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Photo of Delegates in Attendance at Kimberley at the Session of the South African Union Conference

Thirteenth Biennial Session of the

Held at Kimberley December 31, 1925 to

THE first business meeting of the 13th session of the South African Union Conference opened in the Kimberley Town Hall at 11 A.M., on January 1, 1926. There were fifty-five delegates present. Everyone came with the determination to meet with God's children on this occasion, and by the help of God to lay plans for the new term that would serve the best interests of the Master's cause.

After the opening exercises and calling the roll of delegates, the meeting gave consideration to the appointing of committees to serve during the session. We only had a few days, and there were many items of business to be considered. The programme only allowed of about two hours a day for business considerations, for the main feature of the session was to be given over to spiritual work. As workers in the cause of God, our greatest need is for the infilling of His Spirit, that we might be prepared to go out and take the Truth to the people.

In the interests of our readers, we take considerable of the space in this issue to report of this session of the South African Union Conference. We take the time also to pass on some of the actions taken by the conference dealing with the interests of the work in the Union of South Africa.

OFFICERS FOR NEW TERM

President: J. F. Wright.

Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor: A. F. Tarr.

Home Missionary and Field Sec.: G. S. Joseph.

Superintendent of Transvaal-Delagoa Mission Field: J. R. Campbell.

Secretary-Treasurer of Transvaal-Delagoa Mission Field: Mrs. J. R. Campbell.

Union Committee: J. F. Wright, A. F. Tarr, E. M. Howard, G. S. Joseph, J. J. Birkenstock, B. M. Heald, J. N. de Beer, President of the Cape Conference, J. R. Campbell, E. E. Ladd.

NATIVE TRAINING SCHOOL

INASMUCH as in the development of the educational work throughout the Division, it has been decided to transfer the European training school from Natal to the Western Province, and WHEREAS the African Division has offered to sell to the South African Union Conference the site of the Spion Kop College, it was

Resolved to accept of this offer of the African Division.

EVANGELISTIC WORK

It was *Voted* to put forth every effort during 1926 to greatly strengthen the evangelistic work, and it was recommended to the local conferences and mission fields that they endeavour the coming year to carry on a strong evangelistic campaign; and as a further means to this end, pastors of churches are encouraged to make evangelism the strong feature of their work, urging their members to join them in working for the neighbourhoods in which the churches are located. It is *recommended* that every conference seek to provide,

wherever possible, for the addition of young men to its force of ministers.

"SIGNS OF THE TIMES"

WHEREAS, The *Signs of the Times*, our missionary paper, is filling a need of long standing in our missionary endeavours and

WHEREAS, There is urgent need in the building up of the circulation of this paper, it is

Recommended, That efforts be made throughout the year by our conference officials and workers in encouraging the churches to take church clubs for local missionary work, and that our laity be encouraged to increase the subscriptions to the *Signs* amongst their neighbours.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

In an endeavour to strengthen and unify the work done along educational lines for the native people, considerable study was given to the adoption of a uniform curriculum for the native schools.

MEDICAL WORK

In view of the place which health and temperance rightly sustain to the gospel work, it is

Recommended, That the presentation of these health principles be given their due place and time in the programmes of our constituency meetings and evangelistic efforts, and that our medical brethren be invited to write on health topics for the columns of the OUTLOOK.

FUNDS FOR NEW TRAINING COLLEGE

In order to assist the African Division to carry out its educational programme in the building up of its new training college, it is

Recommended, That our conferences be encouraged to enter heartily into the raising of at least £4,000 this year for the building of a girl's dormitory.

TRACT SOCIETIES

WHEREAS, Our tract societies are dealing largely with bound books and Bibles, it is

Recommended, That the names of the tract societies in the South African Union Conference be changed to the name of Book and Bible Society.

NATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL

It is *recommended* that a native advisory council be appointed and which shall meet once each year. The membership of this council shall be:

1. *Delegates at large:*

(a) The local conference or mission field superintendent, who shall act as chairman.

(b) Any available members of the union conference committee.

(c) The members of the local conference or mission field committees.

