

The Layman's Missionary Movement— What is It?

THE Layman's Missionary Movement reorganised at the 1913 General Conference session as the Home Missionary Department of our denominational activities, has for its objective the practical demonstration and completion of the Divine purpose for the church. "The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organised for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world."—*Acts of the Apostles*, page 9.

"The work of God on this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of the ministers and church officers."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, page 117. The rallying of the church membership, therefore, becomes the fundamental principle in the organisation and development of the Layman's Missionary Movement; and in its plan of operation, the movement concerns itself particularly with the successful mobilisation of the entire membership of the church for the evangelisation of the world in this generation.

THE ASSURANCE OF POWER

In the closing moments of his earthly sojourn, Christ promised the fulness of spiritual power for evangelising the world. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8. Soon after these words were uttered, the disciples were ushered into the scenes of Pentecost, and the gospel of Christ was heralded in old Jerusalem with wonderful power. Thousands were converted, and marvellous scenes were witnessed among the people.

It is apparent, however, that the apostolic movement did not reach its zenith until after the stoning of Stephen. "And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. . . . Therefore, they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word." Acts 8:1-4. This bitter experience led the apostolic church into its appointed destiny,—the heralding of the gospel to all the world. Col. 1:6; Rom. 1:8. This was the layman's movement of apostolic times.

THE NEED OF THE HOUR

The need of the hour is the enlisting of every church member in Christian service and the effective organisation of the forces. . . . Two features of this great reformatory movement among the people of God today should receive special consideration; first, a reformation in the spiritual life of God's people; and second, the reformation in their programme for world evangelism. . . . "That which is needed now for the up-building of our churches is the nice work of wise labourers to discern and develop talent in the church,—talent that can be educated for the Master's use."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 117.

A vitalised, spiritualised church is the only foundation upon which the Layman's Missionary Movement can build its superstructure, and without this foundation all effort to mobilise the forces in our churches for soul-winning effort will be vain. Today, as in the days of Pentecost, there must be the upper-room experience in the church and in the individual life. The reformation of the programme for world evangelism is indicated in the description of the scene which opened before the servant of the Lord, as follows: "The sick were healed and other miracles were wrought. . . . Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the Word of God. . . . On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the Truth."

LINES OF ACTIVITY IN GOD'S PROGRAMME OF EVANGELISM

In the outline of the divine programme for the present-day evangelism of the world, which is to embrace "hundreds and thousands," including ministers and laity, there are three distinct lines of service brought to view: first, home medical missionary ministry; second, layman's Bible work; third, circulation of the printed page. In this threefold service is involved all that can be included in Christian ministry. It is an outline which furnishes the basic principles for organising and training the people of God for the successful evangelisation of the world. From the many statements by the Spirit of Prophecy, we select the following as endorsement of these lines of work:

HOME MEDICAL MISSIONARY MINISTRY

"We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, page 62.

LAYMAN'S BIBLE WORK

"Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, page 126. "Our work has been marked out for us by our heavenly Father. We are to take our Bibles, and go forth to warn the world."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, page 150. Every child of God should be able to open the Word of God to others and acquaint them with the light of truth for this time. As this reformatory movement develops, our churches will become training centres for lay Bible workers.

CIRCULATION OF THE PRINTED PAGE

"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, page 140. "Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, page 333. "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelising ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, page 61. Just as the printed page occupied a very important place in the work of the Reformation of the middle ages, so today it is destined to exert a wonderful influence in the work of the reformation before the

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second coming of Christ. A wonderful variety of literature has been provided, clearly explaining God's truth for this time, in nearly every known tongue. As the Layman's Missionary Movement develops, and the forces of our lay membership are mobilised, we shall see the printed page scattered "like the leaves of autumn," and the earth will be lightened with the glory of God.

The aim and object of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, therefore, may be stated in brief as follows: To stimulate a layman's missionary movement which shall reach to and speedily include every individual who has been separated from the world by the third angel's message; calling "for a spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation;" rallying one and all to "unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." This will result in the outpouring of God's Spirit without measure, the loud cry of the third angel's message, the speedy finishing of God's work, and the long-expected "home coming" of the redeemed.

