



God's Great Family Upon Earth

(Sermon by Elder W. A. Spicer, preached in the Cape Town church, April 25, 1925)

To those of us who watch your faces from the pulpit, you are marvels of patient endurance, coming day after day, through the whole day, many of you night after night—listening, listening. I know it is hard work. My sympathies are always with the people when I preach, for I know it is harder to listen than to speak; but, thank God, we have a band of brethren and sisters who love to hear the Word of God, and who throng the place of worship. And this Friday night, at the end of a busy week, I somehow think that I should primarily speak to your hearts instead of to your minds; that is, I do not want you to have to think hard, but I do want the Holy Spirit to speak to your hearts, and give to us a sweet and gentle Sabbath evening together.

I want to talk about this great family of God, the advent believers, to which we belong. In other words, I want to talk about the brethren and sisters tonight—an encouraging topic of conversation. If we say right things about the brethren and sisters, it is alright to talk about them, and I am so glad that there is so much that is good in the brethren and sisters that one may talk about them all the time, saying good things. It is a wonderful thing to belong to this great family, who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, whom God is calling out in this great advent movement.

I have opened to the first chapter of the Epistle to the Colossians, verse 5, where the apostle thanks God for the hope that is laid up for us in heaven. Nothing on earth can snatch it from us. It is held by God for us until that day. Dear brethren and sisters, if we have that hope within us, we can go through fire and through flood; everything of earth can be swept away from us, but we have the HOPE, and that is more than all the world beside.

I was up in a meeting in the far north-west, in our "veldt" country in America, in Idaho, a land of cattle and of sheep and lucerne. I was at a camp-meeting, and I heard a sister get up and just thank God for the troubles He had brought upon her. It was no formal testimony. She was so joyous that I went to her afterwards to learn about it all. She was a German woman, with a shop in London. Things had gone wrong, the business had gone down. She had been driven from the shop to the far north-west of America, and there she had found this blessed hope, and she thanked God for the calamity that came to her in London. It had given her this blessed hope. You know, tonight, this blessed hope is the dearest thing on earth to thousands upon thousands of our people all over the earth.

The first trip I made to South America was in 1905-6. I travelled to London, then over to the Argentine, and one Sabbath morning I landed on the dock at Buenos Ayres. We were just in time for Sabbath school, a little Sabbath school running in the Spanish language. But that was all right, it was a Sabbath school; after the school, I spoke through an interpreter, and as I hung up a missionary map and showed how the work was going, and how we were nearing home at last, it touched my heart to see the whole congregation melted in tenderness and tears. All nations of the world gather down there in Buenos Ayres. It was a mixed company, and yet the dearest thought of their hearts was the thought that we are nearing home. And so, in all this world they are waiting. The apostle thanks God for it, and he says here that this hope had come to them in the word of the truth of the gospel "which is come unto you, even as it is in all the world, and bringeth forth fruit, even as it doth also in you." That is, this Truth has

brought forth fruit in your hearts and lives. I know it. It has changed your lives. This Truth found some of you in one church, some in another, some in no church at all. We came from all faiths and all creeds, but it has turned our feet in the way of the commandments of God; it has changed our lives; it has brought forth fruit in our lives. Many a man has found it helping him to put away evil practices; it has brought forth fruit in his life. Here we are, walking in the way of God's commandments tonight, and the text says it is bringing forth the same fruit in all the world also.

This Message does the same work for all the nations of earth. This is a wonderful Book (The Bible). It is the Living Word. It brings forth fruit. We send a missionary over the sea. He leaves behind in his homeland, Sabbath-keepers, churches, conference, printing house, sanitarium—leaves them all behind and goes to a far land where there is nothing, not a Sabbath-keeper, not a church, not a conference, not a school, nothing. All he has is this Book, and he begins to preach the message of this Book. He begins to sow the seeds of truth, and lo, what do we see? In that far land, the Word brings forth fruit, even as at home. Sabbath-keepers spring up, schools, conference, printing house, sanitarium, and, in process of years in that far land, we have everything that the missionary left behind him in his homeland. They have all come springing up as the fruitage of the Word of God. It is a wonderful Book.

