

"Thy People shall be Willing in the Day of Thy Power."

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ALL our brethren and sisters throughout the African Division will, I am sure, be very happy to learn that the General Conference Committee has been able to restore to the mission fields throughout the world the $28\frac{1}{2}$ per cent cut in the 1923 Budget, and in addition they have added 10 per cent extra for work in new fields.

This has been made possible by the fact that our loyal believers all over the world, hearing that there was a possibility of some missionaries having to return home for lack of sufficient funds to support them, rallied to the call of the leaders and responded in a most marvellous way to help make up the lack. The result is that all missionaries now in the field will be able to remain at their posts (except a few who may have to be returned on account of health), and a few new workers can be sent out to the world fields for opening up work in new places.

What a wonderful relief this brings to the mission fields all over the world! Our brethren and sisters in Africa have the right to share the great joy which this news brings, since they did a large part at our recent camp-meeting in helping to make up the shortage to the General Conference. The brethren at Washington write us that they reckon our offering raised at the Bloemfontein meeting is one of the world's records this denomination has made, when the number of people present is taken into consideration. And this offering has certainly put South Africa in a very favourable light in the eyes of our brethren overseas, who have been endeavouring so long to supply funds for the work in this field.

In order that our people may have full information as to just what has happened, and how it came about, I wish to quote the following from a letter which has just been received from Elder Spicer, the president of the General Conference:

"First, I am sure you are all thanking God for the results of the splendid rally which the conferences made in the closing months of 1923 to prevent the cutting back of the work in the great mission fields. Already the Treasury has sent out the word to the fields through the *Review*, and otherwise. It was a wonderful thing. At the Autumn Council it was evident that without a special effort the mission gifts for 1922 would fall half a million short of the amount represented by present work. This made it necessary

to cut the 1923 appropriations to the mission fields by $28\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The mission fields took this announcement as soldiers take the word to charge on a forlorn hope. From all the fields came the word that they were almost dismayed, not knowing how they could shrink their work so heavily; but from every side came the word that the fields were putting their trust in God, and bracing themselves to meet any situation His providence allowed.

"Meanwhile the conferences went into action in the same spirit that possessed the hearts of all the conference brethren of the Autumn Council. We know it was not at the call of any committee action, but at the call of heaven that conference presidents and workers took up the task. The spirit in which it was taken up, as we have heard from every side, really made the effort a spiritual blessing to the churches, a time of reviving and of seeking God; and wonderfully the dear Advent people have responded to the call. As the Treasury has reported, they have brought in that threatened shortage of half a million, and have enabled the General Conference to safely cable the mission fields, not only a restoration of the $28\frac{1}{2}$ per cent cut but an additional \$200,000 in appropriations for advance work. This is not a large amount to distribute through the fields, but it is a blessed thing to be able to give the 10 per cent increase to the divisions that were bracing themselves to meet a $28\frac{1}{2}$ per cent cut.

"Up to the very last day of getting the totals, our Treasury Department itself did not anticipate such a wonderful victory. Tentative suggestions based on lower estimates, which the Treasury had prepared, had to be thrown aside, and with thanks to God the Minority Committee saw that the 1922 income would warrant restoring the 28¹/₂ per cent cut, thus maintaining the present work in all the fields for 1923, and 10 per cent was further added for new work. In this joy and thankfulness we know all you brethren join, and we suggest to the conference presidents that they tell the story for the encouragement of the believers. The Advent people of this last message are a wonderful people. They do what no others would do, and in this General Conference office we can say to union and local conference presidents that the Lord surely helped you in leading the people. Without this in-spiring leadership, and the sounding of the call, these results could not have been achieved, under God. 'Now may He help in this matter of gifts for 1923. From every side we hear that the Autumn Council plans, for a Missions' Rally Sabbath every quarter, have been adopted heartily. If successful, it means that the conferences will keep closer abreast right through the year, and we shall not be caught with these threatened shortages at the end of the year, that make it uncertain as to what word can be sent on to the mission fields. The 1922 experience shows what God can do with His stewards. And it was done in fields where the industrial and financial situation has been most forbidding. Let us pray God to give success to our brethren in business, and to give prosperity as will glorify Him. And let us pray the Lord to give the workers souls. We must have more Sabbath keepers in the home lands and in all the mission fields. More believers must come in to join in bearing the burdens of the finishing work. Later I want to pass on some words from the mission fields regarding their plans to throw a larger proportion of their forces into aggressive soul-winning work. The African Division has planned for every worker to have a hand part time in work for outsiders, in order to build up the constituency. We must shepherd the flock and lead them into soul-winning service, but let us put as large a force as possible into winning new souls.

