



BIG WEEK, MAY 1 TO 8

A New Hospital—Dispensary for Nyasaland

Go Work This Week In My Vineyard

ONCE again Big Week is approaching, and with its coming, the call to every believer in this Message to act his part in contributing to the success of this campaign.

This old world is suffering from many ills, from which man has tried to save himself. He has evolved and formulated laws which have done much to hold in check the evil propensities of human nature, but when it comes to changing the heart, all his endeavours are powerless.

As a people, there has been given us a message so solemn in its aspect, so glorious in its splendour, so comprehensive in its far-reaching sequence and so appropriate to this complex period of earth's history, that its acceptance provides a panacea for this world's ills, and upon its reception rests the destiny of every soul.

In the three books to be used in the coming campaign, "The Battle of the Churches," "Two Great Prophecies" and "The Bible Made Plain," are to be found some of the fundamental truths which constitute God's special message for today—His last warning message to a world steeped in sin and tottering on the brink of eternal ruin.

To us, as believers, comes the call, "Go work *this week*, May 1-8, in my vineyard." God is counting upon us to do our duty, to act our part in contributing our quota, at least, in this campaign.

To every member and to our loyal band of young people scattered throughout this Union, we would appeal to rally to the call to make this the BIGGEST WEEK, Africa has ever experienced.

The funds to be raised during this campaign go to a most needy field. Nyasaland with its one and a quarter million natives, being one of the most thickly populated countries of Central Africa, is calling for hospital dispensaries that the workers may be better able to relieve the sufferings of the people. We should feel it an honour to respond to the call, and raise the £350 which is the goal our Union has accepted.

Once more, we appeal to all those who took part last year to again throw their energies into this campaign. To those who did not participate last year, an urgent invitation is extended to break away from their every day duties and, with hearts filled with a longing to place these books in the homes of their friends and neighbours, enlist in the ranks of that army of believers, who, going forth under the banner of Prince Emmanuel, will make this year's Big Week an outstanding success.

Just one word to our faithful band of colporteurs. Did you last year experience the blessing that comes from donating the profits of your biggest day's sales? If you did, you will want to repeat the experience. If you have not yet fallen into line, begin this year and add your part to a successful issue of this campaign.

The westering sun is setting. Soon we shall engage in the last Big Week Campaign; soon, the last call for funds to prosecute the work of God will be made; soon the Message will have accomplished its mission; soon there will take place that gathering, that great family reunion which constitutes the blessed hope. May we do our part and thus hasten that glad day, when we shall safely enter the kingdom of God.

E. M. HOWARD.

Relation of Medical Work in the Giving of the Message

BIG Week affords another opportunity to fulfil Christ's great commission, and to place our medical work in this country on vantage ground.

We are told that the medical work is the right arm of the Message, but we have allowed this right arm to hang idle for the most part, and in consequence the work has suffered.

It takes money to build hospitals and dispensaries in the mission fields, but the calls of the evangelical side of the work have been so great, that the medical work has suffered. Now, the Big Week has come to the rescue, and our hope is strengthened.

Is the effort put forth worth while? The tree is known by its fruit. The entrance of the Message into Bechuanaland was achieved by the medical work. The door had been long closed to every denomination excepting those which had long been established in the country, but at the magic touch of the medical missionary, the door swung open. A hospital has been built at Kanye, and is doing good work today.

The influence of the work at Kanye is being felt far into the Kalahari desert. From four hundred miles through the "thirst land," where few white men go, the call has come for a teacher. At Kanye itself, a stad of 15,000 inhabitants, the queen and others of the royal family are rejoicing in the Truth today, as a result of medical missionary work.

We expect to see just such results from the hospitals being built in the Congo and Angola this year. Incidentally, these hospitals and dispensaries raise our work in the estimation of government officials, as they see what we are trying to do to better the conditions of the country.

This year, we have the privilege of helping to raise funds to build a dispensary in Nyasaland. Let us all rally to the front, brethren, and take an active part in this Big Week. The Lord's blessing will be upon us, and with His blessing our work will not be in vain. We shall see souls saved in the kingdom of God.

J. R. CAMPBELL.



Every Church Member Boosting Big Week

BIG Week is big with possibilities. Let every church and every member rally to the standard, and enthusiastically strive for a bigger, better, busier and more bounteous Big Week than we have ever before experienced in Africa.

Let all remember that Big Week is a big week; that it is composed of seven days and not of thirty. Remember, too, how quickly a week passes. Let none of our members permit this week to be half over before they arouse to the realisation that Big Week is on. Let all start when Big Week starts, and crowd it full with consecrated service.

It will greatly facilitate the work of Big Week if each church makes sure of a thorough and adequate organisation. This should all be arranged prior to the launching of the campaign. Some churches already have a permanent organisation for home missionary

work. In such cases, the regular organisation may be adapted by modification or extension to meet the demands of Big Week. In case there is no regular organisation in the church for systematic missionary work, let the pastor or elder or the one in charge arrange to have the territory districted and definitely assigned. As far as possible, give every one a place to work, and let each encourage the other by striving to reach his own goal.

Should some not be able to go out and sell the Big Week books, let them be sure to do their honest part in giving. Of course, it is preferable to follow the plan of selling the books, but those who feel that they can not do so, should gladly grasp the alternative of contributing a day's income.

With each church shouldering its responsibility in reaching its goal in the shortest possible time, and each member filled with the desire to do his bit in this important campaign for our mission extension work, Big Week will prove a big success, and we will all rejoice with Nyasaland.

L. L. MOFFITT.



Guide Posts

THERE are several good reasons why particular books have been chosen for Big Week. God has in a special way directed the pens of the men who wrote these books. Consequently, they contain convincing truths, and solve from a sane viewpoint the eminent questions that confront the world today. The books have been selected by men who give careful study and thought to the questions that agitate the present thinking public. The books are appealing and convincing; the people read them with eagerness.

There are three books chosen for this year: "The Battle of the Churches," "Two Great Prophecies," and "The Bible Made Plain." The last mentioned has been used before, and most of you are acquainted with its convincing and direct Bible truth. The other two intelligently portray the distressing present day conditions, and clearly answer such questions as arise in the minds of the people concerning these conditions.

"The Battle of the Churches" deals specifically with the bitter struggle going on among the churches. Practically every church believes herself to be the sole recipient of the key to the city of God. While the churches are cherishing unkind thoughts and engaging in fault-finding and wrangling, the infidel fights the basic principles of all of them and at the same time boasts that he lives peaceably and at ease in earthly Zion. "The Battle of the Churches" by comparisons, contrasts and pointed exposition, shows conclusively the final outcome of all.

