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

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President's Address

To the Delegates and Members attending the Twelfth Session of the South African Union Conference:—

ONCE more the cycle has turned. A period of three years has come and gone since last we met in a regular session of the South African Union Conference.

The work for this period was carried on for the first two years under the presidency of Elder B. E. Beddoe, who, on account of the failing health of his companion, was forced to lay down his work and return with his family to America.

God's providential care over his workers has been very marked. Only five have been called away by the hand of death: Elder D. H. Groenewald, Sister A. V. Ward, who died shortly after her arrival in America, and Sister Cyril Sparrow, who passed away after a very short illness a few weeks ago; among our native brethren who have been laid to rest are M. Mzozoyana and J. R. Mtinkulu. To the sorrowing relatives of these workers we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

POPULATION

The South African Union Conference has a total population of 7,536,120 which is made up as follows: 1,525,039 Europeans, 5,297,055 Natives, 165,962 Asiatics, and 548,064 Coloured.

MEMBERSHIP

Of this population only 2,312 are Seventh-day Adventists, made up as follows:

1,266 Europeans, 929 Natives, 20 Asiatics, and 97 Coloured. A more determined effort must be put forth to win more of these eight million souls to the cause of truth. We have made a gain in membership since 1920 of only 276 in our European membership, and 324 in all of the others.

BAPTISMS

The baptisms for the three years have been as follows:

	EUROPEAN	NON-EUROPEAN
1921	149	184
1922	136	92
1923	138	261

TITHE

Our tithe for the past three years amounted to over £30,790; but not being able to secure statistics for the year 1918, we are unable to draw a comparison with the previous three years.

MISSION OFFERINGS

Our mission offerings have been steadily on the increase. In the year 1921, our total mission offerings in the European department amounted to £4,415, or a per capita of 2/2 per week per member, in 1922 it was £4,569 or a per capita of 2/1 per week per member, and in 1923, £7,485 or a per capita of 2/11 per week per member. So the year 1923 marks a record in the South African Union Conference of not only reaching our goal of 2/6 per week per member, but of a determination on the part of the people to do their share in the great work of sending this gospel message to the entire ends of the earth in this generation.

HARVEST INGATHERING

The work of the Harvest Ingathering is also on the increase. The sum of £1,584 was raised in 1921, £1,402 in 1922, and £2,322 in 1923, which came within £178 of reaching our goal for the year. We believe that in the coming year we will pass the goal that we have been aiming at for some time in the past.

COLPORTEUR WORK

This department of the work has been under the direction of Brother Joseph for the past eighteen months. The total sales for the year 1923 amounted to £11,436: £9,438 subscription books, £1,160 native sales and £838 magazines. The total sales for 1921 amounted to £9,839, for 1922 £11,317, and for 1923 £11,436.

We are strongly convinced from looking over the records and the sales that have been made, that it is possible to do a greater work in this line than we have ever accomplished before. A year ago we began on the scholarship plan. We are happy to report that some were able, during the summer vacation, to go out and earn enough to put them through a year's

school. This year we have thirteen students in the field attempting to earn scholarships. The reports to date show that the great majority of them will be successful.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER AND EDUCATIONAL WORK

A few young people's societies have been organised throughout the Union, but we are informed that many of our churches, which ought to be carrying successful young people's societies, have not as yet taken an active part in this great branch of God's church in the earth. At the present time we have three church schools in the Union, two in the Cape Conference and one in the Orange River Conference. We wish to urge that this feature of our work be strongly emphasised in the churches through the coming year, that we may not fail in carrying out God's desire for the young people of this denomination.

There are sixteen schools established for the natives, and one for the coloured people, with an average attendance of 492. About a year ago the school at Butterworth, known as the Bethel Training School for native workers was taken over by the Union. This school has operated during the past year under very difficult conditions.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK

The Home Missionary Department, which has been under the direction of Brother Joseph, is making definite plans for a more systematic move to do aggressive missionary work in the churches. The life of God's cause in this country is dependent upon the co-operation that shall be found on the part of the churches in order to attempt to evangelise this great country. In fact God has told us that His work can never be finished until those comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of the ministers and church officers.

