



The African Division OUTLOOK



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

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CARE OF THE HEALTH

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John, verse 2. And the reason is because, as workers for the Master, we can do all the more efficient service when enjoying the blessings of good health.

The Division Committee recently passed the following action on "care of the health," and recommends its adoption by all our people:

Whereas, God in His mercy has allowed great light to shine upon this people regarding the principles of true health reform, both in the Bible and in the spirit of prophecy; and

Whereas, many of our people lack knowledge regarding the danger of improper methods of treating disease, the use of non-specific drugs, and false methods of healing; and

Whereas, the General Conference has gone on record, urging our people to turn from their disregard of health laws, and return to their former loyalty to health reform principles; therefore

Resolved, (1) That we urge our people to follow the light given in the Bible and in the spirit of prophecy as urged by the General Conference.

(2) That we urge upon our people the great necessity of providing a liberal, wholesome, balanced diet that will supply the body with the essential elements for maintaining health and strength.

(3) That they carefully study and observe the other essential laws of health, including the proper use of fresh air, sunshine, and the taking of regular, systematic exercise.

(4) That they give careful attention to the laws of sanitation, including the use of nets and helmets, where needed, and using care in sterilising drinking water, milk, and green vegetables.

We further recommend our workers, who are travelling from place to place and thus exposed to the possibility of contracting small-pox and enteric fever, that they be vaccinated for enteric fever once in two years, and for smallpox once in five years.

AFRICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE

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Meeting of the Division Committee

THE Division Committee met at Claremont on the 17th of August to consider some questions relating to the work throughout the field. A brief report is made of some of the actions taken, which we are sure will be of interest to the readers of the *OUTLOOK*.

Much time was spent in giving consideration to reports from the sub-committees regarding development of the territories of the Belgian Congo, and of South West and Portuguese West Africa.

Elder W. H. Branson and Dr. J. Reith recently accompanied Elder E. C. Boger, the superintendent of the Congo Mission Field, on a trip through several sections of that vast stretch of country. This committee spent several days investigating, and in planning to open up work in the Congo. The recommendations which these brethren made to the Division were studied and adopted. Their report is as follows:

Whereas, it does not seem practicable to work the Congo as one field because of the tremendous territory to be covered, and the inaccessibility of the Western portion to the Eastern,

We recommend, (1) That the Congo be divided from North to South into two districts: the Eastern district to include the province of Orientale and Katanga: the Western section to include the Equateur and Congo-Kasai provinces.

(2) That we request the Division Committee to approve of the purchase of the property on the Star of the Congo road near Elizabethville for the sum of 70,000 francs (about £700) for the location of the Katanga mission station. This property consists of about 200 acres of land. This school to become a training school for teachers and evangelists.

(3) That a main station be opened in the highlands on the west bank of the Lualaba River near Kongola as soon as funds are available.

(4) That the Division Committee appoint a mission committee for the Congo, consisting of from three to five members.

(5) That the Division undertake to secure from the Nyasaland field, through the Zambesi Union Mission, three experienced native teachers to act as head teachers and evangelists for this field.

(6) That the Division secure fifteen native students from the Zambesi Union Mission and the South African Union, who have had at least one standard's work, to enter the Congo not later than January 1924 to act as teachers and evangelists.

(7) That the headquarters of the East Congo Union Mission remain at Elizabethville for the present, but that it be transferred to Stanleyville as soon as the development of the work in the North warrants this change.

(8) That a few leaflets be translated into the "Wemba" and "Kis Swahili" languages as soon as possible, covering the principle doctrines of our faith.

(9) That Elder E. C. Boger be appointed a member of the Division Committee.

(10) That all main stations in our Central African fields be located near the main lines of travel such as railways, waterways, etc., thus minimising the isolation of our workers as far as possible, and bringing our work into more favourable standing in the eyes of the respective governments.