GENERAL CONFERENCE HOME MISS. DEP'T.



Our Appeal for 1924 Missions Campaign

OUR annual "Appeal for Missions" campaign will commence in about four weeks time, with an aim of £3,000 for the Division. Of this amount £2,500 is to be raised in the South African Union, £400 in the Zambesi Union, and £100 in the South Atlantic Union. The Congo Mission has also set a goal of £50.

A good supply of magazines in the English, Dutch, Yiddish, Chinese, and Portuguese languages are now available. These, along with other necessary supplies, are being dispatched this week to the various parts of the field, so that everything will be in readiness when the campaign is launched.

During the next few weeks, careful plans should be made so that the work is well in hand, and everything will be ready for the opening of a strong effort in every church on Sabbath, May 31. The months of June and July have been set apart for the Harvest Ingathering work, but it is hoped that we will reach our goal of £3,000 in a much shorter time. We know that if all of our people start right at the beginning (June 1), and keep at it until they reach their goal, the whole of the field can be covered, at the very most, in two weeks time. Shall we not all plan to make June 1 to 7 a real Big Week in gathering funds for missions?

The success of this campaign will, to a great extent, depend upon the thoroughness of preparation made by those responsible for its promotion in the churches. In addition to having a good stock of magazines, the territory should be districted, solicitors' cards should be signed, a good supply of boxes should be on hand for the children, a copy of the leaflet containing general instruction, and a canvass for the magazine, should be placed in the hands of every church member.

A definite and systematic reporting plan will greatly aid in each church and conference in reaching the goal. The progress of the campaign should be constantly kept before the people, and a little time should be given each Sabbath for the band leaders to report the

work done, and any interesting experiences. It is wonderful what can be accomplished by prayer and the co-operation of God's people. If every Seventh-day Adventist in Africa would devote twelve hours of their time during the first week of the campaign to gathering funds for missions it would be quite possible to finish up this work in two weeks instead of running on for several months. All that is necessary is for each member to collect £3. Shall we not ALL DO IT?

G. S. JOSEPH.



A False Prophetess

IN a large display advertisement in the Los Angeles *Examiner* of January 27, 1924, the sensational and startling announcement was made by Margaret W. Rowen that probation would close February 6, 1924, and that the Lord would return to the earth February 6, 1925. The advertisement further stated that much literature containing this message, issued by the Reform Press of Hollywood, California, had been widely distributed throughout the world by mail, by aeroplane, by radio, and by other methods.

We do not question the right of these people to spend their money in such propoganda in harmony with their own ideas. They may know more about the end of the world than we do, and in announcing the day of His coming they assume to know more than the angels and the New Testament prophets; but when they call Margaret W. Rowen a Seventh-day Adventist prophet, they tell that which is false, and their effort to involve the church in their startling announcement is entirely and deliberately deceptive.

The Seventh-day Adventist denomination, with general headquarters at Washington, D. C., U. S. A., has repeatedly repudiated and refuted the claims of Margaret W. Rowen. Seventh-day Adventists do believe in the personal, literal second coming of Christ, and they are convinced that many events taking place in our generation indicate that the second advent is very near at hand. They have, however, never had any confidence in those who fix the definite time for that event to take place. Their attitude is one of watchful waiting, in harmony with the admonition our Lord, "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."



The World's Need

THE world is surely dying and in a hopeless state,
The people need the Saviour before it is too late,
Its up to you and me, dear readers, to cheer their fainting hearts,
And shed the light of truth around, and Christ's love to them impart.

God placed us here in His vineyard wide,
That we should work and ever strive
To do our best from day to day,
And brighten some soul along the way.

It's not hard to be a worker for the Saviour here below,
Just a friendly handshake and a helping word, all go
To cheer the weary, discouraged, worn and sad,
Yes, friends, its very easy to make a sad heart glad.

So let us try, dear readers, as along life's way we tread,
To be kinder in the future and more love around us shed,
For it's only love can conquer as we see by Calvary's cross,
Our Saviour gave His life for us, to take away our dross.

MAY LE BUTT,

Sabbath School Report of the African Division for Year Ending

Dec. 1923

(As furnished to the Sabbath School Department).

