



## Signs of the Times Campaign March 1-7

### More "Signs" Means More Souls

"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory." "The world is to receive the light of truth through the evangelising ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals." —*"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 61.*

Just as the printed page occupied a very important place in the Reformation of the middle ages, so today it is destined to exert a wonderful influence in the work of reformation before the second coming of Christ. A wonderful variety of literature has been provided, clearly explaining God's truth for this time, in nearly every known tongue. As the layman's missionary movement develops, and the forces of our lay membership are mobilised, we shall see the printed page scattered "like the leaves of autumn," and the earth will be lightened with the glory of God.

We have ample evidence that this work has been "ordained of God." In 1855 the sum of twelve shillings and six pence was sufficient to purchase a complete set of all Seventh-day Adventist publications, while today it would cost more than two hundred pounds. This literature is now being produced in one hundred and fourteen languages and a marvellous work is being carried on by our lay members. The Home Missionary Department of the General Conference reports that 19,780 souls have been converted through the efforts of lay members during the past seven years. Doubtless, many of these people became interested in the Truth as a result of reading literature. Soon we will be in the midst of another *Signs* campaign and it is hoped that every church elder and

church missionary secretary in the African Division will put forth a strong effort to increase the circulation of our missionary paper the *Signs of the Times*. To date the list stands at 8,429. The following list may be of interest to our readers:

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

CONFERENCES	CLUBS	SUBS.	TOTALS
Natal-Transvaal	4366	215	4581
Cape Conference	2706	263	2969
Orange River	627	101	728
Zambesi Union	110	41	151
Totals	7809	620	8429

There are many reasons why the *Signs of the Times* should be placed in every home in Africa. It is the second advent herald in this part of the world—a "watchman on the walls," identifying the signs of Christ's coming, and faithfully proclaiming the "blessed hope" with earnestness and power.

It takes its stand on the indestructible Protestant platform—"The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible." It is the exponent of the "more sure word of prophecy." It holds that God should be "His own interpreter" in all disputed points of doctrine. It exposes error and deception by demonstrating truth. It conveys messages of faith, hope and love to young and old. It is a paper with a great message—the last to the world.

Its low price, a penny a month, brings it within the reach of all. In response to the appeal made about a year ago, about fifty percent of our church members made themselves responsible for clubs amounting to

approximately 10,000 copies. For various reasons, some of these clubs have been reduced and the total now stands at 8,429. This is certainly a very small circulation for such an excellent paper as the *Signs of the Times*. However, we feel very confident that the number can be materially increased if all of our members co-operate with us in the campaign which begins on March 1 and continues until the 7th. This gives us one whole week in which to work for subscriptions. Realising that it is the "whole duty of the whole church to give the whole gospel to the whole world" we are counting on everyone, as we know that more *Signs* will mean more souls. G. S. JOSEPH.



### The "Signs" Brings People into the Truth

ONE of the slogans that follows the *American Signs of the Times* is this—"The *Signs* does bring people into the Truth." Hundreds of souls are today rejoicing in the Message because they came into contact with the *Signs of the Times*. These same results could be seen in this country, and if God's people are faithful there is no reason why we cannot adopt this as our slogan. You may ask the question, How can this be accomplished? Not alone by the good work of the editor, not alone by the clear cut and positive messages of the paper, nor by the neat and forceful illustrations of the Publishing House; but the only way that the *Signs of the Times* can bring people into the Truth is for you and me, as church members, to see that we get these papers into the homes of the people. These silent messengers should be scattered like the leaves of autumn, they should go into every home in Africa. The spirit of God has told us that the papers and tracts can go where the living preacher cannot go, and where if he did go, he would not have access to the people because of their prejudice against the Truth.

The effort that we put forth in helping to make the *Signs of the Times* a real missionary paper for Africa will bring its reward. You may not see the results here, but if faithful in the task presented to you, in the kingdom of God someone will come to you and thank you for the effort that you put forth in getting the *Signs* into his hands, and thus giving him the privilege of spending an eternity with God. Such an opportunity as this will be worth the effort that is put forth. This year we ought to bring the *Signs* circulation up to 15,000 subscriptions. By an earnest effort in taking large clubs in our churches and getting our neighbours and friends to subscribe, this could easily be done. Please remember that *Signs* week is March 1-7 and that the *African Signs* can bring people into the Truth. J. W. MACNEIL.



