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

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The Need

WHAT do I need most? What is the great need of the church? Is it more doctrine or a better understanding of the prophecies? Do we need some great preacher to make the Word plainer? Do we need anything? Are we alright, is our work done, are we ready and waiting for the Lord's return? If not, do we need some one to tell us what to do? Dear brother, sister, what is your great need? Be honest with yourself! Before Him who searches the hearts of all men, who reads their thoughts, who knows every secret motive and impulse of the heart, what is the great need of your soul?

Do you believe that the judgment in heaven is now in session, and is nearing completion? Do you believe that every human being will soon stand before the Searcher of men? Yes, you do believe. But do you live as one who believes? Are you ready to answer God when he asks, "Where is thy brother?" or to be confronted as was Lot, "Hast thou here any besides these?"

Oh, sleeping church, how long will you tarry? Great is thy task, and short the time! "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem." "Shake thyself from the dust, O captive daughter of Zion." "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Almost three thousand years ago those prophetic words were spoken of the church in our day. Through the ages they come to us freighted with love, warning, fear, tender yearning, and wise counsel. They are addressed to a church that is not at work, for it is asleep; to a people that have not taken advantage of the full "strength" of

their God; to individuals held captive by the cares of this life. But they are addressed to a people that are the possessors of special light for this time. "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Don't strive any longer for that which profiteth nothing. "Buy of me gold tried in the fire, and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed."

Those who have long known the truth need to seek the Lord most earnestly, that their hearts may be filled with a determination to work for their neighbours."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 32.*

No, the great need of the church is not more doctrine, nor is it an eloquent preacher to make plainer the Word; for prophecy of both ancient and modern times testifies that the church of our day needs an awakening. The paramount need of the church today is the awakening to its privilege and responsibility; the energising influence of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Yes, and to believe the things we know are true, and to testify by life, as well as by lips, that we

love our fellow-men and long for the Lord's return. May God help us to shake off our lethargy, and work as those who must "redeem the time." May we now put our shoulders to the gospel wheel, and push as never before.

Dear Reader, begin now. Cast in your life's work as well as your name with the remnant church. Don't wait another week. Do it now. Seize the first thing at hand; help push the Harvest Ingathering work. Push with all your might, and "The God of heaven, He will prosper" you.
F. E. THOMPSON.



Good Reports From Our Delegates

San Francisco, May 10, 1922

TOMORROW the fortieth session of the General Conference opens, and anyone around the Civic Buildings fully realises that something important is about to happen. A large number of delegates has arrived, and in the reception room many old friends and workers are shaking hands, and seem delighted to meet again.

The readers of the OUTLOOK probably would like to know something of the surroundings where the session of the conference is to be held. To the left as one enters the building is a very large hall which has been divided into sections, the largest being used as a reception room, and which seems to be a very popular place. In the centre of this hall, there is a large globe of the world fitted with very small electric bulbs, showing very clearly where Seventh-day Adventist mission work has been established in the several continents. The Pacific Press has arranged a splendid book-stand, with a separate stall for magazines and periodicals. At one corner there is the post office, and at the further end a convenient writing room. The auditorium holds 12,000 people, and it is expected that at the Sabbath services this large room will be nearly full.

Every delegate and visitor is especially anxious for the session to commence. We believe that God will meet with His people at this time, and will guide in the plans under consideration for the extension of His work to the ends of the earth. There is abundant evidence in the world to show that we are living in the last days, but, just as we have been told by the spirit of prophecy, there is only one thing that delays the coming of the Master, and that is, the work is not yet finished. We all so seriously need to be emptied of self and have our own plans laid aside, that the good Spirit of the Lord may direct in quickly finishing the task of giving the last warning message to all the world. The great aim of this meeting is to know the will of God, and that we, as workers, might be fitted for more efficient service. W. B. COMMUN.



The Largest S. D. A. Conference Ever Held

[THE following is quoted from a personal letter received from Elder W. H. Branson.—ED.]

“THE Conference is going to be by far the largest that our people have ever held. The delegates are coming in now from all parts of the world field, and I think most all of them are coming with the greatest reports of progress that have ever been made at any conference at any time in the history of our work. God has been going before our representatives in every field of the world in a most remarkable manner during the last four years. The brethren from Europe are simply running over with enthusiasm at the successful progress of the work in that field. Russia is also opening up in a marvellous way, and no doubt we shall soon see a great harvest of souls from that field which has suffered so much from war and famine. From

the South Sea Islands the brethren come telling us of marvellous progress in giving the message to the cannibal tribes. We are confident that this conference will record the greatest reports of progress that have ever been made by the church of God, since the fall of mankind, in any four year period of the world's history. There is a feeling on the part of the brethren generally that we are truly very near the end of the history of the world; that the conditions we face now in the political and religious world are unmistakable signs of the end of all things. There is settling down upon the delegates who are coming in to the conference and who are planning for the work that is to be undertaken, a spirit of deep consecration and earnest supplication to God that this people may know how, in such a time as this, to measure up to the greatness of the task before us.

