

Reports of Conference Sessions in

Natal-Transvaal Conference. Eighteenth Session Held at Johannesburg March 30-April 6, 1925

THE first meeting of the eighteenth session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference was called to order Monday morning, March 30, 1925, with Elder Heald in the chair. After singing hymn 830, a Scripture reading, 2 Thessalonians 1, was read by Elder French. Prayer was offered by Brother Joseph. The roll was called and the delegates were seated, and it was moved and supported that the chair appoint a standing committee of five. The committee duly appointed was Pastors D. F. Tarr, W. Hodgson, I. Burton, and Brethren J. C. Baumann and B. B. Piercey.

The following report of the standing committee was rendered and the following committees appointed:

COMMITTEE ON PLANS: W. H. Branson, A. E. Nelson, G. S. Joseph, E. D. Dick, A. A. Pitt, Wm. Hodgson, B. B. Piercey, Mrs. Arthur Ingle.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: J. W. MacNeil, Charles Perry, J. C. Baumann, I. B. Burton, J. R. Campbell.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION: A. F. Tarr, J. W. MacNeil, M. W. Carey.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS: B. M. Heald, D. F. Tarr, J. W. MacNeil, G. S. Joseph, W. H. Branson.

COMMITTEE ON BAPTISMS: B. P. de Beer, M. W. Carey, D. F. Tarr.

The president rendered his report which indicated progress during the past year. The increase of tithe, and the subsequent increase in operating fund, the increase in mission funds, and especially in Harvest Ingathering funds, indicated a spirit of faithfulness in tithing and co-operation in missionary endeavour on the part of many. The future plans for strong evangelistic work in the conference has thus been made possible with this help, and a very favourable outlook for the addition of souls during the coming year.

The report of finances for the conference and the department of the tract society was read and accepted. Progress has been made in the building up of the operating capital of the conference, and the native department. The mission funds raised for the year were more than the past year, and the Harvest Ingathering funds raised amounted to over £200 above the goal of £1,100.

Finances of the native department now show a more favourable appearance, and the deficit at the beginning of the year has been wiped off, and there remains a small operating surplus.

The finances of the tract society indicate a healthier condition as a result of the establishment of a definite cash policy. This is due to the decrease in the liabilities to the publishing houses, and the cash policy operating among our colporteurs and churches. The treasurer's report was accepted.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Nominating committee rendered the following report, which was adopted:

PRESIDENT: B. M. Heald.

SECRETARY-TREASURER OF CONFERENCE: A. E. Nelson.

SECRETARY-TREASURER OF TRACT SOCIETY: A. E. Nelson.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: B. M. Heald, A. E. Nelson, L. Moffett, E. D. Dick, Wm. Hodgson, W. Birkenstock, Dr. H. Hankins.

HOME MISSIONARY SECRETARY: A. E. Nelson.

FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARY: A. Blennerhassett.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY: B. M. Heald.

SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARY: Mrs. A. N. Ingle.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLANS AND RESOLUTIONS

The committee on Plans and Resolutions presented the following report, which was heartily endorsed:

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT: WHEREAS, We realize our dependence upon our local Sabbath school secretaries for accurate reports, and also realizing the importance of this phase of the work, we

Recommend, Our secretaries to have their reports signed by the church treasurer before posting them to the department.

WHEREAS, We believe the Sabbath school to be primarily a soul-winning agency, we

Recommend, (a) That our Sabbath school officers talk, urge and agitate until every church member is actively connected with the school, either by regular membership or through the Home department.

(b) That we endeavour by co-operation of the Conference church with the Sabbath School department to enrol every isolated member in the Home department.

AUDITING CHURCH BOOKS: WHEREAS, Our church treasurers are often confronted with difficulties and perplexities in the carrying out of their duties, and are often in need of the encouragement and help that the conference treasurer can and should render to them,

Resolved, That we ask this conference to arrange for the conference treasurer to visit each church and audit the church treasurers' books at least once during each calendar year.

