



# The African Division OUTLOOK



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

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## An Interesting Trip in the Belgian Congo

No doubt some of you will be interested to read of a return trip we made to visit the American Methodist mission station, 100 miles from our Songa mission. We had received repeated invitations from this mission, so felt it our duty, as well as a pleasure, to visit them before leaving the country.

It requires a lot of planning to prepare for such a trip, as we have to rely on native carriers. Enough food must be carried for the ten days' return trip, as we do not pass any stores, nor enjoy the hospitality of any white person on the way. So carriers must be found for our machillas, and for every load not over fifty pounds. Tents, beds, bedding, bath, cooking utensils, food box, vegetables, bicycle, medicines, clothes box, machillas, all need to go, besides small necessities.

We planned to leave early on the morning of April 1. The previous Thursday and Friday were spent in baking, packing, settling with carriers, and laying plans for the ones left at home.

At sunrise Sunday morning, everyone was busy and excited. We had engaged sixteen carriers from the surrounding villages, and they were ready awaiting orders. The first day is always the hardest, so far as getting the carriers off is concerned. They always have a great deal about which to argue; all want to carry either Alan's or my machilla. So it really takes skill and patience to satisfy each carrier. However, after the first morning, there is no trouble. Each carrier stays faithfully by his load, and feels responsible for it, and we need never fear that he will run off with it.

About 7.30 we finally got off with quite a long procession, for, besides our carriers, others had joined us, either to cook for their husbands on the journey, or for their own pleasure. The morning was cool, and for three and a half hours we travelled on a native path, with grass several feet high on each side of us. For a short time we travelled through a wet, muddy plain, and our carriers had all they could do to keep from sinking knee deep. It is really wonderful the way these carriers manage the machilla. Every minute one

fears they will fall or slip in the mud. Often they had to walk over a narrow pole, which served as a bridge over a nasty ditch or stream, and I often closed my eyes so as not to see some of these horrid looking places I was being carried over.

We reached the first village, Kampemba, about 10.30, and rested awhile. The natives assured us the road from here was good, so my husband left his machilla here, and started with the rest of us, but on his bicycle. However, I might say he did not use his bicycle, but walked the rest of the hundred miles, as the path was in a fearful condition. All that day we travelled through grass ten to twelve feet high, and I can assure you it was not too pleasant, as it was wet and prickly. Often we seemed to be almost smothered in it.

At 2.30 that afternoon we reached Samba, our camping place for the night. This is quite a large village, and the natives came in crowds to say "Wako" to us. This was once the Government post. There are a number of lemon trees on the place, and

we very much enjoyed some good lemon drinks. Towards evening, our boys got out the Sabbath school chart, and held a little service. We held a service in each village in which we camped, and how eager the people were to see the bright coloured pictures, and hear the singing!

After a good night's sleep, we left at daybreak to resume our journey. We travelled through much the same kind of country as the day before, and occasionally went through beautiful tropical forests. Sometimes we rested a few minutes in the forests, as the natives love to plunge in the pools. They say it gives them strength.

About noon we reached Kasomonga, and stayed in this village all night.

April 3 found us at Kesundu, a small village. The natives here seemed very degraded. Many had painted their bodies white or red, I suppose in our honour. They truly reminded me of savage-looking cannibals, but were harmless and friendly. Alan and I took a walk through the village, and talked with the women

Waft, waft, ye winds, His story,  
Ye waters, onward roll,  
Till, like a sea of glory,  
It spreads from pole to pole;  
Till o'er our ransomed nature  
The Lamb for sinners slain—  
Redeemer, King, Creator—  
In bliss returns to reign.

and children. There were images of wood in front of almost every house, with food placed near. These represented the spirits of dead relatives, and were there to keep evil and sickness from the people. We had quite a big crowd at our service at this place.

We heard the death wail in almost every village where we camped. Oh, it is a weird sound! On inquiring who had died during the night, we learned they were lamenting for some one who had died a few months or years before. One's heart goes out to these poor heathen, especially the neglected little ones. Truly one cannot help feeling thankful for the knowledge we have of the One above. Yes, and to belong to civilisation.

The next day we were up early again. One must rise early, as the tent, beds, bedding, etc., have to be packed, and we like to avoid travelling in the heat. The road from here was very hilly, rocky and sandy, and was overgrown with long grass. Our carriers really did wonderfully well. They shouted and sang most of the way. Often I would hear them singing to some tune, in the vernacular, "Madam will give us a present, because we are carrying her so well." They make up all kinds of songs. One wonders where they get the strength for shouting, singing, etc., when they have such heavy burdens to carry.

