

Attendance of Church Members at Camp-meetings—No. 2

"If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to His church, how much more do they need it now!

"This is a time for every one to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The forces of the enemy are strengthening, and as a people we are misrepresented. We desire the people to become acquainted with our doctrines and work. We want them to know what we are, and what we believe. We must find our way to their hearts. Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to present the work and cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you. He does not do His work without the co-operation of the human agent. Go to the camp-meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so. Go with a will to work. And make every effort to induce your friends to go, not in your place, but to go with you, to stand on the Lord's side, and obey His commandments. . . . Angels who are commissioned to minister to those who are heirs of salvation will accompany you. God will do great things for His people. He will bless every effort to honour His cause and advance His work.

PREPARATION OF HEART

"At these gatherings we must ever remember that two forces are at work. A battle unseen by human eyes is being waged. The army of the Lord is on the ground, seeking to save souls. Satan and his host are also at work, trying in every possible way to deceive and destroy. The Lord bids us, 'Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities,

against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.' Eph. 6: 11, 12. Day by day the battle goes on. If our eyes could be opened to see the good and evil agencies at work, there would be no trifling, no vanity, no jesting or joking. If all would put on the whole armour of God and fight manfully the battles of the Lord, victories would be gained that would cause the kingdom of darkness to tremble.

"None of us should go to the camp-meeting depending on the ministers or the Bible-workers to make the meeting a blessing to us. God does not want His people to hang their weight on the minister. He does not want them to be weakened by depending on human beings for help. They are not to lean, like helpless children, upon some one else as a prop. As a steward of the grace of God, every church-member should feel personal responsibility to have life and root in himself. Each one should feel that in a measure the success of the meeting depends upon him. Do not say, 'I am not responsible. I shall have nothing to do in this meeting.' If you feel thus, you are giving Satan opportunity to work through you. He will crowd your mind with his thoughts, giving you something to do in his lines. Instead of gathering with Christ, you will scatter abroad.

"The success of the meeting depends on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. For the out-pouring of the Spirit every lover of the cause of truth should pray, and as far as lies in our power, we are to remove every hindrance to His working. The Spirit can never be poured out while variance and bitterness toward one another are cherished by the members of the church. Envy, jealousy, evil-surmising, and evil-speaking are of Satan, and they effectually bar the way against the Holy Spirit's working. Nothing else in this world is so dear to God as His

church. Nothing is guarded by Him with such jealous care. Nothing so offends God as an act that injures the influence of those who are doing His service. He will call to account all who aid Satan in his work of criticising and discouraging.

"Those who are destitute of sympathy, tenderness and love, cannot do Christ's work. Before the prophecy can be fulfilled, the weak shall be 'as David,' and the house of David 'as the angel of the Lord' (Zech. 12: 8), the children of God must put away every thought of suspicion in regard to their brethren. Heart must beat in unison with heart. Christian benevolence and brotherly love must be far more abundantly shown. The words are ringing in my ears. 'Draw together, draw together.' The solemn, sacred truth for this time is to unify the people of God. The desire for pre-eminence must die. One subject of emulation must swallow up all others,—who will most nearly resemble Christ in character? Who will most entirely hide self in Jesus?"



Dying in China Without God

"O, CHURCH of the living God,
Awake from thy sinful sleep!
Dost thou not hear yon awful cry
Still sounding o'er the deep?
Is it naught that every four
Of all the human race
Should in China die, having never heard
The Gospel of His grace?
Canst thou shut thine ears to the awful sound,
The voice of thy brother's blood?—
A million a month in China
Are dying without God!

Four hundred millions! lo! I see
The long procession pass.
It makes full three and twenty years!—
Yet scarce two hours, alas!
My eye need gaze to count the saints
Amid that mighty host!
So few, so very few, the saved,
So numberless the lost!
The lost! ah, does no righteous voice
Accuse us of their blood?—
A million a month in China
Are dying without God!

O, watchman of God, thou seest
The sword of destruction come;
Why soundest thou not the warning
'Mid the hosts of heathendom?
God says that if thou warnest not
The wicked, at His command,
He shall perish, but his blood shall be
Required at thy hand!
O, cleanse thy hand from murder,
From the stain of thy brother's blood;
A million a month in China
Are dying without God!

