

# TOO BUSY

Too busy are we, midst the whirl and the stress Of our life as the days come and go— Too busy to water with prayers and with tears The seed we abundantly sow.

Too busy with working for Jesus to pause And sit at His footstool of prayer; Too busy commanding and guarding His field To learn what His orders are there.

Too busy with routine of cares in the home To seek Him alone through the day; Too busy in striving to faithfully serve,

To listen to Him and to pray.

How Satan doth gloat o'er his subtle decoy Of winding our life in this coil ! He knows when too busy to watch unto prayer Our triumph at last he will foil.

O, guard us from whirlpools that threaten to wreck Our bark, Heavenly Pilot, we pray! And teach us the blessing of walking with God Through holy communion each day.

WORTHIE HARRIS HOLDEN

# Observations at the General Conference

THE General Conference is now almost over, and in just a few hours I will be on my way to San Francisco, from which port I expect to sail on the "Makura" for Sydney, next Wednesday, the 16th of June. It is now ten weeks since I arrived in America. During this time, I have visited many of the churches, publishing houses, colleges and sanitariums in the east, and have greatly enjoyed meeting the people and getting acquainted with the work and workers in the homeland of the Message. Everywhere I went, I found warm-hearted people, who are intensely interested in the work we are doing for the native peoples in Africa. In some places, from 500 to 1,000 persons attended my stereopticon lectures.

A Home Missionary convention was held in Milwaukee from May 24 to 27. The departmental secretaries from all of the divisions came together in these meetings to discuss the many problems connected with their work. Every one of these meetings was most helpful, and it was interesting to meet the men and women engaged in this important line of work. An hour each day throughout the Conference has also been given to a study of the publishing work, and it has been most inspiring to meet with the brethren who are leading out in the work of literature distribution in all parts of the great world field.

It was really a wonderful sight to watch the hundreds of people, as they arrived during the first few days of the conference. Missionaries came from all parts of the world, and some met their relatives and friends here for the first time in many years.

The Milwaukee Auditorium is a large brick building covering the whole of a city block. The large arena has seating for between 8,000 and 9,000 persons. There are also five smaller halls capable of seating from 500 to 1,000 persons, besides a very large basement, many offices and committee rooms. In the western end of the basement, the Review and Herald Publishing Association has had a very fine display of Brother J. W. Mace and his corps of literature. workers have had a very busy time serving the many purchasers, and record sales are reported. The Brookfield and Southern Publishing Houses also had stalls in another part of the basement. Then, over in the eastern side of the basement, a large café was nicely fitted up. The cooking was under the direction of Brother Fulton, and good vegetarian meals could be had at very reasonable prices.

On Thursday evening, May 27, Elder C. H. Watson preached the opening sermon. Psalms 47:9 was his text: "The prince of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham; for the shields of the earth belong unto God: He is greatly exalted." Brother Watson emphasised the importance of God's work, and the great responsibility of leaders. It was one of the most practical and helpful sermons of the conference. On Sabbath, May 29, Elder I. H. Evans also preached a splendid sermon. He made a very strong appeal for a deeper consecration on the part of all of our people so that God's work might be finished as rapidly as possible. On the second Sabbath, Elder Christian delivered a powerful address at the close of which the people were given an opportunity to make an offering to the Lord. Brother Shaw, the treasurer of the General Conference, spoke for about five minutes on the needs of the work, and in just a few minutes almost  $\pounds 21,000$  was pledged for the extension of the work in mission lands.

One of the most interesting meetings of the conference was the service held last Sabbath afternoon, when some of the pioneer workers had a symposium. Elders Farnsworth, W. C. White, R. A. Underwood, L. R. Conradi, M. C. Wilcox, A. T. Bobinson, E. H. Gates and others were on the platform and told many very interesting things about their early experiences in the Message.

The afternoons and evenings throughout the conference have been devoted to reports from the mission fields, and some wonderful experiences have been related. The mighty power of God is surely being manifested in a very marked manner in heathen lands, and a great work is being accomplished.