We reached our last camping place April 4. Kako is the name of this village. This is the most beautiful village for scenery I have seen in the Congo—such beautiful shade trees, palm trees and banana groves. A great deal of palm oil is made here, as well as wine. The palm fruit is very nice, having a nutty taste. The natives make pretty baskets and mats here too. We really enjoyed our stay at this place.

April 5 we were on our way again. Up hill and down hill we travelled, through beautiful, long, wet, cool forests. The road was very bad, and several times I walked for fear the carriers would drop me down the steep banks into the pools below. The heavy rains had caused deep ruts in the path, and washed the earth away in many places.

At last we reached the Kabongo mission, where we were made very welcome by Dr. and Mrs. Berry and the natives. This mission is about six years old, and they are doing a good work. Their work is only now beginning to show fruit, so we do not feel discouraged with our slow progress. We stayed here from Thursday noon until Monday morning. We enjoyed every minute of the time. It was so nice to see something fresh, especially new white faces.

Our return journey was somewhat the same as our journey to the mission, until we reached Samba, our last camping place. Here it rained, and continued to do so most of the way home. The pools had risen, and in one place the carriers were up to their chests in water, and our machillas had to be carried on their heads. It is an awful sensation, I can assure you, as one feels one is going to fall every minute. Then the shouts and orders given by the natives to each other do not improve the situation.

However, we reached Songa mission amid shouts of welcome, about 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. Our house was ready for the Sabbath, and our good boy had cooked us enough dinner for two days. He had a nice hot bath ready, which was surely appreciated after

our five days' trip. We found everything in perfect order, excepting that a hyena had eaten Alan's pet dog the night before our arrival home. We appreciate all the good things we have, more than ever. It really does one good to get away from one's regular routine of work for a few days. We were away thirteen days, most of the time being spent on the path, but we all had a good time, and feel repaid for the trip.

We have all kept wonderfully well up here, and we truly thank the One above for all the blessings we have enjoyed in this isolated place. Our hearts are sad to leave here. We love this mission, its work and its people. "We go where duty calls," and when we say good-bye to these people here, we pray we may meet them in the home above, where there will be no sad partings, and where the reign of sorrow will be forever gone.

TERSHA ROBINSON.

[NOTE.—Shortly after writing this article Brother and Sister Robinson and little son left the Congo for the Zambesi Union, where they are taking up work.]



### The Message of the Dawn

WEARIED and worn on life's great battle ground,  
With courage well nigh spent, and soul athirst,  
I could not sleep so bided me out to watch the breaking dawn.  
And like a pilgrim travel-soiled and bruised with the road's  
dust and stones  
Pants for a cooling stream to lave his weary limbs,  
So longed my soul for God.

As I stepped out into the silence dim,  
Nature, as oft' of old, encircled me within her arms,  
And pressed her mystic kisses on my brow  
With tender dewy lips, till every quivering nerve  
Was silenced into rest, and my soul was once more attuned  
To catch the still small voice of the Unseen.

Through dawn's mysterious haze, the sea  
And mountain range behind, showed dim and mystic blue.  
Beneath the eastern sky, where gleamed the pearly glow  
Of zodiacal light, merging, just where  
The mountains formed a dip—into a rosy shade  
Mere shadow of a blush, and earliest herald of day's king.

While further on, and somewhat higher up  
Two tiniest oblong cloudlets, deep rosehued—  
One larger than the other—showed like broken halves  
Of a rosehearted bivalve "sunrise shell"  
Lying apart, upon a stroud of pearl.

Entranced I gazed until mine eyes grew dim  
With tears of joy, and my soul flapped her wings  
In unavailing effort to soar forth  
And make those rosy trophies mine.

But wafted through the portals of the dawn  
A still small voice breathed softly, "No; not now.  
'Tis only conquerors tread that pearly shore;  
The rest is not yet won; go forth once more and mingle in  
the fight.

"What if thy sword be broken? wield the hilt.  
The beauty that enraptures thee to tears  
Is but the faintest glimmer of the Dawn that waits ahead."

