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

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If We Believe God

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"WHEREFORE . . . be of good cheer; for I believe God. . . ." Acts 27: 25.

Any Seventh-day Adventist believer if questioned as to his or her belief in God would respond in the affirmative. Without question we all do believe what God has told us in His word. But there come to us as individuals, times, when we are called upon to manifest this belief in our daily actions.

One promise of God's upon which we as a people and individuals have laid great hopes is that "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." In this statement by the Saviour, there is no question or doubt. He says that this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached. This means to those of us living in the Cape, "The gospel of the soon coming kingdom shall be preached throughout the Cape Province. Just as truly as there was no doubt in the mind of the Saviour when He made His promise, so there is no question in this paraphrase of the promise. This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to all the world and to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, until it has been preached throughout this Cape Province territory.

Take out an atlas or a geography and take a fair and square view of the vast territory included in our Cape Conference. Note its great expanse, the many small towns and villages as well as the densely populated centres, and call to mind the more distant country population. Refer to the railway time tables, and see how long it takes to reach the various towns on the line, to say nothing of those which are far removed from the railway. In all these places are men and women for whom Jesus died and who must somehow, and in some way, learn of His love, sacrifice, and soon returning before we and our loved ones can hope to enter into the kingdom. We must bring this knowledge to these thousands who know it not. Let us now see on whom the burden rests.

We have in this Cape Conference a staff of two European ministers, a field secretary, and a Bible worker, as well as two ministers in the coloured department of our work. The gospel of the kingdom shall be preached throughout the Cape Conference. God says so. Do you believe Him? Do you think for one moment that the staff of workers listed above

is capable of doing this work alone? Unquestionably not. God's word must be met, but how?

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership, rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, p. 117.

From this it is quite plain that God's last message of mercy to the world will not be carried solely by men and women in conference employ. Every individual who has heard this truth and believes it, must be a preacher to his or her neighbour and friends. We might just as well face the proposition fairly now, and understand the situation. The end cannot come until the lay members rally to the work. Brother, sister, this means you. By your obeying the call to service, you are fulfilling your place in God's plan and hastening on the end, or by your failure to do so, you are positively delaying the coming of our Lord and the time of our going home. Souls in your neighbourhood are sitting in darkness, and looking to you for light and life. We, who are responsible for the work of the conference, are counting on you, and our Saviour fully depends upon you. If you fail at this juncture, souls including your own, will be endangered. This gospel shall be preached, and you are to be the preacher.

Brethren, let us rouse and say, with no doubts or misgivings, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached throughout our neighbourhoods. I believe God, that it shall be even as He has said, and therefore I give myself to Him for this work."

A new year has begun and almost two months are now in the past. Before us stretch another ten months of opportunity. As we study the needs in the Cape Conference, we find them to be:

1. Men and women to engage in self-supporting work for their friends and neighbours.
2. Capable and efficient men and women to give their whole time and energies to the spreading of the message as regular conference workers.
3. Means sufficient to support a larger corps than is now in the field.

We now need men and women who will receive training as evangelists and Bible workers, to warn these many towns in our charge of the soon coming of

our Saviour. Our plans include a tour of the Eastern Province by Brother F. E. Thompson, the Union Conference Secretary of the Educational, Home Missionary, and Young People's Departments in company with the writer.

Brother Priest, our local field missionary agent, may possibly unite with us, and let us hope that as we together visit the various churches and companies, we may learn at first hand, the needs of the field and be of some help to them.

The writer would welcome at all times, any suggestions from the brethren tending to the advancement of the cause in this field.

SOUTHERN UNION MISSION

The Southern Union Mission During 1921

[THE following is a summary of a report of the Southern Union Mission for the past year as given at the Constituency meeting held in Bloemfontein, Jan. 23-29, 1922.]

The Southern Union Mission was organised about three years ago, but was not united with the South African Union Conference until after the general meeting held in January 1921. At that time, separate officers were appointed and the Union office was established at Johannesburg. At the same time the six local fields of the Union were reduced to four,—the Basuto Mission Field, the Bechuana Mission Field, the Kafirland Mission Field, and the Zulu Mission Field.

