



# 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 Cape Conference Session

In this issue of the *OUTLOOK*, we give our readers a report of the recent conference held at Claremont, January 16-22. There was much disappointment that not more of our brethren availed themselves of attending this gathering, but those who did enjoyed a rich feast. In addition to the workers of the Cape Conference, help was rendered by Pastors W. H. Branson, B. E. Beddoe, W. E. Straw, and D. E. Robinson.

Services, twice a day, were conducted for the children, with Miss Annie Visser and Miss Alvina Sparrow; also for the Young People, directed by Brethren Straw and Hurlow. Consecration meetings were held each morning, and there were preaching services forenoon, afternoon, and evening. On Thursday we were favoured by an excellent address by Rev. A. J. Cook, secretary of the South African Temperance Alliance. We rejoice that a strongly organised movement in favour of Prohibition is on in South Africa, and we shall have an opportunity to show our interest in this movement. As a fitting close to the excellent meetings, on Sabbath afternoon, four people, all adults, were baptised into the faith.

### COMMITTEES APPOINTED

At the first meeting, Tuesday morning, the conference was organised, and the president was authorised to appoint committees as follows:

**NOMINATIONS:** B. E. Beddoe, O. O. Fortner, W. J. Williams, J. G. Slate, W. H. Branson.

**PLANS AND CONSTITUTION:** W. B. Commin, W. E. Straw, D. E. Robinson, G. R. E. McNay, W. H. Hurlow, G. C. Jenks, A. F. Tarr, Dr. J. Reith, A. Priest.

**PASTORAL:** J. W. MacNeil, W. H. Branson, B. E. Beddoe.

**CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES:** W. H. Branson, B. E. Beddoe, J. W. MacNeil.

**BAPTISM:** O. K. Butler, D. E. Robinson.

## President's Address

LIKE a mighty octopus reaching out its strong arms and attempting to draw to itself its prey, so we see in the uncertain state of world conditions and in the heart-rending cry of humanity, as it looks out upon a seemingly doomed world, a power which is reaching its deadly fangs out to the entire ends of civilization and slowly but surely drawing this world into its embrace, and producing and sending forth a deadly miasma which is bringing universal chaos, degradation and ruin.

There is only one remedy for the disrupting conditions that we find today; only one lotion that will help to heal the sores of civilization, and that power is the everlasting gospel message of Revelation 14. Turning from the gloomy outlook in world conditions we receive hope and courage in the promises of the eternal God, who has set His hand to the finishing of this work and proclaims the solemn message that there shall be delay no longer.

In "Testimonies for the Church," Volume VII, page 239, we read:

"My brethren, be strong yea be strong. The hand of oppression and robbery shall not afflict you if you will exalt the holy principles of God's law. When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him. You are engaged in an important work, and you are to take heed, to watch and pray, to make straight paths for your feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way. Work with an eye single to the glory of God, with a sense of your individual responsibility. Remember that the Lord alone can make your efforts successful."

We trust that as this report is rendered today, we shall all resolve that henceforth no backward step shall ever be taken and that from now on our motto shall be "Forward." This report covers a period of two years, the first year of which Elder O. K. Butler was president of the conference.

## MEMBERSHIP

At our last conference meeting the membership was 521,— 455 in the white, and 66 in the coloured. At present our membership is 438,—349 in the white, and 89 in the coloured. This shows a loss of 160 in the white, and a gain of 23 in the coloured, or a total loss of 83. The great cause of this decline in membership is not simply migration and apostasy, which comprise a part of the reason, but the fact that many of our church records have not been constantly revised, names sometimes being carried for years after the whereabouts of the parties have been unknown, thus causing us to have a church record membership away above what the actual membership should be. Many of these records have been cleared up of late, and this accounts somewhat for the shortage. We trust that a more faithful record of church books will be kept in the future.

At the time of our last meeting there were seventeen organised churches—fifteen in the white and two in the coloured. At present we have fourteen—twelve white and two coloured—three churches being disbanded, Kuruman, Bonnie Vale and Warmwater, because of lack of sufficient members to constitute a church.

The building in which we are now meeting was built during this year at a total cost of £3,182-17-3. The old building was sold for £1,500, and gifts were received covering about £1,200, leaving a debt on the building at present of about £400.

Our Office has been remodelled, and greatly improved and some new equipment has been placed in it, making it more satisfactory for work than in the past.