Conferences.	Av. Mem.	Av. Atten.	Bk-Mks.	Bap.	Birth-day Offerings	12 Sabbath Offerings.	13th Sab. Offerings.	per cent of Quota
Cape (Eur).	438	342	41	22	9 3 2	567 12 2	184 2 3	100
Cape (Col).	135	118	2	19	11 4	48 12 7	14 13 10	84
Natal-Trans.	576	490	38	23	43 6 3	685 13 10	319 0 0	63
Orange River	265	256	39	20	9 11 1	360 3 9	109 7 5	70
MISSIONS.								
(European Constituency)								
Angola	14	20				1 13 8	3 0	
Bechuanaland	63	55		3	3 7 4	49 8 8	8 5 7	46
S. Rhodesia	45	50	5	4	3 14 0	94 17 8	25 2 11	125
S. W. Africa	10	10						
Missionaries						244 14 7	28 8 6	133
(Native Constituency)								
Basutoland	192	235	5	15		15 14 4	8 8 2	23
Bechuanaland	143	125	7	109		11 5 9	1 12 8	158
Kafirland	452	494	10	12		32 19 11	10 4 6	22
Zululand	174	252	1	31		31 6 8	8 5 11	35
N. Rhodesia	1241	1242				19 16 2	1 4 0	65
S. Rhodesia	2463	2332		178		107 10 1	13 3 10	33
Nyasaland	5288	4781		136		65 4 8	5 8 7	99
Belgian Congo	86	80		6		11 10 7	19 6	
Totals	11585	10882	148	578	69 13 2	2348 5 1	738 10 8	75

Offerings Grand Total = £3156 8 11

It is real satisfaction to publish this good report. But its strong places open our vision to higher ideals and its weak places demand careful attention. Just as the Lord has an ideal for every Christian—it is "higher than the highest human thought can reach," it is that "we may be perfect in our sphere, even as God is perfect in His"—just so He has an ideal for every department of His work.

He has definitely given His ideal for His Sabbath schools—"the Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ." As we think for a moment of this high standard and think of the possibilities of this report, we wonder how much nearer the perfect standard the Master sees it might have been.

But we leave last year's failures and successes with Him and push on to higher attainments. We thank Him for 11585 Sabbath school members; we thank Him for making it possible for us to send £3156 to His waiting mission fields, and we thank Him, too, for a body of missionaries who, with an offerings goal double that of the layman, give to missions one third more than is expected of them. We ask the Lord to draw us close to Him, and that our offerings may use the daily study and the perfect attendance plans to draw us close to Him, and that our offerings may be blessed by Him to meet the dire need of missions, just as long ago He blessed a lad's lunch to satisfy a hungry multitude. And so our Sabbath schools shall be great and effectual instrumentalities to bring souls to Christ.

£3156 equals 75% of the goal suggested by the Mission Board. If all had been as generous as some, our offerings would have amounted to £4000 last year! "£1000 a quarter to missions" will surely be a Sabbath slogan someday. How soon?

Mrs. A. P. TARR.

Organ Needed

A LETTER from Elder E. C. Boger, superintendent of the Congo Mission Field, states that they are in great need of an organ at the new Katanga mission at Elizabethville, Belgian Congo. The mission does not have the funds to purchase this organ, and Brother Boger inquires whether some of our believers in South Africa might not have an organ which is in good condition, and which they would be willing to donate to this mission. We would be glad to have any such persons correspond with the writer.

W. H. BRANSON.

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Overheard in an Orchard

"SAID the robin to the sparrow,
I would really like to know
Why these anxious human beings,
Rush about and worry so."

"Said the sparrow to the robin,
Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me."

—Selected.

