



GENERAL CONFERENCE COUNCIL

(Extracts from a letter written by Elder W. A. Spicer reporting on the recent Fall Council, held at Des Moines, Iowa, U.S.A., October 6-13)

"Just a line to tell you about the Council. It was a good one. It seemed as though nothing could exceed what we had a year ago, when the fields were so splendidly represented, but somehow it did seem as though this time the increasing urgency of the work and the increasing progress, swung things on the same high level. There was no let down. Really, a year marks wonderful headway now, in spite of all our difficulties in getting men and means to the front.

"So often in our councils, we have dealt largely with the mission fields. I have felt for some time that we must turn the spot light more on to our home base. This time, we opened up with reports from the home conferences, following Brother Rogers' statistical report. Well, it was a fine round we had. It was really thrilling. I had thought we might end it that first evening, but we had to take two sessions after that. From Nova Scotia to California and from the Gulf of Alberta, the reports came in showing that God is really working with power here in the home fields. It was a thrilling story that was told. Elder Christian was here from Europe, and he said he was going to take back stories to Europe. Elders Hyatt and J. W. Westphal were in from Africa and South America, snow-white with their labours abroad these many years. They said they were astonished. The sound had gone out to their fields that things were sagging here at home. They rejoiced to hear a sound of a going in the home mulberry trees, and it is surely here. The presidents of conferences united in reporting that this year gave promise of being better than last in the ingathering of souls. We simply must have it; more Sabbath-keepers at home, more missionaries abroad. We have got to have more believers here to join in giving.

"There was a new consecration at the Council to preaching the straight Third Angel's Message, the full round message. 'The old Message with all the new experience,' is the cry.

"The past year has been one of big things—the biggest ingathering of souls in our history, the biggest income in our history; and now for the next year, the biggest appropriation ever voted. And the whole thing rests on the interest and co-operation of these thousands of Seventh-day Adventists who, if they did not believe this Message, would tumble our whole edifice to the ground. This whole thing rests on faith and confidence in God and in His work."

Expression of Appreciation

WE wish to pass on to our people of the African Division our sincere appreciation for the earnest efforts they have put forth in the recent Harvest Ingathering Campaign. We have been especially interested in the work done by some of our larger churches, where the goals ran up into hundreds of pounds, and where the reaching of the goals meant a real struggle. We have been very pleased to note, however, that, in almost every instance, the members of these churches have faithfully stuck to their work until their goals have been reached. This is splendid, and we feel sure that in the day of final rewards, our brethren and sisters, who have thus faithfully served in the cause of God upon earth, will hear the "well done" from the lips of the Judge of all.

Engaging in these campaigns may appear to some to be a cross, but we can all be cheered by the knowledge that if we are only faithful until the end, this cross will soon be exchanged for a crown.

We want to thank all who took part in the campaign for their kind co-operation, and to assure them that the funds raised will be used to the very best possible advantage in forwarding the work for which they were gathered.

W. H. BRANSON.

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Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow

(NOTE.—Pastor Lowry is the superintendent of our work in South India. Let his appeal for Ceylon stir our hearts. It was of Ceylon that Bishop Heber wrote, "Where . . . only man is vile." To own a mission plant in the "pearl of the ocean," will secure a training school for forty future native workers, who will lift many of their countrymen to shine with undimmed lustre in the Saviour's crown.—MRS. A. P. TARR.)

As will be seen by the Missions' Quarterly that is read in our Sabbath schools each Sabbath, the thirteenth Sabbath offering for the fourth quarter of this year is to go to South India and Burma. We are very thankful that this offering is to be given to us, and we hope that a generous response will be made on that day.

The Sabbath School Department has told us that if there is an overflow—that is if more money is given on that day than the goal set by the department—the surplus is to go to these two fields to be used by them for any special object that needs help. This, of course, will be given in addition to the funds that come to us through the regular budget. We are thankful for this promise, for we feel that in this field we have a real need at this time.

I wish to tell you the specific purpose for which the amount of the overflow that comes to South India will be used. In the island of Ceylon, which is a part of our field, we have a very encouraging work going on. It is in its infancy, but the prospects for the future are very bright. Our work has been going on there for about five years, and so far we have had to do all our mission work in rented quarters. This has been unsatisfactory to our workers, and gives the people of the island the impression that we are there only temporarily. This has seriously hindered our Harvest Ingathering work among the people.

We have recently opened a boarding school just out of Colombo, the capital of the island, in which about forty Singalese boys and girls are studying.

They are our future workers for Ceylon. We have rented a beautiful place for the school, which we understand can be bought for a very reasonable amount. There are eight acres of land, a good dwelling house, well, and cocoanut grove on the place. If enough comes to us this quarter in the overflow from the thirteenth Sabbath offering, we plan to buy this place as a mission station. If this place can be bought and suitable buildings put up for the school, it will help our work in Ceylon greatly, and will encourage our workers in that place very much. We hope, therefore, that on the thirteenth Sabbath a good offering will be given, so that an overflow will be possible.