### Have You Ever Had This Experience?

THE other day one of our colporteurs called at the home of one of the better class in the city in which he was working. As soon as he introduced his work, the question of "Are you an Adventist?" was put to him. Upon answering this question in the affirmative he was told that both the lady and the gentleman of

the house had been praying for an Adventist to visit them. Arrangements were made for one of our ministers to call on them and give Bible readings. Wednesday evening of the same week found both of these interested people at the prayer meeting.

This was in the city of Johannesburg, but similar instances might have occurred in many other places just as well as in Johannesburg. There is perhaps a secret why this happened in this particular city. What do you think the secret is? For nearly a year now, the members of the Johannesburg church have been taking a club of 1,000 *Signs of the Times*, and circulating them throughout the city each month. We are confident the experience referred to above is only a beginning of what may be expected as these silent messengers begin to bear fruit to the saving truths they contain.

March 1-7 has been set apart for a special campaign in behalf of the *African Signs of the Times*. The campaign may be a great success if our church members throughout South Africa all unite and push the work together during that week. Let every member set an individual goal of ten subscriptions that he will secure for the *Signs* during that week. Many will do even better. If all take part, it will mean a successful year for our missionary paper. Experience has shown that our sisters have special success in this line of work.

Some of our churches are taking good-sized clubs, but many more thousands of these papers could be used to good advantage in our missionary work. Let every church home missionary secretary do active work during this campaign. Shall we not endeavour to increase the *Signs* club till it averages at least 10 copies per month for each member of the church? This can easily be done, and the effectiveness of this paper will be greatly increased.

Where a church takes a club of 500 or more, the price is 1d. per copy to the individual member. The yearly subscription price is 2/6. For each yearly subscription, the solicitor may retain 1/- and send the other 1/6 together with the full name and address of subscriber to the conference tract society office. Let everyone resolve now to make this campaign a big success. J. G. SLATE.



### Contents of the 1925 "Signs"

WHILE it is not possible to give a definite list of the subjects to be discussed in the *Signs* for 1925, still a general forecast is possible.

It is the plan to discuss some live current topic in fulfilment of prophecy in each issue. There will also be general articles covering the points of our faith, so that in the course of a few months a person reading the paper will have had all the leading points of the Message.

Short articles on Christian experience will be included, as well as a few interesting accounts of missionary travel and experience. The last page will be devoted, as usual, to world events and their meaning. Every effort possible will be put forth to make the *Signs* interesting, and effective in spreading a knowledge of the advent message.

T. M. FRENCH, *Editor*.

## An Appeal from the Recent General Conference Council Meeting on the Week of Sacrifice

Passed by the Biennial Council of the General Conference Committee held at Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 1924.

THE Autumn Council, held on the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of our foreign mission work, has had laid before it the most earnest and pressing calls for assistance in holding the ground already gained in foreign lands; and in facing the call of God's providence in the great world field, which is opening before us wider and deeper year by year, bringing us ever into contact with new tribes and tongues and with the needs of newly awakening millions who must hear the message that God has committed to us, we see that the emergencies of one year expand into yet greater emergencies of need the following year. The pressure of the final harvest hour is upon us. The Message is winning souls by many thousands every year. We are entering the time long-expected of the "loud cry" of the third angel. To name but one item, we place on record one appeal that reaches us during the Council by cable from the Lake Titicaca Mission field, pleading for help as follows:

"Two thousand in baptismal classes 1924. Calls beyond us. Situation critical in established work. Consideration needed."

Not in that field alone, but literally in all four quarters of the earth, such a situation has been placed before us at this Council as to clearly indicate that God's providence calls to us to maintain and extend our forces on every missionary front.

Upon our ears comes the cry of Christ our Leader, saying in the language of the spirit of prophecy:

"And still our General who never makes a mistake, says to us, 'Advance.' Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land. 'Arise, shine: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.'"—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, pp. 28, 29.*

In consecrating all our energies to responding to this appeal to go forward, we are of profound conviction that as the week of sacrifice has been wonderfully used of God to maintain and advance His cause in the mission lands these last two years, so should it continue to be a blessed factor in meeting the needs of this ever-expanding work. In behalf of thousands of souls, who have been brought into the light of truth these last two years by the extra gifts of the week of sacrifice, we thank our brethren and sisters who have taken part in this service of sacrifice.

