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Lifting Spion Kop's Burden

THE good news of the plan of the General Conference to contribute to the indebtedness of Spion Kop College an amount equal to the Harvest Ingathering receipts for the Division for this year, is so good that it calls for a word of appreciation from us. It would be very difficult to put in words the feelings which came to me upon the receipt of such cheering and encouraging news. And that others might understand why this is so, and perhaps be led to strain every energy, as it has me, to make the most of the campaign, I desire to explain.

Since coming to this field and taking up my work in connection with Spion Kop College, I have been continually perplexed, as well as embarrassed, on account of our large indebtedness, which amounts to over £6,000. This is a very large amount for such a small institution and one whose earning powers are nil. Of this debt, a large part bears interest, the providing of which is a big problem. This alone is sufficient to embarrass us, and at times makes us wonder where to turn. But apart from the amounts carried as regular loan accounts, we have continually owed on current account a very large amount. While our merchant friends have been tolerant almost without measure, yet of course we have had to continually give them "peace offerings" in order to be able to carry on business. At times, I have been tempted to go across a street to avoid meeting a creditor.

When we have been brought into such straits that we were unable to carry on, we have been forced to appeal to the Division for help over the crisis. They, too, have been perplexed to know how to help, but have always been willing to try to find a way out.

Thus, we have been forced to go on from day to day, and week to week, trying to carry on until something might develop to relieve ourselves of this great impediment of debt, and be able to look our business friends in the face again.

Now, brethren and sisters, our opportunity has come, and it is the chance of a lifetime, an opportunity of relieving our educational institution of its indebtedness. Surely, this is not only an opportunity, but a challenge. It seems to me that we should look upon this as such, and lay plans to spend every energy during this campaign to double our previous receipts.

The school family, both teachers and students, is grateful for this liberal arrangement and is going to leave no stone unturned in making its part in the campaign a success. Though our territory is limited and places for soliciting inconvenient, we are planning to send stronger parties into

the field than ever before. School will close for a few days at the close of the first semester, and we will immediately enter upon this campaign with all our energies.

We believe that our people will, with us, recognise this is a special opportunity of helping *their* school, and will not fail to take the best advantage of this offer of the General Conference Committee. Let us go forth with courage to double any previous goal attained, encouraging our hearts with the words of the song:

"Duty's call is self-denying, lift! brother, lift!
Half the battle lies in trying, lift! brother, lift!"

E. D. DICK.

RELIEF FOR SPION KOP

What we raise in the present Harvest Ingathering Campaign is the amount the General Conference Committee has voted to give as a special appropriation to Spion Kop College.

WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!

We collect for the mission funds, and at the same time wonderfully help the position of our training college.

Progress of the Work in the European Division

ON Monday, the 2nd inst., Brother W. E. Read, the field secretary of the European Division, arrived in Cape Town. Brother Read has been away from headquarters for many months visiting the mission fields of the European Division in North Africa, and also the islands of Madagascar and Mauritius.

On Wednesday evening, Brother Read conducted the prayer meeting at the Claremont church, and we make a brief report of his address, believing that this will be of interest to our readers.

Brother Read brought greetings to the believers in South Africa from the 80,000 members of the European Division. Mention was made of the wonderful development of the work in Europe even under present conditions in that country. Each year, thousands of converts are being made, and the membership of that Division is growing rapidly.

When the French entered the Ruhr district, it was feared that our work in that section would be greatly hindered, and the brethren wondered just what the result would be. In many parts public meetings were prohibited, and it was found difficult to carry on work in that part of the country. A canvasser went over, for it was realised that the only way to continue the work for a time was by the selling of books. This brother began working for the officials of the city, and finally made a canvass upon the governor. He was favourably received, and sold quite a number of books. Finally the governor, appreciating such reading matter, asked why he did not change his methods of work and rather preach to the people, instead of confining his efforts by going from door to door. The governor was told that permission had been asked to hire a hall in which to conduct public meetings, but every such request had been refused by the police. The governor then replied that he would interest himself in this good work, and see that the wishes of the young man were granted. As the result, the largest hall in the city was secured. Some time before the meeting was due to open, the hall was over-crowded so that in order to satisfy those who could not get in, arrangements were made for a second meeting. This resulted in a church of over a hundred being organised.

We have had 176 believers in Iceland for some time, and this number has not varied very much with the passing of years; but lately there seems to be an increased interest, and as the result of an effort recently held, fifty were added to the church.

There are seventy-five different languages spoken throughout Europe, and we have work in every language.