Then, as the cold grey shadows of the day  
Obscured the scene, I inward turned,  
Content to wait till that Eternal Dawn  
Whose glory no dark mists will ever chill,  
When I will hie me forth with eager feet  
To gather up my shells upon the Strand of Pearl.

J. DU TOIT, Muizenberg.

## Sketches of the Past—No. 2

### The Judgment Hour Message

"AND I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come." Rev. 14: 6, 7.

In these words the prophet describes the first of three messages to be given to the world just before the appearance of the "white cloud," on which the Son of man returns to this earth. Verse 14.

Inasmuch as angels never preach directly, it is evident that when this message is due to the world, it will be given through the church, God's appointed agent for the proclamation of the gospel. The flight of the angel, the loud voice, and the specific mention of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, indicate that the message will be given quickly, and that it will be heard throughout the world.

The main statement in this message, that the hour of God's judgment *is come*, indicates that the judgment hour will be known to the messengers, so that they can make such a startling announcement with assurance. But as God always reveals His truths through His Word, it follows that there must be somewhere in the Scriptures a prophecy that will reveal the time when the heavenly tribunal is to sit. And what a marvel of God's providence should it be seen that there is just such a definite time prophecy, so clear and plain, that it can be easily understood, yet so veiled in symbol that it should not be understood before the time for its announcement! Surely an infinite mind is back of such profound wisdom.

Regarding one important portion of prophecy, the writer was bidden to "shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Dan. 12: 4. Whatever may be said regarding the wonderful increase of knowledge in this generation, the flood of light that has shone upon the prophetic Word, especially on the book of Daniel is a clear fulfillment of the above verse.

Of one portion of the book of Daniel in particular, a statement is made that it pertains to the last days. The prophet had just witnessed a remarkable vision, and while he was wondering what it might mean, the angel Gabriel was divinely commissioned to "make this man understand the vision." Having come near to Daniel, he said unto him, "Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision." Dan. 8: 17.

In the vision of which this is said, the prophet had noted three symbols—a ram, a he-goat, and a little horn which waged war against God. Concerning this warfare, a question had been asked as to the length of its duration, and the answer was given, "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Verse 14.

Having explained the ram to be "the kings of Media and Persia;" the goat to be "the kind of Grecia;" the great horn between his eyes, to be "the first king;" four other horns to be "four kingdoms that shall stand up out of the nation;" and having spoken of the "king of fierce countenance and understanding dark

sentences," that was represented by a "horn that waxed exceeding great," the angel reached that part of the vision that spoke of the time for the cleansing of the sanctuary. But, doubtless because Daniel was overcome with the astounding truths revealed, the explanation was cut short with the mere statement that the vision regarding the time—the twenty-three hundred day period—"is true." And regarding this special part of the prophecy the significant statement was made: "Wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days." Verse 26.

Daniel fainted at the shocking scenes presented before him in the long controversy between the powers of darkness and the church of God, but he still pondered over the vision and prayed for an explanation. His mind was grieved at the desolation of the sanctuary at Jerusalem. There lacked only two years of the seventy, spoken of by Jeremiah at the end of which God had promised to visit His people and give them an opportunity to return to their own home land (Jer. 29: 10). Daniel seemed to fear that this statement regarding the long period of time that should elapse before the cleansing of the sanctuary meant that because of Israel's failure to repent, God had altered His word, and the promised restoration would be postponed. Hence while praying for light, He humbly confessed his sins and the sins of his people, and prayed the Lord to "defer not," "for Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy name." Chapter 9: 19.

While the prophet was thus praying, Gabriel came to complete the explanation of the vision. And inasmuch as, after telling Daniel to "consider the vision," he immediately began to speak of time, it is obvious that the following statements regarding the "seventy weeks," were given in explanation of the twenty-three hundred days of the unexplained portion of the vision.

The seventy weeks, of which Gabriel spoke, were to begin with "the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem." At the beginning of the last week of years, the Messiah was to appear. This wonderful prophecy has been understood through the ages. When Jesus began His ministry at the very expiration of the allotted time, it is said that He preached saying, "*The time is fulfilled*, and the kingdom of God is at hand." Any one may verify the remarkable accuracy of this prophetic period by noting the marginal date for Ezra 7 (where the decree for restoration is given), and observing that from that date, 457 B. C. to the baptism of Jesus, in A. D. 27, is exactly 69 x 7, or 483 years. Every portion of this seventy week period, the 49 years for the restoration of the city, the cutting off of the Messiah in the midst of the final week, and the ultimate rejection of the Jews as God's special people three and a half years later, were expounded in their time. They pertained to the first advent, and they were understood by that generation.

