



**Our Annual Effort in Behalf of the
“Signs of the Times”**

READERS of the OUTLOOK are so well acquainted with the general plans for our annual *Signs* rally that it is almost unnecessary to go into the details of the campaign. During the week, February 12 to 19, special attention will be given by the members in all the churches to the *Signs* work.

At the close of 1926, the Publishing House was printing 9,000 copies per issue as compared with 8,429 at the end of 1925. We are glad that the circulation of our missionary paper has been increased by about 500 copies per issue during the past year. The goal we are working to is 15,000 *Signs of the Times* circulated in the African Division every month. In order to reach this goal, 6,000 new subscriptions are required. Based on membership a fair distribution of this goal would be—Natal-Transvaal Conference, 2,250; Cape Conference, 2,250; Orange River Conference, 1,000; union mission fields, 500.

The following table shows how many *Signs* are being used at the present time in each of the fields:

	SUBSCRIPTIONS	CLUBS	TOTAL
Natal-Transvaal Conf.	833	4185	5018
Cape Conference	358	2610	2868
Orange River Conference	81	612	693
Mission fields	70	336	406
	1342	7743	8985

It is interesting to note that in the Natal-Transvaal Conference, the church members are taking an average

of just a little more than seven copies each, per issue. In the Cape Conference, the average is a little less than five copies per member. In the Orange River Conference, the average is much lower—being only about one and a half copies per member per issue.

HOW CAN WE REACH OUR GOAL

How can we reach our goal of 15,000 copies of the *Signs* every issue is a question which may come to the minds of some as they plan for this campaign. It is not necessarily the church with the largest membership that is going to succeed in reaching its goal

unless the whole of the membership is organised for service. History proves that in the past it has not been the nations with the largest number of men that have always won the great battles, but it has been the nations with the largest number of men in the *right place* at the *right time* that

have gained great victories. So, the success of our 1927 *Signs* rally will depend upon the successful mobilisation of the *whole church for service*.

A CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH

Upon the church has been placed the responsibility of giving the Message to all the world in this generation. We are commanded to “scatter the printed pages like the leaves of autumn.” Surely this applies to every one of us. In “Testimonies to the Church,” Vol. 1, page 120, we read, “everyone who professes the truth should be a living preacher.” The *Signs of the Times* is our missionary paper. Every issue is just brim-full of articles containing the important truths

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for this time. As the servant of God wrote many years ago, "there are many starving for the bread of life. The *Signs* laden with the rich food, is a feast to many of these who are not of our faith. . . . The silent preacher, enriched with the precious matter, should go forth on wings of prayer, mingled with faith, that it may do its appointed work in shedding the light of truth upon those who are in the darkness of error."

With just a small effort, practically every member could secure six new subscriptions to the *Signs*. Is it not a fact that we all have friends whom we would like to see getting the Message? Take a copy of the paper to them and ask them to subscribe to it for a year. Then, when your trades-people call to sell their goods you have a splendid opportunity to present the paper and secure a subscription. What about the neighbours in your street? Should the Lord come tomorrow could we all say, "I have finished the work, Thou gavest me to do," or would some of the people around our homes point to us in their despair and say—"you knew this was coming, why did you not tell us?" Brethren and sisters, shall we not all put forth an effort during the *Signs* rally week—February 12 to 19 to co-operate with the officers of our church in giving the Truth to as many as possible by securing at least six new subscribers.

G. S. JOSEPH.



A Most Profitable Worker

THE *Signs of the Times* is a real preacher! It is a live, wide-awake missionary! It has proved to be a splendid soul winner! It is a most profitable and an inexpensive worker! This has been the experience of the *Signs* for years in every part of the country, where it has been sent forth on its mission. It has been termed by the servant of the Lord as "Our Missionary Paper," and it has done a noble part in opening the way for the Truth to be more fully presented. In fact, as it has found its way into many homes, precious souls have been won to the message of truth, which we as Seventh-day Adventists so much love. Elder Spicer recently said, "The 1927 *Signs* programme will make Sabbath keepers."

We have just entered the year 1927. At the very beginning of this New Year, we are anxious to lay such plans as will assure our missionary paper accomplishing the most possible. Thus the *Signs* Campaign date has been set, February 12-19. During the time allotted to this work, we trust that the way will be opened for this excellent paper to enter scores of homes where the light of Present Truth has never penetrated. However, to make this possible will require the co-operation of every church member throughout the South African Union Conference.

