



The African Division

OUTLOOK



"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST."

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A Time to Pray

THROUGH King Solomon, the Lord sent to His people this precious promise: "If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then shall I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chron. 7: 14.

There is a very great neglect of prayer everywhere, even among God's remnant people. The things of the world and sinful things allowed to remain in the heart are weaning us from fervent, continual prayer. Secret prayer has died out of the experience of many who claim to be looking for the coming of our blessed Lord. The family altar has fallen down in many homes. The children do not hear father and mother pray very much. The prayer meeting is not well attended in many churches. We believe that a revival of prayer and true godliness are among our most urgent needs. It is time that this reproach of sloth was wiped away. God cannot do much for a people who neglect to pray, humble the heart and put away sin.

The coming Week of Prayer ought to be a time of great supplication before God. The things which hinder God answering our prayers should be put away. Turn and read these scriptures: Ps. 66: 18; Matt. 5: 23, 24; Mark 11: 24-26; Col. 3: 13; 1 Pet. 3: 7; Isa. 59: 1-3.

We are living in an awful hour. The world is wrecked by sin. Thinking men in every land are wondering what is going to happen next. A great statesman recently said at a public meeting: "My friends, the world is really at the brink, not of a great disaster, but utter disaster." Lloyd George is reported somewhat recently as saying:

"If this war is not the last war, the next will leave Europe in ashes."

Years ago this solemn instruction came to us: "Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We, who know the truth, should be preparing for

what is soon to break upon the world as an over-whelming surprise." Without doubt this "terror" is at the very door. In a special testimony we are further told, "The solemn fact is to be kept, not only before the people of the world, but before our own churches also, that *the day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly.*"

The long lines of prophecy are fulfilled. The closing specifications are fulfilling before us. In view of these things the coming Week of Prayer ought to be a most serious time of heart-searching. Every family and individual should make it a time of special prayer. The ministers of God should "weep between the porch and the altar."

We have a stupendous task before us, not only in Africa, but in all the world. Our hope of finishing this work is not in numbers, but in the opening of the heavens and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A burden for the lost should come upon us. Some in our own homes are not saved. Unless they turn to God, the close of probation fixes their doom. Some of our neighbours and friends are numbered among the lost. We should plead with God for their salvation. We should pray for our workers, especially for those who are burying themselves in labour for the vast heathen world sunken in superstition and darkness. It is time that all indifference and coldness were taken from the heart, and that, as overcomers, we go forth, knowing that Jesus is enthroned in the heart. Shall we not, at this annual season of seeking God, lay aside so far as possible, all worldly cares and make the occasion a real week of prayer?

The offering for our mission work should be a very liberal one this year. As the work extends all over the earth, and the Macedonian calls increase from year to year, the Mission Board is unable to respond as freely as the needs require. There ought to be a great increase in our gifts to God in this land. And there will be if all give as they are "able." Deut. 16: 17.

G. B. THOMPSON.

Week of Prayer, December 9-16. Annual Offering, December 16.

"The only thing that will enable Christians to conquer the world for Christ is Prayer."

The Finishing of the Work

WITHIN a few weeks from the date of this issue of the *OUTLOOK*, our church members the world over will be meeting together in prayer, seeking the Lord for the gift of His Spirit, that as those who are expecting their Master soon to return to earth, they might be prepared to meet Him.

As the daily paper is read, and the attention is called to conditions existing in the world today, every Seventh-day Adventist realises that there is only one great sign yet to be fulfilled, and that is "this gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness, and then shall the end come." But "how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except *they be sent*?" In other words, how are we to respond to the urgent appeals that come to us from those who are interested, but who have no one to teach them? How are we to enter and begin work for the millions in South-West Africa, Portuguese West and East Africa, and that vast stretch of country in the Belgian Congo, unless there are means in the treasury to send the preacher on his mission?

