



The Valley of Prayer

THERE'S a quiet, deep valley by the wayside of life,
And the name of this valley is prayer ;
It is hid from the world with its tumult and strife,
And the angel of peace dwelleth there.

Winding down through its calm flows the river of God,
All a gleam with the glory on high ;
And I feel in my soul, as I kneel on its sod,
A sweet rapture that comes from the sky.

The wild storms that come nigh it soon swoon into calm
In this deep, hidden valley of prayer ;
And the leaves of the trees there are rich with the balm
That heals all my pain and my care.

Hovering o'er its still depths are the infolded wings
Of bright seraphs sent down from the throne,
To shelter with love the suppliant who clings
Unto Him whose shed blood can atone.

When the tempest is on me, and fierce in its wrath,
And my heart is sore pressed with its care,
I turn from the world, and gladly enter the path
That leads down to the valley of prayer.

—CAMPBELL COYLE.

A CALL TO PRAYER

Prayer Moves The Arm of Omnipotence

ANOTHER Week of Prayer season is rapidly approaching. We trust that every church, family and individual member is definitely planning for it. If rightly observed it will, without doubt, bring a wonderful blessing to our hearts, which will, in turn, flow out to others. Plans should be laid at once so as to provide daily services in all our churches, and in the homes of isolated members.

Special messages have been prepared by some of our leaders for each day's services. These will be read to our people, and we trust much time will be spent in prayer and praise. Frequent testimony meetings in the churches will prove a blessing. Special seasons of family and secret prayer should also be observed.

"Prayer moves the arm of Omnipotence. He who marshals the stars in order in the heavens, Whose word controls the waves of the great deep—the same infinite Creator will work in behalf of His people, if they will call upon Him in faith."—Mrs. E. G. White.

The Lord's instruction to us is, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 6:16.

Even Christ, during His earthly ministry found it necessary to strengthen his humanity through frequent seasons of intercessory prayer.

"Behold the Son of God bowed in prayer to His Father! Though He is the Son of God, He strengthens His faith by prayer, and by communion with Heaven gathers to Himself power to resist evil and to minister to the needs of men. As the Elder Brother of our race, He knows the necessities of those who, compassed with infirmity and living in a world of sin and temptation, still desire to serve Him. He knows that the messengers whom He sees fit to send are weak, erring men; but to all who give themselves wholly to His service He promises divine aid. His own example is an assurance that earnest, persevering supplication to God in faith—faith that leads to entire dependence upon God and unreserved consecration to His work—will avail to bring to men the Holy Spirit's aid in the battle against sin."—*"Gospel Workers,"* p. 511.

But for what should we pray?

Let us pray for clean hands and new hearts, and that we may be kept unspotted from the world.

Let us pray for a deeper consecration to God and His cause.

Let us pray that our children may be saved from this evil generation, and be ready to go with us to the kingdom.

Let us pray for our ministers, that they may have pentecostal power in preaching the Word.

Let us pray for our missionaries who are in distant fields surrounded by the darkness of heathenism, and who are giving their lives in service for Christ and lost humanity.

Let us pray for one another.

W. H. BRANSON.

"Praise Ye The Lord"

ANOTHER Week of Prayer returns! Another season of refreshing is ours to enjoy! Once again, we have special opportunity to praise God and to seek His face. As we review the mercies and blessings bestowed upon us during the year just closing, surely we can exclaim with the psalmist, David, "Praise ye the Lord!"

There are many reasons why this is so. Here in the South African Union, God has abundantly blessed our soul-winning efforts, our missionary work, our Big Week campaign, our Harvest Ingathering endeavour, our workers, our churches, and our homes. In many respects, it has been a splendid year for our Union, and why not "Praise ye the Lord"? Surely, this will be our joy and privilege as we enter the Week of Prayer this year.

