hands. The little girl had 2/- which she said was tithe from her hens, and the little boy had 1/2 tithe. It impressed me very much. How happy the angels in heaven must be when they witness such faithfulness on the part of the very youngest of the Lord's children.

The business meeting was especially interesting to me. After a short but impressive sermon preached by Elder de Beer, financial and statistical reports were given. Counting the camp-meeting pledges already paid in, the Boschberg church has received to date 146% of their mission offerings goal. As the last quarter in the year is the most prosperous for the farmer, they expect to make up their mission offerings goal in Sabbath school offerings, etc. alone, allowing the camp-meeting pledges to go towards helping those churches which have not come up to their goals. Eight members were welcomed into the church—two by baptism and the others by transfer. It is difficult to express in words the depth of feeling that was shown during this part of the meeting.

A young people's Missionary Volunteer society was organised, with Sister Snijman as leader, Sister Cookie Cloete as assistant leader, Miss Louise Marais as secretary-treasurer, and George Hiten as assistant secretary-treasurer. On Sunday afternoon they met to discuss plans. Much enthusiasm was manifested and nearly a thousand *Wachters* were ordered. They have all promised to be faithful in distributing this good literature, for they want to be young Davids, setting to flight the armies of the Philistines. They are planning to take up the study of the Standard of Attainment, and Bible studies will be given in their meetings once a month, so that they may be prepared for the work that the Lord has given to each one. With such strong leadership, we are sure that this Missionary Volunteer society will prosper.

On Monday morning, the members all left for their several homes with a greater determination to do what they can to further this Gospel message, so that when the Lord comes they may have many sheaves in their garner.

E. M. ROWLANDS.

The Combined Big Week,

The Missions Publishing Fund

THE African Division Committee has asked the Publishing Department and the Home Missionary Department to again unite in the Big Week Campaign for 1924. This means that conference workers, publishing house employees, colporteurs, and every church member will endeavour to do their full part toward raising £100-0-0 for the MISSIONS PUBLISHING FUND.

THE PLAN

The plan, as heretofore, is to raise the required sum through the sale of literature. The Sentinel Publishing Company and the tract societies are offering very attractive Big Week assortments of literature, and will do everything possible to assist our church members in getting the literature and in making the proper presentation of it to the public. A liberal supply of leaflets, giving full particulars concerning this literature, has already been posted to all of the church elders throughout the field. It is suggested that each church member, as far as possible, agree to sell at least £1-0-0 worth of literature, which will yield 50% profit, or 10/- to be placed in the MISSIONS PUBLISHING FUND.

In view of the fact that there are some of our workers and church members so situated that they cannot engage in the sale of literature during the Big Week, it is designed that all such shall co-operate in the good work by donating a day's earnings during the week.

THE BIG DAY

The Big Day is any day during the Big Week when a definite and concerted action is taken in behalf of the Missions Publishing Fund. The colporteur will check up the daily sales at the close of the week, and dedicate the earnings of whatever day the biggest sales have been made. Churches and individuals will to a large extent select Monday, November 3, as the Big Day in which to accomplish the greater proportion of their task:

RESULT OF PAST EFFORTS

During 1922 alone, fourteen added tongues—almost as many as were represented at Pentecost—began speaking the message of life through the printed page. Fourteen language areas heretofore closed to the reader, opened in a single year. Elder J. L. Shaw the treasurer of the General Conference writes: "Our hopes for the Publishing Extension Fund are being realized. We are glad to report that year by year some advance is being made in enlarging and equipping our publishing houses in other lands for larger work in carrying the message to many peoples. We are pleased to report that the 1923 receipts applied on the Publishing Extension Fund, as a result of the laymen's Big Week and the colporteur's Big Day alone, exceeded the receipts from the same source in 1922 by \$14,320.54 (approximately £3,180)."

BIG WEEK FACTS

1. THE DATE.—November 2-8, 1924.

2. LOCATION.—Throughout the entire territory of the African Division.

3. FOR WHOM.—Every Seventh-day Adventist and friend of the cause of missions.

4. PURPOSE.—To raise £100 for the purchase of two small hand-printing presses for our mission training schools in the Zambesi Union.