—H. Grattan Guinness.



The Mighty Heathen are Wakening up

THE following paragraph is an extract from the published report of a recent meeting, in a South African city, of a branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society:

"In closing, the secretary referred to what he considered a very striking happening in modern evangelization. The eyes of thinking men, the statesmen of

the world, are turned especially toward China, and the upheavels there. China stands for a quarter of the human race, and when China learns the secret of cohesion, no nation will dare attempt to exploit her. The men in China standing for a regenerated China know that material prosperity and even western culture will not regenerate that land, only the Christian gospel will do that. The outstanding figure in China today is Marshal Feng, commanding an army known as Feng's Ironsides; he is endeavouring to bring order out of the present chaos. Himself a sedulous student of the Scriptures, he has purchased upwards of 100,000 New Testaments, mainly for his troops. Has history anything like that to record? Since 1914, the Bible Society has circulated no less than 55,000,000 in China. Today its general distribution is about 8½ millions annually."

The present is surely a time of great opportunity for China. Ever since 1807, when the first Protestant missionary, Robert Morrison, entered China, the Lord has been preparing the Chinese people for the Gospel of the Kingdom, "Heavenly Country's Happy Sound" as they call it. For though the rejection of the Gospel has always meant eternal death, yet rejection of the final offer of mercy brings the added responsibility of greater light and the fearful experience of the time of trouble. All the past quarter, the world's Sabbath schools have been learning of China so that on the thirteenth Sabbath they may make an intelligent offering for the extension of the Message in that land. We have learned of its immense population steeped in heathenism and superstition; of the small percentage of missionaries; and of the loyalty and the self-sacrifice of the native Christians. Our next special offering will form an ever-widening circle, for the result of that offering will bring many to the Saviour, and they in turn will give of their means which also will yield a harvest of converts. So the circle will keep widening until the work is finished and all China is lightened with His glory.

MRS. A. P. TARR.



The Sabbath School Superintendent

(A paper written by Brother O. O. Fortner and read at the Church Officers' Convention at Wynberg, January 31, 1925.)

HIS WORK

No office in the church, except that of pastor, or elder, is more important than that of the Sabbath school superintendent.

The duties and work of the superintendent are to superintend, to lead, direct and manage every department of the Sabbath school. He is responsible for the selection of teachers and leaders of divisions, for the plans and methods and policy of conducting the school, and for the carrying out of the plans and programmes with enthusiasm and energy.

Every Sabbath school has a programme or order of exercises, which is more or less the same in all schools, but the difference is chiefly manifested in the way the programme is carried out, and the difference is as great as the difference between various superintendents. There are *easy-going* superintendents, with no particular plan, no method, no variety, whose school *drawls* along about the same this year as it did

last year, some times beginning on time and sometimes late, and generally after the time for opening he is turning the leaves of the hymn book to find some appropriate hymn with which to begin. He generally forgets to make provision for the review and mission talk until just before the opening of the school. Having thus set the keynote of easy-going ways, he carries the same through all the exercises, and closes with about as much vim as he began.

Then there is the fault-finding superintendent. Scolding seems natural to him, and no one can do anything just to his mind, and he scolds everybody on almost every occasion; consequently he does not find many willing helpers.

Then there is the *talkative* superintendent, who generally is very good natured, whom nature has afflicted with a gift of speech out of proportion to his other qualifications. In exercising his gift he generally takes up so much time that there is not sufficient time left for the more important parts of the programme. Generally *he* comes out strong, and his *school* comes out weak.

Then, there is the *cheerful*, wide-awake, helpful superintendent. The whole school feels at once the influence of a bright, cheerful face turned to them from the platform, and his few well chosen opening words act like a tonic to all present. Such a superintendent is not satisfied with merely opening the school and closing it. Such a superintendent will be constantly on the alert for new and improved plans and methods of increasing the interest and efficiency of the school. Elaborate and protracted speeches are never delivered from his platform. He so adjusts the order of his programme, and so carefully carries it out, that everything finds its time and place, and the benediction is pronounced while the interest is running at its highest point.