To assist in promoting the campaign, the Union Home Missionary department, together with the local conference officers, will endeavour to set clearly before you the mission of the *Signs* in South Africa. Helpful and well devised plans will be passed on to church elders and missionary leaders. Instructions will be given as to how to secure subscriptions, as well as how to carry on different lines of missionary work with the papers. Suggestions will also be made regarding follow-up work where the *Signs* has created an interest.

Our brethren in arranging the programme are doing their utmost to make it helpful.

Therefore, we take this opportunity to appeal to all church elders and officers to receive kindly the matter sent on to the churches pertaining to the campaign, and we likewise sincerely request that you do your best to follow instructions. Begin now to lay your plans for a stirring programme in behalf of the *Signs*.

The paper is adapted to the needs of Africa and is our own "Prophetic Monthly." At present, it has a circulation of 9,000. We are anxious that this shall be increased to at least 15,000 copies per month for the present year. This can be accomplished if all will enter heartily into the spirit of the programme and do a full part. We believe that you will co-operate with us in making this campaign a success, because of your splendid response to other campaigns in the past. Therefore, we count upon your best to help us in circulating the *Signs* for 1927.

J. F. WRIGHT.



Fifty Dollars Sent From America

How many people in South Africa appreciate our missionary paper as much as one of our believers in America, who for two successive years now has sent a cheque for \$50 to be used in circulating the *Signs of the Times*? This is what Brother W. D. Salisbury, of California, has done. In sending his cheque this year, he writes: "It has been about a year since I sent you a small donation to your missionary paper so that you can supply some of your workers with the paper for free distribution. The Lord has blessed during the past year, and I feel like sending another remittance of \$50 to be used in the same way for 1927. I have read with much interest your paper (the *Outlook*) that tells of the work being done in your country. It is wonderful how the Lord's spirit is going out before the workers and preparing the way for them. This same Spirit is working in all parts of the world in the same way. We seem slow in comprehending it. I well remember my visit to your country in 1900, on my way to the General Conference from Australia. The work has grown rapidly since that time. I trust it is prospering at the present time."

The *Signs of the Times* is a wonderful evangelising agency, and money and time spent in its distribution will surely bring in a harvest of souls. We may not actually see the results in every instance, but the Lord has promised to water the seed that we sow for Him. As the *Signs* Campaign is presented this year, let us each resolve to increase his activities along this line.

We may not all be able to set aside £10 to be spent in circulating the *Signs of the Times* during the year, but what if each church member in the African Division should put aside £1 this year to be spent in this way; can we estimate the results? The *Signs* list would be materially increased, and we believe many souls would be won to the Truth as a direct result. We know that many of our church members are investing much more than £1 a year in this way, and we wish to encourage those who have not done anything in the past, to respond to the call to subscribe to, and circulate a good-sized club this year.

Where a church club of not less than 500 is taken, individual members in that church can get papers in

any size club they desire from the church home missionary secretary at 1d per copy. We know of some individuals who are taking a club each month of 500 copies. Surely all can take a club of 100, or at the least, 50 copies.

Our goal for a printing list of 15,000 each month is not high, provided all will take part in this good work. It will be a big task if only a few take part, but if each church member will do his part then the individual task will be comparatively small. We are counting on YOU doing your part this year.

J. G. SLATE.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPT.

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

Young People's Problems No. 2

Is God's Word Dependable?

WE are living in a day of much Bible controversy, in a day when scepticism has become well nigh universal. Every young person must meet this condition and decide for himself if the Bible is in truth the veritable Word of God. Many are saying today, that the diction of the Bible is obsolete and should be changed; but my friends, the Bible does not need to be *rewritten*, it needs to be *reread*; its precepts need to be believed and its example practised in every day life.

The Bible is the only book in the world that is, and always has been, up-to-date. It is an historical fact that the Bible has never once been revised to meet the advance of scientific knowledge and history; while on the other hand, history and science have often been revised to meet the Bible. Many illustrations of this might be given; space will permit but one. Some years ago, there was a controversy in England over the statement in the 20th chapter of Isaiah about Sargon, King of Assyria. It is the only place he is ever mentioned. No historian had ever written about this Sargon. Infidels and Bible critics said he never existed, and the Bible evidently was mistaken, and therefore could not be the divine revelation of God.