Repairs and alterations were made at the Salt River church, so that now they have in addition to the large auditorium, a neat schoolroom 26 x 14. Plans are being completed for the erection of a new coloured church at Claremont. The brethren have £300 towards this building—£250 a gift from the General Conference, and £52 from a friend in America.

Two large tents, each 50 x 70, have been ordered from America and also 750 folding chairs. This will give us an opportunity of getting out into the field and doing an aggressive work in evangelistic lines. The payment of this equipment has not been fully arranged for, and we are trusting that our constituents will see the necessity of getting under this load and raising enough money to pay for this extra equipment.

## FINANCES

Considering the awful depression that has come over the country, we feel that our financial report shows some signs for encouragement. Our tithe for

the biennial period has been £7,233-4-4, a gain over the last period of £1,278-15-8. The larger part of this gain came in the year 1920. Our tithe for 1921 is £975-19-8 less than that for 1920. The comparative amount of tithe for the two periods is as follows:

1918	1919	1920	1921
£2,267-4-7	£3,287-4-1	£4,104-12-0	£3,128-12-4

Our Mission offerings are on the increase. We are very glad to report that even though our tithe decreased in 1921, our Mission offerings increased. We received for the biennial period £2,529-2-10, a gain over the previous period of £1,258-9-3. In 1921 we had a gain over 1920 of £186-13-8. Our per capita for the four year has been as follows:

1918	1919	1920	1921
5½d.	6d.	11d.	1/7

## COLPORTEUR WORK

The conditions have not been very encouraging. For four years this conference has been without a field secretary and the results have been very detrimental. We are very grateful for having secured the services of Brother Priest, who has just come to us from the Transvaal Conference. Brother Priest is a man of experience and with the help of God there is no doubt that we will see large results in this important branch of God's work.

## SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

This department was in charge of Miss Jessie Tarr for the first one and a quarter years of the period. Sister Tarr was not in conference employ, but carried on her work from her home in Cathcart, and rendered to the conference very faithful and efficient service. Brother Huriow has been in charge of this work for the past eight months. A steady growth has been seen in this department during the past year. An increase in membership has made it apparent to us that God's people are getting a burden to prepare themselves speedily for a home in the earth made new. There are at the present time twenty Sabbath schools with a membership of 592. The total offerings for the biennial period are £1,372-4-6, a gain over the last period of £669-2-2. For the four years the donations have been as follows.

1918	.....	£369	8	11
1919	.....	£351	9	3
1920	.....	£584	13	10
1921	.....	£688	3	4

There is still great room for improvement in the Sabbath school work and we believe that the new year will make rapid strides in advancement above what we have ever done before.

## THE HOME MISSIONARY WORK

This is the first year that the conference has em-

## Suggestive Programme for the First Sabbath Home Missionary Service

(To be held February 4)

OPENING SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 401.

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING: No. 979.

PRAYER.

SONG: No. 350.

RECITATION: Has Some One Seen?

PRESENTATION OF THEME: Consecration.

RECITATION: Sin's Harvest.

READING: Questions and Advice from "Testimonies for the Church."

SONG: No. 73.

TESTIMONY SERVICE.

CLOSING HYMN: No. 316.

## CONSECRATION

UPON those who believe this message there rests a very great and grave responsibility. Our last opportunity to give up all sin and to lay all on the altar of service will come. Our last opportunity to discharge our duty to our neighbours and loved ones will come, and come soon. As surely as this great message is God's work, the time is not far distant when our publishing houses will switch off the power and the last publication will have been printed; the last call for workers will have been made, the last term have been held in our schools. The last call for funds will have been made, the last budget made up. Those then who have held onto their farms and bank accounts when the cause needed money will have the privilege of keeping them still. The last campaign will then have been planned; no more Harvest Ingathering, no more books to be sold, no more leaving home, no more sacrifice, no more labour for souls. And this day is just ahead. Are you happy at the prospect? But suppose the curtain should drop now, this year, and the drama close, would you be glad? Would you be saved? We each must face these solemn questions.

We need more consecration. Too many belong to the do-nothing crowd. They stand up in meeting and talk, but say nothing, because they do nothing. Some wonder why they have no spiritual power. There needs to be an emptying that we may be filled; and once filled with the Spirit of promise, we shall be workers indeed for God.

We take things altogether too easy. Our words are too tame, our zeal is too cold. John, we are told, was "a burning and a shining light." John 5:35. We need to get on fire with holy and consecrated zeal for God. Once there was a ship that was fired on from a fort; but no impression was made until the general in command gave orders that the balls be made *red hot*. Then the ship was sent to the bottom. Some of us are too much like spiritual icicles. Once the message becomes in us a fire, we shall be soul-winners. The psalmist tells us that while he "was musing the *fire burned*." Ps. 39:3.