Brethren French and Anderson recently made an extended trip through the South Western Union. After spending some time assisting Brother Brendenkamp to get started with the work in South West Africa, these brethren joined Brother J. D. Baker at Walvis Bay, proceeding by boat to Loanda to investigate the territory of Portuguese West. The actions taken regarding opening up work in the South Western Union are as follows:

Voted, that Brother Stickle, who is to take the superintendency of the South West African Field, locate at Windhoek, and that he make that place the headquarters for the field. That at least for the present, and with the exception of Ovamboland, our work in South West Africa be conducted along evangelical lines. Further,

Voted, to approve of the plan recommended by Brethren French and Anderson for Brother O. O. Brendenkamp to locate for the present at Windhoek, that he might study the Ovambo language and begin work at that place, looking forward to opening up a mission station in Ovamboland just as soon as that country is open to missionaries.

Resolved, to arrange for the native workers, already released by the Zambesi Union and South African Union Conference for Angolaland, to take up work in South West Africa just as soon as their permits can be secured.

It is expected that these native workers will work along evangelical lines for the present in locations and reserves, under the supervision of Brother O. O. Brendenkamp, and also that they take necessary time in studying the vernacular.

Resolved, to open a mission and training school at Lepi, and that two couples be secured in 1924 for that field, and that in the call it be stated that these workers should be qualified to lead out in industrial work such as wood-work, farming, and so forth. It was agreed that a special request be made that the one couple which may come from the States should first go to Portugal for six months to study the educational system of the Portuguese people, and make a beginning in language study. Further, that efforts be made to secure a second couple from the Brazilian Union Training School, and that it be necessary that these workers speak the Portuguese language, and if possible that they have had some experience in mission work.

Voted, that a training school be opened up to become the headquarters for the Benguella district, and which shall be known as the Benguella Mission Field.

Further, that the next section of the field to open up in Angola country be the district of Cubango, and following that the district of Cuanza do Norte.

It seems as though our native believers have not all been studying the same Sabbath school lesson each week, and it is very desirous that this be so. We are asking all the field, commencing with the first Sabbath in January 1924, to arrange for all native Sabbath schools to study the first lesson in the second pamphlet.

It has been decided for some of our native translators to come to the Cape and do their work of translating at the Publishing House.

W. B. COMMINS.

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News Items

BROTHER E. C. BOGER has been invited to pay a visit to South Rhodesia this month and assist with some of the camp-meetings to be held in that field.

BRETHREN T. M. FRENCH AND F. E. THOMPSON left the Cape for Rhodesia week before last. These brethren will assist with the camp-meetings and institutes in both North and South Rhodesia.

ELDER W. H. BRANSON left the office last week for Bulawayo. After spending a few days with the Zambesi Union Committee, he will visit the field and attend some of their camp-meetings.

BROTHER E. M. HOWARD and family plan soon to take a much needed furlough to the coast. Brother Howard has for some time suffered with malaria in his system on account of having travelled quite extensively through the fever sections of Rhodesia, and we are glad for him to have a complete rest and change of climate.

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Some Interesting Figures

WE give a few figures from the half-yearly report just compiled by the Division office, which will be encouraging to all.

The total tithe receipts for the half year for the entire field amounted to £5,213-18-4.

The total of mission offerings for the same period, £3,648-19-2. This is £2,031-16-3 above what was received for the first half of 1922.

The South African Union Conference (white department) reached 2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$ of its goal of 2/6.

The Cape Conference for the second quarter of the year more than reached its goal. The average offering per week per member was 5/4.

There were 211 baptisms during the half year.

	MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER IN BAPTISMAL CLASS
So. Afr. Union (White)	1220	
So. Afr. Union (Native)	847	44
Zambesi Union (White)	75	
Zambesi Union (Native)	2208	3839
Congo (Native)		36
Total	4350	3919

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September 29—The Next Thirteenth Sabbath

ALL the quarter the attention of the Sabbath schools has been directed to Europe, the home of western civilization. Is not Europe, as it is today, a striking object lesson of world conditions as they will be as the end draws nearer? Among the results of the world war of Luke 21: 11, there would be "famines, pestilences, and fearful sights." How literally is here described the present condition of Europe. It has stirred the world. Nations have turned their attention to relief work; many individuals, at the risk of life, have gone to help the needy. This situation has been a severe test of the world's charitableness, and the response has been commendable.