G. G. LOWRY,
Bangalore, India.

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Medical Work at Malamulo

THE following statements culled from a letter recently received from Dr. C. Birkenstock, of the Malamulo mission hospital, P. O. Blantyre, Nyasaland, will, I am sure, be of interest to all our believers in the African Division. Dr. Birkenstock says:

"There is a great field for medical work in this country, as the natives are awakening to the fact that the white man's medicines are more potent than theirs. However, I think that the greatest thing in our favour is the fact that we are able to show them the various causes and effects of disease as we find them under the microscope, and thus lay the foundation for a correct conception of disease; and also, by giving them this definite fact to keep in mind, we are able to break down the great barrier of superstition that is at the present time the most potent factor of heathenism.

"Our daily attendance at the hospital, is gradually increasing. We have been having an average of over one hundred patients a day. Our biggest day was last week, when we had 156 patients. Many of these patients come from a long way off. Some come from a distance of three or four days' journey on foot. Many of them come for medicine for others who are not able to walk so far, but who are dying for the need of someone to minister to them in time of trouble. Others come here for surgical work to be done, but they have to be returned disappointed, because we do not have the equipment to do it for them.

"We are having a heavy run of bilharzia cases just now. It seems that the people are beginning to realize that they can get rid of this disease, and so they are just flocking in for treatment. I am giving over one hundred and fifty intravenous injections every week, all of which entail considerable work and money. If this work could be transplanted into a city, my total receipts for this month would be over £700. But as it is, we do not get half that many pennies. This is for two reasons. In the first place, the people have no money; in the second place, they would rather die at home than pay a penny for treatment. We do take in some money each month for medicines, but only a few shillings."

I am sure all will rejoice that Dr. Birkenstock is having such wonderful success in the medical work in that field. We trust the time will soon come when we will be able to have medical missions operating

After going to press with the issue of our paper for December 15, several articles have been received, and as our next issue is to be devoted entirely to our educational work, we publish this supplement.

W. B. C.

CAPE CONFERENCE

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Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that the twenty-ninth annual session of the Cape Conference is called to convene at Port Elizabeth, January 15 to 24, 1926. The first business meeting will be held at 10.00 A. M. Sunday, January 17. Officers will be elected for the ensuing term, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the conference.

J. F. WRIGHT, *President*,
P. W. WILLMORE, *Secretary*.



Plans for Camp-meeting

DOUBTLESS there are many who are planning to attend the camp-meeting to be held in Port Elizabeth, next January. We have made application to the office of the General Manager of Railways for concession rates for delegates who will attend the conference session. Concessions were granted at our last meeting, and we expect the privilege again for our next session. Those who are planning to attend the conference should write to the office without delay giving the following particulars:

1. Full name.
2. Date you will entrain.
3. Station from which you will start.
4. Class you desire to travel.

As we have not yet received a reply from the Railways regarding the earliest date on which tickets may be purchased, we are unable to state how early you will be able to arrive at Port Elizabeth. Usually, however, sufficient time is allowed to cover the travelling time, the ten days' conference, with a margin of a couple of days. However, do not delay, but send in your applications early, and we will advise of the details when sending concession forms.

P. W. WILLMORE.



Big Week

THIS opportunity is taken to thank our members for the hearty and enthusiastic support given to the Big Week Campaign. All the churches have not yet reported, but from reports received, we judge that our conference will go over its goal. The book work is an important one. Come to the conference and see the display that will be made at the book-stall. We believe that our members will appreciate our efforts in this direction by a loyal patronage of this important feature.

P. W. WILLMORE.

NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

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Big Week Funds

MANY have had a part in the Big Week effort, and we believe a blessing has been received, for God gives His blessings to those who discharge their duties in His service. We are eager to ascertain the definite results of the work that has been done, and, therefore, we would urge all to remit their Big Week funds to the church treasurers before the 31st of December. We feel sure you will assist us in this matter.

A. E. NELSON.



Squaring Up

THE end of the year is drawing near, and this is the time for closing our books. Our churches have reported well in their Home Missionary endeavours with the *Signs* and other literature. These pages of truth will bear fruit, and who knows what joy the future great convocation of saints in heaven will bring to the faithful as they view the fruit of their labour? In closing up the year's work, we desire to see every church free from indebtedness to the tract society. Let every member discharge his obligation to the church, then the church will be able to liquidate its indebtedness.

A. E. NELSON.



Have You Renewed Your Periodicals?

SOMETIMES, inconvenience is caused by subscribers not renewing overseas' periodicals in time. At least three months should be allowed from date of order to the receiving of the papers. In other words, three months before your overseas' papers expire, pass on your subscription to the church Home Missionary secretary, or if you are an isolated member, write direct to the office.