A true superintendent is in charge of his school seven days in the week. He has it on his mind and on his conscience and on his heart all the time. The first thing in the morning, at the place of prayer, at the table, on the train or the tram, in the shop or office, or on the farm, he is a Sabbath school superintendent, praying, planning, practising.

The real superintendent is a believer in the Bible; he is a Bible man, a lover of the Bible, a student of the Bible, and a man of prayer. He knows where are the springs whence he receives the power that animates his spiritual life, and his experience is always at the service of the teachers and members of the Sabbath school.

RELATION TO THE ELDER

In the absence of a pastor, the church elder is the visible head of the church, and the Sabbath school is a part of the church. It performs a very important function in the work of the church—that of teaching the Word of God. There can be no question as to the responsibility of the elder in all parts of the church services. He is called and ordained to be a teacher, and is responsible for the teaching of Bible subjects and doctrines in his church. Just so far, therefore, as a superintendent has influence in the vital matter of organizing the Sabbath school, appointing teachers, and determining the programme of the school, it is necessary that the chief pastor and teacher of the

church shall bare a voice in the selection of the superintendent. The superintendent should counsel with the elder on all vital points of the Sabbath school work. Not only in teaching Bible subjects and doctrine, but also in the things which pertain to discipline and government, the Sabbath school has become so important a factor that there should be the closest possible relationship and co-operation between the superintendent and the church elder. One of the best ways of securing this happy relationship is for the elder to regularly and faithfully attend the Sabbath school, and hold himself in readiness to be used as a teacher or supply teacher in the school. What we have said here about the elder applies with equal or even greater force to the pastor, when a church is fortunate enough to have one.

RELATION TO THE CONFERENCE

The superintendent should remember that his school is only one of a system of schools throughout the conference, and that through the conference Sabbath school secretary the records of all the schools in the conference are collected and passed on to the union, division, and General Conferences. Therefore, he should give his personal attention to the records to see that they are carefully and properly kept by the secretary and that the reports are sent at the proper time to the conference office, that there be no break in the perfect system and records of the Sabbath school department.

RELATION TO OUR MISSION WORK

A very large proportion of the funds to support our world-wide mission work now comes from our Sabbath schools. To make a success of this part of the Sabbath school work, the superintendent must study the mission fields and familiarize himself especially with the fields which receive the benefit of the offerings, and not only become enthusiastic about these fields, but instil his enthusiasm into the whole school with the result that the offerings to missions may continually increase. The superintendent should see that proper devices, goal charts, maps, etc., are provided and used to the best advantage throughout each quarter to keep alive the interest in missions. An extra £5 in offerings at the end of a quarter, above the amount anticipated, would not in itself be a large sum, but if one hundred superintendents by extra effort and care attained that result, there would be a sum of £500 as an extra amount for missions. Superintendents, is it not worth the effort?

HOW I WOULD CONDUCT THE SABBATH SCHOOL WERE I THE SUPERINTENDENT

In the first place, I would start on time. Promptness is one of the essentials in a well-ordered school. By setting the example in punctuality. I would encourage all the members to be punctual. The hymns chosen would be full of life, and suitable for the lesson subject or the mission talk for the day. The prayer would be a short appeal for the blessing of God on the school. The mission subject for the day would have been given to some member the week before, who would not tire the school by reading the article, but would give a brief, interesting and thrilling talk on the subject—the whole school would be made for

the moment to see the life and surroundings and great need of the people who are to receive the offerings for the quarter and all feel it a privilege to give a larger amount of their means to the 13th Sabbath offerings for that mission field. The review will not be long and tedious, but *short*, SHORT and to the point. Only a few of the main points of the lesson would be impressed and emphasized to make the connection and lead up to the lesson of the day. Whatever other exercises would find place in the school, I would never allow anything, however important or interesting, to encroach upon the time for the lesson of the day; for after all, the Bible lesson is the heart of the Sabbath school. The Sabbath school is the church at study, and the main text book is the Holy Scriptures. The whole thought of the school would be centred on the lesson. The teachers would be encouraged in the teachers' meetings and elsewhere to study and make themselves efficient in the art of teaching, and especially in imparting to their classes the spiritual truths of the lessons. The lessons in all grades of the school would be so interestingly and attractively taught that all the members would take delight in studying their lessons every day in the week and in being in their classes every Sabbath and on time. Having thus conducted the school with order and dignity, but at the same time with life and energy, so that there would not be a dull moment at any time, I would close it in the same spirit of worship and consecration, that all may feel that it was good to be there.