But while we feel happy over attainments during the present year and shall praise God for the same, yet let us not forget that we have reached a day when there is a grave danger that we do not "watch and pray" as we ought. In the busy time to which we have come and in the onward rush of our work, let it be stated again that there is a grave danger that we take too little time to "watch and pray." In fact, we feel that we do fail along this line from time to time. God has warned us, "Let us pray more. Unless there is a deeper work of grace in mind and heart, we can never see the face of God."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. VII, page 205.

My brethren and sisters, as we approach the Week of Prayer this year, let us earnestly and diligently search our hearts. Let us plan to enter as never before into the spirit of this blessed season, and let us with our brethren all around the world earnestly seek the Throne of God for the outpouring of the "latter rain," for the finishing of the work in our own hearts and for the finishing of the Message speedily in all the world. Then, as we come to the last Sabbath of the prayer season, let there be a consecration of life and means to the cause of God, such as we have never experienced in South Africa. May it be even so, is my sincere appeal.

J. F. WRIGHT.



The Problem of Sin

THIS is really the one great problem in the world. We are living in a time when the great controversy between sin and righteousness, between love and self, is reaching a climax. Soon this great conflict will be ended, and the mystery of God will be finished. But today everyone of our children and youth is in this struggle for live or for death.

How important then that during this Week of Prayer, we do something definite in every church to help our young people that they may be able to master sin in their own lives, and to train them to do valiant service in saving others!

Anyone who is at all acquainted with conditions among young people today, must admit that there is sin in the camp. There is sin everywhere. Our young

people need our sympathy and our prayers. They have been born in an age of intense pleasure-seeking, when iniquity abounds and the love of many has waxed cold. Worldly amusements, in all their sinful attractiveness, have become commercialised and are vaunted before our young people. In this battle, it seems many of our youth have lost their resistance; and, unless help comes, they will be swept away in this whirlpool of sin and be lost eternally.

The battle with sin has always been fierce, but we are living in a time "when the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Rev. 12:12. At such a time as this, "God requires the church to arouse from its lethargy, and see what manner of service is demanded in this time of peril."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, page 196.*

How fitting it would be during this Week of Prayer for all of us, young and old, to consider this great problem of how the home and the church can more effectively bring Christ into the lives of our children and youth, and how the young people can co-operate in helping to reach the high standard of living and service set before the remnant church!

"Fathers and mothers, however pressing your business, do not fail to gather your family around God's altar. Ask for the guardianship of holy angels in your home. Remember that your dear ones are exposed to temptations. Daily annoyances beset the path of young and old. Those who would live patient, loving, cheerful lives must pray. Only by receiving constant help from God can we gain the victory over self."—*"Ministry of Healing," page 393.*

Shall not each church member reconsecrate himself this week to do more for the young people among us? We are admonished that the youth should not "be left to drift hither and thither, to become discouraged and to fall into temptations that are everywhere lurking to catch their unwary feet. The work that lies nearest to our church members is to become interested in our youth, with kindness, patience and tenderness giving them line upon line, precept upon precept."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, page 196.*

How helpful it would be, not only during this Week of Prayer but during the coming year, if you as church members would take a special interest in the Missionary Volunteer society, and give it your hearty co-operation. Pray for them and encourage the leaders by your presence at their meetings.

And, lastly, I would invite our young people to resolve, by God's help, to rid the life of the terrible blight of sin, to come without reserve to the Master for cleansing, and to give themselves in unselfish service for others. May this Week of Prayer be a mountain-top in your life, from which you will get a view of God's purpose for you, and from which you may enter the new year to live a life of service and fellowship with God, which shall never cease.

J. I. ROBISON.



Annual Offering

THROUGHOUT the world, Seventh-day Adventists will spend the week, December 11 to 18, in prayer. Realising the great work which has been entrusted to them of taking the gospel to all the world in this generation,

they sense their need of a closer relation to their Heavenly Father that the power which must accompany the proclamation of Present Truth will not be lacking. "Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence."—*"Steps to Christ," page 99.*

The readings which have been especially prepared for the coming Week of Prayer will be found most helpful. They ring with a note of courage and assurance in the final triumph of the Message, and tell us of God's wonderful leadings.