A. E. NELSON.

ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE

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A Trip to Basutoland

IT was my privilege to visit the Emmanuel mission in company with Elder Howard, Elder de Beer and daughter, and Miss Rowlands. Leaving Bloemfontein by car at 8 A. M., we travelled all day through scenery which became more beautiful as we drove along.

Owing to some tyre trouble with the motor car, we arrived at the mission after dark on the Friday. In the morning we were pleasantly surprised with the surroundings at Emmanuel mission. The buildings, surrounded by luxuriant foliage, are some of the best I have seen on any of our stations. The mission nestles in among the hills, and peace and quietness reign supreme.

As the people began to crowd in for the morning service, it was apparent that the building for school

exercises and church services, was far too small. A larger one will no doubt have to be erected to cope with a growing work.

The morning service was conducted by Elder de Beer. He urged us to place our confidence in the Message, which is of God, and is built upon the sure Word of Prophecy. Men and women were deeply stirred. We felt that God led in that meeting.

In the afternoon, Elder Howard took the service, and continued the thought of the morning, explaining that we must show the fruits of our confidence in the final triumph of the Message. It is not enough simply to believe. The evil angels do that. We must show by our lives that we are confidently holding fast unto the end.

Although some have fallen by the way, yet the graves of these faithful ones mark the progress of the Message, and today this Truth is going with heaven-born power. We felt the need of a deeper consecration as we quietly left the building.

One of the interesting branches of the work is that done by Mrs. Lee in the mission dispensary. She is putting her heart and soul into this work. Natives come from long distances for treatment, and cases well nigh hopeless have been restored. This work can be the means of spreading the gospel throughout that country.

Brother and Sister Sharman made our stay at the mission most pleasant. They are working very hard to firmly establish the work. We expect in the near future to see the results of their labours in the salvation of many souls in Basutoland.

L. BILLES.

ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

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Called to a Foreign Field

WE arrived here about the middle of August, and have been very busy ever since getting acquainted with the boys and planning their work each day. We have been here just a short time but we love Rusangu mission, and our hearts are in the work of finishing the Message in North Rhodesia. We see many instances of the working of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts and lives of the native people.

No doubt, most of our people know that we are training native teachers to fill the many calls throughout the North Rhodesia Field. When Europeans leave their homes to engage in the work of bringing Jesus to lost souls, it takes faith, trust and confidence in the keeping power of God. When our native boys leave their native districts and go several hundred miles from home to carry the gospel to those who know not its saving power, it takes the same faith, trust and confidence. Since we have been here, we have seen how those just from heathenism know how to trust in their Saviour. To the native it is just as hard to go a few hundred miles from home as it is for the European to go a few thousand miles.

We have recently sent two boys to fill the call for teachers from the Chimpempe mission. They will have to travel by train a long distance, and then

walk several hundred miles before they reach their destination. When the call came to these boys to leave their homes and go to a foreign field (for so it is to them), it was a real struggle for them, but they gained the victory and said they were willing to go anywhere when Jesus said, "Go." One of them had just built a new house. It was just a simple native hut, but it was home. His wife had been a Christian for some time but had not been baptized. Tuesday afternoon, December 1, we met at the school house, about one hundred in all, and as the boys sang their gospel songs, we walked one-half mile to the river where she and one of our teachers were baptized by Elder D. E. Robinson. We wish that all our teachers could have Christian wives, who would be willing to go anywhere with their husbands. In the evening, we had a farewell meeting which was much enjoyed by both Europeans and natives. We listened to some good mission talks given by two or three of our native teachers. Elder D. E. Robinson also gave a short talk on the words "Come" and "Go," as Christ's words to us. We tried to make this meeting one which would encourage the missionary spirit in the hearts of our teachers and students. Mrs. D. E. Robinson and Mrs. F. M. Robinson baked some sweet mealie bread, and we picked a bag of oranges, and while the gramophone played music we served refreshments to all the boys. Afterwards, Nelson and Otto, the two boys who were going away, spoke a few words of farewell telling how, when they were asked to go, they thought of Abraham leaving his home and going out into a strange land because God had called.

We feel that the going away of these boys will help lead others to a life of deeper consecration. When we see these boys, who a short time ago were in heathen homes, willing to give their lives in service for their Master, it brings courage to our hearts, and gives us faith in the power of God to save even to the uttermost.

F. M. ROBINSON.



The Passing Year

ANOTHER year has almost passed into history. A few more days, and 1925 will be numbered with the years which have preceded it. What has been its record? Has it been one of victory or defeat?

As the man of business takes an inventory of his goods and balances his accounts to determine the state of his affairs, so the Christian should review his spiritual experience in order that he may determine his real condition in the matter of gain or loss.

Wherein have wrong principles or policies been followed? Have sins been committed which are still unconfessed? Has wrong been done another, and no reconciliation been effected? If so, then before the year closes let us square the account, by seeking forgiveness of God and man. We can ill afford to carry over into 1926 old grudges and envies and animosities. Let us forgive and forget. Let us blot out the past, and turn a new page in our life record.