From the very first meeting, there has not been one note of discord sounded. A spirit of love and harmony has pervaded this great gathering from beginning to end. It has been a great privilege to attend this gathering of God's people, and I am now looking forward to returning to Africa to join the brethren in pushing the work forward in the land we have learned to love. G. S. JOSEPH.

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BELIEVING that the brethren and sisters will be interested to know a little about my trip to America, I thought I would write a few lines to the OUTLOOK. The entire trip has been full of interest.

When we landed in London, one of the worst industrial strikes that the country has seen for many years was taking place. The railway and all other workers engaged in traffic work were out in sympathy with the miners. We had a most difficult task to secure conveyances to and from the many places of interest that we wished to see, and so we had to use our feet from morning till night nearly every day of our stay there.

When we landed in New York, we realised that we were a long way from our homeland, but as we met our brethren and sisters we felt at home with them.

In a few days the General Conference session will be over. Thousands of our people are attending the conference. Delegates have come from every part of the world field, many tongues and nations are represented, and it is indeed a wonderful gathering.  $\operatorname{It}$ has been a real inspiration to me to see it all. A perfect spirit of harmony and love is prevailing. With all the great business that has been done in this conference, I have not heard one disagreeable word. Unity and co-operation seem to reign supremely. Surely God is among His people. The reports and experiences related by our missionaries from many lands are thrilling, and show beyond any doubt that God is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh, and is cutting His work short in righteousness.

It was good to see seated every day on the platform many of the old pioneers of this Message, and to listen to their testimonies of courage and faith in the speedy triumph of the Message. The great burden of the messages borne by our leaders in this great conference is that God's people may be in such a spiritual condition that He might work through them to speedily finish His work upon the earth.

Our people attending this great meeting have pledged and dedicated themselves to the finishing of the work, and I believe we will see more wonderful results during the next few years than we have ever seen before. Brethren and sisters, I believe all God's people in Africa join in this consecration made by our people here, and unitedly we will push the triumphs of the cross by personal labour for souls and by the sacrifice of our means. J. N. DE BEER.

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THE 1926 General Conference is one which marks great advancement in the proclamation of the Third Angel's Message. Truly, God met with His people. From the very first meeting to the very last, the presence of the Holy Spirit could be distinctly felt. Every meeting in that great building was characterised by a spirit of harmony and brotherly love.

The leaders of the world divisions presented some of the strongest reports ever given, and their calls for help were more urgent than any ever before made to a General Conference. It seemed that, when Elder I. H. Evans, of the Far Eastern Division, finished his report and presented the needs of his field, nothing else could be said. Then Elder Christian, of the European Division, gave his report and presented the situation found in Europe, and it was just as urgent and needy. And so right on down to the last when the Australasian brethren reported what had been accomplished in the cannibal isles, and told of what is now needed to continue carrying the Message to that terrible, but responsive people.

Truly, brothers and sisters, it is wonderful to be a Seventh-day Adventist. My personal testimony many times during the conference was, "What a wonderful privilege it is to be identified with God's people, and to have a part in the greatest business that is being carried on in this earth"—"a succeeding business, or work," as Brother C. K. Meyers expressed it in one of his talks.

This General Conference has sent to the missioin fields a greater number of workers than any other conference—153. Of this number, twenty-four go to Africa, about fifteen of whom go to the African Division. How we wish we were ready to return with them !

I thank God with all my heart for the privilege of being a delegate to the forty-first session of the General Conference. To come home after spending over twelve consecutive years in Africa's needy mission fields and to have the privilege of attending such a meeting, is a very great blessing indeed. It has given me an entirely new vision of God's great work. After a year's rest and recuperation, we plan definitely to return to the work we laid down in the Belgian Congo. R. P. ROBINSON. "THE great conference is ended. Back to their homes and fields, even to the world's ends, the delegates are hurrying. Once more they take up the work of finishing their task in all the earth, in preparation for that greater General Conference soon to convene in the kingdom of our Lord. And as they go, there is a new confidence in their hearts, a new courage in their lives, born of God's blessings on this gathering, that the day is measurably nearer when that kingdom will be established.

