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"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

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A Call to the Youth

At the recent Division and Union meetings held at the Cape, broad plans were laid for extending the work over our entire field, and especially in the mission districts to the north. This of course brought calls for workers. It is interesting, and sometimes saddening, to watch a committee search the field over for educated, reliable, and consecrated young men and women who seem to have the qualifications that spell success in the mission fields. No young person who is ambitious to have a part in the work of God need question whether there will be a place for him, provided he is willing to get a good education and the necessary training for his chosen duties.

Among those just appointed to mission fields are two young men well known in Cape Town. Mr. Percy Billes, who has been in attendance at the Spion Kop school from the first, has been invited to connect with the Rusangu Mission in North Rhodesia. His brother Mr. Raymond Billes, has been asked to connect with the teaching force of the Zambesi Union. We greatly rejoice to see the missionary spirit taking possession of the young men of South Africa; we rejoice to see them shoulder the burdens of the work in the great unentered fields of this continent.

Realising that education and training are essential to successful missionary work, and desiring to give the young people of South Africa every possible opportunity to prepare for effective service, the Educational Board has recently arranged to add three years work to the present curriculum of the Spion Kop school. Several courses will be offered, giving the student a choice of studies best suited to the plans for his life work. When the new courses are in full operation we see no reason why any young person in this field need look elsewhere for educational advantages.

We are looking to our young people as well as to some older in years, to fill our school to overflowing, that a constant and ever increasing stream of efficient labourers may flow to all sections of the continent.

Young people of South Africa, the Lord is calling you today. While some of limited education, but deep consecration, may render acceptable service in the cause, we are told that such could multiply their usefulness many times if education and training were added to their present attainments. Why not seek the best?

O. K. BUTLER.



The "Big Week"

It was only a few years ago that the idea of a "Big Week" in connection with our canvassing work was first tried.

Two enterprising field missionary secretaries, in order to bring up the book sales in their respective conferences, launched a special campaign to last a whole week, when every one in the conference, colporteurs, conference workers and lay members were to work at high pressure, putting in as many hours as possible for the entire time.

The plan was a success from the start, with the result that the idea soon spread to all the conferences of America, and has since become so popular, that at the recent Spring Council of the General Conference Committee, it was voted that all conferences and mission fields throughout the world, join in the plan of holding at least one Big Week effort during 1921 for the sale of our literature in their respective fields, and that the profits from the biggest day's sales of this "Big Week" be donated by the person doing the work, to the Publishing Extension Fund, which is being raised for the purpose of assisting houses in mission fields, thus enabling them to provide their own literature.

The committee also devised a plan whereby the entire world field was divided up between our three large publishing houses in America, and they were made responsible for the equipment of the smaller publishing plants in the mission fields under their care.

In the case of Africa, we were placed under the care of the Review and Herald Publishing Association of Washington, D.C., and they have promised to do everything in their power to assist us in properly equipping our plant so as to enable us to care for the publishing work in this great and needy field.

To assist in raising this money, all the conferences in the Review and Herald territory in America, have organised themselves for action, and are planning for two big week campaigns during the year, the profits of the largest day's sales in each week, being pledged to the publishing interests in this field. Their slogan for the recent campaign was "A publishing house for Africa in one day."

In connection with the splendid effort which our brethren in America are making to raise the funds necessary for this purpose, it seems only proper and fitting that we in this field should join in the campaign and do our utmost towards making it a success.

The date set for the "Big Week" in the territories of the South African Conference and the Southern Union Mission Field is the week of August 29 to September 3. We are asking that each colporteur, conference worker, and lay member, who can possibly do so, plan to join with us in this campaign and help make this first "Big Week" effort in Africa a real success in every way.

G. C. JENKS



One Order for Twenty Books

ONLY a few months ago I heard Pastor A. G. Daniels tell this incident. "The canvassing work was first being opened up in China. Workers were slow in taking hold. Finally a young Chinese caught the vision. He said he was going to start by selling a book to the governor of Nanking. Somehow he managed to pass twelve guards stationed outside the gate and then twelve more stationed inside. He canvassed the governor who put his signature in the prospectus, requesting that twenty more books be delivered with his for his under men. Our book work was on in China."

