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

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GO FORWARD

"Is this the time, O Church of Christ, to sound
Retreat? To arm with weapons cheap and blunt
The men and women who have borne the brunt
Of truth's fierce strife, and nobly held their ground?"

"Is this the time to halt, when all around
Horizons lift, new destinies confront;
Stern duties wait our people, never wont
To play the laggard, when God's will was found?"

No! Rather strengthen stakes and lengthen cords,
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,
And to thy kingdom come for such a time!
The earth with all its fulness is the Lord's;
Great things attempt for Him, great things expect!
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime."

Missions Rally Sabbath, September 15

An Appeal to You

WE are united in an earnest effort to hold the missionaries at their post in the foreign field during 1923, and if possible provide some new recruits so greatly needed. In this splendid endeavour, success depends upon each one's doing his part systematically week by week.

Because of the tremendous responsibility resting upon us in supplying the sinews of war to our faithful standard bearers in mission lands, it was decided, at the 1923 Autumn Council of the General Conference, that an earnest appeal should be made to our people everywhere to make their mission offerings regularly each week. If this plan is adopted, the needed mission funds can be more easily raised without such intensive effort at the close of the year.

Our missionaries require their wages regularly, so as to provide rent, food, clothing, and other necessary expenses from month to month. If every believer will decide what he can give weekly to missions, and pass it in, either in the church offering or through the Sabbath school, the mission treasury will have regular remittances, and can send needed funds to the field regularly.

We wish, therefore, with this end in view, to inform you more fully of the recommendations passed at the Kansas City Autumn Council 1922. They are as follows:

MISSIONS RALLY SABBATHS

"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 self-denial 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 older members can unitedly take part.

"3. That the purpose of the programmes be:

"a. To set forth the missionary ideal of Jesus, and the self-denial and sacrifice the message in these closing days requires.

"b. To acquaint our people more fully 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 people the mission goal of 2/6 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 by each division committee 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 of 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 occasions offer, not only for the cultivation of the missionary idea, but for the raising of mission funds and bringing our people to adopt more fully 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 missions quota, and the individual goal be the amount short, and as much more as the Lord may have prospered them; and that a suitable device be placed in the church to indicate the present church standing on the missions goal."

It will be noticed that the resolution calls for a careful study of the ways and means to place vividly before our people the cause of foreign missions. To this end and in order that this plan may be carried out successfully in every church each quarter during the year, it seems advisable that a permanent Committee on Programme be appointed or elected by each church at the time of the regular annual election of church officers. We would suggest, as members of this committee, the pastor of the church and the elder, the Sabbath school superintendent, and the Missionary Volunteer leader. It may be that in some churches it will be thought advisable to provide for a larger committee. Each church can be guided in this according to circumstances and needs.

This committee should be appointed to serve for the entire year, and should take hold of the work of preparing the special programmes for the Missions Rally Sabbaths several weeks before the time appointed for each. It is hoped that these services will prove to be among the most enthusiastic and inspiring conducted during the entire year, and should draw upon the best talent in the church.

Children and young people, as well as the older members, can be pressed into service to have a part in the rendering of dialogues, recitations, special music, etc.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.



Missions Rally Sabbaths

THE brethren at the Kansas City Council unanimously recommended to our churches around the world, that one Sabbath each quarter, midway in the quarter, be set apart as Missions Rally Day. While the theme of missions is in all our efforts, is it not seemly that one Sabbath each quarter the exercises in all our churches, small and large, country, town, and city, should be a rally programme on missions?

On these days, why not have a general programme? The little girl in pink sash can recite Jesus' love for men. The young people can tell of divine providences in winning people for God in heathen lands. The church members, young and old, and officers of the church and Sabbath school, can unite in making the

exercises on these appointed days a spiritual uplift, and an advance effort to finish the Lord's work.

These Missions Rally Sabbaths add none to the special Sabbath programmes of the year. They comprise four of the twelve Sabbaths devoted to missions. Coming once each quarter, midway in the quarter, they will afford a splendid opportunity for each member to "square up" on his mission goal. The goal will be the amount each member is short on his 2/6 a week goal, and as much more as the Lord may prosper.

If all people will start in January 1923, to give week by week an average 2/6, and continue throughout the year, no missionaries need return for lack of support. Every one will be supported at his post, and many additional workers can be sent out. 2/6 a week from all our people during 1923 would make possible the greatest year of advance in the history of our work. Two hundred additional couples could be sent to foreign fields.