But in God's obvious providence, the relation of the seventy weeks to the two thousand and three hundred days was not seen by prophetic students until after 1878, the beginning of the time of the end. Nor was the yearly "cleansing of the sanctuary," seen to be a type of the final disposition of sins in the heavenly

sanctuary in the work of judgment, until God Himself opened the way for its explanation.

How these mysteries were unlocked, and how the message was proclaimed throughout the wide world will be considered in the next study.

D. E. ROBINSON.



### A Solemn Message to the Church

We are rapidly nearing the close of this earth's history. The end is very near, much nearer than many suppose, and I feel burdened to urge upon our people the necessity of seeking the Lord earnestly. Many are asleep, and what can be said to arouse them from their carnal slumber? The Lord would have His church purified, before His judgments shall fall more signally upon the world.

"Who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness."

Christ will remove every pretentious cloak. No mingling of the true with the spurious can deceive Him. "He is like a refiner's fire," separating the precious from the vile, the dross from the gold.

Like the Levites, God's chosen people are set apart by Him for His special work. Every true Christian bears priestly credentials. He is honoured with the sacred responsibility of representing to the world the character of his Heavenly Father. He is to heed well the words, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

"Remember ye the law of Moses My servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and the judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another," that ye may be healed of all spiritual infirmities, that sinful dispositions may be changed. Make diligent work for eternity. Pray most earnestly to the Lord, and hold fast to the faith. Trust not in the arm of flesh, but trust implicitly in the Lord's guidance. Let each one now say, "As for me, I will come out, and be separate from the world. I will serve the Lord with full purpose of heart."

This work of individual purification of character cannot be safely delayed. Let our brethren and sisters take hold diligently of this work, co-operating with Him who "loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Put away all deception. Let no one idolise his own opinions. Take your position decidedly to be fully consecrated to truth and righteousness. Christ is ready to receive all who will come to Him. Exercise a firm faith in all the promises of God. With confession and

prayer, take your stand to be wholly the Lord's henceforth and forever.

To my ministering brethren I would say, "Unite in a work of humbling your souls before God. Some have lost their first love, and need a new experience. Be determined that you will not yield to the enemy. Be patient toward all men, remembering that Christ died for them. Improve every capability for the Lord's work, and labour faithfully, untiringly, to save souls. Seek to arouse the churches by your own zeal. Thus you may be the Lord's helping hand, labouring together with Him."

We all have a part to act in the Lord's great plan for His work in the earth. We shall all have something to do, though it may be in jots and tittles, as opportunities present themselves.

If these warnings are not heeded, if diligent work is not made to overcome and put away defects of character, God will soon have finished the work of judgment, and many will be found wanting. Shall we now, at once, cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God? We cannot afford to delay this work of confession and humbling of soul, that our offerings may be acceptable unto God. Fulness of joy is to be found in an entire surrender to God.—Mrs. E. G. White, in *Eastern Tidings*.

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### Big Week at Witbank

As my Big Week territory I was assigned a part of Witbank, Transvaal, and the book used was "Past Present, and Future." This is a coal-mining centre with about a dozen mines operating within eight miles of the town. In trying to make a real Big Day, I worked from 8.30 A. M. till 7.45 P. M., without stopping to eat, and then walked seven miles back to Witbank, where a little supper tasted good.

The Lord blessed me with fourteen orders and the Big Day profits were over £5. About fifty-five hours were spent in canvassing, and about £53 worth of books have now been delivered. Half of the subscribers gave liberal deposits with their orders, and all were strongly impressed with the fact that they had given a real order and under no circumstances could any orders be cancelled. This helped me to deliver nearly every order.

In each canvass the point emphasised was the personal salvation of the individual being canvassed, and that the purpose of the book was to make plain the great and glorious plan of God for each soul and to help him to know the way to the kingdom of Christ. I found some genuinely interested, and gave a number of Bible studies which are now being continued by correspondence.

That the harvest is ripe was strongly impressed upon me during the week. The fields are waiting and much is being lost by delay. May God lead every member to do his utmost to gather the falling grain before the harvest shall be forever past.