EVANGELISTIC WORK

During the past three years a few efforts have been held throughout the Union to help in evangelising this great country. At the close of the Union Conference meeting held at Johannesburg, three years ago, Elder McNay conducted an effort in that city. An effort was held in a tent at Standerton by Elder J. J. Birkenstock in the year 1921. As a result of this effort, in which meetings were held each night of the week, a church of about forty members was raised up and a new church building was erected and dedicated to the work of God. Elder C. A. Paap also held a series of meetings at Maritzburg. In 1922 the Union Conference opened up an evangelistic department in the Union, the first meeting being held in the city of Port Elizabeth. As a result forty-two people were baptised and taken into the Port Elizabeth church. At the beginning of last year, Elder W. H. Branson held a series of meetings in the city of Cape Town. This effort has proved itself a great boon to the work in the Peninsula. About sixty were baptised, the majority of whom joined the Cape Town church. Some, however, joined the Claremont and Salt River churches, while others have joined churches up-country.

Reports have come to us that meetings of this class are not always productive of the best results, because a great majority of those who accept the message in

such meetings turn quickly from the truth. In looking up the actual facts in regard to these meetings we find that out of the number baptised at Cape Town only five have turned away from the truth. In the meetings held at Port Elizabeth only three, so far as we know, have gone back on the message of truth. We are profoundly convinced that unless we, as ministers in this great cause, determine that by the grace of God we are going to preach this message to the lost and dying world, we fail in the great task entrusted to us in this world.

An attempt to win natives to the truth was made by Elder W. H. Anderson, and we are very happy to report that most substantial results have been seen as a result of the work done. Through a providential opening that came to us through the work of Dr. A. H. Kretchmar at Kanye, Elder Anderson was able to hold a series of meetings in that large native village. This series of meetings, which was conducted in a large church in the village, with services each night of the week resulted in a church being raised up of twenty-nine members who have been baptised, while there are still thirteen more natives who desire baptism, but who were away from the village at the time of the last baptismal service. This gives a total of forty-two members as a result of that effort. We must do more of this kind of work in this great field.

We are thankful for the kind co-operation that has attended our work with you during the past year, and we trust and earnestly pray that that spirit of unity and harmony and brotherly love that was characteristic of the church in the days of the early rain may be found in this day when God desires to pour out the latter rain upon His people.

J. W. MACNEIL.

CAPE CONFERENCE

U. BENDER, *President*, MISS. O. M. WILLMORE, *Secy.-Treas.*

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Evangelistic Efforts in the Peninsula

NOTHING attracts the attention of the people throughout a conference as reports from efforts being held by the labourers in different places.

It is generally known that early in January efforts were to begin at Salt River, led by Elder T. M. French, and at Wynberg, led by Elder W. L. Hyatt.

Both these efforts opened on Sunday night, January 13, the one at Salt River in the Railway Institute, and the one at Wynberg in the new tent. At the present writing, January 21, the interest is splendid. Last Sunday night as many as six hundred people attended at the tent, and more than five hundred at Salt River.

The meetings will have been in progress three weeks by the time this reaches you. When you read this, remember that the testing truths of the message are being presented from night to night. Pray for the workers and the people who listen. The meetings are held every night except Saturday.

U. BENDER.

A Real Good Visit

THIS is what I call it. Six years had passed since I had visited Langkloof, and some changes had taken place, mostly among the children and youth. Everything else was much the same. I was very glad to meet the older people and find them faithful in their Christian experience. Truly this message binds hearts together, and brings a faithful simplicity into the life that is not found elsewhere.

I arrived Friday afternoon, and as the night came on a large number of people gathered in the old farm house for meeting.

Sabbath morning, after Sabbath school, Revelation 12:17 was considered. The Langkloof brethren have recently tasted a bit of what will come, by being brought before the court and fined. That they were arrested for Sabbath-keeping is evident, because those who do not keep the Sabbath were not troubled, although they laboured on Sunday, as did these brethren. This makes plain the spirit which stirs men's hearts to persecute others. As prophecy fulfils in our own experiences we sense, to a small degree, what a wonderful revealer of secrets the Lord is.

Sabbath afternoon the Ordinances were performed, and a great blessing came to all as they responded to the roll-call of the church.

Sunday morning we had a large gathering out under the old oak trees. Many of the friends from nearby homes were present. After a study on "Baptism" three persons followed their Lord in this rite. Sunday afternoon the annual church election was held, and the business records were discussed.

Monday morning, under the oaks, we met again, this time for a double wedding. Those great strong oaks, reaching out and intertwining their branches, offered a splendid canopy under which to take the vows which bind hearts together in this union which the Lord ordained for man and woman. It was a simple, happy occasion, fully in keeping with the surroundings. Everybody seems glad at such times.

Monday night's meeting concluded my visit, and I returned to Port Elizabeth on New Year's Day.