The next Missions Rally Sabbath will be September 15. It is not too early to plan for this important occasion. We have advised the churches to appoint local committees, consisting of from three to five members, to foster the missionary idea and to arrange a suitable programme in each church. Every conference worker is urgently requested to throw his energies into this plan and lift. Every church elder should promote it strongly in his church. Let us all lift together and pray God for success.

J. L. SHAW,

Treas. of the Gen. Conf.



Systematic Giving for Foreign Missions

SYSTEMATIC giving is taught in the Scriptures, and the advantages of systematic benevolence are illustrated in the experience of Seventh-day Adventists. It is only a furthering of the principle which we have learned so well in the school of experience, to plan our gifts to missions on a systematic basis.

Goals, in regard to gifts for missions, are expressive of human need. A sin-cursed world, hastening to its doom, must be warned by the remnant church. The problems of the world are problems that concern every church member. Inasmuch, therefore, as the Lord has seen fit to limit the avenues by which His healing grace may flow to a stricken race of men, and to use the means supplied by the church as its contribution to the Lord's own efforts, it follows that the church should continually study the work that is God-appointed, and seek to measure up to the obligations of its stewardship.

The yearly goals for missions grow out of a careful and prayerful study of the foreign mission problem; and as they are passed to the membership in the churches, it is with the sincere hope that by God's help we may pull together in the effort to meet the demands.

These goals are not impossible of attainment. Word comes to us from some of the sections of the world that are hardest hit in these times of financial stress, that a month before the year 1922 closed they had reached their goal for missions.

Elder J. K. Jones, of the Massachusetts Conference, —and Massachusetts, by the way, has by the help of the Lord raised its quota for the last several years, and had a surplus on its mission goal of from £400 to £1,600,—read an interesting paper at the last Autumn Council. Speaking from experience of their success, he said:

"We all know the rush of things the closing months of the year. Beginning about August and September, the Harvest Ingathering is on. Coupled with the Annual Offering in December, and a big Thirteenth Sabbath Offering the same month, it means a strong lift by our people, both in missionary activity and giving, if the goal is reached.

"But why wait for the Harvest Ingathering to make up a big shortage that is piled up during the early months of the year? Why persuade ourselves to believe that the Harvest Ingathering will take care of all deficits previously incurred in the raising of this fund the first part of the year? I well remember when the first Harvest Ingathering campaign was launched. If I remember rightly, it was not the intention at that time that this fund should be looked forward to as something to make up a short-

age, but rather as an extra amount to add to our funds. We should plan to raise the 2/6 a week fund month by month, so that when the Harvest Ingathering comes, there can and will be, at the end of each year, some surplus from each conference on this fund.

"In Massachusetts, instead of waiting until the months of January and February, March and April have placed us thousands of pounds behind, we have felt it would be better and safer to get a good start on this fund, and try to hold it month by month. The last month of the year we have sent out a little pledge card, and have spent a large part of December placing this in the hands of the church members in the conference, requesting them to sign up for a definite sum each week for foreign missions.

"We try to have each preacher feel his responsibility for his church and the churches in his district,

Church Pastors, Elders, and Leaders

NOTICE

COPIES of a special programme have been posted to you by the Conference Secretary some two weeks ago for the Missions Rally Sabbath, September 15.

Please get these at once into the hands of those who are expected to take part in the service and ask them to prepare their facts well.

Call attention each Sabbath after receiving this notice to the importance of the "squaring-up day," and urge all to come prepared to make up whatever they are short on their individual goals.

Get word to those who do not regularly attend, and urge them to be present.

Do not rest satisfied until your church is "squared up to date," and can go into the honour roll.

Get your church to appoint a "Missions Rally Committee" at once, consisting of the pastor, if there be one, the elder, the Sabbath school superintendent, the young people's leader, and perhaps one or two others.

and we keep reminding him of it until we know this 2/6 a week fund has been presented in every church in the conference. We try to have the pledges for the new year all attended to, and the cards signed by the close of the old year, December 31. By this plan, hundreds in a conference have definitely committed themselves to a definite amount each week, to begin paying promptly from the first week in the new year. It assures a conference of something definite to count on.