And in recognition of God's call upon us to maintain fully our covenant with Him by sacrifice (Ps. 50: 5), we hereby recommend that the plan of the week of sacrifice be adopted in all lands, as a yearly plan, until the work is done; and that we invite all our evangelical, office and institutional workers, together with all our church members, to adopt this plan of giving to foreign missions as a special gift at least one week's salary or income during this week of sacrifice.

The gifts of the week of sacrifice to be dedicated to God in all the churches on the first Sabbath following the week. We hear from all lands of the blessing and the joy that the sacrifices of this week have

brought to those who have taken part in this service, and we pray that as we come to this week again in 1925, the blessing of Him who is our Sacrifice and Saviour may be showered afresh upon our hearts and homes.



## "Speak Unto the Children that They Go Forward"

THIS is God's message to His people today as much as it was in the days of old. It was only by going forward then that God was able to lead His people into the promised land. It is only by going right straight ahead with the task before us that we can ever reach the heavenly kingdom; but with this command of God to go forward, there rings out another message that at once brings cheer and comfort as the stupendous task faces us of giving this Message to the world: "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power." Ps. 110: 3.

Going forward into the opening providences of God is making such a strain on the Mission Treasury that sometimes the Mission Board does not know which way to look. Never were there more calls to open new fields, never were there greater results in the salvation of lost souls and in the turning of new fields and languages to this Message; and still the calls come in.

Last year the General Conference, realising that an extra effort must be put forth to meet the crying needs, inaugurated a Week of Sacrifice, at which time everybody was invited to give one week's wages to the cause of foreign missions. An appeal was made in the S. A. Union Conference and a noble response came from every quarter. Again the call is being sent out; again God is looking to this people to make a new covenant by sacrifice and we know that the appeal will not be made in vain.

The Week of Sacrifice has been set for February 22-28 and we are asking that everyone plan to give that week's salary to the cause of missions thus enabling us to open new fields and help answer the piteous pleas for help that are constantly coming in. In "Gospel Workers," page 465, God's servant brings this message to us: "I feel intensely over the needs of foreign countries as they have been presented before me. In all parts of the world, angels of God are opening doors that a little while ago were closed to the message of truth. From India, from Africa, from China, and from many other places is heard the cry 'Come over and help us.'" On page 454, the following words of counsel are given to us: "The work all over the world is to receive consideration. New fields are to be entered. Let our brethren remember that much means and much hard labour are required to carry forward the work in new fields. In planning for the cause in foreign countries, the difficulties to be met there are to be considered, and willing support must be given to the workers."

We are looking to the people in the South African Union Conference to respond to this call and we believe that the spirit of sacrifice will so characterise our efforts during the Week of Sacrifice, Feb. 22-28, that a goodly sum will come in to help advance the cause of truth throughout the world.

J. W. MACNEIL.

## NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

B. M. HEALD, *President*                      A. E. NELSON, *Secy.-Treas.*  
OFFICE ADDRESS: 8 Stranack St., Maritzburg, Natal.

### Important Events

COMING! The Natal-Transvaal conference and camp-meeting is to be held at Johannesburg in the Freemasons' Temple, 8 Claim Street, March 30 to April 5. First meeting of the conference commences March 30, at 10 A. M.

It promises to be a great occasion. Elder W. A. Spicer, president of the General Conference will be present. He comes with a gripping world-message. You should not fail to hear this man of God.

Elder J. W. Mace of the Review and Herald, Washington, U. S. A., will also attend this important gathering. You will never forget his messages.

Elder Branson and Elder MacNeil with their corps of workers will also meet with us. We have reasons to believe that above all, God will meet with His people.

The revival movement that is now on in our conference will have results at our camp-meeting. Begin now to lay your plans and let nothing hinder you from attending this important gathering.

#### IMPORTANT

Furnished rooms are convenient and reasonable in price. Order your rooms from the conference office NOW. Meals at reasonable prices can be had close to the Temple. A vegetarian restaurant is located near the City Hall. Pastor B. P. de Beer is chairman of the locating committee. Take any tram, one block from the station going east. Ask anyone. Temple is within walking distance from the station.