"It has been a good conference. No marring incident has taken place. No jarring note has been struck. It has been a conference of unity, of harmony, bringing new courage for unfinished tasks, binding together in closer fellowship men who rub elbows in the work, as well as those who are separated by the width of the world. We know each other better now, and having become better acquainted with the labours and tasks and burdens of others, we find a deeper sympathy in our hearts for all who are sharing in the work of bringing back the King.

"Trains, automobiles, buses, and boats are bearing the delegates away from Milwaukee. The influence of the conference goes with them, and will be carried with them around all the world. They go with a new determination and a deeper spiritual life to finish God's work in the earth."

CARLYLE B. HAYNES.

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"To Africa is due the honour of receiving the first General Conference Sabbath school pennant, sent to a foreign field,—the Congo Union Mission."—Mrs. L. F. Plummer.

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

# The Next Big Thing

THE Harvest Ingathering this year will unquestionably be the greatest campaign in which we have ever engaged. It will eclipse all other years in magnitude and zeal. I hear our people talking about it every week.

Elder Bender has already asked for territory for the student body. The Union will pay half and our conference will pay the other half of the expenses incurred by the students in the campaign. They will solicit the towns of Ladysmith, Bergville, Winterton, Colenso, Escourt, Mooi River, Glencoe, New Castle and Volksrust.

#### GOALS FOR CHURCHES

CHURCH	GOAL
Johannesburg	$\pm 306 14 3$
Durban	$161 \ 18 \ 1$
Spion Kop	$132 \ 12 \ 10$
Maritzburg	$115 \ 10 \ 0$
Carried forward	$716\ 15\ 2$

Brought forward	716	15	<b>2</b>
Potchefstroom	103	15	3
Conference	87	7	7
Pretoria	85	12	<b>2</b>
Standerton	42	4	3
Hlobane	26	17	1
Krugersdorp	20	$^{2}$	10
Sweetwaters	18	9	3
Dundee	16	15	8
Ermelo	16	15	8
Barberton	16	15	8
Doornpoort	11	15	0
Carolina		14	3

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These goals are based upon a ratio basis, and we know every church in this conference will be as zealous as last year, only more so, to go over the top. Some of our faithful churches even went above the goal as given in this list, such as Dundee, Pretoria, Hlobane, Durban, Spion Kop, and Ermelo. The individual goal is £3. Let us break all past records and go over the top in the case of each goal here set.

The papers and supplies are ordered and probably will be on hand upon receipt of this issue of the OUTLOOK.

Everything gives way to this one big campaign during August and September. Everything else comes second. A weekly report will be sent to each leader to be read to each church during the entire campaign.

Watch the next OUTLOOK for further important announcements. B. M. HEALD.

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#### **Our Sabbath Schools**

DURING the second quarter of 1926, the Sabbath schools in the Natal-Transvaal Conference have made a splendid record, both in the European and Native Departments. We now have eighteen Sabbath schools in the European Department, two new schools having joined our ranks this last quarter, namely Krugersdorp and Ferreira Town, Johannesburg. These two schools are the result of efforts recently held by Elders Carey and Hyatt. We are glad to welcome these new Sabbath schools. The total membership of the Sabbath schools in the European Department is 831.

There are twenty-three reporting Sabbath schools in the Native Department, with a membership of 450. The Sabbath school membership in this department has almost doubled during the past six months.

We have also had an increase in our Sabbath school offerings. Total offerings received for the twelve Sabbaths amounted to  $\pounds 229-1-3$ ; Thirteenth Sabbath offering,  $\pounds 70-0-3$ ; Birthday,  $\pounds 11-1-8$ , and Investment Fund,  $\pounds 3-5-7$ ; making a total of  $\pounds 313-8-9$  received from our European Sabbath schools during the quarter. For the first six months of 1926, the Sabbath schools in the European Department have contributed  $\pounds 632-13-5$  toward our mission goal.