(d) One European representative for each mission station, not already represented by a committee member.

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(e) The native ordained and licensed ministers in the employ of the field.

(f) The head native teacher of each mission station.

2. *Regular delegates*: Such native delegates as shall be elected by the respective churches within the territory on the basis of one for the organization, and one for each twenty-five members, or major fractional part thereof.

3. *Object and powers*: The purpose of this council shall be to consider the interests of the various lines of work carried on in the field, such as evangelistic, church and school extension, school improvement, church discipline, missionary volunteer, home missionary, Sabbath school, health, and sanitarium, etc.

Any recommendations made by this council shall be passed on to the local conference or mission field committee for its consideration, and in no case, shall they be considered binding upon the field until they have been approved by the committee. In the event any recommendations of the council look toward a change in general operating or mission policy, such recommendations shall be referred by the local committee to the union committee, and should the union committee approve, it in turn shall pass them on to the African Division committee for final approval.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOUR

The following transfer of workers was recommended:

Miss A. G. Fleming, of the Union Conference, was released that she might connect with the work of the Cape Conference.

Brother A. V. Edwards of the Natal-Transvaal Conference was invited to connect with the Cape Conference for work in Pondoland.

Brother W. H. Hurlow, of the Union Conference, was released that he might respond to the call for evangelistic work in the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

Brother Charles Mogale, of the Natal-Transvaal Conference was released from that conference that he might take up work with the Orange River Conference.

Brother Douglas Ntsikeni, of the Cape Conference, was released that he might respond to the call from the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

Brother E. H. Ndwandwa, of the Natal-Transvaal Conference, was released that he might respond to a call from the Cape Conference.

W. B. COMMIN.



President's Report

A FEW years ago, one of the world's great men said that on July 31, 1914, the curtain went down on a world which was never to be seen again. After the awful carnage and slaughter of the most frightfully destructive and devastating war this world has ever seen, a change came about that has so revolutionised the world that it is difficult to recognise former con-

ditions. National life has changed, governments are unstable, statesmen know not where to turn for relief, society is dissolving into indecency, public and private morals are rapidly degenerating, hideous disease is eating out the marrow of the race, revolting realism in art and drama are breeding a public taste for the impure, the old ideals of honour, truth and even common honesty are trampled under foot; and, worse than all this, an open disbelief in God and immortality. One writer sums up the whole condition in this language, "Never in the history of man has so terrific a calamity befallen the race as that which all who look may now behold advancing as a deluge, black with destruction, resistless as night, uprooting our most cherished hopes, engulfing our most precious creeds and burying our highest life in desolation. The flood gates of infidelity are open and atheism is upon us."

The God of Heaven has told us in His prophetic Word that these conditions would come in the last days. There is only one cure for this world's ills, one way of escape from the threatening deluge. That cure, that way of escape, is the Message, which has been entrusted to us to carry to the world.

At the outset, it is clear that the scientific scepticism, which is the philosophy of many, can never aid or comfort in the coming destruction. It may suffice for a while to narcotise the souls of men, but soon it will have no more effect. Never did such an opportunity face a band of men. The world is waiting to hear the Third Angel's Message, and we must rally to the task of sending it speedily forward.

To the end that we may know how fully we are accomplishing the task before us, and with the hope that we will realize the necessity of redoubling our energies, we are rendering today's report. Since our last union conference session, held two years ago in Cape Town, some changes have taken place in the personal of our workers. The cruel hand of death has crossed the threshold of two of our worker's homes. There have been taken away from us, Sister E. M. Howard, and little Allen Joseph. We extend our sincere sympathy to Brother Howard and his family, and to Brother and Sister Joseph.

Several have left our shores and gone overseas. These are Elders Hyatt, Armitage, Olmstead and Brother Patchett. In their stead have come to us Elders Heald, Wright, Moffitt, Edwards and Brethren Ladd, Sharman and Nelson.

There are three conferences and one mission field in the union, the native work in the fields being carried by the respective conferences with the exception of the northern Transvaal which is our one organised mission field.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership at the close of last quarter was 2,805,—155 Europeans and 1,250 coloured and native. This represents a gain for the two years of 493,—289 in the European department and 204 in the coloured and native departments, or a total gain over 1920 of 64%.