H. C. OLMSTEAD.

## Quarterly Report for Sweetwaters Sabbath School

FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1923

Average attendance including visitors .....	21
Donations for 12 Sabbaths .....	£8-15-3
Donations on 13th Sabbath	4- 7-1

Total £13- 2-4

Perfect record cards of honour are due to Lena, Olive, Winnie, Paul and Robert Beissner, Sister Sis-sing, Grace Burton, Doris, Una and Gladys Pitt, and the superintendent.

Perfect attendance cards are due to Gloria Tarr and the secretary.

The lessons on "Bible Characters" were most in-teresting and helpful to all.

F. C. ERNST, *Superintendent*,  
S. IMRAY, *Secretary*.



## The Message Among the Transvaal Natives

ONE year ago, we spent a few days in the vicinity of Hamon's Kraal visiting native villages. Later Pas-tor Armitage held a series of meetings at Leeuwkraal, and as a result several began to obey the message. Among them were a teacher, a native shopkeeper, and another man who is now a successful canvasser.

Two weeks ago we pitched our tent about fifteen miles from Leeuwkraal at Makapanstad, and have held services every evening since. The attendance has been good, averaging from 300 to 400 each evening, and quite an interest has been awakened.

We had hoped that we might have had some Bible studies printed on the message to give to the people in their own language. Several months ago we prepared these studies, but we have found it a long way to get them through the hands of the editor, the translator, the critic and the printer, so long that they have not yet reached us.

In order that we might reach the people and get them to studying we felt that we must have some-thing for them to read. This led us to bring our little Corona typewriter into use, and 130 studies have been struck off and many distributed. Much more will have to be done along the same line, even though it is a slow process, as the people are eager to get them so that they may learn the truths of the Bible.

We have only one native helper up to the present, and he finds far more than he can do, but we hope soon to have two others. There is work enough for six such workers, and we could use them to good advantage were they available. The European worker must have plenty of native help to do the work there is to be done at such a time as this.

There are other villages near, and, if we had the helpers and the literature needed, we could be working two or three villages just as well as one, and thus be saving valuable time. We realise that we are working at a great disadvantage, but there seems to be no help for it. So we labour on praying that the Lord of the harvest will give us a few good, honest souls for our hire.

W. S. HYATT,  
F. B. ARMITAGE.

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### Important Notice

Will all OUTLOOK readers please note that the Cape Conference and Cape Tract and Missionary Society are moving to Port Elizabeth about the first week in June.

Kindly note their new address will be, 23 Chapel Street, Port Elizabeth, and after the 7th of June all correspondence should be directed to this address.

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### Are We Willing?

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power." Psalm 110: 3.

That we are living in the day of God's power is un-questionable. No one who has studied the progress which the message has made during the last few years will deny that it is simply marvellous.

During the last year, funds to support the work already under way in the mission fields ran very low, and for a time it seemed that some of our missionaries would have to leave the field. The situation was laid before our people everywhere, and the response they made was most gratifying.

Heavy calls have been made to the General Con-ference for the support of the work this year, and their ability to give all that has been asked, depends upon the different fields raising the amounts they have pledged.

Through the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, large sums are being raised from year to year for the sup-port of our mission work, and this method of raising money from the public has come to remain with us until the work of God shall be finished in the earth.

Never was there a time in the history of our work when it was more necessary for us as a people to stand unitedly in supporting the cause of God, with both men and money, than now. In "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, page 55, we read: "Unmis-takable evidences point to the nearness of the end. The way must be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace. Let not our church members com-plain because they are so often called upon to give. What is it that makes the frequent calls a necessity? Is it not the rapid increase of missionary enterprises? Shall we forget that we are labourers together with God? From every church, prayers should ascend to God for an increase of devotion and liberality. My brethren and sisters, do not plead for retrenchment in evangelical work. So long as there are souls to save, our interest in the work of soul-saving is to know no abating. The church cannot abridge her task without denying her Master. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can give of their

means for the carrying forward of foreign missions."

The time set for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign this year is June and July, and at a recent meeting of the Orange River Conference executive committee it was recommended that our conference goal be set at £550. This includes both the European and native departments of the conference. Let all the churches and isolated members in our conference earnestly plan for the coming Harvest Ingathering Campaign, with a determination to reach their goals.

I trust that every man, woman and child in our conference, who possibly can, will enlist in the campaign, and that everyone will work until his goal is passed. Let all be "willing." To Nehemiah's enemies it looked impossible for God's people to rebuild and complete the wall, but we read in Nehemiah 4: 6: "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." So brethren and sisters let us all have a mind to work, and make this the best Harvest Ingathering Campaign we have ever had in our conference.