Your baggage will be looked after upon your arrival.

If you have any questions, feel free to write your conference office, and may God bless you in preparing for this important occasion.                      B. M. HEALD.



## Natal-Transvaal Conference

THE 18th session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at Johannesburg in the Freemasons' Temple, corner of Plein and Claim Streets, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as should properly come before the conference, on Monday, March 30, 1925, at 10 A. M.

B. M. HEALD, *President*,  
A. E. NELSON, *Secretary*.



### Special Notice

SACRIFICE WEEK, FEBRUARY 22-28 is here and it is sincerely hoped that all our brethren and sisters in the Natal-Transvaal Conference will do their utmost to sacrifice a week's salary. "God so loved . . . that He gave." Do we so love that we will do likewise? Think it over.

Remember March 1-7.—The *Signs of the Times* is a soul winner. Place your order now. Be prepared.                      B. M. HEALD.

## Natal-Transvaal Conference

### Statement of Tithe and Mission Funds for the Year 1924

EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT		
CHURCH	TITHES	MISS. OFFS.
Johannesburg	£928 8 1	£152 17 10
Durban	223 10 1	91 19 5
Maritzburg	357 5 3	90 1 0
Pretoria	46 7 1	29 14 2
Spion Kop	155 2 0	106 3 11
Sweetwaters	34 16 9	23 2 3
Standerton	16 0	17 4
Ermelo	41 2 9	7 2 0
Hlobane	106 18 3	94 15 10
Potchefstroom	15 0 0	51 3 3
Conference church	75 14 10	62 7 11
Doornpoort	16 5 9	10 0
Totals	£1401 6 10	£710 14 11

### Statement of Tithe and Mission Funds for the Year 1924

EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT		
CHURCH	TITHES	MISS. OFFS.
Johannesburg	£1153 3 4	£750 0 4
Durban	1205 0 5	864 11 5
Maritzburg	991 0 2	522 15 7
Pretoria	162 15 0	223 10 10
Spion Kop	328 9 8	494 8 3
Sweetwaters	190 17 0	81 10 11
Standerton	12 12 6	9 14 8
Ermelo	227 3 2	73 4 10
Hlobane	591 10 8	305 19 5
Potchefstroom	43 0 0	73 2 9
Conference church	306 12 2	166 8 4
Doornpoort	19 11 3	2 12 6
Totals	£5231 15 4	£3567 19 10

### Statement of Tithe and Mission Funds for Fourth Quarter 1924

NATIVE DEPARTMENT		
COMPANY		
Klerksdorp	£ 1 10 0	4 17 11
Durban Indian mission	12 6 4	1 13 2
Dundee	5 1 3	3 2 10
Ermelo	5 17 0	1 0 0
Germiston	7 0	
Maritzburg	6 19 3	2 0 1
Newcastle	1 0 0	16 0
Spion Kop	2 5 6	6 8
Alexandra	4 4 5	2 0 6
Johannesburg		1 6 6
Hlobane		
Louwsburg	12 0	1 12 7
Mahamba	2 13 9	2 19 5
Makapanstad	18 0	
Benoni	1 2 0	6 6 5
Miscellaneous	2 0	10 2
Totals	£44 16 6	£28 12 3

A. E. NELSON, *Treasurer*.



"EARTHLY arithmetic says: 'Give and want';  
Heavenly arithmetic says: 'Give and grow rich.'"



"MONEY may always be a beautiful thing. It is we who make it grimy."

## ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE

J. N. DE BEER, *President*. Miss E. M. ROWLANDS, *Secy.-Treas.*  
OFFICE: 41 West Burger St., Bloemfontein, O. F. S.

### Meeting the Churches

DURING the last few weeks, it was the writer's privilege to meet with our European and native churches and we enjoyed seasons of great spiritual refreshing. The Boschberg church company met at Grootdam, Bro. F. Snijman's farm, in the Rouxville district. Notwithstanding the fact that some of the members could not attend the meetings, the room in which we held the services was well filled, 58 being present. It became evident that plans should be laid to provide for a larger place for worship. We were pleased to have with us Professor Dick, and his discourses were enjoyed by all.