On the last day of the Week of Prayer, Sabbath, December 18, as we recall God's tender care over His children through the year just closing, and as we realise the needs of His work in the earth, we will make our annual offering. Because the demands are greater and the time left in which to complete our task is shorter, we trust the gifts which the believers in Africa contribute this year will be the largest ever yet made.

W. B. COMMEN.



Returned From a Great Conference

WE left Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where the recent session of the General Conference was held, with a profound conviction that the kingdom of God is at hand. There was every indication that God had set His hand to finish His work by cutting it short in righteousness. It was, no doubt, the greatest conference ever held by the church of God since Pentecost.

Never before has a gathering of churchmen listened to such thrilling stories of the triumphs of the gospel in all lands. Never in any religious council, have so many mission recruits been chosen and sent out to the ends of the earth. Never were such broad plans laid for the support of the work in hand, and for a mighty advance. Never have we witnessed such a spirit of complete unity among the brethren, though they came literally from the ends of the earth and from among many nations.

Never was it so easy to choose leaders for the General Conference and the world field. It was as though we were living over again the days of the apostles when the Holy Ghost said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them!" There was no "wire pulling" or political influence used to persuade the nominating committee to appoint certain men, but instead a profound conviction came upon the committee that God had called certain men for various positions of responsibility and, without question or bickering, they were appointed. It was evident to all that God had His way in the session, and it was good to feel that His hand was leading.

Some had predicted that the leaders of the so-called Reform Movement would be on hand to create disturbance and to endeavour to detract from the general interest of the conference. But, though there were thousands gathered at the meeting, the writer did not come into contact with a single member of the Reform Movement. If they were there, we were not aware of it, and it is certain they did not exert any influence over the conference. The session was made up of one united band of believers who felt the call of God upon them to speedily complete the task of warning the nations of earth of the soon coming of Jesus. In fact,

the small apostasy known as the Reform Movement, which at first drew a few persons to it, has about spent its strength, as have all such side issues in the past, and the united church of God is marching on with full strength to the kingdom.

We are indeed pleased to be back in Africa. We look upon this field as one of great possibility, and one in which God will yet do a marvellous work. We have returned with courage for the future, and are confident that God will go before us and lead the way.

And, brethren, we must not fail to accomplish God's purpose for Africa. We must arise and warn this great continent, saving thousands of men and women for the coming kingdom. It will require our very best efforts, aided by the spirit of God, to accomplish the task, and to this end we earnestly solicit the continued co-operation of all our believers and friends in the work before us. We are in a winning cause. There can be no question as to the outcome of the battle. So, let us fight manfully and do valiant deeds for God.

Upon the occasion of our return to Africa, my family joins in sending greetings to all our people in this field.

W. H. BRANSON.



Word From One of Our Old Workers

THE OUTLOOK of November 1 brought to my mind early experiences in the work in this country. Dear Elder Hankins in his "Reminiscences," kindly mentioned my name among the early converts. I esteem it a great honour to have been among them, and am thankful that, in spite of the vicissitudes and disappointments of life, I am still kept by His power.

I vividly remember those early years and the struggles and difficulties experienced, sometimes almost to the point of discouragement and despair, and the all-night committee meetings, contending with mountains of difficulties. There were troubles from without and troubles from within.

During a visit of a General Conference leader, a suggestion to stop our training school work and join up with Australia was considered. Fortunately, the matter was dropped. How thankful we all must feel for this, especially those of us who have passed beyond the allotted span of three score years and ten, as we see and read of the many, who were boys and girls in our school here at that time, now successfully filling responsible positions in the work in this country.

