



Report from Milwaukee U. S. A.

BELIEVING that our brethren and sisters in Africa will be glad to have some news from the General Conference as soon as possible, I am hurrying a line off to the OUTLOOK office today.

This is only the fourth day of the conference, but already a great deal of business is done, so far as the election of officers and reports of the leading committees are concerned. Everything is moving with great dispatch. It is a very large meeting and is being held in one of the largest auditoriums in the Central States. There is a wonderful spirit of confidence and co-operation manifested on the part of the delegates, and this is having a great deal to do in dispatching the business of the session. Everybody seems to have a mind to work and a desire to do the things that will help to advance the cause of God in the world field.

The nominating committee made a partial report on Sunday, and the officers of the General Conference were elected, also the heads of nearly all the world divisions. Very few changes were made in any of these appointments. Elder Spicer continues as general world president, with Elder Montgomery, former vice-president for North America, acting as world vice-president. Elder Watson is having to return to Australia for personal reasons, hence Elder Montgomery's appointment to the position formerly held by him. Elder McElhany, of the Pacific Union Conference, has been elected as vice-president for North America. Elder C. K. Meyers becomes General Conference secretary, with Elder Beddoe and Elder Kotz, of Europe, as his associates. Elder Daniells is to give his full time to the Ministerial Department.

The appointments for the African Division show very little change in the leadership for that field. The only change effected is in the Young People's and Sabbath School Departments, and the addition of a medical secretary. The Young People's Department has been carried for the past year or more by Brother W. B. Commin in connection with his other work. It was understood, however, that this was only a temporary arrangement to continue until the General Conference, when a permanent secretary could be secured. Brother J. I. Robison, who for years was connected with our training school work in South Africa, has been appointed as young people's secretary, and will sail for Africa immediately following this conference. It was thought that Brother Robison would also be able to carry another department and, in view of the fact that it was impossible for Sister A. P. Tarr to be located where she could be in touch with the Division office, and since Sister Tarr has been called to a definite line of work in connection with the South African Native Training School, the General Conference has elected Brother J. I. Robison to serve as secretary of the Sabbath School Department.

We want to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation of the earnest and painstaking efforts which Sister Tarr has put forth during the many years that (Continued on page 4)

Gleanings from General Conference Reports

"WE need but look about us in a world rushing on to the last things, to understand why it is that the message to us is, 'Press together, press together.'"
—*W. A. Spicer.*

"BRETHREN, we have a Father in heaven that hears us. We may be behind prison bars, but I tell you that it is a satisfaction to the soul. This world must hear the Message, and perhaps the jailer must be converted."—*L. R. Conradi.*

"THE picture of our time is not a cheery one. It has but one bright phase, that is that everywhere there is a longing after God. Among our own members, we have seen a closer coming together and greater spiritual power."—*L. H. Christian.*

"FIJI has now been enlightened. It rejoices much in the Bible. Fiji sings a song of praise to God because of what God has done in delivering it from its great darkness. The cannibalism of the past has now been done away."—*Chief Ratu Meli, of Fiji.*

"Is it not a certainty that some day God's work on earth will be finished? Now, brethren, if that work is to be finished, the great question I want to burn into your hearts is, When shall it be, so far as you are concerned? Has the church anything to do in bringing about the coming of the Lord?—Certainly."—*I. H. Evans.*

"It is estimated that Central Africa has a population of eighty millions, about two-thirds of whom are in the territory belonging to this division. Besides, there are another seven million in South Africa, making a total of about sixty-five million people for whom we have been made responsible. Often do we ask ourselves the question, How long must these people wait? How many millions more must go into Christless graves before we carry to them a knowledge of the Saviour and of His soon return? We pray that God may stir the hearts of our brethren to send forth labourers to this section of His great vineyard, where the fields are white already to harvest."—*W. H. Branson.*

"I HAVE no sympathy for, nor understanding of, men who have had a foretaste of the joy of sacrificing in foreign field service, and then want to come back to the homeland. Our place is over yonder at the front. I think men ought to go out for this denomination, not for five years, or seven years, but for life, until the trumpet sounds. I tell you, brethren, we cannot finish this work with an unreliable staying quality. I want to triumph, and I want to triumph worthily. I want to be scarred, if scars are necessary, and I want to face hardships, if that is necessary. I want to do the work of a soldier of the cross."—*I. H. Evans.*

IN the Far East, our literature is printed in 30 languages.

At the second Sabbath service at the General Conference, £21,971 was donated to missions.

THERE are 26 publishing houses in the European Division, and they publish literature in 54 languages.

WE have 148 advanced educational institutions, employing 1,506 teachers and having an enrolment of 18,692.