Sabbath afternoon, before the Ordinances, the company gathered at the beautiful dam close to Brother Snijman's home to witness the baptism of Brother E. Hepburn, and Sister J. Willemse. The scene was a most impressive one and we felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in a marked manner.

The Sabbath following the meetings at Grootdam, our native believers met in Aliwal North for quarterly services. Many came in from the surrounding districts and we spent a very profitable time together. Here five were baptized, making a total of 27 baptized in the Aliwal North native church during the last year.

The next meetings were held with the Bolivia church in the Reitz district. Here again the Lord's presence was felt and it was a real spiritual feast for everyone who attended. All went back to their homes with a feeling of brotherly love and joy in their hearts, and with a stronger determination to work for souls. Here also it was the writer's privilege to bury with their Lord by baptism, Sister J. H. de Beer of Senekal, and Brother Frans Jonker. Our hearts rejoiced to see these dear souls casting in their lot with the people of God and we pray that they may prove faithful to the end.

One special encouraging feature that I wish to mention in connection with my visit to the Boschberg and Bolivia churches, is the work of the Missionary Volunteer societies. These are well organised and splendid reports were rendered of work done during the last quarter. At each church, the young people were given time to render a programme and it was very much enjoyed by the whole church.

May the Lord richly bless our young people and every church member as they take hold of the work to save souls during 1925.

J. N. DE BEER.



### Special Campaigns and Services

"Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high." Job. 16: 19. The year 1924 is now in the past, and it behoves every one of us to seriously reflect on the past year and ask ourselves the question, What is my record like on high? Does it show that I have done all I possibly could to advance the Cause of God? Have I made all the sacrifices both in time and means, that the Lord expects

of me? Are we satisfied with our record, or do we wish it were different? If so, shall we not resolve that we will have a better record for the year 1925, always keeping in mind the words of the Apostle Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4: 13.

The way in which many of our church members took hold and helped in different campaigns and special services that were organised during last year, was most encouraging to the leaders in the work, and we trust that this year we may count on all doing their very best in helping in the activities planned for the advancement of the Lord's work.

The next special service is the Week of Sacrifice, and it is set for Feb. 22-28. It means that we give a week's income to send the Gospel message for this time to the unentered fields. Brethren, Jesus sacrificed all in order to save us and we are admonished to "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2: 5. So let everyone of us give cheerfully a full week's income and we shall have treasures in heaven.

And then the next campaign in which we are asking our people to help us, will be to increase the circulation of the *Signs of the Times*. This campaign will be during the week of March 1-7. Through this medium many people are reached with the Message. We continually hear of people who have accepted the Truth through reading the *Signs of the Times*. Therefore, we are urging all our people to put forth strenuous efforts to increase the circulation of this monthly magazine by taking subscriptions and increasing the church clubs. Only in the great hereafter will we fully understand what our efforts here on earth to save souls have meant. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." May God help us to be faithful in the work He has given us to do, and at last be found among those who will reap in joy.

J. N. DE BEER.



### Attendance of Church-members at Camp-meetings—No. 1

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth.

"Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed. Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the

hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege.

"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.

"In the days of Christ these feasts were attended by vast multitudes of people from all lands; and had they been kept as God intended, in the spirit of true worship, the light of truth might through them have been given to all the nations of the world.

"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 life of His people. They needed to turn away from their worldly cares, to commune with God, and to contemplate unseen realities." —*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 3, pp. 38-40.



## A Trip Through the Transkei and Kafirland

ELDER BENDER and I started on a trip to the Transkei, Pondoland and Kafirland by motor-cycle and side-car, leaving East London on December 13. Our object was to inspect our native outschools, visit the native workers, look up isolated Sabbath keepers and to search and spy out the land generally with the idea of opening up work in new places. On the whole, we had a very pleasant and successful trip. Although we started out in the rainy season, we were fortunate in missing most of the thunder-storms. Splendid rains had fallen in the territories before we reached there, so that the country was looking fresh and green. The natives were busy with their ploughing and planting, and an air of prosperity prevailed. But as we neared Queenstown, we noticed a change, the green had disappeared and everything was dry and parched. Even the weather was warmer. After leaving Queenstown, it began to get hot and by the time we reached Fort Beaufort it was still warmer; then the wind came up and it blew gusts of red-hot vapour in our faces. It continued to be burning hot until about 4 p. m. and then cooled off a little. We spent the night at Alice and the air was full of flying insects of every description. It was difficult to get any sleep, for just as we were beginning to doze off, we would feel some sort of creeping animal crawling over us.