European Relief Fund

Amount previously acknowledged	£250 15 9
F. R. Stockil	3 3 0
Miss S. M. Vermaak	1 0 0
Mrs. Tapson	1 0 0
Mrs. S. J. Nuns	1 0 0
Pat Toggart	5 0
Mrs. Clarke	5 0
Miss A. Bayman	1 10 0
Mrs. J. H. Bowie	1 0 0
E. Enochen	1 0 0
Bloemfontein church school pupils	1 0 0
Chas Sparrow	1 0 0
R. Morton	1 0 0
E. H. Harebottle	2 0 0
Miss E. Edie	1 0 0
Port Elizabeth church	2 0 0
Aberdeen church	3 7
L. R. van Wijk	1 0 0
D. duPlessis	1 0 0
A Friend	1 0 0
C. Birkenstock	1 0 0
E. Weiss	1 0 0
S. Marx	1 0 0
G. S. Joseph	1 0 0
Per Zambesi Union	3 0 0
Mrs. S. M. Jonker Jr.	5 0
C. Robinson	1 0 0
Miss M. J. Dixie	1 0 0
Mayvis	10 0
Anonymous	1 0 0
Total	£282 17 4

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"O God, help me to really be what I want other people to think I am."

Report of Literature Sales for February

Natal-Transvaal									
NAME	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL				
<i>Our Day.</i>									
J. M. H. Claase	98	51	37 17 0	1 1 0	38 18 0				
W. F. Tarr	79	20	13 18 6	1 10 6	15 9 0				
<i>Daniel & Revelation.</i>									
M. C. de Lange	79½	66	45 14 0	1 2 0	46 16 0				
T. J. Mynhardt	90	37	25 1 0		25 1 0				
<i>Great Controversy.</i>									
Mrs. S. Hopkins	1								
P. J. Vermaak	83	8	10 0 0	1 18 6	11 18 6				
<i>Ladies' Handbook.</i>									
Mrs. Bulgin	19	5	8 12 6	7 0	8 19 6				
Mrs. Mynhardt	72½	13	17 12 6		17 12 6				
Mrs. M. Smith	51½	18	24 15 0	3 18 6	28 13 6				
<i>Miscellaneous</i>									
P. G. & B. R.			4 19 6		4 19 6				
Jan. & Feb.			27 5 0		27 5 0				
Agents	10	823½	218 215 15 0	9 17 6	225 12 6				
Magazines Sales					19 5 6				
Native Sales					80 3 0				
Cape									
<i>Our Day</i>									
P. Marx	70½	29	20 3 0	3 5 9	23 8 9				
F. van Bart	126	11	8 5 0	2 8 9	10 13 9				
H. Spence	51	26	36 7 6	19 6	37 7 0				
M. Webster	65	74	74 1 6		74 1 6				
<i>Bible Readings.</i>									
A. Renou		20	29 5 0		29 5 0				
D. Toerien	152	31	39 17 6	3 8 6	43 6 0				
A. Priest			27 17 6		27 17 6				
<i>Daniel & Revelation</i>									
D. J. Kruger	9	2		11 0	11 0				
Agents	8	619½	263 235 17 0	10 13 6	246 0 6				
Native Sales					£10 17 0				
Magazine Sales					12 5 10				
Orange River									
<i>Great Controversy</i>									
C. E. Sparrow	46½	34	41 10 0	2 16 0	44 6 0				
A. G. Cilliers	73	23	26 0 0	1 6	26 1 6				
<i>Ladies' Handbook</i>									
Mrs. F. Laidler		6	8 15 0		8 15 0				
<i>Miscellaneous</i>									
			2 12 3		2 12 3				
<i>Bible Readings.</i>									
M. Webster									
Agents	4	119½	63 78 17 3	2 17 6	81 14 9				
Native Sales					5 6				
Book Totals for February 1924									
N-T Conf	823½	218	215 15 0	9 17 6	225 12 6				
Cape Conference	619½	263	235 17 0	10 13 6	246 10 6				
O. R. Conf	119½	63	78 17 3	2 17 6	81 14 9				
Zambesi Union			No report						
Agents	22	1562½	544 £530 9 3	£23 8 6	553 17 9				
Native Literature Sales					91 5 6				
Magazine Sales					31 11 4				
Grand Total					676 14 7				

Request for Employment

My wife and I desire to find a place among our people where we can work for a living. We are willing to do work of any sort. Those who show mercy to the poor, lend unto the Lord, and He will reward them for their goodness.

F. N. J. Human, Norkei, P.O. Upington, Gordonia.

CAPE CONFERENCE

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

ADDRESS: P. O. Box 378, Port Elizabeth, C. P.