For years the book work has been on in South Africa. There has been decided progress in our book work. Notice these figures: 1917—£4,773; 1918—£6,403; 1919—£7,287; and 1920—£10,571. Surely this steady advance from year to year is encouraging. But we are alarmed because this year we are falling below the figures of 1920. Of course there are reasons for this but there is no reason big enough to hinder the progress of this message.

A cheering word comes from Brother Albert Priest, the field missionary secretary of the Natal-Transvaal

Conference. His report for June shows a total sales of £723-19-3. We are glad for this. They have twenty-one colporteurs on their list. The day will come when there will be a harvest of souls to credit to the labours of these faithful messengers.

August 29 to September 3 is Colporteur Big Week. We ought to have fifty colporteurs in the field of the Union that week. They must help us to make that the biggest book sales week we have ever known in Africa. Many of our older colporteurs whose hands for various reasons have dropped from the plow, should again step to the furrow and help to finish the field. We must not allow the progress of this work to be checked. Let other conference workers and scores of laymen join in making August 29 to September 3 a REAL BIG WEEK.

B. E. BEDDOE.

SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINING SCHOOL

Box 124, Ladysmith, Natal

Notes from the School

ON Monday, June 27, our school closed for the mid-year holidays. After nineteen weeks of strenuous work with scarcely an interruption, both students and teachers were glad to lay aside their books for a few days. As we review the work of the past few months we can see that progress has been made. We feel to raise another Ebenezer and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The word Ebenezer is not an unfamiliar one at Spion Kop.

The majority of the students are at the present time away from the shelter of our historic mountain. A number have gone to their homes for a brief visit, while others are taking an active part in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. The vacation period for the school was purposely lengthened in order that those who take part in the campaign might have time to work their respective territories thoroughly and be present at the school on the opening day. Those whose homes are at a distance will thus also have time to return from their visits before the reopening of the school on July 14.

Our Ingathering army numbers eighteen. Three have gone to Bloemfontein to co-operate with that church in its campaign, four are in Maritzburg, and four in Durban to assist the churches in these localities. The remainder went to the nearby towns along the railway lines. At a later time others will work Ladysmith and the surrounding district.

We set the goal for our church at £100, and the students have taken hold with a determination to reach it. There is every prospect that the goal will be reached. Not only will this effort bring means into

THE SUPPLEMENT

THE General Conference Committee in Africa issues this supplement to the AFRICAN DIVISION OUTLOOK the first of each month. Its purpose is to stimulate missionary activity on the part of our church members. Much of the matter used in these supplements is taken from the *Church Officers' Gazette*. While the programme is merely suggestive, all church elders or leaders are urged to make the first Sabbath service in each month a Home Missionary Service, using the material furnished in THE SUPPLEMENT. Church pastors are requested to co-operate either by carrying out this programme or working this matter into the sermon as from time to time it may seem best.

THE HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

Suggestive Programme for First Sabbath Home Missionary Service

(To be held August 6)

OPENING SONG: Christ in Song, No. 220.

Scripture Readings: Ezra 7: 6, 11-23; Neh. 2: 1-8.

Prayer.

Song: Christ in Song, No. 474.

Readings: "Harvest Ingathering Work," "Campaign Reports" and "Honour Roll."

Lay plans to finish the campaign.

Closing song: Christ in Song, No. 720.

Harvest Ingathering Work

(The following was written by Mrs. E. G. White at Sanitarium, California, October 11, 1908, when our Harvest Ingathering plan was just getting well under way)

Letters of inquiry have come to me regarding the advisability of carrying out the plan outlined above. [Harvest Ingathering Work.] In answer I would refer all to the example of Nehemiah. When about to journey to Jerusalem with the hope of restoring the walls about the stricken city of his fathers, he frankly told king Artaxerxes of the work he contemplated doing, and requested help to insure the success of the enterprise. He obtained a letter to the keeper of the king's forest in the mountains of Lebanon, directing him to furnish such timber as would be needed for the wall of Jerusalem and the buildings that were to be erected. And the means which he lacked he solicited from those who were able to bestow.