HEALTH: That we may prosper and be in health even as our souls prosper, and that we may be more physically fit for loving service for the Master, therefore

Resolved, That we rededicate our lives to obedience to the laws of health, and that we reaffirm our belief in the principles of healthful living found both in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

MONTHLY LETTER TO ELDERS AND ISOLATED: Realizing the inspirational value to our churches by closer contact with each other, and the joy that comes to our hearts through the knowledge of the progress of the work in the field, as well as its needs; and inasmuch as the office is the only means of communication between the field and our churches,

Resolved, That we ask the conference office to ar-

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range to send, whenever possible, a monthly letter to the church elders and isolated, giving them items of interest, and the happenings that will bring encouragement and cheer to the hearts of our people, and that we endeavour to bring out in the AFRICAN DIVISION OUTLOOK each quarter a financial report of tithes and offerings received by the conference.

MOVING THE CONFERENCE OFFICE: WHEREAS, We believe the conference would be better able to serve the field and to bring about better efficiency in reaching the great European and native populations, and

WHEREAS, It is considered that our tract society work could be carried on at less expense and more efficiently in a more central place, thereby eliminating a separate depository in Johannesburg, therefore

Resolved, That the conference office be moved from Maritzburg to Johannesburg.

CASH POLICY: We affirm the cash policy as adopted at our last conference session, which is as follows:

"WHEREAS, We have repeatedly been admonished through the Spirit of Prophecy that we shun debt as we would leprosy, and whereas our experience shows that debt in connection with any branch of our work greatly retards its progress and brings discouragement; therefore, it is required that the following cash policy should be followed by our conference.

"TRACT SOCIETIES AND MISSION BOOK DEPOSITORIES:

"1. That hereafter our tract society operate its business on a strictly cash basis.

"2. That the tract society be required to settle monthly for accounts due the Sentinel Publishing Company.

"3. That colporteurs be required to pay for each shipment of books promptly when delivered, and that a second shipment shall in no case be made until the first is settled for.

"4. That in the event that a portion of the books are not delivered, the colporteur be required to report same, and ascertain from the tract society what disposition to make of them.

"5. That remittances be made by the colporteurs each week for all books delivered and helps sold.

"6. That individual church members order books, periodicals and other supplies through the church missionary secretary and be required to pay cash with order. That churches be required to settle their account with the tract society in full each month.

"7. That greater care be exercised in selecting colporteurs, and that the conference president, field secretary, and the tract society secretary in the conference be a standing committee to deal with the matter of their selection.

"8. That we guard against carelessness in the use of money, and urge our workers to practise economy in all lines of work with which they are engaged, and study and pursue plans of advancement which are efficient and economical."

TEMPERANCE: WHEREAS, This conference appreciating the blessings of temperance, and speaking for a people who in all its membership in all the world are total abstainers, be it

Resolved, That we declare anew our conviction that the traffic in alcoholic liquors is a great source of misery and crime, and that we heartily support the South African Temperance Alliance in its aim to secure the passage of a Local Option Measure in the Union of South Africa.

BIG WEEK: WHEREAS, The Big Week has been a great factor in the hands of God in the establishment of publishing house centres in needy fields during the

past four years, about £36,000 having been raised for this purpose by the sale of literature, and

WHEREAS, At the last Fall Council of the General Conference, it was voted to raise £27,000 during 1925 not only for the establishment of publishing houses, but also of schools, medical dispensaries, small hospitals and permanent equipment, and

WHEREAS, The General Conference has appropriated to the African Division for 1925 the sum of £1,800 from this fund for school extension work and the establishment of medical missions in the Congo and Angola, therefore

Resolved, That we enter heartily into this campaign, and that it be conducted on the following plan recommended to us by the General Conference:

(a) The promotion work to head up in the Home Missionary department with the active co-operation of the Publishing, Educational and Medical departments.

(b) That our lay members be encouraged to devote at least six hours during the Big Week to the sale of literature, applying the profits to the Extension Fund.

(c) That colporteurs continue to share in the Big Week plan, giving the profits of the biggest day's sales.

(d) That conference and institutional workers join in the extension plan by selling literature during the Big Week, applying the entire profits to the fund in addition to their personal income for one day.

