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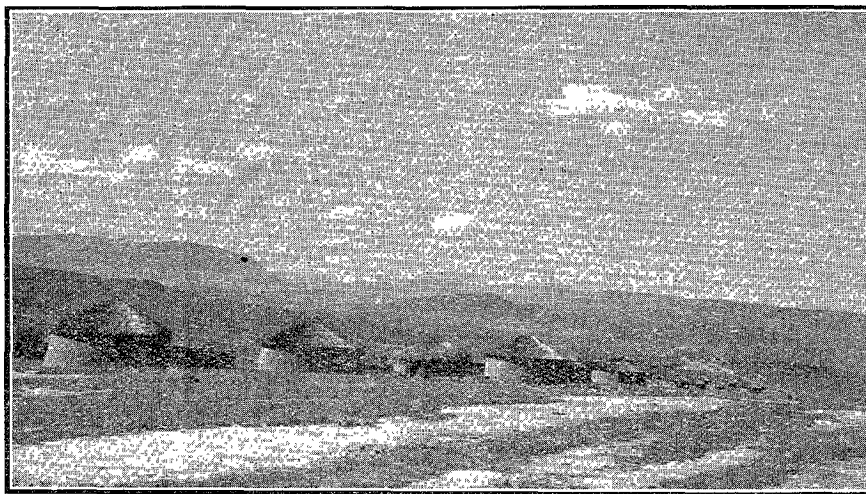
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NATIVE HUTS IN PONDOLAND

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ONE of the most marvellous countries in Africa is Pondoland. Nowhere else have we seen such dense population, such fertile lands and rich pastures, so many thousands of cattle and sheep, nor such evidence of general prosperity among the native people as here. Going from the Great Karroo to Pondoland seems like passing from a desert waste into a veritable Garden of Eden.

The accompanying photo will give but a faint idea of the general appearance of the country, as well as the density of the population. Unfortunately, the camera records only the near-by villages. But every hill top shown in the photo is literally covered with huts like those in the foreground. All day long, one may travel in a car, and in every direction as far as the eye can see, these villages are visible. The huts seem like the stars of the heavens for multitude. It is said that in a radius of 100 miles, there are more than a million people.

And yet Seventh-day Adventists have done practically nothing in this wonderful country. It is still among the unentered territories. But the time has come to carry the Message to these one million Pondos. A farm has been found which will be a splendid base for operations. Missionaries are ready to move in and occupy the country. A doctor is under appointment to open up a dispensary there. The only thing needed now is money.

Here, then, is our great opportunity. The Big Week Campaign, which is now on, is our chosen agency for raising a portion of the needed funds. Shall we fail and again turn our backs upon Pondoland, or shall we gloriously succeed and occupy this country for God?

Our people throughout the field must write the answer. A day's wages from every layman and worker, and at least six hours of canvassing, will solve the problem. Shall we do it?

W. H. BRANSON.

## Native Council Meetings

A NUMBER of very successful native council meetings have recently been held in the South African Union Conference, and one in the Zambesi Union Mission.

These native council meetings are a new thing among us, but so far the experiment has been very satisfactory indeed. To these meetings, native delegates are sent from the local churches to meet with the European missionaries and leading native workers to counsel regarding the work in their departments. The council is purely advisory in its nature, but a great many very helpful recommendations were passed on from these recent meetings to the respective local committees, who must pass upon them to make them effective.

It was the writer's privilege, during the past month, to attend three meetings of this nature. These were held at the Bethel mission, Kafirland, Ermelo, Transvaal, and at Solusi mission, South Rhodesia. These meetings were pronounced a splendid success by those who were present. These occasions served to bring native believers and workers into closer contact with the European missionaries, and each was thus better able to grasp the other's viewpoint. Council meetings of this nature are now being planned for the other union missions, and this will no doubt become a permanent institution among us.

W. H. BRANSON.



## All Records Broken by a Seventeen Year Old Student

THE record for a day's sales made by our colporteurs seems to be held now by one of our students, Brother Ernest W. Marter, who recently returned to the college, after spending the holiday season canvassing, with two full yearly scholarships earned above all expenses. Ernest is only seventeen years of age.

I am sure that all our people will want to hear Brother Marter's story of how he broke all previous records for one day's sales, so we pass it on to you as he told it in a letter to Brother E. D. Dick before he returned to school:

"During the first week in January, I took only seven orders, although I worked hard. However, the Lord made it all up to me again this week.

"I had met two or three nurses from the Mental Hospital while working in the town, and from what I learned from them, I decided to visit the hospital and try to canvass the nurses there.

"So, last Monday morning found me on my way to the hospital, which is three miles out of town. I arrived there by the hospital bus at 9.15, and waited at the main office for an hour for the head doctor. Then, seeing him in his garden some distance away, I went to him.

"I introduced myself as a student earning my education by selling literature, showed him the book very briefly and asked his permission to canvass the staff. He became interested and took me into his house, introduced me to his wife, and served me with ginger beer.

"He then took me in his car to the matron, and after reminding her that she had had an education,

left me with her, with the injunction that she give me every opportunity. The matron is a pleasant and obliging, though determined and very deaf, lady. She took me in her car to each ward, spending the whole day with me. She would take me to a ward, tell the sister to send up the nurses in threes and fours to the office, and when I had finished canvassing them, she would be ready to take me to the next ward.

"Knowing these nurses receive only £4-0-0 a month, I arranged to give a discount of 2/6 off the two better bindings; not, however, on the cheapest.

"Well, to make a long story short, the matron brought me back to town that evening at 7.30, and I had a thankful heart and a full pocket. I had taken thirty-one orders in half morocco and one in full morocco, altogether worth £48-7-6. Almost half a scholarship in one day!

"The next day, I went out there again to see a few I had missed, and I received five more orders, so that I now have thirty-seven books to deliver at the Mental Hospital, and this I am to do on January 31, which is pay day, for I am to sit with the clerk as the nurses draw their pay, and have the books taken and paid for on the spot. This arrangement will save a lot of time and trouble, and will make the orders more sure, although I am not afraid of a bad delivery there, as I have deposits on all orders, excepting two.

"The Lord certainly did bless me that day, in giving me favour in the eyes of the doctor and matron.

"I have now taken orders to the value of £320, of which I think I can be sure of delivering £250 worth. However, I do not expect to be able to get to school till the twelfth, or even a little later."