In writing on this subject in years past, I have said:

"The Lord still moves upon the hearts of kings and rulers in behalf of His people. Those who are labouring for Him are to avail themselves of the help that He prompts men to give for the advancement of His cause. The agents through whom these gifts come, may open ways by which the light of truth shall be given to many benighted lands. These men may have no sympathy with God's work, no faith in Christ, no acquaintance with His Word: but their gifts are not on this account to be refused.

"The Lord has placed His goods in the hands of unbelievers as well as believers; all may return to Him His own for the doing of the work that must be done for a fallen world. As long as we are in this world, as long as the Spirit of God strives with the children of men, so long are we to receive favours as well as to impart them. We are to give to the world the light of truth, as revealed in the Scriptures; and we are to receive from the world that which God moves upon them to give in behalf of His cause.

"The Lord's work might receive far greater favours than it is now receiving, if we would approach men in wisdom,

acquainting them with the work, and giving them an opportunity of doing that which it is our privilege to induce them to do for its advancement. If we, as God's servants, would take a wise and prudent course, His good hand would prosper us in our efforts.

"Some may question the propriety of receiving gifts from unbelievers. Let such ask themselves: 'Who is the real owner of the world? To whom belong its houses and lands, and its treasures of gold and silver?' God has an abundance in our world, and He has placed His goods in the hands of all both the obedient and the disobedient. He is ready to move upon the hearts of worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of His work; and He will do this as soon as His people learn to approach these men wisely and to call their attention to that which it is their privilege to do. If the needs of the Lord's work were set forth in a proper light before those who have means and influence, these men might do much to advance the cause of present truth. God's people have lost many privileges of which they could have taken advantage, had they not chosen to stand independent of the world.

"In the providence of God, we are daily brought into connection with the unconverted. By His own right hand God is preparing the way before us, in order that His work may progress rapidly. As co-laborers with Him, we have a sacred work to do. We are to have travail of soul for those who are in high places; we are to extend to them the gracious invitation to come to the marriage feast.

"Although now almost wholly in the possession of wicked men, all the world, with its riches and treasures, belongs to God. 'The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.' 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of hosts. Even the beast of the forest is Mine, and all the birds of the mountain, and the wild beasts of the field are Mine. If I were hungry I would not tell thee; for the world is Mine, and the fulness thereof.' O that Christians might realise more and still more fully that it is their privilege and their duty, while cherishing right principles, to take advantage of every heaven-born opportunity for advancing God's kingdom in this world!"

Why not ask the Gentiles for assistance? I have received instruction that there are men and women in the world who have sympathetic hearts, and who will be touched with compassion as the needs of suffering humanity are presented to them.

There are men in the world who will give of their means for schools and for sanitariums. The matter has been presented to me in this light. Our work is to be aggressive. The money of the Lord's and if the wealthy are approached in the right way the Lord will touch their hearts, and impress them to give of their means. God's money is in the hands of these men, some of them will heed the request for help.

Talk this over, and do all in your power to secure gifts. We are not to feel that it would not be the thing to ask me for the world for means; for it is just the thing to do. This was opened before me as a way of coming in touch with the men of the world. Through this means not a few will be interested, and may hear and believe the truth for this time.



Campaign Reports

FROM various parts of the field interesting reports are coming to us. Many of our people are taking hold of the Harvest Ingathering work very earnestly. It is giving those who

age in the work an invaluable experience. Many strangers are being brought into sympathetic touch with this message. When, too, hundreds of pounds are being received to assist in financing the cause.

The Sentinel Publishing Company and Division Conference offices closed Tuesday, July 12, to permit the employees to go out. Interesting experiences are being reported of their day devoted to Harvest Ingathering work. Total gathered to date by them is £21-17-0. From Brother W. B. Commin we quote:

"One firm, replying to a letter, passes along a cheque for £3-3-0, and then adds, 'any time you are in need of a cheque help on your good work we are always willing to help you.'

