

Little Town of Bethlehem

O LITTLE town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by; Yet in the dark streets shineth the Everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondr'ing love, O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth ! And praises sing to God the King, and preach to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n ! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n. No ear may hear His coming; but in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in,—be born in us today, We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell,— Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Annual Meeting of the Division Committee

On the morning of the 27th of November, members of the Division committee were called together at the Cape to give consideration to special items requiring attention at this time. A large agenda was presented to the members at the opening meeting and several days were taken in studying the problems that were brought before us.

At the recent session of the General Conference committee and when study was given to appropriations for the world field for 1927, the brethren did their best for the advancement of the work in Africa. The largest appropriation ever yet granted to this field was made for 1927, but notwithstanding this fact, the Division committee found itself, as it attempted to distribute these funds, somewhat perplexed to know how to provide for the many calls that have come to us for help. Work already established must be cared for, and as it develops, it must be strengthened. Fresh calls come to us from many parts of the field to send the evangelist and teacher. New sections of the country must be opened up for "this gospel of the kingdom must be preached to every tribe and people, before the Lord shall come. Funds were appropriated for 1927 in an endeavour to provide for our present work, and special grants were made for new work. We believe that the time has come when special efforts should be given to the strengthening of our medical work, which truly is the right arm of the Message.

Immediately following our committee meeting, Brethren Anderson and French plan to take an investigating trip through French Equatorial Africa. These brethren will go where no Adventist missionary has yet been, and we pray that God's blessing may go with them as they endeavour to prepare the way to place the banner of truth in that dark field.

The South African Union Conference committee also met the past week to counsel with the Division committee regarding their work. In the native territories of the Union of South Africa, we have a large population and extensive plans are in mind for the development of the work in the large stretches of territory in Zululand, Kafirland, and Pondoland. The Division agreed to the recommendation of the South African Union Conference regarding a re-organisation of its work for the native people. In our next issue we will have a report from Elder Wright laying the entire plan before us and giving full details. Many other items were considered by the brethren in counsel, but we will not take the space here to report on these.

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For the past five days, our churches not only in this country but throughout the world, have been engaging in a season of prayer. As a result of this special privilege, we should be strengthened for the task that lies before us, and for a fuller, deeper Christian experience. The perfect standard of character is to be reached this side of the kingdom, and with each passing year our responsibilities become more solemn. "Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse."

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPT.

J. I. ROBISON, Secy., Grove Ave., Claremont, C. P.

Every Member a Working Member

Saved to Serve

EVERY Missionary Volunteer has enlisted for service in the cause of the Master. We are volunteers. We have pledged ourselves to take an active part in the work of the Missionary Volunteer society, and to do what we can to help others, and to finish the work of the gospel in all the world. One of our goals is, "Every member a working member,"

But why stress service so strongly? We are not saved by works, nor do they have any part in the salvation of any of us. It is only by an intelligent faith in the sacrifice of Calvary that we can ever receive the assurance of salvation from sin. Christian service is not rendered then in order to gain salvation, but we have been saved in order that we may serve. "Saved to serve" is the gospel order. An unsaved man does not work for salvation, but a saved man will work because he has received salvation. His labour is an outgrowth of love, the fruit of the indwelling Spirit of Christ in his heart.

Christ is our example. We are to follow in His footsteps. "His life was one of unselfish service, and it is to be our lesson book. His tender, pitying love rebukes our selfishness and heartlessness."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 38.

Matthew gives us an account of the final separating test that Christ Himself will make when "before Him shall be gathered all nations." "Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world : For I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me in: naked, and ve clothed Me: I was sick, and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungered, and fed Thee? or thirsty, and gave Thee drink? When saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and clothed Thee? Or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25:34-40.

"Every member a working member." From the above text, it seems that this is also Christ's goal for us, for when He separates the faithful from the faithless at His coming, He hears the great missionary report given by His children in their ministry for others.

port given by His children in their ministry for others. Knowing, then, that "pure religion and undefiled before God" is loving service for others, shall we not as Missionary Volunteers pledge ourselves anew to take an active part in the missionary work of our society doing what we can to help others and to finish the work of the gospel in our own community?