I remember in the early days of the old Beaconsfield church, the good help we received from dear old workers,—Elders Boyd, Haskell, Hankins and A. T. Robinson and Mrs. Druillard. Their labours and counsel encouraged the members to become a working church. Among the many activities, Christian help band work was started. The sisters were particularly active. My wife and the late Sister Hodgson and many others engaged heartily in visiting the needy and unfortunate and ministering comforts and help. This incentive to labour was created by the good visits and work among us by our leaders of those days.

I sincerely greet all who remember me. I pray continually for our workers and people. I enjoy a measure of health, enabling me to struggle in endeavouring to gain a livelihood. My wife's health is very

indifferent, frequently very bad. But, I am thankful to be alive to see the work prospering. The *Review and Herald* and *OUTLOOK* keep me well informed.

My advice to all young workers is, "Keep at it. Do not allow yourselves to be switched off from the work in which you are engaged. If you are afforded the necessities of life, be thankful and contented, and stick to it. Things do happen to ruffle sometimes, but let us heed the good admonitions of our Guide Book and be faithful to the end. J. M. FREEMAN.

SPION KOP COLLEGE

E. D. DICK, *Principal*
Private Bag, Ladysmith, Natal.

Closing Exercises

THE class rooms are empty! Bells are few! The campus has the appearance of having been forsaken, and only here and there do we find one or two students at work at their summer appointments. What has happened?

The doors of Spion Kop College have closed for the school year of 1926. Once again, her students have scattered to their homes from the Cape to the Congo. Once again, some have gone from her doors as graduates, never to return. Once again, the full record of another school year has been made up, and it is to be hoped that in it are written many an advance step by her students toward the kingdom of God.

The school year of 1926 has on the whole been a good year. Irregularities in the early part of the year made the administration difficult for a time. The latter half of the year, however, was marked by a splendid spirit of co-operation on the part of all, so that the year closed with a strong tone.

The class work for the year has been unusually regular, and the work done has been generally satisfactory. It is always regrettable that at the close of the year there are those who have not put forth the effort during the year that they might have done, and for this have cause for regret. On the whole, however, we have enjoyed a good spirit of application and we have reason to feel encouraged over the work of the year.

We feel that we have been unusually free from illness during the past year, which, too, has made for regularity of appointments. Minor illnesses in a large school family are bound to prevail, but except for these our school year has been altogether free.

The spiritual status of the past year has not been marked with the constancy which we wish it had been, though the last half of our year showed continual progress.

Near the close of the year, Elder Wright was with us for our Week of Prayer, and all benefited by the spiritual uplift experienced at that time. Following this, a baptismal class was formed and on the last Sabbath afternoon of our school year three of our young men went forward in baptism.

The closing exercises were a source of pleasure to all. A class of seven go forth to take up various places of responsibility in the work of this field. The names of our graduates and the courses from which each finishes are as follows:

THEOLOGICAL COURSE.—Ross Ansley, Robert Buckley, John van de Merwe, Stephanus Swanepoel.

NORMAL COURSE.—Virginia Fortner, Ella Snyman, Jean Cramond.

As these young people go out from us, it is with the sincere prayer that the Lord will greatly bless them in their work for Him, and in the great Commencement Day that they may come bearing precious sheaves for the heavenly garner.

The close of 1926 sees a number of our teachers leaving us for service in other parts of the field.

Brother and Sister Stearns, who have been connected with the school for the past three years, leave shortly for the northern mission field.

Sister Honey, who has acted as matron for the past two years, feels that for personal reasons she must lay down her work at the close of this year.

Brother G. L. Willmore, who has acted as farm manager during the past year, is also leaving us to take up mission work in the Zambesi Union.

Elder and Mrs. Bender, who have been in this field for many years, and who for the past two years have been connected with the college faculty, have gone to America on furlough.

We are sorry to lose these faithful workers from the school faculty, for years of association have formed ties which are hard to break, yet in the severance of their services we can wish each of them Heaven's choicest blessings in their future work.

And now that the work of 1926 is ended and its record has been made up, we turn to the work of planning for the school year of 1927. A strong staff of workers has again been arranged for to fill the gaps made by those who have left.