As yet, we have no established work in the island of Madagascar, but interested ones are being found, and it is expected that these will form our first church. Someone sent a parcel to a friend on the island, and this was wrapped up in an old copy of the French *Signs of the Times*. This was read, and an interest soon started, with the result that fifty people are now anxious to learn more of the truth. Some years ago, there were seven mission boards operating in Madagascar, but because of prejudice on the part of the officials against religion, the work is considerably less today than when it started. The officials have even

closed down mission school work. A new church is not permitted to be organised unless its charter membership numbers seventy. Therefore, our people are not able to form themselves into a company, and the only way in which they can advance their work is by the selling and distribution of literature. This literature has to pass the inspection of the government officials.

Brother Read reported an interesting visit to our mission work in British East Africa. A general meeting was held, attended by some six to seven hundred natives, and, learning that Brother Read was coming to South Africa, these believers wished that he bring to us their greetings.

The members of the Claremont church much enjoyed this report of the progress of the work of our sister Division. On the following evening, Brother Read conducted a meeting in the Odd Fellows' Hall at Wynberg, at which place he gave an account of the conditions throughout Europe, and spoke of the sufferings of many of our own people at the present time.

We were certainly glad to enjoy a visit from a representative of the European Division, and only wish his stay in the Peninsula might have been longer. Brother Read sailed by the mail boat on Friday, June 6.

W. B. C.



Useless Adornments

FOR many years after the organisation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, those composing its membership were very strict in their manner of dress, and felt that the wearing of useless adornments such as jewelry, etc., was a sure sign of retrogression and apostasy. We have noticed, however, with some alarm, that some among us are gradually letting down the standard on this point and seem quite free to depart from our old teaching and custom in this matter. To such persons we commend the following statement made by the Rev. G. D. Watson, D.D. to his congregation on this point:

"Just because a few persons go to an extreme in harping on dress and outward adorning, the great majority of so-called holiness people seem to pay no attention to the extravagance in dress and jewelry which is swamping so many souls in darkness. There are some of the holiness people so fastidious and squeamish that they cannot bear to have their outer adornments alluded to without showing an uneasiness. It is true that we must drive mainly at the heart, and get that right, but poor human nature is so blind and slow to learn that we must, according to God's Word, look after the practical details of holiness as well as the doctrine and experience. It is a shame to see so many professing holiness all dangled off in the heathenish adorning of jewelry.

"You say, *Where is the dividing line in this matter of what, and what not, to put on?* I say that in legitimate articles of dress no one can draw the absolute line, but in *articles of jewelry, which are absolutely useless*, it seems that any one ought to be able to draw the line. Earrings, finger-rings, bracelets, gold chains, charms, trinkets, etc., are not articles of clothing; they add nothing to brains nor beauty; they add nothing to comfort nor convenience; they neither give

protection nor health, nor beauty to the human body; they are all *absolutely without a rational use*, and conduce to nothing in the universe but vanity. Now anything that is utterly *useless* can only be harmful.

"You say the wearing of jewelry is a life-long habit with you, and does not stand in your way. I reply that many sins are life-long habits. Some have been lying, and stealing, and back-biting ever since their childhood, and they say these things do not stand in their way; they can commit these sins, day after day, just as thoughtlessly as you can trick yourself out in useless ornaments.

"You say that these rings or bracelets or charms were inherited from your dear parents, and you wear them for their sakes. Well, some persons inherit the thirst for liquor and tobacco from their dear parents, and if we are going into the heirloom business, why not deck ourselves out in all the vices of our parents? If one is decked off in *dear old grandmother's* jewelry, why should not another be decked off in *dear old grandfather's drunkenness*? Where is the difference? If we are born of God we must drop the inherited things of the first Adam, and put on the inherited things of the second Adam.

"You say the wearing of jewelry does not hurt you. That is just what people say that drink wine, smoke, or dance. You say you enjoy the love of God, or a clean heart, and wear useless ornaments which the Word of God forbids, and say it does not hurt you. If you would follow all the words of Scripture, it would hurt you. Nay, it *does already harm you more than you dream of*. It may be you are praying for more liberty, more power; you wonder why your loved ones in your family are not converted or sanctified; you never suspect that your jewelry hurts you. Ah, my friend, the devil has had six thousand years' practice on human nature; he knows how to cripple Christians, and yet to hide from their eyes the very things that are crippling them. As God's Word is true, the wearing of useless jewelry and ornaments *does hurt you*, in spite of all you may say, or think, or feel to the contrary. Some may say, 'Why, I never think of these little ornaments.' Well, if you never think of them, why do you *always remember to put them on*? What a lovely sight to see men and women modestly arrayed, with bright salvation faces, with ears, and hands, and necks *clean* from the senseless trappings of vanity! And what an ugly incongruous sight to see persons professing holiness all tricked out in Satan's trash! Yes, I say, get the heart right first; but your heart will not stay right if you keep on the external garb of Satan." — *White Robes or Garment of Salvation*, pp. 140-143.

