



“Our life is to be bound up with the life of Christ; we are to draw constantly from Him, partaking of Him, the living bread that came down from heaven, drawing from a fountain ever fresh, ever giving forth its abundant treasures. If we keep the Lord ever before us, allowing our hearts to go out in thanksgiving and praise to Him we shall have a continual freshness in our religious life. Our prayers will take the form of a conversation with God, as we would talk with a friend. He will speak His mysteries to us personally. Often there will come to us a sweet joyful sense of the presence of Jesus. Often our hearts will burn within us as He draws nigh to commune with us as He did with Enoch. When this is in truth the experience of the Christian, there is seen in His life a simplicity, a humility, meekness, and lowliness of heart, that show to all with whom he associates that he has been with Jesus and learned of Him.”—“Christ’s Object Lessons,” page 131.

Report of the Missionary Volunteer Department

THE Missionary Volunteer Department brings greetings to the delegates assembled at this fourth biennial council of the African Division.

I consider the Missionary Volunteer Department is essentially the department of opportunity, for, although a good start has been made in this field and a strong foundation laid in nearly all our unions, still we are looking forward to greatly strengthening this department, and to making it a means of helping to promote the work of the gospel message in all parts of the Division.

The youth is the age of opportunity. This opportunity belongs to the church as well as to the young people themselves. "Very much has been lost to the cause of God by lack of attention to the young."—*"Christian Education,"* p. 222.

As we study the conditions in this field, and see how many of our young people have slipped out of the fold, and drifted into the world, we realise how bitterly true these words are. And we are not surprised that the Spirit of Prophecy says, "The work that lies nearest to our church members is to become interested in our youth."

The Missionary Volunteer Department in the African Division has during the last few years, lacked in continuity of leadership, and although the men appointed have done their best under the circumstances, there has been very little promotion work done in the field, nor has any direct assistance been given to our Missionary Volunteer workers in helping to build up this department. However, we feel very thankful to God for the good work that has been done, and feel that eternity alone will reveal the fruit of the seed sown in the hearts of both our own youth and in the lives of many with whom our Missionary Volunteers have come in contact.

OUR PRESENT ORGANISATION

The work of the Missionary Volunteer Department is at present organised in four of our five union fields. Three of these unions have secretaries serving faithfully. The South East African Union, in which is found our largest and strongest Missionary Volunteer work, is under the direction of Sister Ellingworth, as secretary. The Zambesi Union has recently appointed Miss Dalton to serve as secretary, and we are confident that in the near future we shall see the Missionary Volunteer work growing in this large union. The Congo Union, although small in membership, has been growing, with Brother Webster as secretary. We are looking for still greater growth in the Congo.

The South African Union Conference has been called upon to release their secretary, Elder Howard, to work in Kaffirland, so at the present they are without anyone to head this department. I understand this union is planning to fill this appointment in the near future. I am glad to report that in each of the local conferences in the South African Union there has been appointed, at the recent conference sessions, a local Missionary Volunteer secretary to foster the work in each conference. Under such leadership as is planned in this union, I am sure the young people's work in this, our oldest field, will take on new life.

The Equatorial Union, up to the present, has had no organised Missionary Volunteer work, but we have with us at this meeting, Miss Moore, who has been appointed secretary for that union. In a few months, no doubt, this union will join us in strong organised Missionary Volunteer work.

STATISTICAL

The following is a brief summary of the statistics of the Missionary Volunteer Department during the biennial period, closing December 31, 1926:

	1925	1926
No. of Societies	76	81
Membership	2237	2376
No. Reporting Members	236	878
No. Observing Morning Watch	526	775
No. Reading Bible Through	104	37
No. Taking Reading Courses	15	35
No. Standard of Attainment	27	
Missionary Visits	4712	4907
Bible Readings or Gospel Meetings	2210	2317
Signers to Anti-Tobacco Pledge	40	15
Persons taken to Sabbath School	738	334
Hours of Christian Help Work	13716	10620
Treatments Given	2901	1597
Value of Food Given	£63 1 5	£65 8 10
Articles of Clothing Given	1093	1351
Bouquets Given	544	1040
Periodicals Distributed	18898	8007
Tracts Distributed	13427	7021
Subscriptions to Periodicals	151	86
Books Distributed	2391	946
Missionary Letters Written	1891	1501
Replies Received	598	609

Inasmuch as reports have been very incomplete for the amounts raised by the Missionary Volunteer societies for missions, I have not listed this item. There has been reported, however, a total of £117-6-11 as given by our Missionary Volunteers for the advancement of the cause of God.

CONCLUSION

In looking to the future, I feel confident that with a better organisation of the Missionary Volunteer Department in all our fields, and with the co-operation of all our workers, and the blessing of the Lord, we can expect a much larger development of the Missionary Volunteer work in this Division.