During the month of March Pastor E. M. Howard and the writer made a tour of the Kafirland field. Many little lights have been kindled throughout that country and more than twenty native evangelists and teachers are pressing onward with the message. There are ten organised churches, and a number of small companies scattered throughout the field. As we counselled with the workers and held evangelistic and revival meetings we were much impressed with the great opportunities and glorious future before our work in that country. A remnant is being gathered there from the darkness of heathenism as well as from the confusion of Babylon who have learned to rejoice in the "blessed hope."

Under the direction of Brother Claude Tarr, the Bethel Mission has had a very prosperous year. Sister Sutherland with her assistant teachers has done excellent work in the school and over twenty of the students were baptised during the year. Professor Pachett, the present director of the mission, began his duties there about the first of December.

During July a small camp-meeting for the field was held at Bethel. This was followed by a workers' institute of three weeks. Every worker was present and we believe that all received much benefit from the studies given. At its close they returned to their places of labour better qualified and more zealous to do real soul-winning work. Pastor MacNeil, Brother Jenks, Sister A. P. Tarr, and Brother Cyril Sparrow assisted for a time in these meetings.

From the first of August, after Pastor Howard had left the field for the Zambesi Union, the writer looked after the interests of the work in addition to other

duties, until Pastor Wm. Hodgson, the present superintendent, arrived early in December. I then spent two weeks with him visiting some of the principal centres.

Our work in the Basuto field has made steady progress during the year. With the superintendent, Pastor J. R. Campbell, I made one tour of the field and found all the workers of good courage and the work well cared for. Here also a strong foundation has been laid for developing a large work among the Basuto people. Work is being carried on in ten or twelve important centres of the field, and believers are being added every month.

We have one strong station, Emmanuel Mission, in Basutoland, with Brother F. Macdonald as the director. They have had a successful year and a good company of converts were baptised and added to the church there. With its training school this mission is destined to become a strong factor in giving the message to the Basuto. Pastor F. B. Armitage has been labouring at the Kolo station in south Basutoland.

The Workers' Institute for the Basutoland and Bechuana fields was held in Bloemfontein and has just closed. During the meeting we were very grateful for the valuable assistance of Pastors Beddoe and Straw, and Brother Thompson. The workers were much benefitted, and near the close of the meeting they set large individual goals for themselves for the winning of souls during 1922. Brother Joseph Rasmien, who has spent nearly twenty years in the work, was ordained to the gospel ministry the last Sabbath.

Two years ago Pastor W. H. Anderson began work in the long neglected Bechuana field. There the natives live in large villages and obviously one of the best ways to give them the message is by evangelistic efforts conducted in these large centres. Therefore during the year Pastor Anderson, with a good corps of helpers, conducted tent efforts in both Mafeking and Taungs. The people attended these meetings well and over thirty have begun to keep the Sabbath. Several of these are now entering the work. A good brick church has been erected in Mafeking at a cost of about £335. This now serves also as a school house, where a good day-school is being conducted. Of course the work in the Bechuana field is only in its infancy, but a good beginning has been made, and we look forward to seeing a church established in every large town of Bechuanaland.

In the Zulu field the work has been making steady advancement. Two churches had been previously organised, and during the year Pastor I. B. Burton, the superintendent, organised a third at Dundee. Interest in the truth seems to be springing up in many places and thus there is an urgent demand for more workers. Our work is also getting a hold in Swaziland, which should be developed.

The Zulu mission station and school at Spion Kop had a very successful year under the direction of Professor Patchett. Over twenty-five of the students were baptised near the close of the year. It is evident that the Zulu school will yet furnish many of the workers required to finish the work in that large field.

In the Transvaal, twenty-eight have been baptised the past year and plans should be laid for developing

the work more in that province. Faithful seed-sowing there will certainly yield a bountiful harvest of souls. The work there has only begun.

Our canvassing work under the direction of Brother Cyril Sparrow has shown a good growth. About £600 worth of our truth-filled literature has been delivered during the year. Most of the regular workers sell some of our native literature, but we also have a number of native brethren devoting all of their time to this work and they have succeeded well. This department will certainly continue to develop as more literature is printed in the native languages.