W. H. BRANSON.

SPION KOP COLLEGE

E. D. DICK, Principal

Private Bag, Ladysmith, Natal.

News from the College

An interesting item of news, at least for us here at the College, has been the introduction of a new daily programme, and thinking perhaps it might be of interest to the OUTLOOK readers, we give it herewith:

Rising bell	5.30
Classes	6.30 to 7.50
Breakfast	7.50 to 8.30
Classes	8.30 to 9.10
Prayer Bands, Chapel, and drills, (including writing, reading and singing)	9.10 to 10.10
Classes	10.10 to 12.30
Dinner	12.35
Work	1.15 to 5.15
Supper	5.30
Evening prayers	6.15
Study hour	6.45 to 9.15
Lights out	9.30

This is a very strenuous but interesting programme. It is not quite so strenuous as it sounds for not all of our students work the entire afternoon, and during the morning appointments for classes, all have at least one vacant period. Our students, however, find plenty to do and I am sure that none could say we are idle or that we have any time to waste.

The long continued drought was at last broken by a light shower of rain, which was very welcome. This was followed by a heavy frost the next morning and it has been very cold ever since. Students find it rather chilly for their early morning classes. They are, however, encouraged by knowing that we have ordered a number of stoves, and soon we will have heat in the class rooms for the early morning classes.

The chapel at 7.30 on alternate Tuesday evenings is an interesting and busy place, for the Spion Kop church holds its regular missionary meetings then. A large part of the evening is devoted to addressing and mailing the *Signs of the Times* and other of our papers. Last week we sent away 2,200 papers and also a large number of missionary letters. As a result of such meetings held last year, many encouraging letters were received and we have reason to believe that some have accepted the truth through these efforts.

On Sabbath, May 17, seven members of our community were baptised in the Tugela River by Elder Butler. Most of these are the fruit of our recent week of prayer.

Brother J. G. Siepman, of Port Elizabeth, has recently moved his family to Spion Kop. Brother Siepman is taking classes at the College, while his three children attend the church school.

Pastor F. B. Armitage is holding meetings with the Zulus in this vicinity. He finds a growing interest. Many of the natives are anxious for the light. Brother Kuboni, the Zulu teacher at the College, has been doing missionary work among these people since he has been connected with the school. We hope that the native church will be greatly benefitted.

Although we work hard, yet provision is also made for our social life. Tuesday, May 20, was voted by all to be one of the most instructive and enjoyable evenings we have had this year. A few large posters placed conspicuously about the building invited everyone to be present in the dining hall at 7.30 P.M. Punctually, at the time appointed, all the Spion Kopites rolled up. The appearance of the dining hall had been transformed by the removal of the tables, a few artistic touches and several large temperance posters placed on the walls. These posters gave the key to the nature of the programme which took the form of a temperance evening. An excellent programme was

rendered, consisting of several musical items, recitations, dialogues and talks. Lack of space prevents our mentioning each item in detail, but the song "The Old Iron Bucket" was very pleasingly rendered by a double quartette, and a most realistic setting was given to this by the reproduction in one corner of the room of a well-cool and green. Another interesting item was the part taken by six of the younger girls and boys who spoke about the allies of alcohol, such as cigarettes and tobacco, condiments, tea, etc. These young people explained to us just how harmful these articles are, inasmuch as they create a thirst for strong drink. All the items were thoroughly enjoyed.

Recent visitors at the school include Mrs. R. C. Honey of Camelford, Mr. and Mrs. Leverett of Durban, Mrs. Burton of Dundee, Mrs. Wienand of Bloemfontein, Pastor and Mrs. Hyatt of Maritzburg, and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Blaine of Durban.

E. D. DICK.

CONGO MISSION FIELD

E. C. BOGER, *Superintendent*. D. A. WEBSTER, *Secy.-Treas.*

ADDRESS: Box 250, Elizabethville, Belgian Congo.

Amongst the Natives in the Congo

EARLY in March of 1923, Brother James Malinki, formerly connected with our work in Nyasaland, responded to a call to the Belgian Congo. We have heard from Brother Malinki concerning his work since being in Elizabethville, and we pass on this good report.