J. I. ROBISON.



Report of the Educational Secretary

In looking over the educational work of the past two years, many items of progress and encouragement are to be noticed.

REPORTING SYSTEM

At the time of our last Council, it was recommended that we bring out a new set of report forms on one blank to include all the necessary items to be reported, to originate with the out-school teacher, and carrying on through to the station schools, the training schools, the local field and union organisations on to the Division. Such blanks were brought out, though only recently have they been used. It is hoped that these are meeting the needs of the fields without placing any undue burdens on the field men.

A system of keeping the out-school teacher better informed as to the criticisms of the inspector, as well

as keeping the local field superintendent in better touch with the work of the inspector and the out-schools, was also devised.

May we not take this opportune time to urge upon our workers and field leaders the need of being prompt in the sending in of these reports? It may seem at times that the making up and forwarding of reports is a needless burden, but it certainly is a requisite of any proper functioning organisation.

EUROPEAN TRAINING SCHOOL

Little need be said here with reference to the work of our European training school, as the work will be reported in full at another time. It should be mentioned here, however, that the work of our training school is rapidly becoming very strong, and that liberal plans are on foot whereby the training school can be established in a more favourable location. It is hoped that the coming years may see a larger support of Christian education on the part of our European constituency than ever before.

WORKER'S EDUCATIONAL SUBSIDY

During the past biennial period there has been set in operation a workers' educational subsidy. This plan provides assistance for our workers in the education of their children in our training school. Probably, no single plan has been introduced in recent years which has been more cordially received than this.

The plan provides a sliding scale of assistance depending upon the number of children in school and virtually assures to the worker a Christian training for his children, provided only that his children are industrious and co-operative with the school administration.

GENERAL PLANS

A number of advance moves have been made towards crystallising some definite educational policies in the South African Union Conference during the past two years. Two educational councils have been held, in which definite policies were outlined covering the following:

1. A syllabus for the work of the church school has been brought out.
2. Provision for the work of out-schools under various conditions has been met in establishing type A. and type B. schools.
2. A curriculum has been established for the work of the native schools covering eleven years of work.
4. A syllabus covering the work of the first six years has been brought out in mimeograph form and is now in the hands of all the native teachers. A summer school for native teachers was held at Bethel to acquaint the teachers with the workings of the new syllabus, which proved a great help to the teachers.
5. Suitable promotion cards and records have been adopted, which provides for the stabilising of the work in our native departments.
6. A uniform standard of examination and promotion provisions has been established.
7. A model seat and desk has been adopted for use in all out-schools.
8. A minimum standard of equipment has been specified for out-schools covering black-board, globes,

maps, charts, desk-copies and furniture. Also an interpretation of the marking is given for the grading of schools. Other actions of consequence were taken which need not be mentioned here.

Suffice it to say there are yet many other matters in this report needing the attention of the workers in the field, particularly in the matter of strengthening the hands of our church school teachers. It is planned to conduct a church school teachers' rally in June of this year, at which time it is planned to give study to some of the problems of urgency.

It is also recognised that all the union mission fields are needing the assistance of counsel in their educational problems, and it is hoped that an educational council may be conducted in at least the Congo and Zambesi Unions soon after the close of this Council.

SCHOOLS AND ENROLMENT

Despite our shortcomings in having failed to give the fields the assistance and counsel which we desired, there is perhaps no single line of work which offers reason for greater encouragement than the educational work in the Division, as will be seen by the following totals:

NAME	NUMBER	ENROLMENT
Church Schools	6	83
Training Schools	1	63
European Schools	7	146
Out-schools	201	10004
Mission Schools	15	1336
Training Schools	5	349
Totals	228	11835

Just think of the latent possibilities of such a situation—11,835 students daily receiving instruction at the feet of Christian teachers, and Christian teachers moulding and fashioning the lives of 11,835 students. Surely, as we ponder this thought and think of the possibilities of such a situation, our hearts should well-up with new courage at the possibilities of the soon triumph of this Message. Only shall we not pray that the teachers upon whom this responsibility is laid may prove true to their trust in pointing these youth to aspire to the service of God and go forth zealous to do the work of God, for which they are planning? E. D. DICK.



Five Years of Advancement

MARKED progress has been made in the work in South Africa during the past five years. To one who has been away from Africa most of that time, the advance made in the conferences is very apparent. It is encouraging to note how many new faces one meets in the camp-meetings. Many new believers have been added to the membership of older churches. New churches have been raised up and buildings erected.

At Claremont five years ago, we held a session of the Cape Conference. The attendance was small. The number attending the session of the local conference this year in the Cape Town church was like an old time union conference camp-meeting. I had never seen so many people in the Cape Town church as came to the Sabbath day meetings. Every seat was taken and many extra chairs were placed in the aisles.