U. BENDER.

ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE

J. N. DE BEER, *President*. MISS E. M. ROWLANDS, *Secy.-Treas.*
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Bloemfontein Camp-Meeting

ONE of the best meetings ever held in the Orange River Conference convened at Victoria Park, Bloemfontein, December 18-23, 1923. The new 50x70 tent was pitched for the main services of the meeting, and a smaller tent was arranged for the young people's and children's meetings. There was also erected on the grounds a book-tent at which the people had an opportunity of selecting from a large stock of books those which they needed for their own use, and for missionary endeavour.

A marked presence of God's Spirit was recognised throughout the meeting. In addition to the regular conference workers there were present at the meeting Elders Branson and French from the Division Con-

ference, Brethren Dick and Boekhout from the school, and Brother A. F. Tarr and the writer from the Union Conference.

The camp much enjoyed the timely messages that came from Brethren Branson and French, and we believe that a new day has dawned for the work in the Orange River Conference.

Elder J. N. de Beer was re-elected president of the conference and Miss Edna Rowlands was elected as secretary-treasurer. The conference committee, with the exception of one or two changes, is the same as last year.

The closing days of the meeting we believe were really the best. On Sabbath morning, Elder Branson conducted a revival service, at the close of which the entire camp dedicated their lives more fully to the service of God. An offering for missions was then received which amounted to £920.

On Sunday afternoon a special sale was conducted giving reduced rates for camp-meeting sales, and a large number of books, papers and tracts were taken home by the people, with a definite promise to use this literature in giving and loaning it to their friends and neighbours during the coming year. We believe that this will result in many souls being brought into the kingdom of God.

The people of the Free State are of good courage, and we believe that the plans that have been laid for aggressive work will mean a large number of souls for this year's labours, and a greater attendance at the next annual conference to help push this work to completion.

J. W. MACNEIL.



Orange River Conference

Report of Session Held at Bloemfontein

December 18-23, 1923

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

RESOLVED, That we place on record our gratitude to God for His loving favour and protecting care that has been over His people during the year which has passed.

Realising the greatness of the work yet before us and our own lack of power to accomplish that work, we pray for the grace to make a fuller consecration that we may receive the fullness of His promise in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

WHEREAS, The rising tide of evil is becoming more and more a menace to our young people, and realising our responsibility as guardians of the flock of Christ, therefore,

Resolved, That we co-operate with the Young People's Department in the following activities:

1. That wherever there are sufficient young people in the church, senior and junior societies be organised.
2. That a suitable leader of a Standard of Attainment class be chosen whenever possible, and a class be organised.
3. That the parents be urged to provide Reading Course books for their children, and should there be persons unable to purchase these excellent books, an effort be put forth to provide a set for the church library to be lent.
4. That a conference society be organised for the benefit of isolated young people.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ROLLS

WHEREAS, It has been difficult in the past to keep accurate church membership rolls, and there has been no definite policy outlined as to how long members should be retained on the rolls who are no longer in touch with the denomination,

Resolved, That where members do not attend church services or send in any report, the church clerk be advised to visit or

write these members at least once each quarter, and in the event of no word having been received after twelve months have elapsed, that consideration be given by the church board to the dropping of these names from the church membership roll.

LITERATURE FOR NATIVE SERVANTS

Resolved, That we encourage all our church members to place literature in the hands of their native servants in their own language, this being, in some cases, the only opportunity which some may have of becoming acquainted with the truth for this time.

STUDENTS' AID FUND

WHEREAS, The Lord has counselled us through the spirit of prophecy concerning the proper education of our children and youth, and,

WHEREAS, The conditions abounding in the world make this counsel abundantly evident, therefore, we recommend,

(a) That wherever possible our churches provide church schools for the training of our youth and children.

(b) That in churches providing church schools all members be encouraged to unite in the bearing of the expense of operating such schools.

WHEREAS, There are often worthy young people in our own ranks, who, through lack of funds are denied the privilege of attending our training school, therefore, we recommend,

(a) That our people be encouraged to raise a Students' Aid Fund for the helping of such students to attend our training school.

(b) That such monies given constitute a Loan Fund.

(c) That the principal of the training school in counsel with the local conference president be asked to administer this fund.

WHEREAS, The finishing of the proclamation of the gospel message largely lies in the hands of our trained youth, and,

WHEREAS, The harvest truly is great and the labourers indeed few, we recommend,

(a) That our church officers and leaders endeavour to promote the interests of Christian education in our ranks.

(b) That we concur in the recommendation of the Division Conference in devoting Sabbath, February 2, 1924, to the interests of this important work.

(c) That on this day offerings be received for the Students' Aid Fund mentioned in the former recommendation.

NATIVE BELIEVERS

WHEREAS, Our native believers often experience difficulty in securing exemption from Sabbath labour,

Resolved, (a) That our brethren be encouraged to give preference to the employment of Sabbath-keeping natives.