These books are as guide-posts, for they turn the mind from wrong paths of thinking to the right paths. The books are printed and ready for use, but they are still on the shelves of our publishing houses waiting for willing hearts and hands.

God could commission angels to do this work, but He is giving you and me the privilege of working for our neighbours and friends. What shall we do about it? Are we going to keep the guide-posts out of sight, or are we going to place them so that the wayfarers may see them?

L. A. VIXIE.

Big Week and the Colporteur

THE relationship of the colporteur to our Big Week Campaigns stands out most conspicuously as compared with any other class of worker or member of our world-wide organisation.

For very obvious reasons, the colporteur is really more directly concerned about the success of the Big Week than is to be expected of any other class of our workers or church membership, but possibly this is not fully realised by our faithful colporteurs. Now, we earnestly and kindly urge every colporteur in this field to consider the making of the Big Week Campaign a big success.

The first of a month is the most favourable time for the sale of our literature. Colporteurs will naturally ask about their deliveries, and while we attach all due importance to this question, we would reply that there is no other duty that will bring God's blessing upon your efforts more abundantly, than for you to take your places as leaders in these special literature campaigns. If your orders have been well booked there is not much fear of cancellations because of one week's delay. We believe, too, that if you do the most important thing first the Lord will have a special watchcare over all your other interests in His own blessed work. Therefore, our colporteurs are especially urged to take the lead, as never before, in the forthcoming Big Week.

The colporteur is pre-eminently the right man in the right place when found leading such an important campaign as Big Week. At such times, we are making a special thrust against the enemy, and our colporteurs acting as the trained and experienced soldiers and officers of this publishing army, ought to realise their duty to lead in the battle. It is a publishing campaign, and we as colporteurs belong to that great publishing army spoken of in Ps. 68: 11.

There are many other reasons equally striking that challenge and summon us as colporteurs to our place of duty in such campaigns, and we trust that each one will be found a true Christian soldier leading the attack on the enemy of souls during this campaign. The establishment of a dispensary for Dr. Birkenstock's medical work in Nyasaland will be another monument to advances made into the enemy's ground.

A. BLENNERHASSETT.



United Effort—the Secret of Success

THERE is no need for us to explain to our people what Big Week means, for all are quite well acquainted with the plan and know that it is a workable plan, and one in which many of our members can take part.

The distribution of our literature is one of the best means we have of bringing the Message to the notice of the people. "Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the Message for this time continually before the people. . . . Let every believer scatter and broadcast tracts and leaflets, containing the Message for this time." The above is a quotation from the pen of Sister White, and plainly states what may be accomplished by our literature.

Another object that is accomplished by the Big

Week Campaign, is the raising of funds for God's cause. Last year, the money raised in this way was used to build dispensaries in the Belgian Congo and Angolaland. This time it will be used to build a hospital in Nyasaland. Dr. Birkenstock writes of the great need of such a building.

Last Big Week we were successful in over-reaching our goal, and those who had a share in that work are glad for the experience they gained. Now, dear missionary workers, our next opportunity for taking hold of this work is from May 1 to 8, and the goal set for the Orange River Conference is £60. This, we can reach if every one will do his part. Let every one be willing in this day, when God is about to do great things with His people.

Leaders of churches should properly organise their forces for the campaign, and the books should be ordered in good time so that the campaign can be launched on time and the work accomplished in the week allotted to it. And, remember, the secret of success in the work will be found by the harmonious working of our people, and every member of the church acting his part.

J. N. DE BEER.



Shall We Reach the 1926 Goal?

THAT is the question? But, you say, which goal? Why, it is our Big Week goal for 1926! In 1925, we had our first real Big Week in this field. Each conference took hold of the campaign in an excellent manner, and it was a great success from every angle.

Now, we are drawing very near to the time when the effort is to be launched for 1926. Of course, as we think about this campaign and lay plans, we wonder just what the outcome will be. Are we to have a second real successful Big Week? Why, of course we will! Already, we hear of encouraging omens here and there throughout the field, and we know that just as verily as our dear people responded last year, so they are going to take hold this time. Yes, we feel confident that the campaign set for May 1-8 will go down in our records as another victorious one.

Well, in order to reach the goal, each church must first be fully organised into bands, then the territory should be properly distributed and all supplies be ready when Big Week arrives. Full instructions for the campaign will be sent from the different conference offices to all of our churches. A fitting programme will be conducted throughout the field Sabbath, May 1. We earnestly invite you to be present that day, ready to take an active part when the campaign is arranged for and the work outlined. You cannot afford to miss having a part. Remember, we are counting on you.

The goal set for the Union Conference is £350. The funds raised will be used in the erection of a hospital dispensary building in Nyasaland, where Dr. Carl Birkenstock is carrying forward such a noble work at the present time. The books making up the English set are entitled "Battle of the Churches" and "Two Great Prophecies." The set for the Dutch-speaking people will be composed of "Battle of the Churches" (English) and "Bible Made Plain" (Dutch). Each of these books should have a very wide circulation, and we trust that you will do your best in making this possible.

There may be some of our people who will not be able to go out with the literature. These are invited to contribute one day's income toward Big Week. Everyone is to have a part. Therefore, if those who can go, *will go* and sell their quota of six sets, and then those who cannot go, *will give* their day's wage, we will, without question, reach our goal.

Let us, one and all, join in making 1926 Big Week the best one ever held. J. F. WRIGHT.



En Route to General Conference

FIFTEEN days after leaving Cape Town, we arrived at Las Palmas. Our steamer anchored about half a mile from the landing place, and a small steam launch conveyed the passengers ashore. Las Palmas is a quaint old city with some fairly large buildings, but narrow streets. Trams run from the centre of the city to the breakwater, where the boats anchor. The tourist can take his choice between up-to-date taxis, horse cabs, trams or motor buses. The main business part of the town is about two miles from the landing place.

The currency of the island is, of course, Spanish, but English money is readily accepted. The official language is Spanish but English is understood by most of the business people.

Immediately the anchor was dropped, a large number of small boats came alongside, and in just a few minutes all kinds of things were being offered for sale—fruit, silks, bedspreads, mantillas, silk shawls, of all shades of colour, amber necklaces, ivory necklaces, and beads of every description. Then too, there were the parrots, monkeys and pet dogs, etc. In some cases, articles could be bought for less than one-fourth the price asked for similar things in South Africa.