But Europe calls for more than physical relief, and the Great War proved a test of more than human kindness. Europe calls in loudest tones for the last message of mercy to a lost world, for certainty of that eternal home where "there shall be no more curse;" the Great War was a searching test of the spiritual power of the third angel's message among its believers, but its results far exceed the most sanguine expectations. Though the war disorganised our work in the war zone, our membership there increased from approximately 35,000 before the war to approximately 50,000 at its close.

Perhaps the most remarkable object lesson that Seventh-day Adventists may see in the situation in Europe is the continual diminishing of the value of money. Surely Russian, Austrian, Polish, and German currency speak volumes to the observant Adventist. Some day money will have entirely lost its value, so far as God's people are concerned, for the right to use it (Rev. 13: 16, 17) will be withdrawn from every Sabbath-keeper. So during the remaining days of probation, while still "it is called today," let our sacrifice to meet the spiritual needs of Europe be proportionate to the sacrifice the world is making to meet its physical needs; let us practise economy in our homes and give up extravagant desires; let us give all we are able for the finishing of the work in this generation; let us remember that we are strangers and pilgrims here, and what we spend on ourselves should be merely travelling expenses to the Home country.

MRS. A. P. TARR.

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The Cape Sanitarium

FROM communications which we have received, the Sanitarium management is made to realise that some of our brethren and friends throughout the field do not fully appreciate the advantages and comforts which the institution affords.

The Sanitarium is nicely located on the main line between Cape Town and Muizenburg. It is only about 300 yards from the Plumstead station and 100 yards off the main motor road. It takes twenty minutes to the beach, the return fare being only 1/6. Thus one has the benefits of sea bathing and yet is not too near for it to become monotonous. There is an excellent train service—about fifteen trains daily.

The Sanitarium itself is situated on beautiful grounds, under large shade trees, with a wonderful view of Table Mountain. The grounds are kept in excellent condition. There is a good tennis court and also a croquet ground. There are also lovely walks around in the surrounding woods, and the Wynberg golf links are easily accessible. The Sanitarium has been thoroughly remodelled, repainted and fixed up generally, and it is a building of which every Adventist should be proud.

The atmosphere around the place is very homelike. for it is the purpose of the management and helpers to make our brethren and sisters from up-country feel perfectly at home during their stay at the Cape.

The rates are very reasonable. In fact one can have all the advantages of a first class hotel, with good thorough treatment, such as massage, hydrotherapy, Turkish baths, electricity in nearly all its forms, sun-

baths, etc., given by trained attendants, the price with all this included being in many cases less than the ordinary hotel rates.

One treatment a day is given six days a week. Treatments are usually given in the morning so that if the patients so wish, they can spend all the afternoon on the beach. One thing especially noticeable is that patients coming from up-country to the Cape do exceptionally well. The change of altitude, the change of air, the change of diet, the change of scenery, the change of climate, all combine to make it almost impossible not to get well. We give medicine where indicated, but there is not much call for it under the above mentioned conditions.

The Sanitarium is now a place to which you can recommend your friends to come, with a definite degree of assurance that they will be well satisfied. Almost all of our patients go away well pleased; so by recommending them to us, you will not only benefit them physically, but you will bring them into direct contact with our message, which is the most important thing.

We want our brethren and sisters all over the field to feel that the Sanitarium is their institution. We want them to feel that they have a headquarters when they come to the Cape,—a place where they can come and feel, as indeed they are, at home.

ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

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Chimpempe Mission

THIS, our most northern station, is not blessed with having the railway pass within a few miles, but one has to travel about 320 miles by road after leaving the railway at Sakania, the border station of the Belgian Congo.

Last month I visited Chimpempe, and Brother Hurlow met me at Sakania with the motor bicycle and sidecar at present being used by that mission. We had quite a good trip to and from the mission, with the exception that the road was very bad in places. It made one think he was riding over a corrugated iron roof; only the corrugations were more pronounced. As there are numbers of elephants in that country, which seem to delight in walking along the roads during the wet season, it can be imagined what kind of tracks they make.

Four days of travel brought us to Chimpempe, and we were glad to find Sister Hurlow well and happy. Workers in these far-off and almost inaccessible places are certainly kept at their post of duty from a love of the work, and not the novelty of it. To travel in the ordinary way by carriers takes a full three weeks, but one can, by motor bicycle, visit the station and be back to the railway again in less time.

