

## Let Us Talk of the Word

(Deut. 6:7; 11:19)

LET us talk of the Word as we sit in the house  
And continually find our delight  
In the wonderful things that our eyes may behold,  
Now the Lord has uncovered our sight.

Let us talk of the Word as we walk by the way  
And our hearts with its radiance will burn ;  
And our steps will be quick in the cause of the truth,  
As the mind of the Lord we discern.

Let us talk of the Word as we lie down to rest,  
And its comfort will soothe us to sleep ;  
And our God through the darkness and stillness of night  
His own loved ones in safety will keep.

Let us talk of the Word as we rise at the morn,  
And engage our first thoughts with His love ;  
And the glow of the sunshine that flows from His heart,  
All the fears of the day will remove.

—SELECTED.

## The Blessing of Paying Tithe

"BRING ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of Hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of Hosts." Mal. 3: 10-12.

The blessing in store for those who pay tithe is, therefore, not only spiritual, but also temporal. God's promise is that the destructive insects shall be rebuked, that blight and other destroying causes shall be removed to the extent that the people about will wonder, and the nations shall call them blessed.

This being true, there can be no truth to the oft-repeated statement, "I cannot afford to pay tithe." If the paying of tithe brings blessings of so great measure, no one can afford not to be a tithe payer. Not only does the person failing to pay tithe forfeit the promised blessing, but in addition there rests upon him the curse of God: "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Mal. 3: 9. What a dreadful thing to be under the curse of the mighty God, and what a glorious experience to be the recipient of His blessings!

During Israel's captivity, they grew careless in the matter of tithe paying to the extent that at the time of the restoration by Hezekiah, he was led to call for a decided reform along this line, which brought marvellous blessing to all the people as is witnessed by the following record:

"And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine, oil and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly. And concerning the children of Israel and Judah that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the Lord their God, and laid them by heaps. In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the Lord, and his people Israel. Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps. And Azariah, the chief priest of the house of Zadok, answered him and said, Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we have had enough to eat and have left plenty; for the Lord hath blessed His people; and that which is left is this great store." 2 Chron. 31: 5-10.

Tithe paying never makes the person any the poorer. Much better is it to have the nine-tenths with the blessing of God upon it, than the whole with His curse.

It is, no doubt, largely due to the fact that the people of the world have forgotten God, and failed to bring Him the tithe that there is so much poverty and distress among the nations today. The Lord declares:

"Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man into his own house. Therefore, the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands." Haggai 1: 9-11.

But the temporal blessings are not greater than the spiritual. There comes great peace of soul to the individual who through faithful tithe paying recognises his obligation to God as possessor of all things and with Whom he has formed a partnership. A trustfulness fills his heart, and he faces the tasks and trials of life with a confidence that he does not labour or struggle alone. The faithful tithe payer is in partnership with the Creator, Who has promised to open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing upon all that he does. What a blessed privilege! Let us all make sure of receiving this great blessing.

W. H. BRANSON.



## And Prove Me Now

"ONE February evening, when all, excepting the pastor and the sexton, had left a certain church, a young man who had been in the vestibule addressed the pastor as follows:

"I have listened to you as you have presented the matter of Christian stewardship, and I am frank to say I do not believe it. But you have set me to thinking and I would like your advice.

"I have earned during the past year only £50. The factories, as you know, have been for a large part of the time closed, and, though I have looked for work, I have secured only a little. Out of my earnings, I have paid into the church £3. If the tithe is right, then I still owe £2. I am in debt at the grocery store, and my family is not provided for, even with the necessities of life. I have sometimes left the table without sufficient food, because I desired my children to be provided with enough to keep them well. My home is heavily mortgaged, and in a few weeks the interest will be due. Would you advise me to take the money I have on hand and pay God in full?"

"The pastor was deeply stirred. If their places were interchanged, what would he do? But, he replied, 'I am not going to tell you what to do, but if, after prayer, you decide to pay the balance due to God, and when our heavenly Father fails you, I promise you I will never preach another sermon on tithing.'