Many places of interest were visited during our short stay of six hours. The Cathedral of Santa Cathrina is, without doubt, one of the finest samples of architecture in the city. It was built in 1621. A fee of 1/- is charged the visitor who wants to see the special room in which the jewels and vestments are kept. In one case alone, hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of gold plate and diamonds are to be seen. The vestments also are most beautiful. Apparently, each bishop on retirement leaves his vestment to the church. Many of them are gorgeous in the extreme, being made of the most beautiful coloured silks and richly brocaded. The fee of 1/- includes a visit to the dome, which is reached by a modern lift, from which a fine panoramic view of the city and surroundings is obtained.

From this eminence, I could see that the majority of the houses had flat roofs. These roofs serve several purposes—a playground for the children, a garden where flowers are kept during the winter months, a drying area for laundry, and in some cases quite an up-to-date fowl run could be seen.

Many of the homes are surrounded by nice gardens. The hybiscus figures largely in street decoration. Then there is the bougainvillea, an uncommon variety, salmon coloured. Geraniums in many beautiful shades of colour are to be seen in abundance in both the public and private gardens.

As our boat made a stay of only six hours, it was

not possible to visit all of the places of interest or to get all the information I desired. However, I greatly enjoyed the few hours on shore after fifteen days on the "Barabool." Nearly half a million people in the Canary Islands must in some way be reached with the Message. In Las Palmas alone there are 60,000.

Now we are on our way to England and hope to arrive in London on the 16th, just five more days. The voyage has been a pleasant one, but I shall be glad when it is over, as I am looking forward to getting acquainted with the work and workers in England before going on to the General Conference.

G. S. JOSEPH.



Petition Presented to the South African Railways and Harbours

DURING the recent effort conducted by Elder Hurlow in Pietermaritzburg, a number of men employed by the South African Railways and Harbours became interested in the Truth and began to observe the Sabbath. This, of course, soon conflicted with labour on Saturdays. They appealed for the Sabbath off, and as a result their cases were brought to the attention of some of the railway officials.

Shortly after this, the matter was laid before members of both the Division and Union committees. Feeling this to be a favourable time to appear to the Railways and Harbours, requesting that favourable consideration be given to men of our faith, a committee was appointed, who later called upon the Minister of Railways and Harbours, presenting to him and his board, the following petition:

February 15, 1926.

To the Honourable C. W. Malan,
Minister of Railways and Harbours,
And the Honourable Members of the
Railways and Harbours Board:

The petition of the Seventh-day Adventist Community of Africa (Incorporated), a corporate body under the laws of the Union of South Africa, respectfully submitted by us, its official representatives, humbly sheweth:

That, as Christians, they believe in God, and recognise Jesus Christ, His Son, as their divine Saviour and Mediator, through Whom we have redemption from sin;

That they believe that the Holy Scriptures are divinely inspired and are of supreme authority in all spiritual things, and that each individual should be left free to follow the infallible Word, as conscience and the Holy Spirit may dictate;

That they believe that the religion of Jesus Christ is founded upon the law of love, and needs no human power to support or enforce it, as love cannot be forced;

That they believe that the Ten Commandments are the law of God, and that they comprehend man's whole duty to God and man;

That they believe in civil government and recognise that it is of divine appointment ordained for the peace and preservation of society, that it is supreme in the sphere of civil matters and most cheerfully do they subscribe to the principles divinely commanded by the Son of God who stated, "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's;"

That they believe that it is the right and the privilege of every individual to worship, or not to worship, according to the dictates of his own conscience, provided that in the exercise of this right, he respects the equal rights of others;

That they believe the fundamental principles of religious liberty and toleration, as expounded by Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, in her famous proclamation of 1858, should forever banish the spirit of intolerance and should guarantee religious liberty in the provinces of the British Empire for all its citizens of every religious persuasion. This proclamation states:

"Firmly relying ourselves on the truth of Christianity and acknowledging this guarantee with gratitude the solace of religion, we disclaim alike the right and the desire to impose our convictions on any of our subjects. We declare it to be our royal wish and pleasure that none be in any wise favoured, none molested or disquieted, by reason of their religious faith or observance, but that all shall alike enjoy the equal and impartial protection of the law; and we do strictly charge and enjoin all those who may be in authority under us, that they abstain from all interference with the religious belief or worship of any of our subjects; on pain of our highest displeasure."

That your petitioners are in perfect harmony with these noble principles and herewith express gratitude for protection and freedom enjoyed in the exercise of their religious activities;

That they are loyal subjects of the government of the Union of South Africa, strictly obedient to its laws;

That obedience to law and government, as well as individual and personal loyalty are taught by them as fundamental tenets of their faith;

That, while holding aloof from party strife and seeking for themselves no advancement in the arena of politics, they take pride and pleasure, within the scope of their religious convictions, in serving their country both in times of peace and war, as witnessed by a number of their men, who served in non-combatant service during the late war;

That, as conscientious observers of the seventh day of the week (Saturday), which was divinely appointed at Creation and reaffirmed at Sinai as the Sabbath or Lord's Day, we find this tenet of their faith frequently brings those of their members who are servants of the department of Railways and Harbours into difficulty and embarrassment as regards work on Saturday, often involving the severance of their connection with the department, due to the rulings of officials under whom they serve.

Therefore, they respectfully petition you to give kind consideration to the making of such adjustments in the work of the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church who may be in the employ of your department, as will make possible their retention in the service without the violation of their conscience by being compelled to work on Saturdays.

Should such adjustments involve either the loss of pay or that work be done on Sundays at even rates of pay, this would be acceptable to your petitioners.

They would respectfully bring to your notice that consideration has been given to members of our faith by the government of the Commonwealth of Australia, similar to that herein petitioned, resulting in the enactment of Clause 116 of their Commonwealth Constitution, which reads:

"The Commonwealth shall not make any law for establishing any religion or for imposing any religious observance, or for prohibiting the free exercise of any religion, and no religious test shall be required as a qualification for any office or public trust under the Commonwealth."

This guarantee of religious freedom protected the rights and privileges of both those who observe the seventh day as the Sabbath and those who observe Sunday as the Sabbath under the constitution of the Australian Commonwealth, giving to each equal opportunities to serve their country in the various public services.

We, therefore, on their behalf, respectfully petition and humbly pray that it may receive your earnest and favourable consideration.

For the

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST COMMUNITY OF AFRICA
(INCORPORATED)

W. H. BRANSON, *Chairman,*

W. B. COMMIN, *Secretary,*

J. F. WRIGHT, *President of South African
Union Conference,*

W. H. HURLLOW, *Evangelist.*

We wish to say that we were most kindly received by both The Honourable Mr. C. W. Malan, Minister of Railways and Harbours, and the members of the Railways and Harbours Board. These gentlemen listened to our petition most attentively. It was left with them and they promised to give same due consideration. In a few weeks, we shall doubtless be able to report to you their decision. Let us pray that the Lord will direct in this important matter.