Report of First Quarter of 1924

THE first quarter of 1924 is ended. It is well to review the work of this period and let the manifest tokens of God's goodness cheer our hearts for the forward journey.

Our evangelical work has been greatly blessed; especially in the efforts held at Wynberg and Salt River. Sixty-nine have already been baptised at Wynberg and there are hopes that others will take their stand for the truth. From Salt River the report comes that fifteen have been baptised, and there are evidences that this number will be increased to twenty. Brethren and Sisters, such tidings do our hearts good. Surely "The set time to favour Zion has come."

Elder Sturdevant is binding up and strengthening the church at Kingwilliamstown, in the surrounding country and East London.

Brother Staples and his family are at Oudtshoorn. There are a few there who have been keeping the Sabbath. He is instructing these and has already begun Sunday night meetings in the Gaiety Theatre for the public. Good congregations have attended these Sunday night lectures, as many as 500 being present. Arrangements have been made to hold Wednesday and Friday night meetings in a nice hall which will seat 250 persons. We are very sorry Brother Staples and wife must work alone. Three meetings a week with a good interest is a heavy load. If we could find some person who is a real missionary, and giving evidence of it in his home life, what a help such a one would be now to Brother Staples.

Brother Claude Tarr labours among the native people, mostly with the scattered companies, and where we have native schools.

Our coloured labourers with Sister Bull have been pushing ahead in their department. Pastor May has helped at Salt River, and is now holding Sunday night meetings at Goodwood. Pastor Theunissen has held the fort at Uitenhage and assisted at Port Elizabeth as there has been need.

Our canvassers have done well in the sale of books for January and February. Their orders were £469-9-0.

The home missionary work in the churches is evidence that our people have a mind to work. Our book and periodical sales from the office have been about £185 for the quarter. This has been done by the people in connection with all other home and church duties.

Financially we have the following to report for the

first quarter as compared with the corresponding quarter 1923:

	1923	1924
European Tithe	£611 14 10	£695 6 9
European Miss. Offerings	301 10 7	700 15 6
Native Tithe	54 16 8	108 18 5
Native Miss. Offerings	45 16 0	47 6 0

Last but not best and biggest, comes the spiritual interests. The Advent people have a steadfast living hope in this message and work. This is evident by their willingness to give, go, and do; also by their interest in Sabbath school and church services.

U. BENDER.



Thirteenth Sabbath at Port Elizabeth

FOR twelve weeks the needs of India have been brought before our school by different members giving interesting missionary talks, and the Sabbath previous to the close of the quarter, Sister Bender gave a most stirring appeal. All felt they must do their very best to reach our goal of £6-10-0. A map of India was drawn on the blackboard, and on it were thirteen idols, each representing 10/-.

An enthusiastic gathering assembled on the Thirteenth Sabbath, and young and old joined in singing that appropriate hymn, "Strains of music, often greet me, as I join the busy throng."

Little June Bender recited the twenty-fourth Psalm. Our missionary visitor, Brother J. V. Wilson, from Rhodesia, asked God's blessing on our school.

The report of the quarter's work was given, and an advance in attendance and daily lesson study was noticeable. The twins, M. and S. Siepman, recited a little poem on "Giving." Brother Jubber, in his missions talk, told of the extent and population of India, and some problems our workers have to face in labouring there. But four boys of the junior class, in a dialogue, pointed out that in spite of all these difficulties and drawbacks, the message will go forward if everyone of God's people will consecrate themselves and their means to His work. While the missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," was being sung, classes separated.

To stimulate regular attendance and daily studying of the memory verses in the primary classes, each child was given a crown for the quarter, and a star was affixed each Sabbath as a reward for faithfulness. It was a touching sight to see these lambs of the flock march in with their crowns on, singing the hymn, "Jewels." Here was a living testimony of the instruction given by Sister White: "Parents, set apart a time each day for the study of the Sabbath school lessons with your children."

These little jewels of the school had given £2 towards the offering, which amounted to £12-13-2, so enabling all the idols to be wiped off the map of India. Two of our sisters during the past week had solicited offerings from some Indians, and these amounted to £3-10-2.

The school was brought to a close by several senior girls singing the 'Sunset Song of India.'