I must pass on a word from Europe. The European Division have just finished their annual committee session. Twenty-one publishing houses are struggling into action over there, notwithstanding conditions. Europe cabled a request for \$21,000 extra to save the situation in the union conferences of Central Europe, where finances have so nearly collapsed, that without help these unions could not function. We know from the news dispatches how money values have disappeared. Our committee thank God for the situation which enables us to make this extra allowance to Europe. A cable has come back from Elder Christian reading, 'A thousand thanks from Europe.' These thanks are to the brethren and sisters who by this rally have made it possible to save the situation. The brethren tell us that nearly all the believers have left Turkish territory and are in Greece, or adjoining states. The Constantinople office was ready to move at a moment's notice, including the orphanage school. Let us pray God to hold the winds if it may be, to give us just a little longer lull of comparative peace in which we can pass about and work in those troubled regions.

It is now planned that once every quarter, beginning with the second quarter of this year, we will conduct in all our churches a Missions' Rally Sabbath, and on that day see that our missions' offerings for the part of the year that is past are made up, so that during 1923 we will get our missions' offerings right up to date every quarter.

We trust that our brethren throughout the field will see that this is strictly observed, and thus we will have no difficulty in making up our full quota to missions during the present year. The appropriations which the brethren have granted to the fields for 1923 are based very largely on pledges which our brethren have made at the camp-meetings in 1922, so we would urge all our brethren and sisters who made pledges at the Bloemfontein meeting to see that these

are paid in just as quickly as possible, so that there will be no embarrassment in the treasury as a result of these payments being delayed.

W. H. BRANSON.

Special Sabbath Service on May 19

Our churches and members throughout the field, whether off in the mission fields or scattered as isolated companies and families are reminded that the first Missions' Rally Sabbath will be on May 19. To refresh our minds of the plan, we quote again from the action passed by the General Conference Committee at the Council held last September:

"WHEREAS, The divine purpose of our message constantly calls for a steady growing contribution of men and means for the rapid finishing of the work in all the world; and

"WHEREAS, In the accomplishment of this great task there is need of more intensive cultivation of the missionary idea, more selfdenial and larger sacrifice and continuous definite and systematic giving of mission offerings, that our missionaries may have food, shelter, clothing and other necessities to enable them to press strongly forward with their work,

"We recommend, 1. That of the twelve Sabbaths in the year devoted to the presentation of mission interests, four of these, one each quarter midway in the quarter, be set apart as Missions' Rally Sabbath.

"2. That upon each of these Sabbaths in all our churches a missionary programme be rendered of such a nature that children, young people and old members can unitedly take part.

"3. That the purpose of the programmes be to set forth:

(a) The missionary ideal of Jesus and the selfdenial and sacrifice the message in these closing days requires.

(b) To more fully acquaint our people with the world-wide work, the wide open doors and the pressing calls for men and means.

"(c) To place definitely upon the hearts of all our people the mission goal of sixty cents a week, and the importance of keeping up their gifts systematically week by week, that there be no delay in pressing on the message.

"4. That a committee of not less than five be appointed to arrange and prepare a programme, including mission songs, recitations, dialogues, field reports and appeals, and other material for each Missions' Rally Sabbath, for the use of local churches in arranging their programmes.