J. F. WRIGHT.

Our Health Work

"I was again shown that the health reform is one branch of the great work which is to fit a people for the coming of the Lord. It is as closely connected with the Third Angel's Message as the hand is with the body. Had men been obedient to the law of ten commandments, carrying out in their lives the principles of those precepts, the curse of disease now flooding the world would not be. All our enjoyment or suffering may be traced to obedience or transgression of natural law.

"To make plain natural law and urge the obedience of it, is the work that accompanies the Third Angel's Message to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord.

"Ignorance is no excuse now for the transgression of law. The light shines clearly and none need be ignorant, for the great God Himself is man's instructor. All are bound by the most sacred obligations to God to heed the sound philosophy and genuine experience which He is now giving them in reference to health reform. He designs that the great subject of health reform shall be agitated and the public mind deeply stirred to investigate, for it is impossible for men and women with all their sinful, health-destroying, brain-enslaving habits, to discern sacred truth, through which they are to be sanctified, refined, elevated, and made fit for the society of heavenly beings in the kingdom of glory.

"Knowledge must be gained in regard to how to eat and drink and dress so as to preserve health. Sickness is caused by violating nature's laws. Our first duty, one which we owe to God, to ourselves and to our fellow-men, is to obey the laws of God which include the laws of health.

"The Apostle Paul exhorts the church, 'I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service.' Men, then, can make their bodies unholy by sinful indulgences. If unholy, they are unfitted to be spiritual worshippers, and are not worthy of heaven. If man will cherish the light that God in mercy gives him upon health reform, he may be sanctified through the truth, and fitted for immortality. But if he disregards that light, and lives in violation of natural law, he must pay the penalty."—"Testimonies," Vol. 3, pages 161-171.

"God requires all who believe the Truth to make special persevering efforts to place themselves in the best possible condition of bodily health, for a solemn and important work is before us. Health of body and mind is required for this work; it is as essential to a healthy religious experience, to advancement in the Christian life, and progress in holiness as is the hand or foot to the human body."—"Testimonies," Vol. 1, page 619.

"If the church would manifest a greater interest in the reforms which God Himself has brought to them to fit them for His coming, their influence would be tenfold what it now is."—"Testimonies," Vol. 3, page 171.—As copied and furnished by Dr. J. J. Bell.



THERE is health in obedience to God's law.

Sabbath School Lessons

THE question of the Sabbath school lessons being studied in Africa at the time of the date they bear, is one in which many are interested. Because the senior quarterlies are received in time, it seems reasonable that we should study what some term "up-to-date" lessons.

Let us look at the matter from a broader viewpoint. When we study lessons three months later than the time when they are studied in North America, we are studying with more people than when we study with the believers in North America. The Far Eastern Division was eager to use "up-to-date" lessons but adopting the plan brought about such an embarrassing situation, that our brethren in Asia readjusted the matter and arranged for the Sabbath schools in the Far East to use lessons six months later than they are used in North America. The Sabbath schools in Australia are quite content to use lessons that were studied in the United States the previous quarter.

Until about twelve years ago, our Sabbath schools in the African Division studied lessons only six weeks later than the date when they were studied in North America. At that time, so many complaints were made about the late arrival of certain lessons and lesson helps (once we actually were without lessons for two or three weeks), that the brethren voted to add another seven weeks to the interval and so place our lessons a whole quarter later than the date for these lessons in North America. The adoption of this decision made easy the difficult task with which the Sabbath School Department had been struggling for about six years—the task of bringing about uniform lesson study in the Sabbath schools of the African Division. Nowadays, our members all over the Division know that the number of the Sabbath in the quarter is the number of the lesson for that day in all the divisions of all our schools. The secretaries in our Book and Bible societies know which pamphlets to issue, for they know that our European and coloured Sabbath schools use lessons three months later than the date they bear, and that our native schools use lessons (those prepared by the General Conference for European youths and juniors) six months later than these lessons are used in our North American schools.

There is a great advantage in this last named arrangement. Eighty-eight used picture rolls are sent gratis to our mission fields to the North by generous friends in America. Our European Sabbath schools in the South African Union are asked to send their used picture rolls, gratis and postpaid, to our missions in the South African Union. Should all the 302 Sabbath

schools in the African Division use lessons at the exact time when they are studied in America, these gratis picture rolls would lose some of their value in the mission fields.

The latest correspondence on this subject with the headquarters of the Sabbath School Department in U. S. A., advises that we continue to follow our present programme. At least for another year, until we cover the Book of Acts, all divisions of the Sabbath school will be studying uniform lessons. We cannot afford to miss one lesson, much less thirteen. So, in our homes, in our schools, on our mission stations, let the section in Africa of the great Sabbath school family, treasure the sacred privilege of finding in each week's lesson "meat in due season."

Mrs. A. P. TARR.



May 8, The Sixth Sabbath of This Quarter

HENCEFORTH, the sixth Sabbath of the quarter will be a doubly special day for our Sabbath schools. On the sixth Friday of every quarter, Sabbath school members will open their investment containers preparatory to taking their investment money to Sabbath school on the next day. All our superintendents and secretaries will please remember that this Investment Fund money is to be kept quite separate from the day's usual offering and to be itemised in the secretary's

Sabbath School Report of the African Division for six months ending December 31 1925

(As furnished to the Sabbath School Department).

Conferences.	Av. Mem.	Av. Atten.	Bk- Mks.	Bap.	Birthday Offerings	12 Sabbath Offerings.	13th Sab. Offerings.	per cent of Quota.
Cape (Eur).	494	491	62	47	9 7 0	277 4 1	122 6 3	60
Cape (Col).	200	200	6	13		30 17 9	16 19 7	95
Natal-Trans.	645	567	15	14	10 6 7	449 12 6	164 7 10	73
Orange River	366	332	37	1	7 15 5	234 14 10	57 11 8	60
MISSIONS.								
Cape	320	928	19	44		15 12 3	5 17 2	45
Natal-Trans.	204	194	15	29		35 13 10	5 7 10	107
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Orange River	322	256	10	8		5 0 6	4 2 0	13
S. W. Africa	4	4				1 10 0	7 0	
Missionaries (S.A.U.)								
Bechuanaland	78	60		14		3 1 7	2 18 11	
N. Rhodesia	1457	1457	3	65		13 10 10	12 1	53
S. Rhodesia	3564	3564		49		70 19 11	8 15 11	50
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Missionaries (Z.U.M.)								
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4862	4665		276			29 16 9	2 3 1	66
Missionaries (S.E.A.U.)								
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Congo Union	433	392		33		10 5 8	1 16 2	
Missionaries (Congo)								
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Equatorial Union								
98	81					12 5	12 3	
Missionaries (E.U.)								
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Totals	13157	13306	168	602	31 5 7	1369 15 2	444 17 2	

Offerings grand total £1845 17 11, including £172 10 10 from missionaries.