I want to thank those secretaries, who have so faithfully carried on their work, for the splendid cooperation received. I trust the last six months of 1926 will see even higher goals reached.

#### CHANGE OF DATE

THIS is to inform the Sabbath schools in the Natal-Transvaal Conference that we have decided to postpone our Sabbath School Rally programme, which was to have been given on August 14, to Sabbath, October 30. Material will be sent to each Sabbath school superintendent in plenty of time, so that a good programme can be prepared and rendered on this special rally day.

#### INVESTMENT FUND

OUR next Investment Fund day is August 7, and material has been sent to each Sabbath school to be used on that day. On last Investment day, £3-5-7 came in to increase our mission gifts. I trust we may see this fund increased on August 7. Be sure to bring your boxes, labelled "Can Your Money," to Sabbath school on August 7.

> MARY C. NELSON. Conference S. S. Secretary.

### Louis Trichardt

Ons het onlangs die voorreg gehad om 'n besoek van Broeder B. P. de Beer te geniet.

Donderdag aand het hy met ons gepraat omtrent die aantrek van die vroue in dese daë. Die Kristelike standaard van aantrek is waarlik verlaag.

Sabbat môre het ons vroeg ons biduur met die kinders gehad, waar die Here se nabyheid duidelik gevoel was. Dit het ons aan die ou daë laat dink, toe ons eers die waarheid aangeneem het en nog vol van die eerste liefde was. "Gedenk dan, waarvan gy uitgevallen zyt, en bekeer u, en doe de eerste werken." Openb. 2:5.

Sabbat was daar 'n doop dins, waar twee kosbare siele in hul Here se dood begrawe was in die water graf. Die Avondmaal was gevier waar 'n groot opkoms was.

Die Heer het ons waarlik geseën deur die dienste wat hier gehou was.

Sondag middag was die heilige Huweliks Band gele tussen my seun Jacobus Blignaut en Hester Steenberg deur Br. de Beer.

Ons verheug ons by hernuwing van die, die dierbare waarheid verneem, en betreur dat somige onder ons trag om skeurings te bring onder God's gemeente deur 'n sogenaamde Hervorming bewegen te stig. Die enigste hervorming wat ons nodig het, is een wedergeboorte der hart gereinig deur Jesus bloed.

God dank, deur die genade van onse Here Jesus het ons hier te Louis Trichardt 'n helder blik gekry van 'n nuwe lewe en nie van 'n nuwe genootskap nie.

Broeders en susters, laat ons God tog ernstig bid om ons hart te verander, sodat ons nie meer vol begeertes is om agter ander gode te gaan nie, die ons in opstand bring teën God's volk, soos in die daë Karach, Dathan en Abiram die opgestaan het teën Moses die man Gods, die God geroep het sy volk te lei. Dink tog wat was hul lot gewees met al hul aanhangers en dink ook aan die sware wolwe die Paulus van spreek, die onder u sal opstaan om uteverwoest. Broeders, ons leef in daardie tyd. Hand. 20: 29, 30 se, "Want dit weet ik, dat na myn vertrek zware wolven tot u inkomen zullen die de kudde niet sparen; en uit u zelven zullen mannen opstaan, sprekende verkeerde dingen.

om de discipelen af te trekken achter zich." Ons is bly dat ons 'n Bybel het die alles voorsê. Nou dat die dinge kom weet ons dit is werke van Satan. God's Woord het die tyd bepaal wanneer die laaste bewegen sal ontstaan, so die ander mense is tagtig jare te laat met hul bewegen.

So laat ons maar staan by die wat ons weet is deur God geroep.

Ek is bang vir die wolwe wat in skaapse klere kom. Die koms van die Koning is nou te naby om nuwe gencotskape te stig.