"The pledge cards provide for two classes, those who will give a certain amount each week from their income, and those who will endeavour to raise a certain amount from the disposal of our gospel-filled literature."

These suggestions, that a proper weekly endeavour should be instituted in connection with the 2/6 a week goal, will, we feel sure, appeal to our conference and members.

No doubt steps will be taken by each conference and mission field to adopt some method that will be a helpful factor in encouraging every believer to do his best in this respect. We appeal to all, young and old alike, to join us in making 1923 a banner year for foreign missions. Heaven expects it, the world needs it, and God's enabling grace can help us to do it.

CECIL K. MEYERS.

Associated Secretary of the General Conference.



A Lack of Sympathy

Let the Church Awake!

AMONG the professing Christians of today there is a fearful lack of sympathy that should be felt for souls unsaved. Unless our hearts beat in unison with the heart of Christ, how can we understand the sacredness and importance of the work to which we are called by the words, "Watch for souls, as they that must give an account?" We talk of Christian missions. The sound of our voices is heard; but do we feel Christ's tender heart-longing for souls?

The Saviour was an untiring worker. He did not measure His work by hours. His time, His heart, His strength, were given to labour for the benefit of humanity. Entire days were devoted to labour, and entire nights were spent in prayer, that He might be braced to meet the wily foe in all his deceptive working, and fortified to do His work of uplifting and restoring humanity.

By aggressive warfare, in the midst of opposition, peril, loss and human sufferings, the work of soul-saving is to be carried forward. At a certain battle when one of the regiments of the attacking force was being beaten back by the hordes of the enemy, the ensign in front stood his ground as the troops retreated. The captain shouted to him to bring back the colours, but the reply of the ensign was, "Bring the men up to the colours." This is the work that devolves upon every faithful standard-bearer,—to bring the men up to the colours. The Lord calls for wholeheartedness. We all know that the sin of many professing Christians is that they lack the courage and energy to bring themselves and those connected with them up to the standard.

From all countries the Macedonian cry is sounding, "Come over and help us." God has opened fields before us, and if human agencies would but co-operate with divine agencies, many, many souls would be won to the truth. But the Lord's professing people have been sleeping over their allotted work, and in many places it remains comparatively untouched. God has sent message after message to arouse our people to do something, and to do it now. But to the call, "Whom shall I send?" there have been few to respond, "Here am I; send me." Isa. 6:8.

When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed. The church will see the providential working of the Lord of hosts. The light of truth will shine forth in clear, strong rays, and as in the time of the apostles, many souls will turn from error to truth. The earth will be lighted with the glory of the Lord.

Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to co-operate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power.

At the same time there will be a power working from beneath. While God's agents of mercy work through consecrated human beings, Satan sets his agencies in operation, laying under tribute all who will submit to his control. There will be lords many and gods many. The cry will be heard, "Lo, here is Christ," and, "Lo, there is Christ." The deep plotting of Satan will reveal itself everywhere, for the purpose of diverting the attention of men and women from present duty. There will be signs and wonders. But the eye of faith will discern in all these manifestations harbingers of the grand and awful future, and the triumphs that await the people of God.

Work, O work, keeping eternity in view! Bear in mind that every power must be sanctified. A great work is to be done. Let the prayer go forth from unfeigned lips, "God be merciful to us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us; . . . that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations." Ps. 67:1, 2.

Those who realise, even in a limited degree, what redemption means to them and to their fellow men, will walk by faith, and will comprehend in some measure the vast needs of humanity. Their hearts will be moved to compassion as they see the widespread destitution of our world,—the destitution of the multitudes who are suffering for food and clothing, and the moral destitution of thousands who are under the shadow of a terrible doom, in comparison with which physical suffering fades into nothingness.

Let church-members bear in mind that the fact that their names are registered on the church books will not save them. They must show themselves approved of God, workmen that need not be ashamed. Day by day they are to build their characters in accordance with Christ's directions. They are to abide in Him, constantly exercising faith in Him. Thus they will grow up to the full stature of men and women in Christ,—wholesome, cheerful, grateful Chris-

tians, led by God into clearer and still clearer light. If this is not their experience, they will be among those whose voices will one day be raised in the bitter lamentation, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved." Why did I not flee to the Stronghold for refuge? Why have I trifled with my soul's salvation, and done despite to the Spirit of grace?"