“The African delegates have arranged to meet together at a given hour each day for special prayer in behalf of the work throughout the world, and in behalf of the work in the African Division. We are leaving no stone unturned to lay before the brethren the needs of the African field, and I am glad to report that we are getting a very sympathetic hearing. I feel sure that our brethren throughout the African field will be glad to join us and the brethren here at the conference in an earnest effort not only to lay plans for the finishing of this work, but to sacrifice more than ever before that the cause of God may go forward in all the earth.”



The General Conference

THE meetings from the commencement took a spiritual turn. Thursday evening, May 11, the conference opened. Friday, two excellent sermons were delivered, which made a man feel well rewarded for the 15,000 mile trip to attend this session.

It was a pleasure to meet so many old friends who have learned to love South Africa and its people. There exists a bond of affection between South Africans, especially when they meet one another in foreign lands. Among these friends were Elder Edmed, Pastor and Mrs. Walston, Dr. Thomason and family, Mrs. Chaney, Brother Clark, Brother Richard Morton and others. Truly San Francisco is a good place in which to be.

The Sabbath day was welcome. Early in the morning our people came from far and near to attend the Sabbath school and divine service. The immense auditorium afforded a good place for about eight thousand believers to meet in song and prayer. This was the largest gathering of Seventh-day Adventists ever held on earth. It was a grand spectacle!

The Senior Sabbath school conducted in the main auditorium must have numbered over 6,000. The review and lesson were both helpful and encouraging. Pastor A. G. Daniells took charge of the morning service. He spoke with a strong, clear voice. The attention was keen. Solemnity marked the whole meeting. From the gallery I watched every movement. God's Spirit came into that huge assembly.

On several occasions the whole congregation was moved to tears. God's presence was very manifest. The meeting closed with the whole congregation rising to their feet. The working of God's Spirit has brought in a feeling of love. God is preparing His people for the latter rain.

We are of good courage and rejoice to be participants of these blessings. J. J. BIRKENSTOCK.



Clippings from San Francisco Newspapers

100 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN SAN FRANCISCO MEETING

"DELEGATES from more than a hundred nations began reporting early this morning at the registration booth of the quadrennial session of the World's Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, which will begin tonight in the Civic Auditorium. Delegates from Patagonia, Tibet, Nigeria, the Gold Coast, Burma, Chosen, New Zealand, Esthonia, the Pitcairn Island and a hundred other remote spots, mingled with those from the great cities in the more civilised countries. Straw suitcases, carpet bags, and the newer leather contrivances stood side by side as the newly arrived delegates registered. . . .

"More than 300 delegates and visitors were assembled in Larkin Hall this morning. As they chatted and discussed plans for the opening meeting tomorrow morning the air was filled with a mingling of many tongues. The delegates all speak the language of the people they represent."

ADVENTISTS OPEN SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE

"THE quadrennial session of the World's General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists got under way today at the Exposition Auditorium, where 600 delegates and 6,000 lay members from 110 countries are holding one of the largest religious conventions ever assembled.

"From a little band of men and women almost in poverty seventy-eight years ago, the church has grown until now it has hundreds of missionaries all over the world, teaching the gospel in 120 different languages.

"The progress of the church, particularly in its missionary endeavours, is outlined in the general report today of Elder A. G. Daniells, who has been president of the General Conference since 1901, having been the administrative head longer than any of his predecessors.

"Dr. George T. Harding, brother of President Harding, is in San Francisco today from Columbus, Ohio, attending the World Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Dr. Harding, who is accompanied on the trip by his son, George T. Harding III, says he came here for the conference, and, as there is only one politician in the Harding family, knows nothing of a political nature to talk about.

"W. A. Spicer, general secretary, in his report, pointed out that 708 missionaries have been sent out since the last conference, and in the last four years 67,315 converts have been baptised, 37,786 of which were outside of North America."



Special Harvest Ingathering Programme July 8.

ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

P. O. Box 573, Bulawayo, Rhodesia

Native Evangelistic Effort

It was planned by the Zambesi Union some months ago that several meetings, of from two to four weeks' duration, should be conducted for the natives in different sections of our territory. Pastor H. M. Sparrow and I have just closed the first of these efforts in the South Rhodesia Field. This effort was held at Mkupavula, about twenty-five miles from Solusi Mission.

We had a very good attendance most of the time, and on the three Sabbaths we had an average attendance of about 220. We sought the Lord earnestly for His blessing, and were not disappointed. Yet when we compare our opportunities and the result of our labours with those of the disciples of Christ after Pentecost, our souls cry out for that greater power which brings conviction to the sinner. We believe that the time is not far distant when we may expect mighty things to happen all over the earth.

There were about fifteen young people who gave themselves to the Lord. These will be under the charge of the native teacher of this place, studying the different phases of the third angel's message, and will be baptised later. F. BURTON JEWELL.

ORANGE FREE STATE CONFERENCE

OFFICE: 106 Kellner St., Bloemfontein, O. F. S.