J. I. ROBISON.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Thirteenth Sabbath Offering December 25, 1926

EVER since our Saviour uttered the wonderful truth that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," the spirit of giving has prompted the heart of the Christian. The Christmas season is symbolic of the great love of God for His children in the gift of His Son, Jesus; and at this season of the year how fitting it is that we should bring a special gift for the millions of China, who know nothing of God's gift of His only begotten Son as our Saviour.

And the need is overwhelming. China, with her 440,000,000 of people in heathen darkness midst revolution, turmoil and disease, cannot help herself, but is today calling to us to come over and help her. Today is our day of opportunity to bring an offering for China that will help to swell the gifts of God's people from the whole world to a goodly sum to bring the blessings of salvation to the multitudes of China.

It is our privilege today to help fulfil Isaiah's prophecy: "Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim." Isa. 49:12.

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CONGO MISSION FIELD

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Without a Knowledge of God

RECENTLY. I made a very interesting trip into the southern part of the South Congo Mission Field. The people seemed eager for the Message. During one meeting, we pointed out that because of the intellectual and moral influence of Christianity the white race as a whole has benefited. There was a time when the white people lived almost as do the natives of the present time. In fact, history seems to bear out the fact that they had descended so low that some were cannibalistic. The true God was forgotten. They had their gods of wood and of stone, but when these proved to be futile, they turned to the teachers who were beginning to go through the country bearing tidings of the true God and of His Son. As a result, the purifying and uplifting influence of these teachings wrought a wonderful change.

God has commanded His people to take these teachings into all the world, even into those countries where Satan has succeeded in keeping the people in ignorance of the God of heaven. His plan has been to cause men to worship gods of wood and stone. Thus in the worship of these visible gods they would forget the God of heaven. As these first idolaters passed away, their children received these gods and carried on the

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and carried on the worship of them. And so it has gone on for centuries, until at the present time the people h a ve these gods and know not the true God.

After this little talk with the people, we received the following answers to our questions:

Question. "From where did these gods come?" Answer.—"Our fathers left them

when they died." Ques.—"Did your fathers tell you where they got them?"

A n s.—"Y e s, their fathers gave them to them."

Ques.—"If you take a sick man to them, do they heal him?"

Ans.—"Ah no, they are only wood."

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Ques.—"If you speak to them, do they hear?" Ans.—"No, they have no ears."

Ques.—"If you are in trouble and go to them, do they help you?"

Ans.—"They have no hands or feet."

 $Ques.--^{``} Have your gods ever done anything that you know of?''$

Ans.---''No!''

Ques.—"Then why do you serve them?"

Ans .--- "Because our fathers did."

Ques.— "Will you continue to worship these gods of wood and stone, or will you accept the true God who has done so much for us, and Who says, "Whosoever will may come"?"

We then offered to tell them the next morning how the Son of God died for us, and that He is coming again. In the morning, a large number assembled, and I referred to what had been said the evening before. "Do not stop to tell us about that," a little group of men said. "Last night when we went home we destroyed those gods, and broke their calabashes and huts. Tell us now about the true God." I told of the coming of Jesus, and finally made an appeal for a show of hands from those who would accept Him. Up went the hands, and a chorus of voices testified to their faith. It was touching to see the glad light in their eyes. There was an incident which went to my heart. One woman at the back of the crowd, in her eagerness to be seen, stood up, and as if that were not enough, she raised both her hands as high as she could. The Saviour means something to her.

One Friday, we made our camp at a village, intending to stay over Sabbath. There was a famine in this section of the country, and the people seemed much concerned about their bodily ailments. They came flocking around for medicine for sore eyes, etc. On Sabbath afternoon, I strolled through the village and found a woman lying on a mat. She seemed to have a high fever, and I decided to fetch some quinine. Teacher Tom met me on the way back, and said, "Come, see here. There is a woman. She has small pox." He led me back to this same woman. They would not hear of segregation, because that would not be an act of love. Quite cheerfully, the chief told me that three of his folks were just recovering, that this was the fourth, and that soon this bad sickness would come to all of them. Some would recover, others would die, but it would not trouble them again, and would pass on to another village.