The Orange River Conference held its meetings in the new Bloemfontein church building, which nicely accommodated those attending.

Johannesburg was the place of meeting for the Natal Transvaal Conference. Since the church building was too small, the brethren secured the Masonic Hall for the conference session. It is an evident sign of progress when we outgrow our church buildings. So, evidence of growth is to be seen in each local conference in the South African Union.

Pastor L. L. Moffitt was re-elected as president of the Cape Conference, and Brother P. W. Willmore as secretary-treasurer. With a committee of counsellors, these brethren were elected by the delegates to lead the work of the conference forward.

The delegates attending the Orange River Conference elected Pastor J. J. Birkenstock to serve as president. Pastor J. N. de Beer who had served the field as its president for over five years, is accepting a call of the South African Union Conference for mission work in Pondoland. Many voiced appreciation of the faithful, untiring service rendered the churches in the Free State by Elder De Beer during an unbroken term of years. There can be no doubt but God will bless both Brethren Birkenstock and De Beer as they continue their service for Him in their new fields.

Pastor T. M. French was elected president of the Natal-Transvaal Conference and Brother A. E. Nelson, secretary-treasurer. Elder French's extended experience well qualifies him for aggressive leadership. Surely, the work in the provinces of Natal and Transvaal will continue to advance under his direction. Pastor B. M. Heald, the former president of this conference, has held several city efforts during his administration, and now the coming of a new brother to take the presidency leaves Brother Heald free to devote his entire time to the high calling of proclaiming the Message.

Following the sessions of the local conferences the Union Conference session convened. Here the work of the local fields was summed up in cheering totals. In the Union Conference the believers in the Union of South Africa find a band that binds all in close fellowship. Officers presented reports of the progress of our work. Mission work under the direct supervision made possible by formation of local fields is taking on new life. The Union session elected officers as follows: President, J. F. Wright; Secretary-Treasurer, A. F. Tarr; Superintendent of Kafirland Mission Field, E. M. Howard; Superintendent of the Transvaal-Delagoa Mission Field, J. R. Campbell; Superintendent of the Basuto-Bechuana Mission Field, B. E. Schaffner.

In every local conference and mission field the work is onward. Committees are laying plans for aggressive evangelistic work in the Dutch. God is specially blessing the labours of the evangelists. It is an encouraging omen. Everywhere the number of voices preaching the Message is increasing. We are beginning to witness what a few years ago we knew only by faith. Men "will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices all over the earth, the warning will be given."

B. E. BEDDOE.

SO. AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

J. F. WRIGHT, *President*, A. FLOYD TARR, *Secy.-Treas.*
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Facing The Last Half of 1927

THE conference sessions have just closed. From first to last, a warm spirit of brotherly love and co-operation prevailed. Most encouraging reports were rendered by each field. Progress was seen in all lines of endeavour. The committees appointed, quickly yet carefully took care of the work assigned to them. Well devised plans were seriously studied. A much larger programme was launched in each conference for the finishing of the work. New officers were elected, who enter upon their duties with the prayers and best wishes of all concerned. In each of the sermons preached and Bible studies given, an earnest appeal was sounded, calling for a better acquaintanceship and a closer fellowship with Jesus, the blessed Master. It was most encouraging to witness both young and old yield life and means anew in full surrender to the service of finishing the task committed to us, which, when finished, will usher in His glorious appearing. Truly, a great feast was spread for all who made it possible to attend and it was good to be present.

Now that these meetings are an experience of the past, and we take up our duties anew, there is at least one supreme question to which we should address ourselves, giving same very serious consideration, as we face the LAST HALF OF 1927.

EVANGELISM

From the General Conference, to every division, union, and local conference, as well as to every minister, elder and church member, sounds forth a clarion call, "EVANGELISE, EVANGELISE, ENTER NEW TERRITORY! Lift up the Saviour before men, that He may through us, redeem and save the honest seekers for truth." This call to evangelism is meeting with a most hearty response from every part of the world field. South Africa willingly falls into line with the call. Every worker during the recent Division Council pledged anew to win more souls for Christ. Now, we pass along the call to every lay member. Let the slogan be sounded far and near throughout the South African Union Conference, "EVERY MEMBER A WORKING MEMBER AND A SOUL WINNER."

Just think what a wonderful achievement it would be, if every lay member won a member before next conference season. This is possible, because in many parts of our old world scores are being won purely through the efforts of our loyal, faithful laymen. Think of what rejoicing such an experience would bring to heaven, if every layman would each win a soul in addition to those being gathered by our regular workers! Permit me, then, to request right at this juncture that you give close attention to the following appeal:

"My brethren and sisters, take an active part in the work of soul-saving. This work will give life and vigour to the mental and spiritual powers. . . . Church members, let the light shine forth. . . . You—your

voice, your influence, your time—all these are gifts from God, and are to be used in winning souls to Christ. Visit your neighbours, and show an interest in the salvation of their souls. Arouse every spiritual action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts and will make upon their minds lasting impressions."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, pages 38-41.*

What a heart stirring appeal! Then, my dear believers in the Advent Message, as we heed this call, we sincerely urge you to join, one and all, in a great soul-winning campaign for the Master. The workers have pledged their efforts anew to EVANGELISM, therefore let every member also pray, seek, and work, to the end that he may lead and win at least one soul to Christ before another year glides swiftly by.