(e) That in case of inability to devote time and effort to the sale of literature during the Big Week, lay members and institutional workers and conference labourers make an offering to the Extension Fund equivalent to at least one day's income.

HOME MISSIONARY: *Resolved*, (a) That we encourage our people to continue to use the *Signs of the Times* extensively in their missionary work in personal distribution and through the post.

(b) That we urge our church members to use the "Bible Truth Series" of tracts in their correspondence and follow-up work.

(c) That we encourage all our people to continue to take active interest in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and that they endeavour to confine their efforts to a period of six weeks during 1925.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Realizing the danger to our children of the wide-spread teaching of evolution, which undermines their faith in God and His Word; and realizing the hindrance of worldly association to the development of Christian character; and recognising the great value of Christian education as promoted in our church schools, therefore

Resolved, That we set as our conference goal a church school in every church where there are six or more children of school age, wherever this is at all possible.

TRAINING SCHOOLS: WHEREAS, There is a constantly growing demand for recruits for our mission fields, as well as the various lines of work in this Union; and

WHEREAS, Our own young people are the ones who are the most accessible, and in many respects best adapted to enter these fields; therefore

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to greater efforts in suitably training these young people for places in service in this great field; and that we assist them in the following manner:

1. That we encourage young people of promise in the various churches to attend our training college.

2. That we increase the Student Aid Fund by individual contributions, as well as special church offerings on Educational Day, for the purpose of assisting worthy young people who are unable to wholly pay their way.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS: Recognising the benefits to our young people by the plans of the Missionary Volunteer department, and with a view to safeguarding the youth from the many evils of this age and assisting them in the development of Christian character and Christian service, therefore we

Recommend, The organisation of Missionary Volunteer societies wherever there are sufficient young people, and that we encourage the youth in the following activities: The Reading Courses; the Morning Watch; the Bible Year; in missionary work; and in the Standard of Attainment, classes being formed with good leadership, where such can be found.

THANKS TO FREEMASONS: Appreciating the kindness and endeavours of the management of the Freemasons' Temple in making our conference a success, it was

Resolved, To extend a hearty vote of thanks and appreciation for efforts put forth to assist us in making our conference helpful and successful.

THANKS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE: WHEREAS the Natal-Transvaal Conference has been greatly blessed through the presence and help of Elders Spicer and Mace at its eighteenth session, therefore,

Resolved, That this conference extend a very hearty vote of thanks to the General Conference for sending into our midst Elders Spicer and Mace, whose kindly instruction and inspirational counsel have been very much appreciated.

TELEGRAM TO THE HYATT FAMILY: It was voted that a telegram of "bon-voyage" be sent to Elder Hyatt and family, who are sailing on April 3 for America.

B. M. HEALD, *Chairman*,

A. E. NELSON, *Secretary*.



Orange River Conference. Eleventh Session Held at Bloemfontein

April 13-19, 1925

As advertised, the camp-meeting and eleventh session of the Orange River Conference convened at Bloemfontein, April 13-19, 1925. The meetings were held in our large canvas pavilion which was pitched in the beautifully shaded Victoria Park. In spite of the heavy rains and bad roads, a goodly number of the brethren from different parts of the field came up to the spiritual feast. From the very first meeting, the presence of the Lord was felt in our midst in a marked manner. A spirit of union and brotherly love prevailed throughout the whole session. From the reports rendered, it was evident that the Lord had richly blessed His work during the past year.

The studies and sermons given by our leading

brethren were meat in due season, and a real spiritual feast to all of us, especially the studies given by Elder Spicer on the Two Movements and the Spirit of Prophecy. We are reassured that this movement which started in 1844 is the right one, and will go through to the kingdom. All expressed a determination to abide in this Message to the end.

Another strong feature of our camp-meeting was the Missionary Volunteer work which was under the care of Elder Howard. Our young people greatly benefited by the spiritual talks which Elder Mace gave them.

Many resolutions were passed during the conference session, which we believe, if carried out, will materially strengthen the work in this conference. We feel confident that all our brethren and sisters will do their utmost to carry out the plans laid, and that a large number of souls will be won to the Message as a result of their labours.