Statesmen today are seriously perplexed, and in fear look into the future. "Europe is on the verge of an abyss," is what one speaker said at a recent meeting of the League of Nations. The four angels are about to loosen their hold on the four corners of the earth, but they are commissioned to "hold" for there is another angel with a special mission who has not yet accomplished his task. But just as soon as the sealing work is finished, and every honest heart has accepted of the offer of salvation, the winds of strife will blow upon the earth, and there will be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation.

On the last day of the Week of Prayer, Sabbath, December 16, the Annual Offering will be taken. As the year draws to its close, let us look back and count the many blessings received during 1922, and give to the cause of God as He has prospered us. Every tithe-payer recognises that the nine-tenths of his income is the Lord's also, and that he is but the steward. Money, health, time are not gifts, but are left in trust. As stewards we are to care for these talents in the interests of the Owner.

May we give according as we measure the greatness of the unfinished task, and realise the shortness of time.

W. B. COMMUN.

AFRICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE

W. H. BRANSON, *Chairman*. W. B. COMMUN, *Secy.-Treas.*
OFFICE ADDRESS: *Rosmead Ave., Kenilworth, C.P.*

New Arrivals

ON Monday morning, October 9, the R. M. S. "Saxon" brought to our shores Brother T. M. French, wife and two children, and Brother and Sister Bozarth. At the time of the General Conference session, Brother French was elected to the African Division as Educational and Young People's Secretary. Some few years ago, Brother French laboured on the West Coast of

Africa, having spent some time also in the work in England. Just recently he has been connected with the Emmanuel Missionary College, giving special help to the training of young men for the ministry. Brother Bozarth was recently connected with the Florida Sanitarium, and comes to this field to assist with the work at the Plumstead Sanitarium. We extend to these workers a very hearty welcome.

On the following Monday morning, Brother and Sister Dick, with their two little boys, arrived. These workers remained only a day in the Cape Peninsula, having booked through to Durban. Brother Dick manifests a keen interest in affairs at Spion Kop, and was anxious to get on his way and become acquainted with the young people there before the school year closes. We are all happy to greet these workers, and wish them much of God's blessing as they take up the responsibility of leading out in the work of the school next year.

W. B. COMMUN.



Additions to the African Division Force

As most of our readers know, Elder W. E. Straw was chosen a little while before he left for the General Conference to act as secretary of the Young People's and Educational Departments of the African Division. He had hardly entered upon this new line of work, however, before leaving for the conference, and while there he decided to accept work offered him in the States instead of returning to this field. A search was made at once for a strong man to take up the work of these important departments, and the delegates felt that they were very fortunate indeed in securing Elder T. M. French of the Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich., U. S. A., for this work. Elder French has for several years been in charge of the pastoral training work of the above mentioned college, spent several years in mission work on the Gold Coast, West Africa, and has been connected with our work in England. He therefore comes to us with the best possible experience, and with a splendid record in the work. Besides acting as secretary of the Educational and Young People's Departments, Elder French will also be a field secretary for the Division, and will assist generally in building up the work in all parts of the Division. He will give special attention to the work of building up, and strengthening the ministry.

Brother G. S. Joseph has also recently joined the Division staff, as secretary of the Publishing and Home Missionary Departments. He will also act as secretary of these departments for the South African Union Conference for the present, filling the place made vacant by the return of Brother G. C. Jenks to America. Brother Joseph has also had a very wide experience in these special lines of work, and comes to the Division well equipped to greatly strengthen these departments. For several years, he served the cause in Australia as local field agent, union field agent, and, for a time, as head of one of the departments in our Australian publishing house. At one time he was called to India to help place our publishing work on a firm basis in the field. In his work in the Division, Brother Joseph will give attention to the whole question of the production and sale of literature in both

the European and native languages, as well as the promotion of general missionary activity on the part of our entire membership.

We bespeak for these two brethren the hearty co-operation of all our people in their efforts to help us build up a strong work in Africa.

W. H. BRANSON.



What about camp-meeting? Are you coming? If you have not already decided to attend, do so now. Remember the opening date—November 24.

NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

J. J. BIRKENSTOCK, *President*, A. A. PITT, *Secy.-Treas.*
8 Stranack Street, Maritzburg, Natal

The Bloemfontein Conference

THE date for this meeting has been set for November 24 to December 3. This promises to be a great spiritual feast to our people in South Africa. It is the blessing that we need. In this time of trouble and perplexity we need a refreshing from God's presence. The world is in turmoil, and everything is uncertain, but we need not be alarmed if our hearts are right. As the rain is just falling on the dry and drought stricken parts of South Africa, and the country is getting green, so we need the spiritual rain. The human heart is naturally barren and void of good things. The only remedy is the latter rain, which will cause the tender plants of Galatians 5:22, 23, to grow in the garden of the heart.

It will be a privilege to meet believers coming from all parts of the Union. Such a spiritual and social reunion does benefit the believers. Brothers often meet who have been separated for years. Let us pray for this meeting, plan to attend it, and extract all the good we can from it.

CONCESSION TICKETS

The S. A. R. has granted concession tickets to delegates at three-quarters the ordinary return fare, upon presentation of certificates signed by myself, providing our people comply with the following conditions:

1. Tickets will be issued to enable delegates to arrive at Bloemfontein not earlier than the 16th of November. The return half of these tickets are available till December 11.

2. Tickets will be issued by the most convenient direct route, and passengers will not be allowed to break the journey in either direction.

Persons planning to attend this general meeting are requested to apply early for certificates. Address all applications to myself, 8 Stranack Street, Pietermaritzburg. Write to Pastor J. N. de Beer, 106 Kellner Street, Bloemfontein, for accommodation. Be sure to write early for your room. We expect to see a large number of believers from Natal and Transvaal at the Bloemfontein meeting.

J. J. BIRKENSTOCK.

Natal-Transvaal News Items

PASTOR M. W. CAREY is planning to hold an effort at Ermelo, Transvaal, at an early date.

PASTOR D. F. TARR has been appointed pastor of the Johannesburg church in place of Pastor Carey.

THE Spion Kop College students are sending out a club of 400 *Wachters* and also other literature to persons in the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

BROTHER A. BLENNERHASSETT has been appointed field agent for the Natal-Transvaal Conference vice Brother G. S. Joseph, who has been appointed general field agent for the African Division Conference.

THE Natal-Transvaal office has recently sent out 200 of the Harvest Ingathering *Watchman* to subscribers of the *Sentinel* and *Wachter*, with a letter to each one soliciting donations. We are looking forward to responses with interest.

BROTHER AND SISTER J. C. MARAIS have recently taken over the management of the Hlobane Sanitarium. Brother Marais has for the past two years been engaged in Bible work and canvassing in the Natal-Transvaal Conference.



Notice

A SPECIAL session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at 106, Kellner Street, Bloemfontein, O. F. S., December 4 to 7, 1922, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before this meeting.

J. J. BIRKENSTOCK, *President*.

A. A. PITT, *Secretary*.



Notice

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NATAL TRANSVAAL TRACT SOCIETY.

ON Monday morning, October 16, the sad and unexpected news of the death of Mrs. Evelyn Tarr, of Spion Kop, reached the Division office. To our people in South Africa who knew Sister Tarr, this news will come as a severe shock. Enteric fever was the cause of her death. Our deepest heartfelt sympathies are with the bereaved in this dark hour. May they realise that the Eternal God is their refuge, "and underneath are the everlasting arms." Details will be published when received.

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General News Notes

NURSE KEMP and Nurse Renou, of Bloemfontein, O. F. S., have recently paid the Cape a visit.

BROTHER AND SISTER PEARSON, from the Zambesi Union Mission, are at present visiting the Cape Sanitarium.

MRS. R. C. HONEY, accompanied by her daughter Miss Irene Honey, has returned to her home at Border, C. P., after a stay of five months at the Cape.

MRS. P. RENO, of Mafeking, B. B., is at present a guest at the Cape Sanitarium, Plumstead. She has with her, her two little daughters.