Then, having made right the wrong, let us rest in the assurance of divine forgiveness, facing the future with hope and courage, forgetting the things that are behind, and reaching forward unto things which are before.

in every union mission field in the African Division, for this will mean much to the future development of our work. Let us pray not only for the Malamulo mission hospital work, but for all our medical and evangelistic missions throughout this great field. Our brethren on these stations are struggling to heal the sick, preach the gospel to the poor, and establish the church of God in fields, which heretofore have been held in the thralldom of heathenism.

W. H. BRANSON.



Among the Indians in Natal

THE readers of the OUTLOOK will be glad to know that the work among the Indians in Natal, which is being conducted by Elder W. C. Walston, one of our pioneer missionary workers in this field, is developing very encouragingly. In a recent letter received from Elder Walston he has the following to say about this work:

"I am pleased to tell you that the work among the Indians is progressing very well. New people are becoming interested. As the Truth is presented to them, a good number are beginning to keep the Sabbath, and the outlook is quite hopeful for the future. The new worker is a very faithful man. He is thought a good deal of by his people, and has a good influence among them. We are having all we can do to keep up with the work.

"You have doubtless learned that up along the coast at the sugar plantations, there are a number of people who have become interested in the Truth. I believe there are over forty who are keeping the Sabbath, and who will be asking for baptism later. Samson and the new man, whose name is Davidass, visit these new people as often as possible, and I have been up to see them several times. I plan to visit them again before Christmas, and baptize those who are ready. These will be formed into a company, under a leader, and later a church will be organized.

"We are holding meetings in two of the suburbs of Durban. There is a growing interest, and we hope for some good results. It is difficult for these Indians to believe the Christian religion is any better than their own. There are 50,000 Indians in Durban alone, and thousands near by in the country.

"We are of good courage, and the Lord is blessing us in our work. We are glad to have some humble part in His vineyard, and hope to see souls in the kingdom as a result of what we are doing for these people, who are in such darkness."

W. H. BRANSON.

SO. AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

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Notice

THE Union Education Department is desirous of hearing from qualified Seventh-day Adventist teachers, who are willing to teach farm schools through the Afrikaans medium. Correspond immediately with E. M. Howard, P. O. Box 468, Bloemfontein.

CAPE CONFERENCE

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Camp-meeting and Conference Session

LET all remember that our coming camp-meeting and conference session is to be held in Port Elizabeth, January 15-24, 1926. We are looking forward to this meeting with eager anticipation, and we believe that God is going to wonderfully bless our coming together. We earnestly urge all of our people to meet with us. We hope that everyone who possibly can, will put forth a real effort to be present. The meeting needs your presence, and you need the spiritual uplift of such a convocation. The first meeting will be held Friday night at 7.30, January 15, in the Port Elizabeth Seventh-day Adventist church. Order your room now. Be sure to be present and on time at the first service. Come praying that the Lord will give us large showers of the "latter rain." He will not disappoint us.

J. F. WRIGHT.



Thirteenth Sabbath Offering December 26

WE want to pass along a word of thanks to our dear Sabbath school officers and members for the noble manner in which they have responded to the appeal for the thirteenth Sabbath offerings so far this year. It has been most cheering to learn that a number of the schools did better last quarter than has been the case in recent years. We certainly do appreciate the efforts put forth to answer these special appeals which come to us at the close of each quarter.

Now, in just a few weeks, we will face the last thirteenth Sabbath for 1925. We feel very anxious about the offering for that day, and so we wish to earnestly appeal to you, dear reader, to do your very best to help swell this offering, so that we shall have a large overflow. Inasmuch as this offering will come near Christmas, we would suggest that we spend less money on holiday gifts and give more to missions. By laying our treasures on the altar for God's service, we will reap a larger reward. May God help all to respond liberally and cheerfully in making this last thirteenth Sabbath offering the best and largest for this year.

J. F. WRIGHT.



News

WE learn that the work on the Wynberg church building is progressing nicely.

WE are pleased to report that Brother Ross Ansley, who is canvassing in East London, is doing excellently.

WORD has just been received from Brother Robert Buckley that he is doing splendidly in selling "Practical Guide."

BROTHER AMOS MAGALELA writes us of the advancement of the Truth in Pondoland, and appeals for more workers to assist him. We hope to send help soon.

Gleanings From Big Week

SABBATH, November 28, Elder Wright and Brother Vixie met with the churches in Port Elizabeth and launched the Big Week.

BROTHER VIXIE and wife put in full time during Big Week and the Lord wonderfully blessed them.

BROTHER CLIFFORD writes that nearly all of the Big Week books sent to the Salt River and Parow churches were sold before Big Week arrived, and they had to order more.

ELDER J. J. BIRKENSTOCK writes in the same manner concerning Worcester. They had to order more Big Week books. When all reports are in, we feel sure that we will have reached our Big Week goal.