We enjoyed our stay there very much and were pleased to see the way the work is developing, and the difference in comparison with our first visit. Good spiritual and medical work is being done, and it does one good to see an organised Sabbath school so far out. The first Sabbath meeting was well attended,

there being about 250 present from the surrounding villages, and very good attention was paid by all.

A meeting was called of all the nearby people on Monday to discuss the opening of a school on the mission, and also one in the chief's village six miles away. More than one hundred interested ones came, and the whole situation was thoroughly canvassed with them. We told them we were going to open school now and would like to know how many wanted the school. All responded that they did. We then proposed they build the school house free of cost and furnish all their own supplies, and we give the teacher. This was something new and took some explaining, as they had always been paid for their work. Working for nothing—even if it was for their own benefit—did not at first appeal to them. However, sixty or more scholars said they would cut and bring in the poles, grass, etc., and erect the school-house. We felt quite a victory had been gained, and awaited developments next day.

Bright and early next day poles began to come in. There must have been nearly fifty prospective scholars hard at work. Soon the school-house will be erected, and the school in full swing. Progress should be very rapid once they start school as the natives in this part appear quite bright.

We also had a meeting with the chief and his headmen, and they promised to begin on their school-house at once. Thus we are making a good start, and look forward to a good strong work being built up at this station.

Brother and Sister Hurlow surely need our prayers and encouragement in their isolated position and the many trying experiences through which our pioneers have to pass.

J. V. WILSON.

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What I Found in a Native Hut

As a rule the open air and starlit sky forms my bedroom on an outschool trip, but this time, it being cold, I sought shelter in a native hut. To some, it may be of interest to know what I found there, in the same way that I was interested, as well as surprised.

Hanging on the wall on one side of the room, were two large coloured pictures in frames, the one of King George V and the other of the Queen. Next to them were two other large pictures, one of a sheep and one of a cow, advertising some dip agencies.

Contrasting this on the opposite side of the wall, was one of Elder C. A. Paap's lectures on Daniel two and the image, Elder Paap's picture being in the one corner. Next to this hung one of Elder John MacNeil's advertisements of lectures recently held in Bulawayo, his picture also being on the advertisement. Under this hung a clipping out of the *Bulawayo Chronicle*, giving a short account of Elder MacNeil's work, and the erection of our church building in Bulawayo.

Lying on the table was a stray copy of the January, 1920, *Sentinel* and an old copy of the *Outlook or Missionary*, as it used to be called. Further investigations showed me an old copy of "Bible Readings" in morocco, with "W. S. Hyatt" written in it; a copy of Zulu "Prophecies of Daniel," which was

bought from James, our Bulawayo canvasser, and under this was a copy of an old book, "Pilgrim's Progress," in which was the name of Elder Mead.

The man who lives in this hut, needless to say, is an old Seventh-day Adventist, and is faithful. He prizes this library as much as you and I do any of our red limp leather bindings, and his home shows evidence that he tries to practise what he reads. This is how the truth finds its way into these secluded homes miles from anyone who may be of the same faith.
H. M. SPARROW.

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News

BROTHER A. F. TARR attended the Board meeting at Bethel, and on his return journey spent a few days with Brother Webster at the Bloemfontein office.

PASTOR J. J. BIRKENSTOCK has just closed his effort at Kroonstad, and is spending a few days at his home in Hlobane. Brother Hiten is following up the interest at Kroonstad.

BROTHER PATCHETT reports a good interest on the part of the Bethel students in their school work this year. There are, at present, about seventy boarders in the home, these having come from all parts of the country in order to finish their training as evangelists and teachers.

MISS A. G. FLEMING, who has been connected with the work at Uitenhage for some few months, has recently moved to Port Elizabeth. She reports some interesting times holding studies with individuals, who became interested during Pastor J. W. MacNeil's effort of a year ago in that town.

PASTOR MACNEIL has just returned from a trip in the field. He attended the Board meeting of the Bethel Training School, and also the committee meeting of the Natal-Transvaal Conference. On the 15th of September, he leaves Johannesburg to attend the Ministerial and Colporteur Institute in Kafirland.

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"It is a good deal easier to mourn the faults of others than it is to mend our own."