A BAPTISMAL service, conducted by Elder O. K. Butler, was held in the Claremont church, on Sabbath, October 7, when four new members were received into the church.

OWING to lack of space, the Harvest Ingathering Honour Roll does not appear in this issue. However, since last published, it has grown considerably, so watch out for the list in the next number of the OUTLOOK.

THE KAFIRLAND FIELD reports having received £36-1-9 Harvest Ingathering so far. It is also reported that their Big Week sales amounted to £126-10-0, while the proceeds of their Big Day amounted to £14-15-8.

THE Port Elizabeth church has collected £54-14-9 to date on account of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. The names of five of the members of this church will appear on the Honour Roll in the next issue of the OUTLOOK.

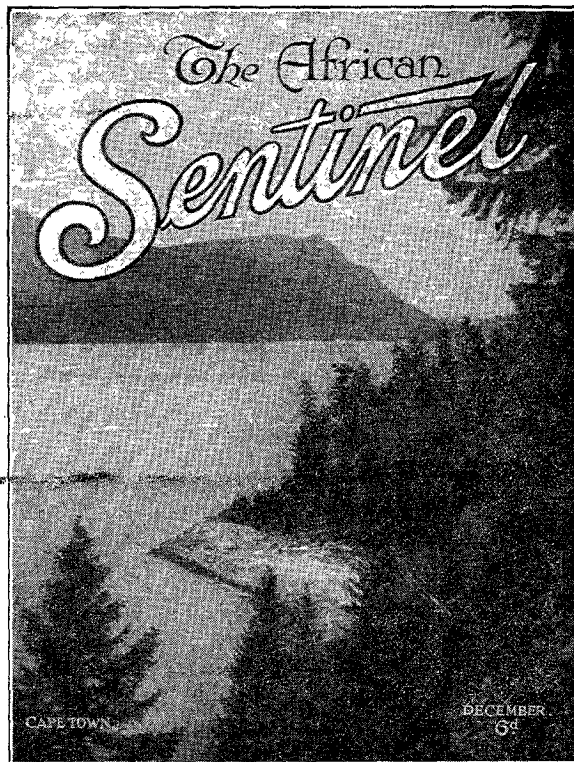
IF your name does not appear on the Honour Roll just as soon as you think it should, do not be discouraged. We are very careful not to overlook any names sent in, but many times your names reach us just after copy has been released to the printers, and this, of course, delays the publication of same two whole weeks.

ON Sunday morning, October 15, Elder W. H. Anderson arrived by boat at Cape Town, after a long, though interesting, trip through South West Africa. Elder Anderson is looking well and none the worse for having had to sleep out in the "veldt" so many nights. He left, after spending several days at the Cape, to assist in the institute held in Bechuanaland, October 20-22.

Notice

It is now time to immediately renew all subscriptions for 1923 periodicals. All individual subscribers, church, missionary and Sabbath school secretaries in the Cape Conference who do not have a standing order for periodicals (including Sabbath school quarterlies, memory verse cards, picture rolls, etc.), or who have not yet renewed and desire a continuation of their papers, etc., next year, are urged to send us their order without delay.

CAPE TRACT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
56 Roeland Street, Cape Town.



Miniature of cover page

Special Temperance Number of The African Sentinel

AS announced in the last issue of the OUTLOOK, a special number of the *Sentinel* will be published for December, dealing with the question of prohibition.

The editor of this temperance number has given considerable attention to the manuscript, and the greater portion of this has already been placed in the hands of the printer. As soon as special illustrations which have been ordered from oversea arrive, the pages will be made up and the first edition will go to press.

We believe that as a church we should labour most earnestly in the cause of temperance, and by using this number of the *Sentinel* we have a most excellent opportunity to show our colours. Every church member should plan to use this paper in large quantities. The paper will be attractive, and can easily be sold everywhere. The cover page will make the sale in many instances, without a canvass. Send in your order today.

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