WHAT OTHERS SAY REGARDING THE MISSIONS PRESS

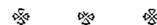
"In evangelizing by means of literature, we are following the great Exemplar, who chose as the medium of revelation a Book as well as a church."—*"Christian Literature in the Mission Fields."*

"The ministry of the press is not merely an auxiliary to which the Christian teacher can look to supplement his labours. It is in itself an evangelizing agency, often penetrating farther and delivering a far more effective message than any missionary could. Modern missions could never have grown to the present dimensions but for the printing press.—*"Gospel in All Lands."*

ALL INVITED TO TAKE PART

The plans set forth for our 1924 effort will enable everyone to have a share, and with a willing heart and a ready hand, let us keep before us the great objective in our service. Shall we not even exceed the aim, and cheer still further the hearts of our fellow workers at Solusi and Malamulo by each doing his part in helping to raise the funds required for the purpose of purchasing the printing presses that are so urgently needed?

G. S. JOSEPH.



The Power of the Press

IN the fifteenth century, there was a German lad who had the euphonious name of Johann Gensfleisch. Translated into plain English, this means John Gooseflesh. It is said that John was one day playing near a pot of boiling dye, with which his father was preparing to colour some skins. He had cut the letters of his name from the bark of a tree, and was spreading them out to form his name, when one of them accidentally fell into the pot of boiling dye. Quickly John plunged in his fingers to rescue the letter. Finding it very hot, he more quickly dropped it. It fell upon one of the white skins waiting to be dyed, and when John lifted the block away, he saw a beautiful purple 'H' smiling at him. This was the first letter ever printed on the continent of Europe. Whether he admired the marks on the skin or meditated ruefully upon the marks which his irate father might make upon his own skin because of the accident, we do not know. But we do know that this accident or something else, started the young man to thinking."

In the year 1450, we find a printing press working in Mainz, under the direction of Johann Gutenberg, who had changed his name from Gooseflesh, by availing himself of an old German law which permitted a child to take his mother's name instead of his father's, if he desired. Gutenberg's discovery of the art of printing revolutionized the world. . . .

The case of Martin Luther may be referred to as

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an example of the influence of the printed page in the early history of the printer's art. The Protestant Reformation really began at Erfurt, when Luther, rummaging through the library of the monastery, ran across a dusty copy of the Scriptures, opened it, and read, "The just shall live by faith." When that line fell upon the retina of Luther's eye, the Protestant Reformation became potentially a fact. The truth haunted him, as the story of his life makes plain. Wherever he went, that line from the printed page went with him. The words floated before his vision and sounded in his ears.

Luther went to Rome, hoping that a visit to the mother church would strengthen his faith; but as he went up the steps of the Lateran, surrounded by the ceremonies, grandeur, and gilt, these words came to him with an insistent force, "The just shall live by faith." And so his life was turned into absolutely new channels, and the world was revolutionized by the reading of a single line. A few years later we find Luther giving utterance to the prophetic statement, "Printing is the latest and greatest gift by which God enables us to advance the things of the Gospel."

But the great boon of the printing press has indeed been made to serve ulterior purposes by the subverting of this divinely appointed agency into channels of commerce and fiction. "The press is powerful for good or evil," states Mrs. E. G. White. "This agency can reach and influence the public mind as no other means can. The press, controlled by men who are sanctified to God, can be a power indeed for good in bringing men to the knowledge of the Truth."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 28.

"Satan is busy . . . scattering literature which is debasing the morals and poisoning the minds of the young. Infidel publications are scattered broadcast throughout the land. Why should not every member of the church be as deeply interested in sending forth publications that will elevate the minds of the people and bring the Truth directly before them?"—*Mrs. E. G. White, in Review and Herald, June 10, 1880.*

And still another statement, quite similar in nature: "The men of the world seize the press and make the most of every opportunity to get poisonous literature before the people. If men under the influence of the spirit of the world and of Satan, are earnest to circulate books, tracts, and papers of a corrupting nature, you should be more earnest to get reading matter of an elevating and saving character before the people."—*Manual for Convassers*, page 76.