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The Harvest Ingathering Campaign

As before reported, the Hlobane and Pretoria churches have passed their goals.

Pastor J. C. Rogers writes, "The Durban church has just about reached its goal. A few desire to spend a little time in September, so I anticipate something of an overflow." Several of the sisters gathered quite a few pounds just outside the show gate.

Maritzburg church is very close to its goal, possibly has passed it. Sister Shaw with a company of sisters collected over £30 at the show grounds. This is a tip worth remembering at the time of the next Ingathering campaign.

Sickness has greatly hindered the work in Johannesburg, but still they are working. £350 is a large goal and it takes some work to reach it.

The mid-year holidays were altogether too short for

Natal-Transvaal Conference
Report of Tithes and Offerings for Quarter ending June 30, 1923

Church	Tithe	S.S. Off.	13th S. Off.	Har. Ing.	Misc.	Total Offer	Rate p.wk. p.m.
Conference	12 14 1	1 15 0		11 6	19 2 8	21 9 2	9
Barberton Co.	15 0 0	6 0 5	18 6			6 18 11	
Doompoort	17 0	9 0	5 0			14 0	1
Durban	164 3 5	25 7 8	15 14 6	68 9 0	187 7 6	296 18 8	6 5
Ermelo	55 10 9	4 16 10	12 2		6 18 4	12 7 4	11½
Carolina Co.		5 0 8	10 3			5 10 11	
Hlobane	59 12 1	13 14 2	1 8 0	24 18 3	5 9	40 6 1	5 7½
Johannesburg	282 11 3	38 1 5	12 3 7	51 14 5	30 15 5	132 14 10	1 7
N. Jo'burg Co.		12 16 7				12 16 7	
Maritzburg	116 5 3	14 14 8	10 3 5	76 9 1	5 9 8	106 16 10	4 11½
Sweetwaters Co.		10 15 2	4 11 7		6 10	15 13 7	
Potchefstroom	1 3 0						
Pretoria	29 9 7	8 14 1	19 0	40 0 0	1 9 8	51 2 9	1 7
Standerton	19 9 3	4 3 4	1 7 8		9 0	6 0 0	2
Spion Kop	101 18 8	30 1 8	24 18 6		8 10 6	63 10 8	2 3
Totals	£858 14 4	176 10 7	73 12 2	262 2 3	260 15 4	773 0 4	

Total Mission offerings due 830 7 6 Rate 2/6 p.w. p.m.
 " " " received 773 0 4 " 2/4 " "
 Amount Short £ 57 7 2 2 d.

NATIVE	Tithe	Offer.	Tithe	Offer.
Dundee	3 7 9	12 9	Brot. Forward	24 5 3
Ermelo	6 19 6	2 8 5	Maritzburg Co.	3 15 6
Germiston	12 0	9 6	Mahamba Co.	2 16 6
Klerksdorp	6 2 0	6 12 0	Makapanstad	
Newcastle	1 3 0	1 10 0	Louwsburg Co.	17 0
Alexander Co.	4 17 0	11 0	Spion Kop Co.	1 7 0
Edendale Co.	1 4 0	15 0	Conference	43 9 11
			Indian Work	7 18 3
Carried over	24 5 3	12 18 8	Total	84 9 5

Total Mission Offerings due 57 4 0 rate 6d. p.w. p.m.
 " " " received 22 19 0 " 2½d. " "
 Amount short £ 34 5 0 " 3½d. " "

Spion Kop. They are planning to make one more effort during September, and if possible reach their full goal of £200. Both students and teachers worked well for the short time they had, but territory was scarce and this made it hard for them.

The little companies of believers at Barberton and Dundee are to be commended for their faithfulness. Each has gathered over £13-0-0. This shows what can be done while the "first love" is burning brightly.

Several of our ministers have done excellent work during the campaign. Pastors J. C. Rogers, F. B. Armitage and G. W. Shone have gathered close on £30 each.

Up to the present we have reached about £800, which is only two-thirds of our goal as a conference. We are sorry that the prospects are so poor for reaching the £1,200 asked by the Union. The general report of those engaged in this work has been that it has taken many more gifts this year to reach their individual goal. The gifts are smaller on account of hard times.