HOW TO CONDUCT TEACHERS' MEETINGS

The teachers, together with the assistant superintendent and secretary and leaders of divisions, form the superintendent's "cabinet," and this cabinet should meet together once a week for counsel, to study the requirements of the different departments of the Sabbath-school, discuss plans for the improvement of the school, to exchange thoughts and make clear the most salient points in the next lesson, to study, or at least to *direct* the study in the art of teaching, and generally to increase the efficiency of the teachers and of the school. The teachers' meeting should be under the leadership of the superintendent, and all the officers, as well as the teachers should attend. The teachers should be invited to make suggestions for improvement in any part of the school, or in the exercises, and all matters affecting the school—the work of the teachers, the use of blackboards, maps and all kinds of Sabbath school helps, how to attain the best results, in securing and keeping the interest of all the members. Above all, the winning of souls to Christ, should come under review for the purpose of improvement. When the lesson for the following Sabbath is taken up, the meeting should separate under the leadership of the different divisions.

(To be concluded next issue)



Missions Rally Day March 14

Let each church "square-up" on its
missions goal

SPION KOP COLLEGE

E. D. DICK, *Principal*

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The Opening of School

WE have come to the beginning of another school year and once more the buildings and campus re-echo to the sounds of merry voices at work and play.

As the time drew near when the first lot of students were due to arrive those who were here began to wonder as to what kind of weather we were going to have, for we remembered that on the two preceding years it had rained heavily at this time, which made the work of transportation both difficult and unpleasant. However, we were having lovely weather and saw no reason why it should not continue. But, as if to live up to the record of the past two years, the weather changed. It rained all through Monday night and there was a steady downpour for the next two or three days; so we have resigned ourselves to the fact that we are bound to have wet weather when the students arrive. The work of transportation was difficult. Owing to the state of the road, it was impossible to get the lorry up the hill, so the "Chevrolet" went into town and brought the students out to the top of the hill and they were then transferred to the lorry waiting at the foot.

We expected a goodly number of students this year; but for some reason or other we have been disappointed again, for up to the present our enrolment is only 81. We were very glad to welcome a number of new students as well as most of those who had been with us last year, but we missed several students whom we had expected to return. Owing to the bad weather, the opening exercises were postponed until Friday morning, the 13th of February. Professor Dick conducted the opening exercises and welcomed the students both new and old and his address contained words of counsel and encouragement. Assignments were then given out and school started on Sunday at 6 A. M. By this time, everything has been organized and all departments are running smoothly.

Last Tuesday, we had our first social evening—a reception given by the faculty to the students. The dining hall was decorated and divided into twelve reception rooms representing the months of the year. Each guest went to the reception room which bore the name of the month of his birth; then, beginning with January, the months started visiting and in this way we all became acquainted. Pianoforte solos, songs and recitations followed and before we realized it the first "lights out" signal went. Thus ended a very pleasant evening.

We are sure all the OUTLOOK readers are keenly interested in our school and the students here; therefore, we give the names of the young people now in attendance. A few more are expected, but the present list is as follows:

Girls: June Bender, Freya Boekhout, Gladys Brown, Ruth Bredenkamp, Amy Cooks, Grace Cooks, Jean Cramond, Marie Ernst, Virginia Fortner, Genevieve Fortner, Mabel Holbrook, Doreen Holbrook, Ida

Honey, Eileen Jeffrey, Katie Lynch, Christina Lewis, Alida Marais, Miss Naude, Nellie Pretorius, Pearl Renou, Mabel Robinson, Annie van Rooyan, Miss Roux, Ella Snyman, Mimmie Siepman, Syntje Siepman, Doris Sparrow, Sylvia Straw, Gwennie Tarr, Fern Wilson, Mavis Wilson, Gladys Smith and Betty King.

