



## CABLE MESSAGE

From  
**BRANSON**  
Milwaukee, U. S. A

To  
**ADVENTIST**  
Claremont

**Greatest Conference in History. Wonderful Unity.**

*The above stirring message was received at the Division office a few days ago. It brought joy to our hearts. We are nearing the close of time, and each four-year period that brings us to a General Conference session adds to the solemnity of the hour, and forces us to realise that "the night cometh when no man can work." It is only to be expected, therefore, that the forty-first session of the General Conference would be the greatest in the history of the denomination.*

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" At the time when God's work in the earth is making such rapid and wonderful advances, Satan and his evil agents are doing all they can in a desperate effort to destroy it. How vital, then, that frail humanity, entrusted with the responsibility of giving to a dying world the last call of mercy, should be united in their endeavours to save the lost!*

*The cable message brought the information also that Elder W. A. Spicer has been elected to serve again as president of the General Conference. Elder J. L. Shaw, is the treasurer, and Elder C. K. Meyers, the secretary. Elder Branson will return to Africa, as vice-president of the General Conference for the African Division, and W. B. Commin will serve as secretary-treasurer. Brethren T. M. French and G. S. Joseph will continue their connection with the Division, and the names of Brother J. I. Robinson and Dr. Sherwin are added as departmental secretaries. W. B. C.*

## Sabbath School in Angola

SABBATH school in the mission field is conducted on similar lines to our European schools. We find the same interest in the study of the lesson, the same enthusiasm in the giving of offerings. Perhaps the spirit of the Sabbath school in the mission field would be an encouragement to some of our European schools.

It is seldom that any come late. Many are there about fifteen minutes before the opening time to take part in a song service. The memory verse has been well learned, and the students are eager to repeat it. Everyone has a part in the offering. Many set aside a portion of their wages in cash, others bring of the produce of their gardens.

It was 9 o'clock on Sabbath morning, May 15, when Brother D'Oliveira announced the opening hymn to the Sabbath school on the Bongo mission. This was sung in the Portuguese, followed by prayer offered in the vernacular by a native boy. Daniel, one of the first natives to come to the mission a couple of years ago, read the report of the previous Sabbath's exercises.

Not counting the little children, there were 107 present. The little chapel was not able to accommodate all the classes, and most of these met outside under the trees. The lesson studied was on the parable of the householder who went to the market place to hire labourers for his vineyard, as recorded in the first sixteen verses of Matthew 20.

Following the lesson study and upon returning to the chapel, the students marched up to the front and handed in their offering. There were ninety-eight natives present, and the plates contained ninety-two bank notes and coins, each valued at one escudo, or at fifty centavos. (The present value of the escudo is about 2d. and fifty centavos about 1d.) There were some who had no money, but they wanted to bring an offering unto the Lord. There were placed upon the rostrum: 3 baskets and 1 plate of sweet potatoes, 1 basket of beans, and 3 plates of mealies. The Master noticed each gift, just as He observed the widow as she cast her mite into the treasury.

There was present one little girl about three years old. Her father placed his offering in the plate in cash, the mother had brought a basket of mealies. This might have answered for the family, but this little girl did not think so. At home, she had her own little garden, and the day previous had gathered enough mealies to fill a plate. She looked forward to the Sabbath when she would be able to bring her own offering. If heaven's blessing upon the seven loaves and few fishes made that supply more than sufficient to feed four

thousand, faith in the same blessing upon a plate of mealies was what made the gift of that little child in Angola so valuable.

W. B. COMMIN.



## Sabbath School Offerings for India on June 26

IN order to sustain established work in North-east and North-west India, £18,480 are needed from our Sabbath schools on the last Sabbath in June. All given above this amount will be used for new work in that field. Our weekly study of a foreign field with the idea of our helping to finish gospel work in that mission field, brings these heathen lands very near to our hearts. To learn about them as needy mission fields having a claim on our prayers and our money, is so different from learning about them from a geography book. To share the responsibility of evangelising the world in this generation, controls our desires, and thus indirectly our money. Even the little children may now have money of their very own, through the Investment Plan, to support missions. Does it not seem that the time is near when all reserve will be called into active service for the finishing of the great task of giving the gospel to every creature? With conditions in India before our minds, let us obey Deuteronomy 16: 17.