"A few weeks following, the pastor met the apportioning committee of the church for the purpose of dividing the benevolent funds among the various boards. The chairman of the finance committee, who was also a member of the above committee, entered the room, and before taking his seat said that a young man had come to him that morning and with moistened eyes had offered him £2 for the church. On talking with him, he had gradually found out that the young man was without work and his family in need.

"The pastor, upon inquiry, discovered that it was the same young man with whom he had talked a few weeks before, and, relating the circumstances, he exclaimed, 'He has stepped out on God's promises!'"

"Need anyone question that it was God who led the chairman of the finance committee to say that this was the kind of a man who ought to be helped to make good? He said at once, 'We must give him a chance. I have a job of painting I will give him to do.' Another member of the committee said, 'He can paint my house.'"

"And so God, working through man commenced to help. The young man, who was without work on Saturday night, entered employment on Monday morning. At the appointed day, he was able to pay his interest obligation. With improved industrial conditions, he returned to his former employment and was given an increase of 25% in wages. What could he do but give thanks to God for opening the windows of heaven?"—*Selected.*



### "Pray Ye the Lord of the Harvest"

On the heart of every true believer must rest a conscious responsibility of giving the gospel to the heathen. It is not alone the duty of the missionary to reach these unwarned millions; the responsibility is shared equally with the individual Christian.

Our Saviour emphasised the duty of every one who has accepted Him to pray for more labourers, when He said: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." That solemn charge is given to each one who professes His name. Sometimes, we as workers are inclined to leave to controlling committees the responsibility of securing new labourers, and to blame them because the workmen are so few, forgetting the Saviour's specific charge to His chosen ones.

Often, we act as if the Saviour's command to pray for labourers were simply an apostolic injunction, ignoring or not recognising the fact that in our keeping is placed the key for securing more help. We appeal to committees, we set forth the needs, we almost reproach struggling mission boards, because recruits are not sent to our aid. Yet the Master's command is "pray," pray the Lord of the harvest to send workers.

There is no exhortation to petition mission boards; no command to beseech the church for funds; no order to supplicate men. The Almighty, whom the Saviour calls "The Lord of the harvest," invites us to pray for more workers.

Too much of our effort is human, followed with only human results, because we are strangers to the secret place of real spiritual power. Our training is toward self-reliance; our hope is in leadership selected by men; we rely on the arm of flesh. Accomplishment by prayer and faith is almost as rare as diamonds on the highway. The throne of God seems as distant to us, and as inaccessible, as the most remote stars. Our eyes are on *men* and *boards* and *funds*. Like unfledged birdlings, we open our mouths to be fed by the Mission Board, and fail God in our utter dependence on men.

In these days of shortage in men and means, our only hope is in prayer. The harvest belongs to God; and to Him belong also all the treasures of earth and heaven. He who could cause the waters to gush from

the smitten rock, Who could give speech to the dumb beast, Who said of the multitude singing His praises that if they should hold their peace the very stones would cry out, can supply our utmost need for help to gather His harvest. But this help will come only through faith and prayer.

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### Young People's Problems No. 3

### Why Should We Pray?

THE question of prayer and its place in the life of a young Christian is worthy of the most careful consideration. Prayer is a solemn privilege, for it includes worship, fellowship and thanksgiving, and should be regarded as the highest and holiest relationship of our spiritual life.

We are creatures of habit, and too often our habits become careless, listless and perfunctory; but when prayer becomes merely a habit, it is degraded into a mere religious ceremony. Real prayer, though regular and frequent, rises above the habitual and becomes the daily "opening of the heart to God as to a friend." Through prayer, we express our inmost desires, our deepest wishes, to "our Father which art in heaven."