ALL of the Cape Conference staff put in some time during Big Week, with very good results. On Thursday morning, in just a few hours, Miss Mocke, our office stenographer, sold eight sets of the Big Week books. This was her first experience, and is an example of what can be done when we go to work, trusting for the Lord's blessing.



Items of Special Interest

WE wish to say that during November quite a number of camp-meeting pledges were paid in. We surely do appreciate your giving this matter attention. We trust that the balance of the pledges will be paid into your church treasurer on or before Sabbath, December 26, so as to be included in this year's mission offerings.

At the coming camp-meeting, we expect to arrange a neat book stand, and we will have a full display of our books on hand. We will also have some real bargains. Come prepared to take advantage of the splendid opportunity offered at this time to purchase books at reduced prices. Camp-meeting discount will be given on regular stock.

LET us all remember that the Annual Offering is to be received the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, December 19. We are nearly £1,000-0-0 short on our regular mission funds for 1925. Last year this conference made its full 2/6 per week per member. Let us roll up a good Annual Offering this year, and reach our goal again. We know that you will do your best.

WE want to call attention again to the *Review and Herald*. Remember that the next General Conference proceedings are to be published through the *Review*. There will be no regular Bulletin. By ordering the *Review* now, you will be able to keep in close touch with what happens at the General Conference next May. The subscription price is 12/- for the year. If you have not already done so, we urge you to order our good church paper at once.

J. F. WRIGHT.

NATAL-TRANSSVAAL CONFERENCE

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Special Conference Notice

OUR people will be glad to learn that the Natal-Transvaal Conference session will be held in a large, cool auditorium, the Masonic Hall, on Smith Street, Durban. We will hold our conference on the ground floor. With a massive verandah all around, the hall is protected from the sun, and is known as the coolest auditorium in town.

Be sure to elect your church delegates early. Each church organization is entitled to one delegate, and one for every ten of its membership, or major fraction thereof. Watch a future issue of the *OUTLOOK* for full particulars of the conference.

B. M. HEALD.



New Conference Headquarters

IN harmony with the action taken at the eighteenth session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference of Seventh-day Adventists held in Johannesburg, March 30 to April 5, 1925, the headquarters of the Natal-Transvaal Conference and Tract Society have been located in Johannesburg.

After the 15th of December, all mail should be addressed to Room 57, Glencairn Building, Johannesburg. The Glencairn Building is a new, modern structure, one block from the main post office. The conference has two connecting rooms, with the option of a third, when the volume of tract society business demands it. The monthly rent is but £6-10-0, including an extra store-room and light. The conference will also make use of the brick store-room which it owns on Claim Street.

B. M. HEALD.



The Closing of the Year

THE Week of Prayer should prove a great blessing to our dear people this week. We sincerely desire the fulness of God's blessings, and to enter with you into new and blessed covenant relationship with God. Through the avenue of prayer alone can we enter our Father's house. Prayer is the secret of power. Prayer is power. Prayer changes things, and is the active, divine agency that is finishing the work of God in this generation.

The year 1925 is fast ebbing into eternity! We are all facing that way. We call upon all our members to review the out-going year, and to seek God for the forgiveness of sins, known sins, presumptuous sins and ignorant sins. Let all variance, pride of life, lust of the flesh, and bitterness be put away. My brethren and sisters, do not delay.

From every indication, the old year has been a great year in the advancement of the kingdom, in our conference. Every undertaking of our faithful workers has been successfully accomplished. Elder

Hodgson has had a rich reward in baptizing almost 150 in his department. The results from the Durban and Maritzburg campaigns are still coming in. Brother Hurlow and our Maritzburg brethren and sisters are rejoicing in the results of the campaign there. With Elder and Sister Moffitt, Elder and Sister Edwards, Brother and Sister Le Butt and Miss de Beer, who have joined our band of workers since last year, and with the prospects of additional workers, we hope to see a still stronger and greater evangelism in 1926. We must work to that end.

Our dear people, who worked so faithfully in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign have cause to rejoice because of the fact that our conference has gone over its goal. God's people are willing in these days of His power. The last report shows £1,225 gathered.

It was also a great inspiration to see the Big Week quota taken by the different churches. And now that we have about passed the last opportunity for service in 1925, and are stepping upon the threshold of a new year, let us lift up our heads toward the Kingdom of Light and rejoice for the possibilities that lie before us.

B. M. HEALD.



Notice

THE nineteenth session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in the Masonic Hall, Smith Street, Durban, January 25 to 31, 1926, to transact such business as may be necessary. The first meeting will be held at 11.15 A.M., Monday, January 25, 1926.