MRS. A. P. TARR.

### Sabbath School Report of the African Division for six months ending March 31 1926

(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).	525	474	7		4 1 1	141 19 11	56 18 9	50
Cape (Col).	165	138		5	10 1	14 1 6	6 9 2	67
Natal-Trans.	742	632	25	17	7 18 1	214 15 5	88 13 1	63
Orange River	387	347	15	10	3 6 8	100 3 6	25 3 11	47
MISSIONS.								
Cape	239	208		2		9 12 1	1 12 11	47
Natal-Trans.	354	329	9	40		16 10 11	4 2 6	113
Orange River	374	375	1	2		2 14 8	8 6	10
Tvl. Delagoa	75	60	3	5		18 11	3 2	
S. W. Africa	1	1				4 0		
Missionaries						3 6 6	5 6	
Bechuanaland	70	60				2 6 8	15 9	23
N. Rhodesia	1555	1555	3	4		2 15 7	2 0	15
S. Rhodesia								
(European)	54	46	1	1	5 6	26 4 7	7 2 6	80
(Native)	3567	3567				29 15 11	1 10 3	30
N.E. Rhodesia	118	115				1 15 0		
Missionaries						15 15 2	1 6 0	
S. E. African Union	5969	5160		302		15 19 3	1 0 10	46
Missionaries						14 9 2	2 10 0	
Congo	389	331	5	3		5 10 5	13 8	
Missionaries						13 12 10	2 2 1	
Equatorial Union	460	460		11		.3 3	3	
Missionaries						5 5 6	2 15 9	
Totals	15044	13862	69	402	16 1 5	638 0 9	203 16 7	

Number of schools in the Division, 329; 59 did not report.

Offerings grand total £357-18-9, including £51-18-6 from missionaries.

MRS. A. P. TARR.

## Guard Well the Edges of the Sabbath

"At the very beginning of the fourth commandment the Lord said, 'Remember.' He knew that amid the multitude of cares and perplexities, man would be tempted to excuse himself from meeting the full requirement of the law, or would forget its sacred importance. Therefore He said, 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.' Ex. 20:8. . . . We should jealously guard the edges of the Sabbath. Remember that every moment is consecrated, holy time. . . . Before the Sabbath begins, the mind, as well as the body, should be withdrawn from worldly business."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, pages 353, 356.

While visiting our mission work in Angola last month, I was impressed with the efforts made to influence those native boys how to regard the approach of the Sabbath. An hour or two before sunset, activities on the farm ceased, and the boys returned to their village to get ready for the Sabbath. Several came over to the mission a little later and sang hymns, thus preparing their hearts for the solemnity of the Sabbath hour as the sun should go down.

It is only a short time since these boys have been under Christian influences, but I learned a lesson as I observed them that Friday afternoon. How often it happens that Friday is a busy day. It seems that so many matters crowd our time on Friday afternoons, that so often we lay down our work just as the sun is about to set, or enter the Sabbath hour too tired to really appreciate its sacredness.

"The Sabbath was made for man." It was given as a blessing to the children of men in diverting their thoughts from earth to the great Creator of heaven and earth. "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth . . . wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day." As we study nature, and contemplate the wonderful works of creation, our thoughts are diverted to the same mighty power in recreation, sin appears in its ugliness, and the heart is drawn to the great Source of Power.

W. B. COMMIN.

## MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CORNER

### The Parents' Part

THERE is nothing that concerns the lives of young people that does not likewise concern their parents, for God has made parents responsible for their offspring. From birth to maturity, constant effort, watchcare and sacrifice are necessary. God-fearing parents recognise this sacred obligation. Their lives are bound up with the welfare and development of their children. For them they live, and for them, if need be, they would die.

The Bible condemns those who fail to provide for their own. (1 Tim. 5:8). The provision referred to doubtless includes the physical necessities of life. It is the duty and privilege of parents to feed and clothe their children, to maintain by all possible means their physical health, and to care for them in sickness.

