



THE SABBATH SCHOOLS

OF

THE WORLD

ARE NOW THINKING

AFRICA

ARE YOU?

Will There be an Overflow?

YES! If all work for it and pray for it. The General Conference has asked the Sabbath schools of the world to raise £18,480 on December 27; for mission work in the African Division. Should that 13th Sabbath offering exceed this amount, the overflow will be added to the funds for 1925 for the African Division for work not otherwise provided for in the regular budget. For the last Sabbath of 1923, the treasury department of the General Conference asked our schools for the same amount as this year and there was an overflow of about £853, which, as we learned from the last issue of our paper, was donated to the Lake Titicaca training school. £18,480 is a large sum and it is certain that to exceed it in one day's offering calls for individual sacrifice. December 27 is the last Sabbath of the year, a time when most people are giving presents, useful or useless, to their friends as tokens of their regard for them. It seems fitting at this time of kind generosity,—a time of "good-will to men"—that we give practical expression of our sincere interest in the salvation of the heathen of our own continent.

As one tries to solve the problem of the church's comparative indifference to the need of the mission fields, he is impressed with his own inability to realize this need. "Paint a starless sky; hang your picture with night; drape the mountains with long, far-reaching vistas of darkness; hang the curtains deep along every shore and landscape; darken all the past; let the future be draped in deeper and yet deeper night; fill the awful gloom with hungry, sad-faced men and sorrow-stricken women and children,—it is the heathen world, the people seen in vision by the prophet, who sit in the region and shadow of death, to whom no light has come; sitting there still through the long, long night waiting and watching for the morning." Oh, dear fellow Sabbath school members, it is to us that God has entrusted the message of "the morning,"—the morning when Jesus will come to end this long night of gross moral darkness. Shall we not let the Holy Spirit train us to be His unobstructed channels, train us to keep self out of sight, train us to estimate our needs in the light of the dire need of the vast majority who are still ignorant of the divine sacrifice made on their behalf?

Here is an extract from Sister Plummer's latest letter:

"Well, Sister Tarr, in the home field we appreciate that it's a

"HUNGRY WORLD

"Hungry for food in India, China and Europe. Hungry the world around for the Bread of Life.

"It's a SICK WORLD

"Sick with all the diseases that can afflict these mortal bodies—aggravated a hundred fold by the ignorance and environment of the native in heathen lands. But the greatest of all sickness is sin-sickness. Sabbath school offerings bring healing of body and soul to those who sit in darkness.

"It's a GROPING WORLD

"Hands are outstretched toward us. Such pitiful pleading hands. Men's hands, sturdy, but gnarled and twisted by the struggle for life—physical life, per-

haps, for themselves and their families. Women's hands, slender and weak (some are the hands of the aged), and they all beckon to us and strain to reach us. What shall we do? It is our job. What can we do more than we are doing? Future reports will answer this question."

"It is our job." Yes, it is. So far as you and I are able, it is your job and my job to do with our might what our hands find to do to meet this awful need. Every moment priceless souls are passing into Christless graves. Every moment probation's hour is closing for some who might have seen the light. All cannot go to the mission fields; the Master knows that, and the home field is just as dear to Him as is the foreign field. But it is the glorious privilege and the Heaven-sent duty of all to support the missionaries and their special work. To raise every year half the money needed for work in heathen lands; is not the least responsibility of the Sabbath schools. "What can we do more than we are doing?" As individuals and as Sabbath schools let us face this question.

MRS. A. P. TARR.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CORNER

The Morning Watch

No day is begun right that is not begun with secret prayer. The importance of this morning watch, or secret prayer, in the morning is very evident, and it seems strange that every Christian does not observe it faithfully. R. F. Horton says: "The morning watch is essential. You must not face the day till you have faced God, nor look into the face of others till you have looked into His. You cannot expect to be victorious if the day begins only in your own strength."