Brother F. E. Thompson will carry the Bible Department for the coming year, while Mrs. Hanson will act as preceptress. Brother Milton Robison, of the Atlantic Union College, U. S. A., will carry the work of the Normal Department, while Miss George will

carry the Mathematics Department. Other vacancies have not as yet been filled, but we are assured of a strong staff for the year 1927.

We trust that parents will seriously consider the question of the education of their children and plan that, wherein at all possible, they will place their children under Christian influences in the school room for 1927.

Representatives from the school will visit all the large churches in the interests of meeting any parents who are interested in Christian education.

The school calendar is now ready. A copy will be sent to any who will make request to the principal.

E. D. DICK.



Our Student Colporteurs

IMMEDIATELY after the closing exercises of the college, a short institute was conducted at Spion Kop by Brother A. Blennerhassett, Elder J. N. de Beer and the writer, for the benefit of the students who are spending the summer in the canvassing field.

Ten students and several of the regular colporteurs from the Natal-Transvaal territory attended. Three full days were spent in studying the principles of salesmanship and the books to be handled. The time available for the institute was altogether too short to allow of a thorough preparation for this work by some who were going into the field for the first time. However, we believe that even this short course of instruction, given during the twenty-one hours spent together

in the institute, will be very helpful to all. Only five of the ten students who are in the field this summer have had any previous experience in this line of work.

Brethren E. Marter and I. Bredenkamp and Miss Gladys Smith have gone to the Cape Conference and are working in the Eastern Province. We have not yet had any definite reports from them, but from a letter just to hand from Brother Vixie, who is assisting

Christian Education

No. I.

"THERE are two classes of educators in the world. One class is made up of those whom God makes channels of light; the other of those whom Satan uses as his agents, who are wise to do evil. One class contemplates the character of God and increases in the knowledge of Jesus. This class becomes wholly given up to those things which bring heavenly enlightenment and heavenly wisdom to the uplifting of the soul. Every capability of their nature is submitted to God; even their thoughts are brought into captivity to Christ.

"The other class is in league with the prince of darkness, who is ever on the alert that he may find opportunity to teach others knowledge of evil and who, if place is made for him, will not be slow to press his way into heart and mind.—"Counsels to Teachers," p. 25.

Parents, which class of education are you planning for your children for 1927? Spion Kop College is ordained of God for the giving of a Christian education to the Seventh-day Adventist youth of Africa. A staff of conscientious, Christian teachers is maintained for this purpose alone. Will you not do all in your power to provide for your boy or girl a true education for 1927?

School opens February 10, 1927.

For full information write: The Principal, Spion Kop College, Ladysmith, Natal.



FRONT ROW: V. Gibson, P. D. Bulgin, D. Gibson.
MIDDLE ROW: S. Swanepoel, Mrs. Swanepoel, A. Blennerhassett, Miss Kruger, I Bredenkamp. BACK ROW: S. Hiten, Miss Naude, E. Marter, Miss Smith, J. Moolman.

them, we learn that all have made a good start towards earning full scholarships. Last summer, two out of the three students who worked in the Cape Conference succeeded in earning full scholarships, and we have faith to believe that good success will be the lot of all who put in full time and do faithful work this year.

Brethren S. Hiten and Virgil Gibson have gone to the Orange River Conference, and from reports to hand it would appear that they are having splendid success. Brother S. Swanepoel is also planning to spend a few weeks in the field.

Miss P. Naude, Brethren Delmer Gibson, P. D. Bulgin and J. Moolman have all arranged for territory in the Natal-Transvaal Conference. Miss Naude has set a goal of £40 a week and has made a splendid beginning. She reports about £90 worth of orders secured for the first two weeks' work. Last year, Miss Naude earned a full scholarship in about five weeks and she is hoping to secure two full scholarships this summer.