But does the responsibility stop here? The mind is

more important than the body, and the spiritual nature,—the moral and religious life—is more important still. Those who fail to provide mental and spiritual food for their children have most surely denied the faith and are worse than infidels. As the Spirit of Prophecy has said: "On fathers and mothers, God has placed the responsibility of saving their children from the power of the enemy. This is their work—a work that they should on no account neglect. Those parents who have a living connection with Christ will not rest until they see their children safe in the fold. They will make this the burden of their lives."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, pp. 10, 11.

It is the duty of parents who gave their children birth to travail in soul that they may be born again. It is the duty of those who teach their children to walk to teach them also, day by day, to walk in the ways of righteousness. It is the obligation of those who teach the child to speak to teach him the wonderful art of communion with God in prayer. It is a sacred obligation upon those who have had most to do with the nurture and training of their children to render them every possible assistance in choosing their course, and in making their plans for life. These obligations cannot well be transferred to others; and the failure to perform them, whether because of ignorance, lack of genuine love, or absorption in less important things, is the tragic failure of parenthood.

The parent who senses the sacredness of these obligations will study to show himself approved unto God, a workman in the home that needs not be ashamed. He will study and re-study the great principles of right living, in order that he may make them clear to his children. He will carefully consider what has been written in the Bible and in the Spirit of Prophecy with reference to the parents' part. He will prayerfully study children and young people themselves to be able to adapt the great truths of life to their needs, and efficiently teach them.

The parents' part, then, in this Missionary Volunteer movement is to manifest a deep interest in the young people's work in the church, and encourage the children and young people to take an active part in it. At this point, the church takes hold to co-operate with the parents in the training of the child in missionary endeavour. And the church cannot well do this work alone.

The missionary spirit should be generated in the home. If this is done, far-reaching results will emanate from the hearthstone. In Volume VII of the Spirit of Prophecy, p. 11, we read: "As you take your children with you into the service of the Lord, what a victory you gain. . . .

"If fathers and mothers would work for the members of their own families, and then for those around them, uplifting Christ by a godly life, thousands of souls would be saved. When God's people are truly converted, when they realise the obligation resting on them to labour for those within their reach, when they leave no means untried to rescue sinners from the power of the enemy, the reproach will be removed from our churches."

And let me tell you, my dear brethren and sisters, among the thousands saved by this kind of home missionary effort will be your own boys and girls; for young people who grow up in this kind of an atmos-

phere will, as a rule, find victory over sin, and will take up soul-winning as a life business. And the reproach would be rolled away; for no longer could it be said, "The church compasses sea and land to save others, but their own they cannot save."

It is quite impossible to over-emphasise this home training in unselfish ministry. Children and young people should be encouraged to reach up and out, up to God for the highest ideals of life, and out to others in Christian ministry.

Even so sacred a place as the home must not be self-centred. The home must be sanctified for the sake of others, as well as its own. If the homes of the church are vitalised by this atmosphere of unselfish ministry, there will be no lack of interest in the Missionary Volunteer work on the part of the children, or their parents. The parents will recognise this as a broader sphere of missionary activity, and a valuable training for their children in association with other young people along lines of service, especially adapted to the youth. And they will recognise in the Missionary Volunteer society a training school for still broader service, and will encourage their children to make the Missionary Volunteer aim the great purpose of their lives,—the giving of the Advent message to all the world in this generation.

It is safe to say that no Missionary Volunteer society can succeed in the truest sense without the co-operation of the parents, in encouraging their children in the work, and in carrying out the ideals of the society in the home. If parents by word or action, indicate that they consider the Junior Missionary Volunteer society as of small importance, the Junior superintendent will likely have a difficult time in interesting those children. And the lack of interest on the part of the children from one family may have an unwholesome influence on the whole society. And when there are special activities of any kind requiring the assistance of older ones, the parents should always stand ready to help. Any general missionary activity of children needs adult supervision; and in such supervision or chaperonage, parents may show their appreciation of the children's work, and at the same time enter into companionship in religious service that will be invaluable to both.

It is the duty of parents to attend some meetings of the Missionary Volunteer society, in order that they may intelligently co-operate with the society and that they may understand the influences and training being received by their children.