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly." Zeph. 1: 14. Let us be shod with the gospel shoes, ready to march at a moment's notice. Every hour, every minute, is precious. All around us there are souls perishing in sin. Every day there is something to do for our Lord and Master. Every day we are to point souls to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

AFRICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE

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Shall We Fail?

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS are carrying forward the greatest mission enterprise of any religious society in the world. During the last ten years, 1347 missionaries have been sent out into the mission fields of the world by our foreign mission board, and these missionaries, with the hundreds of others who were already in the field, are preaching the message of the coming of Christ in 109 different countries comprising a population of fifteen hundred million. The message is being preached and printed in more than 100 different languages. Nothing like this has ever been seen since the days of Pentecost, and it is an evidence that the "latter rain" or "refreshing from the presence of the Lord" is now coming to the church, and that God is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh that they might receive this message and be saved by it.

But such a mighty work as this calls for repeated sacrifice on the part of God's people throughout the world. God's plan is that every individual who responds to this message shall in turn become responsible for helping to give it to others, and therefore a heavy responsibility rests upon the shoulders of all those who have learned and embraced this great truth. Our missionaries have gone into every part of the habitable globe. Many of them are living in fever sections and many of them among unfriendly and warlike tribes. They have gone as our representatives. They have gone because the church has bidden them go, and they believe that the call of the church constitutes a call from God, since God works through His organisation to carry forward His work. They have gone believing that the church would stand by them and supply them with necessary means in order that they might live and carry forward their work among benighted people for whom they labour.

The General Conference has estimated that, in order to properly support these noble men and women and to provide for a reasonable advance in our mission enterprise, it will require this year 2/6 per week for every church member in our ranks. This does not

seem like a very large sum, but if all would be faithful to this extent it would give a sufficient supply of means to properly conduct our work throughout the earth, and to enable the General Conference to send out 200 new recruits this year into the sections of the field not yet entered. Shall any of us fail to do our duty? Will any individual in our ranks be satisfied to do less than what is called for? If the missionaries are willing to go to the ends of the earth as our representatives, shall we say that it is too great a sacrifice for us to remain at home and send them 2/6 once a week to support them in the strange lands whither they have gone? Will any church organisation be satisfied to come short of this goal? Surely not! The work of evangelising the world rests upon the shoulders of our brethren and sisters in the churches just as much as upon those who have gone out as our representatives, and God expects us to shoulder the burden and be loyal to the trust which He has committed to us.

The Missions Rally Sabbath idea is a new one. The General Conference Committee has inaugurated this plan as a means of encouraging every member and every church to keep up their mission offerings systematically, making sure that they are squared up to date, quarter by quarter, rather than allowing a big shortage to accumulate during the year, and then depending upon a great effort at the end of the year to make up the lack.

The next Missions Rally Sabbath is appointed for Sabbath, September 15, and we earnestly appeal to our churches and our people everywhere to come to the Sabbath service on that day prepared to make up to the mission treasury anything that they may be short on their personal goal of 2/6 per week, for that portion of the year 1923 which will then be in the past. In other words, we want this to be a great "squaring-up day," so that every church will be up to date on that day with their mission offerings, and can start out with a clean slate for the last part of the year. How much better this is than leaving it over till the end of the year to try to catch up! We trust that every conference and church officer, as well as the leaders in our mission fields, will definitely plan for this day, and will see that the programme which is being sent out is carried out in every church. All our isolated believers, who cannot meet with a church, will receive a copy of the programme, and are requested to send into the tract society and mission field treasury whatever they may be short on their goal not later than the week following Sabbath, September 15.

Both God and the church are counting upon each one to do his full duty. Let us not disappoint them, or our faithful missionaries, who are looking to us to supply them the necessities of life, while they labour to save men from destruction.

W. H. BRANSON.



The Churches' Responsibility

THE question appearing on the front page, "Is this the time to sound retreat?" was very seriously raised about a year ago. At that time the Committee of the General Conference was sorely perplexed because

of the ever increasing demands that were coming from the foreign fields to a depleted treasury. It certainly looked as though a retreat was inevitable, and the question was put to the churches upon whom really the burden of this responsibility must rest.

Realising that the cause of God knows of no retreat, and believing that the work is to be finished in this generation, many of our churches have rallied to the call. We are determined that the missionaries shall not be recalled from the fields because of lack of means.