But God always has a witness for the truth. At that time, a professor connected with the British Museum arranged an expedition to go up the old Tigris River and find the city of Nineveh. After careful search and months of work, the ancient city was exposed, and one of the first things taken out was a very large cylinder of stone, engraved in the Assyrian language, which when deciphered proved to be the life account of this Sargon, King of Assyria, and his exploits as a warrior.

Many such testimonies could be given, every one of which has proved the truthfulness of God's Word, and never once has such a discovery proved the Bible to be false. A visitor to the British Museum in London some years ago said to the old superintendent, "Show me some curios or other evidence that the Bible is not true," and the superintendent answered, "Sir, I can show you ten thousand curios that demonstrate the Bible is true beyond the peradventure of a doubt,

but there isn't a thing in this establishment that can contradict that truth."

Dear young friends, in this short article it is impossible to give a tithe of the evidence that could be given to show that the Bible is dependable, and is in truth the Word of the living God. But do not take my word for it, or the testimony of any man either for or against the Book; but study it for yourself, read it from Genesis to Revelation. You will find it promotes the Christian graces and virtues such as love, peace, gentleness, goodness, and faith; while it denounces every evil word and work. You will find that it treats on the questions of eternal import, such as the judgment, the future life, and the end of the wicked, and it is the only book in the world that claims to be an authority on these important questions. You will find that the Bible alone can answer that quest of the soul: "If a man die, shall he live again?" and it alone sheds light on the pathway that the soul must tread from time to eternity. "Search the Scriptures" and then answer the question, Is the Bible dependable? for yourself before God.

J. I. ROBISON.

Christian Education

No. 5

"Only as the higher life is brought to view, as shown in the teachings of Christ, can any learning and instruction rightly be called higher education, and only by the aid of the Holy Spirit can this education be gained. Man's study of the science of nature, unaided by the Holy Spirit, falls short of the precious things Christ desires him to learn from the things of the natural world; for he fails to be instructed in the great and important truths which concern his salvation."—"Counsels to Teachers," page 375.

It is for this reason that God has ordained that we have our own schools. Shall we not, therefore, plan that our youth of this country be in our own schools?

Let fathers and mothers study earnestly the affairs of their own homes and plan carefully for the education of their children, "that they give not their heritage (the children) to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them."

Spion Kop College,
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SO. AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

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JUST A WORD OF THANKS

My Dear Brethren and Sisters,

At this time we want to take this opportunity of passing on just a word to you, now that we have closed our records for the year. In many respects this has been a splendid

year for our work in this Union. Your kind co-operation and spirit of loyalty has helped to make this true. You have, with all your hearts, responded to the different calls sent out during the year. You have prayed and laboured to push the work along. This has been sincerely appreciated by both your union and local conference officers. And now with courage we can face the New Year together. Let us keep humble before the Lord. Let us keep pace with the Message and let us consecrate our all, a willing sacrifice, to Him Who loved us so much as to give His life a ransom for us. As a result of placing all on the altar, may we labour to make 1927 even a better year than 1926 has been. May it be even so is my earnest prayer.

J. F. Wright.



Appreciation

As we close our records for the year and take note of the results that have been attained, we would extend our hearty appreciation to every worker and member in the South African Union Conference. We do not believe that during any previous year has there been a more loyal spirit of service, a more enthusiastic spirit of liberality than has been evident during the year just closed. In the gifts to missions especially has this liberality been most marked. Mission offerings for 1926 have exceeded the mission offerings for all previous years on record. The three local conferences and the Transvaal-Delagoa Mission Field have contributed £8,247-17-5. As compared with former years this amount will be of interest:

YEAR	AMT. CONTRIBUTED	YEAR	AMT. CONTRIBUTED
1921	4758 4 3	1922	5100 9 4
1923	7928 11 3	1924	7867 3 4
1925	6919 18 6	1926	8247 17 5

The amount of £8,247-17-5 contributed during 1926 was received from the local conferences as follows:

	AMT. CONTRIBUTED	% OF TOTAL
Cape Conference	2843 8 11	34%
Natal-Transvaal	3853 0 11	47%
Orange River	1463 11 1	18%
Transvaal-Delagoa	87 16 6	1%
	£8247 17 5	100%

The basis on which these offerings were received from the European, coloured, and native constituencies is as follows:

European	7780 4 8	95%	
Cape Coloured	213 0 7	2½%	
Native	254 12 2	3%	
	£8247 17 5	100%	

The special campaigns during 1926 have assisted materially in raising the total offerings received. In both the Big Week and Harvest Ingathering Campaigns, the goals that were set were considerably exceeded. The Big Week Campaign contributed £383-12-10 on a goal of £350-0-0, or £33-12-10 in excess of the goal. The result of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, as compared with the goal set, was as follows:

Amount Received	3021 0 2
Goal	2475 0 0
OVER THE GOAL	£546 0 2

We feel sure all will be particularly grateful for the wonderful results that attended our Harvest Ingathering Campaign during 1926. Our Union alone has raised £21-0-2 more than the goal that was set for the African Division. It may be of interest to know the results of the past six years' Harvest Ingathering Campaigns:

YEAR	AMT. CONTRIBUTED	YEAR	AMT. CONTRIBUTED
1921	1723 12 1	1922	1583 12 5
1923	2387 17 9	1924	2673 4 10
1925	2394 4 0	1926	3021 0 2

Two statements of mission offerings are being published in this issue. In the first of these is shown a comparison between the goal for the year and the actual amount that has been received. Separate figures are given for each of the local conferences, and also for the departments as a whole. The Cape Conference in all departments has raised 81% of its goal for the year. The Natal-Transvaal Conference has raised 98%, and the Orange River Conference 59%. We believe that the Natal-Transvaal Conference is to be congratulated on having so nearly reached its goal for the year. Taking the departments of the Union separately, the European constituency has contributed 85% of its goal, the coloured 86%, and the native 41%. The Union Conference as a whole has contributed 83%.

Statement No. 2 gives the details of the offerings comprising our total contribution. In the last column to the right we give the percentage relationship of each offering to the total. The Sabbath School Department, as will be noticed, has contributed 39% of all mission offerings received. Harvest Ingathering is responsible for 36%, and Big Week for 4½%. Other offerings are as shown.

In the mission offerings campaign during 1926 our Union has taken a definite step forward, and our hearts are made happy at the advance that has been made. But we cannot rest satisfied. 1927 must see greater progress still. We are nearing the close of this work, yet much remains to be done. Conditions in the earth demand that it be finished quickly. Shall we not during 1927 "look on the fields" more intently than ever before, and as we see in the seriousness of conditions the fulfilment of prophecy, allow our more intelligent vision to impel us to a deeper consecration, both of ourselves and of our means.

A. FLOYD TARR.

South African Union Conference

Mission Offerings for year ending December 31, 1926

NAME OF FIELD	GOAL	AMT. REC.	AVERAGE PER MEM.	% OF QUOTA
CAPE CONFERENCE :				
European	3068 15 0	2522 12 8	2 0	80%
Coloured	247 13 0	213 0 7	4	86%
Native	189 3 0	107 15 8	1½	57%
Total	£3505 11 0	2843 8 11		81%
NATAL-TRANSSVAAL :				
European	3812 10 0	3762 9 4	2 5	98%
Native	143 13 0	90 11 7	2	63%
Total	£3956 3 0	3853 0 11		98%

ORANGE RIVER :

European	2187	10	0	1420	8	5	1	7	63%
Native	289	18	0	48	2	8		½	15%
Total	£2477	8	0	1468	11	1			59%

TRANSVAAL-DELAGOA :

European				74	14	3			
Native				13	2	3			
Total				£87	16	7			

TOTALS :

European	9068	15	0	7780	4	8	2	1	85%
Coloured	247	13	0	213	0	7		4	86%
Native	622	14	0	254	12	1		1½	41%
Total	£9939	2	0	8247	17	5			83%