"5. That the union and local conference presidents promote and foster the interests of the Missions' Rally Sabbaths in their respective fields, and by counsel to their workers and church members through their conference papers and otherwise, continually emphasise the main purpose of these appointed Sabbaths, and the splendid opportunity which such occasion offers not only for the cultivation of the missionary idea but for the raising of mission funds and bringing our people to more fully adopt the plan of week by week contributing their share to the cause of missions.

"6, That each Missions' Rally Sabbath be a squaring-

up day on the mission quota and the individual goal by the amount short, and as much more as the Lord may have prospered them, and that we recommend that a suitable device be placed in the church to indicate the present church standing on mission goal.

"7. That the Missions' Rally Sabbaths for 1923 for the first quarter be February 17; the second quarter May 19; the third quarter on the day set for the Midsummer Offering; the fourth quarter following the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, suggesting October 20.

"8. That in each church a local church programme committee be appointed by the church board, consisting of from three to five members, of which the pastor or elder should be one."

It will be readily observed that the real purpose of this special service is to encourage our people more systematically to bring up their mission offerings week by week.

The task of giving the gospel message to every nation, kindred, tongue and people is a mighty one, and it means solf denial and souri

and it means self-denial and sacrifice until the task is accomplished.

All power in heaven and in earth is promised to those upon whom rests the great responsibility of warning the world. This means a power to preach and to teach. It means also a power to give, that the cause of God be not hindered in its growth, for lack of means.

Here is a quotation from Volume IV of the "Testimonies," page 117: "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." It is the church membership then who are really responsible for the finishing of the work. They are to go from door to door inviting their neighbours and friends to the marriage supper. But there is another way in which all of us must "rally to the work," and that is to give of our means for its support.

We must not be satisfied to provide for the needs of the work already established; but, realising the shortness of time, be burdened over the unentered fields. It is expected that in May, several families will leave their work in the South African Union Conference; others will come down from Rhodesia on their way to Portuguese West, and South West Africa. It will take means to send these workers to their new fields of labour and to provide them with homes, schoolbuildings, equipment, etc.

The workers throughout the Division have set their goal for 1923 at 5/- per week per member. From January 1 to May 19 is just twenty weeks, so that our goal is £5 for the period. The hope is expressed that at the time appointed every worker will check up and see if he has been faithful in reaching the goal. Church elders should lead out in helping every church member to realise his or her responsibility in this matter. A special programme will be prepared to acquaint us with the world-wide work, and the needs of a growing cause.

W. B. COMMIN.

Harvest Ingathering for 1923

THE 1923 Harvest Ingathering Campaign opens the 1st of May, and will continue through May and June. It is being held earlier this year than usual because it is felt that this will be a more favourable time for the campaign in most parts of the African Field.

We will use a paper produced here in the field, instead of the Watchman Magazine this year, and we believe that the paper will be especially suited to the needs of the work in Africa. This paper has been prepared with great care, and is being printed now by the Sentinel Publishing Company, and will be ready in good time for the opening of the campaign. No one need fear that their papers will come late, and a sufficient number is being printed to furnish all the churches and isolated believers with as many as they can profitably use.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign has come to be a great blessing to our foreign mission work, as well as being a means of informing the general public con-

cerning the great movement that Seventh-day Adventists are carrying forward in the world. Every passing year brings larger returns from this campaign, and we trust that 1923 will be no exception.

This is a time when all our brothers and sisters should rally and put forth their best endeavours to help enlighten their friends as to the work Seventh-day Adventists are doing in the world, and to gather in funds for our great mission enterprise. Seventh-day Adventists are undertaking the largest foreign mission campaign of any denomi-

nation in the world; therefore we must be vigilant to do our part in order that this work may receive adequate support.

The Ingathering paper will be available in both the English and Dutch languages. We trust that all the churches will get their orders in early, ordering through their respective tract societies and book depositories, and that everyone will be ready to begin the campaign the first day of May. W. H. BRANSON.