Ek bly maar met die troos woorde van Jesaja 62: 11: "Zie Zyn loon is met Hem, en Zyn arbeidsloon is voor Zyn aangezicht.'

D. G. BLIGNAUT.

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# **Bolivia Native Church**

On the 29th of May, the Lord's Supper was celebrated at Bolivia native church. A good many people were present from different places. Some came from Lindley, Frankfort and Reitz districts. Only those of Mooispruit were not present.

The Spirit of the Lord was amongst His people. When the Lord's people meet together, they receive God's blessing, but if we neglect to meet together, we lose God's blessing.

Brother P. A. Venter and Brother J. J. van Rensburg were in charge of the meeting. The time was given to each one to give a testimony to the great God of heaven.

On May 30, a big meeting was held at Brother Van Rensburg's farm. Brother Van Rensburg instructed Brother Mbata to go all round inviting the people to come to the meeting. Many people came. There were ninety-four present. It was a public meeting. Brother Van Rensburg gave a very good ser-mon concerning the law of God, and all the people listened very carefully, using their Bibles. The next one was Brother P. A. Venter, who also stood up in like manner. He also gave a good sermon. Then the writer spoke in connection with the same subject. The meeting took fully three hours, and after it closed some of the people said they would come back to ask some questions, especially on the Sabbath.

J. NDABAMBI,

# SPION KOP COLLEGE E. D. DICK, Principal Private Bag, Ladysmith, Natal.

#### News Notes

MISS LINDUP is expected to arrive on Wednesday, the 21st, to take over the responsibility of the Music Department.

BROTHER AND SISTER MARTER, of North Rhodesia, left for Durban on July 15 after visiting their sons, Ernest and Charlie, for a few days.

WE are glad to report that Mrs. Dick continues to make very favourable progress after her recent illness. She expects to be back to normal in a few days.

THE most recent organisations at the College are culture clubs for both the young men and the young women. These should prove of very practical benefit to the students.

WE regret that two students have found it necessary to leave within the past two or three weeks. Ray Stockil left some two weeks ago, while Amy Bulgin left a few days ago.

OVER sixty Reading Course certificates will be issued to the students in the very near future. It seems altogether probable that this number will be increased to more than one hundred before the close of the school year.

A SUPERVISED evening study hour was recently instituted for the benefit of such students who find it difficult to utilise time to the best advantage. About twenty students attend at present, but the list may be extended later.

THE clothing factory is running at full capacity at present in the effort to keep abreast of the numerous orders which keep coming in a stream. The nut butter factory expects to maintain an output of more than 250 lbs a week in the immediate future.

G. E. SHANKEL.

# Literature for Angola

In a recent issue of our paper, a call was made for literature for the Angola field. We appreciate the interest shown by those who are willing to pay for a supply of literature to be sent to that very needy country. Many letters have been received by our tract society secretaries offering to help in the spread of the Message by paying for literature to be sent to Angola. We give below the literature which we have in the German and Portuguese languages together with the prices, and which would be a great blessing to our workers in Portuguese West as they meet with the people:

#### GERMAN

Tract Packages:

Big value package. Contains £1-11-0 worth of tracts-over 5,700 pages-425 tracts-16 different kinds especially selected for church or tent use, not including postage ..... £1 2 - 6No. 1.—On the Law and the Sabbath..... 1 6 No. 2.—On Prophecy and the Coming of the Lord ..... 1 6 No. 3.—Miscellaneous Subjects ..... 6 1 No. 4.—On Various Subjects ..... 6 1 A small assortment ..... 6 Leaves of Autumn Series: 1000 tracts (100 of each kind) ..... 150 250 tracts (25 of each kind) ..... 6 4 1 each, 10 tracts, in envelope ..... 6 PORTUGUESE Tract Packages:

An assorted selection for general mission-		
ary use, in clasp envelope	1	6
A small assortment		6