Next day, as we entered another village, we heard the mournful wailing for the dead. A woman had died a few hours previously. Huddled into a hut were all the women and children of the village. The tears were streaming down their faces. On the edge of a mat in the centre, five or six chief mourners were grouped, while one old woman had the dead person in her arms. Throughout the day and night they would take turns in holding her. At once my mind went back to the previous day. "What if this is small pox," I thought. Oh, what a need for medical advice and help. Lepers are allowed to mingle, without any restrictions, among the village people. Other cases, even more gruesome, could be given. Many must remain in these conditions until death takes them. But must it be without a knowledge of the Saviour? May the Lord make it possible for us to send someone to help these needy people.

The romance of mission life fades before these stern realities. We have a grim, tremendous task—the salvation of a lost race. But the workers in this field are of good courage. A fine spirit of unity and consecration prevails, and we look forward to a rich harvest of souls in the near future. L. BILLES.

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A Letter of Appreciation

ON April 17, many of our churches responded loyally to an appeal for one Sabbath's offering for the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The funds raised as a result of this appeal were recently passed on to the society, and the following reply received from the Rev. M. J. M. van Coller, M. C. secretary of the Central African Agency, will be of interest to our members:

'Dear Mr. Tarr,

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., enclosing a cheque for $\pounds 10-19-2$, as a contribution to the funds of the Bible Society, for which I wish to thank you very sincerely. I, personally, deeply appreciate this evidence of practical interest in our work of disseminating the Word of God among the nations.

"With best wishes for God's richest blessing,

"I am, yours sincerely,

"(Signed) Meyer van Coller, Agency Secretary." A. FLOYD TARR.

ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE J. N. DE BEER, President. ADDRESS: P. O. Box 270, Bloemfontein, O. F. S.

Rapport van die Veld

ONLANGS was dit my voorreg met die lede van die Bolivia en Boschberg kerke te ontmoet vir ons gewoonlike kwartaalse vergaderings. Dit was aanmoedigend om te sien hoe veel op gekom het na die vergaderings terwyl ons weet dat die meeste van ons lede ver verwyd is en dat dit groot opofferings en moeite kos om teenwoordig te wees. Maar ons mense gevoel hulle behoefte aan die opskerping en nuwe krag wat God's kinders ontvang met die byeenkomste van tyd tot tyd, en daarom is hulle gewillig alles te doen om teenwoordig te wees. Die Here se "Waar twee of drie in My naam vergaderd is, daar is Ek in die midde van hulle." Ek voel seker dat elkeen die teenwoordig was met ons laaste vergaderings van die Bolivia en Boschberg kerke kan getuig dat die teenwoordigheid van die Heilige Gees gevoel was in 'n besondere wyse.

Almal het terug gegaan na hulle plase, met blydskap en nuwe moed om te volhard in die "Goede Stryd des geloofs."

Met die dienste in Aliwal-Noord was Elder G. S. Joseph met ons. Almal was verblyd om hom daar te sien en die aanmoedigende boodskap, aangaande die vooruitgang van die laaste boodskap, was hoog waardeer deur almal wat teenwoordig was.

Deur ons jonge mense en kinders in byde kerke, was daar 'n baie interesante, en doeltreffende programme gelewer. Dit het oud en jonk goed gedoen om daar na te luister. Mog die Here ons jeug genadiglik bystaan dat hulle begeerte altoos sal wees om te oefend in dinge die strek tot opbouwing van ons geestelike lewe, en dinge wat lei na die wereld, te laat.

Die teenwoordigheid van Suster C. C. Cloete in haar swart gewaad was vir ons almal 'n herinnering dat haar man, ons broer, in die graf rus, en dat hy nie meer met ons kan deel neem in die avondmaal op hierdie aarde voor die koms van ons Heiland. Maar dit was ook vir ons 'n herinnering dat dit nie meer lank sal wees nie, voor data die grawe sal geope word en die wat in Jesus gestorwe is sal eers opstaan, en as ons getrou bly, sal ons mekaar weer ontmoed aan die tafel wat myle in lengte sal wees, waar Jesus self weer met die verloste van die wynstok opnuuw sal geniet. Die gedagte bring hoop en vreugde, en spoor ons aan tot meer getrouheid vir ons Heer en Sy werk op aarde, want wanneer die werk klaar is dan sal Hy kom.