It is the "at home" hour with Jesus when we can speak freely and talk confidentially with our Saviour. It is then that the deeper things of our hearts are laid bare before Him, and we talk about our most cherished plans, our deepest joys, and our most bitter sorrows. "Keep your wants, your joys, your sorrows, your cares and your fears, before God. You cannot burden Him; you cannot weary Him. He who numbers the hairs of your head is not indifferent to the wants of His children. 'The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.' His heart of love is touched by our sorrows, and even by our utterance of them. Take to Him everything that perplexes the mind. Nothing is too great for Him to bear, for He holds up worlds, and rules over all the affairs of the universe. Nothing that in any way concerns our peace is too small for Him to notice. There is no chapter in our experience too dark for Him to read; there is no perplexity too difficult for Him to unravel. No calamity can befall the least of His children, no anxiety harass the soul, no joy cheer, no sincere prayer escape the lips, of which our heavenly Father is unobservant, or in which He takes no immediate interest. The relations between God and each soul are as distinct and full as though there were not another soul for whom He gave His beloved Son." —*"Steps to Christ," pp. 104, 105.*

Real prayer is the most simple, practical thing in the world for a Christian. It is just linking up our lives with His life, walking with Him, communing with Him, and longing in all things to glorify Him. If, then, we have dedicated our lives to our heavenly Father, why should we not open our hearts confidentially to Him as to a friend? Prayer will then become to us "the breath of the soul" and be as necessary as our daily food.

J. I. ROBISON.

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE AFRICAN

## Tithe Receipts of the Unions, as Compared with Corresponding Quarter of Last Year

NAME	AMT. FOR QUARTER			AMT. 4TH. QUARTER 1925			REC'D. TO DATE THIS YEAR			REC'D SAME PERIOD 1926																	
	WHITE			NATIVE			WHITE			NATIVE			WHITE			NATIVE											
S. A. Union Conference	3072	8	3	337	15	11	2801	6	6	281	0	4	10733	12	5	983	18	1	11524	11	11	950	12				
Zambesi Union Mission	266	17	1	114	11	8	250	18	5	180	1	11	1176	14	2	387	19	1	827	6	3	340	7				
S. E. African Union Mis.	84	18	7	34	14	3	73	6	10	60	1	3	204	14	0	110	16	6	200	0	7	137	14				
Congo Union Mission	63	0	2	7	0	9	57	6	0	8	19	3	224	2	11	29	8	2	205	17	0	21	9				
Equatorial Union Mission							14	13	0				43	6	0				80	11	11						
TOTALS	£3487	4	1	494	2	7	3197	10	9	530	2	9	12382	9	6	1512	1	10	12838	7	8	1450	3				
	South West Africa						1	0	0	4			12	9	South West Africa						1	0	0	9			3

# ION FOR QUARTER ENDING DEC. 31, 1926

## Mission Offerings Receipts for the Unions

NAME	REC'D. FOR QUARTER			REC'D. TO DATE			THIS YEAR			SAME DATE LAST YEAR			P/W PER MEMBER TO DATE		
	WHITE	NATIVE		WHITE	NATIVE		WHITE	NATIVE		WHITE	NATIVE		WHITE	NATIVE	
Union Conference	3281	5	8	218	3	2	7780	4	8	467	12	9	6455	15	10
Basutoland Union Mission	375	16	1	82	19	11	994	6	11	302	12	1	913	8	1
South African Union Mis.	50	3	10	34	4	3	115	18	9	117	5	8	147	4	6
Orange River Union Mission	28	19	1	10	8	3	149	13	9	29	18	8	152	4	7
Transvaal Union Mission													71	13	8
TOTALS	£3736	4	8	345	15	7	9040	4	1	917	9	2	7740	6	8
										South West Africa			4		
										6			5		