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"GOD entrusts men with means. He gives them power to get wealth. He waters the earth with the dews of heaven, and with the showers of refreshing rain. He gives the sunlight, which warms the earth, awakening to life the things of nature, and causing them to flourish and bear fruit. And He asks for a return of His own.

"Our money has not been given us that we might honour and glorify ourselves. As faithful stewards we are to use it for the honour and glory of God. . . .

"Money has great value, because it can do great good. In the hands of God's children it is food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, and clothing for the naked. It is a defense for the oppressed, and a means of help to the sick. But money is of no more value than sand, only as it is put to use in providing for the necessities of life, in blessing others, and advancing the cause of Christ."—" Christ's Object Lessons," page 351.



ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

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MANY times we are apt to feel, because students do not stay in our schools until ready to go out as workers, that our work for them has not accomplished very much. We have just had an experience here along this line, which we pass on for the encouragement of others.

Eight years ago, we had a certain boy at the Rusangu Mission, and, as he showed great promise, we had great hopes of his making a worker. He stayed with us two years and then returned home. Later, while visiting the outschools in the Chilanga District, I heard that he had been taken on by the native commissioner as a messenger in another district, so thought he had given up everything. Last year, one of our evangelists told me he was back in his village and had been made chief of a small district, and that he was very anxious for us to open a school in his village. Great was my surprise and joy to see him come in here from his village seventy-five miles out, and report what he had been doing. He told me that numbers in his kraal had accepted the truth, and urged me to send out a teacher so that they could be more thoroughly instructed and prepared for baptism. I immediately sent out word to one of our evangelists to go and locate there, and it is my plan to visit the place in the near future, and hold an effort.

Yesterday, another of our evangelists came and told me he had just had a delegation from a village beyond Broken Hill with a very urgent call for help. Some of the students from the Musofu Mission live there, and now practically the whole village is keeping the Sabbath.

So many times we have found that the old mission students, although at times they themselves do not live up to all they know, are quite energetic in making known to others what they have been taught. Some of them even start and maintain self-supporting schools.

A short while back, one of the Rusangu boys was sent up to the hospital here, and he surely let his light shine. We had never heard any singing in the native ward before, but while he was here, he and the other patients spent most of the Sabbath singing.

Thus our message is being spread to where none of our workers have ever been, and loud calls keep coming in for schools. One very urgent call has just come in from a village 125 miles out, and we have already sent a teacher there.

May the time be hastened when Africa's millions of waiting souls will have heard of the soon coming Saviour. J. V. WILSON.

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BROTHER AND SISTER G. PEARSON have lately connected with the work on the Malamulo station, Nyasaland. BROTHER LLOYD E. BIGGS is away from office for a few days attending the South Rhodesia Committee meetings at Gwelo.

PASTORS E. M. HOWARD AND J. V. WILSON plan to leave in a few days' time for Barotseland, where they have had a request from the paramount chief to open up work.

WE are sorry to announce that Mrs. G. A. Ellingworth, of Nyasaland, has to undergo an operation, and will be unable to accompany her husband on his return to his field of labour in Nyasaland.

OWING to the very heavy rains which have lately fallen, the new Bulawayo church will not be dedicated until some time in June, when it will be completed. The walls are wet and the painters are unable to finish their work for a few weeks.

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The Spread of the Message in Bechuanaland

More than a year ago, Pastor Hyatt held some meetings for the natives at Magopella, and as a result quite a number accepted the truth. Magopella is about seven miles from Taungs. This work was fostered, and more meetings were held later, which resulted in much good. The baptismal class increased month by month. Last October twelve from this place were baptised, and on the 7th of February we baptised eighteen more, among whom was the head man who led the way into the water. It was indeed an inspiring sight to see these natives following their leader. A large crowd of the natives living at, and in the vicinity of Mogopella, gathered around the water's edge to witness the baptism of their former associates. The wife of the court interpreter at Taungs came over to be baptised. She and her husband have been attending our services at Taungs, as well as many of the baptismal classes, for more than a year. She told me that she has been under the convicting power of the Holy Spirit for a long time, so much so that she could resist it no longer, and walked the seven miles from Taungs to Magopella, in order to follow the Lord Jesus in baptism. Her husband is just about to take the step also.