The Christian is like a diver. Every day he plunges into conditions that tend to crush out his spiritual life. His safety depends upon his connection with Heaven. Every day, before going forth, the Christian should test this connection to make sure that it is safe for him to drop into the day's work, with its problems and perplexities.

A Christian who must have learned from experience the value of the morning watch, once said: "If the quiet hour does not prelude the day of activity, we will grow fussy and fevered in our service to men. Our vitality will be exhausted and some of our powers will be coarsened. We will lose our faith; and with our faith we will lose our strength. 'Extreme busy-ness,' says Robert Louis Stevenson, 'whether at kirk or in the market, is a symptom of deficient vitality.'"

There are many reasons why you should never omit your secret devotions in the morning. "In the morning watch appointment faithfully kept," says S. D. Gordon, "lies the great secret of riding masterfully over the tide that surges around so fiercely, instead of being sucked under by it. And between these two tide alternatives every one must choose."

It is too late for the soldier to buckle on his armour and hunt up his equipments when the enemy is upon

him. He must be prepared. So must you; and prayer is the best preparation you can make for meeting the events of the day. Prayer will help you to do your work, bear your burdens, solve your problems, and sweeten your pleasures.

Somehow the morning hour is especially fitted for prayer. It is the quiet time of the day. The toil and disappointments of yesterday are hidden behind the curtain of the night, and the cares of today have not yet overtaken us. All about us seems to say, "Be still, and know that I am God." Gordon gives five advantages of the morning prayer. They are: (1) Sure of the time; (2) most economical hour, since others are crowded; (3) the quiet hour of the day; (4) leaves its impress on the entire day; (5) seems to have been the Master's choice.—*The Morning Watch*.



He Loved Me

THIS is what touches my heart. It has always been easy for me to believe that God loved the world, and that Jesus loved His church, but I could never see any reason why He should love me. I have found, however, that there is no reason, so far as I am concerned. The explanation is simple enough when I look to Him and not to myself. He is love. Love is the very essence of His being. Love is His life. Love is the atmosphere in which He lives. He loves because He lives. His love does not seek out the worthy, but the unworthy. Therefore, He loves me.

Jesus deals with us as individuals. His heart is large enough, His love is great enough. His knowledge is comprehensive enough, for the personal touch with each one. He knows me by name, just as He calls all the infinite number of stars by their names. He knows my experiences. He sympathizes with me in my trials and my temptations. He loves me as if I were the only object of His love. He cares for me as if He had no other to care for. I can tell Him of my troubles, and He listens as if I were the only one who came to Him for help. He meets my every need as if I were the only one who felt any need. He is mine as if I had exclusive rights in Him.

And this intimate, personal relationship does not interfere in any way with my perfect freedom of choice and action. Each morning I choose to accept His love. Each morning I choose to live and work for Him. Each morning I say to Him, "Thy love has found me and drawn me, and I am Thine." I am at liberty to leave Him at any moment, but I am held by bonds that do not chafe—the silken cords of love. I do not wish to go where He cannot go with me. I do not wish to do anything in which I cannot cooperate with Him. He rules me with a rod of love, and life's joy and sweetness are found in the closest association with Him.

Do you know that He loves you? You are missing the best thing in life if your heart is not the shrine of His love. Remember, He loves you as He loves me.

"Wonderful things in the Bible I see;
This is the dearest—that Jesus loves me."

—*Victory Leaflet, No. 1.*

The Morning Watch Calendar

for 1925

Is Now Ready

Every Seventh-day Adventist should plan NOW to follow the Morning Watch during 1925.

The inspiring text chosen for each morning will be like an anchor to the soul and sweeten the whole day.

The other inspirational extracts from the Testimonies, verses, poems, etc., will be greatly appreciated.

Missionary Volunteer leaders and church elders will find this little calendar a great spiritual help to their members.