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BAPTISMS

Our baptisms for the biennial period were 730, and of these 385 were Europeans and 345 natives. This shows a gain for the biennial period of 103.

TITHE

Our tithe for the two years amounts to about £23,900 as compared with the tithe for the last biennial period of £20,565, a gain of about £4,000. Looking over the last four years, we are thankful to say that each year has shown an increase in the tithe paid by this union conference. You will notice from the treasurer's report, which will be rendered shortly, that 92% comes from the European department and 8% from the coloured and native departments.

MISSION OFFERINGS

Our mission offerings for the two year period will run considerably over that received during the previous biennial period. The total amount received for the year 1924 and the eleven months of the year 1925 was £13,420 as compared with £13,029 for the years 1922 and 1923. This shows a gain of £391. Of course, with the closing of our year's record we will be able to show a much more substantial gain than this. A conservative approximate estimate of mission offerings for the last month of the year would be about £1,200, and on this basis our increase for the last period would be about £1,600. In reporting this, however, we want to call your attention to the fact that on a per capita basis, the year 1925 will show the smallest percentage in the four years, and the smallest total mission offerings for the past three years. The year 1922 showed that we received 86%, 1923 showed 116%, 1924 showed 93%, but for the present year it does not seem that we will exceed 80%. On a percentage basis, the period just closing will show less than the preceding period. The biennial period of 1922 and 1923 averaged 101% on the 2/6 per week per member plan. This period will show about 87%. With the task growing heavier each year, with the possibilities before us representing bigger results than ever before, we believe that we should determine not to let another year pass without coming up to our goal of 2/6 per week per member.

HARVEST INGATHERING

The interest of our brethren in the South African Union in our foreign mission programme is shown by the splendid record of our members in the Ingathering Campaign; and the interest of the people in South Africa in this worthy enterprise is demonstrated by the results that have been achieved in this good work. For the years 1922 and 1923 we raised £3,971-10-2. This biennial period we have raised the sum of £5,173-4-10, or a gain of £1,201-14-8. 1924 was the first year in which we reached our goal, and we are thankful to state that we more than reached the goal in 1925.

COLPORTEUR WORK

Brother Joseph will give you a detailed report of the colporteur work in the union, so I will simply call

your attention to the total sales, giving a comparison of the last two years. For the eleven months of this year and for the year 1924, the total sales amounted to £20,357, which is £2,697 less than for the previous two years. However, as the sales for the month of December have been very high, we are quite confident that the amount of sales reported will be raised by another £2,000, almost bringing the total up to what was sold in the years 1922 and 1923. We are sorry that our native department does not show up stronger than it does, only about £2,239 having been sold in the last two years by this department. We believe that much more can be done in the sale of native literature than has been accomplished, by a more consecrated effort on behalf of this branch of the work. A great many natives of the Union of South Africa can read and write, and many of them can be brought to a knowledge of the Truth of God through our spirit-filled literature.

The words of the servant of the Lord come to us with renewed interest, as we contemplate the work of this department. She says, "If there is one work more important than another it is that of getting our publications before the people, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."

HOME MISSIONARY WORK

Brother Joseph will also render a report for the Home Missionary department. We believe that it is necessary for our churches to do more aggressive home missionary work than they have ever done in the past. We have been told that "the work of God will never be finished unless those comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with the ministers and church officers." When Brother Joseph gives his report, I want you to particularly notice that more was accomplished in 1924 than in 1925. We trust that this does not mean a slackening off on the part of our churches. We cannot allow one year to show less work done than the previous year. We must show advance moves in every endeavour put forth, and may God help us to realise that our church officers need much co-operation and assistance that they may know how to aggressively carry forward the work in their churches, thereby causing the Message to advance to the very corners of the earth. We would strongly advise that our conferences definitely plan to hold, at an early date, church officers' conventions in order that we may more carefully plan to execute the work of our churches.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND EDUCATIONAL WORK

The Young People's and Educational work will be reported on by Brother Howard. We have in this union 760 young people between the ages of 8 and 30. Of this number, 157 are attending our schools, 74 are at Spion Kop College and 83 in our church schools. We must put forth our most earnest endeavours to get our young people into our own schools. We have been told to "Gather our children into our own schools, gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and preaching evil, establish church schools and give your chil-

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dren the Word of God as the foundation of all their education."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, page 193.