Upon taking up work in this new country, Brother Malinki was perplexed to know how to commence work for the natives there, as their language was so different to his; and even after making some friends, he was unable to converse with them. But the report tells us that, after having studied the language to some extent and becoming acquainted with the people, he has found many who are hungering for a knowledge of the Word of God, and who are anxious to learn of the truth for this time. At first it seemed difficult for them to grasp the Sabbath truth, but after some studies many have now seen the light.

We copy a part of Brother Malinki's letter, so as to give a portion of his report in his own words:

"Not many weeks from now, when Elder Boger comes, he shall conduct a second baptismal ordinance in the Congo, and this is going to be a larger baptism than the first one. . . .

"I am attending meetings in the compound and in these meetings they learn to pray to God to give them strength and victory over sins, and to love God with their whole hearts. They have also memorised the Commandments. . . .

"One of their favourite songs is "Toiling for Jesus." They sing it with spirit, so I believe that surely some of them shall toil for Jesus. We can see the need of prayers in the Congo. Some souls are receiving the gospel of truth, but there is need of labourers. Let us all help by our means and prayers, that the Lord may send more labourers in these compounds and save the dying souls who are perishing without hope in this vast region."

ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

W. H. BRANSON, *Act. Supt.* LLOYD E. BIGGS, *Secy.-Treas.*

OFFICE ADDRESS: P.O. Box 573, Bulawayo, Rhodesia

Solusi Training School

It was my privilege to spend a few days at Solusi while on my way to the Congo. This school will always be of interest to our people, since it is the pioneer mission station in Africa.

Brother Flaiz has been in charge of the school for several months, and has worked very hard to put Solusi on a good educational basis. A great improvement has been made in methods of teaching. The institution has an air of real school work. The teachers in training are being drilled in methods of teaching, which ought to bring greater efficiency into the out-schools, when they enter upon this work.

Brother and Sister Palmer have entered upon their duties at Solusi and are doing good work. Their deep interest in the school will surely bring success.

The main building has been finished inside and is a credit to the institution. I feel there are good days ahead for Solusi.

T. M. FRENCH.

SO. AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

J. W. MACNEIL, *President*, A. FLOYD TARR, *Secy.-Treas.*

OFFICE ADDRESS: Box 4565, Johannesburg, Tvl.

Our Opportunity During the Harvest Ingathering Campaign

OUR educational work in Africa has suffered for a long time on account of having a small constituency from which to draw; and with the re-establishment of our school at Spion Kop, the struggle has been exceptionally hard. The school board has had many anxious days in planning for the work there, sometimes not knowing which way to turn. Now, one of the greatest opportunities for removing the debt from our college, awaits us. If we all put our shoulders to the wheel, and make one grand determined push, the debt will be paid.

The offer made by the General Conference, of which Elder Branson wrote in the last issue of the OUTLOOK, is an exceptionally liberal one—to give an amount equivalent to what we raise in the Harvest Ingathering work this year, to help liquidate the debts of Spion Kop College.

All have been planning to take hold of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. We had hoped this year to put forth an effort to reach our goal of £2,500 in a shorter space of time than it took last year. This, we believe, under ordinary conditions, would have been easily done, but now with an extraordinary opportunity before us, shall we not double our energies, and go into this campaign with a zeal and a determination that will show our people everywhere that South Africa appreciates the liberal offer which has been made? Shall we not plan to double the goal that has been set for us? Remember, that if we raise in this Union £5,000 for the Harvest Ingathering work, the General Conference gives to our college a cheque of £5,000. We can in this campaign wipe out our

school debt, and give to our young people an institution unincumbered with heavy liabilities,—a school free from debt, where growth and development may be seen, and where our youth can be trained and fitted for a place in this great closing movement.

We believe that our people in the South African Union will grasp this opportunity, and use it as one of the great advanced moves in the work of God in this large field.

J. W. MACNEIL.



At Bethel

NEARLY one-half of the school year has already passed. Students and teachers are busy with studies and work. Progress is being made along all lines. The repairs on buildings are going forward satisfactorily. It is nearly harvest time and we look forward to a good crop of mealies. The students are trying to do good school work, and better than that, many are gaining a stronger Christian experience.

We have seen how Satan has aimed to hinder the progress of the school. We have also seen the care God has for His work: "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

Although our students this year are not as mature as in other years, yet we try to develop them as we find them, and trust the seeds of truth will take root. Some beautiful examples of Christian faithfulness are seen, and we have confidence that some will become useful in God's cause.