The Missions Rally Sabbath is somewhat of a new plan, though not altogether so. For many years our churches have set aside the collection of one Sabbath a month for the interests of mission work; and this plan is included in the arrangements of the Missions Rally Day. But we have in the past come up to the end of the year only then to learn how far short we were on our mission offerings goal. Now we have the privilege of checking up each quarter. September 15 is our next "squaring-up day." Not only as churches, but as individual members we want to examine our records, and if we are short on our goal of 2/6 per week be sure to make up this deficit now, and not leave it over to the close of the year.

The writer was surprised a few days ago to note the actual astonishment manifested by a church member when told that if all our people were faithful in contributing to missions 2/6 per week per member, not only would our present force scattered throughout the world-wide mission field be supported, but two hundred additional couples could be sent out. But this is actually so.

We invite all our churches to get ready for the special programme prepared for Sabbath, September 15, and urge the church officers to put forth every effort that their church may be "square" on that date.

W. B. COMMINS.

SO. AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

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God Depends Upon You

THE world today is waiting, anxiously waiting, to receive the light of God's truth through the evangelising ministry of His Word. This great and wonderful message of these last days is to be carried forward in a way that has never been done before. The Macedonian cry is to be heard from every corner of the globe.

To look today into the face of a dying world, into the faces of men and women for whom God gave His only begotten Son, to hear the cries of lost souls groping in the darkness of superstition and sin, asking for something better than that which they have, and for the light that will bring brightness to their hearts and joy to their souls, and yet not to be able to hold that life and hope and light before the world is a very sad condition. This is what God's cause faces today in many places.

We have great facilities for spreading this truth, wonderful plans have been laid for its promulgation;

but all this will avail us little if the people of God do not carry out their part in this great work. God is depending upon you, upon every member of His church, to see this work completed in the world, and we do not believe that He will be disappointed. We look for God's people to rally to this work and see it speedily finished in the world. We have been told that if every one were a living missionary, this message would soon be carried to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

Missionary activity is necessary to the up-building of our churches. Visiting our neighbours, reading the Bible and praying with them, is a good work and one that will bring many into the truth; but there is another phase of God's work that we are most interested in, and yet one in which we can have no great direct personal touch. The millions of heathen of this and other lands must hear the message of God. To meet this crying need, the African Division, in common with all of the other great organisations of this cause, have decided that we shall raise 2/6 per week per member as our mission goal. In the past we have sometimes failed to reach this goal. This year we must not fail. The first six months of the year we were able to reach 94% of our goal for Europeans, 63% of our goal for the coloured people, and 31% of the native goal. With you, we are anxious to see all the churches come out 100% of their goal at the end of the year. To give us an opportunity of checking ourselves up, the Division Conference has decided to set apart September 15 as Missions Rally Day. We expect on this day to check up our mission offerings, and see that we are up-to-date on our goals. A programme has been arranged for this day, and we are very anxious that each church follow it out faithfully.

We earnestly pray that all may strive to accomplish the great task that is spread out before us, and that we may go forward to prepare a lost and dying world for the coming of our God.

J. W. MACNEIL.

ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE

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Squaring-up Day

To Seventh-day Adventists, has been entrusted the solemn responsibility of giving to a perishing world the last warning message, and it must be completed in this generation. Conditions in the world today speak with unmistakable tones that the end is even at the door. If there ever was a time in the history of God's cause when every Seventh-day Adventist should rally to the work, both in the giving of themselves and of their means, it is now. There can be no retrogression in our present programme for world-wide mission work, for the command is: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes," and this will have to be continued until every nation, kindred, tongue and people has heard the warning message.

In order to meet the calls from the mission field for funds needed to carry on the work, it is absolutely

necessary that we come up to the mission offerings goal of 2/6 per week per member, set by the General Conference.

It has been decided, instead of waiting until the end of the year to find how we have come out on our goal, to have a "squaring-up day" once every quarter, by making one Sabbath in each quarter a special Missions Rally Sabbath. Specially prepared programmes will be sent out for our people to use on these days. In the programmes will be set forth the needs of the mission fields.

The church treasurers should present to the churches a statement showing just how each church stands on its quota of mission offerings, and should it be found that the church has not reached its quota, an earnest effort should be made to square up, by each member giving a special offering in cash or taking short time pledges.