Mrs. E. W. H. JEFFREY, *Superintendent*,
Mrs. M. WESTAWAY, *Secretary*.

Port Elizabeth Coloured Church

SABBATH, April 12, was a special day for the Port Elizabeth coloured church. Never before have we seen manifest more of the Spirit of the Lord, as on that bright Sabbath morning, when eight souls were baptised in the Baaken's River. This makes eleven souls within the last four months. To God be all the glory!

In the afternoon, we celebrated the Ordinances, and enjoyed a real spiritual feast, every member, without exception, testifying to the goodness of God. Two brothers were ordained to the deaconship of the church,—Brethren Marks and Meyers. We pray that God will bless them in their work. This being Pastor Theunissen's last day with us, he officiated at all the meetings. Brother Theunissen and family are moving to the Cape, and our prayers go with them.

We are all of good courage and determined to press forward. We believe that other precious souls will surrender themselves to the Lord in the near future. Pray for us.

E. BULL.

NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

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

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

OFFICE ADDRESS: 8 Stranack St., Maritzburg, Natal.

Remittances for the Office

WE shall be glad if our church treasurers, canvassers, conference workers and isolated church members will please note, when sending tithes, offerings, and other funds to the office, that all cheques, bank drafts, postal notes, etc., should be made payable to The Natal-Transvaal Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and not to the treasurer personally.

Please also note that all payments for the tract society for books, etc., should be made payable to The Natal-Transvaal Tract Society, and not to the treasurer personally.

We would also request that bank notes and postal notes should be sent by REGISTERED POST and not enclosed in ORDINARY POST, as there is danger of loss in course of post. Recently £2-0-0 was lost in this way.

A. A. PITT, *Treasurer*.



Maritzburg Church

ON Sabbath 1st March, we were glad to welcome Pastor W. S. Hyatt as pastor of the Maritzburg church. Going back a little in history we find that this church was organised by Pastor Hyatt on June 3, 1901, with a membership of 13. This was the first church to be organised in this conference. Pastor Hyatt also had the privilege of baptising the first believers who accepted the message in this conference. During the past twenty-three years the message has made good progress in this field, and today there are ten organised European churches, with a membership of 543, and also several native churches and one Indian church with a total enrolment of over 200. Pastor Hyatt was president of this conference for nine years.

It is with thankfulness to God that we see so many

new believers in the Maritzburg church. Most of these have come in during the past two years under the labours of Elder Paap and more recently of Sister C. A. Dixie. Among those, whom Sister Dixie was instrumental in establishing in the truth, is a family of seven, who are now taking an active part in church work.

WE are glad to learn that Brother and Sister R. Bell of Beaumont, Umbogintwini, two pioneer members of this church, are back home again, almost recovered from their recent serious operations. At the advanced age of 81 and 71 respectively, these servants of God, believing in His promises, went to the Addington Hospital, Durban. Sister Bell's operation was of a serious nature, and it is with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that we learn she is making rapid progress to recovery, and that Brother Bell is quite well again. The promises of Psalm 103 are precious to them today.

ELDERS G. S. JOSEPH and D. E. ROBINSON have recently visited the churches in this conference in the interests of the *Signs of the Times* and the *Wachter*. We are glad to report that our churches have taken taken hold of this work to make a success of these missionary papers.

We would like to appeal to our isolated members, who have not been visited by these brethren, to have a part in this good work. If each family would take a small club, good missionary work could be done and they themselves gain a rich experience. The subscription price for one year is very small and the reduced rates for clubs of five and over brings the papers within the reach of all. Write now to the tract society office for particulars.

THE tract society has a good supply of tracts which could be used to advantage when circulating our missionary papers. These can be secured at a nominal price to cover cost.

A WORKERS' INSTITUTE for our native workers, was held at the Native Mission Church, Germiston, April 6th to 10th. We feel sure this institute will be a great help to our native workers, and help to forward the message among their people more speedily.

PASTOR ARMITAGE recently visited Dundee and Newcastle, where Brethren James Moya and Andrew Xabba have a number of native believers ready for baptism. We are glad to know of these fruits as a result of their labour.