"The poison of evil in the printed page must have its antidote in the inspiration of the good," and surely ambassadors of the King of heaven should ever stand ready to counteract evil influences disseminated through the printed page by the promulgation of that which is good. The Saviour once said that "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light,"—a fact which may have present-day application. On the battlefield of sin there is grave danger that the deadly miasma of indolence and indifference will penetrate the Christian's armour, and cause insensibility to the need of vigilance in the

conflict. The instruction which has come to the church in later days is as follows:

"We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well-prepared literature. Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the Word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the Isle of Patmos."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 101.

And then we find the definite personal appeal to awake from this sleepy condition:

"You who believe the Truth for this time, wake up! It is your duty now to bring in all the means possible to help those who understand the truth to proclaim it. Part of the money that comes in from the sale of our publications should be used to increase our facilities for the production of more literature that will open blind eyes and break up the fallow ground of the heart."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, page 62.

Although this appeal was written years before the term "Missions Publishing Fund" became known, it is an exact outline of the work now being promoted under this caption. The Missions Press Extension plan, which originated in 1920, has been brought about in fulfilment of the divine purpose, for through the Big Week effort in behalf of the Missions Publishing Fund, "part of the money that comes in from the sale of our publications" is "used to increase our facilities for the production of more literature that will open blind eyes and break up the fallow ground of the heart." And this is exactly what our truth-filled literature is doing all over the world. . . .

"I have been shown that the publications already have been doing a work upon some minds in other countries, in breaking down the walls of prejudice and superstition. I was shown men and women studying with intense interest papers and a few pages of tracts upon present truth. They would read the evidences so wonderful and new to them, and would open their Bibles with a deep and new interest, as subjects of truth that had been dark to them were made plain, especially the light in regard to the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. As they searched the Scriptures to see if these things were so, a new light shone upon their understanding, for angels were hovering over them, and impressing their minds with the truths contained in the publications they had been reading."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 28.

Thus is demonstrated that "the same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the Truth as attends the work of the minister."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, page 316. What a wonderful privilege is afforded in the literature work—sharing the companionship of angels! Comparatively few of God's children are chosen to stand in the sacred desk and preach the Word to the hungry multitude, but nevertheless there is a place and work for all in the fast-ripening harvest field. "Not all can fill the same place in the work, but there is a place and a work for all."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 301. The prayer of every heart, as expressed in the song, should be, "Lord, 'help me find my place' in this important

Big Week task, that I may do my full part in helping to extend the chain of mission presses around the world."

We read: "Many are sad and discouraged, weak in faith and trust. Let them do something to help some one more needy than themselves, and they will grow strong in God's strength. *Let them engage in the good work of selling our books.* Thus they will help others, and the experience gained will give them the assurance that they are God's helping hand. As they plead with the Lord to help them, He will guide them to those who are seeking for the light. Christ will be close beside them, teaching them what to say and do."—"Colporteur Evangelist," page 40.

Let us share with you a personal experience of one of God's humble children, who found her place in literature work and remained faithful to the end. If any one might be justified in offering an excuse for refusing to join the working forces, surely this woman could,—aged, sick, ignorant, having lived all her life in the darkness of heathenism. But when the truth of God touches the heart, the impulse to serve others is spontaneous, and the promise of the Lord is realized in its fulness by all who yield themselves for guidance, that "all the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armour on."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, page 333.

Brother, sister, have you found your place in the Big Week literature effort, in which all our people are asked to unite during the coming week? If not, do so at once. Once more the bugle call is sounding, "Let the Gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action." There must be no failure to respond. Each must do his full part in supplying the £2,000 so urgently needed for the Missions Publishing Fund during 1924.