Between Queenstown and Debe Nek, no rain worth mentioning had fallen for about a year and the country was absolutely bare, and even the thorn trees

appeared to be dead. What was left of the stock was in a deplorable condition. Every now and then we would come upon a dead sheep, horse or cow, lying by the road side, a grim reminder of the severity of the drought. I am glad, however, that since then they have had a little rain; still the drought remains unbroken. The natives in these parts have lost nearly all their stock and have to do most of their work by hand. With their principal means of support taken away, it can readily be imagined what hardships they will have to endure during 1925.

As we passed through Tembu and Pondoland, and saw the thousands upon thousands of homes where the Message has not yet been given, our hearts were made sad and we longed for the time when labourers might be sent to these needy fields.

At present there are only two native evangelists working for the more than a million souls living in that section where there should at least be half a dozen, with two evangelists to lead out. This is more than true of Kafirland, where we have only four native workers and only one European to represent the whole Transkei, Pondoland and Kafirland. We hope the time is not far distant when some substantial change may be made for the Lord cannot come until these fields have heard the Message, and until these poor benighted souls who are perishing in darkness have been given an opportunity of either accepting or rejecting the Truth. We need a mission station in Pondoland and some outschools. At present, we cannot boast of a single out-school throughout the territories; and we believe there should be a chain of outschools reaching out from Bethel mission and extending throughout this thickly populated country. We have about a dozen capable young men and women who have passed through the Bethel Training school, who have been asking for employment as teachers. What are we going to do with them? Tembu and Pondoland are calling for them. These fields are white already to harvest, and we cannot help but feel that they have been terribly neglected. The territory is thickly populated, perhaps even more closely settled than Rhodesia or Central Africa, and yet scarcely anything has been done to give them the Message. The conditions obtaining here make it a more difficult field to work than most native areas, owing principally to the fact that other denominations have become firmly established and most of the natives who have any education at all, belong to one of these denominations, and it is even harder for them to give up their church than it is for Europeans. And yet we cannot pass them by on that account. The Lord Jesus has not told us to go to any particular class, but to the world. We are not discouraged, but are doing what we can to spread a knowledge of this Truth and as we see souls taking hold of this Message, we take heart.

We have little companies dotted here and there all over Kafirland and the Transkei who are witnesses to the Truth. Even in Pondoland we have made a beginning, for our worker there reports a number who wish to be baptized.

We ask your prayers for the work in those parts. We need to consecrate ourselves and our all for the finishing of this work.

W. CLAUDE TARR.

**Report of Literature Sales for December**

**Natal-Transvaal**

NAME	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL
<i>Our Day.</i>					
P. Engelbrecht	192	168	113 11 0	10 4 6	124 5 6
R. Buckley	96	57	42 17 6	14 3 0	57 0 6
V. Norcott	71	21	16 10 0	4 2 6	20 12 6
W. Retief			21 6 0		21 6 0
E. Stevenson	103	84	59 0 6	11 0	59 11 6
M. Sparrow	105	87	70 1 6	2 4 0	72 5 6
J. van d. Merwe			55 14 0		55 14 0
P. J. Vermaak	77	29	18 4 6	3 12 6	21 17 0

*Practical Guide.*

P. J. Vermaak		6	7 12 6		7 12 6
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*Bible Readings,*

C. R. Botha	21½			3 5 3	3 5 3
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*Daniel & Revelation.*

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*Ladies' Handbook.*

Mrs. M. Smith	30			2 6 6	2 6 6
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*Miscellaneous*

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Agents	11	695½	454	442 14 0	40 19 3 483 13 3
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Native Sales					99 8 2
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Magazine Sales					66 18 9
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**Cape**