Mission dentistry is still making many friends and the principles of our work are explained whenever opportunity presents itself.

H. G. PATCHETT.

ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE

J. N. DE BEER, *President*. MISS E. M. ROWLANDS, *Secy.-Treas.*
OFFICE: 41 West Burger St., Bloemfontein, O. F. S.

Beaconsfield Church

At present we are circulating 600 copies of the *Signs* and thirty-six *Wachters* each month. Of the *Signs*, thirty-one are mailed, about sixty sold, twenty-three supplied to regular subscribers, and the rest are given away. We will, however, make special efforts this month to take as many subscriptions as possible. In visiting the people the second time, we found comparatively few who refused to accept the papers.

We have launched our Harvest Ingathering Campaign, and in spite of the unsettled conditions of Kimberley, as a mining centre, we hope to do well.

Sister Nieman of Taungs, was a recent patient at the Kimberley hospital.

D. B. LEE.



Situation Wanted

A SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST seeks a situation as foreman, or handy-man, on farm. Willing to do anything. Will work for small salary and share in garden and lands. Please write to J. J. van Zyl, 40 Lombard St., Bloemfontein, O. F. S.

NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

J. W. MACNEIL, *Act. Pres.* P. W. WILLMORE, *Secy.-Treas.*
OFFICE ADDRESS: 8 Stranack St., Maritzburg, Natal.

Home Missionary Report Pietermaritzburg

THE work in our little church is onward. We are taking a club of 1,000 *Signs of the Times*. Some of these are being delivered to people who have given us "trial subscriptions." One sister delivered sixty-two this month, and others did almost as well. A brother is using 250 amongst friends and those with whom he has done business. One member is posting literature to thirty-five native persons, and another to thirty Indians.

On Wednesday evenings, we have good missionary meetings. We are posting papers to 500 addresses in the Transvaal, and to these the *Wachter* and the Dutch "Autumn Leaves" are being sent. Then each Saturday evening we are selling papers on the streets. One member sold thirty-five last Saturday evening.

In response to a call, a class has been organised in order to train our young people to give Bible readings. We hope that several of our young people may learn to do this work, as Bible workers are greatly needed. As a result of this effort one lady has recently started to keep the Sabbath.

C. G. JORDAAN, *Home Miss. Sec.*



Notice

A MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER society has recently been organised at Potchefstroom. This society is endeavouring to open a library for the use of its members, and makes a request to our people for books. Please send all such contributions to B. H. Beukes, 12 Maree Street, Potchefstroom, Tvl. The society will pay freight or postage.

B. H. BEUKES.



My Prayer

DEAR Lord, I fain would lay myself upon the altar of Thy love.
In whole-hearted surrender unto Thee,
But my heart draws back tremblingly, and whispers—
What if perchance He claims some mighty sacrifice
Or hidden treasure? Would'st thou be willing to lay down,
give up?

And so the struggle goes from day to day,
Till I am wearied out, and fain would call some Higher Power
To aid me and decide. And yet I love Thee Lord!
Thy love to me is wonderful! more precious than aught else in
life or death.

Ah Lord, dear Lord, wilt Thou not end this struggle in my heart?
Let such a mighty tide of Thy dear love
Flow through it, and by its full strength and force,
Carry away all else that hinders Thee from holding absolute
sway;

If need be, tear up by its roots all plants, yielding a poisonous
miasma!

Till cleansed, and filled, and conquered, at Thy feet I sit,
And joyfully yield my whole heart to Thee!

Knowing as I look up into Thy face,

No lurking shadow hides Thy love from me.

And I fear naught, for naught that Thou can'st ask,

Would be too dear to yield, to such a Love as Thine.

J. DU TOIT.

Addresses of Churches

(WE have frequently heard from our people that as they travel about the country, there are times when, being in a certain city on the Sabbath, they would like to attend church service, but often cannot find where it is held. We, therefore, take the opportunity to give the addresses of our several churches in the South African Union Conference.)

NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

Barberton Company: C/o Mrs. Gass, Barberton.
Doornpoort Church: Doornpoort, P. O. Cardoville.
Durban Church: Keits Avenue, Off Berea Road, Durban.
Ermelo Church: Macdonald Street, Ermelo.
Hlobane Church: Hlobane.
Johannesburg Church: Cor. Claim and de Villiers St., Johannesburg.
Maritzburg Church: 8 Stranack Street, Maritzburg.
Pretoria Church: Masonic Hall, Van der Walt St., Pretoria.
Potchefstroom Church: Potgieter Street, Potchefstroom.
Spion Kop Church: Spion Kop College, Ladysmith.
Standerton Church: Meyerville, Standerton.
Sweetwaters Church: Sweetwaters.