## Mission Offerings Receipts for the Local Organisations

NAME	REC'D. FOR QUARTER			REC'D. TO DATE			THIS YEAR			SAME DATE LAST YEAR			P/W PER MEMBER TO DATE		
	WHITE	NATIVE		WHITE	NATIVE		WHITE	NATIVE		WHITE	NATIVE		WHITE	NATIVE	
Union Conference	1025	11	10	68	7	8	2522	12	8	107	15	8	2345	1	1
Union Conf. (Coloured)				99	3	11				213	0	7			
Orange River Conference	1708	6	8	34	14	2	3762	9	4	90	11	7	2813	17	8
Orange River Conference	534	10	10	13	9	8	1420	8	5	43	2	8	1251	19	1
Orange River Miss. Field	12	16	4	2	7	9	74	14	3	13	2	3	44	18	0
Orange River Rhodesia	239	7	7	63	5	3	639	3	9	216	2	3	770	15	6
Orange River Rhodesia	118	14	6	13	1	11	230	19	11	49	15	3	125	11	5
Orange River Rhodesia	4	10	0	1	3	1	16	16	0	7	4	4	38	5	10
Orange River Rhodesia	13	4	0	5	9	8	107	7	3	29	10	3	6	5	1
Orange River Rhodesia	50	3	10	34	4	3	115	18	9	117	5	8	147	4	6
Orange River Rhodesia	11	1	10	8	10	8	86	10	9	23	1	6	89	0	10
Orange River Rhodesia	14	2	0	1	6	7	45	18	8	3	19	5	34	14	10
Orange River Rhodesia	3	15	3	11	0		17	4	4	2	17	9	28	8	11
Orange River Rhodesia													2	13	3
Orange River Rhodesia													1	4	0
TOTALS	£3736	4	8	345	15	7	9040	4	1	917	9	2	7740	6	8
										South West Africa			4		
										6			5		

## Membership etc., of Local Organisations at Close of Quarter

NAME	NUMBER OF CHURCH ORGANISATIONS	PRESENT MEMBERSHIP	BAPTISMS DURING QUARTER	NET GAIN FOR QUARTER	GOAL TO CLOSE OF YEAR	PROBATIONERS' CLASS	HEARERS' CLASS	TOTAL KEEPING SABBATH	MEMBERSHIP SABBATH SCHOOLS	STUDENTS IN TRAINING SCHOOLS	STUDENTS IN MISSION SCHOOLS	STUDENTS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS	NUMBER OF WORKERS
Union Conference (white)	12	553	30	2 loss	646			553	600	10		25	18
Union Conference (coloured)	5	120		4 loss	149			120	197		15		5
Union Conference (native)	13	355	46	30	406		52	407	268	31		83	12
Orange River Conf. (white)	12	654	32	29	689			654	831	31		41	21
Orange River Conf. (native)	14	422	31	27	473		59	481	450	10		102	25
Orange River Conf. (white)	8	414	9	12	421			414	384	22		13	11
Orange River Conf. (native)	13	477	40	39	528	89	121	687	379	9	200	237	21
Orange River Conf. (white)	1	13		3 loss				13	19				2
Orange River Conf. (native)	1	30		2 loss	76	66		96	121			146	7
Orange River Conf. (white)	2	41						41	53	6		2	19
Orange River Conf. (native)	10	1834	143	121	2002	198	485	2517	3466	117	248	2015	110
Orange River Conf. (white)	1	6		6				6					13
Orange River Conf. (native)	4	594		6	591	164	1123	1881	1925	100	205	1440	72
Orange River Conf. (white)													2
Orange River Conf. (native)	1	10			20	10	61	81	137		57	48	5
Orange River Conf. (white)													2
Orange River Conf. (native)	1	68	6	9	75	79	22	169	84	1			6
Orange River Conf. (white)													10
Orange River Conf. (native)	3	1973	248	262	2000	857	1898	4728	6347	47	486	4988	127
Orange River Conf. (white)													2
Orange River Conf. (native)	1	90	3		128	30	94	214	138	35		16	5
Orange River Conf. (white)										1			4
Orange River Conf. (native)	1	30	2	2	40		40	70	366		60	200	9
Orange River Conf. (white)													1
Orange River Conf. (native)	1	7			15	8	20	35	59		25	29	2
Orange River Conf. (white)												2	3
Orange River Conf. (native)	1	10			19	10	29	49	65		35		2
Orange River Conf. (white)													1
Orange River Conf. (native)	1	2				2	27	31	84				

## Our Statistical Report

THE two previous pages give us figures from our several fields for the last quarter of 1926. We hope that each reader will carefully examine these and become acquainted with the financial results of the quarter's work, and also observe the figures pertaining to our church membership, the attendance in our Sabbath schools, etc.