"A few days ago a gentleman called in at the office with reference to his subscription to the *African Sentinel*. He stated that he was formerly a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, but now does not belong to any church as he could not agree with all their doctrines. He says the only religious paper he reads is the *African Sentinel*, and he does not want to miss one copy of that paper. Before leaving the office he gave me an offering of £3 towards our Harvest Ingathering work."

Miss Irene Hurdus, the Union Conference stenographer, has received over £4 and one party has promised her £5-5-0 if there could be raised in South Africa £500 towards this fund. Our report for the first half of July represents more than £400.

Splendid word comes from work done by students from the college in the campaign. A number of teachers and students connected with churches in nearby cities. Fifteen of these are on the honour roll. During the few days they were out £165-15 6 was collected.

Pastor W. S. Hyatt is spending some time in the Natal-Transvaal Conference helping to organise the campaign. Pastor E. K. Butler is assisting in the Orange Free State. Our workers in different sections are pushing the work.

For a start Pastor G. R. E. McNay reports over £32 for Johannesburg. He says further: "We have hardly got into a stride as yet and are hoping for big things this year. The urgency of the situation is a warrant from God that we will be able to do big things for Him."

Pastor W. Leroy Hyatt sends word that Pretoria had raised

£145 by July 13. He writes, "Our people here are full of zeal and anxious to assist in this world wide effort." Pretoria's goal is £200. Each member has a goal. The highest individual goal in that church is £30.

Durban reports £44-6-0; Ermelo, £2-18-0; Kimberley, £28-12-0; Pietermaritzburg, £32-13-2; Cape Town, £11-0-0; Vryheid, £11-6-0.

Our Harvest Ingathering Campaign is to continue through August and September. Every member in our conferences and mission fields is urged to assist in helping Africa to reach its goal of £3,000. We hope to have reports from the mission fields before our next issue.



Harvest Ingathering Honour Roll

Persons receiving £5 or more

NATAL-TRANNSVAAL

Mrs. U Bender	Miss L. Wocke
Albert Priest	Miss J. Evert
Virgil Bredenkamp	Mrs. U. L. Butt
V. R. Cooks	Mrs. W. H. Haupt
Albert Enslin	Basil Burton
Ernest Branson	J. Raubenheimer
T. J. Gibson	Mrs. A. Boekhout
E. Weiss	Sister Job (Johannesburg)
Ashley Renou	Brother Hegter (Johannesburg)
Mrs. J. D. Stickle	Sister Gluck (Johannesburg)
Mrs. W. S. Hyatt	Sister Wocke (Johannesburg)
P. Vermaak	Total 23.

ORANGE FREE STATE

Emilie Jeffrey	P. A. Venter, Jr.
Violet Harding	C. C. Marais
Max Webster	Total 5.

CAPE

W. B. Commin	Mrs. H. Gurney
J. G. Slate	Miss K. Endley
Miss A. H. Bayman	Total 5.

the treasury, but we believe that the experience gained by the students will be of great value to them. A week spent in this way will prove a great blessing to each one who takes a part in the work, and thus the missionary spirit will be fostered in our school. You may look for our reports in the near future.

We face the work of the last half-year with hope and courage. With the prayers and the full co-operation of every believer in South Africa, there is no reason why the coming semester cannot be made the best in the history of the school.

JOHN D. STICKLE.



Get Ready for This

THE following letter from the preceptor of the Spion Kop Training School, we are sure, will meet with a hearty response from the readers of the OUTLOOK. Nothing more vitally concerns the future of our work in Africa than the success of our training school.

"We sincerely believe that every Adventist in Africa who knows anything about our school at Spion Kop is interested in its future. If some know little or perhaps nothing about the school, we want to get them interested in it. For this purpose some of the students will tell you from time to time through the OUTLOOK about the work here.