A very encouraging feature of the work in this field is that educated natives of a very good class are taking hold of the truth. If we only had means to enable us to take these men into the work, how quickly the message would go! I have been receiving several letters lately from educated natives asking that I come and help them find the truth.

A very influential native chief from down near King William's Town has been to the Transvaal to buy land, and on his way back stopped off at Taungs to visit some of his people. To his surprise, he found that just eight days previous they had all been baptised, and were keeping the Sabbath. He was anxious to

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learn more of the Adventist teachings. He had heard about this religion from an Adventist minister down in the Colony, but had never taken time to study it. He stayed a few days so that I might study the truth with him, and for the good part of three days, I studied with him and two of his councillors. He is moving up into the Transvaal in July to occupy the farm he has bought, and then he wishes one of our ministers to come and hold meetings with him and his people, who are also coming up with him.

Pray for the work and workers in this field.

B. P. de Beer.

CAPE CONFERENCE

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President's Report

It is with pleasure that this statement is presented to the constituency of the Cape Conference regarding our operations for the year 1922.

While we wish that we had been more usable and pliant in the hands of our Leader, yet we are glad that He has been able to use us in pushing forward His work in this field. No deaths have taken place in the families of our corps of workers, and general good health has been our lot.

During the year just closed, there have been about forty-five added to our number from those previously not of our faith. Two evangelistic campaigns were launched, one at Port Elizabeth by the Union Conference Evangelistic Company under Elder MacNeil, and another at King William's Town by Brother W. H. Hurlow, assisted by Brother Lee and Miss Visser. From the Port Elizabeth effort twenty-three were added to our numbers in 1922. The other twenty or more additions were largely from isolated places. Early in the new year, a further sixteen were baptised in Port Elizabeth, and others are about ready to follow them. As a result of the King William's Town meetings, about a dozen are awaiting baptism.

A new church of twelve members was organised at Aberdeen. This is wholly the work of Brother A. L. Henning, who has faithfully let his light shine, and is calling for some one to come and baptise four or five others who have accepted the truth.

Brother van Eeden has done very acceptable work visiting the scattered believers and interested ones. Several calls for visits, studies, and baptism have come in from various quarters, so the leaven of truth is faithfully working to permeate every corner of our conference.

As we look through our records, we find that progress has been experienced in almost every detail of our conference work. We are glad to submit the following brief report in round numbers of funds, principally received during the year 1922:

Tithe£3,590 (an increase of £463). Sab. School Offs. ... 591 (an increase of £76). 13th. Sab. Offs. ... 195 (an increase of £12). Harvest Ingathering 475 (a decrease of £26). Gen. Miss. Offs. ... 533 (an increase of £375). Net total increase of all funds £900 Our average per capita offerings per week to missions was $1/7\frac{1}{2}d$ for the Europeans, while the goal set is 2/6. The per capita offerings for coloured members was 8d. while the goal is 6d. Our coloured brethren are to be congratulated on having passed their goal by $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent.

The auditor's annual statement of operations shows a deficit of £673 which is largely accounted for by carrying into our 1922 operations expenses incurred in respect of work in 1921 and 1923, and to exceedingly heavy depreciation having been written off of some properties bought years ago, and carried at an entirely too high valuation on our books. As our records now stand, a fair and conservative inventory value is carried, though the adjustment worked hard against our financial showing.

It is very encouraging to note that while the financial depression has been felt all over the African field, God has so blessed us that not only have we maintained our tithe income, but we have had an increase of £463, or almost 15 per cent.

The two aggressive evangelistic campaigns cost heavily, but the expenditure was surely warranted, as the increase in tithe shows. Indeed the full benefit of these efforts will be felt in the future more than they have been thus far.