The closing days of the meetings were the best. On Sabbath morning, Elder Spicer conducted a revival service, at the close of which the entire congregation dedicated their lives more fully to the service of God. On Sunday morning, an offering to missions was given which amounted approximately to £450.

RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Resolved, That we express to our Heavenly Father our gratitude for His loving care which has been over us, and for the prosperity attending the work in this conference during the year which has passed; and that we pledge ourselves at this time to a deeper consecration in His service, and to more earnest, untiring zeal in the duties which in His love are entrusted to us.

WHEREAS, The hand of death has moved among us since last we met, and several of our number have been laid to rest, among whom we might mention Sister E. M. Howard, of Emmanuel mission, and Brother Frans Fourie, a student from Spion Kop College,

Resolved, That we express to the sorrowing relatives our deep sympathy with them in their hour of sorrow.

WHEREAS, We read in the "Testimonies" that "the work of God on this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of the ministers and church officers," and further "in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory," and that "the world is to receive the light of truth through the evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals," and

WHEREAS, Experience has taught us that much good can be accomplished by systematic distribution of tracts, papers and books, we

Recommend, (a) That a strong campaign be conducted by our church members in this conference with the new "Bible Truth Series" of tracts in the Afrikaans and English.

(b) That special effort be made by all our members to increase the circulation of our missionary paper the *Signs of the Times*, by subscribing for clubs to be used for free distribution.

WHEREAS, The Big Week plan has come to be a great factor in the developing of the publishing work in needy fields so that £36,000 has been raised during the past few years for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, At the recent Fall Council of the General Conference, it was voted to make this a three-fold endeavour, including educational and medical enterprises with the publishing, with a goal of £27,000 to be raised during 1925, and

WHEREAS, The General Conference has voted to appropriate out of this fund £800 for establishing new schools, £500 for a hospital in Angola, and about £300 for equipment for the Sentinel Publishing Co., and

WHEREAS, The goal for the African Division has been set at £300 for these enterprises, therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge our support and co-operation in the raising of our portion of this fund in the following manner:

1. That our lay members be encouraged to devote at least six hours during the Big Week to the sale of literature, applying the profits to the Extension Fund.

2. That our colporteurs continue to share in the Big Week plan, giving the profits of the biggest day's sales.

3. That our conference workers join in the extension plan by selling literature during the Big Week applying the entire profits to the fund in addition to their personal income for one day.

4. That in case of inability to devote time and effort to the sale of literature during the Big Week, lay members and conference labourers make an offering to the Extension Fund equivalent to at least one day's income.

5. That the Home Missionary department be responsible for the promotion of this campaign.

Resolved, That in view of the liberal offer of the South African Union Conference to pay one-half of the salaries of all church school teachers employed by the conference, we earnestly recommend that our churches endeavour to open church schools wherever there are six or more children of school age.

WHEREAS, The Mission Board is short of funds to meet the many calls for men and means to extend the work in the yet unentered territories, therefore

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

(a) By not only endeavouring to reach the goal set for our regular mission offerings, but by each member giving one week's income during 1925 to the mission funds.

(b) That we put forth a special effort this year to raise funds for mission work by each member endeavouring to collect at least £3-0-0 in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

WHEREAS, It is impossible for many of our brethren living in small towns and on farms, where there are no church schools, to educate their children without employing private teachers, and

WHEREAS, The present plan is for the Union Conference to pay up to one-half the salaries of the church school teachers, in schools where there are not less than six Seventh-day Adventist students, and

WHEREAS, It is difficult for our brethren to hire private teachers and pay their salaries and expenses personally, therefore we

Recommend, That the Union Conference committee

be urged to consider the possibility of extending this benefit to farm and private schools instituted for the training of our own young people.