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Prayer Meeting Twice Daily

WHEREVER we have a church in the Solomon Islands—and we have over thirty of them—there is a prayer meeting twice daily. Every morning the members gather together. The Morning Watch text is repeated, then the Sabbath school lesson is briefly studied, and this study is followed by prayer. In the evening there is another service consisting of a brief Bible study, after which prayer is offered. Not a few attend, for as the log bell is beaten the whole village seems to move at once to the place of worship.

How one is reminded of Pentecostal days when they "continued steadfastly" in prayer, and "daily" they worshipped God in public. Then many were added to the church, and wonders were wrought. In these words we have a history of the work in the Solomon Islands. How gladly they have received the Word! What a rebuke to thousands in the homelands who have no time even once a week to attend the prayer meeting, or to erect the family altar!—*J. E. Fulton, in Australasian Record.*



Harvest Ingathering

WE are planning soon to make a final report of Harvest Ingathering results and to show once again our chart. We urgently ask all those still working in the interests of the campaign to report through their offices as soon as they have finished so that this last report can be made.

We are confident that the Division goal of £3,000 will be reached. Brother Anderson reports that he was able, while travelling through Portuguese West Africa, to work in the interests of the campaign, and that he collected over £50. Brother T. J. Gibson writes that for the nine weeks he was out collecting, he raised £250-17-3.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE AFRICAN DIVISION

Title Receipts of the Unions, as Compared with Corresponding Quarter of Last Year

NAME	AMT. FOR QUARTER		AMT. 3RD. QUARTER 1923		REC'D. TO DATE THIS YEAR		REC'D. SAME PERIOD 1923	
	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE
S. A. Union Conference	£2551 13 11	226 19 4	2734 11 9	256 9 9	8112 14 2	645 9 1	6857 14 4	772 0
Zambesi Union	340 12 2	109 15 6	199 19 9	77 3 4	689 9 11	323 3 6	630 16 1	221 11 1
So. Atlantic Missions	28 2 8	2 0 0	5 5 6		72 3 2	6 2 4	10 15 11	3 12 0
Congo Mission Field	50 6 3	3 5 10			163 13 5	7 10 7	10 15 1	1 9
TOTALS	£2970 15 0	342 0 8	2939 17 0	333 13 1	9038 0 8	982 5 6	7510 1 5	998 14 1

Title Receipts of Local Organisations as Compared with Corresponding Quarter of Last Year

NAME	AMT. FOR QUARTER		AMT. 3RD. QUARTER 1923		REC'D. TO DATE THIS YEAR		REC'D. SAME PERIOD 1923	
	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE
Cape Conference	829 14 9	147 5 9	905 5 10	123 8 2	2425 7 0	405 6 3	2200 3 4	342 14 0
Natal-Tvl. Conference	1128 1 9	49 4 4	1391 17 0	78 14 7	3830 8 6	137 10 6	3283 7 0	248 17 0
Orange River Conference	593 17 5	30 9 3	437 8 11	54 7 0	1856 18 8	102 12 4	1374 4 0	180 9 0
South Rhodesia	223 4 4	69 6 6	154 19 8	52 18 4	503 14 2	229 16 8	464 12 4	140 3 4
North Rhodesia	84 5 6	15 8 5	18 12 1	3 5 0	88 14 8	22 15 2	125 4 9	40 0 0
Nyasaland	33 2 4	25 0 7	26 8 0	21 0 0	97 1 1	70 11 8	40 19 0	41 8 0
South West Africa	5 19 8	2 0 0			18 1 11	6 2 4	3 18 5	3 12 0
Benguela Mission	22 3 0		5 5 6		54 1 3		6 17 6	
Lunda								
Huilla								
Katanga	33 6 10	1 16 7			103 0 11	4 12 0		
Songa	9 15 8	19 11			46 16 9	2 7 6	10 15 1	1 9 7
Kongolo	7 3 9	9 4			13 15 9	11 1		
TOTALS	£2970 15 0	342 0 8	2939 17 0	333 13 1	9038 0 8	982 5 6	7510 1 5	998 14 1