That section of the report giving tithe receipts shows that there was received from the white constituency £456 less last year than in 1925. The tithe income from native members amounted to £62 more in 1926 than in the previous year. However, a glance at the returns for mission offerings shows the encouraging result that, though our European constituency had a smaller income the past year, its offerings for missions amounted to £1,300 more than in 1925. Surely, the burden of taking the gospel to the vast number of heathen to the north of us has appealed so strongly to our hearts that we have given more than in any previous year, and thus 1926 becomes our banner year.

Our mission offerings goal for the European members is 2/6 per week per member. We reached the figure of 2/3. Tithe payments for the year to the value of £12,382 and mission offerings equalling £9,040 show that our European church members paid to mission offerings 73% of their tithe. Our native members gave 1d. per week per member, or 60% of their tithe.

The figures on church membership are interesting. We closed the year with a church membership throughout the Division of 7,760, the net increase being 874. The total number keeping the Sabbath amounted to 13,263. Attendance at the Sabbath schools was 14,443. We rejoice at these large figures, and pray that God may strengthen the confidence and Christian experience of each believer, and that the large number who are in the probationers' and hearers' classes may be helped to take a definite stand for the Truth.

However, as we look over the past year's work, and remember the power that God has promised to His workers, we cannot feel satisfied that the most has been accomplished. Our prayer is that during the present year we may do more successful work for the Master, and, as branches, have a closer and more vital connection with the Vine, that much fruit may be borne to His glory.

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## "Have Faith In God"

"AND Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God." Mark 11: 22.

The work and the life of this people must be characterised by increasing faith, or rather by an increasing exercise of faith. It is not so much an increased quantity of faith that we need, but an increased functioning of the faith already possessed. The disciples asked, "Lord, increase our faith." But the Lord replied, "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed ye

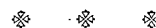
might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you." Luke 17: 5, 6. In commenting on this the servant of the Lord says:

"When the mustard seed is cast into the ground, the tiny germ lays hold of every element that God has provided for its nutriment, and it speedily develops a sturdy growth. If you have faith like this, you will lay hold upon God's Word, and upon all the helpful agencies He has appointed. Thus your faith will strengthen, and will bring to your aid the power of heaven. The obstacles that are piled by Satan across your path, though apparently insurmountable as the eternal hills, shall disappear before the demand of faith. 'Nothing shall be impossible unto you.'"—*"Desire of Ages,"* p. 431.

In answer to the question, "What is faith?" George Müller says, "In the simplest manner in which I am able to express it I answer, 'Faith is the assurance that the thing which God has said in His Word is true, and that God will act according to what He has said in His Word. This assurance, this reliance on God's Word, this confidence, is faith.' . . . Appearances are not to be taken into account. Impressions and feeling and probabilities are not to be taken into account. . . . The naked Word of God is what we are to depend upon. This is enough for us."

May God help us as a people to walk by faith and not by sight. Let us learn the blessedness of taking Him at His Word. For "without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." "The just shall live by faith."

L. L. MOFFITT.



## Notes

ELDER MOFFITT plans to spend the next few days with Elder Edwards and Brother Clifford, in planning for the work in the Peninsula until camp-meeting time.

SABBATH, February 5, Elder J. W. MacNeil conducted his third baptism in East London. Nine new believers were that day thus admitted to the growing church in that city.

ELDER M. W. CAREY spoke to the East London church Sabbath morning, February 5. Elder Carey is moving to East London with his family to follow up the interests created by Elder MacNeil's effort, and to develop the work there more fully.