Surely, we can rejoice with this brother, and with all our students who earned scholarships or parts of scholarships this past season. Students, who thus demonstrate their ability as well as consecration by selling our literature as a means of securing an education, are well worth watching. They will make their mark in the work.

W. H. BRANSON.

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## SPION KOP COLLEGE

E. D. DICK, *Principal*

*Private Bag, Ladysmith, Natal.*

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## News Notes

BROTHER DICK made a short business trip to Durban recently.

ONE of the finest mealie crops ever grown at Spion Kop is coming to maturity.

THE latest student to arrive is Stanley Stevenson, another student colporteur.

A CLUB of over 500 *Signs* was subscribed for by the faculty and students, on Sabbath, March 5.

SISTER DAVIES, of Grahamstown, returned to her home on March 16. She accompanied Valerie and Sheila to Spion Kop and stayed until they were nicely settled.

BROTHER NELSON, of the Johannesburg office, spent a day at the school recently while auditing the church books.

A NUMBER of interesting lantern lectures are planned for the year. The first of these was given by Brother Dick on the evening of March 1.

BROTHER M. P. ROBISON left on March 21 for Bulawayo, to assist in a native institute. He expects to be gone about three weeks.

THE interior of the administration building has been greatly improved in appearance by finishing off the walls in cream and white. The chapel, especially, is much brighter than formerly.

A LONG promised mealeie roast was enjoyed on the evening of the 15th. After waiting a long time for a fine Tuesday evening, it was finally decided to have the roast in the dining room. An old time spelling match, held on the same evening, added spice to the roast.

THE grades for the first mid-quarter are out. These grades are largely for the purpose of indicating to the student the progress he is making. Copies of the grades at the end of each quarter and also at the end of each semester are sent to the students' parents, or guardians.

A SERIES of special meetings was in progress during the week, March 19-26. We believe these meetings, which were conducted by Elder Moffitt, proved a real blessing in the experience of every student and teacher. The keynote of the first sermon was, "Ye are not your own." We feel that a rich measure of spiritual life was the result of these meetings.

PERHAPS this is not the place to tell you about the worries of our school librarian. The library committee has the work of devising methods of increasing the library facilities on a rather small yearly fund. Frequently, they have appealed to our members throughout the field for books. Some have responded, and for this we are grateful. But, honestly, now, how about those books that you have had on your shelves for years and have not looked at? They may be of great value to us as reference works. In the past, individuals have given scores of books to the Spion Kop College library. Do not put off your good intentions. Wrap those books up and send them now. We should have at least three or four thousand volumes for a college library. At present, we have just over one thousand. This number could easily be doubled if every one who reads this would just rediscover a book or two and send them on to us. Denominational books are especially valuable. Books like "Desire of Ages" are in constant demand, and yet we have only one copy of some of our denominational books. However, books of almost any description, excepting fiction, are of value to the school library. Will you not have a part in the building up of our library by contributing that book?

G. E. SHANKEL.

## A Visit to Spion Kop

I HAVE just returned home after a very enjoyable five weeks spent at our Spion Kop College, having left my two daughters there. I feel I can do nothing less than write a few words to the OUTLOOK readers in appreciation of our training school and the work that it is doing, and thus encourage those who may be wavering as to the advisability of sending their children there, through a lack of knowledge of its scope and influence, or through hearing false rumours. Some of these rumours had reached me, and for this reason, especially, I was pleased indeed to note the spirit of harmony and devotion to the Cause that is uppermost in every Seventh-day Adventist's heart.

The Friday night meetings were of special interest to me, and as I heard the young people witnessing for Christ, I was reminded of the words of Sister White, "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world."

The members of the faculty take a deep interest in the students, and nothing is left undone that would help in any way in the building of strong Christian characters in the young folk entrusted to them. This same interest is also manifest in the social life of the students, and how pleasing it was to find teachers and students mingled together in a pleasant evening's entertainment, after the taxing duties of the day.

Where else could our young folk get such a training? I have every confidence in our school, and I wish it could be the privilege of many more parents to spend a short while there and enjoy the influence and fellowship for themselves. All that is needed to make our school the powerful influence that it should be in the lives of all our young people here in Africa, is the full co-operation and support of every parent who holds this Message dear.

MRS. ALBERT T. DAVIES.

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## ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

E. C. BOGER, *Superintendent*. C. W. BOZARTH, *Secy.-Treas.*  
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## North Rhodesia Notes

REPORTS of progress and growth come in from all parts of the field. The workers are facing their problems with courage and hope. God has granted all our workers health, for which we praise Him.

THE workers in Northern Rhodesia welcome Brother and Sister W. S. Smith and their two children. They are nicely settled at Musofu mission. We appreciate Southern Rhodesia's spirit of co-operation in releasing Brother Smith and his family.

THE workers in Northern Rhodesia welcome the return of Brother Willmore and his family to Rusangu mission, after several years of further training at Spion Kop College. Brother Willmore is working largely in the interests of the agricultural and industrial work at Rusangu. A special interest is being shown by the students in classes which are being conducted in connection with these lines of work.

It was with mingled feelings of sorrow and joy that we bade farewell to Brother and Sister Wheeler and their little daughter, Helen Eva, of Musofu mission. We are sorry to lose the valuable service and counsel of these loyal workers. However, we are happy that, after nine years of faithful service, they may have a few months of rest and change of work. We trust that God will richly bless our good brother and his family, and that we may have the pleasure of welcoming them back to Northern Rhodesia at the conclusion of their furlough.

THE second Sabbath in February was a day of rich blessing at Rusangu mission. There was such a large crowd in attendance that we found it necessary to hold the morning service under the trees. The chiefs and headmen, with many of their people from the surrounding country, were in for the day. The special event of the day was the baptism of Chief Chikonga, who has been in touch with our work for many years. As Elder Robinson led this old chief, who has been a warrior and slave trader of fame all through this country, into the water, a deep awe fell upon the congregation on the river's bank. We thought of the years of faithful seed-sowing by our earlier workers which are now yielding an abundant harvest. As we slowly wended our way home from the river under a torrid sun, someone said, "Truly all the years of hard labour which have been given for these people, and all the sacrifices of time and money, would be well invested if only for the salvation of this one old chief whom we have seen baptised today."

