



# The African Division OUTLOOK



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

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## The New Missionary and the Old

"Just wait until you have been in the country for a year or two, and you will not be so free to express your ideas on every problem that comes up," is what the new missionary usually hears from those who have been longer in the way, when he talks of new ideas and plans fresh from home. It is natural for the new missionary who is bubbling over with zeal and enthusiasm to make suggestions and even criticise what he considers to be antiquated methods of labour. He feels quite sure that if different methods were adopted our work would develop much faster, and urges a general revolution in things.

The older missionary, who probably passed through the same experience when he first arrived in the country, having tried out some of his favourite plans and schemes for conducting the work, and found that they did not work as well as he thought they would, feels a bit suspicious and a little uncomfortable under the criticism of the new man, and is not inclined to take to all the new plans and ideas so freely offered to him. This also is natural. Neither of these men is altogether wrong. Each may, if the right spirit is manifested, learn from the other.

I have watched with much interest and joy the advent of so many new workers of late, and feel that with the increase in our numbers, and the influx of new blood into our missionary forces there are certain considerations in connection with the relationship between the new missionary and his more experienced fellow worker that we all might do well to think upon. A writer in the *Indian Witness* has so well stated what I have in mind that I give in full what he has written instead of writing it myself:

"The new missionary comes with an enthusiasm and an idealism that is boundless. He has not yet met the actual problems that exist on the field, and he does not know the details, nor the routine of the work of his older colleague. He does not know the history of the particular district or station to which he is appointed. He does not know of the toil and

the heartache and the life blood of his predecessors that have gone into the life of that district or station. And it is just as well that he does not.

"In many instances, too, he comes with special training and equipment for a definite piece of work. He knows the best methods of doing that work, and he feels a certain justifiable self-confidence. The older missionary needs just this contact. He has faced facts for so long and has been doing two men's work for so long that he has lost a lot of this initial enthusiasm and idealism. He is in great danger of accepting things as they are, and of being thankful that, under his leadership, even a little progress has been made. He is quite apt to feel that the Christians under his charge are as well cared for as are other Christian groups. In other words, long contact with hard facts and the enormity of the problem are apt to give a different standard of value to the older missionary in his standard of judgment. The new missionary takes up this appointment, with his standards and theories worked out perhaps, not on the basis of what is, but on the basis of what he thinks ought to be. After a year, or even less, the new missionary may begin to suggest changes and even to criticise the existing order. He is not always tactful in this; he may be carried away by his enthusiasm. He does not mean to reflect upon the faithfulness or the devotion of his older colleagues. He forgets for the time that the heartstrings of his older brother are interwoven with this particular work, and that criticism of the work is taken as personal criticism.

"But the new missionary, in his desire to help, does not mean to give personal criticism, either to the missionary in charge or to the faithful and devoted native workers who have been toiling nobly and doing the very best they could with the standards and equipment they have had. The new missionary is anxious to see things brought up to his standard of excellence.

"The wise missionary will not be offended at the

frankness and the eagerness of his more youthful fellow worker. Much less, will he do anything to cut that nerve of endeavour, or to stifle that enthusiasm. He will patiently seek to find the true value of the criticism, and he will try to harness that zeal and enthusiasm and training to the problems with which he has been struggling single handed through the years. We need the constant inflow of this new and vibrant enthusiasm, if we are to progress. We need the contact with the latest and best methods of work that we can get. The new missionary, who is trained and equipped with the best methods of teaching and preaching and administering finances, is the living link that binds to the progressive and enterprising home base. The new missionaries who come each year are a gift from God to the field and we welcome them into this sacred fellowship. With a little tact and a lot of the love of Christ, both the older and the newer missionaries may be greatly benefited. Loyal co-operation, a willingness to face facts and a genuine desire to build finer and better for the kingdom of our Christ, will strengthen the hands and hearts and influence of all of God's ambassadors in this field."—*G. G. Lowry, in Eastern Tidings.*



### Is It True?

Is it true that not a missionary visit has been made, nor a paper or tract given to a soul in darkness? Is it true that not a missionary letter has been written, nor a Bible reading held? Is it true that not a hungry person has been fed, nor a naked one clothed? Is it true that not one sick person has been visited, nor a treatment given in the name of Jesus? Is it true that not even a child has been brought to Sabbath school, nor a soul to Jesus? From the oft repeated assertion, "I have nothing to report," we are forced to conclude that it must be true, but it is too terrible to believe. Surely it cannot be true!