We talk about Æsops fables. I remember one fable was about a lamp—Aladdin's lamp. When it was rubbed, it brought forth anything you wished. This is just as wonderful. The missionary takes this Book to a far land, he begins to sow the seed of truth in the heart, and lo, springing up, there come Sabbath-keepers, churches, schools and all the rest. That is the wonderful Word of God. You go to a far land and open it, and out comes a procession of men, women and children keeping the commandments of God, looking for the blessed hope, even as we are doing, for, as the text says, it brings forth the same fruit all over the world, even as at home. That is the law of the seed. If you sow wheat in Africa, what comes up? Wheat. If you sow wheat in Europe, what comes up? Wheat. In China? Wheat. In North America? Wheat. And when you sow the seed, the harvest springs up. That is the law of the seed. Just so we find the seed of this Third Angel's Message. You sow it in North America, and Seventh-day Adventists spring up. You take it to Europe, and Seventh-day Adventists spring up,—ten thousand every year now in Europe. You take it over to India and sow the seed, Seventh-day Adventists spring up; take it to China, sow the seed, Seventh-day Adventists spring up—all with the same blessed hope, just as dear to their hearts as it is to ours.

Some time ago, I landed for the first time in China. I arrived on a Friday evening. Next morning, I went across to Sabbath school. When I came through the door, I faced the congregation, and for the first time in my life, I saw a large number of Seventh-day Adventist Chinese—men, women and children, all in strange costumes, their eyes aslant, long, coarse, black hair. It looked strange to me, but they were singing a hymn as I went in. I did not know the words, but I knew the tune, "What a wonderful Savi-

our is Jesus, my Jesus." It just dawned on my heart anew as I was going in at the door, "Why, it is *their* Saviour, just as dear to them as to me, and they are just as dear to His heart as ever we can be."

So the Lord Jesus is gathering His family, and as the Word of the seed of the kingdom is sown, they are springing up, fifteen thousand a year, twenty thousand a year, sometimes more, sometimes a little less, all over the wide earth, of many nations and tongues, and wherever you go and visit these believers you will find the HOPE. Go to the far ends of the earth, you will find a people speaking strange tongues, wearing strange costumes, but as you mingle with them you will say, "Why, these are all right, these are our brothers and sisters, just like the people at home, with the same love for the message of God and His truth." It is bearing the same fruit in all the world, even as among you also, and this family of believers is a good family to which to belong.

A sister came to me in a camp-meeting in America. She had been a Methodist. She said, "Elder Spicer, it is so good to be an Adventist. When I was a Methodist, I loved the Methodist truth and the Methodist people. But when I travelled about and met a Methodist, I did not feel any different about it. It did not make any difference. But, do you know, when I meet an Adventist brother or sister, somehow it makes me feel different. I feel I have found a brother or sister. Oh, it is so good!" And it *is* good. It *is* different. Somehow, there is something about this fruitage that the world recognizes as separate and distinct.

Some years ago I was in Australia. I made my general headquarters at Sydney, at our sanitarium there. There were many patients, some of them from what is called the best society, people of the world. One day, a lady came to the manager and said, "Where do you get these young people who work here?" "Well," he said, "They are from our churches." "Do you have any more young people like these in your churches?" she asked. "Yes," he said, "many more." "Well," she said, "I would like to see your churches, and to know what kind of churches they are. We do not have young people like these in our churches." She had seen something different in the lives of those young people. The blessed hope had wrought its fruitage in their lives.

On one evening, three ladies were standing in the hallway of the sanitarium. One said, "Did you ever see such a place? Why, here they are, running about, working hard all day, and I have not heard a cross word or an impatient word since I have been here." "Why yes," said the second lady, "I have servants at home and they quarrel and fight like game cocks all the time. There is always trouble. I cannot understand it." "I will tell you what makes the difference," said the third lady, "it is their religion. That makes the difference." She had pointed it out. It was the fruitage of this blessed hope in the hearts of these young people. Oh, thank God for our young people, brethren and sisters. Cheer them on. Sometimes we see their mistakes, but, my friends, they are different from the young people of the world. The Truth is bringing forth its fruit in their lives. People coming from the outside know it.