N. C. WILSON.

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## CONGO MISSION FIELD

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### A Visit to the Congo

It was recently the privilege of the writer to visit our Union Mission office, and the Katanga mission station in Elisabethville, Belgian Congo, in company with Elder C. W. Curtis, who had just arrived from America to take the superintendency of the Congo Union Mission. We had a most pleasant visit with all the workers, and were pleased to find them all well, though some had recently suffered considerably from fever.

Elder and Mrs. J. V. Wilson, who recently connected with the work in the Congo, are comfortably located on the Katanga mission, where Brother and Sister Leslie Billes are also labouring. We were pleased to note the many improvements that have recently been made on this new station, and the splendid work it is already accomplishing.

Brother and Sister D. A. Webster, who live in the town, were well and of good courage, though Brother Webster had only recently recovered from a rather severe attack of fever.

We were very pleased to meet Brother and Sister Royce Vail, who joined the band of workers in the Congo Union last year. Brother Vail had just returned from Stanleyville, far to the north, where he, in company with Elders French and Anderson, upon

the occasion of their passing through this field on their journey to the Sudan, had selected a site for a new mission. As soon as the formal permission of the Government is secured, and other necessary arrangements completed, Brother and Sister Vail will locate on this new site and open up work for an entirely new tribe. This will be our northern-most mission in the African Division, until Brother and Sister Jones, who are now in Paris perfecting their knowledge of the French language, are located in the great Sudan country the latter part of the present year. Then our work will have extended its limits far beyond the equator, on the very borders of the great Sahara Desert.

We were pleased to learn that in the few months that Brother Vail has been in the country, he has sufficiently mastered the Swahili language to enable him to open the work on this new station without an interpreter. As he was returning to Elisabethville, he met an elderly and wealthy lady tourist from America, who became interested in the work he was starting, and who, upon reaching Elisabethville, presented him with a new light Ford lorry for his use on the mission.

We met with a quorum of the Union committee, at which time Elder Curtis took over the work, and many items of business were considered. We were pleased that Elder Boger, the former superintendent of the Congo field, chanced to be passing through Elisabethville at the time, en route from the Chimpempe mission, in North-East Rhodesia, to Bulawayo, and he was able to assist Elder Curtis greatly in quickly getting hold of the work.

Elder and Mrs. Curtis, with their son and daughter, came to us from the Kentucky Conference, U. S. A., where Elder Curtis served as president for the past five years. We are very happy indeed to have these splendid workers join our forces in the African Division.

Mrs. Curtis and the children will remain at the Cape until the time of the Division Council, at which time they will accompany Elder Curtis to the Congo.

W. H. BRANSON.



### A New Field Entered

WHILE on our way to French Equatorial Africa, Elder Anderson and the writer were asked to join Brother Royce Vail in selecting a new mission station near Stanleyville.

We left the Cape about the middle of December for Stanleyville. On his way north, Elder Anderson visited Solusi and Rusangu, where he laboured several years ago. While at Elisabethville, it was our privilege to attend the Congo Union committee meeting at the time of the distribution of funds for the ensuing year. It was very encouraging to hear the reports of progress all through the field. Surely, God is blessing the work in this comparatively new union.

From Elisabethville we travelled by train to Bukama with Brother and Sister O. U. Giddings. They were soon off to Songa mission by motor-car, while we waited with Brother Vail for the river steamer. Hoping to have a day or two to spend with Brother and Sister Ferguson, at Kongola, we left Bukama on a cargo boat a few days earlier than the sailing of the passenger steamer; but, unfortunately, one day's jour-

ney down the river the captain was ordered to return. This caused a delay of several days, and, in order to save another ten days' delay, we reluctantly passed by the mission for fear of not being able to complete the investigation trip before the Division Council in May.

The journey down the Congo River was full of interest. At every turn of the great river new scenes of beauty greeted our sight.

In the providence of God, the Belgians have spared no means in providing for the health and comfort of the passengers, and everything possible is done to shorten the journey through Central Africa. The trains and steamers are screened against mosquitoes and tsetse flies. These great lines of travel certainly hasten on the messengers of the cross to the great mission fields of this continent.

Five days brought us to Kongola. Immediately, the train left, travelling round the rapids in the river, and we reached Kindu the next morning. There a steamer was waiting for a further trip down the Congo. It was soon evident that the country back from this great water highway is very primitive. At various halts along the river, natives were seen with only a "fig leaf" for a covering. From Kindu to Ponthier-ville, a distance of two to three days' journey, there is only one Protestant mission.

Our company landed and spent a week in the territory through which Elder Boger and the writer travelled three years ago. Some changes were seen in the country, since, owing to the increased traffic, a motor road is being built, but the natives are still extremely primitive, grossly ignorant and superstitious, and without missions.

#### PLEA OF SEVEN CHIEFS ANSWERED

It is encouraging to know that the pleas of the heathen are not unheeded by our Heavenly Father. Near where seven chiefs unitedly pleaded for missions three years ago, we chose a site for planting a beacon of truth. We found the chiefs anxious for schools.

The country in which we chose this site is a portion of the great Congo forest, which stretches across the country for a thousand miles. The great giant trees tower up on either side of the road, and the scream of wild birds, the chatter and bark of monkeys, give one an impression of the wild country in which work is soon to begin. The natives are almost naked. The only evidence of religious belief is an occasional god house, or a string of leaves stretched about a garden or some place which it is desired to protect.

Here in this wild country, Brother and Sister Vail are soon to begin mission work. Application is being made to the Belgian Government for land, and we hope that a beginning can be made in June.

Brother and Sister Vail are both experienced teachers, and should place our work on a firm basis. But they need our prayers as they undertake their stupendous task. Away for hundreds of miles, stretches a country practically untouched by missionaries. What is this couple among so many? Others must follow until this land, wrapped in midnight darkness, is lighted by the Third Angel's Message. Brethren, let us not slacken our efforts until this great work is finished, and Jesus comes to take us home. Pray for the work in these far northern fields. T. M. FRENCH.

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## SO. AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

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### Last Call for Big Week

EVERYTHING is set in order ready for launching Big Week. During the past two years, this Union has more than reached the goal allotted. What will 1927 bring forth? Well, that is a very, very important question, but not a doubtful one. Surely, every believer in South Africa will heartily respond, as was the case for 1925 and 1926.