It is not too early to begin laying definite plans for camp-meeting. This year, we are to have Elder Beddoe, of the General Conference, with us. Also, we understand Elder H. H. Hall, of the General Conference Publishing Department, is to be here. Let all who possibly can, plan to attend. Remember the date, April 25 to May 1.

ON his way to Cape Town, Elder Moffitt spent Sabbath and Sunday, February 12 and 13, with the George church. The young people of the church were organised into an enthusiastic Missionary Volunteer society, under the leadership of Sister P. Oosthuizen.

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### A Good Report

THE accompanying "Tithe and Mission Offerings" statement for the year 1926 is very encouraging. The mission funds reveal the fact that, as a conference, we have reached 2/5d per week per member.

Special mention should be made of the splendid results achieved by the churches, who have gone over the top. Durban church heads the list with 4/8 per member. This is exceptionally good. Maritzburg is next with 3/11 $\frac{3}{4}$ . Sweetwaters has been among the top notches during all the year, and we are glad it closed the year with 2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$  per member. Johannesburg, Krugersdorp, Potchefstroom, Hlobane and Pretoria almost made 2/6 per week per member. We appreciate the efforts these results indicate, and believe that during the coming year a little more effort will bring them among those who have reached their quota.

We wish to express our appreciation of the kind interest and faithful efforts of our church members who have made this encouraging result possible. May God's blessing attend us all during the coming year, and when the complete records of 1927 are made up, we shall be pleased to show advancement over last year's results.

A. E. NELSON.

### Natal-Transvaal Conference

#### Tithe and Mission Offerings for Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1926

Church	Tithe	Miss. Off.	Miss. Goul	Shortage	Over	Per Capita.
Durban	1273 10 9	924 6 7	497 10 0		426 16 7	4/8
Maritzburg	686 0 3	538 13 3	338 0 0		209 13 3	3/11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Sweetwaters	246 18 9	73 2 3	71 10 0		1 12 3	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Johannesburg	1343 15 5	959 9 3	988 0 0	28 10 9		2/5
Potchefstroom	122 15 11	273 9 10	338 0 0	64 10 2		2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Krugersdorp (6 Mos.)	106 18 4	78 3 0	81 10 0	3 7 0		2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hlobane	208 4 0	142 1 9	149 10 0	7 8 3		2/4
Pretoria	127 3 7	178 19 7	195 0 0	16 0 5		2/3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Conference	557 9 7	289 8 6	390 0 0	100 11 6		1/10
Spion Kop	298 11 0	255 8 2	513 0 0	257 11 10		1/3
Ermelo	54 6 5	22 11 9	97 10 0	74 18 3		6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Standerton	5 3 10	24 11 11	230 0 0	235 8 1		1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Doornpoort	18 2 10	2 3 6	45 10 0	43 6 6		1d.
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£5049 0 8</b>	<b>3762 9 4</b>	<b>3965 0 0</b>	<b>831 12 9</b>	<b>629 2 1</b>	<b>2/5</b>

A. E. NELSON, *Secy.-Treas.*

## Christian Education

### No. 6

"It is to fortify the youth against the temptations of the enemy that we have established schools where they may be qualified for usefulness in this life and for the service of God throughout eternity. Those who have an eye single to God's glory will earnestly desire to fit themselves for special service, for the love of Christ will have a controlling influence upon them. This love imparts more than finite energy, and qualifies human beings for divine achievement."

For divine achievement—what a wonderful attainment! Of the fifty-three graduates of our training school all, excepting three, are loyal Seventh-day Adventists, most of whom are actively engaged in some branch of the Lord's work. The full record of divine achievement of these will never be fully known until the grand promotion day. Shall we not prepare our boys and girls for this divine achievement?

Spion Kop College,  
Ladysmith, Natal.

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## Erratum

IN the last issue of our paper, there appeared from the South African Union Conference a report of mission offerings for the year 1926. The average payment per week per member by the Coloured Department was given at 4d. This should have read 8d.