SISTER V. RENOU took charge of the church school at Hlobane at the beginning of February. We wish Sister Renou every success.

Our student canvassers completed their deliveries a few weeks ago, and we are now in a position to report on their success. Our congratulations are extended to Sister W. Tickton and Brother F. P. Fourie for winning a full scholarship. We are sorry that the other students were not quite successful, but trust that the experience gained this year will help them in their efforts next year.

A LETTER has been received at this office addressed as follows: The Sentinel Publishing Co., Rosmead Avenue, Kenilworth. Stranack Street, Pietermaritzburg. The Stanborough Press, Ltd., Watford Herts England, Natal. The determination of the native, who sent this enquiry for books, to find the right place is deserving of reward. A. A. PITT, *Secretary*.



Notice

WANTED: Competent Florist. Thorough knowledge of wreaths, bouquets, etc., essential. Apply: R. Lindup, Fairview Floral Farm, Alexandra Rd., Pietermaritzburg, Natal.

Orange River Conference
Report of Tithes and Offerings for Quarter ending March 31, 1924
(EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT)

Church	Tithe	S. S. Off.	13th. S. S. Off.	C. Meeting	Annual
Bloemfontein	63 14 4	16 9 7	7 12 2	9 6 8	10 0
Beaconsfield	78 0 7	29 9 8	4 1 4	3 6 8	
Boschberg	420 17 1	15 11 1	4 15 0	140 0 0	
Bolivia	41 15 4	13 13 1	3 2 0	15 0 0	3 11 0
Conference	52 14 6	10 12 6	1 9 6	7 4	2 0 0
Dewetsdorp	29 16 6	5 18 0	2 19 5		
Kroonstad	3 8 0				
Paul Roux-Senekal	4 16 0	6 2 3			
Parys	10 8	10 0	10 0		
Taungs	2 2 0	6 2 0	15 2		5 0
Mafeking		1 8 11			
Vryburg	14 0				
Totals	698 9 0	105 17 1	25 4 8	168 0 8	6 6 0

Birthday offerings	1 10 6	Rally Day	8 19 2
Week of Sacrifice	23 8 0	Big Week	5 4 6
M. V. Goal	15 2		
Total Mission Offerings received Jan.—March 1924			345 5 9

(NATIVE DEPARTMENT)

Church	Tithe	S.S. Off.	13th. S.S. Off.	Har. Ing	C. Meeting
Emmanuel	13 6 7	2 11 3			1 19 10
Bloemfontein	3 13 5	2 1			
Kroonstad	2 7 0	4 7	9 8		
Palmietfontein	1 13 0	4 5			
Aliwal North	1 14 5				
Kolo Mission	1 4 6	6 9		1 4	
Bethlehem	3 7 5	1 8 6	1 11 0		
Taungs Village	2 0	10 1			
Conference (including Bechuanaland)	11 0 6	15 2	4 0		
Totals	38 8 10	6 2 10	2 4 8	1 4	1 19 10

Big Week—Bethlehem	1 0 0
Mission Offerings received Jan.—March 1924	11 8 8

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Statistical Report of the African Division For year ending December 31, 1923

Tithe Receipts

NAME	1923			1922		
	WHITE	NATIVE		WHITE	NATIVE	
So. African Union	9805	19 4	1026 16 6	8533	5 3	1198 14 10
Zambesi Union	985	15 2	365 3 10	921	6 7	498 9 6
Congo Mission	23	0 7	2 11 4			
	£10814	15 1	1394 11 8	9454	11 10	1697 4 4
Total Tithe Receipts 1923			12209	6 9		
Total Tithe Receipts 1922			11151	16 2		
Increase			£1157	10 7		

Mission Offerings Receipts

NAME	1923			1922		
	WHITE	NATIVE		WHITE	NATIVE	
So. African Union	7490	5 5	443 8 8	4516	11 6	568 16 8
Zambesi Union	813	16 10	352 0 9	728	13 8	282 9 1
Congo Mission	6	13 8	2 7 11			
	£ 8310	15 11	797 17 4	5245	5 2	851 5 9
Total mission offerings (white) 1923			8310	15 11		
Total mission offerings (white) 1922			5245	5 2		
Increase			£3065	10 9		
Total mission offerings (native) 1922			851	5 9		
Total mission offerings (native) 1923			797	17 4		
Decrease			£58	8 5		

Mission offerings per week per member (white) 2/6
 Mission offerings per week per member (native) 1½d.