The brethren have been doing their best to get everything into readiness for the campaign. Plans have been passed on to the churches. Books have been ordered. A splendid programme has been prepared. All necessary instructions to make the campaign a grand success have been placed in the hands of church leaders. All that there is left to do is for everyone to respond, and, by the help of the Lord, reach the goal.

#### A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER

**Big Week lasts just one week, April 2 to 9.**  
**The Union goal is £425.**

**This money will apply on the new medical mission station in Pondoland.**

Be sure to sell your full quota of books. Do not forget to turn half the proceeds from book sales to your tract society, and apply the other half on the Big Week goal. This is very important.

**Those who cannot sell books, are earnestly requested to give one day's salary.**

Now then, by all of us working together, all of us praying together, and all of us doing our very best together, we can make the 1927 campaign the greatest achievement yet in behalf of Big Week. May our kind Heavenly Father grant that it may be so.

J. F. WRIGHT.



### Dedication at Linokana

ANOTHER church building dedicated! Another memorial erected, from which the light of the "three-fold message" will shine forth! The services, setting apart this new building, took place Sunday morning, March 13, at 10.30.

Some months ago, Elder J. R. Campbell, assisted by Brother Molokomme, conducted a tent effort for the native people at Linokana, which is eighteen miles from Zeerust. This village has 7,000 inhabitants, and is the home of the paramount chief for that section of the Transvaal. As the result of this effort, a strong company has been developed, a splendid school has been opened, and a very neat building, which will seat about 200 people, has been erected. Thus, a growing work has been started in this section of Elder Campbell's field.

When the dedication service opened, the church was packed to the door. The writer never saw a church more crowded. Then, there were from 300 to 400 persons on the outside, trying to get in, or endeavouring

to secure a place near the windows where they could see and hear.

A well planned programme made the service an impressive one. The school children, who had been exceptionally well trained, furnished the music. Elder Campbell and Brother Molokomme took a few minutes to give a brief history of the work at this place. The writer gave the dedicatory sermon and Elder Hodgson offered the dedicatory prayer. The paramount chief and his wife were present. A number of the chief's councillors also attended the service. Native ministers from the Lutheran, Wesleyan, and Pentecostal churches were there. At the close of the sermon, the chief made a splendid speech of welcome and said he was very happy now that the Seventh-day Adventists had erected a church in his territory. His councillors and the native ministers present joined in supporting the chief's remarks. Really, a fine spirit prevailed.

In the afternoon, the church was again as crowded as in the morning. At this time, a baptismal service was held. It was a splendid day for the church, and the believers there are greatly cheered. Near this village are several other villages, having from 1,000 to 4,000 inhabitants. Therefore, Linokana will become the centre for a large and growing work. The prospects are bright, not only here but in other parts of the Transvaal-Delagoa Mission Field. May God abundantly bless Elder Campbell and his co-workers as they seek to advance and build up the cause of truth in this part of our union. J. F. WRIGHT.



### Notice

A SPECIAL session of the South African Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Johannesburg, May 24 to 26, 1927. Amendments to the constitution will be considered, officers elected, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the session. The first meeting will be held at 10.00 A. M., May 24.

J. F. WRIGHT, *Chairman*,  
A. FLOYD TARR, *Secretary*.



### Conference Convocations for 1927

How rapidly the time has passed since we met last in conference session. It seems but yesterday. However, the days have swiftly glided by, the year is gone, and we now face the time when the spiritual gatherings of God's people are to convene for 1927. We again give the dates set and the locations as follows:

CAPE CONFERENCE, CAPE TOWN,  
APRIL 25—MAY 1.

ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE,  
BLOEMFONTEIN, MAY 2—8.

NATAL-TRANSCVAAL CONFERENCE,  
JOHANNESBURG, MAY 9—15.

The Division and Union Conference plan to do their utmost to assist in these meetings, to the end that they be most spiritual. Elders Beddoe and Hall, from the General Conference, will be present to join in making these annual convocations great seasons of refreshing.

We take this opportunity of joining with the conference presidents in extending to all a hearty welcome, and in urging that our brethren and sisters attend the gatherings in their respective conferences. As we appeal to you to attend, we urge most earnestly that you carefully consider also the following appeal of the Lord's servant:

"God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. You are to be there in person, and to strengthen the meeting all you possibly can. . . . We know that the believers in the Truth are scattered widely; but make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. Come to the meeting and bring your families." —*"Life Sketches," page 345.*

Could an appeal be stronger than this? We think not. Now, my dear brethren and sisters, we do feel most anxious about the conference gatherings this year. We desire that they shall start a new spiritual era in South Africa. We sincerely hope that they will bring new life into our work and new victories into our lives. The convocations conducted for our natives a few weeks ago have been most wonderfully blessed of God, bringing new life, new power, and new courage to the believers. Therefore, we believe that God is waiting to make our European meetings likewise the best we have yet experienced. The times demand it. The cause of God needs it. And, as believers, we surely must rise to a higher platform in our Christian experience. Therefore, let us plan to be present, and may God richly visit His people as they gather this year, is our humble prayer for His name's sake.

J. F. WRIGHT.



### Native Camp-meetings in the South African Union

WE have just closed the camp-meeting season in our union for the native believers and take this opportunity to pass on a word concerning the meetings to the readers of the OUTLOOK. These meetings were conducted at Bethel mission, Ermelo, Emmanuel mission and Taungs. Preceding the first three places mentioned, a native advisory council was conducted for two days in each place. These camp-meetings and councils were greatly appreciated, proving both a spiritual uplift and a wonderful encouragement to our believers. You will be interested in a few items concerning each meeting.

The one at Bethel mission was well attended. From the very first, a spirit of seeking after God was manifest. As messages from God were presented by His servants, all moved forward in renewed consecration to the Lord and His cause. Elder Howard, the new superintendent of the Kafirland Field, led out in a strong way, and we feel that he, with his loyal band of workers, will make 1927 the best year yet in the history of that field. On the last day, £83 was pledged for missions. This is about £20 increase over the amount of last year. Only a few were baptised at this meeting, inasmuch as a number had been baptised just before the close of 1926. The workers in this field are of excellent courage and they will throw heart and soul into making the present year one of real soul-winning.