A great three-fold message has been entrusted to us to give to all the world. The Lord has shown His confidence in us by committing this work into our hands to bear to those who are lost and out of the way. Shall we disappoint Him by doing little or nothing! No, we must not, we cannot. It is not true that we as a band of believers have done nothing, hence have nothing to report. I am sure it is not true.

"And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, He was hungry: and seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, He came, if haply He might find anything thereon: and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves." Yes, Jesus is hungry for fruit and is looking to the trees of His own planting for

it, and is it true that He can find nothing but leaves? Golden opportunities have been ours, but were we so busy here and there, so full of "the cares of this life" that we have let them slip by unimproved? *Is it true* that we did not accept of even one of the many privileges of ministering to Jesus in the person of some poor unfortunate creature? *Is it true* that the many hours have run into days, and the days into weeks, and the weeks into months, and can it be truthfully said, "I have nothing to report?"

The year 1921 is almost at an end. The eleventh hour has arrived and still the Master says, "Why stand ye here all the day idle? Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right that shall ye receive." Even now we may win the "Well done, good and faithful servant." Shall we do it? Remember that there will be no starless crowns in the kingdom. Think not the stars will be there, without an effort on our part.

Our faith in the message and our love for the lost has been shown by our lives—by what we have done for them. The record for this year is almost made, and soon the leaf will turn and we shall start a new page for 1922. Shall we not by God's grace make a better record in the future than in the past?

"O brother, be faithful! He soon will descend,  
Creation's omnipotent King.

While legions of angels His chariot attend,  
And palm-wreaths of victory bring.

O brother, be faithful! and soon thou shalt hear  
Thy Saviour pronounce the glad words,  
Well done, faithful servant, thy title is clear,  
To enter the joy of thy Lord."

W. S. HYATT.

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## NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

*Stranack Street, Maritzburg, Natal*

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### Among the Colporteurs in the N. T. Conference

ALL our workers are of good courage in the Lord, and are pressing forward in this important branch of His work. While the financial depression has affected our work somewhat, yet those who move forward by faith are prospering.

I give a few items of interest from our faithful colporteurs, who are devoting their lives to spreading the truth through the circulation of our publications.

Brother J. M. Baird is one of the new Sabbath keepers at Johannesburg. Since the first of May he has been working with "Bible Readings," and has had some very interesting experiences. Recently, he

was advised not to go to a certain house, as the occupants were not interested in religious books. Yet we went, and found the lady of the house deeply interested in the book, and easily secured her order with ten shillings deposit, and a request to deliver the book as soon as possible.

Over in the eastern part of the Transvaal, Pastor Sturdevant has been working for five months. He has a good Sabbath school at Barberton, and has baptised four souls. One of these, Brother A. Blencherhasset has taken up the sale of "Bible Readings," and his efforts are meeting with success, despite the warnings of some preachers against his "dangerous" books. Barberton has been previously canvassed several times with our books, but nothing can hinder the onward progress of God's work.

Brother V. E. Clack has been plodding away on the east Rand around Benoni and Boksburg, selling "Bible Readings" and small books. He sticks to his work, even when it seems to go slow.

Brother T. G. Crouch is located at Estcourt, and has been working the mines and towns in that vicinity. Owing to throat trouble, he has been obliged to take a rest for some time.

Sister M. J. Dixie, about a year ago, was not expected to live, but the Lord heard the earnest prayers that were offered in her behalf, and her health was restored. Now she is devoting her strength to the sale of "Bible Readings."

Brother T. de Bruyn has been canvassing Standerton and Volksrust. The Lord has been blessing this brother in his work. In his last letter he said that his wife was sick at Krugersdorp. We trust that she is well by now, so that Brother de Bruyn can continue his canvassing work.

Brother E. Enochson is a teacher in the government school at Germiston, and devotes his spare time to the sale of "Daniel and the Revelation." In his last letter with a good report he writes, "For the good experiences and the success I have in my canvassing work, I do thank God, realising that it is all due to Him. I feel so glad that I know God, that I can speak to the people in a manner which often arrests the interest and attention of the most worldly-minded." Might not many more Seventh-day Adventists devote their spare time to the spreading of the truth, as Brother Enochson is doing?