The "Harvest Ingathering Campaign" in the Union was fairly successful. One worker, Amos Magalela, secured over £5 in a country district and largely from the native people. The total receipts in this campaign were £154-14-11. The total Sabbath school offerings were £182-6-9. The tithe receipts for the year were £934-9-5.

With a membership of nearly 500 and a force of over fifty workers the Union set a goal for new members. This goal was to *double* our membership in the years 1921 and 1922. Since over two hundred were baptised during the past year and about two hundred others began to keep the Sabbath, we have every confidence that, with God's continued blessing, this goal shall be passed. Doors of opportunity are continually opening in all parts of the Union and the ceaseless cry is, "Come over and help us." While we regret that more has not been accomplished, yet we thank God for His blessing, and the measure of success which has attended the work in all parts of the field. We are also very grateful to our loyal people overseas who have so generously given of their means for the extension of the work among the native races of South Africa. Consecrating our lives anew to the Master for service we look to Him for strength and guidance and press forward.

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ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

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A Good Word from Inyazura

God has surely blessed us in our work and it cheers our hearts to see the many evidences of His care for us and to see how He is opening the hearts of the people to hear the message of the soon coming Saviour.

We had been having some very dry weather a little time back, and so I called all the mission people together and we had prayer for rain. After having prayer for two evenings, we had a nice shower of rain, and that just in time to save our crops. But we did not have enough to last very long, and before long the crops began to show signs of the drought. We decided that we ought to seek God again for rain, and He answered our prayers the next afternoon, by sending us the rain that we so much needed, and this in spite of the wind's being in the wrong direction for rain.

Today one of our teachers came in from one of our out schools that Brother Hodgson opened just before he left us. This teacher had a very good report to

give of the work at his school. He said that just the last few days the enrollment had risen from thirty to eighty, and there are many attending school that have not yet enrolled. There has also been an attendance of ninety-six at the Sabbath school, and many of these are convinced that what we teach is the truth. For two Sabbaths, he offered a sum of money to any one who could give Bible proof that Sunday was the Sabbath. Of course all remained seated, and then some of the old women got up and asked why those people that had been teaching them to keep Sunday did not get up and claim the money. He further reports that numbers are leaving other schools and coming to ours, because they have heard that we always give Bible proof for what we teach. He also states that the interest is growing day by day, and he is begging for another teacher to help him. Some of these people have asked for some of our books to read, and so I have given him some of our English books to sell as we have none in the vernacular. It seems that it is high time we had some of our good books translated.

Here is a report from one of our students. "When I left the mission last vacation I went to St. Faith's Mission, and some of the teachers of this mission asked me about the state of the dead, which I explained to them from Eccl. 9. From here I went home, and while there I asked the headman if I might hold prayer with the people. He consented, and I spoke to the people and they all seemed very interested. After I had finished, the headman came to me and told me that the things I had told them about were good."

There are many such reports and many of those spoken to become interested. One mission teacher said that he wanted to come to our mission, and study the Bible as soon as he was free to do so.

Such reports fill our hearts with joy and we thank God that he has given us a place in His work. Our only sorrow is that we cannot do more, because we realise that the end is very near, and there are thousands upon thousands waiting to hear the message. Surely it is time that all God's people awoke from their sleep and helped to finish the work.

O. O. BREDEKAMP.



After Fifteen Years

WHEN the tract of land was purchased where Rusangu Mission now stands, a small village of natives were living on the land. They moved a short distance from the mission and settled again. A man, Chilembi by name, the headman of this village, was then in the prime of life. This man has grown old and feeble almost within calling distance of the mission, but he has ever remained stolidly indifferent to every effort of the workers to turn his heart to God.

Sabbath morning, February the 11th., word was sent him that in the afternoon Rusangu Mission would hold a service at his village. It was a beautiful afternoon, and a company of nearly one hundred from Rusangu were in attendance. Our head native teacher took charge of the meeting. The discourse was on the power of God. He spoke of the power of God as manifested in the creation of all things; using many illustrations from nature, showing that the creative power

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of God is still at work. He then spoke of the power of God to change the human heart, and make man fit to dwell in His presence. In closing he told them that God in mighty power would call the sleeping dead from their graves to life again. At this juncture a chart was presented, showing the second coming of Jesus, and the resurrection of the dead.