THERE were 93,903 baptisms throughout the world field for the quadrennial period ending December 31, 1925.

THE attendance at the Sabbath school at the General Conference on June 5 was 4,035. The offerings for that day amounted to £300-16-8.

CONNECTED with our movement, there are 34 sanitariums and 31 treatment rooms, which gave medical relief to 175,742 persons during 1925.

THE Sabbath school membership of the European Division is 92,181; Far Eastern Division, 24,462; South American Division, 16,842; African Division, 14,443.

THE sale of denominational literature during 1925 aggregated £926,341. This literature, issued in 128 languages, is prepared in the form of 177 periodicals, 1,102 bound books, 719 pamphlets, 2,661 tracts.

THE sale of literature in South America has gone forward by leaps and bounds. The sales from the publishing houses in that division for the last two years have reached £50,000.

DURING the past four years, there was a growth in the membership of the European Division, 21,959; Far Eastern Division, 7,267; South American Division, 5,679; African Division, 3,647.

THE work of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination is now conducted in 124 countries by 8 division conferences. It has 60 union organisations comprising 139 local conferences and 180 mission fields.

THE Sabbath school work for this denomination is seventy-four years old. The number of schools in 1852 was 2; in 1925, 7,978, with a membership of 300,000. Offerings to missions through the Sabbath school in 1887, were £2,000; in 1925, £6,450 each week of the year.

There are now 9,230 evangelistic labourers, and 8,239 institutional, or a total of 17,469. Of this number, 7,512 are in North America and 9,957 outside this country. The membership of the 5,629 organised churches at December 31, 1925, was 250,988, a net increase during 1925 of 12,331.

ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

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Inyazura Mission

On the occasion of my last trip to our out-schools in the Maranki Reserve, I was pleased to find that Evangelist Emory had arranged a combined meeting of our four schools in that section. There were a good number present. We were together from Thursday until Sunday, and it was really like a small camp-meeting. The people brought their food, and camped out under the trees. The weather was fine, and we enjoyed the short time spent together.

We had excellent meetings, and the people manifested a live interest. The majority of those present are in the baptismal classes, and they appear to have quite an intelligent grasp of the main points of our faith. This shows that the teachers have been giving sound instruction.

Teacher Emory's people are doing strong Missionary Volunteer work, and there is a good interest at a place a few miles away from his school, near the junction of the Sabi and the Odzi Rivers. They are asking for a new school at that place, but I had to put them off for the time being. The other schools are also doing good missionary work.

I am glad to be able to report good progress in that reserve. Although three of the four schools were opened only about a year ago, yet there are good interests all around, and there are many in the baptismal classes. Other requests for schools in that reserve have come in lately, but we have had to tell them all to wait until next year, as we have no more teachers at present.

Interesting news comes in from the other sections, too. In the Chiduku Reserve, Morris and Johannes held revival meetings for their two schools, with over 200 in attendance, including visitors from distant villages. Fruit of those meetings is already being seen in a request for a new school, which has come from a village a few miles to the west of Morris' school. We will doubtless hear more later of the result of those services, as such revival meetings always bear fruit in awakened interests, calls for schools, etc. I only hope in 1927 that we will have teachers to answer some of these calls.

We sometimes feel just as one of our missionaries expressed himself at a recent committee meeting at Solusi. When it was suggested that one of our native evangelists be sent to work in a certain district, the missionary replied that he was afraid to send him there, as he would be sure to raise a great interest which we would not be able to follow up. Yes, people all over the country are waiting for the Message. Pray with us that "the Lord of the harvest will send forth labourers into His vineyard." C. ROBINSON.



On Sabbath, June 5, before the vast congregation, at the General Conference session, little Grace and Leonard Robinson, children of Brother and Sister R. P. Robinson, of the Congo, sang a duet, "Jesus loves me," in the language of Central Africa.

NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

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Change of Name

In the last issue of the OUTLOOK, there appeared a note from the writer stating that the name of the Natal-Transvaal Book and Bible Society had been changed to Religious Book Depository (Johannesburg). This has been done, we might explain, in harmony with the recommendation of the Union Conference. It was necessary because of the fact that the British and Foreign Bible Society took exception to our using the words "Bible Society," which they considered an infringement upon their name, and we do not want any embarrassment to arise between our two societies. Our society will therefore be known as the Religious Book Depository (Johannesburg), and new stationery will be printed as soon as the present stock has been used.

B. M. HEALD.



Notes

THE Harvest Ingathering Campaign is from August 28 to October 29. Proceeds go to our new college. WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE Durban Church received over £20, and the Maritzburg church £46-13-0 towards Harvest Ingathering at the recent shows.