(b) That our native believers be encouraged to co-operate with their employers in the discharge of all necessary work in the home, as preparing meals, etc., as well as necessary farm duties, as milking, feeding of stock, etc., but that they refrain from other work commonly done on week days, such as washing and scrubbing in the home, and planting or reaping on the farms.

MISSION OFFERINGS

Believing that the gospel has to be preached to all the world in this generation, and that we are living in the time of the finishing of this great work, and,

WHEREAS, The Mission Board treasury, due to lack of funds, is unable to respond to the calls of the mission field to extend the work in the yet unentered territories, therefore,

Resolved, That as a conference we pledge ourselves for the support of the work of God,

(a) By putting forth a determined effort during the coming year to reach the goal of 2/6 per week per member.

(b) That as workers we set our Mission Offerings Goal at 5/- per week, encouraging others to follow this example when possible.

(c) That we adopt the plan of giving one week's income during 1924 to mission funds.

SABBATH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Difficulty is being experienced in securing adequate reports from the native Sabbath schools in our territory, and this is due largely to the fact that the present way of reporting is not suitable, and,

WHEREAS, We understand that there is no uniform record card in use among the other conferences, we recommend,

(1) That the Union Conference be requested to give careful consideration to the matter, and if possible, draw up a suitable record card for use in our native Sabbath school work.

(2) That our Sabbath schools regularly conduct a teachers' meeting, part of which time shall be devoted to the study of the Sabbath School Worker's Training Course.

(3) That the *Missions Quarterly* be regularly and wisely used by all our Sabbath schools, Home Departments, as well as large schools.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR YEAR 1924

President: Pastor J. N. de Beer.

Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Edna Rowlands.

Conference Committee: Pastors J. N. de Beer, S. G. Hiten, Wm. Hodgson, and Brethren W. H. Dale, F. Snijman, A. E. Shone, and T. J. J. van Rensburg.

Young People's and Educational Secretary: Union Educational and Young People's Secretary.

Sabbath School Secretary: Mrs. A. E. Shone.

Home Missionary Secretary: Miss Edna Rowlands.

CREDENTIALS AND LICENCES

Ministerial Credentials: J. N. de Beer, S. G. Hiten, Wm. Hodgson, Joseph Rasmeni.

Missionary Licences: D. A. Webster, Miss Edna Rowlands, Mrs. A. E. Shone.

All native workers referred to the conference committee.



Kuruman District

WE left Newcastle on the 21st of November, and spent the rest of the week with the believers in Standerton. We were glad to have Elder D. F. Tarr with us, and on Sabbath he baptised Mrs. Lee. On our way we attended Elder Birkenstock's meetings at Potchefstroom, and found a good public interest. From there we went to Lichtenburg, and on our way to Taungs we solicited offerings and received £4-12-6. At Taungs we spent the Week of Prayer with the believers. Elders Anderson and Howard were also there for the week ending December 15, and on Sabbath and Sunday Elder Anderson baptised about three Europeans and thirty natives. It was planned that we visit the scattered members on the Berg and in the Kuruman district. We are making the trip with the Cape Conference' wagon and mules.

On the 28th of December we arrived on the Berg, and held several meetings, which were attended by all the members. They are of good courage and determined to stand firm in the Lord. Our trip from the Berg to Brother le Roux's farm took us five days. The journey was most trying, for the "veldt" is very bad, there being very little for the animals to eat. After spending the week end with Sister Willmore in Kuruman, we hope to revisit the Berg on our way back. We find a good interest here, and feel sure that if a worker could spend some time here several members would be gained.

D. B. LEE.



"A YOUNG man or woman who feeds upon frothy, frivolous literature is developing a frothy, frivolous character."—*E. M. Kern.*



"THE religious experience is to a great degree determined by the character of the books you read in your leisure moments."—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

J. W. MACNEIL, *Act. Pres.*

A. A. PITT, *Secy.-Treas.*

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Natal-Transvaal Conference

THE following actions passed at the camp-meeting held at Maritzburg, December 10 to 16 will be of interest to our people:

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

Resolved, That we place on record our gratitude to God for His loving favour and protecting care that has been over this people, and especially thank Him for the lifting of the financial burdens.

Realizing the greatness of the work yet before us, and our own lack of power to accomplish that work we make a fuller consecration that we may receive the fullness of His promise in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN

1. WHEREAS, The Lord has counselled us through the spirit of prophecy concerning the proper education of our children and youth, and

WHEREAS, The conditions abounding in the world make this counsel abundantly evident, therefore,

We recommend, (a) That wherever possible our churches provide schools for the training of our youth and children.