*Our Day*

C. B. Jeffrey	113	140	94 11 0	2 6	94 13 6
W. Herbert	67½	117	78 1 6		78 1 6
R. Ansley	134½	55	60 4 6	1 1 6	61 6 0
Lyndon Tarr	96	37	25 17 6	6 0	26 3 6
C. H. Bell	62	27	20 15 6	14 0	21 9 6
Miss Bush	12			3 4 0	3 4 0

*Bible Readings.*

D. D. Toerien	72½	15	20 2 6	10 0	20 12 6
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*Ladies' Handbook*

Mrs. Sunshine	15	10	14 10 0		14 10 0
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Mrs. Robinson	37	37	50 12 6		50 12 6
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*Crisis Series*

Miss W. Tickton			31 8 6		31 8 6
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*Practical Guide.*

C. E. Sparrow			23 2 6		23 2 6
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*Miscellaneous*

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Agents 10	691½	477	469 11 0	6 16 0	476 7 0
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Native Sales					3 10 0
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Magazine Sales					23 3 2
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**Orange River**

*Bible Readings.*

F. P. Fourie	26	55	69 5 0		69 5 0
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S. S. Hiten	44	28	34 12 6		34 12 6
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*Our Day*

J. P. Stander	44	19	13 3 0		13 3 0
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*Miscellaneous*

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Agents 3	114	102	122 19 11		122 19 11
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Native sales					5 17 6
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Magazine Sales					16 18 9
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**South Rhodesia**

*Miscellaneous*

39 17 6

Native Sales

43 9 4

83 6 10

**Totals for December 1924**

N-T Conf	11	695½	454	442 14 0	40 19 3	483 13 3
Cape Conference	10	691½	477	469 11 0	6 16 0	476 7 0
O. R. Conf	3	114	102	122 19 11		122 19 11
Sth. Rhod.				39 17 6		39 17 6
Native sales				152 5 0		152 5 0
Magazine Sales				107 0 8		107 0 8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1501</b>	<b>1033</b>	<b>1334 8 1</b>	<b>47 15 3</b>	<b>1382 3 4</b>



**Found It In Two Minutes**

"LAST week I spent half an hour in a vain search for a certain quotation from the "Testimonies," for use in missionary meeting. This morning I found it in just a few minutes, by referring to the index of a new compilation from the "Testimonies," entitled "Instruction for Effective Christian Service." In two minutes more I found another valuable quotation, the source of which I was asked by a church worker a few weeks ago. That time I had found it, but after a long search. As soon as I saw this book, I made up my mind to secure at once one of the limited number of copies that have just arrived.

"Now I wish to tell every minister, Bible worker, church elder, home missionary secretary, and all who are interested in the most important feature of our work, that of individual service, that here is just what you have long needed. It is put out by the General Conference Home Missionary Department. A reading of the preface indicates that it is not compiled by a single individual, for acknowledgement is given of the assistance of a large secretarial force, and of many others who have read and marked various books. The field of research includes twenty-nine volumes of bound books, and the files of eight periodicals. Among the gems are some taken from periodicals published in the early days of the Message, and which can be found only in the General Conference files.

"The prayerful study by our leaders and Christian workers of such a compilation is sure not only to arouse an interest in home missionary work, but in a practical way to point out successful methods of labour. As a result our churches will grow in numbers, consecration, and service."—D. E. Robinson.

The work to which Elder Robinson has referred contains 28 pages, with twenty-seven chapters, and a complete index of subjects at the back. Printed on a good grade of thin paper, it is small in size, and thus of the greatest convenience for use in ready reference. We have only a limited number in stock. Orders received will be filled from this stock as long as it lasts, later orders being referred to the publishers overseas to be mailed direct from there to the address of the individuals ordering. Two styles of binding. Cloth (imitation leather), dark blue, 6/-; limp leather, black, 9/3. Order from your tract society.

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**"The Missing Link"**

MUCH interest is being manifested in the Taungs skull, recently unearthed. Scientists hold that this skull is from a man-like ape, and may be that of the "missing link" between man and beast. Their theory, of course, is that man has evolved from lower forms of life. If this were true, it would disprove the story of creation. The attack is made upon God and His Word.

Elder Branson has written an article for the March number of the *Signs* on this interesting subject. Now is the time to give the truth on a topic that is unsettling the faith of multitudes in the Bible.