Mission Offerings 1926

European and Mission Department

	Cape	Natal-Tvl.	O. R. Conf	Tvl.-Del.	Total	% of Total Offs.
Sabb. School	896 13 2	1026 12 11	466 10 11	9 18 2	2399 15 2	} 39
13th. Sab.	253 13 9	348 13 5	116 10 6	1 13 7	720 11 3	
Foreign	79 5 0	19 2 6	11 1 3		109 8 9	1
Sacrifice	84 7 10	24 1 4	42 14 7	16 10 0	167 13 9	2
Har. Ingth	1047 2 5	1425 8 9	510 3 0	38 6 0	3021 0 2	36
Trg College.						
C. M. Pldg.	157 12 1	670 15 9	171 14 6		1000 2 4	12
M. V. Goal	14 3 8	30 5 5	8 19 6		53 8 7	½
Big Week	165 9 10	137 17 10	64 6 5	15 18 9	383 12 10	4½
Annual	112 18 2	130 6 0	52 1 11	5 10 0	300 16 1	4
Camp Mtg.						
1925 Pledge	32 3 0	39 17 0	19 8 6		91 8 6	1
Total	£2843 8 11	3853 0 11	1463 11 1	87 16 6	8247 17 5	100

As We Close the Record for 1926

THE year 1926 is a matter now of the past. Its record is made up and the books are closed. As we close our books here in the union office, we learn some things of interest, which we pass along to our dear people throughout the South African Union Conference. The union treasurer is placing in the OUTLOOK some figures, which we hope all will study with care.

First, you will note that our campaigns to raise mission funds have been very successful. The Big Week and Harvest Ingathering Campaigns, go down in our records as the best ever obtained in the history of the work here in Africa. The writer anticipated that we would exceed the Ingathering goal for the union by a good margin, but never did he think that we would go as far as the figures show. Not only did we go £546 above the goal for the union, but we exceeded the goal set for the entire Division by £21. Surely this is a splendid achievement and the Lord has blessed. To Him be all the praise.

Never have we seen such a spirit of loyalty and earnestness on your part as has been seen during 1926. In a noble manner you have responded well to the calls. We know that you will rejoice to see what the record reveals in mission funds as we close the year.

The Lord has blessed our soul-winning campaigns. A good number have taken their stand with us. We are pleased to note that all of our workers are anxious to press the work of soul-winning right to the front.

We pray that this spirit of evangelism will continue to grow and strengthen in our midst as the work makes progress.

Now we face 1927! What will the record be? We sincerely trust that we shall not take a backward step, but that we will choose as our slogan for the year, the message of God to Israel when He spoke to Moses, commanding that they "Go FORWARD." We must advance in all lines of Christian endeavour. We must not remain satisfied with simply accomplishing the same as for 1926. Therefore, at this time we send forth this word, asking that you will, with us, throw your all into the service of God for 1927, as you never have in the past. Let us labour to win more souls to

God. Let us enter with the spirit of zeal into all the campaigns set before us. Let us seek to raise our full quota in the 2/6 per week fund. In just a word,—“LET US GIVE OF OUR BEST TO THE MASTER.”

As we start off the new year, the prospects are very bright. We are planning several soul-winning efforts. All three conferences are arranging for tent or hall efforts. Let us pray that God will wonderfully bless each of these. Now that we have the native work organised under local superintendents, the native department is taking on new life. We hope to open two new mission stations this year. This will mean an advance step into

new territory. At present, a splendid summer school and institute is being conducted at Bethel mission. Our native evangelists and teachers are there under strong instruction, and we feel that they will return to their fields to do a much larger work than has been their experience for 1926. So, a good word of cheer and promise sounds all along the line as we face the burdens and task of 1927.

May we appeal to you to “Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might.” Let us put on the whole armour of God. Let us take some time everyday for the study of God’s Word. Forget not to feed your soul upon the *Word*, the bread of heaven. Let not a day pass without taking counsel of your dear heavenly Father in the chamber of prayer. We most earnestly appeal for the family altar, the prayer circle to be strengthened in every home. Then pray for the workers, those who bear heavy responsibilities. The conference officers need your prayers as they undertake the tasks that fall to them. Thus altogether, may we put our shoulders to the wheel and press onward and upward, to make this present year what heaven desires it should be, and above all may we each live the life which is “well pleasing unto Him.” God grant it for His name’s sake.

J. F. WRIGHT.



“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.”