Boys: Ivan Ansley, Ross Ansley, Sydney Armer, Johan Boekhout, Thomas Bender, Philip Bulgin, Ira Bredenkamp, Ray Bredenkamp, Robert Buckley, Edward Buckley, Leon Bredenkamp, Leslie Billes, Henry Bell, Christoffel Botha, Gabriel Botha, Jan Botha, Nico Claase, Delbert Dick, Frans Fourie, Richard Harrison, Willie Holbrook, Willie Hodgson, Ernest Hodgson, Wesley Herbert, Cecil Jeffrey, Colin Lello, Geoffrey Leverett, Gert Meintjes, Allan Minter, Ernest Marter, Charlie Marter, Mr. C. C. Marais, Mr. S. Marx, Jurie Moolman, John v. d. Merwe, Victor Norcott, Botha Pretorius, Roland Renou, Virgil Robinson, Johannes van Schalkwyk, Adrian Siepman, Mr. Siepman, Melvin Sparrow, Wesley Sparrow, S. Swanepoel, Leland Straw, Ray Stockil, John Vorster, Mr. G. L. Willmore and Mr. Max Webster.

The new plan of boarding is well liked by all the students and we are hoping it will be a success in every way.

Our garden has been a success this year owing to the splendid rains, and we have had plenty and to spare of all kinds of vegetables.

Sister Honey and her band of helpers have been busy canning different kinds of fruit and our pantry is well stocked.

The boys are now the happy possessors of a good piano. This will help to make their practice and leisure hours more enjoyable.

We lead very happy and useful lives here. Are there not some other young people who would like to join us? We assure you we would be pleased to welcome you into our large family.

Parents, teachers, and students, let us resolve to make 1925 the best year Spion Kop College has ever known.

Notice

ALL persons desiring transportation from Ladysmith to Spion Kop are kindly advised that the motor will be in town on Wednesdays, beginning with March 18. Persons arriving at other times should give us notice.

E. D. DICK..

BROTHER G. R. FATTIC, wife and little boy are expected to arrive in Cape Town on the R. M. S. "Windsor Castle" on Monday morning, the 2nd inst. Brother Fattic connects with the South African Union Conference as educational secretary, and Mrs. Fattic as English teacher at the Spion Kop College. We welcome these new workers to the African field.

CONGO MISSION FIELD

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News Notes

On December 28, 1924, we had the pleasure of welcoming Brother and Sister Schaffner and their little son, who have come to us to help preach the Gospel to the heathen of Central Africa. We are certainly thankful to our Heavenly Father for this addition to our corps of workers in the Congo.

At the present time Brother and Sister Schaffner are living in Elizabethville with Elder and Sister Boger, while a house is being erected for them on the Katanga mission. We are glad to report that this house is well under way.

BROTHER SCHAFFNER, as superintendent of the Katanda mission, has reorganised the school, and we have good reasons to believe that very soon we shall be able to look to our own training school for boys and girls to go out into the villages as teachers and evangelists.

On the 14th and 15th of January, 1925, we held our first Union committee meeting in the Congo. Those present were as follows: Pastor E. C. Boger, Brethren R. P. Robinson, B. E. Schaffner, and the secretary. We are sorry that Brother Ferguson was unable to meet with us.

Many important matters received attention at that time, and we pass on the following items which will, we believe, interest the readers of the OUTLOOK:

The membership goal for 1925 for this field was set at 115.

The missions offerings goals for the year 1925 were set as follows:

European workers,	20.00 francs p. w. p. m. (5/-)
European members	12.50 francs p. w. p. m. (2/6)
Native workers	1.00 francs p. w. p. m. (3d.)
Native members	.50 francs p. w. p. m. (1½d.)

The Harvest Ingathering goal was set at 5000.00 francs, or £50-0-0.