WHEREAS, We have been instructed by the Spirit of Prophecy that "the work that lies nearest to our church members is to become interested in our youth," and we are also informed that an army, such as our youth, rightly trained, will be a great factor in the finishing of the work, and

WHEREAS, The General Conference Missionary Volunteer department has instituted a course of training along educational lines, therefore we

Recommend, That we re-affirm our interest in these educational features, such as the use of the Morning Watch calendar and morning devotions: the reading of the Bible through every year; the reading of the "Testimonies;" the taking of the course for Standard of Attainment, so we may be better informed concerning the history and doctrines of the Message; the King's Pocket League, as a successful plan for the distribution of small literature and the Reading Courses, so our young people may have interesting and profitable reading.

WHEREAS, The object of the young people's work is the winning of souls both of our own young people and those not of our faith, therefore we

Recommend, That the young people's work in the Orange River conference be recognized as a highly spiritual work, evangelical as well as educational.

Elder Branson took necessary time in explaining the problems of our native training school, Spion Kop College, and the Sanitarium. He read from the Spirit of Prophecy, Sister White's statements regarding the advantages of conducting training school and sanitarium work together. He stated that both the sanitarium and school managements are finding it exceedingly difficult to operate their institutions at the present locations. He also stated that it was necessary for the native training school to have a permanent location and suggested that it might be a means of advancing its work if Spion Kop school could be turned over to the Union for a native training school, and a new farm be secured for the European school where both the school and sanitarium could be located together. He asked for counsel from the conference and it was unanimously

Voted, That we heartily approve of this plan and pledge our support to it to the extent of our ability. It was also

Voted, That we ask the Nominating committee to nominate two delegates to go with the delegation to Bulawayo to assist in the working out of the plan for the school.

Resolved, That we extend to the Bloemfontein municipality a hearty vote of thanks for their kindness in placing at our disposal so suitable a site for the holding of our annual conference, and that the secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the town clerk of Bloemfontein.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR YEAR 1925:

PRESIDENT: Pastor J. N. de Beer.

SECRETARY-TREASURER: Miss E. M. Rowlands.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: Pastors J. N. de Beer, S. G. Hiten, director of Emmanuel mission, Brethren F.

Snijman, H. J. Moolman, P. A. Venter, Jnr. and Dr. Bell.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY: The Union Educational and Young People's Secretary.

SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARY: Miss E. M. Rowlands.

HOME MISSIONARY SECRETARY: Pastor J. N. de Beer.

FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARY: S. J. Fourie.

The following credentials were issued by the conference:

Ministerial Credentials: J. N. de Beer, S. G. Hiten, E. M. Howard, Joseph Rasmeni, M. D. Kalaka.

*Licentiate*s: P. A. Venter, Jnr.

Missionary Licenses: Miss E. M. Rowlands, D. B. Lee, S. J. Fourie.

Colporteur Licenses: P. J. Britz, H. C. Jackson, W. J. Scholtz.

Licenses to native workers referred to the conference committee.

J. N. DE BEER, *President*,
E. M. ROWLANDS, *Secretary*.



Cape Conference. Twenty-eighth Session Held at Cape Town

April 20-26, 1925

OF the three local conferences in the South African Union Conference, the Cape was the last to hold its conference session for 1925. Earlier arrangements provided for the meeting to be held at Port Elizabeth, but later the location was changed to Cape Town. The results of efforts put forth the last couple of years in the Peninsula are very encouraging. Our work has grown quite materially. Particularly, the new members of the Peninsula churches looked forward to the prospects of the meetings' being held at the Cape, where they could be present. The seating capacity of the Cape Town church ordinarily is about 300, but by filling in every available space on the Sabbath morning, we were able to provide for approximately 375 people. It has been the custom of the churches in the Peninsula, so far as we can recall, for the young people and children to meet during the opening exercises of the Sabbath school with the senior members, but this arrangement could not be followed last Sabbath, and the children and young people met in the lower rooms of the church; and even under these conditions, the main auditorium was well filled.

On Monday night, April 20, Elder MacNeil took charge of the first service, and called attention to the message that God has given to the remnant church. That message is a return to the keeping of the commandments of God, just as was given to the children of Israel of old in the days of Elijah. This message is now to be preached in the spirit and power of Elijah. It was realized from the first service that God had something special for His people during the week to come. This impression seemed very general, for each day and throughout each service of the day, the church was well-filled, while the attendance at the night services was particularly good.