M. E. KERN.

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## SPION KOP COLLEGE

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## News Notes

"HAVE you seen the mountains?" Such was the question asked by everyone on the morning of June 3. The Drakensberg mountains were covered with a mantle of snow as a result of a two days' storm. In the brilliant morning sun, they presented a superb view.

THELMA RENO is suffering from a broken ankle. She is in the Ladysmith hospital at present.

WE recently passed through an epidemic of colds. Practically every student suffered. Many were confined to bed for several days.

THE chassis for the new lorry is here and the work of transferring the body of the old lorry to the new chassis will be completed shortly.

A NUMBER of students are taking part in an essay contest conducted by the W. C. T. U. of Natal, on the effects of alcohol on various parts of the body.

THE original school farm of over 2,200 acres is no longer a single unit. The fencing off of the portion sold to Mr. Munger is going forward at present.

THE students spent Tuesday evening, June 1, at the homes of the various members of the faculty. Each group of eight or ten spent an enjoyable evening.

PENDING the arrival of Miss Thelma Lindup, of Maritzburg, to act as teacher of piano, Mrs. Shankel has taken the responsibility of the department. The work of the department has been so arranged that there will be no break in the students' work when Miss Lindup takes over the work in July.

G. E. SHANKEL.

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## SO. AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

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## South African Union Conference exceeds Big Week Goal!

It is a pleasure to pass along to the readers of the OUTLOOK the good news that the Union Conference, according to present figures, has exceeded its goal by £51-0-0. This is a splendid record, and, of course, we feel happy over the results. To the Lord we give praise for His blessings on the campaign!

The Cape Conference was the first to reach its goal. To date, it reports £161-10-0, or £36-10-0 above its goal. The Natal-Transvaal was the second to reach its goal and it reports £163-19-3, which is £13-9-3 above the goal. It is quite possible from the present outlook, that the Orange River Conference will reach its goal when all returns are in. The Transvaal-Delagoa Mission Field has reached its quota. Hence, this has been a splendid campaign throughout the Union.

We are pleased to state further that the Durban church heads the list as pertaining to the amount raised by an individual church. With a goal of £24-0-0, the members secured funds to the amount of £64-18-0. The next church in order is Rokeby Park church, located in the Cape Province. This church raised £59-5-0, which is certainly a splendid record, particularly so for a rural church. Next comes the Maritzburg church with a goal of £14-0-0. It reached the sum of £26-11-0. A number of other churches also did well.

The largest amount contributed toward Big Week by any one individual, so far as we have a report, was made by Brother Vixie, of the Cape Conference. He brought in £30-0-0. These few items mentioned, simply bespeak that the spirit and co-operation during the campaign was exceptionally fine this year.

Right in this connection, you will be interested to know how Big Week went overseas this year, so we quote from a letter just received from Elder G. S. Joseph, who is attending the General Conference:

"The Big Week begins here today, April 24, in the States, and for the past few weeks the brethren have been working hard getting the churches lined up. I have been very pleased to see how willing the good people over here are to join in the Big Week Campaign, and raise funds for the mission fields. Today, it was my privilege to speak three times and tell of our needs in Africa. The people are taking hold of the Big Week in a strong way this year, and the leading brethren fully expect that this will be the most successful campaign they have ever had in North America. I am especially glad to see the way that the Missionary Volunteers are working. In one of the churches which I attended today, fifty young people set for themselves the goal of \$400.00. This is an average of \$8.00 per member, or about 32/6. The adults in this same church have undertaken to raise \$2,500.00 this week for the Big Week Fund. This is an average of \$4.00 per capita. I am passing on this information to you, Brother Wright, as I know that the good brethren and sisters in Africa will be glad to know that the prospects are bright here for a successful Big Week, which, of course, means a great help to our work in Africa.

"I shall be interested to hear how the Big Week Campaign has succeeded in Africa. I am sure that the churches have done their very best, and I trust have reached their goals."