Brother F. C. Ernst, one of our veteran canvassers, is working in Maritzburg with "Practical Guide." He has not been too well of late, but his health is improving. For about two months he was obliged to take a rest, but we are thankful that he is so far restored to health that he was able to put in the last week with his prospectus.

Brother S. J. Fourie is working the towns and

mines between Vryheid and Piet Retief, and Paulpietersburg. He is selling "Daniel and the Revelation," and small books. The only difficulty we are having with Brother Fourie is to keep him supplied with small books as fast as he can order them.

Brethren Elizah and Samuel, two of our Indian brethren at Durban, have been patiently working along, selling small books and tracts to the Indians and natives. The Indian people are hard to reach with the truths of Christianity, as most of them do not welcome any interference with their heathen ideas. Yet the gospel must go to all the world, and these, too, must be given an opportunity of hearing the truth that makes men free in Christ.

Sister E. Edie has been having some remarkable experiences in working off an old stock of books, "Seer of Patmos," and "Story of Daniel." She is working at Roodepoort. She has sold to Jews and Catholics, even though they knew that it was a Protestant book.

Sister Kaspersen and her two daughters, Maud, and Ivy, and her son, W. A. Kaspersen have been devoting their spare time to the sale of "Bible Readings" in Johannesburg. Sister Kaspersen and her family have accepted the truth since our meeting there last January. They are in the work for souls rather than the £ s. d. Sister Kaspersen told me that she had been praying for a long time that she might have some part in soul saving. And when she accepted the truth, the Lord answered her prayers by giving her a part in the closing work.

Brother A. C. Le Butt has been working hard and faithfully at Pretoria, canvassing for "Practical Guide." He gave up a good position with the S.A.R. in order to keep the Sabbath. His reports show that he has faith in God, and he has been enabled to deliver over £418 worth of books. He has been at home with his family every night, has assisted Pastor W. L. Hyatt in his efforts on Sunday night, and has acted as superintendent of the Sabbath school. Still he is able to do the Lord's work from door to door.

During her spare time Sister Landesman has been selling a few "Practical Guide" and "Epidemics" at Durban.

Brother T. Mason has not reported for some time, but I have been informed that he is putting in his spare time studying the principles of the message, that he may be able to give a reason of the hope that is in him. I was with him in one of his deliveries at Durban, and we found the people eager and glad to get their books.

Sister M. Smith has been having many interesting experiences at Johannesburg. In one of her recent letters she writes, "While canvassing one morning with 'Practical Guide,' I met a lady who was trou-

bled with evil spirits. She gave me an order for the book, and I gave her some papers on the coming of Christ. The next time I called, she told me that she was still having trouble with the evil spirits. She began to cry, and said that God had deserted her, as she had prayed not to see these spirits any more, and still they came. I am so glad that I found that poor soul, as I believe she would have gone mad in time. She is feeling better now, and has promised to come to church. It is such experiences as this that make me stick to my work. I find many poor souls who are perishing for the truth." Sister Smith has been having good success working among the Jews. The first day she went out she sold eight "World War," in less than an hour, mostly to Jews. She says they are keenly interested in the prophecies regarding the next war, and by using tact she is able to bring the message before them.

Sister A. C. Tickton has been canvassing during her spare time for "Patriarchs and Prophets" at Johannesburg.

Brother W. Smith is located at Germiston, and is devoting his spare time to selling "Bible Readings" to the coloured people on the Rand. He is having good success in his work.

Brother Vermaak is again taking up the colporteur work, and is working the Premier Mine, north of Johannesburg.

I trust that many of our people will see the importance of getting our literature into the homes of the people while we have the opportunity. Now is the time for us to push the work with all our might. "The night cometh, when no man can work."

ALBERT PRIEST.



## Pretoria

The night of August 25, we held our last Sunday lecture in the Town Hall. This was the close of a successful series of twenty-four Sunday night meetings. About four hundred and fifty were present.

Immediately after the Johannesburg Conference, three lady Bible workers and the writer, with the co-operation of the church members, commenced preparatory work for the public meetings. We distributed the *Present Truth* papers for six weeks prior to our first lecture. This work was done in a portion of the city which had not been touched heretofore. Many thousands of these papers were given away and hundreds of friends were made before the meetings were started. The few conference workers here could never have coped with the interest had it not been for the faithful help rendered to us by the consecrated church members. Many of those who read the papers en-

quired whether there were not meetings being held upon the subjects of the papers, and were very happy when the first announcement was handed them of the lectures.