Elder Spicer was responsible for the hour, 10.00 to 11.00 each morning, and cheered our hearts as he

definitely assured us, and gave evidences of the triumph of the advent movement.

Sister Tarr had an hour each day with those directly connected with Sabbath school work, and on last Wednesday afternoon special time was given to the Sabbath School department. We find a healthy growth in the work of the Sabbath school of the Cape Conference. We give a few extracts from the report of this department for the Europeans for the past two years:

	BAPTISMS	PERFECT ATTEND.	DAILY STUDY	BOOKMARKS
1923	22	152	96	43
1924	70	206	116	54

	BIRTH. OFF.	13TH SAB.	12 SAB.	TOTAL	QUOTA
1923	£9 3 2	184 2 3	567 12 2	760 17 7	100
1924	19 2 7	213 11 0	626 14 5	859 8 0	89

Special meetings were held for the young people by Brethren French and Mace, and Sister Tarr provided for the children.

It was most interesting to the delegates to hear such splendid reports from Brother Mace regarding the publishing work. He told of how wonderfully God has cared for this department of His work, and how His prospering hand has rested upon it. Millions of pages of literature have been scattered over the world which, with heaven's blessing, will give a bountiful harvest.

Last Sabbath will long be remembered by those who attended service in the Cape Town church. Elder Spicer spoke of the privilege that is ours to not only get ready for the soon coming of our blessed Lord, but to *be* ready. A consecration service was held at the close of the meeting, when many hearts turned to God for forgiveness of every sin, and prayers were requested in behalf of others not in the Truth.

In the afternoon, Elder Branson spoke of the sacrifices that a Christian is called upon to make. It costs something to be a Christian, to live the life of self-denial and sacrifice and even persecution. We were reminded of the experiences of Abraham, of Moses, of Paul, and of others, who by faith looked forward to the eternal reward, and who gave themselves without reserve in service for the advancement of the gospel. And, in answer to the oft-asked question, "Is it worth while to be a Christian," our attention was called to the reward of the faithful and to the eternal home that is being prepared for God's children. At the close of the service a thank-offering was received from those present, as an expression of our love for and interest in the work of God. The amount pledged totaled £425.

At the last business session of the conference on Sunday morning, Brother Branson spoke of some plans under consideration by the Division committee with reference to our institutions. The sanitarium at Plumstead has been passing through a very difficult time for the past few years, and unfortunately today carries a very heavy burden of debt. The native school of the South African Union Conference has for the past been carrying forward its work at the Bethel mission, but present arrangements cannot be considered on any permanent basis. The Spion Kop College has enjoyed good success the past few years, but there are conditions that hinder it in its work. Its extreme isolation, its difficulties in transport, and other reasons might be given why the brethren have considered the advisability of a change in location. The

Division committee has suggested that about 1,700 acres of the Spion Kop farm be sold, reserving about 500 acres for the native training school, that the sanitarium at Plumstead sell out its interests at that place, and that a new site be found for the school and sanitarium together. One management could look after the business of both institutions, and our young people would be in a position to receive medical training before they go out for service in the mission field. Others taking the ministerial course would be able to obtain practical work in their training along pastoral lines by being close to cities and towns. These were some of the conditions referred to by Elder Branson as he laid the whole proposition before the conference. A unanimous vote was taken agreeing to these changes. The conference was asked to appoint two special representatives to attend the biennial council of the Division next June at Bulawayo. Brother F. Visser, Snr., and Brother Robert Tarr were invited to represent the Cape Conference at the Division Council.

In our next issue, we will pass on to our readers the actions taken by this session of the Cape Conference, but we make this brief report on one of the best gatherings that has ever been held by this conference.

Elder J. F. Wright was appointed president, and Brother P. W. Willmore, secretary-treasurer. Brother Wright has been in this field only a few weeks, and already he has endeared himself to the members of the Cape Conference. We believe that our brother starts in with his work with good courage and determination, by the help of God, to lead this conference on to do its appointed task, and he looks for the co-operation and loyal support of every member of the conference.