Recognizing our responsibility in giving the Message to the many millions of natives in the Belgian Congo who are living in darkness, our committee accepted the recommendation of the African Division committee in regard to holding as many evangelistic campaigns as possible during the year 1925, and for every minister and mission station director to put forth earnest efforts in this direction.

WE are very sorry to report that, on account of Sister Le Butt having had to leave the Congo because of health conditions, Brother Le Butt is being released to take up work in the South African Union Conference. Brother Le Butt has done very faithful work in this field, and as he leaves us, our prayers go with him.

On February 24, Elder Boger and myself are planning to leave Elizabethville for a trip to Kongolo mission. On the return journey, the writer will probably visit the Songa mission for the purpose of auditing the records of that station. D. A. WEBSTER.

ORANGE RIVER CONFERENCE

J. N. DE BEER, *President*. MISS E. M. ROWLANDS, *Secy.-Treas.*
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Camp-meeting and Conference Session

THE annual camp-meeting and conference session of the Orange River Conference will be held April 13-19, 1925, at Bloemfontein, at which time there will be the usual election of conference officers, and such other business will be done as should properly come before the conference.

The camp-meeting for our native believers will be held April 9-12 at Emmanuel mission, Basutoland.

Everything possible will be done to make these gatherings great spiritual feasts. Elder W. A. Spicer, the president of the General Conference will be present at both meetings. Feeling sure that he has a special message of hope and cheer for God's people in Africa, I wish to urge my brethren and sisters to put forth earnest efforts to attend.

The Lord required of Israel of old to come up to Jerusalem for special convocations because He knew that they needed it for their spiritual welfare. Surely modern Israel is in no less need of such gatherings. Let us, therefore, heed the injunction: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as we see the day approaching." Heb. 10:25. There will be a special blessing for everyone who will attend the meetings to be held at Bloemfontein and Emmanuel mission, so begin now to lay plans to be present.

All who require rooms for the time of the meetings at Bloemfontein should write early to Sister E. M. Rowlands, 41 West Burger Street, Bloemfontein, stating just what they need, and everything will be done to secure rooms at as reasonable a rent as possible.

J. N. DE BEER.



Kimberley Effort

(Extracts from a personal letter from Brother MacNeil.)

"WE are now in the fourth week of our meeting, and are having the best attendance this week that we have had thus far. Last Sunday night, I spoke on "Spiritualism." The place was packed. We have 500 chairs in the tent, and hundreds of people were standing outside and inside the place. During the week, the chairs are fairly well occupied, I should say between 400 and 425. The interest is exceptionally good, but I do not know just what will happen when the Sabbath question is presented. I am beginning on the "Sabbath" tonight, so that in a few days' time we will know. We have a visiting list that is well over 200, probably running to 250, and I am wondering just what we are going to do in a few week's time."

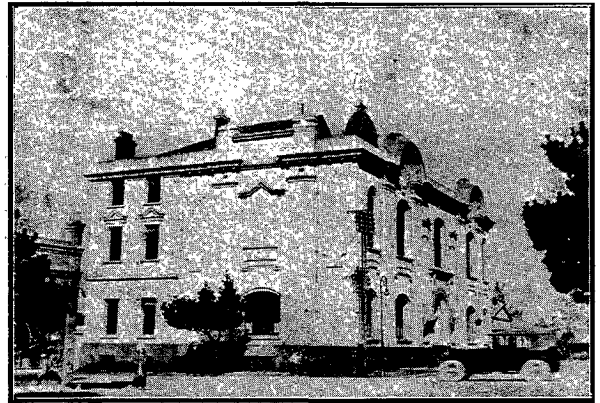


"If we would but think of God as often as we have evidence of His care for us, we should keep Him ever in our thoughts, and should delight to talk of Him and to praise Him."—"Steps to Christ," page 106.

NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

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Johannesburg Meeting



March 30 to April 5

THE meetings will be held in this large, beautiful building.

Elder W. A. Spicer, General Conference president, and Elder J. W. Mace are to be present. These brethren are coming with a world-message that will grip our hearts. It is to be a meeting long to be remembered.

The Spirit of Prophecy has said: "Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. . . . Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel.' . . . Do not reason in this way. God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people."—Vol. 6, pp. 39, 40.