The first meeting was held on the 13th March. From the very first an excellent interest prevailed and there has been an average attendance of five hundred. One night every seat was occupied, many stood in the rear of the hall, while crowds were turned away at the door. One very encouraging feature has been that the same people have attended from week to week. While all souls are alike in the sight of God, yet we have been pleased to have a prominent attorney, a magistrate, and some high government officials attending regularly.

The benefits of the preparatory work have been shown by the fact that nearly all those who attended were from the part of the city where the paper work had been done.

To meet the growing interest of the public, we prepared a booklet giving a synopsis of the lectures. It contains sixty pages and twenty subjects with a good thick paper cover and is being sold at 2/6 per copy. This has been very well received, and is appreciated by all. The full expense of this book is being met by us here in Pretoria. We still have a few copies and if any of the readers of the *Outlook* desire one, it may be obtained by addressing the writer at Stranack Street, Maritzburg, Natal.

As has already been reported, about thirty have taken their stand for the truth. On the 21st August, ten were baptised. We are now holding Sunday night meetings in the Masonic Hall where we hold the Sabbath services also.

Another baptism has just been held here at the capital, when seven other candidates followed their Lord through the watery grave. A large number attended this baptism, which was held about three miles from the West End tram terminus. We gathered beneath a grove of large trees and near by was the flowing stream where the baptism took place. Surrounded by nature, it was very fitting to worship nature's God, and as we went to the watery grave, we could not help but think of the time when Jesus went to the river Jordan and was baptised. We were thankful that Pastor W. S. Hyatt could be present with us. He spoke in the morning service upon the significance of baptism.

One young lady who was baptised has been meeting with a great deal of opposition in her home. While her mother was away on a holiday, her older sister forbade her to attend our meetings. She made various threats, but the love of the truth had so planted itself in this young lady's heart that all of her sister's intimidations had no effect and could

not prevent her from attending our Sabbath services. The sister returned all of our literature to us and told the young lady not to receive any more. However, even this did not keep her from reading, for we went to her home one day and found her reading one of our books which she had placed in an old cover of the book Ben Hur, and she has placed the Sabbath school quarterly in the cover of an exercise book, and her sister has not detected it. What a noble example this young lady of only eighteen years of age sets for many of our own young people. Her father has also opposed her, but she has struggled through it all and been baptised. Her aim was to be a nurse, but she now wants to be a missionary.

We would like to tell in regard to a brother who has recently been baptised. When the truth first entered his home, he was in Europe with the colours. He had lived a very wild life and being with the army had not helped him. He was known all over the city for carousing. When he returned, the message entered his heart and a great transformation took place. He soon gave up drinking, smoking and his evil associates. Today he stands as a monument of God's grace. He rejoices in telling what a wonderful transformation the truth has wrought in his life. The other day he went to see a doctor who congratulated him upon the great change that had come into his home. One gentleman here in town told the writer that if this message could work such a transformation, then there must be a power connected with it. While his leisure hours were formerly spent at the bar, they are now spent with his family studying the truth.

Another sister has had a very difficult time in accepting the truth. Her husband used to oppose her greatly, as well as her children. She has recently told me that when I used to visit her home to give Bible readings, her husband used to pace up and down the yard threatening to drive me from the house. This opposition met its climax when our sister told her family that she was going to be baptised. In a storm they expressed their indignation at their mother's decision. She said that she had always pleased them heretofore, but now she was going to please God. As she was preparing to go to the baptismal service Sunday morning, to her surprise her husband suggested that she prepare lunch for him as well. He attended the service and was evidently greatly impressed, for when the call was made for those who desired to consecrate themselves to Christ to stand to their feet, he arose with the others who responded. He has since been attending our meetings and has become deeply interested. This is a wonderful demonstration of what an influence for good a firm stand for the truth may have upon one's relatives.

W. LEROY HYATT.

## Johannesburg Meeting

SABBATH, September 17, another baptismal service was held in the Johannesburg church building, when a further twenty-three souls followed their Lord in baptism. These with another two, who have just accepted the truth but had been previously baptised, were accepted into full fellowship and are uniting with us heartily in sounding this message of warning and salvation to a world lying in darkness.

Among this number were husbands with their wives, and our hearts are gladdened as we see whole families united in this wonderful message. A number of those who have taken their stand are going through times of special trial and we should ask God to be very near these. One very bright young man, who is preparing for the matriculation examination is having most severe opposition in his home. In fact he was told that if he were baptised he should not enter the home again. However, he loves Christ and God first and has been obedient to them and is trusting for the future.