(b) That in churches providing church schools all members be encouraged to unite in the bearing of the expenses of operating such schools.

2. WHEREAS, there are often worthy young people in our ranks who through lack of funds are denied the privilege of attending our training school, therefore,

We recommend (a) That our people be encouraged to raise a Students' Aid Fund for the helping of such students to attend our training school.

(b) That such monies given constitute a loan to the student.

(c) That the principal of the training school in counsel with the local conference president be asked to administer this fund.

3. WHEREAS, The finishing of the proclamation of the gospel message largely lies in the hands of our trained youth, and

WHEREAS, The harvest truly is great and the labourers indeed few,

We recommend, (a) That our church officers and leaders endeavour to promote the interests of Christian education in our ranks.

(b) That we concur in the recommendation of the African Division in devoting Sabbath, February 2, to the interests of this important work.

(c) That on this day offerings be received for the Students' Aid Fund mentioned in Resolution 2.

WHEREAS, The rising tide of evil is becoming more and more a menace to our young people, and realising our responsibility as guardians of the flock of Christ, therefore,

Resolved, That we co-operate with the Young People's Department in the following activities:

1. That wherever there are sufficient young people in the church, senior and junior societies be organised.

2. That a suitable leader of a Standard of Attainment Class be chosen wherever possible, and a class be organised.

3. That the parents be urged to provide Reading Course books for their children and should there be persons unable to purchase these excellent books, an effort be put forth to provide a set for the church library to be lent.

4. That a conference society be organised for the benefit of isolated young people.

OFFERINGS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Believing that the gospel is to be preached to all the world in this generation, and that we are living in the time of the finishing of this great work, and

WHEREAS, The Mission Board Treasury due to lack of funds is unable to respond to the calls of the mission field to extend the work in the yet unentered territories, therefore,

Resolved, That as a conference we pledge ourselves for the support of the work of God.

(a) By putting forth a determined effort during the coming year to reach the goal of 2/6 per week per member.

(b) That as workers we set our Mission Offerings Goal at 5/- per week encouraging others to follow this example where possible, and

(c) That we adopt the plan of giving one week's income during 1924 to mission funds.

CARE OF THE HEALTH

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

WHEREAS, There is need for our people to turn from their disregard of health laws, and return to their former loyalty to health reform principles, and

WHEREAS, Many of our people lack knowledge regarding the true principles of healthful living, the danger of improper methods of treating disease, the use of non-specific drugs, and false methods of healing, therefore,

Resolved (1) That we urge our people to follow the light given in the Bible and the spirit of prophecy upon this subject.

(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 benefits of fresh air, a liberal use of pure water, sunshine, and the taking of regular systematic exercise.

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

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

(6) And that we recommend to our brethren our recent publication on healthful living, "Counsels on Health."

NEED OF BIBLE READING TRAINING CLASSES

WHEREAS, There is a great dearth of capable Bible teachers in our churches,

Resolved, That all local church leaders be urged to form Bible Reading Training classes, and endeavour to train all church members to conduct Bible readings in all fundamentals of our faith.

Realising the need of re-organising our conference church,

Resolved, That the president be urged to visit all isolated members, and organise the Sabbath School Home Department schools, advising the conference Sabbath school secretary who will then care for such schools.

COLPORTEUR WORK

WHEREAS, Canvassing for our literature is missionary work of the highest order, and is one of the best means of getting the truth before the people,

Resolved, That we put forth every effort to promote this work both among the European and native populations of this field, and further in order that we might be successful in this, we would urge our conference workers and church officers to keep the importance of this work before our people, and bring to the notice of the field missionary secretary the names of those persons whom they think will be suitable candidates for this noble work.

NATIVE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, There is a great work to be done among the thousands of Shangans in the Transvaal, and also the Shangans on the mines from Portuguese East Africa, who we understand are not allowed to take any but Shangan books into Portuguese territory, and because of this we are not successful in selling many books to these mine boys, therefore,

We recommend, That proper steps be taken to make at least a small beginning in the preparation of literature in this language.

Resolved, That we encourage all our church members to place literature in the hands of their native servants in their own language, this being in some cases the only opportunity which some may have of becoming acquainted with the message.