We are pleased to pass along the good word to Brother Joseph concerning the Big Week here in Africa. He will rejoice with us to learn that we have more than reached the goal. The word from overseas which he sends is encouraging, and it is helpful to all to learn that our brethren around the world circle are with us in pushing steadily ahead the finishing of the work.

We want to take this opportunity to say to all our dear workers and brethren and sisters throughout the Union Conference, that we deeply appreciate your earnest and loyal co-operation during the campaign. To the Lord we give thanks for His blessings which have made the above results possible.

J. F. WRIGHT.



### News Items

ELDER HOWARD has just closed his tent effort in Basutoland. He reports a splendid interest in the Message there. The chief in the territory where the meeting was held, is deeply interested, and we hope he will take his stand for the Truth. Two native workers are following up the work, and these will be assisted by Brother Sharman, of Emmanuel mission.

BRETHREN A. F. Tarr and J. F. Wright were in Kimberley, Sabbath, June 5. They met with the Orange River Conference committee, Sunday, the 6th.

SABBATH, May 22, Elder Wright was with the church in Johannesburg and occupied the morning hour, speaking upon the theme "Does it pay to be a Christian?" Many of the new believers were present at the service.

ELDER WRIGHT reports a very good trip with Elder Campbell through his field. The work is going nicely in that section, but cannot make the headway it should until a mission station is secured. We hope that a station can be erected in this section of the field soon.

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### NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

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### Amongst Our Native Churches

SPACE will not permit of our writing about all of God's providences which we have lately witnessed during our visit among our native interests. However, we will sketch a few of the high points for the benefit of the OUTLOOK readers.

On May 18, the writer accompanied Pastor Hodgson on a visit to Ladysmith, where the Spion Kop native church, with a membership of thirty, was reorganised. New officers were also appointed.

At Dundee, a general Sabbath meeting was conducted, and the seating capacity was altogether too inadequate. A larger place has now been provided, and we trust Brother Moya's work will continue to grow. At Dundee, there are nine Sabbath schools at present. Communion service was also held with our European believers in Dundee. While in this district, we visited our New Castle mission. Here we also planned for the company to move into a larger meeting place. It was here that we met old blind Brother Kumallo, who has been an Adventist for many years. One day, in all earnestness, he said: "When I enter the city of God, I am going to wave my hand to this old world and say, 'So long trouble.'"

Continuing our journey to Hlobane, we were pleased to again meet with the sanitarium family at that place. While there, services were held with our native church. On May 24, Brother Wm. Birkenstock took us in his car to Louwsburg, where we dedicated the ground for the erection of a new native church building. The ground was given by Brother Birkenstock, and it was an impressive service to see about fifty Zulu believers, gathered in prayer on the new building site, dedicate their lives to God through Jesus our Lord.

Our next stop was at our Mahamba mission, Swaziland, where Brother Hhubi has been teaching for five years. Special services were held, and God was present. Large numbers of heathen attended the meetings, and we are glad to report that the mission is doing excellent work.

Sabbath, May 29, was a high day for our Ermelo native church. Even though this building has lately been enlarged, the meeting place was crowded. The coming native council will be held in this church, November 8-15. We also held a service with our European believers the afternoon of May 29.

It was the writer's privilege to spend a few days with Doctor and Mrs E. F. Birkenstock, at Carolina. The doctor is government surgeon in that district and is very busy.

I wish to thank our dear people for the many hospitalities and Christian courtesies shown during this trip, and earnestly pray that God will continue to bless our believers in the Natal-Transvaal vineyard.

B. M. HEALD.



## Health Work in the Natal-Transvaal Conference

BROTHER HURLOW is conducting health demonstration lectures each week in the Maritzburg church. On these occasions, he gives practical demonstrations in the giving of our treatments, and a great interest is shown.

Pastor Hyatt is also starting a similar work in the Johannesburg church.

The interest in the health work is increasing, and we urge all to enter heartily into "Health" Sabbath, June 19, 1926. A special "health programme" will be rendered in all our churches on that date.

MRS. B. M. HEALD.

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## CAPE CONFERENCE

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## News Notes

REMEMBER that Home Missionary Day comes July 10. Mission work in the neighbourhood is a high and noble work. Strengthen the home missions.