One church in the Orange River Conference, which has had a "squaring-up day," found that for the first six months of this year it reached 105% of its mission offerings goal, and I trust that with the next "squaring-up day," it will find itself in the same position, and that the churches who have not met their goals, will follow the good example.

The next Missions Rally Sabbath, or "squaring-up day," will be September 15, and before these lines reach our churches and isolated members, the special programmes will have been sent to them to be used on this special Sabbath. Elders, leaders in our churches, church members (isolated ones included), and young people, I believe you all will give careful thought and study as to how you stand with your mission offerings goal, and will make Sabbath, September 15, a real "squaring-up day."

In all our financial plans, let us not forget to include our mission offerings, and God will bless us. Let us all work together to reach our goals this year.

J. N. DE BEER.

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Our Love for This Cause

THERE are occasions when special attention is given to raising funds with which to carry on the Lord's work. Such will be Missions Rally Sabbath, September 15. At this time we will review our individual and church goals for missions, and will, if behind, square up-to-date.

It is a law that what we love we labour to support, and what we labour to support we love. The Lord need not depend on us for the support of His work; but He does; and He gives us the privilege of carrying this burden. The opportunity of giving tests our love, and giving keeps it alive. Ps. 50:12 shows that the Lord could do without us, and verses 7-9 seem to indicate that the time will come when He will no more receive our offerings.

In the early church the leaders laboured with the people to encourage them in giving to the needs of the

work. Acts 4:31-35. This established the work. We have come to the days of the church when the work is to be finished and it will require the same labour on the part of the leaders today, that the people may be encouraged to give freely to the Lord's work before the days of probation pass.

I appeal to our church elders, the leaders of companies and the heads of families, that the needs of God's work may be faithfully set before all the people. May the hope and love of the appearing of our Saviour fill our hearts and lead us on to victory in all lines of our Christian experience and work.

U. BENDER.



A History of Our African Missions

SOME time ago, the writer was requested to write up for publication in book form a history of our mission work in Africa, and, no doubt, some have wondered why this has not been forthcoming. We wish to call attention to the fact that this has been rendered unnecessary by the publication of Elder W. A. Spicer's new book, "Our Story of Missions," which contains a very complete story of the development of our work in Africa, as well as in all the world. This book should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home.

Order through your tract society or book depository.
W. H. BRANSON.



News Notes from the Field General

A FULL meeting of the Division Committee was held at the Cape, August 19 to 22.

OUR people throughout the Division will be pleased to know that Miss Thomason, who left Africa for America about two years ago, after devoting a large part of her life to the work out here, has returned to the Cape Sanitarium to take up her old work, that of matron of the institution. We extend to Miss Thomason a hearty welcome back to our land. A pleasant social evening was spent at the Sanitarium soon after her arrival to welcome Miss Thomason and Brother and Sister F. M. Robinson to their new field of labour.



Zambesi Union Mission

PROFESSOR W. C. FLAIZ is now visiting Nyasaland in the interests of the work in that field.

PASTOR H. M. SPARROW passed through Bulawayo on the 16th of August, on his way to one of the Solusi out-schools.

MRS. E. M. HOWARD is out on her second Harvest Ingathering trip. She has just finished working Salisbury and is now at Umtali.

PASTOR E. M. HOWARD has been away from office attending the Board meeting at Spion Kop College, and the Division Committee meetings at Claremont, Cape.

BROTHER T. J. GIBSON is soliciting Gwelo and the surrounding places for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. As yet we have not received any report from him.

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Orange River Conference

WE are glad that our Harvest Ingathering work to date shows that £281 has been reported.

ELDER DE BEER has been away from the office for eight days, during which time he attended the South African Union Conference Committee meeting at Johannesburg, and on his return stopped over at the Parijs church, to conduct the quarterly services.



Cape Conference

SOME few weeks ago Brother A. W. Staples, of Rokeby Park, paid us a short visit. We were very pleased to have him with us.

WILL the OUTLOOK readers kindly note that the Cape Tract Society has on hand a spare copy of the "Picture Roll" for the 4th quarter of the year. The price of this is 4/6, and should any Sabbath school desire the above mentioned, please send in your order as soon as possible.

WE were indeed glad to have with us on Sabbath, the 11th. Brother H. T. Willmore, of Sevenfountains. It is many years since Brother Willmore last visited Port Elizabeth, and he found quite a number of improvements in the town. We trust that Brother Willmore will soon visit us again.