Dit was ook my voorreg om 'n aantal van ons verwyderde lede te besoek op hulle plase en dit het my goed gedaan om te sien hoe 'n goeie gees en ware eengesindheid en liefde daar is onder ons mense. Dit was my aangenaam met die broeders en susters te praat oor die moeilikhede waar hulle teen te kampe het, en met hulle saam te bid. Die begeerte van almal is om vas te hou aan die waarheid tot die einde.

Ook het ek ons kleurling gemeentes besoek en dienste met hulle gehou in die Reitz distrik, Aliwal Noord lokasie en op Musong in die Herschel distrik. Daar is lewe onder ons swart mense en die Here seen ons werk onder hulle. Wat ons nodig het is meer arbeiders en ons moet die Here vra daar voor.

Op Aliwal Noord het ons 'n kleurling broeder en suster gedoop in die Oranje Rivier. Daar was baie mense teenwoordig en dit was merkbaar dat 'n goeie indruk gemaak was op almal wat daar was. Daar is nog omtrent 60 kandidate in ander dele van die veld wat wag om gedoop te word by die einde van Desember as gevolg van ons werk onder die naturele gedurende die afgelope jaar.

Op Taungs is Broeder Venter besig in 'n tent poging

onder die inboorlinge, en dit was my voorreg 'n paar daë gelede die dienste vir 'n paar aande waar te neem. Die opkoms is goed, selfs die hoof kaptein woon die dienste by en stel belang in ons werk. Daar is dus alle hoop en verwagting dat siele gewen sal word tot die waarheid.

Wanneer hierdie OUT-LOOK in die hande van ons lede kom sal ons in die tyd van die "Week des Gebeds" wees. Mog dit 'n tyd wees van ernstig gebed en volkome oorgawe aan die Here, en dan oorwinning van alles wat verkeerd is in ons lewes te behaal. Laat ons doen so as Spreuke 28:13 ons leer. As dit is dat ons miskien ontrouw is in die houding van die Sabbat, of in tiende en offerande, of wat dit ook mag wees, laat ons dat bely en doen wat reg is, en die Here sal ons krag gee daar toe.

Laat ons nie vergeet op Sabbat die 18de sal ons ons Jaarlikse offerande opneem. Laat ons terug dink hoe veel dit gekoes het vir ons saligheid, en sal ons dan nie alles doen wat moontlik is om die saligmakende waarheid aan andere te bring. Mog ons almal so besield wees met die Gees van opoffering dat dit ons sal dring te gee vir die Heer se saak so as nog nooit tevore. Nie meer lank, sal dit duur voor die werk sal klaar wees, en dan sal ons gifte nie meer nodig wees nie. So laat ons nou gee, terwyl dit nog nodig is. Psa. 50:5.

U God's rykste seen toewensend vir die Nuwe Jaar, Uw broeder.

J. N. DE BEER.

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News Notes

THE Emmanuel mission school is enjoying the best enrolment in its experience.

MISS SUTHERLAND has been invited to connect with the work at the Kolo mission, in Basutoland.

BROTHER P. VENTER'S effort at Taungs was held in the kraal of the paramount chief, and was well attended.

THE building site for the new church at Kimberley has been secured, and the plan of the building has been passed by the Division Building Committee.

ELDER J. N. DE BEER has gone to the Cape for a few days to attend a meeting of the South African Union Conference committee, and of the Spion Kop College board.

ATTENTION is especially directed to the financial report given below. For the ten months ending October 31, the members of the Bloemfontein church have contributed to mission funds 4/2 per week per member.

Orang. River Conference

Report of Tithe and Mission Offerings for ten months ended 31st. Oct., 1926

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NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE B. M. HEALD, President A. E. NELSON, Secy.-Treas. OFFICE ADDRESS: P. O. Box 6154, Johannesburg, Tvl.