Sometimes at our Washington Sanitarium in America, we have ambassadors and statesmen staying

there. One time, we had the ambassador from Norway. He fell ill in Washington and came out with his family to the sanitarium and spent some weeks. After a time, it was discovered that he could not live. He decided that he would go home to Norway to die. Just before he left, he came in to the workers' Friday-evening prayer meeting in the basement of the sanitarium, and he asked during the meeting, if he might be permitted to speak. Of course, they were glad to invite him to do so, and as he stood up, he found his voice breaking and he wept and said he wanted to thank God that it had ever been his privilege to meet with a family like that. He said he had never been in such society. He said from the humblest worker in the kitchen to the physician-in-chief, he had seen nothing but love and kindness and courtesy, and he broke down and wept as he said, "It has given me a new confidence in humanity."

Is not that good? A man of state comes into a family of workers, simple people all of them, nurses and helpers, and he finds there something that melts his heart! It is the fruitage of the blessed hope in the lives of those young people and workers. Oh, brethren, God has given something to this people that if we let it work in our lives it will make a difference. It will change our lives, transform them, and put love and kindness and sympathy, the desire for helpfulness into our hearts. It is a good family to which to belong.

There is one thing I like to do in this great family of ours. My work has called me to travel among them a good deal. I suppose in the last twenty-five years, I have spent half my time abroad. I have tried to learn four words of every language I come in contact with—and I am no linguist—and those four words are these, "good morning," "good-bye," "brother," and "sister," and with these four words one can do a lot of talking, down in this old world.

I was down by the Black Sea once, among the believers there, rather a grave-faced people they are. Most of them had been in prison for the truth of God, for we are about the only Protestants in there and the priests have tried to crush us. They came to that meeting, by the way, and made a disturbance. The Government had sent five policemen in there to spy on us, but somehow the message of the meeting caught their hearts, and they became our friends. Whenever a priest got up to speak, a policeman would say to him, "You sit down and be quiet. We are keeping order here." Finally one priest, more bold than the rest, got up and insisted on speaking. The policeman just took him by the collar and put him outside. The policemen helped us to have a quiet time.

I went into the Sabbath school. It was the first time I had attended. They had never seen me and I had never seen them. There, behind me, was a row of grave-faced peasant women. They had handkerchiefs over their heads. I thought I must begin to use my words and get acquainted. So I went up to one woman and said, "Good-morning, sister." Tears came into her eyes and she wept. I turned to the next sister and called her "sister," and she began to cry. I decided not to go any further down the row. Probably if it had been men I would have greeted them all. But it touched a stranger to hear the word "sister." It is good to speak those words.

I was over in Finland when it was a part of Russia, before the war. It was so far north, I would wake in the morning with the sun shining into my room, and I would sit up with a start, thinking I would be late for the six o'clock meeting. But when I looked at my watch I would find it was only 2:15. That sun kept me worrying through the night for fear I would not get to the meeting on time. I needed sleep when I got out of the land of the midnight sun.

There was one man at the meeting who had come in from the country for the first time. He was a peasant with a great bushy beard. You never see such beards any more. There he sat, the first time he had ever met with brethren and sisters. Why, he smiled and laughed to himself all the time, it was so good to be there. It did us all good to see him.

Later on, I went to visit the famous falls of the country, and as I walked toward the site, who should I meet in the pathway but the Finnish brother with the Russian beard. There we stood facing each other. We did not know how to pass one another properly. In the suddenness of the meeting, I had forgotten my Finnish. And then suddenly I remembered my words. "Good-bye, brother," I said. Tears came into his eyes, and he said, "Good-bye, brother." So we separated, he to go north, and I south, never perhaps to meet again on earth, but I hope we shall meet when the Lord calls all the great family home. I believe we shall. But it is good when in a far land to take someone by the hand and say "brother," or "sister," and to know that the words mean all in the church that they do in the family circle. It is a tie that binds us to each other and to God. It is welding the brethren and sisters together all over the world. How it makes us ashamed of every feeling of bitterness, of alienation against anybody! Oh, brethren and sisters, we are members of the great family of God. Let us let Him put love in our hearts. Whatever anybody has done or said, we belong to Jesus Christ, and His great family, and wherever you meet one of this great family of ours, you will find that he loves the blessed Book.