We have heard of many interesting experiences during the campaign, but it takes the one having had them to tell them intelligently. I am sure that the readers of the OUTLOOK would be pleased if those having good experiences would write them up and pass them along to the paper, so that all could have the benefit of them. The Lord has given you these experiences that others may be encouraged by them.

W. S. HYATT.

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With Our Canvassers

DURING August, Pastor H. C. Olmstead spent the major portion of his time at Brakpan, making a very thorough solicitation of orders for "Daniel and Revelation."

This was in response to a request from the conference that certain workers lay aside their regular work for a month or so, and take up this important line of labour, on a self-supporting basis.

The object of this request was twofold; namely, to help boost the canvassing work, which agency is fraught with such wonderful possibilities for the spreading of present truth and winning of souls, and to bring the conference some benefits, financial and otherwise, which would result in the propagation of the gospel, such as tent efforts, etc.

To be ever ready to co-operate with the conference in plans of this kind gives evidence of a truly self-sacrificing missionary spirit, and we trust that the splendid example set by Brother Olmstead on this

Orange River Conference

Report of Tithes and Offerings for Quarter ending June 30, 1923

(EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT)

Church	Tithe	Mission Off. 2nd Quar 1923	Mission Off. 2nd Quar 1922	Increase	Decrease
Bloemfontein	74 19 5	75 10 4	25 3 6	50 6 10	
Beaconsfield	72 18 11	51 10 10	Rep. C. Conf.		51 10 10
Conference	33 16 6	9 1 0	3 1 8	5 19 4	
S.-Paul Roux	5 10 0	7 7 8	12 8 10		5 1 2
Frankfort	11 6 9	10 7 10	9 8 6	19 4	
Kroonstad	17 10 11	1 16 7		1 16 7	
Boschberg	34 6 8	9 6 4	37 4 10		27 18 6
Dewetsdorp	5 15 1	10 17 7	5 16 6	5 1 1	
Bolivia	26 15 0	5 0 6	2 10 4	2 10 2	
Parys		3 18 2	5 6	3 12 8	
Totals	282 19 3	184 16 10	95 19 8	121 16 10	32 19 8

Total Mission Offerings due £325 0 0
 " " " received 184 16 10
 Shortage 140 3 2

NATIVE

Emmanuel	24 11 0	14 10 6			
Waaihoek	3 0 3	3 5 1			
Aliwal North	1 12 3	1 4 8			
Kroonstad	2 9 6				
Bethlehem	2 6 3	7 3			
Kolo	1 5 6				
Palmietfontein	1 1 0				
Totals	36 5 9	19 7 6	10 11 2	8 16 4	

Total Mission Offerings due £52 19 6
 " " " received 19 7 6
 Shortage 33 12 0

occasion will be followed with fervour by other workers, should such opportunities arise in the future.

That the Lord has blessed Pastor Olmstead in this work may be seen from the fact that in two weeks he secured 102 orders. We hope to publish in a later issue the complete result of his effort.

Brother T. J. Mynhardt also is doing good work with "Daniel and Revelation" at Tavesdale, near Pretoria, having received a large number of orders for the book during the past month. Brethren Viljoen and de Lange, who are now on their way from Rhodesia to this field, will work with this same book.

The writer recently spent a few days at Maritzburg with Brother Hertogs, who has been having a little difficulty with "Great Controversy." The Lord was with us, and the result was an encouraging revival of his work, which I trust will now continue to show improvement.

Sister Hopkins is also doing very faithful work with this book in Pretoria.

All have our most earnest wishes and prayers for continued success in this great work.

A. BLENNERHASSETT.

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THE Harvest Ingathering device will appear again in the next issue. We invite all to send in their reports at once.

Orange River Conference Notes

ELDER S. G. HITEN recently spent some time at Vrede with Brother and Sister P. Kotze, who have moved from Standerton to our conference.

Will all our brethren and sisters, who still have Harvest Ingathering funds on hand, kindly remit to the office, sending your solicitor's cards at the same time?

ELDER DE BEER left on Monday, the 27th of August, for Schmidt's Drift, where he will conduct a tent effort for the natives. We pray that the Lord may richly bless his work there.