Prayer-Power

To safeguard ourselves against the evil tide of the times, our only safety is to live in a nearness to God through prayer. We are not safe a moment apart from a prayerful life.

Funds for supporting the cause of God can only come as they are generated in the prayer chamber. Our tithe will only be given as it is prompted by a life of prayer. Souls will be born into the kingdom in proportion to a life of prayer.

Prayer is power. Prayer changes things. Prayer is an active force. We are lost without prayer. Prayer is the solution of all our conference, church and home problems, and may God give us prayer-power for the finishing of the work in the Natal-Transvaal Conference. B. M. HEALD.

TRANSVAAL-DELAGOA MISS. FIELD J. R. CAMPBELL, Supt., Mrs. J. R. CAMPBELL, Secy.-Treas. Address: 108, Ivy Road, Norwood, Tvl.

The Northern Transvaal

THE writer recently concluded an effort held at a native village about twenty-three miles from the town of Potgietersrust. As a result, twenty persons have taken their stand for the Truth. A Sabbath school with an attendance of between sixty and seventy is conducted each Sabbath, and we have a day school of thirty-three bright children. Because of the lack of other accommodation, this school is held in our meeting tent, which we have been compelled to allow to remain standing for the time being.

The only native worker we have in this large section of the field is an evangelist, but he is doing his best in the line of teaching. If we could secure a good teacher for this school, there is every prospect of our being able to treble the attendance. We are hopeful of shortly obtaining the necessary permission to erect a building for church and school purposes in this village. There are some thirty or forty villages in this part of the country.

In connection with this effort, medical help was rendered to several hundreds of people who came from long distances to receive this help and to learn of the work we are doing. I am convinced that medical work is an important factor in our efforts for the evangelisation of the heathen.

At a location thirty-six miles south-east of Pietersburg, the principal of a large native school under government control, with his wife and family, is keeping the Sabbath. It was my privilege last week to meet with these earnest native folks and to conduct services in their home. A Sabbath school is held regularly, and while I was there there was an attendance of sixteen. They have learned to give to the work of God and are happy in their newly found faith. Though the chief of this location is not favourable to any public effort being held by us, Brother and Sister Tabane are letting their light shine, the leaven of truth is at work, and we hope for good results.

We have been able to give consideration to that very important branch of the work, the sale of our good literature. We have one man canvassing in the Potgietersrust district, and trust shortly to be able to start a young man in the district of Pietersburg. These men need help and training. If the right men are encouraged, there is no reason why this section of the field should not help to swell considerably the value of our literature sales.

Before concluding. I should like to write something regarding our European work. While in Pietersburg the other day, I visited a family who has been interested in the Sabbath for years. For some reason or other they have never come in contact with Adventists until just recently. The old gentleman of the home claims to have been interested in the Sabbath ever since he was a young man, or for a period of about forty-five years. He did not know of Seventh-day Adventists but has a copy of "Bible Readings." He has remained a nominal member of the Dutch Reformed Church all these years, and just now, while the members of the church in Pietersburg are deeply stirred over some triffing question regarding the ordinance of the Lord's supper and a serious split in the church is threatened, he has had opportunity at their deliberations to direct attention to more important matters such as the members' duty to the law of God and to the Sabbath. Who can tell but that the Lord hid him all these years "for such a time as this" for a special purpose?

I found Brother and Sister M. B. Warden full of courage and faithfully letting their light shine in Pietersburg. Others are interested in the Truth and we should organise a Sabbath school there as soon as possible. The "Capital of the North" is calling for a European effort and the time seems ripe for it.

After an absence of several weeks from Potgietersrust, I met with our little Home Department Sabbath school in our home last Sabbath. There were ten of us present and we had a good time together. We are hopeful of increasing this number in the near future.

We solicit an interest in your prayers, brethren and sisters, for the rapid advancement of the Lord's work in this portion of the world-wide field.

J. E. Symons.

News Notes

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SOME months ago, Brother Joel Mabusela, our worker at Makapanstad, returned to his home in the Potgietersrust district, from which he had been absent for many years.

The message he brought back with him made quite a stir in his home village, and a few began to keep the Sabbath.