Those baptised included some who have been studying the truth for some time in Krugersdorp, and a few others who have had connection with Adventist families, but a large number were the first direct fruit of the meetings which have been in progress in this place. Several more had planned on being baptised but were hindered in one way or another.

There are about twelve or fifteen who are definitely waiting for another opportunity to be buried with their Lord and we are even now looking forward to another service of this kind in the near future.

Pastor W. L. Hyatt of Pretoria accepted our invitation to be present at the baptismal service and address the candidates. Surely God gave him the message which he brought to us, showing that when God stretches out His arm to do a work it positively will and must be done. His deliverance of Israel from Egypt by this stretched out arm overcame obstacles and made a way in the sea and the desert and finally brought His people to the promised land. This same God has promised to stretch out the same mighty arm in gathering His remnant out of all the world unto the land which He has promised us and we are sure His power will prevail. Our hearts were cheered and strengthened by this message and all signified our renewed confidence and consecration to our Lord and Saviour.

Sunday night, the writer addressed a large congregation in the church on the subject, "Around the World with the Advent Message." The subject was illustrated with 150 lantern slides showing our institutions located in all parts of the world and illustrating the development of this message from bare faith to

its present huge proportions. At the close pledges toward the Harvest Ingathering were received amounting to £3-15-0.

At both the Sabbath morning and Sunday night services the church was packed, all seats being occupied, others borrowed from neighbours being used and many standing as well.

The interest in present truth continues in Johannesburg. Pray that God will bring much fruit to perfection and that His workers here may receive the blessings of power needed to properly perform His service.

Perhaps a statement of finances in connection with this Johannesburg meeting would prove interesting. Dealing with the meetings which commenced in the Carlton Theatre where they were conducted for five months, from February 1st to June 30th on each Sunday night, and thereafter transferred to the church each Sunday night, the position as at September 18th is as follows:

Total Expenses .....	£303	2	3
Total Offerings .....	152	0	0
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Total Deficit .....	£151	2	3

This amount of £151-2-3 represents the total cost of these meetings to the Natal-Transvaal Conference from February to the present time, exclusive of labourers' wages and expenses.

When planning for these meetings it was expected that we would have to expend between £200 and £300 net, but we are glad that we have been able to keep the expenses down to this figure and yet be able under God to conduct a successful meeting.

GEO. R. E. MCNAY.



### Spion Kop Notes

SPION KOP was garbed in unusual apparel from Thursday, September 8th to the following Monday. Before donning its summer garment of pure green it put on one of pure white. This made a striking contrast to the dull brown covering which it had shown all winter.

Yes, it was a real snow storm! Not only was the mountain covered with white, but the campus and the landscape as far as eye could see. And what excitement it did cause among the students, many of whom saw snow for the first time! When the first downy flakes fell on Thursday morning all manner of joyous exclamations could be heard from the dormitories. Before noon the ground was covered, and then many had the novel experience of handling snow, and even tasting it. By the middle of the afternoon the snow had reached a depth of about six inches, and all en-

gaged in the unique sport of free-for-all snowballing. This served to drive the chill out of our bodies. It is estimated that sixteen inches of snow fell during the two days, but not much more than half that depth lay on the ground at any one time. School had to be suspended for a day as we were not prepared for the severe weather which accompanied the snow.

Mrs. T. J. Gibson is spending a few days with the school. On Tuesday morning, September 13th, she gave an inspiring chapel talk in which she recounted some of her experiences at Battle Creek College many years ago, as well as her early experience in the work in South Africa. Her talk was much enjoyed by all.

Miss Rosie Hyatt spent two weeks from September 7 to 21 visiting her sister at the school. We enjoyed her singing.

Robert van der Molen has gone to his home in Pietermaritzburg. He plans to assist in the office of the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

On Wednesday, September 7, Mrs Bender took four students to Ladysmith to solicit subscriptions for the *Sentinel*. In the few hours that they worked twenty subscriptions were taken. Those who worked in this campaign were Martha Snijman, Basil Burton, Max Webster, and Ashley Renou.

Martha and Elia Snijman are enjoying an unexpected visit from their mother and little sister.