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### News Notes

THE office of the South Rhodesia field has been transferred from Gwelo to the Solusi mission.

ELDER AND MRS. WALSTON and Mrs. Dick and children have left the Cape for Spion Kop.

BROTHER THEO. BULGIN, of the South Rhodesia Field, has connected with the Division office.

ELDER W. L. HYATT is engaged in a special effort in Cape Town. The first meeting opened on the 1st of February at the Railway Institute.

THE Cape Conference committee met at Claremont the last week in January. There were present from the Eastern Province Brethren E. W. H. Jeffrey, W. C. Tarr, A. W. Staples and A. F. Tarr. Brother Branson acted as chairman of the committee.

BROTHER W. RETIEF reports of his experiences during the summer holidays while out in the field endeavouring to earn a scholarship. Brother Retief and Brother van der Merwe were out together and worked the district of Heidelberg. Some of the experiences were hard and trying, and Brother Retief writes he was not able to earn a full scholarship. And yet these are the very tests used by the Master builder to develop character and fit us for future service.

BROTHER J. D. BAKER of the Benguela mission in Angola writes:

"I wish you could see the school progress. We have fifteen to twenty-five scholars, all ages seven to fifty. We are holding school under a shed roof where the carpenters work. For desks we have a carpenter's bench or a piece of board. Our scholars are heathen. Some have had instruction in the Congregational schools, and some in the Roman Catholic; but we have made a start and our school is growing. We will be glad when the rains start so that we can make bricks and put up a school house."

ELDER MACNEIL opened his meetings at Kimberley on the 25th January. We copy from a personal letter received from Brother MacNeil.

"Our meetings started last night, January 25, with an exceptionally good crowd. The tent gets very well filled, but I am afraid that we are going to get into trouble with the police from the fact that hundreds crowd the side walk, and for nights they have had to keep men walking up and down to keep the place clear. One fellow told us last night that we would have to put down the walls of the tent so that the people could not look in. I hope that they do not push this as the place is very warm now with the walls up."

A TELEGRAPHIC message was received at the Division office a few days ago, bringing the sad news of the death of Sister W. L. Davy. The cause of death was black water fever.

Brother and Sister Davy with their two little children arrived in this field on the 17th January, 1921, and have laboured hard and faithfully in Nyasaland since that time. These workers were due a furlough and had already secured accommodation at the Sanitarium.

We extend to Brother Davy and to Arthur and Annie our deepest sympathy, and pray that the great Comforter will sustain them in this dark hour.

### A Church Officers' Convention

It has been recognised for a long time that our church officers in many parts of the field have needed instruction along the line of church duties. Officers of churches in the Peninsula were very gratified to learn that a convention had been planned for their benefit. At 10:00 o'clock on the morning of January 30, quite a large number met at the Claremont church, and keen interest was shown throughout the convention, which carried on its work for three days, closing on Sunday afternoon. There was an average attendance of about fifty.

In the absence of the president of the Cape Conference, Elder Branson acted as chairman of the convention. Brother Branson opened the meeting on Friday morning outlining very definitely the place of the church in the finishing of the work. The church is indeed a missionary organisation, and serves as the channel through which God works to reach the world. The organisation of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination is the most complete to be found anywhere. The General Conference stands at the head of this organisation, and works through the eight divisions throughout the world. The division deals with the unions, the unions with the local conferences and then we come to the church units. The success of the work of the local conference is dependent upon the faithfulness and success of the churches.

During the convention, special study was given to the duties of the various officers of the church: the work of the Sabbath School; the Young People's societies; the work of the Missionary society; the church's responsibility in connection with evangelistic campaigns; how to raise our 2/6 per week for missions; etc., etc.

As the convention closed, the delegates were satisfied that God had blessed the gathering of His children as they endeavoured to more fully understand their duties for the church and in becoming more efficient in service for their Master.

W. B. COMMIN.

### Obituary

THE writer was called to Wolmaransstad last Friday to lay to rest, Muriel, the little daughter of Brother and Sister J. Baird, who peacefully fell asleep after a long illness of ten months. A short service was held in the home after which the last rites were conducted at the grave-side.

May the Lord comfort the bereaved ones in their loss.

S. G. HITEN.