CHURCH RECORDS AND STATISTICAL REPORTS

WHEREAS, Considerable difficulty has been experienced in the matter of securing and compiling from the field accurate statistical and financial reports, and

WHEREAS, The absence or inaccuracy of these causes a wrong impression to be given of the work done in our conference, and

WHEREAS, The object of our organisation is the winning of souls, is the most important work ever entrusted to man, and demands thoroughness and efficiency in all of the branches including the keeping of reports and statistics, therefore,

Resolved, That our church leaders, and all others responsible be exhorted to give most serious attention to the keeping of complete and accurate church records, and that proper and prompt reports based on these records be rendered to the conference office periodically or at such times as they may be called for.

Resolved, Also that with a view to ensuring the accuracy of church departmental reports, these reports be first submitted to a meeting of the local church board before being passed on to the conference office.

WHEREAS, Difficulty is being experienced in the keeping of accurate church membership rolls,

Resolved, That where members do not attend church service, or send in any report, the church clerk be advised to visit or write these members at least once each quarter, and in the event of no word being given after twelve months have elapsed, that considerable attention be given by the church board to the dropping of these members from the church roll.



From the Eastern Transvaal

PASTOR J. C. ROGERS is spending a few weeks in the Eastern Transvaal, and hopes during the time spent there to secure subscriptions for the *Sentinel* and *Wachter*. Brother Rogers reports on a severe storm in the Carolina district as a result of which the farmers there suffered badly. The most remarkable feature, however, about the storm was that while many suffered as a result, it passed over the farm of Brother Breytenbach, and his farm benefited from the rains but received no damage from the storm.

There are many interested persons in these outlying districts, and there is much which our isolated members can do to bring to them the light of truth. Let us not forget the scattered ones in our prayers.

Please Note

IN the last issue of the OUTLOOK it was mentioned that Mrs. A. A. Pitt had been elected Home Missionary secretary of the Natal Transvaal Conference. This should have read: Brother A. A. Pitt.



The Set of the Sail

ONE ship goes east, another west,
By the selfsame winds that blow.
'Tis the set of the sail, and not the gale,
That determines the way they go.

Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,
As we voyage along through life;
'Tis the set of the soul that decides the goal,
And not the calm or the strife.

Natal-Transvaal Conference

Report of Tithes and Offerings for Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1923

(EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT)

Church	Tithe	S.S. Off.	13th S. Off.	Annual	Misc.	Total Offer
Conference	44 4 11	8 5 8		3 0 0	13 0 0	24 5 8
Barberton Co.	7 10 4	8 11 0	1 3 2			9 14 2
Dundee Co.	12 6	4 6 1				4 6 1
Doornpoort	12 15 6	7 6	2 0	4 0	1 7 0	2 0 6
Durban	956 16 3	32 16 8	16 10 1	39 2 2	81 3 8	169 12 7
Ermelo	40 10 6	3 18 9	5 0	1 2 0		5 5 9
Carolina Co.		4 11 7	18 6		15 0	6 5 1
Hlobane	87 12 8	12 6 3		4 1 0	2 1 3	18 8 6
Johannesburg	303 4 5	30 10 5	11 4 5	38 1 6	83 6 4	168 2 8
N. Jo'burg Co.		3 14 7	2 12 7		17 3	7 4 5
Maritzburg	81 16 4	16 16 1	5 19 11	12 1 2	19 6 10	54 4 0
Potchefstroom	8 13 0	1 3 1	3 4		3 3 11	4 10 4
Pretoria	39 18 9	12 0 0	4 5 4	2 4 2	7 10 1	25 19 7
Spion Kop	86 13 2	26 16 2	23 6 8	9 11 6	106 7 4	166 1 8
Standerton	14 0 11	2 4 5	15 7	5 0	11 3	3 16 3
Sweetwaters Co.	58 10 1	9 7 1	3 4 9	4 16 3	1 6 5	18 14 6
Totals	£1742 19 4	177 15 4	70 11 4	114 8 9	325 16 4	688 11 9

Total Mission offerings Due	830 7 6	Rate 2/6	p. w.	p. m.
„ „ „ received	688 11 9	„ 2/1	„	„
Surplus	<u>£141 15 9</u>	<u>5d.</u>		

COLOURED, NATIVE & INDIAN DEPARTMENTS

NATIVE	Tithe	Offer.	Tithe	Offer.
COLOURED AND NATIVE			Bro. Forward	16 4 0
Klerksdorp	4 11 0	2 17 6	Alexander Co.	3 4 11
NATIVE			Johannesburg	3 11 3
Dundee	2 12 6		Mahamba Co.	3 18 5
Ermelo	2 5 0		Louwsburg Co.	2 17 0
Germiston	1 8 0		Conference	32 0 9
Newcastle	1 7 0	3 9	INDIAN MISSION	
Maritzburg Co.	3 0 6	2 11 1	Durban	14 0 3
Spion Kop	1 0 0	14 8	Total	72 5 4
Carried over	16 4 0	6 7 0		21 14 4