Mrs. A. P. TARR.

book and on the quarterly report sent to the conference Sabbath school secretary. This Investment Fund idea is but another call to greater effort to furnish means for the speedy finishing of God's work in the earth.

But the sixth Sabbath is special not only for offering the Investment Fund money and for setting to work again on another quarter's investment. At the Division Council held in Bulawayo last June, the delegates voted to set apart the Sabbath school missionary exercise of every sixth Sabbath to study one of the mission fields in the African Division. Pastor Ellingworth of Nyasaland has written the article to be read in our schools on May 8. It is a word picture of two Sabbath schools in Nyasaland. Copies of this article are being sent to all our schools, and we hope that it will kindle new and lasting interest in the great work being done by our people in Nyasaland. Perhaps, nowhere in Africa has the Lord more richly blessed His work than in that benighted country.

This doubly special programme for every sixth Sabbath will in no way detract from our interest in the field to which our thirteenth Sabbath offering will be devoted. On all the Sabbaths of the quarter, except the sixth, we shall eagerly learn all we can about that special foreign field and plan for a generous offering to try to meet the goal set by the General Conference, for that goal always represents present urgent need.

MRS. A. P. TARR.



YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY RECENTLY ORGANISED AT KATANGA MISSION, CONGO.

Nyasaland who lived in fear of the white man, and who did what they could to keep out of his way. Small-pox broke out, and nearly the whole village was down with the dreaded disease. Some little distance off, there lived members of a Missionary Volunteer society, who heard of the plight of this neighbouring village. These young people, forgetful of their own needs under such conditions, ministered to the suffering, and day after day went over to the village until the patients had recovered. The situation changed. The evangelist was welcomed at the time of his next visit, and many of that village were converted to the Truth.—*Extracts from talk given by Brother Ellingworth at Claremont church.*



MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CORNER

M. V. Work In Nyasaland

It is a custom amongst the natives in Africa for a boy not to help aged people by assisting them with their burdens, or to help even his aged mother by carrying water or fuel into the house. That kind of work is done by the women, or girls.

It means a big sacrifice for a young man to do this kind of work, and he is sure to meet with ridicule from his companions. But the young men of the Missionary Volunteer Society of the Malamulo mission, have learned the motto adopted by their society, "For the love of Christ constraineth us," and they care little for the ridicule. Often as the evangelist goes from village to village, he finds that a wonderful interest has been awakened because of the influence of the young people who have been at the village, helping all they could. Their willingness to serve others is in such contrast to the custom of their people, that at a recent effort conducted by the evangelist in a certain village, one hundred and fourteen responded to the invitation to join a class to learn more of Jesus.

A short time ago, there was a tribe of people in

Are You Taking the Reading Course?

THE Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference has sent to Miss J. Davies a presentation copy of "What Think Ye of Christ," as an award for having completed five Senior Reading Courses. We congratulate Miss Davies, and hope that other young people in South Africa are faithfully taking the Reading Course.

ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

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A Trip to the Caprivi Strip

ON February 23, Brother C. W. Bozarth and I left Livingstone for the Upper Zambesi mission at Katima Molilo. This place is about one week's journey north-west of Livingstone on the Zambesi River. The river is in flood at this season of the year and consequently the mosquitoes are very numerous. However, we had a very pleasant trip.

We found Pastor and Mrs. Konigmacher and their son Arthur happy and in health. They are pushing the work forward with courage and vigour.

The Upper Zambesi mission is in the Caprivi Strip, just across the river from Barotseland. This is one of our new stations, having been in its present location only a little over one year. The progress which has been made on this mission during this brief time is surely encouraging, and we believe is an evidence of God's special blessing on the efforts which have been put forth in this section.

The mission is located on a most beautiful site. The buildings are situated in the shade of a beautiful forest on the south bank of the river, well above high water mark. This particular place on the river seems to be very free from mosquitoes, which adds to its value as a location for a mission home. The present buildings are not at all adequate for even the present development of the mission. School and church services are being held in an old barge shed, merely a grass roof supported by poles. Pastor and Mrs. Konigmacher are now living in an old bamboo house. It is planned to build a suitable house on this station during the coming dry season. Health is very precious in this far away place, for it takes almost a week to reach the nearest doctor.

School and Sabbath services are well attended. Quite a number are crossing the river from the Barotseland side in order to attend these meetings.

At the present, there are calls for more schools than we can answer. From far out on the Portuguese border, as well as from up in Barotseland, representatives of villages are coming asking for teachers. Several educated natives, well qualified to teach, have been studying our Truth and have expressed a desire to unite with our present workers in carrying this last message of love and warning to the many villages along the Zambesi.

The future looks bright for the work in this section, and we believe that there are many victories in store for the workers who are pushing along in this part of the field.

We ask that you remember the work and also the workers in this field at the throne of grace.

N. C. WILSON.



Closing Days at the Solusi School

As the school term at Solusi mission neared its close, Brother Palmer requested that a short series of meetings be held for the students. Brother R. P. Robinson, who was on furlough from the Congo, and who happened to be visiting Solusi at the time of the closing days of the term, and Elder Stockil joined with the writer in conducting these meetings.

In many ways, the closing week of school is the ideal week of the year in order to conduct a series of meetings for the students. If the faculty has given a little forethought and planned the work so that the heavier of the examinations are given before the meetings begin, it has an opportunity to grade the papers, and the students have an opportunity to relax during the closing meetings. On such an occasion, one always builds upon the work of the school year, and

the response of the students largely depends upon the Christian atmosphere of the preceding months. I always consider myself fortunate when allowed the privilege of participating in such a series of meetings.

From the start, the students showed a splendid interest and an excellent spirit, and responded nicely to the calls for consecration. During the closing meeting, a call for deeper consecration was made, and more than seven-eighths of the student body signified their desire for a more constant, permanent and deeper Christian experience.