Membership etc., of Unions and

	AFRICAN DIVISION		SO. AFRICAN UNION		ZAMBESI UNION		SO. ATLANTIC MISSIONS		CONGO MISSIONS		CAPE		NATAL TVL.		ORAN
	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE
1. Ordained ministers	28	9	15	7	4	2	2		1		3	4	6	1	4
2. Licensed ministers	18		7		10				1		3				1
3. Licensed missionaries	28		14		6		2		3		4		3		4
4. Evangelists, teachers		301		47		247		1		6		17		15	
5. Colporteurs	18	16	18	9		7					6	1	8	7	4
6. Other workers	17	10	8	1	9	9					2		2	1	3
7. Total all workers	109	336	62	64	29	265	4	1	5	6	18	22	19	24	16
8. No. of Sabbath schools	66	218	53	53	10	158	3	2		5	14	19	15	18	24
9. Membership	1440	11833	1348	1122	80	10389	12	40		282	487	457	601	266	260
10. Students at Spion Kop	70		69		1						19		30		20
11. No. of church schools	5	1	5	1							1	1	2		2
12. Enrolment	65	25	65	25							22	25	27		16
13. Students in training schools		346		46		270				30				17	
14. Students in mission schools		782		117		635				30					
15. No. of outschools		169		18		148				3		6		5	
16. Enrolment		8698		473		8058				167		216		102	
17. No. of churches	40	49	35	30	3	15	2	1		3	11	10	12	7	12
18. Membership Dec. 31, 1922	1275	2981	1218	779	57	2202					329	359	606	201	283
19. Membership end last quarter	1509	3959	1395	991	102	2903	12	10		55	481	332	597	244	317
20. Added by baptism	23	388	23	8		380					7		1	5	15
21. Added by vote	37	33	34	27	3	6					9	6	12	2	13
22. Total gain during quarter	60	421	57	35	3	386					16	6	13	7	28
23. Dropped by apostasy	6	60	6	15		45							1	9	5
24. Transferred by letter	25	22	22	14	3	8					8	1	10	7	4
25. Dropped by death	1	13	1	5		8							1	2	
26. Nett gain in members	28	326	28	1		325					8	5	1	11 loss	19
27. Present membership	1537	4285	1423	992	102	3228	12	10		55	489	337	598	233	336
28. Goal to close of year	1461	4557	1461	1251		3206				100	510	448	603	301	348
29. Probationers' class		3666		284		3301				81		51		113	
30. Hearers' class		248		100		100		12		36					
31. Total keeping Sabbath	1537	8199	1423	1376	102	6629	12	22		172	489	388	598	346	336

ION FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30, 1924

Mission Offerings Receipts for the Unions

NAME	REC'D. FOR QUARTER			REC'D. TO DATE THIS YEAR			SAME DATE LAST YEAR			P/W PER MEMBER TO DATE	
	WHITE	NATIVE		WHITE	NATIVE		WHITE	NATIVE			
A. Union Conference	£2369	7 4	156 9 0	5743	17 3	337 11 8	5983	18 2	359 18 3	2/5	3d.
Abesini Union	438	7 1	87 18 8	661	2 6	310 2 2	498	2 6	188 12 7	6/-	1d.
Atlantic Missions	9 12	7	1 0 0	43	1 7	5 15 10	2 5	6	8 19 0		
Ango Mission Field	14 18	4	3 5 1	53	11 4	6 9 6	5 5	0	1 15 2		
TOTALS	£2832	5 4	248 12 9	6601	12 8	659 19 2	6494	11 2	559 5 0		