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1924 Goals

WE are now in the last quarter of 1924. By the time this OUTLOOK reaches you there will be only ten or eleven Sabbaths left in this year. To a large degree our Christian life and experiences are marked off by weeks, each composed of seven days.

Our goals in the exercise of spiritual privileges and missionary endeavour are on the daily and weekly basis. Our lesson study, the Bible Year, the Morning Watch are daily. Our Sabbath school and missionary offerings are weekly.

As we make the post which marks the beginning of the last quarter and the home stretch for 1924, it will be well to consider how we are running. Are we up to time? Have we any handicaps which hold us back? Read Hebrews 12:1.

The goal upon which all goals hang is "OUR BEST." We may not run even with some other person, but if we do our best we will win. Let us

all look over the record for the past three quarters and see if we have accomplished all we planned to do. If not, there is a reason, and it may be a remedy can be applied. If we have reached all our goals, it may be the prospering hand of the Lord invites us to do more.

With God's help, and by His grace, may we press on and make all our goals hang upon the greatest of all goals "OUR BEST."
U. BENDER.

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Lower Shangani Camp-meeting

On Tuesday, the 23rd of October, I left Somabula mission for the Shangani native reserve on motor cycle to get everything in readiness for the meetings there. On Wednesday, the church roll was called and the candidates for baptism were examined.

The same afternoon, Elder Joseph arrived by mule cart, looking very hot and sun-burned after the long drive of 65 miles through very heavy sand and thick bush, but ready for service.

We were rather disappointed to find only about seventy camped on the grounds. After enquiries it was discovered that a great number had returned home. A company of troopers were visiting those parts of the country, and it was rumoured among the natives that they would be molested by the soldiers. This of course, was erroneous, the troops being on a peaceful trek. However, the meetings started with quite a good attendance on Thursday morning. It was evident that all had come to enjoy the meetings, as those camped on the grounds attended every meeting, and drank in all that was said. We always had a full house at night, the writer giving a lantern lecture.

On Friday afternoon, we had the privilege of baptising 22 souls, and on Sabbath morning Elder Joseph gave a stirring talk on the "Love and Gift of God." At the close of the service, those present were given an opportunity to help spread the message and about £32 were pledged, this being an increase of £18 over the amount raised last year.

In the afternoon, about sixty partook of the Lord's Supper, the service being conducted by the local elder, assisted by Elder Joseph. The meetings closed that night with a lantern lecture on the work of the Gospel, which was enjoyed by all.
W. S. SMITH.



Growth of Membership in Seventh-day Adventist Denomination by Decades

DECADE END- ING IN—	MEMBERSHIP	GAIN DURING DECADE	PER CENT OF GAIN
1872	4,801	1,301	37.17
1882	17,169	12,368	257.61
1892	33,778	16,609	96.74
1902	67,150	33,372	98.80
1912	98,044	30,894	46.01
1922	208,771	110,727	112.94