Upon reaching Ermelo, we found Brother Campbell with things well in hand for both the council and camp-meeting. The workers assembled surely did enter most heartily into the council. Plans were studied, questions were asked and answered. The workers lined up in a most loyal manner to press the Message forward and to hold the standard high.

The call to a deeper consecration was sounded each day. This was well received and the brethren responded accordingly. The last Sabbath was one marked with deep feeling on the part of all. At the close of the service on Sabbath morning, Brother James Moya was ordained to the gospel ministry.

The camp-meeting offering received Friday afternoon amounted to £150. Never has the writer witnessed a more cheerful response to a call to give. It was most inspiring, and we understand that this offering is a record breaker for South Africa, so far as concerns our native believers.

Next came the meeting at Emmanuel. This one was also visited by showers of blessings. Brother Sharman, director of the mission, has been doing strong work during the year. The school has enjoyed a splendid enrolment, and the church roll has been cleansed. This all helped in preparing the way for a good camp-meeting. The offering this year was more than double the one received a year ago. On the last Sabbath, fifteen followed their Lord in baptism. Others were advised to wait and study until a later date. This is the largest baptismal class they have had at Emmanuel for some years.

A new school building is being erected at this station, and Brother H. J. Hurlow has just connected with Emmanuel to take over the dispensary work. He will also assist in building up the evangelistic work. The outlook is good for the Basuto-Bechuana Field, as Elder B. E. Schaffner assumes the duties of superintendent.

Upon reaching Taungs, we found the attendance somewhat smaller than one year ago. This was due to many being away at the diamond diggings. The spirit in the services conducted, however, was very good. We are pleased to have Brother Davy and wife located at Taungs to take the oversight of the work in this section. Brother Davy's years of experience in mission work will be most helpful in building up the cause of God at this place, where Brother Venter has been carrying the work forward so well. The paramount chief, with his people, attended the meeting on the last Sunday night. He is feeling most friendly toward us now and has opened the way for us to start work at his own kraal. We believe that his support will mean much in fostering a strong work in this centre.

Elders Branson, Robison and Joseph, from the Division, together with the union and local workers, joined in counsel and spiritual work during these meetings. Our believers and labourers are pleased with the new organisation of their department. We are confident that having the work again in the hands of local superintendents, together with the work of the advisory council, is a step in the right direction. The outlook is most encouraging, and we expect 1927 to be an excellent year in soul-winning. May it be even so, is our sincere and earnest prayer.

J. F. WRIGHT.

## South African Union Conference

### Statement of Mission Offerings for January and February 1927

NAME OF FIELD	GOAL			AV. PER WK.			% OF GOAL
				AMT. REC.	PER MEM.	GOAL	
EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT :							
Cape Conference	591	10	0	162	5	5	8d. 27%
N.-T. Conference	638	1	8	186	6	7	8½d. 29%
O. R. Conference	429	0	0	73	19	2	5½d. 17%
Total European in Conferences	1658	11	8	422	11	2	8d. 26%
Total European in Mission Fields	2	3	4	21	13	7	
Total European	1660	15	0	444	4	9	8d. 27%
NATIVE DEPARTMENT :							
Kafirland	23	18	2	11	9	0	1d. 46%
Transvaal-Delagoa	27	1	8	8	1	5	½d. 29%
Basuto-Bechuana	34	7	6	6	0	3	¾d. 18%
Total Native	85	7	4	25	10	8	¾d. 29%
Cape Coloured	53	14	8	16	6	1	4d. 30%
Indian	5	4	0	9	19	0	1/- 191%
Total Mission Fields	144	6	0	51	15	9	1½d. 36%
Total Conferences	1660	15	0	444	4	9	8d. 27%
Final Total	1805	1	0	496	0	6	27%

#### Summary

	CORRESPONDING PERIOD 1926		
Goal	1805	1	0 = 100%
Amt. Rec.	496	0	6 = 27%
Shortage	£1309	0	6 = 73%
			830 6 11 = 50%

A. FLOYD TARR, Treasurer.

## Shall We Retreat?

WHAT a serious question! It is one, however, to which we must address ourselves right here early in the new year. It should not be necessary to do this, but such is required just now. The particular question which we desire to call to your attention at this time pertains to mission offerings.

As we study the mission offerings' statement for the South African Union covering January and February, we learn that we are short £1,309 on the weekly goal. Also, we find that we are short £330 as compared with January and February of last year. That is to say, we received during January and February of 1926, £826, whereas we have received only £496 for the same period this year. Our goal for January and February this year is £1,805, of which we have received £496 leaving a shortage of £1309, as stated above. This showing, we deeply regret. It almost looks like retreating, does it not?

Well, what are we going to do about it? That is the next thing about which to think. We well know that it has never been a part of God's programme, nor has it ever been the spirit of this Message to fall behind. The Advent watchword is, "Go Forward," ever advance, and such we must certainly do.

This year, we are entering new territory in South Africa. Two new missions are to be opened. We feel very happy over this advance step. It is as it should be, but we surely must count on the reaching of the full mission quota to aid us in these advance moves. Therefore, we do earnestly appeal to every Advent believer in South Africa to be liberal and faithful in giving. In making this appeal, we are in perfect harmony with the Spirit of Prophecy, for we read:

"The way must be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace. Let not our church members complain because they are so often called upon to give. WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES THE FREQUENT CALLS A NECESSITY? Is it not the rapid increase of missionary enterprises? Shall we, by refusing to give, retard the growth of these enterprises? Shall we forget that we are labourers together with God? From every church, prayers should ascend to God for an increase of devotion and liberality."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 55.

And again we hear sounded the following:

"I appeal to the officers of our conferences to make earnest efforts in our churches to arouse them to give of their means for sustaining foreign missions. . . . Unless your hearts are touched as you see the situation in foreign fields, the last message of mercy to be given to the world will be restricted and the work which God would have done will be left undone."—"An Appeal for Missions," *Special Testimony*, p. 2.

To these appeals we say, "Amen." We join heart and soul with the spirit of the above messages by entreating all to be faithful in their mission offerings through the Sabbath school, as well as the church. Do not fail to do your part. We sincerely believe you will cheerfully respond, and may God abundantly bless to this end.

J. F. WRIGHT.

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## NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

B. M. HEALD, *President*

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

OFFICE ADDRESS: P. O. Box 6154, Johannesburg, Tvl.