WATCH for a General Conference bulletin sent out from the Natal-Transvaal Conference office giving some interesting facts just received from the world conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

BROTHER NELSON and the writer are gaining each day and feel that the prayers of God's people are being answered in our behalf, for which we are very thankful.

B. M. HEALD.

TRANSVAAL-DELAGOA MISS. FIELD

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Interesting Items

WE are glad to report that our European brethren in Louis Trichardt responded loyally in the Big Week Campaign. Three of our native workers, Ruben Mawela, Joel Mabusela and Abel Makhene, have also done very well in the campaign, and I hope their example will stimulate every worker to take part next year.

Our new out-school at Tweefontein, which has been taught by Brother Abel Makhene, closed for the June holidays, with an enrolment of sixty. Brother Milton Hlubi and wife now have charge of this school.

The general interest in the field is very good, but we cannot step into the openings because of the lack of workers. Oh, for more faithful workers to help gather the harvest!

J. R. CAMPBELL.

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General News Notes

BROTHER A. F. TARR has been spending a few days at the Cape at the Division office.

WE have another good report to make of Brother Gibson's efforts in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Our brother, writing from Que Que, in South Rhodesia, states that up to the 25th of June, he had collected £61-16-0.

SPION KOP COLLEGE

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News Notes

MRS. SMIT and niece, of Port Elizabeth, are visiting Mrs. Smit's sister, Miss Naude.

SISTER FORTNER, accompanied by Mrs. Clyft, is spending some time with her daughters, Virginia and Genevieve.

BROTHER AND SISTER STEARNS spent a number of days in Durban between semesters. Sister Stearns inspected the church school there.

THE school mealie crop amounts to about two hundred and fifty bags. This is considered as a very light crop in comparison with previous years.

THE winter garden is now at its best. Besides an abundant supply of green vegetables for table use, a lorry-load is taken to the Ladysmith market each week.

SISTER HONEY, the college matron, has just returned from a two weeks' visit to her home at Camelford, Transvaal. During her absence, Sister Bender, our preceptress, acted as matron as well.

WE are glad to report that Mrs. Dick is making favourable progress toward recovery from her recent illness. She returned from Ladysmith on June 28 after a few days spent in the hospital.

THE red-faced bricks in the dining-room recently adopted the modern idea of cosmetics, with the result that their faces are now covered with a coat of white. We must admit that the appearance has improved.

THE mid-year vacation of three days was rather strenuous, but altogether pleasant. What with "hikes," mountain climbing, working, bicycle riding, evening marches in the amx and games on the campus, the time passed all too quickly.

AMONG those who spent the holidays away from the school were Brother Shankel and Brother and Sister Hanson, Jurie Moolman, Gabriel Botha, Willie Holbrook, Brother Swanepoel, Beatrice Howard, Stephen Hiten, Raymond Stockil and Philip Bulgin.

THE Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer society officers for the second half of the school year are as follows:

Sabbath School: John v. d. Merwe, superintendent; Jean Cramond, assistant superintendent; Delmer Gibson, secretary; Amy Cooks, assistant secretary; Grace Burton, organist.

Missionary Volunteer Society: Brother Siepman, leader; Thelma Renou, assistant leader; Ernest Marter, secretary; Julia Gibson, assistant secretary; Geoffrey Leverett, organist.

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she has served in this capacity, and for the way the work of the department has grown under her leadership. God has greatly blessed her work, and we feel sure that many of our believers in South Africa will regret that it seems best for her to lay it down. However, we bespeak for Brother Robison the same earnest and loyal co-operation which our people have always given to Sister Tarr in the work of this department.

The messages being delivered at the conference by our leaders are the most stirring, I think, that have ever been given to our people. In every department and in every meeting of the session, the rally call is being sounded to our people to arise and finish the work. The most wonderful experiences ever related in connection with our work throughout the world field are being told to the delegates. Surely, it is no time now for any of our people to become discouraged or to allow themselves to be drawn away from the organised movement, which is being carried forward throughout the world, into some side issue that some irresponsible person may raise. It is a time to be "true blue" and to press together for the finishing of the work.

Before closing, we should say that Dr. E. A. Sherwin, at present medical superintendent of the Sydney Sanitarium, Australia, and who has served for twelve years in that capacity, has been appointed as medical secretary of the African Division. He will come out to us with the purpose of giving his full time to the development of the medical work in the African field. His wife, who is also a very efficient physician, will connect with our work in some capacity, as may be arranged later. We feel we are very fortunate, indeed, to secure the services of these two competent medical leaders, and we believe that the news of their coming to Africa to take up this work will be received by our people with great satisfaction.

W. H. BRANSON.

Milwaukee, U. S. A.,
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