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Our Quarterly Report

THE first quarter's report for this year contains many interesting figures. This is perhaps the most complete report we have yet received from the field. We regret, however, that the results are not as good as we had hoped. It is usual that the first quarter's report is not as encouraging as those later in the year, but in order that we may reach our goals, it becomes necessary that we do not allow ourselves to get behind.

The report shows a steady increase in tithe receipts in most cases. However, the mission offerings results are not up to standard. For the quarter, as a Division we have reached only 1/9 per week per member for the Europeans, and our native members are considerably behind in their goals.

We have lost in membership during the quarter, but as soon as reports come in from the camp-meetings, we hope that we will be able to report a marked improvement in our membership. The fields have adopted good goals for the year, and every effort will be made to reach these.

W. B. COMMUN.

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

NAME	AMT. FOR QUARTER		AMT. 1ST QUARTER 1924		REC'D. TO DATE THIS YEAR		REC'D. SAME PERIOD 1924									
	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE								
S. A. Union Conference	£2756	0 9	251	7 10	2788	11 2	188	19 2	2756	0 9	251	7 10	2788	11 2	188	19
Zambesi Union	269	17 5	80	10 2	180	1 1	125	4 5	269	17 5	80	10 2	180	1 1	125	4
Congo Mission Field	44	12 11	3	3 4	35	0 8	1	6 11	44	12 11	3	3 4	35	0 8	1	6 11
So. Atlantic Missions	14	12 5	1	12 0	12	5 6	1	7 6	14	12 5	1	12 0	12	5 6	1	7
TOTALS	£3085	3 6	336	13 4	3015	18 5	316	18 0	3085	3 6	336	13 4	3015	18 5	316	18

Tithe Receipts of Local Organizations as Compared with Corresponding Quarter of Last Year

NAME	AMT. FOR QUARTER		AMT. 1ST QUARTER 1924		REC'D. TO DATE THIS YEAR		REC'D. SAME PERIOD 1924									
	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE								
Cape Conference	£ 954	11 1	33	7 10	695	6 9	37	16 2	£ 954	11 1	33	7 10	695	6 9	37	16
Cape Conf. (Coloured)			132	1 4			71	2 3			132	1 4			71	2
Natal-Tvl. Conference	1251	19 7	49	13 8	1394	15 5	41	11 11	1251	19 7	49	13 8	1394	15 5	41	11 11
Orange River Conference	549	10 1	31	19 0	698	9 0	38	8 10	549	10 1	31	19 0	698	9 0	38	8 11
Northern Tvl. Mission			4	6 0							4	6 0				
South Rhodesia	164	12 6	37	17 5	150	0 4	100	1 3	164	12 6	37	17 5	150	0 4	100	1
North Rhodesia	55	8 3	11	13 3	4	9 2	3	11 8	55	8 3	11	13 3	4	9 2	3	11
Nyasaland	37	16 8	30	11 6	25	11 7	21	11 6	37	16 8	30	11 6	25	11 7	21	11
Bechuanaland Protectorate	12	0 0		8 0					12	0 0		8 0				
Katanga Mission	29	10 5	15	4	35	0 8	1	6 11	29	10 5	15	4	35	0 8	1	6 11
Songa	7	17 10	1	9 0					7	17 10	1	9 0				
Kikamba Mission	7	4 8		19 0					7	4 8		19 0				
South West Africa			1	12 0	4	7 3	1	7 6			1	12 0	4	7 3	1	7
Benguella Mission	14	12 5			7	18 3			14	12 5			7	18 3		
TOTALS	£3085	3 6	336	13 4	3015	18 5	316	18 0	£3085	3 6	336	13 4	3015	18 5	316	18