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### The Twentieth Session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Date: May 9 to 15

Place: Johannesburg

THE first meeting, on May 9, will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, corner of Claim and DeVilliers Streets. Thereafter, the meetings will be held in the Freemason's Hall, corner of Plein and Claim Streets.

#### ACCOMMODATION

The Entertainment Committee is composed of Elder B. P. de Beer, Elder Wm. Hurlow and Brother A. Blennerhassett. They will be pleased to assist you in securing accommodation. You may send in your wishes regarding accommodation to us at P. O. Box 6154, Johannesburg, and they will be passed on to the committee for attention.

#### CONCESSION RATES

Special concession privileges will be granted by the Railways for travelling to and from the conference at return journey for single fare. In making application for these certificates, please give us the following information:

1. Your name.
2. Residence.
3. Class you wish to travel.
4. Date on which you will begin journey.
5. Station from which you will begin your journey.

#### VISITING MINISTERS

We expect Elder Beddoe and Elder Hall, of the General Conference, to be present, besides the Union and Division representatives. We are likely to have some of our brethren from the north, who will be attending the Division Council, which will take place soon after our conference.

#### BOOK DISPLAY

We will have on display a supply of our Dutch and English literature. Visit the book stand and you will be interested.

A. E. NELSON.



#### Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that the twentieth annual session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, corner of Plein and Claim Streets, Johannesburg. The first meeting will be called at 10.00 A. M., May 10, 1927, for the purpose of electing officers, and the trans- action of such other business as may properly come before the conference.

B. M. HEALD, *President*,  
A. E. NELSON, *Secretary*.

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## ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE

J. N. DE BEER, *President*.

T. L. BULGIN, *Secy.-Treas.*

ADDRESS: P. O. Box 270, Bloemfontein, O. F. S.

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#### Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual session of the Orange River Conference will convene May 2 to 8, 1927, at Bloemfontein in the church building, corner of Aliwal Street and Selbourne Avenue, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may properly come before the conference.

J. N. DE BEER, *President*,  
T. L. BULGIN, *Secretary*.



### Belangrike Byeenkoms

ONS Jaarlikse Konferensie vergadering sal plaas vind in Bloemfontein, 2-9 Mei, 1927. Die dienste sal gehou word in ons kerkgebou op die hoek van Aliwal Straat en Selbourne Avenue.

Ons verwag dat met ons sal wees Eerws. Beddoe, Hall, Branson, Joseph, French, Wright en Robison. Dit is seker dat die manne ons 'n goeie boodskap sal bring, en ons plan is om al die dienste in albei Engels en Afrikaans te hou. Dit sal ongetwyfeld 'n tyd van groot belang en seën wees vir Gods kerk, en ons hoop en verwagting is, dat almal wat moontlik kan, sal opkom na die jaarlikse byeenkoms van Gods kinders. Broeders en susters, begin daadlik klaar te maak om op te kom, en bid ernstiglik vir die uitstorting van die Heilige Gees op die vergaderings. Heb. 10: 25.

Almal wat kamers wil hê vir die tyd van die vergaderings moet daadlik aan Mnr. T. L. Bulgin, Posbus 270, Bloemfontein, skrywe. Laat hom aub. omstandig weet hoeveel bedde nodig salw ees in elke kamer. Ons sal ons beste doen om kamers so goedkoop te kry as moontlik. Die gewone prys vir kamers in Bloemfontein is van £1-0-0 tot £1-10-0 per week.

J. N. DE BEER.





GENERAL CONFERENCE  
MEN WILL BE PRESENT

A SPIRITUAL FEAST  
AWAITS YOU

### Are You Coming ?

WOULD it not be fine if every member of the Cape Conference could be present at our conference session in Cape Town, April 25 to May 1? If all our people could come to this gathering as the children of Israel came up to Jerusalem to their annual feasts, what a blessed experience it would be! Are you coming?

We are expecting the Lord to spread for us a spiritual feast, such as we have not enjoyed for many a day. A special treat awaits us this year as we are to have two of our over-seas brethren with us,—Elder B. E. Beddoe, associate secretary of the General Conference, and a former South African worker, and Elder H. H. Hall, of the General Conference Publishing Department. These men, together with Elder Branson, who recently returned from our world conference, at Milwaukee, will bring us a real spiritual uplift that none should miss. Are you coming?

It is true that many of you live a long way from Cape Town. It is true that it costs something to go to camp-meeting. Some of you will, no doubt, find it difficult to leave your farms, or your business; but, after all, will the Lord not help us to arrange our affairs, if we only definitely set our hearts on attending this convocation of the Lord? It may cost more to remain away than to attend. Are you coming?

Note the following: "Let all who possibly can, attend these yearly gatherings. All should feel that God requires this of them. . . . Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings to find Jesus. He will come up to the feast. He will be present, and He will do for you that which you most need to have done. Your farms should not be considered of greater value than the higher interests of the soul."—*"Testimonies," Vol. II, page 575.*

How about it, are you going to respond to the call? Are you coming?  
L. L. MOFFITT.



### Accommodations During Conference

ALL who desire the Entertainment Committee to arrange for their accommodation during the time of the conference session should apply to Brother F. G. Clifford, "Jesmond," Ottery Road, Wynberg, Cape, stating requirements.

L. L. MOFFITT.

### Plans For 1927 Camp-meeting

FROM the news which comes to us from the field from day to day, it would seem that there are many who are planning to attend the camp-meeting to be held at Cape Town, April 25 to May 1. We sincerely hope that there are many who, though they may not have definitely laid plans to attend this meeting, will do so very soon.

In response to our application to the Railways for concession rates for delegates, we have received favourable reply. Those who are planning to go to the conference should apply to the railway station for form T117. Fill this in with the details asked for and post to the conference office in good time for the form to be signed and returned to you, before the date on which you wish to leave. If you are not able to get the necessary form at your station, then please send in the following particulars to this office, and we will arrange to send you a form duly completed:

1. Full name.
2. Date you will entrain.
3. Station from which you will start.
4. Class you wish to travel.

Tickets will be issued to enable the delegates to arrive at Cape Town not earlier than the 24th of April, and to complete the return journey by midnight on the 6th of May.

Do not fail to send in your application early and we will advise of all the details when sending concession forms.

Be sure to plan to be at the conference. We expect to have a splendid meeting.