The contrast between the attitude in a village and that of a mission school is so great that they can hardly be compared. When one goes through the kraals and sees the ignorance, and, in some cases, almost inability to think, and a total carelessness and lack of interest in all that the Christian thinks makes life worth while, one sometimes is tempted to ask himself the question, "Will such respond, and such be reached?" But let him refrain from answering his question until after he has had an opportunity to offer them the gospel in its simplicity. If time does not permit of this, let him visit one of our mission stations and there, while going about the mission and listening to the boys and girls, just recall the scene of the village. By so doing, he will get one of the greatest mental pictures in contrast that it is possible to produce. Such a scene will always make one marvel at the power of the gospel, and its wonderful adaptability to reach people of all classes. Then, unconsciously, he will answer the question that he was tempted to ask while in the village, and invariably his answer will be in the affirmative, for, of a truth, missions do pay.

F. E. THOMPSON.



News Notes from Solusi Mission

THERE is a good spirit among the pupils. The baptismal class numbers forty-six.

WE are glad to meet Brother Edward Tarr, who has just arrived to take up work in the South Rhodesia Mission Field, and is spending some time with us during the institute.

RECENTLY we have had heavy rains. The low lands have become bogs, and the roads in places nearly impassable. The rains were so late this year that it seemed there would be almost no grain for the natives. The astonishing change made by the heavy rains makes everybody happy. We are now having some bright sunny weather.

WE are now in the midst of a very busy time holding the annual institute for the teachers of the out-schools. The programme occupies the time from six o'clock in the morning to 5.30 in the evening. There are now sixty-six names on the register and there are a few more to come. It seems good to the mission family to have during the institute, the companionship and help of other European workers, Brother and Sister Gibson from the Hanke mission, and Elder C. Robinson from Inyazura mission.

S. W. PALMER.

SO. AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

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Mission Offerings, January and February 1926

NAME OF FIELD	GOAL	AMT. REC'D	% OF GOAL
CAPE CONFERENCE :			
European Dept.	£511 9 2	£256 1 11	50%
Coloured Dept.	41 5 6	17 14 2	41%
Native Dept.	31 10 6	10 8 0	32%
NATAL-TVL. CONFERENCE :			
European Dept.	635 8 4	334 13 2	53%
Native Dept.	23 18 10	14 6 5	61%
ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE :			
European Dept.	364 11 8	181 17 11	50%
Native Dept.	48 6 4	9 14 7	19%
TRANSVAAL-DELAGOA MISS. FIELD :			
Native Dept.		1 8 3	
Total for Union	£1656 10 4	£826 4 5	50%
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Total European	1511 9 2	772 13 0	51%
Total Coloured	41 5 6	17 14 2	41%
Total Native	103 15 8	35 17 3	34%

OUR STANDING FEBRUARY 28, 1926

Goal for 2 months	£1656 10 4	100%
Amount Raised	826 4 5	50%
SHORTAGE	£ 830 5 11	50%

We feel sure that every member in this Union will be deeply interested in the above statement of mission offerings. During the first two months of this year, £826-4-5 has been contributed toward our mission offerings goal of £9,939-2-0. This represents approximately 50% of the amount due for the two months, and an average in the European department of 1/3 per week per member. Quite a decrease is therefore evident in these two months' receipts as compared with the receipts of previous years. The following are the averages per week per member from 1923 to 1925:

1923	2/11	or 116% of goal.
1924	2/4	or 93% of goal.
1925	1/11½	or 78% of goal.

Now, in 1926, for two months we have 1/3 or 50% of the goal.

While it is true the campaigns toward the middle and close of the year will materially help in attaining our quota, yet there is a danger of depending too largely on these special offerings. It is the regular week-by-week giving, entered into heartily by every member, that brings the greatest blessing to the church, and that causes the funds to swell.

We have set out this year to raise nearly £10,000. Of this amount about £3,000 can be expected from special campaigns. The balance of £7,000, if we would reach our goal, must be contributed through the Sabbath school and by our regular weekly offerings. To do this, an average of no less than 1/9 per week per member must be given. The amount is large, but we firmly believe we are able to do it. One quarter has already passed—we cannot alter its record now—but we can, as we realise how much there remains to be

done, rally to the task, and with God's help and an unflinching confidence in this Message, accomplish what we feel confident God would have us to do.

A. F. TARR.



Communion Glasses

RECENTLY, at the request of some of our churches, we ordered a supply of individual communion glasses from America. A number of these have already been sold, but we still have several dozen on hand which may be had on request. The price paid for these was 5/- per dozen, and we should be glad to furnish these at the same price, plus postage. Orders for same, if addressed to the writer at P. O. Box 468, Bloemfontein, will receive immediate attention.

A. F. TARR.

ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE

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Farewell

If plans carry, I will leave Cape Town for America, April 12, and when this issue of the OUTLOOK reaches our people I will be sailing a long way from the shores of South Africa.

I desire to express my appreciation of the many good wishes received from many of our church members and friends for a successful trip and a safe return.

I am very thankful for the privilege of attending the General Conference session, and it will, no doubt, be a wonderful experience for one who has never before attended such a meeting.

I shall endeavour to rightly represent the work in the South African Union, and its needs at that conference, and I trust it will be my privilege to bring back to our people in Africa some of the good things I shall hear and learn of over there.

I bid you all farewell, with the prayer that God's richest blessing may rest upon you, and that the efforts you are putting forth to advance God's cause may be crowned with success. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15: 58.

J. N. DE BEER.

NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

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An Appeal

ARE you, dear reader, faithful with your tithe? Do you give one-tenth of your income to God? With the heavy promotion work that is on in our conference, and with the five tent and hall efforts that it is anticipated will be operated this year, every conference member should be true to God in rendering unto Him that which is His. Do not rob God. "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house," and see if God will not greatly bless you, your church, the conference, and all concerned.

B. M. HEALD.

News Notes

THE following is the list of propaganda sheets that are going out from the Natal-Transvaal Conference office: *Field Tidings*, *Healthful Living*, *Sabbath School Booster* and *Good News*. We sincerely hope our good people are reading these valuable journals, and that they are proving a real blessing and benefit.

PASTOR HYATT and his tent company are having a full tent every Sunday night, and a good attendance during the week. He has over a hundred names of interested people. Pastors Carey and De Beer are also having a full audience on Sunday nights, with a good attendance during week nights. We should most earnestly pray that God will give these tent companies souls for their hire.

BIG WEEK, May 1 to 8, should be the biggest Big Week in our history. The net profits will go to the new dispensary in Nyasaland. What could be more worthy? It comes very close home, doesn't it? Dr. Birkenstock must have the "right arm of the Message" strengthened in order to reach the hearts of the people. Will we rally to this Big Week Campaign and each sell his six sets of Crisis books for 18/-, and pass on to the new dispensary the net profit of 9/-? Our conference goal is £150.