About two months ago, Brother Symons pitched his tent here, and with Brother Mabusela's help, carried on a strong evangelistic effort.

AFRICAN DIVISION OUTLOOK

A CHURCH building has just been erected at Linokana.

FROM a farm in this district, we hear that twenty families have accepted the Truth. We have been unable thus far to investigate this interest.

BROTHER SYMONS in a recent letter reports that twenty-three have joined the baptismal class, and about the same number are in the hearers' class.

THE Northern Transvaal is experiencing a serious drought. Cattle are dying by the thousands, and the prospects of this season's crops are very poor. J. R. CAMPBELL.

Report of Literature Sales for October

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The gift season is here, and as the children are remembered what is more appropriate than a book containing choice Bible stories? As a denomination we have the best selection that can be found, and believe that the best is none too good for the younger members of our family circle. Below we list a few, selected from our catalogue :

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Happy is the Man

I po not know how happy that young man Robinson is. I have no measure of happiness to tell how deep, how satisfying, how precious it is. But I do know that Robinson is a happy man. I see him going by my window every day. He goes one way in the morning, and the other way in the evening. The way he goes in the morning is with a sort of glorified look on his face, and he keeps turning around and waving his hand back at his cottage down the street, and then he smiles deeper (if that is the way to express it), and goes on. And when he comes back at night, his step is eager and his face all lighted up as though he were expecting something. And the next thing, there is a swift patter of little feet on the pavement and out come running two little children, a boy and a girl, to meet him. The one hangs with both hands upon his daddy's left, the other hangs upon her daddy's right. And they go swinging along, their faces upturned, their tongues clattering and their laughter ringing out, while Robinson looks down first this side and then that side, answering them, but always pushing on with his eager step toward that cottage, where mother is waiting. You cannot tell me young Robinson is not happy. "As arrows are in the hands of a mighty man; so are children of youth. Happy is the man that hath his guiver full of them."

I cannot help wondering how Robinson will be ten, fifteen years from now. There are a good many hard things to go through in ten and fifteen years. They tell on a man. But if he and his wife keep their children's love, if they are wise enough and skilful enough to steer those children through the perils of the world and of the age, so that they grow up true-hearted, pure, earnest, loving children, why, I know that when I see Robinson then he will have that light on his face which comes from away down where happiness grows.

Is Robinson planning on that? I hope he will not drift and let things go to take care of themselves. Happiness is not earned that way, especially in the training of children. "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord," and God gives them into our keeping, expecting that we will make ourselves intelligent enough to keep them in trust for Him.

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General News Notes

WE are glad to report that Brother Shreve is gaining strength again.

ELDER W. H. BRANSON will proceed to Bulawayo soon to attend the meeting of the Zambesi Union committee.

BRETHREN F. SNYMAN AND W. BIBKENSTOCK, as associate members of the Spion Kop College board, have been attending meetings at the Cape.

WORK on the erection of the dormitories at Somerset West is proceeding rapidly. Walls to the boys' dormitory are well under way, and excavations for the foundation of the girls' dormitory are almost completed.

Obituaries

CLOEFE.-On Saturday evening, October 23, Brother C. C. Cloete fell asleep in Jesus at the home of his daughter Sister J. C. Marais, of Lady Grey Our brother had reached the ripe age of 73 years and 6 months.

The Message was accepted by Brother Cloete and family about fifteen or sixteen years ago and he was faithful to the end, al-

though being a great sufferer for a number of years. Our brother was laid to rest in the Lady Grey cemetery. Words of comfort were spoken by Brother Vorster and others.

Our deepest sympaties are extended to Sister Cloete and the family who are left to mourn the loss of a good husband and father.

May we all be kept faithful and meet again on the resurrec-S. G. HITEN. rection morn.

DAVIDS .- Sister Johanna Davids passed away at the age of sixty-one years, on the 5th of November, at her home at Vasco, Cape. Sister Davids accepted the Message as the result of the labours of Brother Clifford, and has regularly attended the Elsie's River church. Although not a baptised member, our sister was in harmony with all points of the Truth. She was laid to rest by the writer in full hope of the first resurrection. D. C. THEUNISSEN.