"Counsels to Teachers," page 43, reads as follows: "As a church, as individuals, if we would stand clear in the judgment, we must make more liberal efforts for the training of our young people, that they may be better fitted for the various branches of the great work committed to our hands. We should lay wise plans, in order that the ingenious minds of those who have talent may be strengthened and disciplined, and polished after the highest order, that the work of Christ may not be hindered for lack of skilful labourers, who will do their work with earnestness and fidelity."

EVANGELISTIC WORK

We are very thankful to be able to report onward progress in evangelistic lines. During the past two years there have been held in the European department, twelve series of meetings, and two in the coloured. Some of these meetings have been very successful and several new churches have been raised as a result of the efforts put forth. We believe that still greater results will be seen from the evangelistic endeavours as we go forth to proclaim this gospel message to the people of South Africa. We stand today at the gateway to the great mission fields of the North. The more Europeans we win to the Truth in this field, the greater the opportunity of speedily advancing the cause in the mission fields.

Our native work does not show the advance moves that we would like to see. I think I am safe in reporting that in the past two years only two regular evangelistic efforts have been held for the natives in this union, one in the Northern Transvaal at Tweefontein and the other at the Alexander Township in the Natal-Transvaal Conference. We cannot get away from the fact that aggressive evangelistic efforts put forth for the natives in South Africa will yield results and bring about a condition that will cause the work to grow more rapidly than it has in the past. We have a wonderful mission field within our household. Seven million natives are awaiting the invitation to get ready for the coming of the Lord. We are hoping that at this meeting, some definite plans will be laid to make the native department of this work a more positive factor in the cause of this Message, than it has been in the past. There are three millions of natives who have never yet heard of this Message. Unentered fields in this section must be worked and they must be worked with more rapidity than has been seen in our past endeavours.

In summing up the work as a whole, we feel encouraged. We believe that God has blessed in the efforts of the past, and we believe that there has been demonstrated to this delegation that there are possibilities before us greater than we have ever realised before. We turn the work of this union over into your hands with the belief that plans will be laid at this conference that will spell greater success to the work of God than anything we have ever seen in the past.

J. W. MACNEIL.

The Treasurer's Report

BROTHER A. F. TARR presented to the delegates a well-prepared report, the details of which very clearly revealed the financial standing of the Union. The statement for the eleven months ending November 30, 1925, showed an excess of income over expenditure of £163-19-2, thus allowing a small margin on operating account for emergency items.

In 1919, the tithe income of the union amounted to £8,957-0-9, and its mission offerings £1,801-0-11. For the eleven months of 1925, the tithe income reached the figure of £10,261,7-4, and mission offerings had grown to £5,162-15-6.

RECORD OF MEMBERSHIP

1919	938		
1920	990		
1921	990	722	1712
1922	1218	849	2067
1923	1266	1046	2312
1924	1451	1085	2536
1925	1555	1250	2805
(11 months)			

BAPTISMS

1920	58		
1921	149	184	333
1922	136	92	228
1923	138	261	399
1924	220	118	338
1925	165	227	392
(11 months)			



Ministerial Institute

NOTE OF COURAGE AND UNITY SOUNDED

IN connection with the recent session of the South African Union Conference held at Kimberley, there was conducted a ministerial institute. An hour each day was given to a Bible study which proved to be a great spiritual blessing to the workers.

Following the daily Bible studies, round table discussions were held for two hours. Various topics related to the conduct of evangelistic efforts, the work of the pastor, and many other subjects connected with the care of our churches were studied together. These discussions were entered into heartily with the spirit of good fellowship, and proved of great benefit to those who attended.

The only expressions of disappointment heard were those concerning lack of time to properly cover the ground laid out for the discussions. It is to be hoped that at some future time there will be opportunity for the workers to again be associated together in the study of their many problems.