#### **Cape Conference**

Comparative Statement of Tithe and Mission Offerings for six months ending June 30, 1926

	TITHE	TITHE	MISS. OFF.	MISS. OFF.	TITHE	MISS. OFF.	GOAL TO
CHURCH	1sr. qr.	2ND. QR.	1st. Qr.	2nd. Qr.	6 mos.	6 MOS.	june 30
Cape Town	95 0 5	$100 \ 2 \ 11$	46 0 3	60 1 3	$195 \ 3 \ 4$	106 1 6	266 10 0
Claremont	$142 \ 10 \ 1$	$168 \ 4 \ 11$	$60 \ 16 \ 11$	$71 \ 4 \ 4$	$310 \ 15 \ 0$	$132 \ 1 \ 3$	211 5 0
Conference Church	$152 \ 6 \ 5$	$97 \ 4 \ 4$	$92 \ 9 \ 1$	$54 \ 1 \ 5$	$249 \ 10 \ 9$	$146 \ 10 \ 6$	$422 \ 10 \ 0$
East London	11 8 10	late	30 1 10	$3\ 18\ 3$	11 8 10	$34 \ 0 \ 1$	26 0 0
George	$12 \ 11 \ 9$	$80 \ 11 \ 10$	$4 \ 16 \ 10$	$20 \ 18 \ 6$	93 3 7	$25 \ 15 \ 4$	84 10 0
Grahamstown	2 19 0	$5\ 15\ 6$	$4 \ 4 \ 6$	$6 \ 11 \ 0$	8 14 6	$10 \ 15 \ 6$	29 5 0
Kingwilliamstown	$23 \ 12 \ 5$	44 8.0	$3\ 1\ 4$	20 7 9	$68 \ 0 \ 5$	23 9 1	$58 \ 10 \ 0$
Langkloof	$25 \ 12 \ 3$	7 2 6	$8\ 11\ 3$	$5 \ 10 \ 0$	-32 14 9	$14 \ 1 \ 3$	$130 \ 0 \ 0$
Port Elizabeth	$117 \ 12 \ 8$	$101 \ 9 \ 0$	$55 \ 15 \ 3$	$56\ 10\ 4$	$219 \ 1 \ 8$	112 5 7	$162 \ 10 \ 0$
Rokeby Park	$3\ 15\ 0$	54 9 0	$3 \ 9 \ 0$	$93 \ 1 \ 3$	$58 \ 4 \ 0$	$96\ 10\ 3$	78 0 0
Worcester	$47 \ 19 \ 6$	33 12 0	$54 \ 15 \ 2$	$14 \ 18 \ 5$	<b>81 11</b> 6	$69 \ 13 \ 7$	55 5 0
Wynberg	$78 \ 11 \ 2$	$83 \ 15 \ 4$	$19\ 15\ 4$	$44 \ 10 \ 1$	162 6 6	64 5 5	273  0  0
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P. W. WILLMORE, Secy.=Treas.

### **Orange River Conference**

### Report of Tithe and Mission Offerings for six months ending June 30, 1926

EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT

NAME OF CHURCH	TITHE	MISS. OFF. RECEIVED	MISS.OFF. GOAL	OVER	SHORT PER MEM.
*Emmanuel Mis.		21  0  0	9 15 0	11 5 0	5/4
Bloemfontein	$245 \ 6 \ 1$	$149 \ 7 \ 10$	$130 \ 0 \ 0$	$19 \ 7 \ 10$	2/10
Kimberley	$157 \ 10 \ 0$	89 7 8	$113 \ 15 \ 0$		24 7 4 $2/-$
Beaconsfield	$22 \ 18 \ 0$	$34 \ 16 \ 0$	55 5 0		$20 \ 9 \ 0 \ 1/7$
Boschberg	256 0 5	$65 \ 19 \ 5$	$136 \ 10 \ 0$		$70 \ 10 \ 7 \ 1/3$
Taungs	$54 \ 10 \ 6$	$25 \ 11 \ 9$	$58\ 10\ 0$		$32 \ 18 \ 3 \ 1/1$
Conference Church	290 9 9	$98 \ 3 \ 1$	445 5 0		347 1 11 7d.
Bolivia	95 5 8	$28 \ 15 \ 11$	$139 \ 15 \ 0$		110 19 1 6d.
Die Berg	7 19 0	$1 \ 17 \ 7$	$48 \ 15 \ 0$		46 17 5 1½d.
O. R. Conference	£1129 19 5	$514 \ 19 \ 3$	1137 10 0	30 12 10	$622 \ 10 \ 9 \ 1/2$
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\*Tithe credited to Native Department.