W. B. COMMIN.

CAPE CONFERENCE

J. F. WRIGHT, *President*, P. W. WILLMORE, *Secy.-Treas.*
 ADDRESS: P. O. Box 378, Port Elizabeth, C. P.

Words of Greeting

UPON our arrival with the two children, we were extended a most cordial welcome by the members of the churches in and around Cape Town. Since then, other churches and members in different parts of the field have expressed themselves in like manner. Our hearts cheerfully respond to the same and we sincerely trust that our coming among you to join you in labour in this dear old conference, will be directed of the Lord in the accomplishment of some good.

During the past few weeks, it has been a pleasure to meet with the following churches: Cape Town, Claremont, Wynberg, Port Elizabeth, Kingwilliamstown, Salt River and also to attend the native camp-meeting at Kingwilliamstown. These services, together with committee meetings and some time spent at the office in getting acquainted with the field, have consumed all the time of the writer up to the present writing.

Just now we are busy making the final arrangements for the coming camp-meeting and conference session to be held in Cape Town, April 20-26. We are looking forward to a real spiritual feast at that time

and feel sure that the Lord will not disappoint His dear people as they gather to earnestly seek Him for help and heavenly guidance.

After the camp-meeting, we shall go on to Port Elizabeth to settle as soon as possible. Then it will be my endeavour to visit the churches from time to time. We desire to serve the field as best we can and it is our only aim to be used by the Lord as He shall lead. To this end, we gladly join our hands, hearts and prayers with you in pushing the work forward in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

J. F. AND MRS. WRIGHT.



Further Word From Our Evangelistic Efforts

It is certainly a pleasure to pass on to the readers of the OUTLOOK further words of encouragement pertaining to the efforts being conducted by Brethren Clifford and Staples.

Just before leaving for the College board meeting, it was the privilege of the writer to attend some of Brother Clifford's meetings. He was just preparing to present the Sabbath question. The interest seemed to be very good and the tent was well filled each night. Soon we shall know the outcome of this effort. We feel that the Lord is going to give Brother Clifford and his co-workers a goodly number of souls as the result of their earnest and untiring labour.

The last news received from Brother Staples is most cheering. The work he is doing in George is making splendid progress. God is remembering His servants at this place, and from the present outlook we believe that a nice church is going to be raised up. Brother Staples and his associates are working hard. They find more than they can do to properly care for and answer the many calls. We are confident that the Lord will reward this effort richly by giving many souls for their hire.

Well, brethren and sisters, we know that this good news will greatly cheer your hearts, and that you will unite with us daily in prayer to the end that God will bless these efforts and that many precious souls will find their way into the light of the Third Angel's Message.

J. F. WRIGHT.



A Service at Kimberley

ELDER W. A. SPICER, just before returning to Cape Town from the camp-meeting at Bloemfontein, paid a visit to Kimberley, and while there, on the Sunday evening of the 19th of April, preached at the Good Templars' hall. Since Brother MacNeil closed his effort at Kimberley some few weeks ago, Brother W. H. Hurlow has been continuing the Sunday evening services, and we learn of a good attendance at these services each Sunday night. A crowded congregation listened to Elder Spicer, but unfortunately the hall was not large enough to hold the crowd. Over one hundred people had to leave without obtaining admission. Brother Spicer spoke on the work of the three angels to whom has been given a world-wide message of salvation. Considerable interest was manifested throughout the discourse.

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Cape Conference News Items

BROTHER J. J. BIRKENSTOCK came to the Cape recently to counsel with Elder J. F. Wright concerning the effort soon to open in Worcester.

WORD just reaches us that Brother Stevenson, our bookman, is still quite ill at his home in Bloemfontein. We hope, however, that the Lord will bless our brother with a speedy recovery.

RICH blessings from God were poured out upon those in attendance at the native camp-meeting held in Kingwilliamstown. Brethren Spicer, MacNeil, Wright and Claude Tarr joined in conducting the services. During this time, five services were held with our European brethren and sisters of the Kingwilliamstown company.