T. M. FRENCH,
Secretary Ministerial Ass'n.

Personal Testimonies From Some Who Attended the Bible Institute at Kimberley

"I THINK I have never attended a better meeting. A spirit of consecration for the finishing of the work seemed to rest upon all."

J. R. CAMPBELL.

"It was an inspiration to me to meet with the brethren in Kimberley. The spirit of the meetings was one of courage, unity and hope."

"I am happy to be labouring with the brethren in Africa."

F. G. CLIFFORD.

"THE meetings at Kimberley have been a great blessing to me. The old time spirit was felt right through these gatherings. Our people are pressing together and God has done great things for us here. Truly, it is good to be here."

P. A. VENTER, JNR.

"I WISH to testify to the blessings I enjoyed during our meetings here in Kimberley. I am very thankful to God that there is such a feeling and determination among the brethren and workers to stand and work together for the finishing of God's work in the earth. I am sure if this spirit of unity is carried into the field that very good results will be seen in the advancement of God's work and the ingathering of souls."

FRED. VISSER, SENR.

"BEING a newcomer to South Africa, I greatly appreciated the opportunity afforded by the Kimberley meeting of the Union Conference to become acquainted with the workers throughout the field."

The good fellowship, unity, and testimonies of courage and cheer for the progress of the work in South Africa were inspiring. The Spirit of God was with us through all the conference in business sessions and devotional hours."

L. L. MOFFITT.

"I AM very glad that it was my privilege to attend the Union meeting held at Kimberley. I have seldom attended a meeting which I so much enjoyed in all the years I have been in Africa. The presence of the Lord was certainly with us, and a spirit of love and harmony came in among those present. All felt the need of a closer union with God and one another. I am sure the workers will return to their fields of labour with renewed courage and a determination to be more faithful to God and truer to each other."

W. C. WALSTON.

"THE union constituency meeting held at Kimberley, which I have been privileged to attend, has made a profound and lasting impressing upon my mind. It surprised me to see the spirit of brotherly love that prevailed at the conference session."

The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in a marked manner as the delegation pledged to stand as one man for the finishing of the work."

May this spirit permeate the heart of every brother and sister in South Africa, so that we can expect great things from God during 1926."

JOHN H. RAUBENHEIMER.

"I REJOICE to be at this conference. Before I came to this meeting, I had some feelings that our European brethren do not treat us nicely because we have no counsel with them. But I confess myself for this thought against my brethren. I am glad to say this was the best constituency meeting I ever attended. I am now leaving this meeting with new confidence, and like to push on to the end of the Lord's work unitedly with my brethren."

LAZARUS S. MOLOKOMME.

"I FEEL very grateful to my Saviour that I could be present at the constituency meeting of the South African Union Conference which was held in Kimberley, the 31st December to January 7. It was really a meeting of spiritual food. We came to these meetings hungering and thirsting after God's Word, and now praises be unto our God who fills our hearts with His precious words every day. Really our association with our European brethren, as one body in Christ, in this conference has placed good confidence in our hearts, and we are returning to our fields of labour full of courage and determination to help finish the Lord's work in the earth."

M. D. KALAKA.

"I ESTEEM it a high honour in that the leading brethren of the Union Conference committee saw fit to invite four of us leading native brethren as delegates to the Union Conference session held in Kimberley. I have appreciated the above said occasion very much. The association we have had with our white brethren has become profitable to us indeed."

"We return to our fields of labour with a full determination to give a better service in the finishing of the work of the Lord on this earth. If such sessions would be continued, we will soon be educated in the right way of carrying the work of the Lord in this generation."

A. MZOZYANA.

"It has reminded me of the church in the wilderness. We heard that those people would not listen to the words of God and their leaders failed to enter in to the promised land, and therefore they died in the wilderness. They had many things which were wrong. But the chief sin was murmuring. The people thought that the leaders were not treating them well. God's people of this great movement are led by the Spirit of God, Who opens their good understanding. By what I have seen and heard, I feel quite confident that this church is leading to heavenly Canaan. Let us not murmur today. By the help of God we shall work together with the white brethren. I have seen and heard by my own eyes and ears, they lead us to the kingdom of God. Let us not murmur."