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



Ermelo Location

I AM sure that all the readers of the OUTLOOK will want to know what is taking place at Ermelo. No doubt, you will be interested to know that on Sabbath, November 28, Elder William Hodgson held a baptismal service. Five candidates were baptized. Some candidates who were ready to be baptized failed to come because of bad weather. These were to come from Breyton and Carolina. The church was packed up by people. Many hearts were deeply touched by the sermon led out in a stirring way, and was built on "The Lost Sheep," "The Lost Piece of Silver," and "The Prodigal Son." It was a pleasure to see many more people gathering by the river in that rainy and windy day. As we came by the river the sky began to smile. After the baptism service, followed the Ordinances of the Lord's Supper.

Now, we have commenced enlarging the church house, doubling its present size. The church work is going on smoothly. Members seem to be interested in every step taken to uplift the church.

It is a pleasure to report the good work of the school. The people in the vicinity marvel to see our school increasing in numbers. Surely, it is in a progressive and healthy state.

We thank our merciful Lord for the work of Ermelo around. We have full confidence that our brethren and sisters will not forget us in prayer.

J. LABISA.

ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE

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Kimberley Camp-meeting

PLANS are being laid to make our camp-meeting, which is to be held in Kimberley from January 8 to 17, 1926, one of the most spiritual meetings we have ever held in this field. We would, therefore, urge all who possibly can do so, to attend this important annual gathering. It will be a serious loss to those who do not come. "Come brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will come up to the feast. He will be present, and He will do for you that which you most need to have done. Your farms should not be considered of greater value than the higher interest of the soul."—"Testimonies," Vol. 2, page 575.

The first meeting will be held Friday, January 8, 1926, at 7.30 P.M., in the Kimberley Town Hall. We trust that all will plan to be at the very first meeting. The services in the evening will be made a speciality, and special efforts will be made to invite the public. We will have for speakers, our leading ministers in the African Division.

We have sent letters to our members, informing them of everything concerning the meetings. All who have not yet obtained railway concession certificates, and who desire same, should write immediately to our conference secretary, giving full name, class they desire to travel, name of station from which they will start, and date on which they wish to start. If anyone requires accommodation, and has not yet written to us about it, please do so without delay.

May God help His people to attend the meeting, and may He richly bless them as they shall gather together to seek Him.

J. N. DE BEER.

SPION KOP COLLEGE

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A Resume of 1925

ANOTHER school year has come and gone, and as we stand at its close and recast the experiences it has brought, we believe that much good has been accomplished in the lives of our young people. At our last Friday evening meeting, a large number of students testified that the year that was passing had been the best they had ever enjoyed. It means much that this should be so, despite the many difficulties and irregularities which have beset the work of the school this year.

Indeed, the year has been one fraught with difficulties more than any ever experienced by those whose privilege it has been to be connected with our schools for a number of years.

Shortly after the opening of the school, a cloud of thick darkness settled down on us through the drowning of two of our students. This came as a crushing blow to our school, and from which even yet we have scarcely recovered.

A number of times during the year, we have again

been made anxious through several serious cases of enteric. Despite the serious nature of some of these cases, all have fully recovered, for which we thank God. Other perplexing difficulties have arisen. During the year, we had three cases of appendicitis, one case of a broken leg, and one of a broken arm. These, of course, do not include the usual minor ailments.

Irregularities in the routine of our school work have necessarily been caused through the above difficulties, as well as unforeseen changes in the teaching staff. One teacher had to withdraw through change of plans, another through being transferred to a field of labour, and still another through failing health.

Despite the rather trying times which these experiences have brought, we are assured that this year has been one of growth and progress, and we look forward to the opening of another school year.

In times of most serious difficulties, our hearts have been turned to God and we have learned to submit our ways to Him who knows best. In times of irregularities, our students have always been co-operative.

The fruit of our school year was manifest in our Spring week of prayer, which was a season of spiritual development. Almost the entire student body dedicated their lives to God and to His service. At this time, a special baptismal class was formed and on the last Sabbath of the school year ten of our students went forward in the sacred rite of baptism.

The closing exercises helped much to round off the work of the school year.

The following students, all of whom are under appointment for work in this field, graduated from our school this year:

Ida Honey	Normal
Leslie Billes	Theological
C. C. Marais	Normal
Max Webster	Normal
Wesley Herbert	Normal

These graduates have the full confidence of the faculty, and the sincere prayers of all, that they may richly enjoy their part in the spreading of the gospel message.

As we close the work of this school year, the one great regret of our hearts is that so few of the young people of South Africa are enjoying the privileges of a Christian education and preparing for service in the needy fields, white already for harvest.

We hope that another year may see a larger number of young people in our school. For this we earnestly solicit the efforts and prayers of the workers, parents and young people.

E. D. DICK.



Commencement

ANOTHER year of service has just closed with our missionary training college. From what we heard and witnessed during the last week, we were fully convinced that 1925 has been a very successful year. Both teachers and students seemed filled with courage and zeal as they finished the work for the school year. They are now eagerly looking forward to 1926.

Promptly at 8 P. M. Thursday, November 12, the class of 1925 rendered its programme. It was not

only entertaining, but revealed hard study, careful thought, and well-trained talent, and was one of the best class exercises to which the writer has ever listened. We only wish that parents and young people throughout the field could have been present. We feel sure all would agree that it does pay to receive a training in one of our missionary colleges.