CAPE CONFERENCE

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Giving God a Chance

MUCH of our past failure in reaching the higher levels of Christian experience, I fear, has been due to our own self-sufficiency. We have trusted too much in self; not enough in God. We have failed to fall on the Rock and be broken. We have not been contrite enough; not humble enough. We have not recognised our daily, our momentary dependence upon God. We have not sat long enough at His feet. We have been "careful and troubled about many things." And all too often have we forgotten or neglected the one thing needful,—“that good part” which we have times without number permitted to be taken away from us by that evil one, who ever seeks to obstruct the way to the Mercy Seat.

We have been too restless. Like Ahimaaz, we have wanted to run. And we have run. And all too frequently we have run without a definite message. “I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was.” There has been altogether too much of tumult and tempest in our lives; not enough of heaven’s calm. How often, like God’s people of old, we have “limited the Holy One of Israel.” Some may have limited the Lord by their sloth, but many have hindered Him by their incessant but misguided activity.

It is time to call a halt in this mad rush that sweeps us past the hour of prayer and quiet meditation. As Samuel said to Saul, “Stand thou still awhile, that I may shew thee the word of God.” 1 Sam. 9: 27. Like Saul, some of us may have been engaged in a zealous but fruitless search for our Father’s “asses.” The asses, perhaps, have been found by others less honoured than we, and our Father may have “left the care of the asses” in sorrowful concern for us, saying, “What shall I do for my son?”

But if we will “Stand still awhile”—long enough for us to hear our Father speak—He will not only tell us where to find the lost “asses,” but if we will linger in His presence we may also experience the oil of a kingly anointing poured upon our heads. And as we turn to go from that Divine intercourse, it may be said of us as it was said of Saul, “God gave him another heart.” It is from such experiences as these that we shall find the way to the forward and the upper life,—to the Spirit-filled life. “Then shalt thou go on forward from thence. After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, and the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee.” And some who have known us beforetime may wonder, “What is this that is come upon the son of Kish?”

Dear brethren and sisters, let us during 1927 give God a chance in our lives. “Take time to be holy.” May we learn to “love to steal awhile away from every cumbering care.” The servant of the Lord tells us to, “Educate your mind to love the Bible, . . . to love the hour of meditation, above all the hour when the soul communes with God.” Make a daily appointment with God, and keep the appointment. An hour

with God each morning is the best day-light-saving scheme this world will ever know.

“Christ never asks of us such busy labour
 As leaves no time for resting at His feet;
 The waiting attitude of expectation
 He oftentimes counts a service most complete.

He sometimes wants our ear, our rapt attention,
 That He some sweetest secret may impart;
 'Tis often in the time of deepest silence,
 That heart finds deepest fellowship with heart.”
 L. L. MOFFITT.

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News Notes

MISS EDNA GEORGE, who has accepted a call to Spion Kop College, has been spending some time at her home in Port Elizabeth.

MISS S. MOCKE of the Union office was a welcome visitor at the conference office and the Port Elizabeth church the latter part of January.

MISS B. DE MEYER, our conference stenographer who has been taking her holiday in Pretoria with her parents, returned to the conference office on January 25.

MISS ALICE ARMER, who has been enjoying her holiday with Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Willmore, in Port Elizabeth, returned to Claremont for the beginning of the Claremont church school, Wednesday, January 26.

WEDNESDAY evening, January 26, Elder Moffitt left the office to attend a meeting of the Union Conference committee at Bethel mission. He plans to stop at East London and Kingwilliamstown on the return journey.

SABBATH, January 15, Elder Moffitt met with the George church. He reports the company there of good courage, in spite of the prospect of their having to carry on without the efficient pastoral help they have had in the person of Elder Staples.

ELDER STAPLES, in response to a call from the Orange Free State Conference begins his work at Bethlehem, O. F. S., early in February. We wish Elder Staples the blessing of the Lord, and a large measure of the Spirit that gave his work such marked success at George.

BROTHER ERNEST MARTER says in a recent letter, “I earned half a scholarship in one day.” This was accomplished by canvassing the staff of a public institution. He says, “I canvassed for two hours before dinner and took thirteen 30/- orders. During the dinner hour, I took three more, and during the afternoon and evening I took still more, bringing the total for the day up to thirty-two and worth £48-7-6. I took deposits on all but two of these orders, so I am sure of them.”

Let every member in the Cape Conference endeavour to secure at least six subscriptions to “The African Signs of the Times,” February 12 to 19.