Membership etc., of Union Organizations at Close of Quarter

	AFRICAN DIVISION		S. A. UNION		ZAMBESI UNION		CONGO MISSIONS		S. ATLAN. MIS.	
	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE	WHITE	NATIVE
1. Ordained ministers	21	6	13	4	5	2	1		2	
2. Licensed ministers	19	1	8		9		2			1
3. Licensed missionaries	21		10		7		3		1	
4. Evangelists, teachers		304		45		249		10		
5. Colporteurs	15	11	15	10		1				
6. Other workers	11	19	6		5	19				
7. Total all workers	87	341	52	59	26	271	6	10	3	1
8. No. of Sabbath schools	60	234	52	54	5	171		7	3	2
9. Membership	1408	11580	1337	883	55	10303		342	16	52
10. Students at Spion Kop	91		80		11					
11. No. of church schools	5	2	4	2	1					
12. Enrollment	76	26	73	26	3					
13. Students in training schools		251		61		156		34		
14. Students in mission schools		1249		136		1040		53		20
15. No. of outschools		183		21		158		4		
16. Enrollment		9355		478		9328		149		
17. No. of church organizations	35	49	33	30	2	16		2		1
18. Membership Dec. 31, 1923	1373	3669	1266	1046	107	2607		16		
19. Membership end last quarter	1519	4371	1451	1085	52	3219		57	16	10
20. Added by baptism	6	24	6	24						
21. Added by vote	38	3	33	2	5			1		
22. Total gain during quarter	44	27	39	26	5			1		
23. Dropped by apostasy	10	165	10	5		160				
24. Transferred by letter	35	41	32	41	3					
25. Dropped by death	2	4	2	2		2				
26. Nett gain in members		3 loss 183 loss		5 loss 22 loss	2	162 loss		1		
27. Present membership	1516	4188	1446	1063	54	3057		58	16	10
28. Goal to close of year	1981	5599	1911	1335		4129		135		
29. Probationers' class		2536		236		2172		128		
30. Hearers' class		2222		100		2096		26		
31. Total keeping Sabbath	1516	8956	1446	1399	54	7325		222	16	10

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CORNER

"In The Days of Thy Youth"

As a body of young people, do we realize our privileges and responsibilities in the Christian life? Or, are we perhaps putting off until a later time, the question of the eternal future that is of such vital importance to the youth as well as to those of older years? Solomon's advice was that we should remember our Creator in the days of our youth; for should we now treat with indifference, or carelessly, the offer of salvation, the days will come when we shall find no pleasure in them.

We copy from Volume IV of the "Testimonies," addressed particularly to the young: "That which you sow, you will also reap; as was the seed, so will be the harvest. If you are neglectful and indifferent concerning eternal things, you will sustain a great loss yourself, and through your influence will prevent others from fulfilling their obligation to God. Both worlds are before you. Which will you choose? Be wise and lay hold of eternal life. . . . Do not yield your religious claims and privileges in order to gratify the wishes of your unconsecrated friends and relatives. Lay the foundation of your Christian character upon the eternal Rock of Salvation, and let the structure be firm and sound."

Present opportunities neglected may never come our way again. Let us heed the admonition of the servant of the Lord, and choose wisely. Think of what it meant to Moses to turn a deaf ear to the offers of this world, with all its prospects for future success, and to decide to be faithful to the God of his fathers. It meant a sacrifice to Moses at that time, but who will not agree that the choice he made that day was a wise one? What choice have you made? Are you looking forward with joy and peace to the soon-coming of our blessed Saviour?

The apostle Paul says, "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them." Eph. 2: 10, A. R. V. Having prepared the way, the Lord's invitation is, "Choose you this day, whom ye will serve." Joshua 4: 15. Make your decision whether you will walk in this way or follow in the paths of evil.