ELDER MOFFITT, for two Sunday nights, gave lantern lectures on Bible subjects in the Port Elizabeth church. Quite a large number of the public were there.

THE tent effort at East London has now closed. Meetings are at present being held in a hall. We understand that Elder MacNeil plans from now on to hold meetings three times a week, while Elder Edwards will conduct a series of meetings at Cambridge.

SABBATH, June 5, Elder Moffitt spoke at the Port Elizabeth church. This is but the third Sabbath he has met with this church since his moving here the latter part of February. It is Elder Moffitt's plan to become personally acquainted with all parts of the conference as soon as possible, hence he seldom remains long at headquarters.

FROM June 15 to 21, a colporteurs' institute will be held in the Claremont church. Any interested persons, although they may not yet be canvassers, will be welcomed. From Friday night, June 18, to Sunday night, the 20th, a church officers' convention will be held for the Peninsula churches.

WE would again especially ask our constituency to address all mail to P. O. Box 378, Port Elizabeth. If mail is addressed to the street number of the office, delay in delivery is the result. Some persons have placed both the box number, and the street address on the envelope. The private box number only is sufficient.

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## TRANSVAAL-DELAGOA MISS. FIELD

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## Gemeente van Louis Trichardt

ONS het laatste week hier 'n geseënde diens gehad. Twee broeders, Br. Campbell en Br. Symons, was hier, en die Here was ons seer naby met Sy liefde.

Br. Symons het Vrydagaand 'n kragtige woord gespreek oor die plan van saligheid, en hy het 'n skaar van omtrent 30 mense, klein en groot, voor hom gehad. Sabbatmôre het ons met die jongmense 'n biduur gehou, wat seer geseën was, veel van hulle was in tranen. Om 10 uur was die gewone Sabbatskool. Om 11 uur het Br. Campbell met krag gespreek oor die Eksodus beweging, en het dit vergelyk met die laatste boodskap, wat 'n goeie indruk gemaak het op die jong Sabbathouers. In die agtermiddag het ons die Here se aandmaal gevier, waarby ons Sy teenwoordigheid diep gevoel het. Br. Campbell het Saterdagdaand weer gespreek vir 'n goeie getal beblangstellendes, algar Afrikaans-sprekende mense, en het die wederkoms des Heren behandel, wat 'n diep indruk gemaak het op die harte van die hoorders, so dat baie harte bewoë was.

Ag, dis tog jammer dat ons nie kan besoek word nie deur ons predikers. Ons is tog so ver af en eensaam hier in die noorde van die Transvaal. Ons Afrikaans-sprekende mense hier verwag binnerkort Br. B. P. de Beer in ons midde, want hy is voornemens om ons te besoek, en miskien sal daar ook 'n huwelik deur hom bevestig word. Ons hoop die Here sal nog groot en vaste dinge hier in ons klein gemeente van Louis Trichardt doen, want ons weet dat die tyd daar is dat God Sy spade reën sal uitgiet op Sy gemeente, want die koms des Heren is naby, en Sy volk moet vet gemaak word, sodat hulle 'n volmaakte liggaam sal wees. Mal. 4:2.

D. T. BLIGNAUT.

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## Visiting Around the Field

IT was my privilege recently to visit a number of the isolated members of this conference, and also the mission fields. My first visit was to the believers in

the Kuruman district, where I arrived after a long motor drive of thirteen hours, and then another drive by cart of six or seven hours. We arrived at Sister van de Merwe's farm, where the week-end meetings were to be held. All the believers from the surrounding farms had come together. How these souls enjoy a visit from a minister! They so seldom have this opportunity that they just drink in every word. The writer preached ten sermons in two and a half days, and, while this is taxing, yet it is a privilege to do all one can for these dear people. While there, a local elder and a deacon were ordained.

After another thirteen hours by motor car, I reached Kimberley and was glad to be able to spend a week in connection with the work there.

My next visit was to Mafeking and Taungs, to give attention to the mission schools at Mafeking, Buxton and Magopella. Brother Venter reports a good interest at Mafeking.