Having been impressed for some time with an everincreasing conviction that we should return to America and take further studies to increase our efficiency in God's cause, we have decided to follow this plan subject to the approval of the General Conference, and application has been made to be returned to the United States at an early date, if this plan is approved. Therefore, at a recent meeting of the full Executive Committee, my resignation as president of the Cape Conference was tendered and accepted. Elder T. M. French has been invited to this post temporarily, and has accepted. My earnest prayer is that God will richly bless his administration, and that he will have the same hearty co-operation which I have so greatly appreciated from each member of the conference.

GEO. R. E. MCNAY.

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Big Week for India

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THE Scriptural injunction is "Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shalt find it after many days." The casting process requires faith. It is natural to desire to speedily see fruit of labour expended. "After many days" is rather an indefinite period, but it is none the less sure.

Twenty-six years ago a young man was canvassing for a message-filled book, entitled "Prophecies of Jesus." He was travelling through Kansas, reaching the people in the highway and hedges, keeping his spirit buoyed up by the divine admonition, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

The time came to leave Kansas and the seed-sowing of many months, but not to leave behind the memory of the many people with whom the printed page of truth had been placed. The oft repeated inquiry in this brother's mind was, "What will be the result of the literature sold, the conversations held, and the earnest prayers offered?" The young man entered

the ministry and, after a period of labour in the homeland, went to India and carried heavy burdens in that field for a number of years. In the early part of 1922, a letter reached this brother, who is now a field secretary in one of the departments of the General Conference, from a Seventh-day Adventist woman in California. The lady said she had often noticed his name in our papers and wrote to inquire if he could tell her anything about a man by the same name who. twenty-six years ago, sold, in a certain part of Kansas, a book entitled "Prophecies of Jesus." She further stated that her husband and four children are today rejoicing with her in the truth as the result of purchasing that book so many years ago, and she had often wished she might know where to find the man who sold the book to them. What a joyful echo from out of the distant past! Some fruit had appeared at last, and it was well worth all the effort put forth. And there may be many others whose lives have been influenced by the literature scattered in those early years from whom the brother is yet to hear; or possibly he may never know in this world just all that has resulted from that seed-sowing.

The printed page—what a wonderful medium of seed-sowing in the hands of God's people! During Home Missionary Big Week, April 8-14, every church member should go forth with his "seed basket" (margin) bearing precious seed, and he "shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126; 6.

Do not allow circumstances to hinder. "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." Eccl. 11:4. The natural elements may look forbidding, thick clouds may hover over the horizon of enthusiasm as the moment arrives for concerted action in the Lord's service, but the seed-sower is to go forth, unmindful of inward feelings and outward circumstances, and scatter the printed page of truth, if he desires to reap in the harvest. The Publishing Big Week effort not only sows the seeds of truth, but helps furnish facilities for publishing the third angel's message in many tongues. No such opportunity has ever been afforded in all the history of God's people as that which is offered in the Missions' Publishing Fund of the present day. This is the time of the end when "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." All heaven is astir with activity, and can the redeemed of earth be less alert? Let every one heed the call, "Cast thy bread upon the waters," and rest in the assurance, "Thou shalt find it after many days,"-if not in this world, over on the other shore.

£20,000 for publishing work,—but not by Adventists. The Methodist denomination has recently spent what is estimated to be more than £20,000 to build up their publishing work in Brazil. Other denominations are making the same advance moves. They are grasping the opportunity to do big things for God, in a big country where there is a big need. Should we, the chosen people of God, be the tail? No, let us do big things for God, in behalf of a big country, that has a big need, and let us do that during the Big Week.

Perhaps we may not be able to accomplish all that we would like to during this week, but although our efforts may be feeble, let us go forth in faith, believing that the One who gave His life a ransom for many will be our strength. (Continued on page 7)

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Big Week for India

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The millions of earth, the millions of India who are without a true knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ should be sufficient incentive to compel us to untiring labour. What greater appeal do we need? Listen! Are your ears heavy that you cannot hear their cries for the gospel? Look! Can you not see that the harvest is already ripe for the reapers? Yes, my Lord, we have heard and we have seen, now we will go forth in Thy service.