P. W. WILLMORE.



"OUR camp-meetings are to promote spiritual life among our own people. The world in its wisdom knows not God. The world cannot see the beauty, the loveliness, the goodness, the holiness of divine truth. And in order that men may understand this, there must be a channel through which it shall come to the world. The church has been constituted that channel. Christ reveals Himself to us, that we may reveal Him to others. Through His people are to be manifested the riches and glory of His unspeakable gift."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, page 32.*

## For What Purpose is the Tithe ?

IN Numbers 18: 21-31, it is revealed to us that the tithe was distinctly set apart for the support and work of the priesthood. It was to be sacredly kept for this one purpose. It was never to be used for charity, or for personal missionary work, but it was God's appointed way of supporting the priesthood in order that the priests might be free to give their entire time to the service of God, and still be assured of support for themselves and their families.

Whenever the people failed to recognise this principle, the service of God suffered until reform came. Thus, in the days of Hezekiah, we find the following experience recorded :

"Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the Lord. And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine, and 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: 4-10.

But is the same plan in force today? Note carefully the following word of the apostle Paul: "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. 9: 11-14.

Let us note the words "even so." In exactly the same manner as the priests were partakers of the altar sacrifices, those who preach the gospel are to be supported by the gospel. God's plan, therefore, is the same today as it was in the days of Israel. The tithe is for the support of the minister and his family, and to enable him to carry on his work.

"That which has been set apart according to the Scriptures as belonging to the Lord, constitutes the revenue of the gospel, and is no longer ours. It is no better than sacrilege for a man to take from God's treasury in order to serve others in their secular business. Some have been at fault in diverting from the altar of God that which has been especially dedicated to Him. All should regard this matter in the right

light. Let no one, when brought into a strait place, take money consecrated to religious purposes, and use it for his own advantage, soothing his conscience by saying that he will repay it at some future time. Far better cut down the expenses to correspond with the income, to restrict the wants and live within the means, than to use the Lord's money for secular purposes.

"God has given special direction as to the use of the tithe. He does not design that His work shall be crippled for want of means. That there may be no haphazard work and no error, He has made our duty on these points very plain. The portion that God has reserved for Himself is not to be diverted to any other purpose than that which He has specified. Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe, to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in an emergency, nor to apply it as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the Lord's work." —*"Gospel Workers," p. 224.*

"God desires all His stewards to be exact in following divine arrangements. They are not to offset the Lord's plans by performing some deed of charity, or giving some gift or some offering, when or how they, the human agents, shall see fit. It is very poor policy for men to seek to improve on God's plan, and invent a makeshift, averaging up their good impulses on this and that occasion, and offsetting them against God's requirements. God calls upon all to give their influence to His own arrangement. He has made His plan known; and all who would co-operate with Him must carry out this plan, instead of daring to attempt an improvement on it." —*Id., p. 225.*

"A very plain, definite message has been given to me for our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects, which, though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said that the tithe should be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord's arrangement. God will judge for these things.

"One reasons that the tithe may be applied to school purposes. Still others reason that canvassers and colporteurs should be supported from the tithe. But a great mistake is made when the tithe is drawn from the object for which it is to be used—the support of the ministers. There should be today in the field one hundred well-qualified labourers where now there is but one.

"The tithe is sacred, reserved by God for Himself. It is to be brought into His treasury to be used to sustain the gospel labourers in their work. For a long time the Lord has been robbed because there are those who do not realise that the tithe is God's reserved portion. Some have been dissatisfied, and have said, "I will not longer pay my tithe; for I have no confidence in the way things are managed at the heart of the work." But will you rob God because you think the management of the work is not right? Make your complaint openly, in the right spirit, to the proper ones. Send in your petitions for things to be adjusted and set in order; but do not withdraw from the work of God, and prove unfaithful, because others are not doing right.

"Read carefully the third chapter of Malachi, and

see what God says about the tithe. If our churches will take their stand upon the Lord's Word, and be faithful in paying their tithe into His treasury, more labourers will be encouraged to take up ministerial work. More men would give themselves to the ministry were they not told of the depleted treasury. There should be an abundant supply in the Lord's treasury, and there would be if selfish hearts and hands had not withheld the tithes, or made use of them to support other lines of work.

"God's reserved resources are to be used in no such haphazard way. The tithe is the Lord's, and those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasure, unless they repent. Let the work no longer be hedged up because the tithe has been diverted into various channels other than the one to which the Lord has said it should go. Provision is to be made for these other lines of work. They are to be sustained, but not from the tithe. God has not changed; the tithe is still to be used for the support of the ministry."—*Id.*, p. 226.

An individual cannot, therefore, follow God's plan and at the same time use his tithe for any other purpose than for the support of the ministry. Any other plan diverts God's portion from His appointed channel into a self-appointed channel and can be nothing else than robbery. He has determined how His goods shall be used, and any other plan is self exultation and idolatry.

W. H. BRANSON.



**Notice**

BROTHER W. J. WILLIAMS, who is trading as "Cape Industries," at Paradise Road, Newlands, C. P., wishes to notify our churches and isolated members, that he is now able to offer new season's pure unfermented grape wine, for sacramental and social purposes. It is obtainable in three sizes—quart, pint and half pint. A special discount off prices is given to Seventh-day Adventists.

**Report of Literature Sales for January**

**Natal-Transvaal**

NAME	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL
<i>Bible Readings</i>					
F. E. Potter	118	59	86 15 0		86 15 0
<i>God's Answers</i>					
Miss K. Neuhoff	68	7	3 7 6	15 7 0	18 14 6
<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
Delmer Gibson	66	48	66 0 0		66 0 0
H. J. Moolman	108½	18	24 7 6	1 17 6	26 5 0
<i>Ladies' Handbook.</i>					
Miss P. Naude	89½	56	77 14 0		77 14 0
Mrs. Potter	69½	34	51 5 0		51 5 0
Mrs. Swanepoel	61	10	15 5 0		15 5 0
Miss. F. Kruger	70½	21	33 17 6		33 17 6
	645	253	358 11 6	17 4 6	375 16 0
Periodical sales			66 14 7		66 14 7
Native sales			57 3 6		57 3 6
Office sales			51 17 5		51 17 5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>534 7 0</b>	<b>17 4 6</b>	<b>551 11 6</b>
<b>Agents 8</b>					