J. N. DE BEER.



### Bolivia Church

ON March 31, the members of the Bolivia church came together for their quarterly meeting, and we were pleased to have Pastor de Beer with us.

After Sabbath school we had a study about the need to open our whole hearts, that God's Holy Spirit might take full possession of us. We will then bear the fruits of which we read in Galations 5: 22. In the afternoon we celebrated the Lord's Supper, when we received many blessings.

We had a baptismal service on Sunday morning when two of our young people were buried with their Lord in the watery grave.

I am glad to say that our courage is renewed to fight the good fight, for we know the Lord will give us the victory.

M. VAN RENSBURG.

### ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

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### "Till the Whole Earth is Lightened"

ONCE more the Harvest Ingathering Campaign is upon us, and our thoughts are especially upon the great mission fields of the world. We have before us a mighty work—one which must continually rise to greater prominence.

The work already established in heathen lands must be greatly strengthened. More labourers are needed to help those already bearing heavy burdens. Better equipment is needed for the training of native workers, for it is to them we must look to do the greater part of the work in preaching the gospel to those who sit in darkness. To supply this needed help, more money is required.

Then as we cast our eyes over the fields as yet unentered, and think of fifteen out of every seventeen people in Africa still living in heathenism, there comes a realisation of the greatness of the task as yet unaccomplished.

"And still our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us, 'Advance.' Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land. . . . Our burden for the 'regions beyond' can never be laid down till the whole earth shall be lightened with the glory of the Lord. . . . God calls upon His workers to annex new territory for Him." These words, coming as they do from the servant of the Lord, in plain and unmistakable language, point out the way for God's people. While strengthening our bases, we are to push forward, planting the banner of truth in new fields.

As I write this, word comes of one society in tropical Africa pushing out and occupying strategic points, and for the time being placing just one family at each station, looking forward to the strengthening of this work in the future. In these days when influences are at work to "parcel out" Africa to certain societies, thus endeavouring to keep out all others but that special society in that sphere of influence, we should be more aggressive in placing our representatives in these new territories, thus holding the positions until recruits come to strengthen the work.

To keep the work strong at the base, and to occupy new territory means money—more money than has hitherto flowed into the treasury. Already God's people are feeling the financial strain, and yet more funds are needed to carry out God's programme for evangelising the world. Among the men and women in the world, there are thousands of pounds which might be gathered into the Lord's storehouse. This Harvest Ingathering Campaign will afford opportunity to everyone to go out and gather in the funds for God's work.

Brethren and sisters, we cannot fail at this time. Our faithful missionaries in the lonely parts of Africa, the men now on the way to new fields, are looking to you—you who are holding the ropes—to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes. Everyone should feel it an honour and privilege to take part in this campaign. In our Union we plan to co-operate with you in making this campaign a success. Our workers plan to give some time to this work. Our church members plan to rally to this call. Special ingatherers will visit several towns in Rhodesia, and altogether we hope to raise our Union goal of £500.

E. M. HOWARD.



### News Notes

BROTHER RAYMOND BILLES is now labouring in Nyasaland.

BROTHER AND SISTER LE BUTT and family left recently for the Congo, their new field of labour.

BROTHER C. ROBINSON, who has been connected with the work in the Congo, has taken up work at Solusi. Brother Frank Ingle, from the Kalimbeza mission, is taking over the farm management at that station.

BRETHREN HOWARD AND BIGGS left by the midday train on Thursday, the 17th of May, on a trip to Barotseland. They will be away from office for about seven weeks. Brother Wilson will join them at Livingstonstone, and will accompany them on this trip. They intend to visit the paramount chief, and hope to open up work in that country in the near future.

ANOTHER candidate was baptised in the Bulawayo church on Sabbath, May 12. Brother Baumann hopes to proceed to Switzerland within a few weeks, where he will visit his relatives.