If you possess wealth, look not at the widow's mite. Your blessing is not hidden there. Are you among the great army of the poor? You must remember the sweet consoling words of Jesus, "She hath done what she could," and go forth in duty's path. Whether you pray, work, or give, or do all, will you not do something for India during the Big Week of April 8-14? —Compiled and Adapted by A. Priest.

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King William's Town and East London

WE have now been in King William's Town three months, following up the effort Brother W. H. Hurlow and his company of workers conducted in this town. We have continued the Sunday night lectures, also Sabbath meetings in the Odd Fellows' Hall, the rest of our time being given to house to house work, Bible studies and visiting.

While many have turned from the truths presented, a little company have taken their stand, and March 18 we baptised thirteen precious souls whom, we trust, will soon be organised into a church with the few older believers. The ministers of all the churches are much opposed to us, and are preaching against this people. But this only makes the believers more firm, and helps in finding the honest.

The care of the little company in East London was also committed to me, and once each month, we spend the week-end with our sisters there.

. As there were three ladies who desired baptism, on March 10 we had the privilege of baptising these new believers, who were added to this company. At break of day we all met on the beach to see these dear sisters follow their Lord in this sacred rite. It was a most inspiring scene. Just as the sun was rising over the water, we were offering our prayer to God for the Sun of Righteousness to shine in our hearts and baptise us with His love. At 10 o'clock, we all met in Sabbath school, after which the Ordinances of the Lord's House were celebrated. At 3 o'clock, another meeting was held. The Lord came very near in all our meetings.

The work is enward in these two cities, and all are of good courage in the Lord. We greatly desire the prayers of God's people for ourselves and the work entrusted to our hands.

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North Johannesburg

THE work in North Johannesburg is still making progress. Some have been walking in the light for a considerable time. After being very fully instructed on all points of the message for eight or ten months, a little company of eight were baptised on March 10. As a result of the tent effort and Bible studies, others are keeping the Sabbath, and another baptism of a large number is contemplated in about six weeks.

It is hoped to organise a North Johannesburg church in time, and to erect a small house of worship. Our Sabbath school membership is now about thirty-five, and the attendance at the Sabbath meetings is often over forty. This over-taxes the capacity of our little dining room, where the services are now held. A combined Junior and Senior Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society of twenty-two members holds its regular meetings in the same place.

One boy from our company is now at Spion Kop College, and several others are hoping to attend next year. In spite of the usual opposition, the interest continues to spread in an encouraging manner.

H. C. OLMSTEAD.

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As Bother Hiten was called to the Free State to take up work, the writer was asked to take charge of the work here; also to act as the teacher of our local school.

We thought it well to keep up the private interest by holding Sunday night meetings in the church building, which is located on the far side of the Vaal River in Meyersville. From the third Sunday night, we noticed that the public interest was increasing, and as our seating accommodation was limited, the children were asked to sit on the platform. Last Sunday, the brethren put the ten school benches in the church, thereby increasing the seating accommodation by sixty. We are glad to say that our little church was again packed, and about a dozen children had to sit on the floor. The attendance was 112.

During the week, we learned that one of the other churches, disturbed by the interest shown by its members, has decided to hold opposition services from Sunday.

We have received two urgent calls from places along the line to Volksrust and Heidelburg to hold a series of weekly meetings on the "Second Advent of Christ."

Every week we conduct four Bible readings which are attended by sixteen adults and young people. The teller of the Standard Bank is greatly interested, and attends the services and some of the studies.

Our school has not been opened yet. We expect. Brother F. E. Thompson here at the end of the month, and hope to be in full swing by the middle of next month. D. B. LEE.