**Cape**

<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
D. D. Toerien	75½	28	37 11 0	3 9 6	41 0 6
A. F. Minter	114½	60	83 7 6	1 6	83 9 0
<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
C. Petersen	38	32	40 16 0		40 16 0
I. Bredenkamp	182½	78	103 17 6	4 9 0	108 6 6
E. W. Marter	123½	78	118 5 0		118 5 0
S. Stevenson	213	108	141 0 0	1 3 0	142 3 0
Miss Smith	32	8	10 0 0	6 0	10 6 0
<i>Our Day</i>					
A. Lategan	122½	83	65 12 6	1 12 0	67 4 6
Miss de Gourville	187½	113	88 7 6	1 14 6	90 2 0
I. H. Beattie	180	56	45 14 6	19 6	46 14 0
	1268½	644	734 11 6	13 15 0	748 6 6
Periodical sales			16 17 9		16 17 9
Native sales			13 10 3		13 10 3
Office sales			24 8 4		24 8 4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1268½</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>789 7 10</b>	<b>13 15 0</b>	<b>808 2 10</b>
<b>Agents 10</b>					

**Orange River**

<i>Great Controversy</i>					
J. W. Wessels	70	46	62 3 0	18 0	63 1 0
D. W. J nker	49	25	33 12 0	4 18 0	38 10 0
<i>Practical Guide</i>					
S. Swanepoel	83	33	43 7 0		43 7 0
S. Hiten	96½	28	39 2 6		39 2 6
V. Gibson	38½	19	25 17 6		25 17 6
	337	151	204 2 0	5 16 0	209 18 0
Periodicals sales			7 15 3		7 15 3
Native sales			5 8 6		5 8 6
Office sales			11 2 11		11 2 11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>228 8 8</b>	<b>5 16 0</b>	<b>234 4 8</b>
<b>Agents 5</b>					

**Zambesi Union**

Miscellaneous					33 1 3
Native sales					4 3 10
Periodical sales					8 4 11
<b>Total</b>					<b>£ 45 10 0</b>

**Totals for January 1927**

N-T Conf	645	253	358 11 6	17 4 6	375 16 0
Cape Conf	1268½	644	734 11 6	13 15 0	748 6 6
O. R. Conf	337	151	204 2 0	5 16 0	209 18 0
Zambesi Union			33 1 3		33 1 3
Periodical sales			99 12 6		99 12 6
Native sales			80 6 1		80 6 1
Office sales			87 8 8		87 8 8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2250½</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>1597 13 6</b>	<b>36 15 6</b>	<b>1634 9 0</b>
<b>Agents 23</b>					

"WHEN Christ took human nature upon Him, He bound humanity to Himself by a tie of love that can never be broken by any power save the choice of man himself."—"Steps to Christ," p. 77.

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**General News Notes**

BROTHER ROBERT BUCKLEY is serving as farm manager at the Spion Kop College.

MISS VIRGINIA FORTNER AND MISS VISSER have returned to Spion Kop as teachers in the church school.

BROTHER ROSS ANSLEY is located on the Bethel mission, where he will assist in the general work of the station.

WE are asked to call the attention of our readers to the following postage rates: To Nyasaland, 2d an ounce; to the Congo, 3d an ounce.

WE are sorry to learn that Elder B. M. Heald has been ill. He hoped, however, to meet his appointments as from April 1.

THE new address of Brother O. O. Bredenkamp is: Missao de Luz, Rio Mufeze, Vila Luze, Dist. Moxico, Angola.

BROTHER S. MARX has now taken charge of the work in the North-East Rhodesia Mission Field. He is located at the Chimpempe mission.

ELDER C. W. CURTIS has just left Elisabethville to visit the missions in the Congo Union. He will return in time to go south to the Division Council.

ELDER W. L. HYATT and family sailed from Cape Town on the S. S. "Ballarat" on the 28th ult. Brother Hyatt is taking his furlough to America.

WE much regret to learn that Mrs. Dale, of Bloemfontein, who had gone down to Grahamstown for a holiday, was taken ill, and had to go to hospital.

BROTHER O. R. SHREVE, of the new school farm at Somerset West, has had to undergo a serious operation. We trust that Brother Shreve will soon regain his strength.

BROTHER JOHN VAN DER MERWE has joined the mission staff in South Rhodesia, and is at present helping with the work of the Lower Gwelo mission, but will soon become inspector of the Solusi out-schools.

MRS. R. C. HONEY and Mrs. Bert Honey are visitors at the Cape, having come down from the Transvaal to bid goodbye to Miss Ida Honey, who is on her way to America, and who sailed on the S. S. "Ballarat."

BROTHER S. W. PALMER, principal of the Solusi Training School, has been suffering from fever for several weeks, and is at present at the Cape with his family. Brother E. Tarr is in charge of the mission during Brother Palmer's absence.



**A Special Collection**

IT has been recommended that on Sabbath, April 16, a special collection be made by all the churches throughout the Division, and that this offering become a gift from the Seventh-day Adventist membership to the British and Foreign Bible Society, to aid this society in the noble efforts it is making in the distribution of the Bible.

No attempt need be made to tell our readers of the noble work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, nor what it has meant for the advancement of the gospel in Africa, not only for the Europeans but also for the heathen.

We trust, therefore, that a liberal offering will be made on April 16, and that God may use the gift to help in the scattering of copies of His Holy Word.

W. B. COMMUN.



**What Was Accomplished in the "Signs" Campaign this Year**

WE regret to report that the results of the *Signs* Campaign this year has not been as gratifying as in past years. The total number of subscriptions (new and renewals) received this year, as a result of the *Signs* Big Week, is only 409. These have come in from the fields as follows, (the first column being the report of last year):

	1926	1927
Cape Conference .....	215	286
Natal-Transvaal Conference .....	712	84
Orange River Conference .....	67	33
South Rhodesia Mission Field .....	253	6
North Rhodesia Mission Field .....	44	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1291</b>	<b>409</b>

WE do not have a record of the increase in church clubs that came in last year as a result of the *Signs* Big Week, but we are pleased to report that church clubs have been increased this year by over five hundred copies. Our records show the following increases:

Wynberg church .....	200
Pretoria church .....	141
Cape Town church .....	100
Claremont church .....	100
Port Elizabeth church .....	25

J. G. SLATE.