THE special meetings recently held in the Johannesburg church for the west end of the conference, were a great success. Elder Wright spoke Sabbath morning, March 27, to a crowded church. We greatly appreciated the leadership of Elders Wright, Boger and Howard at these meetings. The amount pledged toward the new College Fund was about £200. One gentleman, not a member of the church, gladly gave £100. The Spirit of the Lord came down in great power, and all were refreshed.

REPORTS from the thirteenth Sabbath offering are coming in, and the readers of the OUTLOOK will be pleased to know that the thirteenth Sabbath offering in the Johannesburg church amounted to £29-17-0. The Durban Sabbath school did remarkably well. Their offering amounted to £14-3-8. Several of our Sabbath schools are reaching their 1/3 per capita, each Sabbath. We strongly urge our Sabbath school superintendents to see that each week their per capita of 1/3 for missions is received. Read carefully the letters sent out from the Conference Sabbath School Department every now and then.

B. M. HEALD.

CAPE CONFERENCE

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Let Us Be Fair and Square

To the Advent people, God has given the task of sending this last warning message to a perishing world in this generation. From a human standpoint, this is impossible. But we are only the medium through which the Lord will give the Message.

God has requested of us certain things for His use in the proclamation of this Message. He asks for our hearts, our hands, our time and our means—in other words, our ALL. He gave His all for us—His only Son, Jesus. Through this gift we have the gospel message for all the world. We have the Message, and now we must have the consecration of our hearts and money to send it.

If we wish to be fair with Jesus and to ourselves, if we wish to inherit the mansions He is preparing, we must build them by sacrifice while we are on this earth.

A study of the statement of tithe and mission offerings from our conference for the first quarter of this year, will show us where we stand. If we truly believe that Jesus is coming back very soon, will we think for one moment of what we can lay by in earthly treasures? World conditions point very clearly to the fact that He is coming *soon*. Will we be square with God in that day? Then we must be square now, in doing what He has asked. GIVE ALL.

P. W. WILLMORE.

Cape Conference of S. D. A.

Statement of Tithe and Mission Offerings from Churches for Quarter ending March 31, 1926

Church	Tithe	Miss. Offs	Mis. Off. Goal to Mar. 31	Shortage	Surplus
EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT					
Conference	152 6 5	92 9 1	211 5 0	118 15 11	
Claremont	142 10 1	60 16 11	105 12 6	44 15 7	
Port Elizabeth	117 12 8	55 15 3	81 5 0	25 9 9	
Cape Town	95 0 5	46 0 3	133 5 0	87 4 9	
Wynberg	78 11 2	19 15 4	136 10 0	116 14 8	
Worcester	47 19 6	54 15 2	27 12 6		27 2 8
†Kingwilliamstown	23 12 5	3 1 4	29 5 0	26 3 8	
Langkloof	25 12 3	8 11 3	65 0 0	56 8 9	
†George	12 11 9	4 16 10	42 5 0	37 8 2	
East London	11 8 10	30 1 10	13 0 0		17 1 10
†Rokeby Park	3 15 0	3 9 0	39 0 0	35 11 0	
Grahamstown	2 19 0	4 4 6	14 12 6	10 8 0	
Totals	713 19 6	383 16 9	898 12 6	559 0 3	44 4 6
COLOURED DEPARTMENT					
Salt River	33 6 9	20 12 5	24 17 3	4 4 10	
†Elsies River	7 1 8	1 18 8	18 0 9	16 2 1	
†Port Elizabeth	6 4 0	7 1	11 4 3	10 17 2	
Totals	£46 12 5	22 18 2	54 2 3	31 4 1	

NATIVE DEPARTMENT £38 14 5 11 5 8 51 0 6 39 14 10

†Remittances late, making report incomplete. Will be included in next quarter's statement.

News Notes

BROTHER E. MACALPINE has been invited to connect with Elder MacNeil's effort as tentmaster.

REMEMBER that Big Week is the first week in May. Let us all take part. Elder Moffitt plans to visit Langkloof church at that time to help with Big Week.

BROTHER VIXIE and his wife, with Elder Moffitt, attended the native camp-meeting in Kafirland, which began April 6. Mrs. Vixie is visiting the field in connection with the Sabbath school work.

ON his last trip to Robertson and Worcester, Elder Moffitt was privileged, with Elder Birkenstock, to visit the members at Bonnie Vale, Karoo and Middelburg. We are sure these isolated believers appreciated the visit.

WE are glad to report that the evangelistic effort at East London, under the direction of Elder MacNeil, is now in full swing. Very bad weather was experienced at the first. The attendance was about two hundred.

WE are sorry to learn of the quite serious injuries sustained by Miss A. G. Fleming who at the present time is doing Bible work at East London, as the result of a bicycle accident. Details are not to hand. We wish her a speedy recovery.



Result of "Signs" Big Week

WE have been much encouraged here at the Publishing House as the results of the *Signs* Big Week campaign have been tabulated. Nearly 1,000 subscriptions have been sent in since March 1 up to April 8. The exact number is 829, and this does not include renewals that have been made by subscribers who have sent their renewals direct to the Publishing House.

We have had letters from some of those who have devoted time in this campaign, and one individual in writing of his experiences says: "I am having a good time with the leading people here, and also fairly good success. I felt as if I must keep on a little longer, and so worked parts of four days during the third week. In all, I think I have taken 313 subscriptions. Am sending the third list off to the office today. I have had excellent experiences in talking with the people. I suppose nearly half the time was spent this way, and I am expecting to follow up several cases with Bible readings."

The 829 subscriptions that have been added to our list have been received from the fields as listed below:

Natal-Transvaal Conference	412
South Rhodesia Mission Field	225
Cape Conference	143
Orange River Conference	49

We are glad to report that subscriptions are still coming in, and we feel confident that when full returns have been received we will add 1,000 subscriptions to our mailing list as a result of the *Signs* Big Week.

J. G. SLATE.

Results of Efforts held in 1925

Harvest Ingathering	£3050	5	11
Week of Sacrifice	475	19	11
Big Week	288	0	6
Annual Offerings	321	4	3



Heavy Rains in the North

REPORTS come to us of heavy rains having been experienced recently throughout Rhodesia and the Congo.

Brother F. E. Thompson writes that one day Brother Marx left the Solusi station to meet Brother Stockil, and while driving towards the railway was washed down the river for about seventy yards. Fortunately, Brother Marx was not hurt, and no damage was done to the mules or trap.