WILL all Sabbath school superintendents please note that copies of the President's address and Secretary's "Camera Exposure" will be posted to them not later than the 15th of September. This matter is in connection with the Sabbath school "Rally Day" to be held on the 22nd of September.

THE Port Elizabeth Sabbath school is making great preparations for "Rally Day." Everyone is earnestly and prayerfully devoting their time to the work assigned to them. We trust all the Sabbath schools throughout our conference will make early preparations, so that this will be the best we have ever had in the interests of the Sabbath school work.

THE Missionary Volunteer society of the Port Elizabeth church held their "Mother's Day" on Sabbath, the 11th of August. The 5th Commandment was displayed in a prominent place in the church, and various other suitable mottoes on "Mother." A splendid programme was given by the young people and everyone was deeply moved as the different items were rendered. The nature of the service was most impressive and touched many hearts, especially when some of the older members related what their mothers had been to them. We appreciate the efforts of Sisters O. M. Willmore and A. B. Cooks, who were entirely responsible for this programme and spared no pains to make it a success.

The Cape Town, Claremont, Rustica and Salt River churches have reached their Harvest Ingathering goals.

The Port Elizabeth church has collected £88-17-9 to date, and, though it is time for the Ingathering Campaign to close, they are determined to press on with this good work until their goal is reached.

The little company at East London has sent in to the office £14-16-0 towards the Harvest Ingathering.

We have received from the Cathcart company £10-10-0 towards the Harvest Ingathering fund.

Word from Oudtshoorn has come to the office that Mrs. Nuns and Mrs. Staudie have collected £8-10-10.

The amount received from Dr. Bell and his family for Harvest Ingathering is £5-5-0.

Mrs. Douglas, an isolated member at Elliot, has done her share in this campaign, with the result that the fund has benefited to the extent of £3-8-6.

Mr. A. P. Welman, an isolated member near Miller Station, has sent in £1-8-2.

Cash received for the Harvest Ingathering Funds from the King William's Town church totals £12-6-9, and the amount which we have received from the Rokeby Park church is £30.



Natal Transvaal Conference

THE Hlobane church has reached its Harvest Ingathering goal.

FOR the past two months the little company in Pretoria has been doing something towards gathering funds for missions. The goal set for us by the conference was £100. Each Sabbath during the two months, Elder Shone hung up our church goal thermometer, showing how much had been collected during the week. The last Sabbath showed the mercury running over the top. We have reached £110. Of this amount Elder Shone, who was our leader in the campaign, collected £35. Our thirty church members collected the remaining £75.

We are glad that we have more than reached our goal, and we only hope that the other churches in the conference may be as successful. Our prayers go with the money collected, that it may be the means of winning some souls for the Master's kingdom.

L. KREUTER.



Sabbath School Rally Day September 22

THE call for a rally suggests a lack of vigour and the need of an effort to meet the standard. The idea of the Sabbath School Rally on September 22 is that by concentrated effort, the Sabbath School Department of the African Division may make definite advance in its wonderful mission to feed the church of God, and to promote missionary enterprise in heathen lands.

How can such advance be gained on September 22? First by each Sabbath school member carefully considering whether he is finding in the Sabbath school all the means for spiritual growth that the Lord has placed there, and whether he is all the support to the Sabbath school that it is his duty to be. Second by all Sabbath school officers and teachers prayerfully considering whether our Sabbath schools are what the Lord says they might be and ought to be.

If not, this Rally Day is a golden opportunity to infuse new life and spirit into our schools. It is a day when a new beginning may be made, when past failure and past success should be forgotten, and when all shall reach forth to higher attainment than before acquired. Be sure that if we do our part to reach out for a clearer understanding of the Scriptures, and for a deeper interest in the finishing of Heaven's work in the earth in this generation, the Saviour will more clearly reveal Himself in His Word and will trust us with heavier responsibilities in service.

Unquestionably the success of this Rally Day depends almost wholly on the preparation made for it; preparation not so particularly for good rendering of the programmes though that is important, but special preparation by way of prayerful survey of spiritual need and the determination to let the Lord "fulfil the good pleasure of His goodness," and let Him fulfil "the work of faith with power." May the Master count the Sabbath school section of His work "worthy of this calling."

MRS. A. P. TARR.



"God takes men as they are, and educates them for His service, if they will yield themselves to Him."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 25.