Appeal for Missions Campaign

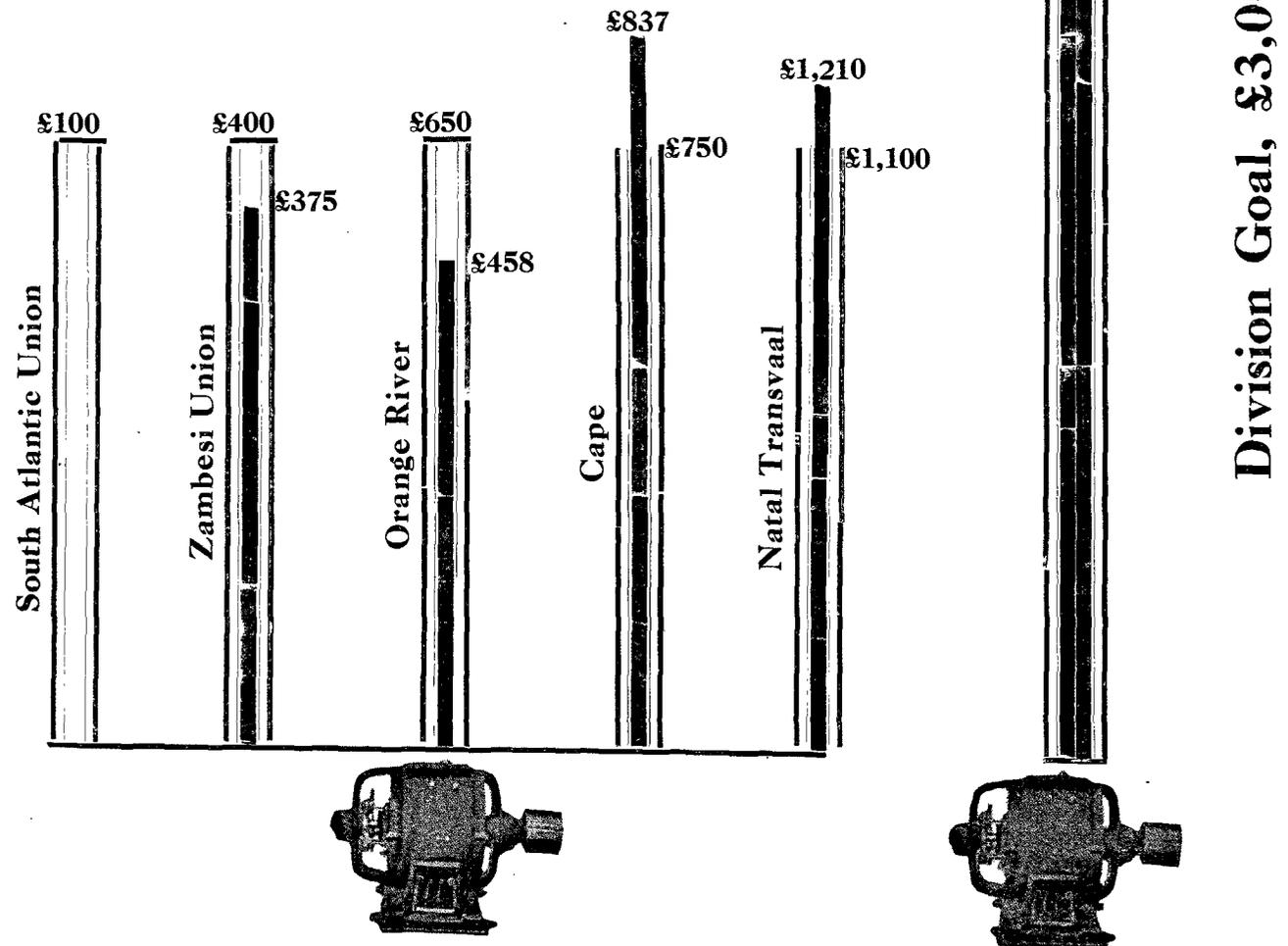
THIS may be the last opportunity we will have of exhibiting our chart, giving results of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign for this year.

It is with considerable satisfaction that we are able to report that the Zambesi Union is within £25 of its goal, and that the Orange River Conference has received another £25 since our last report. This gives us an increase over the figures reported in our last issue of £100.

However, we are not able to bring up the Division total to £2,980. Two weeks ago, we received a wire from the Cape Conference which advised that their total was £937. However, it now seems that an error was made in the telegraphic department in transmitting the message, and that the figure should have read £837. Therefore, while there is an increase to report from the Zambesi Union and Orange River Conference, the Division total remains as it was in the last report.

The chart shows no returns from the South Atlantic Union but it is expected that the workers in that field, though handicapped for lack of opportunity to do very much in a campaign of this kind, are putting forth their efforts and hope to reach their goal. It takes a long time for post to reach us from Angolaland, and inasmuch as the workers are still busy in the Zambesi Union, we hope to be able to report once more giving the final results of the 1924 campaign.

We do not feel free to slacken our efforts until the Division goal of £3,000 is reached. As will be noticed, we need to raise only another £120.