We request all Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer secretaries and church clerks to kindly gather all necessary information to be entered in the quarterly report blanks, which will be sent from our office in good time, for quarter ending September 30.

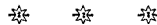


Cape Conference Notes

ELDER BENDER has returned to office after a month's trip through the field, and we are pleased to welcome him back.

THE Cape Conference kindly requests all the church clerks, Sabbath school, Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer secretaries to send in their reports as soon as possible after the close of the quarter. We ask for your co-operation in this matter.

MISS E. EYBERS, of Aberdeen, writes that she was visited by a coloured man by the name of Willem Jafta, of Graaf Rienenet, a few days ago. This man told her he was a baptised Sabbath-keeper, and that there are five others who are also keeping the Sabbath at that place. We are happy to know that the truth is penetrating into these isolated places, and we pray that the Lord will bless this little company abundantly.



Sketches of the Past—No. 8

The Disappointment

THE summer and autumn of 1844, was a testing time to the faith of the believers in the Advent message. Repeatedly and carefully they re-examined the evidences that marked the beginning and ending of the twenty-three hundred days, only to be more firmly convinced that they were due to terminate on the 22nd of October of that year. It is a singular and remarkable fact, that, although they encountered opposition and their position was challenged by learned men, yet these critics of the movement were unable successfully to challenge the chronological accuracy of their interpretations, except on the supposition that these "days" were literal. Thus one minister, speaking in Boston against the movement, said:

"If these days are years, the world will end in 1843; any school boy can see it; for if 490 terminated at the death of Christ, the 2300 days would terminate in 1843; and the world must end, unless it can be shown that some other event is to take place, and I do not see how that can be done."

A university professor, who believed in a temporal millennium before Christ should come, said:

"Whoever attacks Mr. Miller on his point of *time*, attacks him on his strongest point. His time is right; but he is mistaken in the event to occur."

The sincere conviction that Christ was coming as they believed was the scriptural promise, was evidenced by the preparation made for the great event. It was a time of earnest searching of heart. Confession of sin was made to God and to one another; alienation was put away. The consciousness of the impending judgment was a mighty factor in turning the thoughts and affections away from the world. It was not difficult to give for the spread of the message when they knew that soon all earthly possessions would be destroyed. They found a mighty appeal for the deepest consecration in such scriptures as:

"Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." Rom. 13: 11, 12.

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness; looking for and hastening into the coming of the day of God. . . . Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may

be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless." 2 Peter 3: 11-14.

Nor was the evidence of their genuine faith in the near return of Jesus confined to personal preparation of heart. They were especially active during what they supposed to be the last few remaining weeks, in bringing the light before others. Publications were multiplied and scattered freely. Large gatherings and conventions were held at strategic points where many might hear the news. And the special value of individual work for individuals was demonstrated. One participant in the experience thus describes briefly its effect:

"With diligent searching of heart and humble confessions, we came prayerfully up to the time of expectations. Every morning we felt that it was our first work to secure the evidence that our lives were right before God. We realised that if we were not advancing in holiness, we were sure to retrograde. Our interest in one another increased; we prayed much with and for one another. We assembled in the orchards and groves

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Report of Literature Sales for July

Natal-Transvaal

NAME	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL
<i>Great Controversy.</i>					
Mrs. D. J. Grabe					
D. J. Grabe					
L. A. Hertogs	96	11	14 2 0	9 2 6	23 4 6
Mrs. Hopkins	35½	14	17 1 6	2 8 9	19 10 3
E. Weiss	109	4	5 0 0	2 11 0	7 11 0
<i>Daniel & Revelation.</i>					
T. J. Mijnhardt	74	37	26 3 6	9 0	26 12 6
<i>Patriarchs & Prophets.</i>					
Mrs. Tickton	25	2	2 17 6	1 7 0	4 4 6
<i>Seer of Patmos</i>					
Miss M. J. Dixie	3			12 6	12 6
<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
P. J. Vermaak	99	2	2 17 6	2 0 0	4 17 6
<i>Ladies' Handbook.</i>					
Mrs. L. Kreuter	10	6	8 15 0		8 15 0
Mrs. M. Smith	20½	4	5 10 0	10 6	6 0 6
Agents 11	472	80	82 7 0	19 1 3	101 8 3