Total Mission Offerings due	57 4 0	rate 6d.	p. w.	p. m.
„ „ „ received	21 14 4	„ 2½d.	„	„
Amount short	<u>£ 35 9 8</u>	<u>„ 3½d.</u>	„	„

Report of Literature Sales for December

Natal-Transvaal

NAME	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL
<i>Our Day.</i>					
J. M. H. Claase	117	36	24 17 6	2 2 6	27 0 0
S. J. Fourie	125	88	72 7 0	5 6	72 12 6
J. v. d. Merwe	50	44	31 6 6	3 6 0	34 12 6
V. C. Norcott	51	10	7 17 0	4 6	8 1 6
A. J. Clark	44	8	5 15 0	1 13 6	7 8 6
<i>Great Controversy.</i>					
P. J. Vermaak	51	13	16 7 6	6 1 0	22 8 6
<i>Daniel & Revelation.</i>					
M. C. de Lange	34	19	13 15 0	1 2 6	14 17 6
T. J. Mynhardt	65	14	10 2 6		10 2 6
<i>Ladies' Handbook.</i>					
Mrs. Mynhardt	68	19	24 5 6		24 5 6
Mrs. Bulgin	22	7	11 2 6	3 6	11 6 0
<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
W. Mason	62	32	42 7 6	1 7 6	43 15 0
W. Smith	Delivering				
Agents	12	705	290 260 3 6	16 6 6	276 10 0
Native Sales					£77 1 11
Magazines Sales					44 18 0

Cape

<i>Our Day</i>					
M. Webster	10	7	4 12 6		4 12 6
W. Herbert	121	104	70 5 0		70 5 0
R. Ansley	93	86	71 3 6	3 11 6	74 15 0
F. van Bart	110	60	48 10 6	3 7 6	51 18 0
V. Gibson	120½	113	81 12 0		81 12 0
Mrs. Robinson		40	30 0 0		30 0 0
<i>Daniel & Revelation</i>					
D. J. Kruger	81	18	15 10 0	1 5 0	16 15 0
C. Petersen	148	50	14 3 6	5 6	14 9 0
W. Staples	Delivering				
G. W. Neuhoff		3½			
<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
D. D. Toerien	81½	26	33 7 6	1 17 0	35 4 6
M. Sparrow	35	38	37 6 0		37 6 0
H. J. Spence	92	31	44 10 0	6 8 6	50 18 6
<i>Miscellaneous</i>					
A. Priest	101		3 16 6		3 16 6
Agents	14	996½	573 454 17 0	16 15 0	471 12 0

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<i>God's Answers</i>					
J. Mbetse	85	42			
A. Scott	71	8	2 4 0		2 4 0
J. Dabukelana	134	12	2 4 0	1 6	2 5 6
J. Bacela	70½	3	16 6		16 6
E. Jakavula	50	8	2 4 0		2 4 0
D. Ntsikeni	85	16	1 7 6		1 7 6
Agents	6	495½	89 8 16 0	1 6	8 17 6
Magazine Sales					16 17 1

Orange River

<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
M. Sparrow	21	9	9 8 0		9 8 0
<i>Great Controversy</i>					
A. G. Cilliers	92	62	31 4 0	7 6	31 11 6

Ladies' Handbook

Miss M. Purchase	27	8	11 15 0	2 3	11 17 3
Mrs. F. Laidler	30	3	4 2 6	3 0	4 5 6
<i>Miscellaneous</i>			49 5 3		49 5 3
Agents	4	170	46 105 14 9	12 9	106 7 6
Native Sales			6 6 3		6 6 3
Magazine Sales			5 17 6		5 17 9
Book Totals for December 1923					
N-T Conf	705	290	260 3 6	16 16 6	276 10 0
Cape Conference	997	573	454 17 0	16 15 0	471 12 0
O. R. Conf	170	46	105 14 9	12 9	106 17 6
Zambesi Union Mission	No report				
Agents	36	1872	909 £320 15 3	£34 4 3	£354 19 6
Total Magazine sales			63 13 3		63 13 3
Native Literature Sales			92 5 8		£92 5 8
Total Sales			£976 14 2	£34 4 3	1010 18 5

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An Out-School Trip in Nyasaland

A MOST interesting report comes from Brother G. Pearson of a trip which he recently took, visiting out-schools in that field. Brother Pearson was absent from the Malamulo mission for about two weeks, and had many varied experiences during that time. With the large number of out-schools in Nyasaland, these periodical trips mean sacrifice and hardship to the missionary as he must put up with all kinds of conditions. At one place visited, there are 156 students on the school register with an average attendance of 120. The chief at first was opposed to a school being in his part of the district, but he now looks at it differently and has promised to attend school himself, and also to see that his people are regular in attendance.