R. M. LANGA.



OBLITERATE everything disagreeable from yesterday, start out with a clean sheet today, and write upon it for sweet memory's sake only those things which are lovely and lovable.

NATAL-TRANSCVAAL CONFERENCE

B. M. HEALD, *President*A. E. NELSON, *Secy.-Treas.*OFFICE ADDRESS: *Joubert Street, Johannesburg.*

Last Call

This is the last announcement of the coming conference and annual camp-meeting in the Natal-Transvaal field. It will be a great gathering in Durban—January 22 to 31. Do not forget the place of meeting—Masonic Hall on Smith Street, opposite Greenacre's. The first meeting will be Friday night at 8 o'clock. Special music and a rousing song service will begin at 7.30.

Our leading brethren will be at this Friday night meeting and you should be there. You still have time to come. Leave your cares behind, and come, my brethren and sisters. We have spared no effort and expense in making this meeting what God would have it, and that it be no disappointment to you. You need the inspiration of this spiritual feast. May the God of heaven bless and help you in making your plans.

Special arrangements have been made for the young people. The missionary volunteers will have a large adjoining room with Professor Dick and Pastor Howard in charge. A piano and special music will be provided for them.

Daily Programme

A. M.

Departmental Round Table	7.00
Breakfast	8.00
Devotional Meeting	9.00
Bible Study	10.00
Conference Session	11.15

P. M.

Lunch	1.00
Bible Study	2.30
Departmental Meeting	3.45
Children's Meeting	4.00
M. V. Special Meeting	5.00
Dinner	7.00
Music	7.15
Preaching	8.00

Arrangements have been made for medical lectures. These will be very profitable to the public in general and to our people in particular.

The music this year will be professional, yet consecrated. It will be a rare treat. Brother Hurlow will have charge and everything indicates that the vocal and instrumental will be the best ever rendered at our conference meeting. Bring your "Christ in Song."

The evening meetings will be an attraction to the Durban public. We anticipate a capacity audience every night from January 22 to 31. You will receive an inspiration at these evangelistic services.

Elders Branson, Boger, Dick, MacNeil, Howard and others, with all our local workers, will be present. So we bid you come, brother, sister. "We will do thee good."

B. M. HEALD.



Die Week des Gebeds

Op die 5de Desember het ons Week des Gebeds begin, en dit was 'n vreugde om te sien hoe ywerig die lede van ons gemeente was om op te kom na die bidure. Ons het waarlik geseënd geword, want die Here was ons seer naby. Ons het deur die week die biduur elke aand by een van ons broeders of susters aan huis gebou, daar ons kerkie in Meyersville maar ver vir die mense is om te loop.

Die laaste aand van die week het ons die voorreg gehad om Broeder de Beer van Potchefstroom in ons midde te hê. Sy koms was byna onverwags, maar ons het van die geleentheid gebruik gemaak om op Sondag, die 13de, weer die heilige Avondmaal te vier; en die Here het ons rykelik geseën, want ons kon waarlik Sy teenwoordigheid gevoel. Broeder de Beer sprak oor Johannes 3:16, hoe lief God die wêreld had om Sy eniggebore Soon vir ons te gee, en hoe wonderlik die liefde van Jesus is. Die woorde het 'n diep indruk op meer as een van ons gemaak, en ons kon waarlik sê dat Broeder de Beer ons tot 'n seën was. Ons verlang is dat hy ons spoedig weer sal besoek. Die aand het ons 'n kerkvergadering gehad waar ons nuwe lede gekies het vir die jaar 1926 om die werk in ons gemeente te doen.

A. VAN SCHALKWYK.

ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE

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

Kimberley and Beaconsfield Churches

It is quite a long while since the readers of the OUTLOOK have had any report of what has been going on in the above churches.

First of all I wish to express my gratitude to the Lord for His goodness in sparing my life and bringing myself and family back to the work nearest our hearts.