The same deep spiritual experience gained during the special week of prayer, prevailed at the time of the closing vesper service, on Friday. It was most cheering to hear teachers and students express their determination to live and work for Jesus during the holiday season just before them. We sincerely pray that God will abundantly bless them and help them to be true and loyal to their Christian vows.

Sabbath morning, the writer delivered the baccalaureate sermon, basing his remarks upon the well-chosen class motto, "Unselfish Service." Attention was given to service in three phases—intelligent, principal and unselfish. The class members, as they assume the real burdens and responsibilities of life, were charged to develop and practise all three kinds, especially that of unselfish service.

In the afternoon at 4 o'clock, we gathered by the waters' edge to witness ten precious souls follow their Lord into the watery grave and arise to walk in newness of life with their Master. These students took their stand for the first time during the recent week of prayer. Professor Dick administered the rite of baptism, and it was an impressive service. We wish these young converts a rich and deep Christian experience. As the Sabbath closed, we felt that it had been a blessed day for the college.

On Sunday night, Elder U. Bender gave the commencement address. He directed our thoughts to "Individual Relationship to Service." His remarks were well-fitted to the occasion, and were wholesome instruction to the class of 1925. The president of the college then presented the diplomas, four of the class finishing the normal course, and one the ministerial course. Three members of the class have been called to the mission field, one will remain in service with the institution, while the other will doubtless respond to an invitation to connect with one of the local conferences in this Union.

Thus closed a splendid year with the college, and we felt it indeed a real privilege to be with the school during Commencement week. We sincerely pray that God will continue to bless the institution to the end that it will produce many more well-trained workers for the needy harvest field.

J. F. WRIGHT.



What is Our Present Worth ?

It is quite the practice now in business houses to make up a monthly balance sheet. Few prosperous corporations fail to submit a present worth sheet in mid-year, as well as at the close of the calendar year. Inventoried assets, both liquid and solid, are ever in mind, and the gain or loss is estimated not by the gross business but in the net assets.

We are in a greater business than any commercial house or manufacturing concern in the whole world. The latter deal with material things. They are not

lasting nor of great importance measured by eternity. Our riches consist not in stocks and bonds nor in saleable goods, nor in gold and silver, but in the souls of men. They are our riches, they are our crown of rejoicing, they are our stock-inventory, and show our real gains and losses. As our bona fide membership increases, to that extent our eternal riches increase.

Have you taken inventory of your gains? Eleven months of 1925 have passed. Not for gold or silver, piled to high heaven, can we recall one day nor one hour of these eleven months. They are gone. Tears, prayers and repentance can not recall a wasted moment or a lost opportunity to lead a sinner to Christ.

What have been your gains in the souls of men? How many have you won from the ranks of Satan and this world, to seek and serve the living God? Some say, "I do not seek to know how many. I do not gauge my work by numbers." Well, what is the true basis of progress? If numbers do not count, what does count in the kingdom of God? Some say: "Quality, not numbers." Do such persons mean righteous people who need no Saviour? If righteous people are to be found who need no Christ, then all our ministry is vain; Christ is not needed. But if all have sinned, and salvation comes only through repentance and faith, if every man needs a Saviour, and salvation is a free gift, of God then values are in numbers, and the more souls we lead to Christ and help into the kingdom of God, the greater our riches.

What are your gains for the eleven months of 1925? Has your "present worth" increased? If so, how much? Count your assets, not in brick and mortar, not in £-s.-d., but in souls won to Christ. What has been your net gain? Write it in your diary where you can read it over daily; where you can hold it in your mind and lay it before God in your secret prayers.

This "present worth" business is worth praying about. Heaven is more interested in that one thing than in stocks and bonds and bank accounts. Set before the King Eternal your "present worth," and ask Him to show you how to increase your riches. All heaven is at our command in this one great fight for the souls of men. Take an inventory and know your present worth. Glory in your riches and keep them before the altar in your daily communion with God. Such wealth is the one thing that interests heaven, for the coming of Christ and the reward of God's people are waiting for these souls to find reconciliation with God. When every man has done his work, the King will come and give His people the kingdom.

I. H. EVANS.



Sabbath School Hints

1. SUPERINTENDENT and secretary should sit facing the congregation.
2. Congregation should kneel, facing the rostrum.
3. Teachers should mark Perfect Attendance record at the opening of Sabbath school and Daily Study at the beginning of class recitation.
4. Teachers should try to subdue their voices so as not to disturb others.
5. Every officer and teacher should have access to a copy of the *Sabbath School Worker*.

6. The member conducting the missionary exercise should announce the missionary hymn, give the talk, and pray a sentence prayer for the mission field under study.

7. Sometimes it may be well to change the order of the missionary exercise, especially when a missionary is present, but it should never be omitted.