A volunteer choir of consecrated singers is to be organized under the leadership of Brother W. H. Hurlow. He is desirous of enlisting a good company of singers whose hearts are right with God, to assist in making the camp-meeting a spiritual success. Modesty of apparel is also required of those singing in the choir. Those having instruments of music are also invited to bring them to be used to the glory of God in connection with the singing.

B. M. HEALD.

Watch next issue for more camp-meeting news.



Natal-Transvaal Conference

THE 18th session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at Johannesburg in the Freemasons' Temple, corner of Plein and Claim Streets, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as should properly come before the conference, on Monday, March 30, 1925, at 10 A. M.

B. M. HEALD, *President*,
A. E. NELSON, *Secretary*.

General News Notes

MISS EDNA GEORGE, of Port Elizabeth, has connected with the Division office staff.

THE Division staff were glad to welcome Miss P. E. Willmore back to the office, after an absence of several weeks.

BROTHER D. E. ROBINSON left the Cape February 24 for the Rusangu mission, where he will connect with the work of that station.

BROTHER C. E. WHEELER and wife from the Musofu mission, and Brother Smith and family, from Shangani, are spending their furlough at the Cape.

A LETTER has been received from Brother L. E. Biggs reporting that Mrs. Walker, who has been so seriously ill, has now recovered her strength.

BROTHER DANIE OLIVIER, formerly of Langkloof, is now residing in the district of Peddie. His address is P. O. Breakfast Vlei, Via Alice, C. P.

ELDER WALSTON, who recently went to Durban, reports a good interest among the Indian people. Brother Walston seems to be of good courage regarding the development of the work for this needy people.

WE learn that both Mrs. Sharman and Miss Southgate, of the Malamulo mission, have been somewhat poorly of late, but are glad that both have now recovered.

ELDER ANDERSON sailed from Cape Town on the 14th of February on the S. S. "Usaramo" for Lobito Bay. We are glad to report that Elder Anderson had very materially improved in health and he was very happy to be able to return to the field where his heart is.

THE Benguella mission will soon be blessed with a young citrus orchard. Brother Anderson has donated to that mission 72 young citrus trees, and these were taken to the mission by himself last month. We can hardly realize what this will mean in a few years' time for the families on the mission.



For Sale

AN L. C. Smith & Bros. No. 5 typewriter, second-hand and in good working order, at £8-10-0 on rail at Selukwe. Address, T. J. Gibson, Hanke, Selukwe, Rhodesia.

JUST as we go to press, we learn of the death of Sister C. R. Dubber, of Grahamstown. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. An obituary will appear in our next issue.

Sad News from Nyasaland

(Brother Ellingworth has written to Elder Branson regarding the position in Nyasaland, and we copy from his letter:)

"DEAR BROTHER BRANSON,

"You will have received Brother Davy's wire with the very sad news of his wife's death. It is a dreadful tragedy and has made us all feel how uncertain is life. I received word on Thursday night that Sister Davy was seriously ill and I left early on Friday to attempt the trip. When I reached the Shire, I was met by the news that Sister Davy had died on the Wednesday. I pushed on and arrived at Matandani 7:30 o'clock that night, wet to the skin. I found that Sister Davy had died on Wednesday night and that Brother Davy had buried her on Thursday. Brother Davy was bearing up wonderfully and I remained almost a week with him. He felt that he wanted to stay and get things straightened out before coming over to Malamulo. Then as soon as the rain stops, and the washaways can be repaired, we shall send him to the South.