On Sabbath, the 11th of July next, throughout our churches, a special programme will be rendered in the interests of our Missionary Volunteers. The items of the programme will be written by some of the leaders in this field, by men who are acquainted with young people, and who know their needs. An urgent call will be made to all our young people to a renewed consecration and to a deeper spiritual life.

W. B. COMMINS.



Notice

A SISTER seeks employment with fellow-believers as school matron, companion, help, or in any capacity where she can be helpful, in return for board and small salary. S. Pearse, "Kismet," P. O. Longhope, C. P.

NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

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Report of Tithe and Mission Offerings for quarter ending March 31, 1925

European Department		
CHURCH	TITHE	MISSION OFFERINGS
Johannesburg	£175 12 4	£ 93 11 8
Durban	415 17 1	124 14 0
Maritzburg	68 16 0	16 2 7
Pretoria	44 18 1	31 12 4
Spion Kop	132 5 11	30 0 7
Sweetwaters	95 18 6	14 16 0
Standerton		1 1
Ermelo	45 15 11	78 10 4
Hlobane	122 18 9	43 5 2
Potchefstroom	48 17 3	15 18 4
Conference	101 10 0	51 2 10
Doornpoort		4 6
Totals	£1252 9 10	£499 19 5
Native Department		
Klerksdorp	2 0 9	3 0 7
Durban Indian Mission	5 6 6	1 3 3
Dundee	2 11 4	
Ermelo	10 5 6	7 12 9
Germiston	3 1 0	1 7 0
New Castle	2 1 6	12 4
Alexandra		11 0
Johannesburg	2 7 1	2 11 0
Hlobane	12 0	3 0
Louwsburg		1 10 0
Mahamba	3 18 0	1 3 9
Benoni	6 0	
Miscellaneous	13 19 0	7 4
Totals	£46 8 8	£20 2 0

The March reports of the following churches were not received in time to be included in this quarterly report: Johannesburg, Maritzburg. A. E. NELSON, *Treasurer.*



Evangelization of the Natal-Transvaal Conference

Our field has some splendid cities. Pretoria, Johannesburg, Durban, Maritzburg, Potchefstroom and others must be reached in a more decisive way with the gospel of Revelation 14. We dare not face the judgment without being sure that every soul in the Natal-Transvaal Conference has heard the voice of the Three Angels.

Durban is to have the first city campaign, and this will start in July. Everything is favourable for this effort, and plans are developing for a strong evangelistic series of tent meetings in this important centre.

A new 50 x 70 tent is being manufactured by Fram and Company, Johannesburg, and 362 chairs have been ordered from Innis and Company, Durban. We have 130 on hand.

We hope this strong effort for the salvation of souls will be self-supporting. However, necessary equipment for evangelistic purposes in our conference is costing £300. We have £50 in a "Tent and Equipment Fund." This leaves £250 to be raised. Pledges were made at our recent camp-meeting which will partly pay for this, and we hope our people will cash their pledges as soon as possible. We cannot pay for the

tent and chairs with pledges. Mr. Fram and Mr. Innis must have the cash by June 15.

We are asking the churches in this conference to give an offering on Sabbath, May 30, that the necessary funds can arrive at the conference treasury this month. Dear brethren and sisters, will you give toward this needy fund on MAY 30? Or, if you are isolated, you can send your gift direct to Brother A. E. Nelson, 8 Stranack Street, Maritzburg.

We are sure you want to see your conference evangelized from end to end. By making an offering toward the purchasing of the tent and chairs, you are making this possible. Will you help now? This is the most needy thing facing your field, and we are praying that God will lay this burden upon your hearts.

We cannot take the tithe to purchase equipment. That is sacred to the gospel workers, who minister. We must depend upon you to give an offering to the "Tent and Equipment Fund." Think it over, dear brother and sister, and may the Lord impress you to come up to the help of the Lord with a gift on May 30.