Brother C. Robinson was held up for several days on the journey to Bulawayo to attend the teachers' institute at Solusi.

The Inyazura mission farm has lost heavily on account of the recent floods.

Owing to the heavy rains, the East Coast fever has broken out amongst the cattle in some districts of Rhodesia.

Brother D. A. Webster tells us of an exciting experience which he and Brother Giddings had travelling by motorcycle from Elizabethville to the Songa mission. On account of washaways due to the very heavy rains, these brethren suffered a long delay on the trip but finally reached their destination after having their luggage, as well as themselves, saturated.



Almonds for Sale

THE AFRICAN MISSIONARY COLLEGE still has on hand a supply of almonds. We insert this notice in case there are some of our people who would like to take advantage of the opportunity to secure almonds at a reasonable price.

The best grade of this year's crop has been sold, but there is a supply of small, soft shell almonds which is being offered in quantities of not less than twenty or twenty-five pounds at 8d. per pound, F. O. R. Somerset West station.

We are also able to offer hard shell almonds at the same figure.

All orders, accompanied by postal notes, should be sent to J. V. Wilson, Somerset West. C. P.



School Teacher Wanted

SISTER BOSCH, of Heilbron, O. F. S., is anxious to get in touch with a Seventh-day Adventist young lady, qualified to teach her two little girls, who are in standards I and III. Anyone interested should write immediately to Mrs. M. B. Bosch, Holfontetin, Dist. Heilbron, O. F. S.



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General News Notes

SISTER BENDER accompanied her son to the Cape, and has been staying at the Plumstead Nursing Home.

SISTER G. A. ELLINGWORTH and family are spending their furlough with relatives in the Eastern Province.

WORD comes from Rhodesia that Brother F. B. Jewell is still very poorly. It is feared that our brother will have to leave Rhodesia immediately.

BROTHER AND SISTER F. SNYMAN spent a few days at the Cape last week, and were at the docks to bid goodbye to their children, Brother and Sister Raubenheimer.

BROTHER T. M. FRENCH left the Cape last week to join Brethren J. F. Wright, L. L. Moffitt and C. Tarr on a trip through Pondoland to select a site for a mission station in that yet unentered field.

BROTHER AND SISTER V. E. TOPPENBERG, of Abyssinia, who have been spending some weeks at the Cape with Brother and Sister Slate, sailed for America with their two children April 2, to attend the General Conference.

BROTHER J. N. DE BEER, Brother and Sister J. H. Raubenheimer, and Brother Thomas Bender sailed for England by the S. S. "Bendigo," on the 12th. Brother De Beer goes as a delegate to the General Conference, and the others are proceeding to the Emmanuel Missionary College.



God Answers Prayer

In a recent issue, we mentioned the case of Brother P. J. Oosthuizen, of Port Elizabeth, who for the past two years has been confined to his bedroom, suffering badly from rheumatism. Our brother now writes: "My heart is moved with thankfulness toward the Holy One of Israel for answering the prayers of his saints on my behalf. I am much improved in health and am no more confined to the house. I am now able to get outside with the use of crutches. Praise be given to the name of the Lord! Will the church still pray for me?"

Obituaries

SPARROW.—On Friday morning, March 26, Sister Emma Sparrow peacefully passed away, at the age of eighty-two years and eleven months. Her's was a life fully devoted to the service of the Master. She gave her heart to the Lord at the age of fourteen, and remained true till death. Her husband, who was a Methodist local preacher, died thirty-seven years ago. They were the parents of twelve children, eleven of whom are living. Two sons were among our pioneer missionaries to Matabeleland.

It is a little over twenty years since Sister Sparrow united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, and her exemplary life has been a source of encouragement and good cheer to many. Just before her death, she sent a message of admonition to the Durban church to be faithful to the end, and to meet her in the soon coming kingdom.

She was laid to rest in the Stellawood Cemetery on Sabbath afternoon, where a large concourse of friends and relatives had assembled to pay their last respects. The many beautiful floral tributes, some even from far-off Rhodesia, bore testimony to the loving esteem in which our departed sister was held.

While her sweet presence will be missed by her loved ones, yet death is robbed of its sting by the knowledge that she is sweetly sleeping in Jesus, awaiting the call of the great Life-giver on the resurrection morn.

D. F. TARR.

PHILLIPS.—The many friends of Sister Hattie Phillips will sorrow to learn of her death at Rusangu mission, Northern Rhodesia, on March 22, 1926.

Mrs. Phillips was born at Fennville, Michigan, U. S. A., Aug. 27, 1872. At an early age she accepted Christ as her Saviour and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. As a young woman, she began selling our literature and during the years of her service she had the privilege of placing many of our books in the homes of the people.

Before coming to Africa, she was employed for several years by the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

In October, 1924, she came to Africa to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Robinson, and remained with her until her death. Her husband, two children and two sisters mourn her death.

The funeral services were conducted at Rusangu mission, where she was interred to await the call of the Life-giver. Brethren D. E. Robinson, C. E. Wheeler and the writer conducted the services. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the bereaved family.

N. C. WILSON.

JACKSON.—Brother Richard Jackson, one of the oldest men in Kimberley, a pioneer of the early Diamond Fields, died in the Kimberley hospital March 10, 1926, in his eighty-third year. Brother Jackson accepted the Third Angel's Message over twenty years ago, and had always been a zealous worker for God. In spite of his advanced age, he always took an active part in all church work. He had been a member of the Beaconsfield church nearly all the time, and will be missed by all, especially the poor, to whom he somehow managed to give substantial help out of his small allowance. Our brother was held in high respect by the leading gentlemen of the city of Kimberley, such as the General Manager and others of the De Beer's Company, who were represented at the funeral.

The writer conducted the service at the graveside. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the bereaved family.

S. G. HYTEN.

MATSOLO.—Chief Wessels Matsoso, of Basutoland, passed away March 2, 1926, after an illness of three months. We are indeed sorry to receive this news and extend our deepest sympathy to the family of our departed brother. He was a faithful member of the church, and manifested a burden to bring the Truth to others. He will be greatly missed by his family, and the church. We believe he is resting in Christ, and awaits the resurrection of the just.

J. N. DE BEER.

ABRAHAMS.—Died on the 2nd March, 1926, at Elsie's River, Sister Angeline Abrahams at the age of forty-four.

Sister Abrahams had been in the Truth a little over eleven years, and was a member of the Salt River church. She lived a faithful Christian life, and was laid to rest in Woltemade until the Life-giver comes. She leaves a husband and six children. Words of comfort at the house and graveside were spoken by the writer.

D. C. THEUNISSEN.