PRIOR to the recent college board meeting at Spion Kop, Elder Wright conducted some meetings with the student body, which seemed helpful and to be greatly appreciated by all.

THE brethren and sisters of the Port Elizabeth church have now conducted two Sabbath services in their new house of worship. They have a very neat building and one of which they can well feel proud.

BROTHER ARMITAGE was with the Claremont church recently and conducted quarterly service. His visit was enjoyed very much.

WHEN returning to the Cape a few days ago, Brother Wright stopped a little while at the station in George, to see Brother Staples. The work is moving along most encouragingly at this place.

ELDER HYATT conducted a baptismal service in the Cape Town church Sabbath, April 18, at which time five souls received this rite.

ELDER T. M. FRENCH spoke to the Wynberg church Sabbath afternoon, April 18. His message was very helpful.

AN interesting description of how they conduct Sabbath school in the Nyasaland mission field was given by Brother Davy to the Claremont Sabbath school, the third Sabbath in April.

ELDER WRIGHT reached the Cape Thursday, the 16th, to make final arrangements for the camp-meeting and conference session. Sabbath, the 18th, he spoke to the Claremont church during the morning hour, upon the theme, "God's Great Love."

A Expression of Appreciation

WE wish to thank all friends for the messages of sympathy received since the time of our recent bereavement. Especially do we wish to express our appreciation to the faculty and students of Spion Kop College. Words cannot express our gratefulness to the school and students for their continued efforts to recover the bodies.

Though we have two of our family sleeping at the foot of Spion Kop, still we feel that we can never repay the school for what it has done for our family. Frans expressed his appreciation of the school in a letter written to mother just a few days before his death. He wrote: "I am so thankful to be in a Christian school," and then added that he thought every Seventh-day Adventist boy and girl should attend our College.

The death of these two boys brought great sorrow to us, but our trust is in the Lord, and we are eagerly looking forward to the great gathering day, when Jesus Himself shall make an end of death, sorrow, and sickness. May we be kept by God's power and be faithful to the end.

S. J. FOURIE.



"LIFE is an important thing, a sacred trust; and every moment should be wisely improved, for its results will be seen in eternity."



"As God blesses the minister and the evangelist in their earnest efforts to place the truth before the people, so He will bless the faithful canvasser."—"*Testimonies*," Vol. VI, page 340.

Sabbath School Report of the African Division for 1924

(As furnished to the Sabbath School Department).

Conferences.	Av. Mem.	Av. Atten.	Bk- Mks.	Bap.	Birthday Offerings	12 Sabbath Offerings.	13th Sab. Offerings.	per cent of Quota.
Cape (Eur).	500	439	44	70	19 2 7	626 14 5	213 11 0	89
Cape (Col).	132	112	10	5		38 12 5	11 11 0	71
Natal-Trans.	566	539	24	25	52 10 0	781 7 0	333 10 6	60
Orange River	281	260	34	4	8 5 6	390 7 0	134 9 9	58
MISSIONS.								
(European Constituency)								
S. Rhodesia Missionaries	60	56	3		4 4 7	106 3 4	33 9 0	122
(Native Constituency)						234 10 11	33 5 10	133
Cape	261	461	8	13		29 5 2	14 18 6	37
Natal-Trans.	181	324	1	15		38 1 11	11 14 11	77
Orange River	267	266	4	1		15 4 11	11 1 11	42
Nyasaland	6225	5831		297		51 12 7	4 6 0	61
N. Rhodesia	1072	953	1	90		17 0 10	1 15 9	47
S. Rhodesia	2926	2917		311		112 19 4	13 16 1	50
B. Congo	204	190		38		7 6 3	2 3 6	
S. W. Africa	8	7				1 6 3	3 3	
Angola	30	28				3 16 9	1 5 0	
Totals	12713	12383	129	869	84 2 8	2454 9 1	821 2 0	70

Total Offerings £3359 3 9

Gain over 1923:

Members 1128; Baptisms 291; Offerings £203 4 10

MRS. A. P. TARR.