"At the recent meeting of the school board held here, broad plans were laid for the upbuilding of the school, and under the blessing of God, we hope and expect to see the school at Spion Kop a strong training centre for South and Central Africa, as well as the isles which girt our coast.

"That which demands more than passing attention now is the main school building—subsequent articles will tell about this building and its condition—suffice it now to say that about five hundred pounds (£500) is urgently needed to finish it. During this year some of the rooms in this building have been in use although even these are by no means finished.

"At the recent meeting of the school board a suggestion was made that the young people at Spion Kop start a 'student movement' to collect funds through correspondence to finish this building. This naturally appealed to them, and unitedly they said they would be pleased to do so. Accordingly it has been decided that during the month of September this 'Student Movement' be carried on energetically. The students will endeavour to write to all our people in South and Central Africa, soliciting in behalf of finishing the school building.

"We (and when I say 'we' I speak on behalf of the young people) want to see this building finished before

another school year, and we feel sure our brethren and sisters throughout the Division Conference desire to see this work accomplished, and also have a part in doing it. We can do the work; we have the young men here who can finish the building, but we haven't the means.

"We feel confident that you will stand right by our young people in this campaign and will do all you can to help them make it a success. When you receive a letter from them in the early part of September, I feel sure you will respond with a generous donation, which will make them feel happy and make us all feel glad.

"I am writing this introductory letter to the campaign now, so that every one may be able to plan definitely to give something when the time arrives, and not disappoint the young people who have such a deep interest in making our school all that it should be.

VIVIAN COOKS.



The Spion Kop Summer School

SISTER WHITE says, "There should be schools established wherever there is a church or a company of believers. Teachers should be employed to educate the children of Sabbath keepers."—*Private Collection of the Testimonies, Dec. 15, 1897.*

The question of the education of our children was given careful consideration at the last meeting of the school board at the Spion Kop school, and the Union Conference Committee. It was recognised by all that we are far behind God's plan for the education and care of our children and young people. Had we lived up to the instruction that the Lord has given in this matter we would not now be obliged to send overseas for so many workers year by year, at great expense, and many of our young people who are now in the world might have been saved to the cause.

But in order for us to establish these schools the Lord mentions, it will be necessary for many of those now in public school work to give themselves to the cause of Christian education, and volunteer for the work of our church schools. To strengthen those now in this work and to help those who may be willing to take up this line of service it is planned to hold a teachers' institute at the Spion Kop school from Dec. 14, 1921 to Jan. 11, 1922.

The curriculum will be arranged, not only for church school teachers, but for our mission teachers as well, and also for those who are now entering or planning for the ministerial work. Further word regarding the curriculum and expenses will be given later.

W. E. STRAW.

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The New Supplement

At the meeting of the African Division of the General Conference Committee held in June, it was voted to issue a supplement to the OUTLOOK the first of each month. A committee made up of Pastors B. E. Beddoe and J. W. MacNeil and Brother W. B. Commin was appointed to gather material and edit the supplement. The General Conference is recommending that the first Sabbath service in each month be devoted to the consideration of home missionary work. The supplement is intended to supply a suggestive programme and material for this service. Our churches throughout Africa are requested to follow the plan.

Just at this time we are in the midst of our Harvest Ingathering campaign. We hope that the material in this supplement may be presented in all our churches Sabbath, August 6. A concerted effort should be made to quickly finish this effort to raise £3,000. A good start has been made. We trust the little supplement may prove to be an effective agency to press us all into this and other lines of home missionary work.

THE COMMITTEE.



RECENTLY a European Missionary Volunteer Society was organised in the Bulawayo church, and the young people seem to be rather enthusiastic in regard to it. They are busy taking subscriptions for the SENTINEL, to help raise money for the Missionary Volunteer goal for this year.

One of our boys reports that as a result of his last two months work, there are four kraals now where there is no beer and no tobacco, and the people are all keeping the Sabbath. He brought with him a young well-educated man whom he is now taking with him to Solusi to receive training for the work.