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Wedding

THE marriage of Mr. Ovid O. Bredenkamp and Miss Laura E. Page was solemnised at the Sanitarium chapel, Plumstead, Cape, Sunday afternoon, March 25, at 2 o'clock, Elder W. H. Branson performing the ceremony. The chapel was appropriately decorated, and after the ceremony, congratulations were received in the Sanitarium parlour. The happy couple left for Gordon's Bay, where a short honeymoon will be spent.

Early in May, Mr. and Mrs. Bredenkamp expect to leave for South West Africa to engage in mission work in that new field. We extend to them our best wishes.

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New Notes

ELDER T. M. FRENCH has returned to office after a short trip to the Eastern Province.

BROTHER H. S. BECKNER, of Johannesburg, has recently spent a few days at the Cape.

BRÓTHER W. H. HURLOW has left the Cape for Grahamstown, from which place he expects to go to Mafeking.

ELDER J. W. MACNEIL AND BROTHER A. F. TARR are at present in the field in the interests of the work of the South African Union Conference.

A BAPTISMAL service will be held in the Cape Town church, March 31, when it is expected that between twenty and thirty new members will be received into the church.

MRS. POND and family arrived at Cape Town by boat from Beira, March 27. After spending a few days here, Mrs. Pond and children expect to sail for America, by the "Edinburgh Castle."

ON Sunday, March 18, an enjoyable day was spent at Camp's Bay, when about 130 of our church members joined together in a church picnic. We were glad to meet many of those who have lately taken their stand for the truth.

FROM Matching Brother G. S. Joseph writes: "We have had a good institute at Taungs, and two European and eight native colporteurs have made a start canvassing this past week. For the last two days, I have been assisting Sister O'Reilly in Vryburg, and the Lord blessed us with orders to the value of £43-1-0 for 'Bible Readings.' Deposits were received on a large percentage of these orders."

Changes in the Cape Conference

A FEW weeks ago, Elder G. R. E. McNay tendered his resignation to the Cape Conference Committee, and retired from the office of president. He did this because of a growing conviction that he should take up the medical work instead of the ministry, and he has made definite application to the General Conference to be returned to America for this purpose. Of course his going must be approved by the General Conference, but Elder McNay felt so strongly the desire to take up this line of work, that he decided to immediately lay down his duties as president and begin to plan toward the end of taking the medical course.

There seemed to be no one available to take Brother McNay's place in the conference, except some who were already carrying heavy burdens, and it was finally decided to request the Division to allow Elder T. M. French to temporarily carry the work of the Cape Conference in connection with his duties as Field Secretary and Educational and Young People's Secretary for the African Division. This plan has been agreed to, and, for the present, Elder French will be serving in this capacity. All correspondence, therefore, intended for the president of the Cape Conference should be addressed to Elder T. M. French, 56 Roeland Street, Cape Town.

A change is also being made in the position of secretary-treasurer. Brother F. Macdonald, who has been serving in this capacity for some time, has decided that it is essential that he should spend some time in England on account of conditions in his father's family, and he is, therefore, leaving in a short time for that country.

This made it necessary for him to drop his work as secretary-treasurer of the Cape Conference, and the committee has elected Miss Olive Willmore to this position. Miss Willmore will take over the work of the office about the 1st of April.

THERE was never a night without a day, Nor an evening without a morning, And the darkest hour, the proverb goes, Is the hour before the dawning. —C. Mackey.

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"ALL the lessons He shall send Are the sweetest; And His training, in the end, Is completest."

Obituary

BROTHER DE VILLIERS, of 127 Cecil Road, Salt River, fell asleep Sabbath morning, February 3. After a long illness of cancer, he was taken to the Plumstead Sanitarium. Prior to this time, he was a bitter opponent of the truth, but while at our institution he was converted and baptised. This occurred just one year before he died.

It was the writer's privilege to visit our brother several times just before his death. He was always cheerful and rejoicing in his first love. He died with a sure hope in the first resurrection.

His wife and daughter, Gladys, who survive, are both in the truth. Words of comfort were spoken to them and to the other mourners at the grave-side by the writer. W. LEROY HTATT.