Consecration to God means work; it involves risk. We must get into the fire in order to pull out those who are burning. We must plunge into the current if we would rescue the drowning. Firemen who operate the fire escape feel the heat of the conflagration. The lifeboat men get into boisterous seas. Joseph had to get into Egypt to be the saviour of Israel in the time of famine. So we must needs face hardship, trial, and perplexity, such as only a consecrated heart can endure.

A writer raises these pertinent and searching questions:

"Suppose I were to be asked how many persons I had persistently tried to win to Christ during the past month, or even during the past year, what would my answer be? How many have I ever spoken to? How many have I on my prayer list now? If I am not interested enough in the salvation of others even to have a daily prayer list, is it any wonder that I am not a soul-winner?"

Do not pass these questions by with a mere reading. Study them. What do you say? How many have you spoken to? How large is your prayer list for the lost?

Again:

"Suppose I were to see a blind man unknowingly approaching the brink of a high precipice, and that I were to sit by without concern or any effort to warn or save him from certain death, would I not be as guilty of his death in God's sight as though I had murdered him outright?"

What is your answer to these questions? You are surrounded by those who are spiritually blind. Some of them are in your home. Many all around you are being led to perdition by those who themselves are blind. Are you sitting still watching the ghastly procession go by, marching with solemn tread to perdition? Are you excusing yourself as neighbours and loved ones drop over the precipice into perdition by saying, "I have no talent"? Do you not have talent enough to speak to a blind soul and warn him against falling into a yawning chasm? Surely God has given you this much ability. And if you sit complacently by and watch this death march to perdition and do comparatively nothing to stop it, can you expect the Master to say to you at last, "Well done"?

One more question:

"Suppose that every member of the church to which I belong were to dedicate himself or herself today to a life of full surrender to the will of God according to His word (Rom. 12:1, 2) and were to become henceforth a soul-winner as exemplified in the life of Paul (1 Cor. 9:20-22), would not such revival follow as this church and community have never seen? And am I not willing to say that by His grace I will give myself from this day forward to the definite business of saving the lost, that I will have a daily prayer list, and will do what I can under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help accomplish the supreme work for which my Lord and Master came into the world?"

Are you willing today to make this covenant with God, to surrender fully to Him? Is this more than your *view* of the shortness of time, and the great work to be done? Surely if all would do this, the whole earth would be lightened with the glory of this message.

It is Henry Drummond, I believe, who tells the story of a famous statue in the Fine Arts Gallery in Paris. The great genius who carved the statue was very poor, living in a garret which served as both studio and sleeping-room. One night when the statue was just finished, a sudden and terrible frost fell upon the city. The sculptor lay in his cold fireless garret, and thought of the still moist clay, how it would freeze, and the work of his life be ruined in a night. He arose from his cot, wrapped his bedclothes around the statue, and lay down to sleep. Friends found him in the morning, dead. His life had gone into his work.

That man still lives in his work. So may we live in our work. And when we see the same consecration, the same devotion in the work of saving the lost as was seen in the life of this aged genius in his fireless room, we shall see the church go forth terrible as an army with banners, and the message quickly finished in all the earth.—G. B. Thompson.

## SIN'S HARVEST

The sun of the day is setting, and silently, swiftly, soon,  
They reap the last of the harvest by the lingering harvest moon.  
There'll be no other sowing, no other planting year;  
The old earth nears her Sabbath; the harvest of God is here.  
Six thousand years of sowing, six thousand years of sin,  
Six thousand years of sorrow, bring all their reaping in.  
The books of God are closing their records of the years —  
For some a home in glory, for others bitter tears.

The pampered child of pleasure (wherever rests the blame)  
Finds now a horrid harvest behind the doors of shame.  
The painted, gilded sepulchers, with curtains wove in gold,  
Each day are closing thousands within their hopeless fold.  
A thousand weeping mothers each day increase the throng  
That bosom home a heart-thrust to rankle for the wrong  
Of one that bosom nourished, of one that heart adored,  
Now sinking in that current no human foot can ford.

And strife and woe and hunger the harvest hours press,  
With ragged waifs for children, the fruits of selfishness.  
Adown the darkening landscape the bending reapers swing.  
It is the last great harvest, the harvest of the King.  
God's golden grain is garnered from all this mingled mass.  
What are the angels reaping to my name as they pass?  
Is mine that glorious harvest of God-appointed deeds,  
Or will it sin-bound bundles be, to burn among the weeds?  
—Selected.

## IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

Present stretches before us. The curtain is about to be  
lifted. What are we thinking of, that we cling to our selfish  
love of ease, while all around us souls are perishing?

Have our hearts become utterly callous?

Can we not see and understand that we have a work to  
do in behalf of others?

My brethren and sisters, are you among those who, having  
eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not?

Is it in vain that God has given you a knowledge of His  
will?

Is it in vain that He has sent you warning after warning  
of the nearness of the end?

Do you believe the declarations of His word concerning  
what is coming upon the world?

Do you believe that God's judgments are hanging over  
the inhabitants of the earth?

How, then, can you sit at ease, careless and indifferent?

Every day that passes brings us nearer the end. Does  
it bring us also near to God?

Are we watching unto prayer?

Those with whom we associate day by day need our help,  
our guidance. They may be in such a condition of mind that  
a word in season will be sent home by the Holy Spirit as  
a nail in a sure place. Tomorrow some of these souls may  
be where we can never reach them again. What is our in-  
fluence over these fellow travellers?

What effort do we make to win them to Christ?"—*Testi-  
monies for the Church,* Vol. IX, pp. 26, 27.

It might be well to place some of these questions on a  
blackboard in a conspicuous place. Comment is unnecessary  
to make them effective.

Consecrate yourself to God in the morning; make this  
your very first work. Let your prayer be: 'Take me, O Lord,

as wholly Thine. I lay all my plans at Thy feet. Use me to  
do in Thy service. Abide with me, and let all my work be  
wrought in Thee.'—*Steps to Christ,* p. 70.

## HAS SOME ONE SEEN?

Has some one seen Christ in you today?

Christian, look to your heart, I pray;

The little things you have done or said —

Did they accord with the way you prayed?

Have your thoughts been pure, and words been kind?

Have you sought to have the Saviour's mind?

The world with a criticising view

Has watched; but did they see Christ in you?

Has some one seen Christ in you today?

Christian, look to your life I pray;

There are aching hearts and blighted souls

Being lost on sin's destructive shoals,

And perhaps of Christ their only view

May be what they see of Him in you.

Will they see enough to bring hope and cheer?

Look to your light! Does it shine out clear?

—*Bible Readings.*"

## THE TALENT OF SPEECH

As followers of Christ we should make our words such as  
to be a help and an encouragement to one another in the  
Christian life. Far more than we do, we need to speak of  
the precious chapters in our experience. We should speak of  
the mercy and loving-kindness of God, of the matchless depths  
of the Saviour's love. Our words should be words of praise  
and thanksgiving. If the mind and heart are full of the love  
of God, this will be revealed in the conversation. It will not  
be a difficult matter to impart that which enters into our  
spiritual life. Great thoughts, noble aspirations, clear percep-  
tions of truth, unselfish purposes, yearnings for piety and holi-  
ness, will bear fruit in words that reveal the character of the  
heart treasure. When Christ is thus revealed in our speech,  
it will have power in winning souls to Him.

We should speak of Christ to those who know Him not.  
We should do as Christ did. Wherever He was, in the syna-  
gogue, by the wayside, in the boat thrust out a little from the  
land, at the Pharisee's feast or the table of the publican, He  
spoke to men of the things pertaining to the higher life. The  
things of nature, the events of daily life, were bound up by  
Him with the words of truth. The hearts of His hearers were  
drawn to Him; for He had healed their sick, had comforted  
their sorrowing ones, and had taken their children in His  
arms and blessed them. When He opened His lips to speak,  
their attention was riveted upon Him, and every word was to  
some soul a savour of life unto life.

So it should be with us. Wherever we are, we should  
watch for opportunities of speaking to others of the Saviour.  
If we follow Christ's example in doing good, hearts will open  
to us as they did to Him. Not abruptly, but with tact born  
of divine love, we can tell them of Him who is the "Chiefest  
among ten thousand," and the One "altogether lovely." This  
is the very highest work in which we can employ the talent  
of speech. It was given to us that we might present Christ as  
the sin-pardoning Saviour. —*Christ's Object Lessons,* pp. 338,  
339.

ployed a Home Missionary secretary. Brother Hurlow has also carried this work in a very efficient way.

I think that the reports will show improvement in every line, and a greater percentage of reporting members than was ever seen before.

#### THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

The Young People's work has been in a very backward state. However we look for brighter conditions in the future. There are at present seven Young People's societies with a membership of 159.

#### EVANGELISTIC WORK

Very little has been done in this line for the English speaking people. One effort was held in Kimberley in 1920 by Elder C. A. Paap and his strong corps of workers. Good results were seen in the effort that was put forth. During the past year, very little has been done for the white work among the Europeans. Brother de Beer held a short effort for the Dutch at Lang Kloof. Another effort at a later time was held at Douglas. Brother de Beer reports some keeping the Sabbath as a result of this work, but none of them baptised as yet.

The coloured brethren have held two tent efforts during the past year. One was held last May, but the brethren were unable to complete their work owing to the rains coming upon them before they could get to the vital doctrines of the message. The tent was reopened in a new place in November and the meetings are still in progress. They report some keeping the Sabbath, but at the time of writing it would be impossible to give an accurate statement of the results.

The baptisms for the period have been 44.

To the delegates now in Conference Session we gladly turn over the responsibility of this conference, with the earnest prayer that God shall guide you in all your counsels and plans, so that when this meeting closes everything done shall have met with the approval of our Father which is in heaven.

J. W. MACNEIL.



### Changes In Constitution

THE Constitution of the Cape Conference was amended to provide for an Executive Committee of five members instead of seven, as formerly.

Provision was made for the organisation of a Coloured Department, to be administered by a committee of five, the conference president being chairman, and associated with him, two other members of the Executive Committee, and two representatives to be chosen by the coloured constituency from their membership.

### Union Conference Evangelist

For some time we have been endeavouring to work out a plan whereby we might organise a Union Conference evangelistic company. It just now seems possible for us to proceed with our plans. We are glad to announce to our brethren and sisters that Pastor J. W. MacNeil has accepted the invitation of the Union Conference Committee to take the work of Union Conference Evangelist. Pastor MacNeil has worked very hard getting the Cape Conference in shape for more aggressive work. His term as president of that conference has been of great value to that field. He is now turning his attention to the laying of plans for evangelistic work.

There is probably no greater need in all South Africa than that of evangelism in our large cities. We need men of ability and experience who can go into these large cities and proclaim the truth in a way that will reach the ears of the people. We should have many strong churches in the South African field. We are very certain that the Lord will add His blessing to this new evangelistic programme that is being worked out. The Cape Conference has also released Brother W. H. Hurlow to assist Brother MacNeil, giving particular attention to assisting in musical lines.

The Cape Conference, at its recent session elected Pastor G. R. E. McNay conference president. Pastor McNay's long experience in this field and in evangelistic work will make him a good leader. We are sure that God's blessings will attend his administration.

B. E. BEDDOE.



### The New Officers

#### THE NEW OFFICERS

THE following nominations were brought in by the Nominating Committee, and unanimously adopted:

PRESIDENT: G. R. E. McNay.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: G. R. E. McNay, O. O. Fortner, Dr. J. Reith, A. Priest, W. J. Williams.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER: Frank MacDonald.

FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARY: A. Priest.

The office of Secretary of the Sabbath School, Home Missionary, and Educational Departments was referred to the Conference Committee.

COLOURED DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE: G. R. E. MacNay, O. O. Fortner, Dr. J. Reith, D. May, D. C. Theunissen.



### Credentials And Licenses

THE following credentials were granted by the conference:

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS: G. R. E. McNay, O. K. Butler.

MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS: Frank MacDonald, A. Priest, D. A. Webster, Mrs. E. Bull.

#### COLOURED DEPARTMENT

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS: D. May, D. C. Theunissen.

MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS: H. Julius.

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### Resolutions

AMONG resolutions adopted by the conference, are the following:

#### GRATITUDE

*Resolved*, that for the manifold mercies and blessings of God; for the preservation of the health of our workers; for the souls that have been added to the church; for the loyalty and liberality of our brethren; for the open doors of opportunity before us; for liberty of conscience still vouchsafed; for new life and energy taking possession of the workers and believers:—for these and all other blessings and favours bestowed by a compassionate and merciful heavenly Father, we render sincere praise and heartfelt thanksgiving, and pledge the consecrated service of our lives for the extension of His work during the coming years.