CAPE CONFERENCE

Cape Town Church: 56 Roeland Street, Cape Town.
Port Elizabeth Church (European): Cor. Rink St. and Park Drive, Port Elizabeth.
Uitenhage Church (European): Milner Street, Uitenhage.
Rustica Church: Court Road, Wynberg, Cape.
Claremont Church: Grove Avenue, Claremont.
Port Elizabeth Church (Coloured): Mechanics Hall, Donkin Street, Port Elizabeth.
Uitenhage Church (Coloured): London Lane, Uitenhage.
Salt River Church: York Street, Salt River.
Grahamstown Church: I. O. G. T. Hall, Hill Street, Grahamstown.
Rokeby Park Church: Langholm.

ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE

Bloemfontein Church: 106 Kellner Street, Bloemfontein.
Beaconsfield Church: Beaconsfield.
Taungs Church: Taungs.



An Appeal to Pastors and Church Elders

ANOTHER Harvest Ingathering Campaign has just begun, and we are very anxious to make it the most successful campaign that we have ever conducted in South Africa. Now that the campaign is well started, we are making this appeal to all of the pastors and church elders not only to push the campaign strongly in their section of the field, but to kindly see that a report is taken each Sabbath, and if possible, posted to the conference office on Sunday of each week. We are endeavouring to keep the churches posted up week by week so that the goal device can be kept registered up to date so that everyone may know just what progress is being made. In order for us to send complete

reports to the conferences on Wednesday of each week it is necessary for all of the churches to post their report to the conference promptly each Sunday.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.
(African Division)



Gifts for Missions

IN the issue of the 9th of June of the *Methodist Churchman*, we note the following regarding the gifts to missions of the Sunday schools of the Methodist Church for 1923:

THERE ARE 42,523 CHILDREN
IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.
THEY RAISED FOR MISSIONS
IN 1923 THE SUM OF
£952

AIM FOR 1924
£2,000

A membership of 42,523 gave to missions for a year £952, or practically 5½d per member per year. From the report of our Sabbath School Department, as published in the issue of our paper of May 15, it will be noticed that taking the white membership only, 1546 members of our Sabbath schools paid for the advancement of the mission work during 1923, £3,156-8-11, or per member per year, £1-16-4½. Our Methodist friends have set a goal of £2,000 for their Sunday schools for 1924. In view of our belief in the soon coming of the Saviour, and realising that the third angel's message is to be preached to every nation, tribe and people before the end, let every Sabbath school determine to reach our goal for 1924 of 1/3 per week per member.



The Inter-American Messenger

THE above is the title of the official organ of the Inter-American Division. The first copy of this paper, dated April 1924, has just come to hand. We wish this paper every success as it endeavours to report each month of the progress of the work in that Division.

It is estimated that the population of the territory worked by the Inter-American Division is forty million, speaking Spanish, French, Dutch and the various Indian languages. It will be remembered that this Division was organised at the last General Conference in 1922. Brother E. E. Andross, who visited Africa a few years back, is the vice-president of the General Conference for the Inter-American Division, and Brother S. E. Kellman is secretary-treasurer. The Division has three union missions with several local fields under each. There are 200 organised churches, with a membership of 8,222.

Many parts of the Division's territory are located in the heart of the tropics, and their workers often labour under severe disadvantages. The officers of the Division ask that we remember them in our prayers, that, as their pioneers penetrate the interiors of the several republics, hard-pressed by bigotted natives and an hostile papacy, God will protect them as they labour for Him.

Our Appeal for Missions Campaign

THE reports received from the conferences in the South African Union for the first week of the campaign are very small, owing to the fact that only a few of the churches have sent in their reports up to the present. Five churches in the Cape Conference collected £135-0-0; in the Natal-Transvaal Conference, three churches reported £91-0-0 in hand for the first five days of the campaign; and four churches in the Orange River Conference had collected about £34-0-0.

In a letter just received from Elder de Beer, he says, "Our office staff, I am glad to say, took the lead, and both Miss Rowlands and Miss Venter have already gathered close on to £6-0-0 each. I have also been out for a few hours during the last two days, and intend to keep at it this week. Thus far I have gathered over £6-0-0."

Brother P. W. Willmore also reports several interesting experiences, and good success, soliciting from the business men in Maritzburg.