B. M. HEALD.



Report of Literature Sales for March

Natal-Transvaal

NAME	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL
<i>Our Day.</i>					
W. Retief	97	91	66 2 0	11 0 0	77 2 0
P. Engelbrecht	26	6	6 10 6	4 6 6	10 17 0
V. Norcott			delivering		
M. Sparrow			"		
R. Buckley			"		
A. Enslin	68	2	1 5 0		1 5 0
P. W. Willmore	72½	19	12 17 6	1 2 0	13 19 6
P. J. Vermaak	51	3	2 2 6	9 0	2 11 6
Mrs. M. Smith	85½	14	9 10 0	3 6 0	12 16 0
<i>Daniel & Revelation</i>					
A. C. le Butt	35	9	6 0 0		6 0 0
<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
P. J. Vermaak			delivering		
<i>Ladies' Handbook.</i>					
Mrs. M. Smith			"		
<i>Crisis Series</i>					
P. Grobler				1 4 0	1 4 0
Agents	11	435	144	104 7 6	21 7 6 125 15 0

Native sales	78 15 10
Periodicals	63 14 0

Cape

<i>Daniel & Revelation.</i>					
D. J. Kruger	118	27	26 12 6	3 16 6	30 9 0
<i>Our Day</i>					
Mrs. Robinson	78	22	57 9 6	1 2 6	58 12 0
D. Theunissen	56	42	34 12 6	5 6	34 18 0
<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
D. D. Toerien	84½	14	18 0 0	6 1 0	24 1 0
<i>Ladies' Handbook</i>					
Mrs. Steyl	73	16	22 10 0		22 10 0
Agents	5	409½	121	159 4 6	11 5 6 170 10 0
Periodicals	21 14 1				

Orange River

<i>Our Day</i>					
H. C. Jackson	50	28	23 19 6		23 19 6
P. J. Britz	40	14	9 5 6		9 5 6
G. S. Stevenson	34	8	5 13 6	5 6	5 19 0
<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
S. S. Hiten	44		delivering		
<i>Great Controversy.</i>					
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Agents	5	285	50	38 18 6	5 6 39 4 0
Periodicals					5 2 11
Native literature					5 5 2

Zambesi Union

Native sales	38 10 5
Periodicals	19 2
Miscellaneous	7 18 11
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Totals for March 1925

N-T Conf	11	435	144	104 7 6	21 7 6	125 15 0
Cap. Conference	5	409½	121	159 4 6	11 5 6	170 10 0
O. R. Conf	5	285	50	38 18 6	5 6	39 4 0
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Magazine sales				91 10 2		91 10 2
Native sales				122 11 5		122 11 5
Totals	21	1129¼	315	524 11 0	32 18 6	557 9 6



I Shall Not Pass This Way Again

I SHALL not pass this way again
 The thought is full of sorrow;
 The good I ought to do today,
 I may not do tomorrow.
 If I this moment should withhold
 The help I might be giving,
 Some soul may die, and I shall lose
 The sweetest joy of living.

Only the present hour is mine—
 I may not have another
 In which to speak a kindly word
 Or help a fallen brother.
 The path of life leads straight ahead,
 I can retrace it never;
 The daily record which I make
 Will stand unchanged forever.

To cheer and comfort other souls,
 And make their pathway brighter;
 To lift the load from other hearts,
 And make their burden lighter:
 This is the work we have to do,
 It must not be neglected;
 That we improve each passing hour,
 Is of us all expected.

—Selected.



WE are sorry to learn of the recent death of Mr. Wolff, of Vosburg, C. P., the husband of Sister Wolff of the Cape Town church. We extend our sympathies to Sister Wolff and Verja.

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General News

BROTHER FRENCH reports splendid camp-meetings being held up in North Rhodesia.

BROTHER E. M. HOWARD paid a hasty visit to the Cape last week in the interests of the young people's work of the South African Union.

WE are very happy to report to our readers that Elder Beddoe has now regained his health and has resumed his duties at the General Conference office.

ON May 2, four families sailed from New York for the African Division. Some of these are coming out to connect with the European work of the South African Union Conference, and others to take up work in the mission field.