The medical missionary work is a strong feature during these out-school visits. Brother Pearson reports having rendered relief to many whom he found suffering. Our missionaries must not only serve as teachers and preachers on these trips but also as nurses and dentists.

We hope that others of our workers in the mission field will send us reports of their trips and pass on these interesting experiences.



Note

THE constituency meeting of the Zambesi Union, which was expected to convene on the 1st of February, has been postponed for a year. The executive committee meets February 6, and Brethren Branson and Commin expect to meet with the committee at Bulawayo on that date.



Be honest now. If you were gate-keeper, would you welcome one such as you are at present into heaven? Be honest. Is there a welcome waiting you?

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Change of Editor

OWING to the heavy work which Miss Willmore is carrying in the Division office, it has been decided to relieve her of the responsibility as editor of the OUTLOOK. The writer has now been appointed as editor of this paper, with Miss Willmore as assistant.

The hope is expressed that our contributors will continue to write regularly, and that our workers will pass on reports of interesting experiences. It would be appreciated if all matter intended for the OUTLOOK could be sent separate, and not be included in regular correspondence.

W. B. COMMUN.



General News Notes

WITH this week's boat, sailing coastwise, Brother and Sister J. H. Stearnes, left Cape Town for Durban. These workers arrived on the mail boat, January 21, on their way to the Spion Kop College.

WE are sure all will read with interest the Union president's address on page 1. A further report of the recent Union constituency meeting will appear in the next issue of the OUTLOOK.

BROTHER J. D. BAKER will visit the Cape next month after having spent several months in Angola. He comes down to study with the Division officers future developments of the work in Portuguese West, and also to arrange for his family to leave the Cape and make that country their home.

OUR church schools opened January 28. Miss A. Armer is taking charge of the school at Claremont, Miss A. Visser of the Bloemfontein school, Miss I. Crouch of the Port Elizabeth school, while Miss A. Cooks and Miss L. de Beer will teach at Spion Kop and Emmanuel mission respectively.

DURING the past few days, several attending the meetings at the Cape have left for their respective fields of labour. Brother Boger, accompanied by Brother and Sister Ferguson, left for the Congo. Brother Ferguson will leave with Brother Boger shortly on a trip to the northern section of the Congo, around the district of Kongola. Sister Ferguson will remain at Elizabethville until these brethren return and are ready to open up a new mission station at Kongola.

Brother Anderson left this week for South West Africa, where he will remain for about six weeks to more establish our work in that country.

A Record in "Sentinel" Sales

MISS WINNIFRED TICKTON, of Johannesburg, has established a record in selling the *Sentinel*. At the beginning of the school holidays, she ordered 300 copies of the November number, and 1000 of the December number. These were all sold before the end of December. Of the January issue 1000 copies were ordered, and these having been supplied before the Christmas holidays, a large number were sold before the close of the year.

A telegraphic order was received asking for an additional supply of 300 copies of the January *Sentinel*, and a little later another wire followed requesting 100 copies. Of the February issue, 900 copies were ordered and will doubtless be sold by Miss Tickton before returning to the Spion Kop College, on the 12th of the month. This makes 3,600 *Sentinels* sold by Miss Tickton during the school holidays, besides having sold several hundred copies of the World's Crisis Series.

So far as we know, this is the largest number of *Sentinels* that has ever been sold in this length of time by one person. Miss Tickton planned at the start to earn her scholarship as far as possible, and it seems now that with the small books she has sold, she will have succeeded in actually earning it altogether.

J. G. SLATE.



To wait in faith is to work patiently;
To work patiently is to live successfully;
To live successfully is to triumph gloriously.
"Blessed are they that wait on the Lord."

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Loan Money

THE Division Conference is needing money to render assistance to some of its institutions, and we would be glad if any of our people, who have any money to invest and who may desire to loan this to the cause, would correspond with the undersigned.

W. B. COMMUN.

Obituary

DIED at Germiston location, on the 4th of December, 1923, my beloved wife, Martha Hennie, after five months of patient suffering.

Over 100 people attended the funeral service, which was conducted by Brother R. M. Langa. The people of other denominations in this location contributed over £12-0-0 to cover the funeral expenses, and manifested true Christian sympathy in our bereavement.

Brethren and sisters, I ask that you remember my two boys and myself in your prayers, for we are one with you in Christ Jesus.

E. S. H. LEROANIE.