**Report of Literature Sales for April**

**Natal-Transvaal**

NAME	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL
<i>Great Controversy.</i>					
D. A. de Beer	117	15	18 1 6	7 6	18 9 0
S. J. Fourie	23			4 6	4 6
D. J. Grabe	61	18	21 8 6	15 0	22 3 6
Mrs. Grabe	89½	39	47 15 6	3 6 0	51 1 6
Mrs. Hopkins	57	12	14 8 0	18 0	15 6 0
L. A. Hertogs	99	52	61 15 6	15 17 0	77 12 6
T. J. Mijndardt	74	6	6 18 0	1 4 0	8 2 0
Mrs. Mijndardt	30	1	1 1 0	18 0	1 19 0
S. J. Stevenson			19 19 0		19 19 0
J. Stander	48½	8	9 1 0	7 6	9 8 6
E. Weiss	28½	6	6 18 0	2 0 6	8 18 6
<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
Mrs. Crouch	24	8	11 15 0		11 15 0
Mrs. L. Kreuter	32	19	30 16 0		30 16 0
Mrs. M. Smith	61½	29	39 17 6	5 18 6	45 16 0
P. J. Vermaak	109	28	38 5 0	1 6 0	39 11 0
<i>Crisis Series</i>					
M. J. Dixie	71			6 3 0	6 3 0
<i>Miscellaneous</i>					
Agents 16	1037	358	435 0 0	53 19 6	488 19 6

Native Colporteurs 155 19 8  
Magazine sales 43 12 6

**Cape**

<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
D. Kruger	88	22	25 15 0	1 10 0	27 5 0
A. Renou	81	17	20 5 0	2 14 0	22 19 0
A. Priest	14	15	19 1 0	38 17 0	57 18 0
H. J. P. Dwyer	40	7	9 0 0	9 7 6	18 7 6
<i>Past Present &amp; Future</i>					
Miss Bush	57	15	9 17 6	17 14 6	27 12 0
J. R. Donaldson	37	5	3 16 6		3 16 6
<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
B. H. Wieuand	43	25	30 5 0		30 5 0
P. Burger	30	60	66 0 0		66 0 0
Agents 8	390	166	184 0 0	70 3 0	254 3 0

Native Colp. 63 32 7 1 6  
Magazine sales 20 11 2

**Orange River**

<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
C. E. Sparrow	40	43	53 7 0	4 6	53 11 6
F. Kruger	22	3	4 5 0		4 5 0
J. J. Van Zyl	64	11	12 12 0	1 7 0	13 19 0
<i>Great Controversy</i>					
S. J. Fourie	24	7	8 10 0	16 6	9 6 6
<i>Miscellaneous</i>					
Agents 4	150	64	167 7 9	2 8 0	169 15 9

Native Colporteurs 7 9 6  
Magazine Sales 25 15 9

**Zambesi Union Mission**

<i>Practical Guide</i>										
A. C. Le Batt	32	29								35 10 0
<b>Bechuanaland</b>										
<i>Bible Readings.</i>										
A. Grobler	134	68	95 4 6			19 6 96 4 0				
G. S. Joseph	4		10 18 0			2 6 6 13 4 6				
<i>Miscellaneous</i>										
			1 0 0			1 6 1 1 6				
Agents 2	138	68	107 2 6			3 7 6 110 10 0				
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Native Colporteurs			34 8 8			34 8 8				

**Book Totals for April 1923**

Natal-Transvaal	1037	358	435 0 0	53 19 6	488 19 6
Cape	390	166	184 0 0	70 3 0	254 3 0
Orange River	150	64	167 7 9	2 8 0	169 15 9
Bechuanaland	138	68	107 2 6	3 7 6	110 10 0
Zambesi Union	32	29	35 10 0		35 10 0
Agents 31	1747	635	929 0 3	129 18 0	1058 18 3

Total Native sales 204 19 4  
Total Magazine sales 96 6 8



**Our Responsibility**

"NOTHING is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. The church should arouse, and manifest a deep interest in this work; for now as never before, Satan and his host are determined to enlist the youth under the black banner that leads to ruin and death.

"God has appointed the church as a watchman, to have a jealous care over the youth and children, and as a sentinel to see the approach of the enemy and give warning of danger; but the church does not realise the situation. She is sleeping on guard. In this time of peril, fathers and mothers must arouse and work as for life, or many of the youth will be forever lost.

"While we should put forth earnest efforts for the masses of the people around us, and push the work into foreign fields, no amount of labour in this line can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth. They are to be trained to become workers for God. Both parents and teachers, by precept and example, are so to instil the principles of truth and honesty into the minds and hearts of the young, that they will become men and women who are as true as steel to God and His cause.