Mission Offerings Receipts for the Local Organisations

NAME	REC'D. FOR QUARTER			REC'D. TO DATE THIS YEAR			SAME DATE LAST YEAR			P/W PER MEMBER TO DATE	
	WHITE	NATIVE		WHITE	NATIVE		WHITE	NATIVE			
Abesini Conference	£794	17 1	102 0 3	1981	8 10	209 8 10	1898	11 5	191 6 11	3/-	3½d.
Abesini-Tvl. Conference	1075	1 4	28 9 9	2857	4 11	66 12 4	2718	16 6	89 4 11	2/5	2d.
Abesini River Conference	499	8 11	25 19 0	1055	3 6	61 10 6	1376	10 3	79 6 5	1/11	1½d.
Abesini Rhodesia	385	12 7	62 4 2	536	10 11	172 12 0	404	15 0	126 10 4	7/8	1d.
Abesini Rhodesia	35	2 0	7 11 9	52	7 6	11 10 4	77	9 6	18 3 10	1/11	½d.
Abesini Masaland	17	12 6	18 2 9	72	4 1	125 19 10	15	18 0	43 18 5	5/3	1d.
Abesini West Africa	4	6	1 0 0	3	7 6	5 15 10	17	6	8 19 0		
Abesini Benguela Mission	9	8 1		39	14 1		1	8 0			
Abesini Lunda											
Abesini Huilla											
Abesini Katanga											
Abesini Songa											
Abesini Kongolo											
TOTALS	£2832	5 4	248 12 9	6601	12 8	659 19 2	6494	11 2	559 5 0		

Organisations at Close of Quarter

SOUTH RHODESIA	NORTH RHODESIA		NYASALAND		SOUTH WEST		BENGUELA		LUNDA		HUILLA		KATANGA		SONGA		KONGOLO		
	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE
2			1				1												1.
	4		1											1					2.
	1		1				2											1	3.
77		60		110		1								1					4.
6		1																	5.
9	2		4																6.
94	7	61	7	110		1		3						1	1			1	7.
61	3	35	2	62		1	1	2	1					1					8.
3237	15	1154	6	5998		3	5	9	35					70		170			9.
																			10.
																			11.
136		25		109										30					12.
91		152		392															13.
58		30		60															14.
2563		975		4520															15.
10	1	3		2				2	1										16.
1161	14	208	7	833										1	1				17.
1437	14	251	7	1215		3	3	9	7					46		6			18.
290		90																	19.
5		1																	20.
295		91																	21.
42				3															22.
3		5		1															23.
5				3															24.
245		86		1 loss	6 loss														25.
1682	14	337	6	1209		3	3	9	7					46		6			26.
171		349		1145															27.
392		611		2298										85		10			28.
100									12					70		10			29.
2174	14	948	6	3507		3	3	9	19					30		6			30.
														146		22			31.

The Sentinel Publishing Company

Total value of book sales for the quarter ending September 30, 1924, including all classes of literature, at retail prices

Division into Classes	Number	Value
Subscription Books (Large)	676	£659 5 6
Subscription Books (Small)	1008	157 1 9
Home Workers' and Trade Books	453	117 17 6
Pamphlets and Tracts (English)	1455	2 5 8
Native Books	692	206 8 6
Native Pamphlets and Tracts	706	22 13 0
Total	4990	£1165 11 11

Sales by Conferences and Union Missions, at retail value

Division into Territory	Eng. & Dutch	Native
Cape Tract Society	£543 10 1	3 0
Natal-Tvl Tract Society	264 17 0	68 3 6
O. F. S. Tract Society	86 2 7	10 11 0
Zambesi Union Mission	1 9 9	
North Rhodesia Mission Field	8 6	17 10 0
South Rhodesia Mission Field	4 0 9	132 14 0
Spion Kop College	19 3 3	
Congo Mission Field	4 13 3	
Foreign	12 5 3	
Total	£936 10 5	£229 1 6



Our Statistical Report

THE report for the African Division for the third quarter of 1924 has some very interesting figures. We hope that our readers closely examine these reports as published each quarter and are following the development of our work in the field.

There is a remarkable growth in the tithe receipts for the three quarters ending September 30, as compared with the corresponding terms of the previous year. Our mission offerings results show also an increase over 1923, although not to the same degree as the tithe receipts of the white constituency. However, the goals for the three quarters have almost been reached, and we are grateful for the way in which our members have shouldered the responsibility of doing their part in sending funds into the mission field for the advancement of the work.