T. L. BULGIN, Secy. Treas.

## South African Union Conference Mission Offerings for six months ending June 30, 1926

		AV. PER WK.	% of
	GOAL	AMT. REC. PER MEM.	GOAL
Total European	4534 7 6	$2622 \ 18 \ 11 \ 1/4$	58%
Total Coloured	$123 \ 16 \ 6$	$54 \ 0 \ 8 \ 3/9$	44%
Total Native	311 7 0	102 5 10 9d.	33%
Total Union	£4969 11 0	£2779 5 5	56%

#### Our standing June 30 as compared with previous years

	1924	1925	1926
Goal	4276 0 6=100%	4517 10 0=100%	4969 11 0=100%
Amt. Rec'd.	3655 12 7 85%	2142 7 4 47%	2779 5 5 5 56%
Shortage	£ 620 7 11= 15%	£2375 2 8= 53%	£2180 5 7= 44%

#### Comparison with previous 6 months periods

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A. F. TARR, Secy. Treas.

# A SERIOUS SITUATION

We take the privilege to call the special attention of believers in the South African Union Conference to the accompanying reports. Shall we lower our mission offerings goal for 1926, or shall we pledge ourselves to the task that we have accepted? In order to reach our goal this year, it will take the united efforts of every church and of every member. Let us determine to do our part in providing the means for the work in the mission fields.

May we suggest that each church examine its record for the past half year, and put forth special efforts from now to the close of December to make up the deficit.

W.B.C.

#### **Report of Literature Sales for May**

August 1, 1926

Practical Guide.

& God's Answers.

S. J. Fourie

P vriodicals

Native sales

Office sales

Agents 2

Totals

40 68

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12 19 4

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"My husband and I have been wondering who was sending us the interesting little paper, and your letter came this morning explaining. Thank you very much for your kindness. I send them on afterwards to my husband's mother in England, so your paper is appreciated by others besides ourselves.'

"I AM sorry not to have answered you sooner to have thanked you for those copies of the Signs of the Times you sent me.

"I will be very glad to get them if you can spare them, or any other papers you may have to spare. With thanks.

"THANK you for your letter. I am indeed very grateful to you for your kind thought and I find the Signs of the Times far more interesting than any other literature on religion that I have read. As a matter of fact, I find it almost impossible to read religious tracts, etc. I find all of them as a rule far less interesting and helpful than the Bible.

"I wonder how you knew my name. Did a friend suggest it, or are you sending to others? I would like to have copies posted each month to two of my friends, and to that end am enclosing their addresses and postal order for 5/-. Could they have their year commencing the same time as mine, that is from April if you have any back copies? If not, I shall send them mine.'

"I THANK you for your kind letter and also for the three copies duly received at above address. I have thoroughly enjoyed them, and I shall be pleased to become a subscriber, for which I enclose cheque for 2/6."

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# Disappointment

- "DISAPPOINTMENT--His appointment, Change one letter then you see That the thwarting of my purpose Is God's better choice for me. His appointment must be blessing Though it may come in disguise; For the end from the beginning Open to His wisdom !ic-.
- "Disappointment-His appointment. Whose? The Lord's who loves me best Understands and knows ine fully, Who my faith and love would test, For like loving earthly parents He rejoices when He knows That His child accepts unquestioned All that from His wisdom flows.
- "Disappointment—His appointment, Change the letter then, dear friend, Take in cheerful acquiescence All thy Father's love may send; Soon will faith be lost in vision, Then in glory thou shalt see His appointment and that only Was the right way home for thee."