**"Signs of the Times" Campaign closes this week. All will be anxious to hear results. Be sure to report to your church.**

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## General News Notes

BRETHREN Ray Bredenkamp and De Lange have connected with the work at the new school farm.

WE regret to learn that Elder J. N. de Beer has been ill. We hope that our brother is better again.

ELDER J. I. ROBISON is visiting the field in the interests of the Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer Departments.

WE regret to learn that Miss Mocke, of the South African Union Conference office, at Bloemfontein, has been poorly.

BROTHER H. J. HURLOW arrived from England a few days ago, and proceeded immediately to his new field of labour in Basutoland.

ELDER J. W. MACNEIL and family are expected to arrive at the Cape soon. Brother MacNeil plans to leave for Rhodesia soon after locating his family.

ETHEL and Jimmie Baker arrived at the Cape from Angola by last week's boat. After spending a week at the Cape, these young people left for Spion Kop College.

ELDER G. S. JOSEPH left the Division office a few days ago. He will spend several weeks travelling through the field in the interests of the work of his department.

BROTHER W. L. DAVY, wife and children, arrived a few days ago and are located at Taungs, where Brother Davy will labour in the interests of the work amongst the native people.

BRETHREN C. W. BOZARTH AND R. G. MORTON left Lobatsi, B. P., on the 1st inst., on an extended trip to the Kalahari Desert to investigate an interest reported from that section of the field.

ELDER C. W. CURTIS and family have arrived. Brother Curtis has been appointed superintendent of the Congo Union Mission Field. After visiting certain sections of the field in the South African Union Conference, Brother Curtis will proceed to the Congo. His family is remaining at the Cape for a few months.

BROTHER AND SISTER C. E. WHEELER of North Rhodesia, who are on furlough, have arrived at the Cape. After a few weeks' stay, they will continue their journey to America.

WORK is proceeding satisfactorily on the buildings at the school site at Somerset West. The roof of the boys' dormitory is completed and the masons are erecting the walls of the girls' dormitory. The farm department is busy gathering the crop of nuts.

MISS INGLE is spending a few months in Natal, and hopes soon to return to Nyasaland to continue her nursing duties. Miss Ingle is under medical care at Maritzburg, and we trust that she will soon fully regain her health.

ELDER BRANSON, after attending the native institute at the Bethel mission, went to the Spion Kop College, where he remained until after the opening date of school. From Ladysmith, Brother Branson proceeded to Ermelo to attend the native institute. His plans are then to visit the Congo.

BROTHER D. E. ROBINSON writes: "Those who have been at Rusangu will be interested to note that Chikonka, the "induna" of the nearest village, is ready for baptism. He is reported to be almost a hundred years old. For the past two years, he has not used tobacco nor beer, and has not had any of his fields worked on the Sabbath. He has sent all of his children to Rusangu. One is a good evangelist, and another is teaching in our school. Some of our workers have married his daughters."



## Gratitude to God

MY DEAR BRETHREN IN THE BLESSED HOPE,

I feel that I must bear testimony to the great love of God to a poor sinner, who is undeserving of any mercy. Truly, God is a God of love and tender compassion. O, how good He has been to me! In all these months of suffering, His grace has been sufficient. His strength has sustained me, and when near the dark valley several times, He has taken all fear from me. I am not deserving of any of this goodness, and I wish to thank and praise Him in as public a way as I can for the love He has shown me.

I am still very ill and am suffering, but have just passed through another crisis. I do not know what His will is concerning me, but I do say at all times, "Thy will be done." Should the Lord restore unto me health and strength again, it will be used as never before to His glory. But, whether in sickness or health, I want to reflect the image of the Master.

I thank you all for the kind interest you have shown in me by your prayers, and I want to say, "Do not become discouraged. God does answer in His own way." I want you to thank God for the blessings bestowed, and for the grace given day by day to bear me up. So I, with you, will praise the Lord, for He doeth all things well.

I. B. BURTON.