The scholarship plan has been a great blessing to many young men and women who have been able to earn all or portion of the money required to pay for their tuition in college. We know that the readers of the OUTLOOK are interested in the literature work, as well as in the ten young people who are now out in the field working hard to place good literature in the homes, and at the same time earn sufficient to pay for their tuition during the coming year.

Shall we not all pray that God will bless these dear young people in the work that they are doing that they may have good success? G. S. JOSEPH.

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Mission Offerings

THE following items culled from the mission offerings statement of the South African Union Conference will be of interest.

The goal for the European and mission departments for the ten months ending the 31st of October was £8,282-11-9. Of this amount, £6,852-9-7 or 82% has been raised. The percentage of the European goal raised was 85%, of the coloured 93%, and of the native 37%.

The local conferences contributed on their goals as follows:

	GOAL	AMT. REC.	% OF GOAL
Cape	2921 5 10	2363 9 6	81%
Natal-Tvl.	3296 15 10	3199 9 5	97%
Orange River	2064 10 0	1210 1 9	58%
Tvl.-Delagoa		79 8 11	
Total	£8282 11 8	6852 9 7	82%

Harvest Ingathering contributions have helped materially in making the present statement a most encouraging one. Whereas at the beginning of the campaign only 58% of our mission offerings goal had been reached, at the close we had exceeded 82%. We believe that the funds raised in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign represent the earnest and combined efforts of all of our members. For the earnestness and consecration thus betokened, we thank God and take courage.

Last year, the total mission offerings from our Union were £6,919-18-6; for the past ten months of this year we have raised within £68 of that amount. But our membership is greater and our goal is correspondingly higher. Last year, we did not reach our goal. This year, it seems to be just within reach. Shall we not determine, as we now begin to review the blessings of the fast closing year, that God shall have returned to Him a liberal portion of our goods that others may in a measure share in the blessings which have so abundantly been ours?
A. FLOYD TARR.

NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

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The Effort at Pretoria

THE readers of the OUTLOOK will be pleased to know something of the progress of the Pretoria campaign. We are all of good courage. Those associated in the tent company are, Brother and Sister Le Butt, Miss De Beer, Misses Thelma and Ruth Lindup and Elder and Mrs. Thompson.

The attendance keeps up night after night, and on Sunday nights there are many who stand about the tent. These overflow meetings make an impression on the Pretoria public, and the ministers of other churches are stirred. Campaigns of all sorts are in progress, but they do not influence the tent audiences. On one occasion, a public religious meeting was held on Church Square and then the people marched down the street by our tent, singing. As they approached our brilliantly lighted tent, many of the crowd left the procession and came to our meeting. They have not marched his way since.

Sabbath, November 20, was the first meeting held

in the tent on a Sabbath, and about thirty attended. We believe many more will attend the Sabbath services, and we earnestly solicit the prayers of our people in behalf of these who are taking their stand. The majority are civil servants, and it will mean much for them to get the Sabbath off. The offerings have amounted to £80, and we are sure the effort will be self-supporting.

B. M. HEALD.



Announcements From Our Book Depository

CHANGE IN PRICE ON HOME MISSIONARY CALENDARS

Just recently, we sent out a letter telling of the arrival of our stock of Home Missionary Calendars, and stating that the price of same was 1/6. We have just received word from the publishers that, owing to the fact that duty has been paid on these calendars, it is now necessary for us to raise the price to 2/- post-paid. So in future, will you kindly base your orders on this rate?

MORNING WATCH CALENDARS

We might mention in connection with this that the Morning Watch Calendars have arrived. The plain calendar is sold at 3d each and the de luxe, which might be obtained in a blue, maroon or brown cover, at 9d each. We would appreciate it if all the churches would send their orders in early.

"REVIEW AND HERALD"

During the time from November 13-27, we are encouraging all of our church members who have not already subscribed to the *Review and Herald* to do so at this time. The price of this periodical for one year is 12/-, and if ordered in combination with other periodicals, the price is much cheaper.