Employment Wanted

YOUNG lady, who has just left Spion Kop school, desires employment as governess to young children on Seventh-day Adventist farm.

Apply: "Northdene," Grove Walk, Claremont, C. P.



Home Wanted

A DUTCH girl, sixteen years old, passed the sixth standard, is desirous of a home with Sabbath keepers where she can work for a small salary. Any one interested may communicate with Mrs. A. P. Wellman, Miller Rail, C. P.

NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

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Good News

THERE were so many encouraging experiences in connection with the cause of God in the Natal-Transvaal Conference during 1926, that space will not permit me to write them all. The following will give you, dear reader, some idea of what God hath wrought.

There was raised for missions 2/5 per week per capita, within one penny of reaching our goal of 2/6. We need not urge all to give that extra penny per week this year. We are sure each one will do it, and at the end of 1927 we will have reached our goal.

In the Harvest Ingathering, we went £297-7-9 over our goal. Think of what this will mean to the field. Think of the blessings shed abroad. Think of the encouragement it has brought to our field. Think of what it indicates can be done this year. My dear reader, it pays to be faithful to the trust placed upon us. In our total mission offerings, we went £948-12-0 over 1925. Really, we should sing "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

But can you explain why we fell short £342-4-3 in giving to God His tenth? It will paralyse our soul-winning activities if such a thing happens this year. In the budget committee, held December 20, 1926, we struggled with this shortage in making our plans for 1927. We spent hours in planning the work so as to come within this shortage. We were compelled to curtail the plans for this year accordingly. And if our dear members of the Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Natal-Transvaal Conference fall short in 1927, it will be a most serious thing as we come up to the end of the year. Will you not look over your accounts and turn into the Cause your tenth as God has prospered you? All our soul-winning activities depend upon your faithfulness. We must not be idle. There is not a lazy worker in the field, but we cannot carry on campaigns unless we are sustained at the base of supply. God blessed the efforts held in 1926. Many souls were won to the Truth, but we had a £600 surplus to work upon. This was voted into our operating fund at the Durban camp-meeting. This, we no longer have. What is done in 1927 will depend upon how faithful you are in giving your tenth. What can we

say or do to help you to see the absolute importance of giving the tenth of your increase? We pray that God will give you no rest until you are in harmony with Mal. 3:10. We need to have our consciences stirred as never before. But, remember, God will prosper you abundantly if you will be faithful in tithing. Try Him.

The work in Pretoria is progressing very well. Plans are on foot for building a new church in the Capital. Continue to pray that God will go before His people. A great victory was gained the night of January 16, when it was our privilege to answer before a large audience the attack made upon us by one of the local ministers. The reply will be published.

B. M. HEALD.



Report On Committee Actions

AMONG the actions taken at our recent Auditing committee meeting, the following are of special interest:

Voted that the membership goal for the Natal-Transvaal Conference be a net increase of seventy-three souls for 1927."

During the past year, the additions to the Truth as a result of our evangelistic efforts are as follows:

Krugersdorp Effort	25
Pretoria Effort	22
Johannesburg Effort	50
Total	97

The Lord blessed us last year and we look forward for His continued favour for 1927 in this particular.

MISSION OFFERINGS GOAL

Voted that the following goals be set for 1927 mission offerings:

European workers	5/-
European laymen	2/6

Voted that we adopt the South African Union Conference resolution which is as follows:

"WHEREAS the cities of today are fast becoming like Sodom and Gomorrah and the whirl of excitement and pleasure is attracting thousands from the sober duties of life, threatening to stifle the spiritual life of the church, and

"WHEREAS, the church which should be the pillar and ground of the Truth is in peril of encouraging and fostering a love of pleasure, and

"WHEREAS, in the raising of funds for church or church school purposes on or off church premises, there is a danger of lowering the high standard which has characterised this denomination, by resorting to questionable methods, such as popular amusements, concerts, suppers, auctions, and like devices, and with a view to lifting up a standard against every influence which threatens the life and well being of the church, therefore,

Resolved that we record our emphatic disapproval of such methods, and call upon our ministers, workers and lay members, young and old, to sacredly guard against the encroaching influence of these dangerous practises. This is not intended to apply to church auxilliary societies conducting a sale of work off

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church premises, so long as it be conducted in a just and dignified manner.