"Parents and teachers do not estimate the magnitude of the work given them in training the young. The experience of the children of Israel was written for us 'upon whom the ends of the world are come.' 1 Cor. 10: 11. As in their day, so now the Lord would have the children gathered out from those schools where worldly influences prevail, and placed in our own schools, where the Word of God is made the foundation of education.

"If ever we are to work in earnest, it is now. The enemy is pressing in on all sides, like a flood. Only the power of God can save our children from being swept away by the tide of evil. The responsibility resting upon parents, teachers, and church members, to do their part in co-operation with God, is greater than words can express."—Mrs. E. G. White, in "Counsels to Teachers," pp. 165, 166.

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# HARVEST INGATHERING BIG WEEK

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### General News Notes

BROTHER AND SISTER F. MACDONALD and family left recently for England, where they will spend a six months' holiday.

MISS JOSEPHINE DAVIES, of the Union Conference office staff, is spending a time with her relatives at Langholm, C. P.

BROTHER P. J. RAUBENHEIMER and family have returned from Java, East Indies, and at present are staying at the Cape Sanitarium.

ELDER AND MRS. MACNEIL AND MARIAN have left the Cape for their new home in Johannesburg, to which place the Union offices are being moved.

BROTHER AND SISTER W. H. HURLow and two children sailed for England, May 25. They will spend some time there, visiting Brother Hurlow's mother.

ELDER BRANSON AND DR. REITH are taking a trip through the Congo, in the interests of mission work. On this trip they will select sites for new mission stations, and make general plans for the work in the Congo.

### Obituary

For the information of the old-time Free State members of the denomination, who knew and respected the subject of this announcement, I regret to report the death, recently on this farm, of the old native, Jacob Xaba. For years he suffered from epilepsy, and during the last weeks of his life he was bedridden. His end was peaceful.

About twenty years ago, I accompanied Brother P. Venter, Snr., to Kraal Punt, where we conducted a meeting in old Jacob's hut. There was a large attendance, and he, with a few others, took his stand for the truth. All these years he was faithful, and, according to the light he had, lived a very consistent life. He was the leader of the first native company formed in this province. The very large attendance at his burial testified of the respect in which he was held by the natives of the district.

His son Andries Xaba received training at Spion Kop, and is now in the work in Natal.

J. M. FREEMAN.

### Items of Interest from Spion Kop College

MRS. JORDAAN, of Maritzburg, recently visited her son Gert at the school.

THE winds have begun with their usual violence, and we are reminded that winter is here again.

MISS STELLA MILNE AND MR. FRANK MILNE were guests at Spion Kop during the Easter holidays.

Two classes have been formed for the study of Zulu. Many of our prospective missionaries are taking advantage of this opportunity to prepare themselves for work in the mission fields.

WE have recently subscribed to three newspapers, *The Johannesburg Star*, *The Sunday Times*, and the *Volkstem*. These arrive so promptly that we really feel nearer the rest of the world.

A HAPPY party of motor tourists camped on our grounds over the Easter week-end. We were glad to see Mr. E. A. Ingle, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Ingle, Dr. and Mrs. Bert Ingle and their families, Mrs. C. M. Blaine, Seldon Blaine, and Mrs. Stevenson.

As the Sabbath hours bring the busy week to a close, the school family gathers in the chapel to welcome God's gift of rest, in a meeting of praise and consecration. The Spirit of God has drawn very near in the meetings that have been held this year, and they have not only been an individual source of strength, but have been the means of preserving a high spiritual tone during the week.

RECENTLY Pastors MacNeil and Hyatt were week-end visitors at the College. Each addressed the students twice. On Sabbath Elder MacNeil gave a survey of the progress of the third angel's message in all the world. It brings courage to our hearts to know that, although isolated at Spion Kop, we belong to this great movement, and we are thankful that we have heard the call to service. Elder Hyatt pictured to us the crying needs of our own conference, and again sounded the Macedonian call.

THE school library containing over a thousand volumes is proving of great assistance to the students. It is especially helpful for reference work. Sister Tabraham of Durban recently made a valuable gift in the form of an English Hexapla, or a volume containing six important translations of the New Testament, from that of Wycliffe to the Authorised Version, in addition to the original Greek. It also contains a history of the translators and their work. Before leaving the country Pastor and Mrs. Hankins presented the library with about eighteen volumes on various subjects. These have added to the interest and value of the collection. We very much appreciate these gifts from friends of the College.