Tuesday, September 13th, marked the end of the third quarter of the school year. The Lord has graciously blessed our work during the past three quarters. There has been little illness among the students and no serious cases whatever. We solicit the co-operation and prayers of all the readers of the *OUTLOOK*, and we trust that the last quarter's work will close the term in a strong way.

To mark the close of the third quarter, the school spent a day picnicking. The weather favoured us greatly despite the fact that rain threatened in the morning. The grounds selected for the purpose lie on the banks of the Tugela, and are as beautiful as can be expected at this time of the year. This diversion with the tasty luncheon was much enjoyed by all. It was a tired but happy company that returned at the close of the day.

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## ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

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### Inyazura Camp-Meeting

INYAZURA MISSION's first camp-meeting was held September 3 to 10. While the number in attendance was smaller than at Somabula and Solusi, yet the meeting was a very profitable occasion. A spirit of consecration was manifested throughout the meeting.

Pastors W. H. Branson, W. E. Straw, E. M. Howard, F. R. Stockil and the writer participated in the public labours of the meeting. Pastors J. N. de Beer and H. M. Sparrow were present a few days attending a meeting of the South Rhodesia Committee. The labours of Jim and Clarence, native workers from Solusi, were also much appreciated by the natives.

Pastors Straw, Stockil, and the writer arrived at the mission a few days after the meeting commenced. We reached the mission station at six o'clock in the morning, and were accorded one of the most interesting and touching receptions that I have ever experienced. About two hundred believers met us a mile from the mission and attended us with the singing of hymns till we arrived at the mission.

There was a marked spirit in evidence throughout the meeting, looking forward to a larger evangelistic programme in the Inyazura district. Some of the native workers became quite enthusiastic in their desire to get out into the kraals and villages to preach the gospel. There can be no doubt but that the Lord is laying upon our leaders in South Rhodesia the burden for a great evangelistic campaign. It is certain to result in a harvest of souls.

The readers of the OUTLOOK will be glad to learn that during the camp-meeting at Inyazura thirty-eight persons were baptised. This brings the aggregate number of baptisms for the South Rhodesia camp-meetings this season up to 149. Our brethren in all parts of the field are looking forward to the soon coming day when large numbers of natives will be converted to the message.

Pastor Wm. Hodgson has the work of the mission thoroughly organised. One cannot help but see that the Lord is blessing the labours of this faithful servant. On Thursday, September 8, Brother Hodgson was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, Pastors Branson, Straw and the writer officiating.

B. E. BEDDOE.



### Our Dead Pioneers

WE have every right to honour and respect in a proper manner the memory of those who have laid down their lives for the cause of the Lord. In Rhodesia there are a few lonely graves of noble men and women who made the "supreme sacrifice" during the beginning of our missionary endeavours in this country.

Our Executive Committee, in council with members of the African Division Committee, has recommended the starting of a fund for the purpose of securing donations from our brethren and sisters in Africa and elsewhere. This money will be used to secure suit-

able, inexpensive monuments to be placed on the graves of these fallen warriors.

Contributions will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by the undersigned if addressed care Box 573, Bulawayo, and the names of those contributing will appear in the OUTLOOK from time to time.

The following have kindly started the subscription list:

W. H. Branson .....	10 0
H. M. Sparrow .....	10 0
F. R. Stockil .....	10 0
E. M. Howard .....	10 0
J. V. Wilson .....	10 0

£2 10 0

J. E. SYMONS, *Acting Treasurer,*  
*Zambesi Union Mission.*



### Tried Men Ordained to the Ministry

PASTOR E. M. HOWARD called a meeting of the Zambesi Union Conference Committee at Somabula the latter part of August. Plans were developed for the strengthening of our work in Rhodesia. Pastor W. H. Branson, Vice President of the General Conference, Pastor W. E. Straw, assistant Educational Secretary of the General Conference, and the writer were also present for this important council.

Members of the council were of the unanimous conviction that certain men, tried by long experience, should be ordained to the ministry. In harmony with this action Brethren F. R. Stockil and H. M. Sparrow were ordained at Somabula, September 1. Pastor Stockil is the superintendent of the South Rhodesia Mission Field, and Pastor Sparrow is in charge of Solusi Mission. Brother Wm. Hodgson, in charge of Inyazura Mission, was ordained at Inyazura, September 8. Brother J. V. Wilson, superintendent of the North Rhodesia Mission Field, was ordained September 17, at the Rusangu Mission.