The old man listened attentively to the sermon, and when the chart was unfolded, he arose and took his stand directly in front of it, looking in awe and wonder at the inspiring scene. When the chart was taken down, he silently took his seat again.

Wednesday morning of this week, in company with his oldest son, a middle aged man, this old native came to the mission; he wanted to visit Mfundisi and ask some questions. We went out under the trees, and talked of many things, then opportunity was given him to ask his questions; after a short silence he asked "How can I become a Christian." We told him that Jesus was inviting all men to come unto Him and be saved. We read John 6:37, where Jesus says "He that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out." We then told him that in order to become a Christian he must accept Jesus as his Saviour; confess and forsake his sins; study the word of God, and follow its teachings. After reading other scriptures we had prayer together.

At the close both he and his son said the matter was clear to them; they wanted to be Christians. In parting, the old man said, "I will teach my children to keep the Sabbath and be Christians." What the outcome will be, we know not, but our hearts rejoice to see the movings of the Spirit of God upon the hearts of this old headman and his son.

WALTER W. WALKER.



To Outlook Contributors

OWING to the need of our Spion Kop College for a Bible teacher, the call has come to the editor of the *Outlook* to take up this work at Spion Kop. He will continue to act as editor of the *Sentinel* and *De Wachter*; but other arrangements must necessarily be made for the editorial work of the *Outlook*. We trust that the burden of his work, which must necessarily fall on inexperienced shoulders, will be made as light as possible. This can be done if our brethren in the mission field, our conference workers and officers will send frequent reports to the paper. This is what the readers of the *Outlook* appreciate most of all.

All reports for the *Outlook* should be addressed to the Editor of the *Outlook*, Rosmead Avenue, Kenilworth. Communications for D. E. Robinson should be sent to Box 124, Ladysmith, Natal.

PASTOR W. H. BRANSON, Brother W. B. Commin and Pastor and Mrs. J. J. Birkenstock, have booked their passage for England on their way to the General Conference. They expect to sail from Cape Town on the *Arundel Castle*, on March 3. It is of great advantage to the African field to be able to send these representatives, who know in detail the pressing needs of the work in this country.

PASTOR and Mrs. J. J. Birkenstock have arrived at the Cape. He reports having spent Sabbath, February 18 at Potchefstroom, where he organised a new church. Mrs. Birkenstock plans to visit in England till the delegates return from the General Conference.

MISS FIRKS, of the Bloemfontein church, has also booked passage on the *Arundel Castle*, with the delegates to the General Conference.

JUST as this issue goes to press, we are expecting the arrival of Dr. Kretschmar, who has just completed his postgraduate work in England. Dr. Kretschmar, is expecting to take up dispensary work, probably in the Bechuana field. Miss Daisy Ingle has accepted a call to assist in the dispensary. We welcome the Doctor to South Africa, and believe that his talents will be of great service in the mission field.

AMONG the recent new arrivals which help to swell our growing constituency, we make honourable mention of the following:

To Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wessels, of Durban, December 23, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wessels of Cape Town, February 7, a daughter, Marie Magdalene.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pitt of Maritzburg, January 18, a son, Aubrey Arthur.

To Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Robinson, of Claremont, February 7, a daughter, Gladys Oleta.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hurlow, of Claremont, February 11, a son, William.

THE Training College is in urgent need of copies of "De Grote Strijd," and "Patriarchen en Profeten." Will any who have copies that they could, loan, give, or sell to the school for class work please communicate with the principal, J. D. Stickle.

Obituary

PEMBERTON.—Brother Louis Pemberton passed away on Sabbath morning, February 4, and was buried at 10:30 the following morning. Pastor W. Leroy Hyatt conducted the funeral service, and spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing wife and son, who are left to mourn the loss of a departed husband and father.

Brother Pemberton was only 34 years of age. He accepted the third angel's message about two years ago, as a result of Bible studies with some of the lay members of the Bloemfontein church. He was the first to be baptised in our new church, after its completion, and is also the first to be taken away by the cruel hand of death.

Brother Pemberton was an earnest Christian, who had his eyes fixed on heavenly things, and rejoiced in the hope of the soon coming Saviour. We are assured that he will have part in the first resurrection.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Sister Pemberton and her son Tom in this their great hour of trial. P. L. FOUCHE.