I also visited the Emmanuel mission. Brother and Sister Sharman are of good courage. At the time, Elder E. M. Howard was conducting a tent effort in Basutoland. The prospects were good. We trust that as a result of this effort many will be won for the kingdom of heaven.

The next stop was at Musong school, among the mountains of Herschel. After reaching Lady Grey, where I met the new teacher for the Musong school, we took motor post-car and started out for Palmietfontein, which we reached safely at 6:30, Wednesday evening. Here we enjoyed the kind hospitality of Mr. Tom Gallon. This gentleman is a kind friend to all travellers, and especially to Seventh-day Adventist ministers, who have to spend the night in Palmietfontein. He is well acquainted with all the workers who have been labouring in the Herschel field.

According to arrangements, Brother Hans Shai, our native worker, came down the mountains bringing two spare horses to convey the teacher and myself to the school.

I had not ridden a horse for twenty-six years, and was not looking forward to the trip. We started out at about 10 o'clock, Thursday morning, and began to climb those rugged and steep mountains, some of the high peaks being covered with the first snows of the coming winter. It was bitterly cold. I often thanked the Lord for the sure-footed little Basuto ponies as they picked their way up those mountain sides and along the edge of precipices. We arrived at the school the same afternoon. This is situated on a level plateau on the mountains. The native believers were pleased to meet their new teacher, who was duly installed on Friday morning. The schoolroom was filled with parents and children. After a very interesting meeting, the school opened with an enrolment of forty-two. We are expecting good results from this field. Brother Hans Shai is of good courage. There are a good number of believers in Herschel, at Musong and at another out-station. May the Lord remember these labourers, and hasten the Advent message amongst these people.

After another ride over the mountains, we reached the home of Brother and Sister Hepburn. I spent the Sabbath day with this family, and Sunday morning returned to Lady Grey with Brother Hepburn, and from there to Kimberley.

The work in Kimberley and Beaconsfield is onward. We are glad to report good success as a result of the tent effort conducted by Brother Venter and fostered by Brother Stevenson, of Bloemfontein. We were pleased to baptise the first candidates last Sabbath afternoon in the old Beaconsfield church. Eight young people followed their Saviour in this rite. May the Lord bless them and make them a real asset to the Beaconsfield church.

Be of good courage, brethren. The Lord is with us. Let us all be faithful to the end.

S. G. HITEN.

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### Visiting Out-schools in the North Rhodesia Mission Field

*(Extracts from a letter written by Brother W. Mason who is working at Lusaka, one hundred miles north of the Kafue River, and who recently visited the out-schools in his field.)*

At last, I am back home from my long trip among the schools. It was a good trip, though the long grass and water made travelling very difficult. If one goes out in the country just now, a boy is needed to help him trough the swamps.

When I left Lusaka, I travelled east for two days until I reached the Mwembeshe River, where my first school, Sichobo, is located. This school has not been progressing for some time, so I took a new teacher along with me, named Gibson Liombi. We had some good meetings with the people and talked to them about the necessity of a Christian education. Before we left, they promised to stand by the school, and have apparently kept their word. They now have a daily attendance of seventy children.

From here I went on to Mutime, which is about ten miles away. The teacher here is Tom Mpfana, and he is well liked. We stopped at this place for three days, during which time I inspected the school and held several meetings with the village people, attended to some of the sick folk and did some dental work.

The carriers were sent on to Shabwalala, a journey of about fifteen miles. It was very apparent here, that a dentist was greatly in demand, for early next morning when I came out of the tent, there were no less than seven people lined up waiting to have their teeth extracted. This done, the next item to be seen to was food for the carriers, so I sent my interpreter to the nearby villages to see what he could buy. We spent Sabbath with these people, and I spoke to them about the origin of man and God's purpose in creating him.

The next place visited was Mwembeshe school. The teacher had been back from his holiday only a few days, so we did not have a big crowd to attend to, and after an encouraging talk we pursued our journey, taking with us some of the school boys to assist us over the drift, which was about three feet deep. Two of them carried me, and we all kept to-



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gether on account of the crocodiles which infest this river. Before us lay a stretch of fourteen miles of thick forest. My interpreter was my only companion, for the carriers had left us to go a short road which we could not take on account of the long grass. We had no gun, and to make matters worse we had not gone far when we came across the fresh tracks of a lion that had travelled for half a mile along the road in front of us. We felt quite pleased to leave these behind, and covered the next few miles in good time.