BIG THREE

Review and Herald, *Life and Health* and the *Liberty Magazine* for one year to one address at 13/- constitute the Big Three.

FAMILY GROUP

The Family Group consists of the following papers for one year:

Review and Herald, *Youths' Instructor*, *Sabbath School Worker*, *Church Officer's Gazette*, *Life and Health*, *Liberty Magazine*, and the *American Present Truth*, all for 28/6. If these papers were ordered singly, the price would be 37/-.

We trust that our members will take advantage of these special offers.

A. E. NELSON.



"N Kleine Kind sal Hul Lei"

Dit sal aan die lesers van die OUTLOOK voorstel klein Beulah de Beer, drie jaar oud. Die Potchefstroom gemeente was radeloos om te weet wat om te doen om hulle doel vir die Oes-Insamel te voltooi. Die dorp was deur kruis en klaar gewerk, maar daar is nog 'n tekort op ons "Goal." Wat nou te doen? Beulah neem haar kollektante bussie en gaan uit onder die mense in die besigheids seksie en het altesame tien

ure gewerk en die som van £19 ingesamel. Ons kon dadelik aan die konvensie kantoor die wete gee dat Potchefstroom hulle "goal" bereik het. Beulah is die jongste lid van die Potchefstroom gemeente.

CAROL DE BEER.

Potchefstroom.



Versoek Vir Werk

'N VERSOEK vir een van ons jonge seuns ongetroud, vir 'n plaas boer en ook die voorwaardes waarop hulle hom sal aanneem. Skryf aan Michal Pretorius, Nooitgedacht, P. K. Gluckstadt, Natal.



News Items

ELDER HEALD reports a continued good attendance at the Pretoria evangelistic meetings.

The Johannesburg church hall is just about completed.

CASH in hand on November 9 for the Harvest In-gathering fund for this year was £1300. We are grateful for the prompt remittances by church members.

RECENT visitors to Johannesburg were Elders Joseph and Howard, and Brethren A. F. Tarr, E. D. Hanson and A. Ingle. The Johannesburg church enjoyed Elder Joseph's account of his recent trip to the General Conference and the many absorbing experiences in connection with the reports of that meeting.

BROTHER BLENNERHASSETT is assisting the students who are spending their summer vacation in the colporteur field.

MISS P. NAUDE visited the office en route to Benoni, where she is engaged in the colporteur work during the summer vacation.

A. E. NELSON.

ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

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"Tell Us All About The New Way"

RUSANGU MISSION has stood for many years as a beacon light in this part of Rhodesia. Many beams of light have shone out to the villages round about, and many souls in heathen darkness have welcomed these rays of hope and have turned from sin to accept the righteousness of Jesus Christ. But the darkness is so dense that it seems even the rays of the gospel light do not penetrate far. This fact was impressed upon us more than ever a few days ago as, in company with Brethren N. C. Wilson and Virgil Robinson, the writer visited some of the more remote villages beyond our line of out-schools.

We left Rusangu mission October 20. After a ride of about forty-five miles, we reached one of our farthest out-schools, where Simon Kazimba is teaching. We spent the afternoon there, and in the evening we called the people together for a meeting. The boys of the school carried up a large pile of poles and logs which were lighted just after dark, making a huge bon-fire which could be seen from all parts of the village. Soon, about one hundred and fifty people had gathered around the fire, and Brother Wilson spoke

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to them about the love of Jesus. Nearly all expressed a desire to know more about Him and to have more of His love in their hearts.

After a good sleep in the open air, the next morning we pushed on beyond this village into a district where no missionary had ever been. It hardly seems credible, but, after a two hours' walk over the mountains, we came to a village where many had never heard about God. By the time we reached this village, the sun was shining with considerable warmth, so we stopped to rest under a large tree near a refreshing spring of water. The headman soon called to see us, so we asked him to invite his people over for a meeting. At about noon, fifty or sixty men and women came for the meeting. After singing a few hymns, we attempted to tell them about God and His Son Jesus, but soon the headman was doing as much talking as we were. This was the first Christian meeting they had ever attended, and as they heard about God and His love for them they became very enthusiastic. The headman feared lest the women would not understand well, so he had to explain to them the things which we were saying. The Holy Spirit surely touched the hearts of these village children of nature. They urged us to again visit them and tell them more of the news of salvation.