"The facts of Sister Davy's illness seem to be these: Sunday evening Brother and Sister Davy were making out a list of the clothing they would need on their furlough trip to the Cape. About 8 o'clock, she complained of being tired and said she would go to bed. Later Brother Davy went to the room and found her showing signs of having black-water fever. Monday, she seemed over the worst and they were hopeful that all would be well. She appeared to continue to improve until Tuesday afternoon, and then she sank into delirium and passed away about 5 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

"Do you remember our native evangelist, Josiah, a tall man with a very fine face? I am sorry to have to say that we laid him to rest yesterday. He had been ailing for some time, but was feeling better and when I returned from Matandani last Thursday night, he came over to the mission to express his sympathy. Friday afternoon, Miss Southgate said he was ill again and had a temperature of about 105. I decided that, as I was going to Blantyre on Monday to see about Brother Davy's travelling arrangements, I would take him along to see a doctor. That night soon after 10 o'clock, I was called to him and, in spite of all we could do, he fell asleep early Sabbath morning. It is a great blow to us, almost like losing a son, as he has been with the mission all the time I have been here. He had an exemplary Christian character. He always performed the duties allotted him faithfully and well, and I believe that had our funds failed that he would have carried on his work without salary. I always valued him so because of the good influence he exerted over our boys in training. But the Lord has given him the part to rest until He comes to call him home.

"These catastrophies force us to the conclusion that we have to face the question of putting a doctor in this field. With more workers and with the work branching out, it becomes necessary to be in a position to care for our workers. A doctor here would help us in our dealings with the Government and with other societies, and could do a good work among the planters between here and Blantyre and to Mlanje."

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We were made very sad a few days ago to receive a telegraphic message from the Emmanuel mission reporting the death of Sister Howard. Brother Butler has sent us an obituary giving some of the details of our sister's sudden death. We extend to Brother Howard and family our sincere sympathy, praying God's keeping power through this dark hour.

Obituary

HOWARD.—Mary Elizabeth Amos was born April 16, 1877, in Grahamstown, C. P. At the age of nineteen, she accepted the teachings of the Adventist people and became a firm and loyal member of the church. She was greatly interested in all lines of missionary work, and no doubt many who will be saved at last were helped by her faithful efforts in their behalf.

On account of accepting her new found faith, she was compelled to leave her home and take refuge with others. In 1897, she began taking the nurses' course in the Claremont Sanitarium, where she remained for three years.

In December, 1900, she was united in marriage to E. M. Howard, and more than eighteen of their twenty-five years of married life were spent in some branch of the Lord's work.

February 3, 1925, in response to a call for help for the Basutoland field, the father and mother and the two younger sons, Graham and Stanley, moved to Emmanuel mission, to take over the work in that part. However, before they could settle themselves in their new home, Sister Howard began to suffer severely from some unknown cause. She gradually grew worse and the best medical help to be had in Basutoland was consulted. Plain symptoms of enteric manifested themselves, and it seemed advisable to move Sister Howard to the hospital at Leribe where careful attention could be given her. This was done, but on Monday night, February 16, she quietly passed away. She had suffered severely for a number of days, but she bore the pain uncomplainingly. Word was sent to the eldest son, Hugh, at Pretoria, and to the daughters, Beatrice and Gladys, at Grahamstown, but they arrived too late to see their mother alive.

On Wednesday, the 18th, at eleven o'clock, Sister Howard was quietly laid to rest under the beautiful trees in the little plot of ground set apart for this purpose on Emmanuel mission.

When the native chiefs learned of the death of the wife of the new missionary, they at once sent workers to assist in digging the grave; and at the services the following day, Chief Jonathan and several of his sub-chiefs and a large number of his people were present to express their sympathy, and to show their interest in our work at the mission.

Services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother D. B. Lec with Brother Kalaka as interpreter.

At the graveside, Chief Jonathan asked the privilege of saying a few words to the people. He spoke words of sympathy to the bereaved, after which he called the attention of his followers to the kind of work that is being done by the Adventist people. He told them that as their chief, he was the father of the mission, and he expressed the desire soon to see the work and influence of this mission extending all over Basutoland. He assured them that a good work would be done by a people who were willing to leave their homes and give their lives in order to help carry the great message of truth to those who know it not.

To close the service, a favourite hymn of Sister Howard, "Nearer still nearer," was sung by a choir composed largely of native singers.

O. K. BUTLER.

Mothers and Fathers

in these days are looking with keenest interest (and some apprehension) toward the adolescence of their children.

Many of the moral standards and safeguards upon which we used to depend for the protection of our children, have broken down. Mr. John Martin, a noted writer on child life, tells us that one thing is sure:

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