The membership of our Sabbath schools has grown and the figure now stands at 13,273. The church membership at September 30 was 5,822. Early in the year, our conferences and mission fields were asked to set a goal for membership for 1924, and it was the aim and determination of the field that by December 31 next the membership should stand at 6,018. We are within 196 of reaching this goal. We rejoice to know that in the probationers' class we have 3,666 souls who are still studying our truths, preparatory to being baptized. Our missionaries are holding up a high standard for the native people so that they might be fully instructed before receiving the rite of baptism. There are 9,736 persons who are keeping the Sabbath throughout the African Division territory.

W. B. C.



"DAY after day is passing into eternity, bringing us nearer to the close of probation. As never before, we must pray for the Holy Spirit to be more abundantly bestowed upon us, and we must look for its sanctifying influence to come upon the workers, that those for whom they labour may know that they have been with Jesus and have learned of Him."—"Gospel Workers," pp. 288, 289.

SPION KOP COLLEGE

E. D. DICK, Principal

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College News

TAKE a peep into the class rooms and notice everyone hard at work. Next week the examinations begin and then come the graduation exercises, to which all are eagerly looking forward. There is a subdued hum of excitement in the air, for are there not only ten more days to the holidays? This is one of the chief subjects of conversation at the present time for all are looking forward to a well-deserved rest after the strenuous work of the year.

A week ago, we had a musical and literary evening. A good programme was given and all the items were well rendered. One could not help but be impressed by the fact that, with one or two exceptions, all the pieces were memorized even to the smallest performer. This was especially noteworthy on the part of the students as the pieces were of a decidedly classical nature. The music department is functioning in a strong way. Special efforts have been made to help students to realize that music is more than a pastime. Careful study has been made of its history from the earliest times to the present day.

Last Friday evening, we concluded our canvassers' institute, as a result of which a number of our young men will spend the vacation canvassing. This institute was conducted by Brethren Stevenson, Blennerhassett and Fourie. A few days before the conclusion of the institute, Elders MacNeil and Heald were also able to be with us, and gave valuable help. We were very disappointed in not having Brother Joseph with us this year, but on account of illness in his home he was not able to come.

We are having good missionary meetings. Large numbers of papers are mailed out every fortnight and we are hoping that as a result of our labours many souls will be saved in the Kingdom. The rack at the Ladysmith railway station is also kept well supplied with papers. Even the children have a part in the missionary work of the College, for the Junior Missionary Volunteer Society meets every Friday morning and the little ones spend a part of the time mailing out papers. A few weeks ago, the children sent out missionary letters, and it was good to see how pleased they were when the replies began to come in. And such nice replies they were too! In every instance the receivers were thankful for the papers sent and were very anxious that they should be continued.

The Spring week of prayer was one of the best we have ever had, and concluded with a consecration service in which everyone took part. All felt that this was a time of real refreshing, and we are determined to go forward with greater zeal and courage in the Master's service. A baptismal class was formed and we hope to have a baptismal service shortly before school closes.

We have been favoured with a number of visitors this year. Last week, we had the pleasure of welcoming Elder Heald (our new conference president) and his wife and Brother and Sister Nelson and their little boy. Mrs. Heald and Mrs. Nelson are remain-

ing here until school closes. We were also pleased to have Elder MacNeil with us for a few days. Another recent visitor was Miss Hilda Choice, of Kimberley, who quite enjoyed her short stay at Spion Kop. Mrs. Hodgson and baby also paid us a flying visit. We expect a number of visitors for the closing exercises, and they are already beginning to arrive. Mrs. Honey has been visiting her daughter, and other visitors are Mrs. Snyman, Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Webb and the Misses du Toit.

CAPE CONFERENCE

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Reports That Cheer

THIS morning I have been reading the eleventh chapter of Acts. I am impressed with the joy which filled the hearts of the believers when they heard what things God was doing among the Gentiles. It must have been a good time in the church when these reports came from the field. And then the twenty-third verse tells how Barnabas felt when he saw the work being done in Antioch.