Two days' "trekking" brought us to the Kafushi River, and soon we were resting at the house of Nathaniel Pete, at Musopela. The school here is a new one and we were glad to see that good progress is being made. Owing to the birds, which are trying hard to devour the little grain that the floods left, the children are busy all day, and so come for their lessons in the evening. To enable them to see their books, slates and charts, they build a large fire in the open and school proceeds while one of the children stands by and acts as stoker, every now and then throwing an armful of grass on to the embers to increase the light.

Harry Mwanayao's school was the next to be visited. This school is named after a small stream known as Kabembe. The people of this section are very liberal, and, regardless of their poverty, endeavour all they can to increase the tithes and offerings, besides supplying the carriers with food whenever I chance to pass that way. This school is the farthest away from Lusaka, and after a pleasant visit we started on our journey home.

Being desirous of learning the country better and of establishing new schools in other districts, we tried a new way back, and that night I camped at a very large village, called Lubaba. The people here were very friendly, and that night we had a good meeting. About one hundred and fifty adults listened to the gospel. Following the meeting a deputation waited upon me, and, with all the persuasive power they could command, urged me to send them a teacher. At the present time, this is impossible. I trust, however, that I will be able to do something for these people at a later date.

It was a very rough journey home, and we could hardly push our bicycles through the long grass, which in many places reached a height of twelve feet. To add to our discomfort, a thunder storm burst upon us, and the task of riding and pushing our way through long wet grass cannot be explained. The sensation needs to be experienced to be understood. Finally, the sun began to set. I had reckoned on two hours more to finish the twenty miles that still lay in front of us. Instead of this, it took us all our time to reach the nearest farm house, and it was then pitch dark. Most farmers are hospitable, and these good folks

proved to be no exception, for they fixed my boy up, gave me a change of clothes, a good supper and a comfortable bed. The following morning, we were more thankful than ever that we had accepted this kind invitation, for we learned that two days before, a mile farther on, a native had been killed by a lion. With the daylight and the cool morning air, two hours of steady riding brought us to Lusaka.



## A Farewell Message

As we leave for our furlough to the States, we wish to take this opportunity to bid good-bye to our brethren and sisters throughout the Division. We had not expected to leave until next year, but, owing to failing health, special provision was made to enable us to take our overseas furlough at this time.

It was on the first day of October, 1913, that we arrived in Africa. It was our privilege to travel over from the States with Elder W. B. White, who came out at that time to lead out in the work in the African field.

Just one week after our arrival in Cape Town, we proceeded with Elder and Sister M. C. Studervant to South Rhodesia, and we associated with these workers at the Inyazura mission for a year. We shall never forget the good experiences enjoyed while in the mission field, although there were times when we were called to pass through severe trials, and when our little mission family, many years ago, was visited by the cruel enemy, death.

In those early years, the mission work in South Rhodesia had made a good beginning, but at that time, there were but few out-schools. We rejoice today that throughout South Rhodesia, we have sixty out-schools, and we are encouraged as we observe how rapidly the work is advancing to the north and west of us. We see also advancement being made in the Congo, and now we hear of rapid movements in the Angola country. It has been such a pleasure to us during the past thirteen years to see the Message going to the various tribes of Africa. This is God's work, and from now on until it is finished, it will go forward much more rapidly. Then our Master will come for His faithful people. What manner of persons ought we to be in holy consecration, as we see this time so near at hand!

As we now take our leave from our dear brethren and sisters, we wish you "God speed," and we are looking forward to be able to return and join you in service once again, at the close of our year's furlough in America.

F. B. JEWELL.



## General News

THE present address of Elder M. C. Sturdevant is 19 Gordon Street, King William's Town, C. P.

ELDER J. F. WRIGHT left for the Congo a few days ago, and will attend camp-meetings and native institutes in that field, and on his return trip will visit several of our mission stations in Rhodesia.