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" I MUST travel the miles till the journey is done,
 Whatever the turn of the way.
 I shall bring up at last with the set of the sun,
 And shall rest at the close of the day.
 Let me deal as I journey with foemen and friends
 In a way that no man can assail,
 And find nothing but peace at the roadway's last bend
 When I come to the end of the trail."



General News

BROTHER G. S. JOSEPH has returned from Rhodesia, and after spending a few days at the Division office, leaves for Spion Kop to attend the canvassers' institute.

MRS. PHILLIPS, mother of Mrs. F. M. Robinson, arrived by the "Balmoral Castle" on the 6th inst. Mrs. Phillips is making her home with her children in Claremont.

BROTHER B. M. HEALD and wife and Brother and Sister Nelson with their little son, arrived on last Monday's boat. These workers are spending a week at the Cape before proceeding to Natal. Brother Heald takes the presidency of the Natal-Transvaal Conference and Brother Nelson fills the position of secretary-treasurer.

THE special week of prayer at the Spion Kop College opened on the 10th, and will continue until the 18th. Our young people receiving a training at the College for their future work in the Master's vineyard especially need this time of spiritual refreshing, and we trust that God's choice blessing may rest upon the College during this week.

LAST SUNDAY night was the opening meeting of the tent effort at Mowbray. The tent was packed and the congregation manifested a keen interest in the subject presented. Brother Hyatt spoke on "The Approaching World Cataclysm." We were pleased to see the conference president at this first meeting. Our members are earnestly requested to remember this effort at Mowbray that God's richest blessing may rest upon the messages that shall be given.

A TELEGRAM has been received from Elizabethville reporting on a fire which took place a few nights ago at Brother Le Butt's home on the Katanga mission, and as a result of which Brother Le Butt lost all his furniture and personal effects. We are very sorry to get this report and to know that the first dwelling house erected on the Katanga mission has been destroyed by fire, thus seriously inconveniencing the progress at that station and handicapping the work of the mission.

Pretoria Young People's Society

ON June 7, our newly organised young people's society with a membership of 19, held its first meeting. Up to the present, the hall where our Sabbath morning service were held did not provide a place for the young people's meetings, unless we were prepared to pay additional rent. The church, however, has now moved to another hall, where we are able to get a room on Sabbath afternoon for the young people's meetings at the same rental. We will indeed be glad when we have a church building of our own, as at present we are much disturbed at times by people decorating and preparing the main hall for Saturday night entertainments.

We have endeavoured to make the meetings bright and interesting and we are glad to report that several not of our faith attend regularly and help in the distribution of literature.

Shortly after organising, the young people took a block in the city and are now working it with tracts and papers. We all find it very interesting work and enjoy listening to the reports each Sabbath. Several interested persons have been found and we hope to see definite results in the near future. We are very short of literature and would be glad to receive any clean tracts or papers of any kind. Please send same to Mrs. Carey, 276 Berea Street, Meecklenk, Pretoria.

We send in this little report hoping it may be of interest to other young people's societies. We would be pleased to correspond with members of other societies to exchange thoughts and tell of blessings received.

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Assistant Leader.



Used Postage Stamps

ELDER ERIC NATHER, of Germany, writes that he is able to dispose of old stamps to advantage, and that receipts from such sales will be placed to the credit of their mission funds. He therefore asks all kind friends of missions, to send old and used postage stamps for the mission to him at Strehlenstrasse 20, Brieg, Schlesien, Germany.

It is with very sad regret that we have to report word from Elder Anderson, advising that a few weeks ago Brother and Sister Hansen, of Angolaland, lost their eldest daughter.

Miss Hansen had recently organised a Sabbath school class for the natives near her home and was doing all she could to teach them the Truth. Her plans were to attend Spion Kop College next year to receive a training for our work. She was the joy of the home and the pride of the family, and is missed very much.

Brother and Sister Hansen, some years ago, resided in Claremont, and doubtless will be remembered by many of the members of the Claremont church. We extend to them our deepest sympathy.