Brother W. B. Commin reports having received a donation of £10-0-0 from a gentleman to whom he wrote some little time ago. This is, as far as we know, the largest single donation ever received for this purpose in South Africa.

The Salt River church is the first church in the Division to burst its thermometer. Last Sabbath the amount in hand was about £3-0-0 more than their goal, thanks to Brother Clifford who succeeded in gathering £22-0-0 last week. We feel sure that this church will continue gathering until they have doubled their goal.

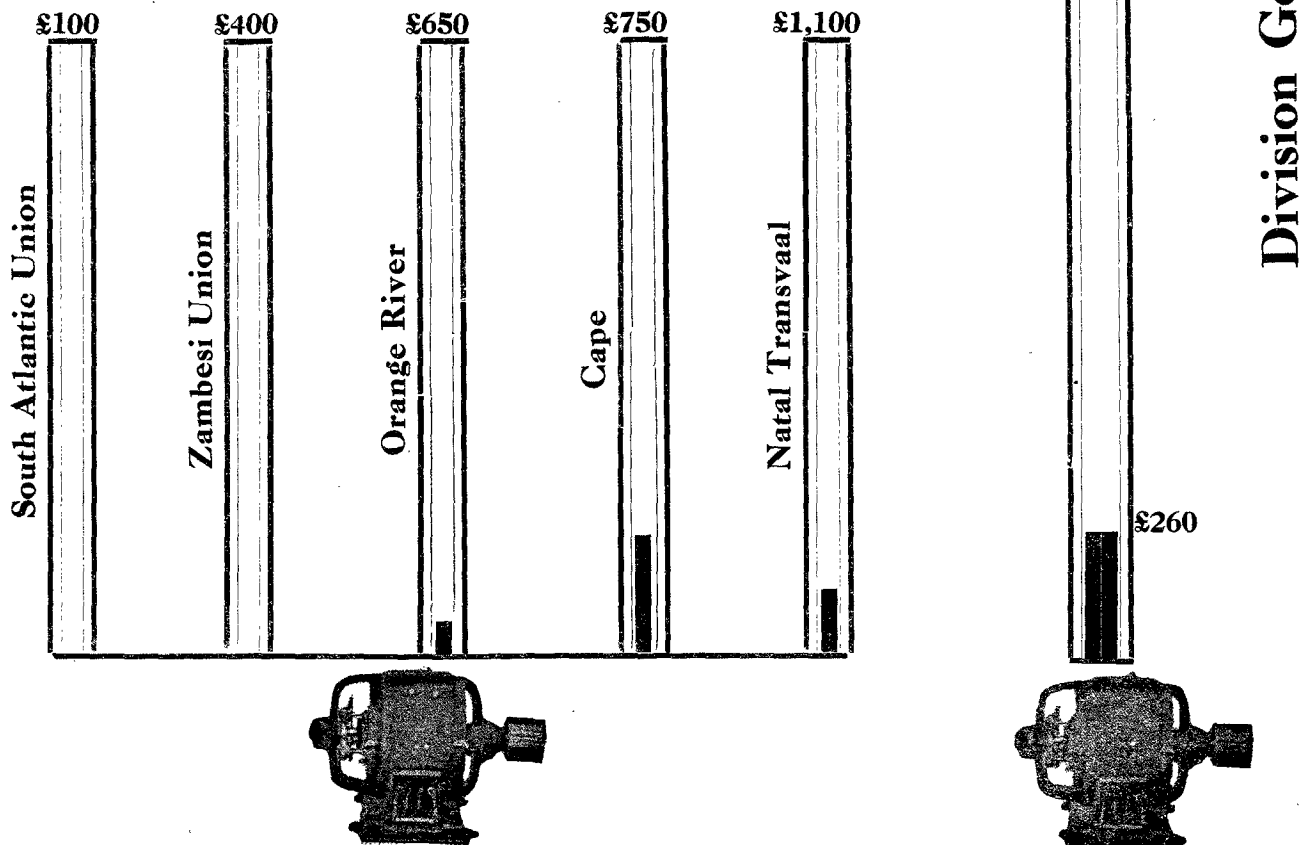
The following letter was received by one who had written soliciting donations for the Harvest Ingathering Fund:

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of the 13th ult., also for copy of *Harvest Ingathering* which is most interesting. I am pleased to see the work is spreading so rapidly.

Enclosed find my annual subscription (£2-2-0), and accept my very best wishes in your work.