Do you know that among those who love the Truth it is the same today? When one visits a church or home and begins to tell what the Lord is doing right here in the Cape Conference and in the fields afar off, he can see the courage rising in the faces of the listeners.

I was over at Rokeby Park on the Jubilee Sabbath. All our hearts were cheered as we recounted the leadings of God's providences in the work of this Message. Somehow a good brotherly feeling comes into the heart for all those old pioneers and for all who have laid hold on the Truth. There is felt a sort of fellowship that stirs one to do something to help along.

Two Sabbaths later I was at the Cape. As I saw what the grace of God has done there these past few months, I felt just as Barnabas did when he came to Antioch. Almost one hundred persons have been baptized in the Peninsula since the beginning of this year. These are the fruit of the Salt River and Wynberg efforts. Now the tent is pitched again, this time at Mowbray; and it would do you good to see the people who attend. Many attended the former efforts and there is a large class of newly interested ones. Surely the Spirit of the Lord witnesses to the work done.

The next Sabbath I spent at Oudtshoorn. Here, last March, Brother and Sister Staples started in all alone. There was no one to help in the music, no one to help seat the people, no one to look after the taking up of the offering, except as some might volunteer. It was a time when one had to be "all things to all men." In May, Miss Fleming went and helped. On Sunday, October 19, nine souls were baptized and there is an equal number who are preparing for this ordinance by further study. These will be ready soon.

The next Sabbath afternoon, I met with the coloured people at Port Elizabeth. On Sunday, two brethren

were baptized and added to the Port Elizabeth coloured church.

A letter from Brother Claude Tarr tells of the baptism of several native believers at Clebe in the Transkei.

So here in the Cape Conference, we can have our eleventh chapter of Acts, verses 18 and 23. You will notice how a spirit of unity and love came in amongst the early Christian church as they thought of and talked about what God was doing in the great harvest field.

May God grant us many such experiences and that good reports may continue to come in.

U. BENDER.

ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE

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The Beaconsfield Effort

DURING the last few months, many prayers have ascended in behalf of the Beaconsfield effort, and the Lord has heard these supplications. For years this church has stood as a messenger for the Truth here in Beaconsfield, and she is now putting forth special efforts by inviting honest and hungry souls to take refuge within her sacred walls.

The past week has been a busy one, making all the needed preparations and erecting the large canvas pavilion. One of the poles projecting through the top of the tent very proudly hoists a flag on which can clearly be seen, "Gospel Tent."

Of more importance and value than the manual labour, was the spiritual refreshing for which the church has sought. It truly has been a week of self-examination and entire consecration to the work of the hour. The desire to see souls saved as a result of this effort was expressed in the songs, the talk, and the earnest prayers of every member of the church.

On Sabbath morning, our conference president gave a very stirring address on the great need of first being imbued with the Holy Spirit before being able to save souls. The chapel was filled with God's presence as we all prayed for a richer measure of His Spirit. Miss Rowlands and Miss Venter, of Bloemfontein, were invited to spend the week-end with us.

Our first meeting was on Sunday night, the 26th of October. The seating capacity of two hundred and fifty was taxed to the utmost. Many stood outside with their attention riveted on Elder Hiten as he clearly presented Daniel 2.

At time of writing, four meetings are in the past, and all we can say is, "Praise the Lord. He answers prayer." Every chair was occupied tonight, besides many sitting out on the grass and others standing. God is no doubt making bare His arm here in Beaconsfield.

We thank the brethren and sisters all over the field for their prayers in behalf of the work here. Let us continue wrestling with God. "No prayer, no power; little prayer, little power; much prayer, much power." God is ready. Shall we not pray more and have more power?

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First Impressions

OUR arrival in South Africa has been a very happy experience. We all feel about like Brother and Sister Nelson's little boy felt who, when asked how he thought he would like South Africa, replied, "I like it already!"