W. E. STRAW

Report of Literature Sales for June

Natal-Transvaal

NAME	BOOKS	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL'D
D. M. C. Blignaut	B.R.	74	11	12 7 6	2 8 0	14 14 6	
J. Baird	B.R.	157	61	79 2 6	10 6	79 13 0	62 17 6
V. E. Clack	B.R.	81	6	7 2 0	19 0	8 1 0	15 14 6
Mrs. T. G. Crouch	P.G.	19					22 15 6
T. G. Crouch	P.G.	75	61	108 17 6		108 17 6	122 6 6
M. J. Dixie	B.R.	65	61	76 14 6	9 0	77 3 6	23 17 6
T. de Bruyn	B.R.	85	33	48 5 0	3 13 0	51 18 0	16 15 0
E. Enochson	D.R.	13	10	17 10 0		17 10 0	11 9 3
F. C. Ernst	P.G.	28	8	12 2 6		12 2 6	49 2 6
P. Elizah	Misc.	134	22	5 12 0	4 6 9	9 18 9	2 0 0
Mrs. Kaspersen	B.R.	38	17	21 10 0		21 10 0	6 2 6
Miss. J. Kaspersen	B.R.	58	18	22 5 0		22 5 0	6 5 0
Miss I. Kaspersen	B.R.	57	26	30 2 6		30 2 6	2 15 0
A. C. Le Butt	P.G.	124	48	62 5 0		62 5 0	77 0 0
Mrs. Landesman	P.G.	6			7 6	7 6	
T. Mason	B.R.	87	8	9 5 0	1 0 0	10 5 0	28 17 6
R. Morton	B.R.	120	14	16 5 0	4 10 6	20 15 6	19 15 0
Mrs. M. Smith	P.G.	13	3	6 3 6	9 6	6 13 0	12 13 6
Mrs. H. C. Tickton	P.P.	60	23	31 7 6	3 12 6	35 0 0	20 0 0
W. Smith	B.R.	21	19	29 3 6	16 0	29 19 6	
D. A. Samuel (Indian)	Misc.	76	10	2 11 6	3 3 0	5 14 6	2 9 0
Office Sales			17	12 1 0	32 0 6	44 1 6	12 1 0
Magazines				55 0 6		55 0 6	55 0 0
Helps Delivered							58 5 9
Agents, 21		1393	476	665 13 6	58 5 9	723 19 3	628 2 0

Orange Free State

J. van Zijl	B.R.	103	5	7 5 0	12 0	7 17 0	7 5 0
D. W. Jonker Jr	B.R.	79	4	5 5 0	1 14 3	6 19 3	5 5 0
Agents, 2		182	9	12 10 0	2 6 3	14 16 3	12 10 0

Cape

Mrs. de Beer	P.G.	120	139	188 7 6		188 7 6	42 7 6
Mrs. G. C. Jenks	P.G.	16		9 12 6	3 1 6	12 14 0	50 9 0
P. Jackson	D.R.	2			1 6	1 6	1 2 6
D. J. Kruger	B.R.	124	21	24 7 6	9 11 6	33 19 0	18 15 0
Agents, 5		262	160	222 7 6	12 14 6	235 2 0	112 14 0

Grand Total, All Agents 27 1837 645 900 11 0 73 6 6 973 17 6 753 16 0

Harvest Ingathering Funds

Comparative Report (Standing July 20)

CONFERENCE	1919	1920	1921	1921	GOAL
Cape	135 12 9	393 3 7	104 9 10	650 0 0	0 0
Natal-Tvl.	173 8 0	645 15 7	253 6 9	1000 0 0	0 0
O. F. State	103 14 2	113 12 3	68 14 0	350 0 0	0 0
S. A. Union	412 14 11	1152 11 5	426 10 7	2000 0 0	0 0
Mis. Stations	2 3 0	148 16 11	5 18 7		
African Divis.	414 17 11	1301 8 4	432 9 2	3000 0 0	0 0



The August Sentinel

THE August issue of the *Sentinel* is an especially good one. Fully expecting to receive additional orders, we have printed considerably more than the regular number.

Order early through your tract society.

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