Membership etc.

	S. A. UNION		ZAMBESI		CONGO		TOTAL
	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	
No. of churches	33	24	6	16			79
Members added	367	411	23	628			1429
Membership 31/12/'23	1266	1046	76	2607			4995
No. of Sabbath schools	60	54	8	150		2	274
Membership	1353	1323	99	9194	8	81	12058
No. in baptismal class	11	144		4047		40	4242
Total keeping Sabbath	1277	1190	76	6654	8	40	9245
Total number workers	67	70	23	129	3	2	294

On Monday, 14th of April, Brother Baker sailed on the S. S. "Adolph Woermann," returning to his field of labour in Angola. Mrs. Anderson left Cape Town on the same boat, and they were joined at Walfish Bay by Brother Anderson and Brother O. O. Bredenkamp and family. These workers go to Angola to establish our mission station in the Benguela district. Brother Anderson and wife will travel throughout Angola with a view to becoming acquainted with the conditions in that field and to establish our work in other sections.

Obituaries

GLOVER.—After an illness of eight weeks, Mr. Glover died at the Kimberley General Hospital on Sabbath, Mar. 14, 1924, aged 44 years, the cause of death being septic blood poisoning. Sister Glover and two children are left to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and loving parent. We extend to them our deep sympathy in their sad bereavement. The Rev. Mr. Peplar conducted the service at the cemetery. A short service was also conducted at the home by the writer.
 G. S. JOSEPH.

On the 13th of February, 1924, at Trinidad, B. W. I., Sister H. J. Edmed was called to rest. South Africa was her homeland. Learning the truth in 1888, she became a charter member of the Claremont church. From that date until 1915, when Elder Edmed went to England, Sister Edmed was an ardent worker both in the Cape and the Natal-Transvaal Conferences. To her, a known need was the call to duty. Her loving service has brought joy to many. She was a noble woman and a true home-maker. In spite of declining health and a very trying climate, she laboured untiringly until last July, when she was confined to her bed. There she remained for eight months, and though not unexpected, yet the end came suddenly.

Our sister will not long sleep, for soon the enemy must "let his prisoners loose homewards"; soon the Saviour will come and those who sleep and those who remain will be caught up together to meet their Lord. The great divine-human family will all go Home together. With Elder Edmed and his daughters, Miss Edmed and Mrs. Clifford, and with Mrs. Edmed's sister, Miss Robertson, their friends in South Africa feel deep sympathy.
 B. E. TARR.

BROTHER P. J. VAN DER POEL peacefully passed into the rest of death while asleep on the night of April thirteen, and was buried beside his beloved wife in the Maitland cemetery, where a number of faithful brethren and sisters are asleep in Jesus, awaiting the resurrection trump. Our brother accepted this message and was baptised in the Cape Town church, September 25, 1909, and was a faithful member of the church and regularly attended the Sabbath school, where he will be greatly missed from week to week.

Our brother retired to rest as usual on the Sunday night, and was found asleep in Jesus as the result of heart failure the following morning. He died at the age of 58. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the sorrowing relatives, but we rejoice in the full assurance of our brother's faith in the resurrection at our Lord's return.
 W. LEROY HYATT.

FLEETWOOD.—Sister M. M. Fleetwood passed away at the home of her daughter Mrs. F. W. Keevy, at Kroonstad, April 8. Sister Fleetwood was born at Bethulie in 1861. She was the grand-daughter of Mr. John Norval of Norval's Pont, and who was one of the 1820 settlers. Sister Fleetwood with her family moved to East London in 1913, where she received the truth of the third angel's message under the labours of Elder D. F. Tarr, and became a charter member of the East London company. She took an active and leading part in all lines of church work. She was a loving and sympathetic mother, and a friend to all with whom she came in contact. She leaves to mourn, her husband and children and a host of friends.

We extend to her bereaved husband and children our deepest sympathy.
 M. C. STURDEVANT.