Upon arriving in Cape Town, October 31, we were invited to remain there a week, and were given a hearty reception. Every day of the week was taken up in seeing the glories of the "Mother City of South Africa."

But we must say that beautiful Natal is unsurpassed. We arrived in Durban Sabbath morning, October 25, and were met at the boat by Brethren MacNeil, Blaine and Rogers. In a few minutes we were through the customs, and it was our privilege to speak in the Durban church Sabbath morning, and in the native chapel that afternoon.

The next morning, we left for Maritzburg in cars belonging to Brother Blaine and Sister Davison. It was a delightful ride over the beautiful green hills. We greatly appreciate the Christian courtesy shown us by our Durban people. On October 28, we met with the conference committee at the office. Elder MacNeil was present, and much was planned that we trust will mean advancement to the Cause in the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

That night, in company with Elder MacNeil, we went to Spion Kop College, and it was a real inspiration to meet so large a student body eager to receive a Christian education. Let me say in this connection that the writer hopes our people throughout the conference fully appreciate the benefits and blessings of having such an institution as Spion Kop College in our midst. We spent several days with our brethren in the colporteurs' institute. It is planned for at least seven of the students to enter the field this summer. They are as follows: Willie Norcott, Ernest Stevenson, Melvin Sparrow, Robert Buckley, Peter Engelbrecht, Willie Retief, and John van der Merwe.

We are hoping that still others will enter the colporteur evangelists' field, and we take this occasion to invite our people to extend every Christian courtesy possible to any colporteur who may come to their homes. We should unite our prayers in behalf of this noble band of young people.

Mrs. Heald and Mrs. Nelson are spending three weeks at the College studying Afrikaans under Brother

Boekhout. In the meantime, Brother Nelson and the writer will find living quarters in Maritzburg, and we hope to be settled ere long.

In closing, the writer solicits the earnest prayers of our people throughout the conference in behalf of the Lord's work in this important field. As soon as time permits, I hope to meet with all our churches.

B. M. HEALD.



General News Notes

BROTHER JOSEPH left the Cape on Sunday night, the 9th, visiting the Transvaal and Natal in the interests of the book work.

BROTHER C. ROBINSON and family have returned after a furlough in England. Brother Robinson has left to take up his work in South Rhodesia, but Mrs. Robinson and Alan are remaining at the Sanitarium for a few weeks.

ON Thursday, the 6th inst., Elder W. H. Anderson arrived in Cape Town from Angola. We were sorry to find Brother Anderson quite poorly as he was met at the boat, but we trust that with the rest and treatment that he is receiving at the Sanitarium, he will be speedily restored to his usual health.

WE are unable to report the results of the efforts of those who took an active part in the Big Week, but we learn of several who have been out and who enjoyed good success. The staff of the Publishing House and some of the workers in the Division office went out for several days and enjoyed their experiences.



Return of an Old Recruit

(BROTHER S. M. KONIGMACHER has spent many years in mission work in Africa, and we are glad to give this first report from him after his return:)

It is a real pleasure to be back in Africa again and to meet so many friends.

We are spending a few days here at the Rusangu mission waiting for the boat to take us up the Zambesi River to the Kalimbeza mission.

At this mission, we notice the new office building and the beautiful green garden in the vlei. The wheat is stacked in a big pile and the oats has yet to be reaped. The boys are just leaving for a holiday and we hope their testimonies will be a power for good in their villages.

The mission is wielding an influence for good over the villages, but still the natives carry on their heathen customs at their funeral services. The Batonga people are most demonstrative on occasions such as funerals. The other day we attended a funeral service held in a nearby village, and wondered at all the performances that were gone through. Seventeen head of cattle were killed for the feast. Many were crying and trying to drive the evil spirits away with their spears.

To me, one of the most wonderful sights is to see the old boys who are still in the work. Boys who helped to pioneer the place are still faithful. Surely there is power in this last Message. I am thankful to have a part in it.