ELDER W. H. ANDERSON cables from Angola regarding the serious condition of the roads, which he fears will prevent his attending the Bulawayo meeting, unless there is time for him to take a boat to Cape Town and proceed to Bulawayo from here.

WE are sorry to learn that one of our students at Spion Kop, Miss Mabel Holbrook, had the misfortune, while playing with some of the younger children, to slip and break her leg. She was immediately taken into Ladysmith and attended to by two doctors.



Ten Years Ago at Maranatha

It was in the year 1915 that Elder Spicer last visited this field, and at the Sabbath school at Cape Town on Sabbath, April 25, he referred to his visit to the Maranatha mission ten years ago.

The Scripture reading at the morning chapel hour for the students at Maranatha was taken from the third chapter of Isaiah. Celia was a new girl at the school and had run away from home to be at the mission. When she noticed the instruction God had given to His people with reference to the wearing of ornaments, a desire came to her heart to remove her earrings, but they had been there so long, that she could not do this without the assistance of the native teacher. A little later when the 13th Sabbath offering was taken up, Celia felt despondent, for she had no money to give, and all she had was those earrings. She gave them, and asked Elder Spicer if he could not sell them for her. They were worth only about 2/6, and then Brother Spicer did not know of anyone willing to buy them. But she gave all she had to the Master and, with the blessing of heaven, she gave much.

At the Durban camp-meeting a few months later, Brother Spicer invited those present to give for the

cause of missions in Celia's stead. After the regular camp-meeting offering for missions was taken up, £60 were given in Celia's name. At camp-meetings over in America, in Germany, and in other places, and after the regular offerings were received from those present, many pledged further amounts because of those earrings. Elder Spicer estimates that close on £600 have been given in Celia's stead. If she is faithful to the end, how surprised she will be when learning how much she gave that day to the cause of God.

W. B. C.



Change of Mission Location

BROTHER S. M. KONIGMACHER reports that they have had heavy floods up on the Caprivi Strip. The rains lasted for quite a while, causing the fruit trees on the mission to die off, and endangering the mission home where Brother and Sister Konigmacher were living. Permission has now been obtained from the resident commissioner to move the mission site to a more favourable location, and hereafter our mission in the Caprivi Strip will be known as Katima Mulilo instead of the Kalimbeza mission.

Brother Konigmacher writes that there are more calls for out-schools than they can possibly fill. At a recent Sabbath service, they had 175 in attendance. There are sixty-three students in the school.

Obituaries

HAUPT.—Father W. A. Haupt passed away peacefully April 25, at 6:30 p. m., at the home of Brother John Boers, his son-in-law, at the good old age of seventy-seven years, eleven days. For the last two years, father had been ailing. The Sabbath before he died, he sat up in bed and conducted Sabbath school and service, and he spoke to all of us for nearly three hours about the blessed hope and the soon-coming resurrection.

Father and mother accepted the Truth over thirty years ago. Brother Peter Wessels and Brother Webb were the first ones to bring the Truth to them. His death is mourned by his loved ones and many friends (1 Thess. 4:13, 14).

Brother Jan Venter frequently visited and prayed with father, which he greatly appreciated. The funeral services were conducted by Brother Venter.

A. B. GIBSON.

DR TOIT.—Passed away in her daughter's home at Kimberley, on Monday, May 4, at the age of seventy-four, Mary Jane du Toit.

Sister du Toit accepted the Third Angel's Message five years ago, under the labours of Elders Paap and Tarr, and faithfully attended the Beaconsfield church. A little over two years ago, she became an invalid and was confined to her room, until her death.

It was the writer's privilege to visit her during her illness, and always to find her of good courage in the Lord. Notwithstanding the severe pains she suffered, she always had a word of cheer to all who visited her.

Just before her death, she put her tithe in an envelope, which was handed in by her daughter.

The funeral service took place in the home, and the body was laid to rest in the West End Cemetery. A large number of friends and relatives attended.

We sympathize with the family in this their loss, but look forward to the time when we shall meet at the coming of Jesus. May the Lord keep us all to the end. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalms 116:15.

S. G. HITTEN.