Yours sincerely,



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"I WOULD be true, for there are those who trust me.
I would be pure, for there are those who care.
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer.
I would be brave for there is much to dare.
I would be a friend of all—the foe, the friendless.
I would be giving and forget the gift.
I would be humble, for I know my weakness.
I would look up and laugh, and love and lift."—Selected.

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General News

WE regret to learn that Brother Burton has been poorly of late. We understand that he is a patient at the Berea Health Institute, Durban.

BROTHER P. W. WILLMORE, of the Division office, has taken on duties as secretary-treasurer of the Natal-Transvaal Conference and Tract Society. Brother Willmore fills this position temporarily until permanent help can be secured for the Maritzburg office.

THE Executive Committee of the South African Union Conference meets at Johannesburg, Monday, the 16th inst., and will convene for two or three days. Brethren Joseph and Commins will attend the Union Committee meeting, and from there Brother Commins will go down to Ladysmith and spend a few days at Spion Kop College.

A LETTER has been received from Brother W. H. Anderson reporting the safe arrival of himself and party in Angola. The weather was extremely hot at Lobito Bay, but it is very much more pleasant out on the new mission site at Lepi. Brother Anderson reports that since his visit to Angola a year ago, prices in the country have doubled.

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A Message from One of Our Returned Missionaries

In a letter from Mrs. Pond, who was formerly connected with our work at Malamulo mission, Nyasaland, we are asked to pass on the following message to her many friends throughout Africa. She says:

"I wonder if you would send a message through the Outlook to the many brothers, sisters and friends who so kindly wrote to me in my sorrow. When I arrived at my mother's home I found forty-five letters there for me, most of them from Africa. I thought I should answer every one of them, but the cares of the home and the little folks, with some nursing I can do, have so filled my time that I find a year has

passed around and they are not all answered yet. Tell them I did appreciate their thoughtfulness in writing, and have many times been sustained by the thought that all over Africa there are those who were praying for me. I have had the privilege of speaking in some of our churches on the work in Africa, and of all the things that could come to gladden my heart, I think the knowledge that I could some day return to Africa and help finish the work would be the best.

"We want you to continue to pray for us that we may be kept true to God, and ready to be used as He sees best. We are constantly praying for the work over there, and watching with interest for every word that may come from that field as for news from home."

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SELF-CONTROL in trifles trains to self-control in crisis.

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"WHENEVER you hear anything against your neighbour, halve it, then quarter it, and then say nothing about the rest of it."

Obituaries

A CABLE message has just been received from Washington, U. S. A., announcing the death of Elder Branson's father. We extend to Elder and Mrs. Branson and family, our heartfelt sympathy at this time.

RECENTLY, word has come to us of the death of Mrs. A. Buckley, of Mafeking. We deeply sympathise with Brother Buckley and family in their sad bereavement.

DAMBUZA.—Panda Dambuza, one of our oldest Sabbath keepers in Africa, passed peacefully away on the morning of May 20, at the age of 102 years.

About three months ago, when a meeting was held at his home, his voice joined in the singing, and he expressed faith in God and hope in Christ's soon coming. The Ordinances were held with him by the writer only a week before his death. Words of comfort were spoken at his funeral by Pastor Smailes.

Two of his children are faithful members of the Bethel church, and two are respected teachers. We believe he lived a Christian life and will receive the reward of the faithful when Christ comes.

H. G. PATCHETT.

NDHLOVU.—Ezekiel Ndhlovu was a man of many years experience in the Lord's work. Before accepting the truth, he was a deacon in another church. He joined our people and after a time became a worker in this field, and was instrumental in raising several companies of believers.

On the 9th of April, Brother Ndhlovu died as the result of blood-poisoning. He leaves a wife, daughter and three sons who mourn their loss, but who rejoice in the blessed hope of meeting their dear one again. Just before his death, he called them in and asked that they bid farewell to Elders Branson, Stockil, Straw and myself. He then left a personal message to each of the family. To his wife he said: "You must be faithful and take care of the children. Do not leave the narrow road, you are in the right path, just be true; and I hope to meet you as soon as the Master comes. I know I am saved, and you must be there. I will expect you; do not disappoint Jesus, and do not disappoint me."

The Malungwane church has lost a faithful member. Although almost blind, he could give a very stirring sermon from the old Book.

To receive this message from this old man, gives us fresh courage. When a soul can lay down his life and feel from his heart that he is saved, and fully expects to meet us on the other side, it spurs us on to greater efforts for the Master. May God help us to be faithful, so we can all meet in the great resurrection morning.

H. M. SPARROW.