#### SYMPATHY

WHEREAS, in His providence, our allwise heavenly Father has permitted death to separate from us Brother J. H. Commin, one of the charter members of this Conference, and whose counsels in past years as a member of the Executive Committee have aided in the building up of the work in this field, and whose loyalty and support have ever been constant,

*Resolved*, that we hereby express our feelings of sorrow over the loss sustained by the Conference through the death of our brother; and further, that we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy in their great loss, and commend them to Him who alone can give true comfort in sorrow, and in whom is the believer's hope in a soon-coming Saviour.

#### HOME MISSIONARY WORK

WHEREAS, the various Home Missionary activities have brought great blessing to those who have engaged in them, and have resulted in souls being won to the truth, therefore,

*Resolved*, that we as church members pledge ourselves to more diligence in all lines of missionary endeavour.

WHEREAS, our publishing house has produced a series of tracts known as the Leaves of Autumn Series, which can be purchased by our members at a very low figure, therefore,

*Resolved*, that we give this special line of tracts the widest possible circulation.

*Resolved*, that we do all in our power to increase the circulation of the *Sentinel* and *De Wachter*.

WHEREAS, a definite organisation has been given to this department of the activities of the church, which has proved a very efficient favour when applied with true consecration,

*Resolved*, that as Conference workers and church members, we work toward the organisation of each church into bands, each with a definite work and territory.

#### GOALS

WHEREAS, God has greatly blessed the Harvest Ingathering campaigns, which have become a very important factor in the carrying forward of our world-wide work, both in the raising of means and in the winning of souls,

*Resolved*, that we pledge ourselves to put forth our best endeavours to make this campaign for 1922, all that it is possible for us to make it, and that we set our goal at the raising of £2 per member.

*Resolved*, that we set as our goal for the support of foreign missions the raising of a sum equivalent to 2/6 per week per member.

WHEREAS, we recognise that God calls every believer to be a winner of souls,

*Resolved* that we put forth every effort, with God's help, to win souls for the kingdom, and that trusting in the promise

"They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy," we individually seek to bring at least one soul to Christ during the year 1922.

#### HOME READING

WHEREAS, the reading of the *Review and Herald* by all our people will strengthen the efforts of believers everywhere, therefore,

*Resolved*, that we continue our efforts to extend the circulation, and that each church assume the responsibility of doing its utmost to place the *Review* in the home of every believer within its sphere of influence.

WHEREAS, for the benefit of the many believers who cannot attend the General Conference session soon to be held at San Francisco, a *Bulletin* is to be prepared containing a report of the proceedings,

*Resolved*, that we as a Conference show our appreciation of this publication, by extending its circulation as far as possible among our church members.

#### FREE STATE REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Orange Free State Conference has requested that the Cape Conference transfer to them that portion of Cape Colony lying east of and tributary to the Bethulie-East London railway, and,

WHEREAS, the transfer of this territory would seriously curtail the revenue of the Cape Conference, and,

WHEREAS, the present revenue of the Cape Conference is inadequate for the support of the workers necessary to work its large field, therefore,

*Resolved*, that we express our regret that we cannot grant the request of the Orange Free State Conference.

#### BOOK WORK

WE RECOMMEND, that special efforts be put forth to secure suitable persons to act as Colporteurs, and that ministers, conference workers, and church officers unite in making this effort a success by doing what they can in finding and reporting to the Field Missionary Secretary, such ones as they think suitable for this work.

WE RECOMMEND, that all our people who can possibly do so take part in the "Big Week" campaign which is being planned by the Publishing Department.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

*Resolved*, that as Conference workers and church members, we do all in our power to develop and strengthen our young people's societies by

- Encouraging the Standard of Attainment plan.
- Fostering an interest in the appointed Reading Course.
- Observing the Morning Watch.
- Faithful reading of the Scriptures, as outlined in the Bible-year.
- Encouraging missionary activities, not by precept only, but by example.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL

*Resolved*, that we more earnestly address ourselves to the loyal and faithful discharge of our Sabbath school duties and privileges, as represented by the following:

- The daily study of the lesson.
- Making every member of the church a member of the Sabbath school.
- Personal work for every pupil.
- Regular and punctual attendance.
- Reaching the goal of 1/3 per member each week.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Lord has told us that our schools have been instituted among us to save our children from the contaminating influences of the world, and to prepare our young people for places of usefulness in the world, therefore,

*Resolved*, that we as a conference pledge ourselves to greater loyalty to this branch of the work, and endeavour to give all our children a Christian education.



At the present writing, there is in session at Bloemfontein, meetings comprising the South African Union Conference, the Southern Union Mission, and the Free State Conference. We hope to be able, in our next issue, to give reports from these meetings.