Native Sales			72 14 0		£72 14 0
Magazine sales					18 2 9

Cape

<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
D.D. Toerien	143	42	53 10 0	4 17 0	58 7 6
H. J. Spence	85	45	55 15 0	4 5 0	60 0 0
<i>Daniel & Rev.</i>					
D. J. Kruger	57	7	5 12 6	1 15 6	7 8 0
A. Renou	79	7	8 8 0	16 7 6	24 15 6
<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
B. H. Wienand	98	74	87 12 6	1 4 0	88 16 6
<i>Past Present & Future</i>					
E. M. Bush	40	6	3 17 6	2 17 6	6 15 0
<i>Crisis Series</i>					
Mrs. D. E. Robinson	40		10 10 0		10 10 0
Agents	542	181	225 5 6	31 7 0	256 12 6

Native Sales			17 18 6		17 18 6
Magazine sales					£12 7 0

Orange River

<i>Great Controversy</i>					
A. G. Cilliers	105	24	30 16 6	16 6	31 13 0
S. J. Fourie	57	17	21 7 0	1 14 6	23 1 6
<i>Miscellaneous</i>					
			12 17 5		12 17 5
Agents 2	162	41	65 0 11	2 11 0	67 11 11

Native Sales			13 14 6		13 14 6
Magazines Sales					£12 12 6

Zambesi Union

Miscellaneous sales for seven months					429 18 2
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Bechuanaland Mission Field

Bible Readings.

A. Grobler	152½	25	30 15 0	7 6	31 2 6
<i>Miscellaneous</i>			11 4 2		11 4 2
Agents 1	152½	25	41 19 2	7 6	42 6 8

Native Sales			3 7 6		3 7 6
Magazine Sales					2 11 6

Book Totals for July 1923

N-T Conf	472	80	82 7 0	19 1 3	£101 8 3
Cape Conference	542	181	225 5 6	31 7 0	256 12 6
O. R. Conf	162	41	65 0 11	2 11 0	67 11 11
Bechuanaland	152½	25	41 19 2	7 6	42 6 8
Zambesi Union			429 18 2		429 18 2
Agents 21	1328½	327	844 10 9	53 6 9	£897 17 6

Native Sales			£107 14 6
Total Magazine sales			45 13 9

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to commune with God and to offer up our petitions to Him, feeling more fully in His presence when surrounded by His natural works. The joys of salvation were more necessary to us than our food and drink. If clouds obscured our minds, we dared not rest or sleep till they were swept away by the consciousness of our acceptance with the Lord."—Mrs. E. G. White, in "Life Sketches," pp. 60, 61.

The unwavering confidence of the leaders may be judged by the following words written by George Storrs in the *Midnight Cry* of October 3, in what was believed to be the last issue of the paper:

"I take up my pen with feelings such as I never before experienced. *Beyond a doubt*, in my mind, the tenth day of the seventh month will witness the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the clouds of heaven. We are within a few days of that event—awful moment to those unprepared, but glorious to those who are ready."

Some day in the near future, it seems inevitable that such a real consciousness of the imminence of our Lord's return shall once more grip the hearts of the true believers, that they shall devote all their powers to preparation for that event. It should be the case now, but with subtle intent the enemy of souls casts his invidious spell of slumber, with the soothing assurance that our "Lord delayeth His coming."

D. E. ROBINSON.

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For Missionary Volunteers

Bible Year Outline

SEPTEMBER 17-30

17. Hosea 1-3: Unfaithful Israel.
18. Hosea 4-8: Charges against Israel.
19. Hosea 9-11: The coming doom.
20. Hosea 12-14: Repentance and restoration.
21. Joel: The day of the Lord cometh.
22. Amos 1-4: Heathen nations condemned.
23. Amos 5-9: The doom of Israel; visions.
24. Obadiah and Jonah.
25. Micah 1, 2: Judgment for national sins.
26. Micah 3-5: Judgment for social sins.
27. Micah 6, 7: Judgments and mercy.
28. Nahum: God's goodness; judgments against Nineveh.
29. Habakkuk: Judgments.
30. Zephaniah: Judgments, and reproof,