After a few hours' rest during the heat of the day, we again took up our walk toward the south and east. Just before sunset, we came to a beautiful, clear, trickling mountain stream which persuaded us to camp for the night. One can truthfully say that we did justice to the good dinner which our cook boys placed before us that evening. How we would have loved the privilege of remaining in our camp beds until the sun was well up the next morning, but at 4:30 we were on the road again. Brother Wilson, Virgil and myself took the lead. We trudged along up and down hills, climbing over rocks and ditches, until finally we came to the top of a high mountain from which we could see the Zambesi valley before us. Some of the rocky places made us think of the slopes of Table Mountain.

The temperature of the lowlands was several degrees warmer than that which we had experienced on the higher altitudes. About one-half hour's walk after leaving the mountain reminded us that we needed some drinking water. We sat down on some large rocks to wait for the water boy, but scarcely had we stopped when we were attacked by countless numbers of small flies, or a kind of bee. They seemed in dead earnest. We fought with our handkerchiefs in a very energetic way, but to no avail. The only remedy was to walk. This was not a delightful innovation as by this time we were a bit tired and our feet were blistered. We took a good drink of water and continued our walk until noon. This time, we found a large stream and to our joy we also found that there were none of the

small bees here. As we had walked nearly eight hours, and as it was Friday we decided to camp over Sabbath. We held Sabbath-school with our boys and also had a preaching service.

As the weather was so warm, we decided to resume our journey at the end of the Sabbath instead of waiting until Sunday morning. We started about 10 p. m. and arrived at the Zambesi at 4:30 a. m. During the night by the bright moonlight we could see the spoors of elephants, elands, buffaloes, etc. In fact, Virgil came into rather close proximity to a lion.

Along the Zambesi, we found many villages where no one had ever heard of God. They did not even know what the Bible was. They had never heard of it before. We held several meetings with them, but how little can be done in two or three days! At our first meeting, when we kneeled for prayer, the children became frightened and pulling from their mothers ran for the bush.

A number of villages were visited and everywhere they urged us to come again and tell them more about Jesus. "Tell us more about the new way. We want to know all about it," they said. How sad to think that the old story of salvation is still a new way to so many!

One afternoon, nine headmen visited us to make a special request that we send someone to teach them. But we had to tell them we had no teacher ready to send. When we told them we could do nothing before another dry season, one of the headmen said, "What will happen to us if we die before that time?" Friends, such a question is hard to answer. What will they do? Surely, the Lord is calling us to hasten on with the message of salvation.

We found these natives to be such a bright, healthy-looking class of people. For miles and miles their villages extend along the valley and not one missionary has visited them. It was with deep regret that we could not stay with them longer and help them to get a brighter vision of Jesus. But we had to hasten back to attend to our work nearer home. Oh! when will we be able to find a family to open up work in this inviting and needy field? Where shall we get the means to support them?

F. M. ROBINSON.



General News Notes

As we go to press, the Division committee is in session at the Cape. There is a full attendance of members from the different parts of the field.

A MEETING of the Spion Kop College board is called to meet at the Cape on December 7. The South African Union Conference committee meets at Claremont on December 5.

ON Monday, the 29th ult., Brother Milton Robison and family arrived by the "Arundel Castle." Brother Robison will spend several days at the Cape before proceeding to Ladysmith.

MRS. C. W. BOZARTH, of Bulawayo, with her two little boys, is visiting relatives at the Cape.

BROTHER O. R. SHREVE, of Somerset West, suddenly took ill last week, and it is feared he will be confined to his bed for several weeks.