I was laid up for twenty-five days during the month of September, and acting on the advice of the doctor we went to the coast for a month's holiday, hoping to be able to recuperate my health. But the Lord had some more experience for me to pass through. On the first night of our arrival at Port Alfred, I took very ill and had to call in medical help. I suffered great pain for about eight weeks, and then had to go

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to the hospital at Grahamstown to undergo an operation. The Lord was good; my life is spared to the work and to my dear family. I am glad to be able to continue my work, and am gaining strength each day.

During our prolonged absence, the work has continued nicely. We are very thankful to Brother Stevenson and others who came over from Bloemfontein and conducted the week-end services for the last two and a half months. The work is still onward in spite of the endeavours of the enemy to stop it. Harvest Ingathering and the Big Week have come and gone, and the brethren did well under the circumstances. The Week of Prayer has just concluded, and it has been a blessed week to all who took part. The Kimberley members met each evening in our home, not having a church building, while the Beaconsfield people met in the Blacking Street church and were led by Brother Gietzmann. The young people also had their time for prayer each afternoon.

The Lord drew very near to us on the last day of the feast. A large number came forward to ask for deliverance from many kinds of besetting sins, while all reconsecrated themselves afresh to the Lord and His work. Our prayer is for a fuller measure of the Holy Spirit in the time of the latter rain.

S. G. HITEN.



Report of the Work in the European Division

BROTHER W. E. READ, field secretary for the European Division, in a personal letter, writes:

"We are glad to report that the work is onward with us here in Europe, although in many places there are very serious difficulties and trying conditions. The restrictions on our work have been renewed in Rumania. There was a pronouncement of complete religious freedom some time ago, but just a week or so ago when Brother Ising and Brother Schuberth were over in that field to attend four local conferences, it was found that the authorities had prohibited our people meeting together in that way. The priests there are very active in doing all they can to crowd our work out of that country, but somehow or other the more pressure they bring to bear in this direction the more the work advances. We have now well over six thousand members in that field, and the prospects are bright for adding almost a thousand a year. Good, encouraging reports are coming from our missions, particularly from the West Coast of Africa. Quite a revival seems to be sweeping over certain sections of the West Coast."

News Notes

MISS ANNIE VISSER is now residing with her parents at Claremont. Miss Visser associates with Miss Armer this year in the interests of the Claremont church school.

SOME alterations are being made to the Claremont church building to provide better accommodation for the church school. We are glad to note this sign of growth in the work of the Claremont school.

BROTHER AND SISTER MAX WEBSTER and Brother Wesley Herbert left us a few days ago by boat to Beira on their way to Nyasaland. We hope these additional workers to the force in the South East African Union will prove a great blessing to the work in that field.



Change of Address

THE present address of Brother M. C. Sturdevant, who is now working in Salisbury, is:
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Goals

I AM an enthusiastic believer in goals and goal devices in our Sabbath school work. I believe they are a success for the native people as well as for the Europeans.

However, in order for a goal device to be a success, it must be entered into with pleasure. Otherwise, the task upon the superintendent or the secretary becomes very hard in creating and keeping the interest in the devices.

Where the school is large, I believe it would be an advantage for the superintendent occasionally to ask for suggestions for the next quarter's device, and that such suggestions received be considered at the teacher's meeting. Or the plan might be adopted for the classes in the school to make suggestions for the device. The main object is to have the interest of all in whatever device is followed.

In our experience in the mission field, we have found that from the very first the natives are able to understand simple devices, and that they enjoy them. They may laugh at first, but soon fall into line and appreciate the plan.

Sometimes, we follow the plan of having the women act a part in the device and the men their part. This creates quite a pleasant and inspiring rivalry, and strengthens the interest with all the members.

We must not forget the children, and that they should have their own device as well as being interested in the general plan for the whole school. I believe a class goal is a good idea also.

I believe that goals for the Sabbath school are pleasurable and profitable, and in my opinion they should become a part of the plans in every Sabbath school. It does not matter so much what the device is, as long as all take an interest in using it and as long as the goal set is not too far beyond the possibilities of the school to reach, yet far enough to keep them climbing.

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