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# General News Notes

BROTHER J. N. DE BEER has returned from America after attending the General Conference session. Brother G. A. Ellingworth is expected on the 2nd inst.

BROTHER AND SISTER VAIL were appointed some few months ago to the work in the Belgian Congo. These persons arrived last week and proceeded immediately to their new field of labour.

WHILE visiting the Songa mission in the Belgian Congo, Elder Wright says: "They certainly do have a most delightful place here, and a work of a most encouraging nature is going forward."

ON the morning of the 19th ult., Brother and Sister R. G. Morton arrived in Cape Town from America. Brother and Sister Morton have gone to Bechuanaland to connect with the work in that field.

THERE has come to our notice the experience of an old lady in America. Our aged sister was thinking of the work in Africa, and a desire came to her heart to do what she could to help advance the work amongst the heathen. She spent considerable time gathering together little pieces of material, and these she patched together and made a quilt. This quilt was sold and the proceeds given for the education of a native boy in the Belgian Congo that he might go out and work for his people.

# Note of Thanks

I FEEL that I want to thank my brothers and sisters in the faith for the very tender sympathy extended to me during my sad experience of Mr. Nelson's accident. The earnest prayers have been heard and answered and both Mr. Nelson and I have felt the power of these united prayers. At present, Mr. Nelson is improving steadily and we hope that he can soon leave the hospital. Mrs. A. E. NELSON.

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# An Answer to Prayer

ON account of the serious condition of Brother O. R. Shreve, while in the Congo, it was decided by the workers of that field that he should return home. Our brother's life was despaired of, but special prayers were offered by the workers in the Congo that he might see his family once again. It was decided that Elder Boger should accompany Brother Shreve to the Cape as he was not able to travel alone. Brother Shreve was thoroughly examined by the doctor in Bulawayo, and the report was a very unfavourable one.

Upon arrival in Cape Town, Brother Shreve had to be carried from the train and medical help had to be sought immediately. Special prayers were offered by the church for his recovery, and the doctor who attended the case at the Cape reported that he could find no symptoms of such conditions as were found by the doctor at Bulawayo, and, while it seemed at first that a very serious operation would be necessary and that Brother Shreve would need to go to hospital, the Lord saw fit to hear the prayers offered for his recovery, and he has now returned to his home at Somerset West.

We rejoice that the Great Physician who, when upon earth brought relief to suffering humanity, still lives. W. B. C.

# Obituary

RASMENI.—On Tuesday morning, July 6, Brother Joseph Rasineni passed peacefully away at his home at Waaihoek, Bloemfontein, aged seventy years. His was a life full of devotion to, and service for his Lord and Master. His greatest anxiety, during the six days' illness preceding death, was for the work which he loved so well, and which he feared would suffer by reason of his enforced absence from it.

Brother Rasmeni was an indefatigable worker during all the twenty-two years in which he was engaged in the work of the Third Angel's Message. His exemplary life has not been without its effect upon the lives of great numbers of those with whom he was frequently brought into contact in Bloemfontein, Kroonstad, Aliwal North, and other centres where he has laboured.

Our brother was ordained to the ministry in 1921 in the Waaihoek church to which, after having laid aside the armour, his remains were tenderly borne, where a solemn service was held. The concourse of mourners was so large that the church building was filled to overflowing, and many failed to obtain even standing room.

He was laid to rest on Wednesday afternoon in the Waaihoek cemetery, where we believe he is sleeping in Jesus until the resurrection morn. The writer conducted the services at the church and at the graveside.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the bereaved wife, daughter, and other relatives. S. J. STEVENSON.