Carrying out actions voted at the Johannesburg meeting three native evangelists labouring in South Rhodesia were also ordained to the ministry. Jim Mayinza was ordained August 26, at Solusi camp-meeting. Isaac Xiba and Harry Sibagobe were set apart to this sacred calling at Somabula camp-meeting, August 31.

Plans are being worked out which will greatly strengthen our work in Rhodesia. The day must soon come when many faithful young men in South Africa will hear the call of God to the gospel ministry. While we witness encouraging omens and progressive plans, yet we must not forget to pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth labourers into the harvest.

B. E. BEDDOE.

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### New Church Building in Mafeking

WRITING under date of September 3, Pastor W. H. Anderson reports that their new church building was then completed and ready for the first service that day. There have been many indications of the working of the Spirit of God in connection with the tent effort that was conducted at Mafeking by Pastor Anderson and his helpers. Most of our readers may have heard of the native independent school that has been signed over to be operated as a Seventh-day Adventist school, with the use of the building and all the equipment. Out of the three teachers, the natives themselves pay two. The school has an enrolment of 66, with an average attendance of about fifty. The tent meeting opened with an attendance of three hundred, and the interest deepened during the effort. The native paper came out with a series of articles against Seventh-day Adventists, but this source of opposition was silenced when a convert bought the paper, and invited Brother Anderson to contribute to every issue.

Many of our people little realise the strenuous life of some of our good missionaries who see so much to be done on every hand, yet who are nearly destitute of help. "I am now the only European worker in this field," wrote Brother Anderson last July. "Beginning September 1st, I plan to conduct a tent effort at Taungs. This will mean for me to preach five nights in the week, conduct a two hours' Bible class six days in the week, and be responsible for Sabbath school and Sabbath services with new believers. Weekly I contribute a full-page article for the native paper published in Mafeking."

Just before leaving for Taungs, Brother Anderson wrote:

"There is a good interest reported among the natives there, and I hope to gather in a harvest from them. There has been an epidemic of "flu" in Mafeking for the last month, and Mrs. Anderson has been kept busy treating the sick. We are perplexed to know where to find educated, consecrated native workers for our field. We are of good courage, and pressing on the upward way. I will be preaching five nights in the week, for the next two months, and must conduct a Bible school for my native workers two hours each forenoon."

## The November Sentinel

No question is being more prominently discussed today than the relations between capital and labour, between employer and employee. The eight-hour day, the decrease of wages, the increase of unemployment, the limitation of credit, the spread of Bolshevism, the terrible famine in Russia, together with strikes and lockouts on every hand, all serve to keep this question in the foreground.

The cover of the November *Sentinel* depicts a strike demonstration in Japan, with the caption of a leading article entitled "Capital and Labour at the Cross-Roads." Such a title page is bound to arrest the attention, and we should do what we can as a people to show men what the Scriptures have said regarding the present crisis.

Other striking articles are "Famine Stalks in Russia," "Economic Problems in South Africa," and the fourth instalment of "Freda Investigates Spiritualism" entitled, "How May We Know?" And Pastor W. H. Branson contributes another of his splendid articles dealing with Christian living, entitled "Is it Hard to be Good?"

A large proportion of the present subscriptions expire at the end of the year, and the publishers earnestly solicit the co-operation of our people in the securing of new subscribers for next year. That the new *Sentinel* will sell, even at the new price, has been demonstrated by those who have given it a trial. One of our sisters at the Cape, a busy mother, in her spare time, devoting parts of eleven days to visiting, secured seventy yearly subscriptions, besides selling nearly two hundred single copies. Others we know who are selling from one to three hundred copies per month in their spare time. Some who have wondered how they might contribute to the many calls that are made for the Lord's work are finding that a few hours' work with the *Sentinel* in their spare time is solving this problem. And best of all, it is helping to spread the message.

Are there not many of the readers of the *OUTLOOK* who will order from ten to a hundred copies of the November *Sentinel*, and give the plan a trial? Orders should be sent in early in order to insure delivery.

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### Obituary

It has pleased the Lord to remove by death from my side my beloved wife, Maria Magdalena Murray, née Botha. She was taken after four days' painful suffering with the "flu," on the 9th of September, 1921, at midday, and conveyed to her resting place on Sabbath, 10th September, where she will rise from the dead before long, at the sound of the trump of God. She leaves me behind with six little orphans. We mourn her departure, yet find joy in the blessed hope of meeting her again in the promised land.

M. J. MURRAY.