In discussing this resolution, it was thought best not to charge an entrance fee for musicals which might be given, even though such a procedure may have been in vogue in many of our colleges and academies in America. Also, the device for raising funds for various church purposes by the "American Auction" was not approved of in our halls or churches. The committee gave its approval of holding socials in our halls for the benefit of our young people, provided such socials are under the supervision of the pastor and in harmony with the General Conference plans outlined in the book "Social Plans."

INASMUCH as Elder W. L. Hyatt is leaving the pastorate of the Johannesburg church, it became necessary for the committee to provide for this vacancy. It was *Voted*, that Elder W. H. Hurlow be invited to take Elder Hyatt's place as pastor of the Johannesburg church.

ELDER D. F. TARR was invited to divide his time between the Durban and Maritzburg churches, in view of Elder Hurlow leaving for Johannesburg.

SINCE Elder Carey has accepted the call to labour in the Cape Conference, it was necessary to provide someone to pastor the new church at Krugersdorp. The committee therefore, invited Elder B. P. de Beer to move to Krugersdorp on February 1, 1927.

News Items

"SIGNS DAY" is February 12. "The Message to South Africa through the *African Signs*" should be our slogan, and we hope an energetic response will be made on this occasion.

THE student colporteurs are now starting their deliveries, and we trust the blessing of the Lord will crown their final efforts with success.

A. E. NELSON.



A Letter

TO OUR FELLOW-WORKERS AND FRIENDS
 IN THE HOMELAND:

It is now well-nigh three years since we left the sunny shores of our native country. When we left, we thought we would be back by the end of the two years for sure, but we found it best to complete a third year and finish our course in college.

We have enjoyed our stay in this country very much, and our people have always been very kind and hospitable. We have enjoyed visiting the many churches and doing what we could to tell them what God is doing in our own country.

The privilege of attending the General Conference meetings has been an inspiration to us. We were also pleased to meet with the delegates from Africa and

hear of the progress of the work. It was a pleasure to meet such men as Elder I. J. Hankins, Elder Edmed, Elder A. T. Robinson, Elder Hyatt, Elder W. B. White and others who are now here in their homeland, and hear them bear their testimonies of confidence in this Message and in its triumph. Of course, there were many other pioneers of this Message there, but we mention these because they are familiar to most of us in Africa.

It was a special privilege to attend the camp-meetings in the South. We found our people of good courage and very much interested in the work in foreign fields. Among other places, we visited the Tuskegee Institution, and our coloured school at Huntsville. We also enjoyed a visit to our Southern Junior College in Tennessee.

Somehow, a thrill comes over one privileged to stand beside the graves of the pioneers of this Message. It was my privilege to walk through the forty acre field that Elder James White mowed to get enough money to print the first copy of the *Present Truth*: I saw the old home of Elder and Mrs. White at Rocky Hill, and the old post office they used. We have stood beside the graves of Elder and Mrs. White and also Elder Joseph Bates. Our minds went back to the time those brave workers made their sacrifices for this Message. Our faith has been doubly strengthened in the Spirit of Prophecy and what it means to us as a people, since visiting all these landmarks.

We are looking forward to joining you all in the work of finishing this Message in this generation. We hope to be able to be back in the field before the end of this year. Our hearts are with you and our prayers are for the prosperity of God's cause. We feel that the way things are shaping up in this country, and other countries as well, the end is very near, and it behoves us as "soldiers of the Cross" to endure hardship and win the victory for our King.

The OUTLOOK with all its reports spurs us on and make us long to join you in helping to proclaim this Message in some humble way.

This is a large college and among the many activities there is a very large African mission band. We are studying the work in that field with the hope that some more recruits may be obtained in the near future. We are now enjoying the week of prayer in the new chapel. This is a long looked-for privilege by all here.

The Lord has been good to us and we have been blessed with good health. Our children are doing nicely, and we feel that we shall be ready for service very soon.

May 1927 prove to be a banner year for the winning of souls. "And they said every man to his brother, be of good courage."

H. M. AND MRS. SPARROW.

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Nurses Wanted

At the present time at two of our mission stations, where we have large medical interests, we are in urgent need of nurses. Will those interested please write: W. B. Commin, Grove Avenue, Claremont, Cape.