8. Plan for a session to last an hour and a quarter.

9. Keep the Sabbath school goals before the school, but be sure not to let them engender rivalry or embarrassment.

10. Take special care of home department members.

11. Use ushers in large schools.

12. Send quarterly report to conference or mission field Sabbath school secretary during the first week of the new quarter, but after it has been submitted to the church board.

Mrs. A. P. TARR.



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"My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

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By His life-blood ransomed, by His spirit blest,
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General News Items

BROTHER AND SISTER P. A. VENTER and son, of Taungs, B. B., are visiting relatives at the Cape.

BRETHREN STEARNS, BOEKHOOT AND SIEPMAN are assisting with the erection of buildings on the new school farm. Sister Stearns is also spending a time at Somerset West.

ON Monday, the 14th inst, Elder W. H. Branson left the Cape for Bulawayo, where he will meet with the Zambesi Union committee.

ON December 10, Elder T. M. French left the Cape for the Eastern Province, where he will visit the churches at Kingwilliamstown, Grahamstown and Rokeby Park.

A FULL meeting of the Division-committee was held at the Cape last week, at which time the budget for 1926 was distributed.

AFTER five very busy days of committee work, Elders Anderson, Thompson, Ellingworth, MacNeil and Dick left for their respective fields of labour.

SINCE publishing our last report on the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, we have received word from the Congo Union Mission, to the effect that that union has reached its goal. We congratulate our workers in the Belgian Congo.

As this issue of the OUTLOOK goes to press, our people throughout the African Division are observing the Week of Prayer. We trust that this prayer season will prove a time of great spiritual refreshing to the people of God in this field.

God answers prayer. Sometimes, when hearts are weak,
He gives the very gifts believers seek.

But often faith must learn a deeper rest,
And trust God's silence when He does not speak;
For He whose name is Love will send the best.
Stars may burn out, nor mountain wall endure,

But God is true. His promises are sure
To those who seek.

—Plantz.

The Blessedness of Not Knowing

SOME people say they wish they could know their future. They are sincere enough; they wish they could. But this would not be a blessing. It is better we should not know. It would shadow and sadden our lives if we knew from the beginning all the trials and sorrows we shall have. This was one of the peculiar elements of the life of Christ; He knew what lay before Him. The cross cast the shadow over the manger where He slept His first sleep. This fore-

knowledge made His life sadder than if He had gone on unaware of what was awaiting Him.

It is one of the mercies of our life that we do not know what shall come to us. In the unopened years there may be waiting for us trials, disappointments, and losses. None of us know what chapters of sorrow will yet be written ere our life-story is finished. Would it be a blessing if the veil were lifted today, showing us all, down to the close, that which will be painful or sad?

Not knowing what is before us teaches us trust in God. If we could see all our paths open in advance and know just what is coming, what temptations, what rough places to be gone over, what heavy burdens to be carried, what enemies to be encountered, what duties to be done, we should grow self-confident, should try to direct our own lives, and should not feel the need of God's guidance, help, shelter, and wisdom. One of the blessings of not knowing is that we must walk by faith; and nothing could be better than this. Self-confidence is the bane of Christian life. It is through faith that we are saved.

We should be thankful that life comes to us in such little bits. We can live one day well enough. We can carry one day's burdens. We can do one day's duties. We can endure one day's sorrows. It is a blessing that this is all God ever gives us at a time. We should be thankful for the nights that cut off from our view our tomorrow, so that we cannot even see them till they dawn. The little days, nestling between the nights, like quiet vales between the hills, seem so safe and peaceful.

I am glad I do not have to know the future. I am glad I do not have to understand things. It is such a restful experience to be able to leave all in God's hands.

We have no responsibility for results. It is ours only to be faithful to our duty; the rest is God's. The engineer down in the heart of the great steamer does not know whither the force he sets free will propel the vessel. It is not his place to know. It is his only to obey every signal, to start his engine, to quicken, or slow, or reverse it, as he is directed. He has nothing whatever to do with the vessel's course. He sees not an inch of the sea.

It is not our part to guide our lives in this world, amid its tangled circumstances. It is ours just to do our duty. Our Master's hand is on the helm. He knows all; He pilots us.

We may thank God that we cannot know the future, that we do not have to know it. Christ knows; and it is better to go in the dark with Him than to go alone in the light, choosing our own way.—Miller.

Obituaries

MOYA.—Irena Tandekile Moya was born on the 13th of April, 1925. She was ill for two months, and passed away on the 19th of November, 1925, at the age of seven months and six days. The writer conducted the funeral service on the Friday afternoon. We look forward to the time when we shall meet at the coming of Jesus.
J. S. MOYA.

SATES.—F. Sates fell asleep in Jesus at his home in Maritzburg, Natal, October 2, 1925. Brother Sates had been a faithful member of the church for many years, and his sudden death came as a shock to all. He leaves to mourn their loss four sons.
B. M. HEALD.