Union is Strength

A SMALL, but very happy company gathered in Sister Dumini's parlour to begin the Sabbath, June 9. We were indeed glad to have Elder de Beer with us, but very sorry that he was not feeling well. However, soon after he stood up to speak, he felt wonderfully relieved from pain. We feel sure that more than one heart was earnestly praying to God at this time in Elder de Beer's behalf, and these prayers were answered.

Such words of uplifting were spoken to us! We were hungry indeed, and found precious food. As Elder de Beer spoke, the truth became more precious to us than ever before. We joined him in praise for the solid Rock on which we can build. Almost everyone testified. There were ten of us altogether. Brother Purchase and his son and daughter, Coenraad and Margaret, were with us, also two others not of our faith, visitors of Brother Dumini.

Sabbath morning our hearts were moved again, and all took part in the early morning prayer meeting. We were very grateful for Elder de Beer's willingness to so often tell us the old, old story which is ever new, and the Sabbath services were all precious. Our desire is that nothing shall sever our connection with heaven.

On Sunday, the parlour was almost full. Quite a number of people had accepted the invitations sent to them. At 11:00 o'clock Elder de Beer delivered a

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General News Notes

BROTHER B. H. WIENAND, who is canvassing in the Cape Conference territory, recently spent two weeks at the Cape.

PASTOR G. R. E. MCNAY and Brother F. E. Thompson left the Cape, Sunday, June 18, on a trip through the Union in the interests of departmental work.

OUR readers will rejoice to learn of Pastor M. C. Sturdevant's success at Barberton. Nine have now been baptised. Many others are expected to be baptised in the near future.



Cape Sanitarium News Notes

MISS NETTIE DOUGLAS, who is in charge of our office, has joined the family as a boarder.

MISS BERYL WEBSTER is visiting her home in Dewetsdorp, O. F. S., on a well-earned holiday.

MR. WARD has taken over morning worship and the Standard of Attainment class until the return of Elder Butler.

MRS. WOLFF and daughter Vera are spending the June holidays at their home at Vosburg, C. P. Miss Emilie Jeffrey accompanied them.

MRS. W. H. ANDERSON, of Mafeking, is a welcome guest. Sister Anderson is taking a short rest before entering upon the course at the Booth Memorial.

OUR family and guests have enjoyed several musical evenings of late. Mrs. Reith has contributed much to our pleasure by her vocal solos. Mr. Garrett, an accomplished pianist of Cape Town, spent an evening with us recently, and was very generous in entertainment.



Zululand Mission Field Notes

FROM May 19 to 21, Elder J. R. Campbell met with the little company at Louwsberg, Natal. Brother Solomon Ndzoyi has been labouring there for quite a time. Nine people were baptised on the Sabbath.

ON May 13, nine people were baptised near Newcastle, Natal, and the Newcastle native church of fifteen members was organised. Brother L. R. Sparrow has been labouring at this place for some time, and we rejoice with him that another monument has been erected.

BROTHER HLUBI, who is at Mahamba, Swaziland, is of good courage, and the work is moving on nicely. They are just beginning to see the fruits of their labour. The chief at this place is very favourable to us, and is anxious to have us put up the school building on the site granted us.



Transvaal Mission Field Notes

BROTHER F. B. ARMITAGE reports a good interest at Hammons Kraal, about twenty miles north of Pretoria. We are sorry, however, that they are now handicapped because of cold weather and no suitable place in which to conduct meetings.

THE early part of June, Elder J. R. Campbell visited Klerksdorp, Transvaal. The canvasser there had urged him many times to visit the place. Elder Campbell found Brother and Sister Williams and daughter faithfully keeping the Sabbath. They accepted the truth years ago at Uitenhage. Five more are awaiting baptism, and a nice little Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer Society have been organised.



Wanted

SITUATION of trust in institute or private family, by an Adventist lady of long standing. Anyone having an opening, kindly communicate with Brother A. A. Pitt, 8 Stranack Street, Maritzburg, Natal.



A Book You Will Appreciate

WE have quite a few copies of a very interesting book here on our shelves that should be in the hands of all our people in Africa, especially those of our workers and others who may need a general text book. "Source Book" is the title of this interesting work, and as a reference book for Bible students its worth cannot be estimated. Much work and expenditure of money have been put into this book, and it will be a valuable addition to any library.

Write to your tract society or book depository, requesting a copy for yourself, and perhaps an extra copy for a friend that you have in mind who would appreciate it. Post paid to any address, the prices are as follows: Red limp leather, 10/6 per copy; cloth, 7/6 per copy.

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Union is Strength

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stirring sermon on "Our Saviour's Soon Return." May we all put our shoulders to the wheel for the finishing of this glorious work.

We feel we indeed have a general in our midst. We want to stand by him, and, if necessary, fall by him. Sunday evening Elder de Beer again spoke to us, and our hearts were filled with love. It was unanimously resolved that we take for our motto "United we stand, divided we fall."

PAUL ROUX CHURCH SECRETARY.