PRAY TO THE LORD OF THE HARVEST

To carry out the above mentioned programme, we must earnestly and seriously seek God for a share in the "latter rain" as it now falls upon the earth. Let your prayers ascend daily in behalf of the work and the workers. Never in the history of the church was the need of prevailing prayer more imperatively required than today. Pray, brethren, for the ministers who will go out to conduct efforts. Uphold them daily before the Throne of Grace. During one recent effort, the preacher was assured that each night when he entered the desk the members of one entire church at — were upon their knees calling upon God in his behalf. These prayers will not pass unanswered. What a splendid example set by this church for others to imitate! Brethren, sisters, fail not in presenting your earnest supplications to heaven in behalf of the ministry for lost souls. In these days, we are admonished, "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the

latter rain, so the Lord shall make bright clouds and give them showers of rain, to everyone grass in the field." Zech. 10:1. Wonderful counsel! Blessed assurance of refreshing and power!

Well, dear believers throughout South Africa, let us cheer on and press forward in a great mighty endeavour to win every soul possible. Last year, 385 souls were won and baptised. Let us seek to double this number for 1927. Such is possible. Therefore, let us be satisfied with nothing less than such an achievement. What do you say?

Admonishing all to full and consecrated service, thanking you for continual co-operation, and appreciating your prayers in pushing forward the triumphs of the glorious Cross, "LET US WORK WHILE IT IS DAY, FOR THE NIGHT COMETH WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK." Then when the gracious Redeemer shall appear to reap the harvest may we be able to say, "We have finished the work which Thou gavest us to do."

J. F. WRIGHT.

NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

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Election of President

OUR readers will be interested to know that during the Natal-Transvaal Conference session which was held in Johannesburg recently, a call was made for the release of Elder T. M. French from the African Division work to enable him to accept the presidency of the Natal-Transvaal Conference. Elder French was not present at the time when this call was made and it was not known whether he would be willing to accept it or not. However, upon his arrival from French

Equatorial Africa, where he has recently spent several months in pioneering with Elder Anderson exploring that field with the idea of locating new mission sites, he was summoned to Johannesburg, and after meeting representatives from the Division, Union and local conferences decided to accept the urgent request from the Natal-Transvaal field, providing the African Division and General Conference committees would release him from active service in the Division work for the present. The Division committee was in session in Bulawayo and the matter was presented

S. A. Union Conference

Statement of Mission Offerings for May 1927

NAME OF FIELD	FOR MONTH.		TO DATE		AV. PER. MEM.	% OF GOAL
	GOAL	AMT. RECD.	GOAL	AMT. RECD.		
<i>European Department</i>						
Cape Conference	295 15 0	106 13 0	1478 15 0	631 1 8	1/1	43%
Natal-Transvaal Conf.	319 0 10	219 11 9	1595 4 2	1027 6 1	1/7	64%
Orange River Conf.	214 10 0	45 0 3	1072 10 0	422 2 11	1/-	39%
Total Europeans in Conf.	829 5 10	371 5 0	4146 9 2	2080 10 8	1/3	50%
Europeans in Miss. Fields	1 1 8	11 5 0	5 8 4	78 2 2		
Total European	£830 7 6	382 10 0	4151 17 6	2158 12 10	1/3½	52%
<i>Mission Department</i>						
Kafirland	11 19 1		59 15 4	20 7 1	½d.	34%
Tvl.-Delagoa	13 10 10	4 17 9	67 14 2	46 11 11	1½d.	69%
Basuto-Bechuana	17 3 9	3 2 6	85 18 10	21 12 6	½d.	24%
Total Native	42 13 8	8 0 3	213 8 4	88 11 6	¾d.	41%
Cape Coloured	26 17 4	1 18 10	134 6 8	44 13 6	4d.	33%
Indian	2 12 0		13 0 0	11 12 2	5¾d.	89%
Total Miss. Field	72 3 0	9 19 1	360 15 0	144 17 2		40%
Total European	830 7 6	382 10 0	4151 17 6	2158 12 10		52%
Grand Total	£902 10 6	392 9 1	4512 12 6	2303 10 0		51%

Summary

	1927		CORRESPONDING PERIOD 1926	
Goal for 5 months	4512 12 6	— 100%	4141 5 10	— 100%
Amount received	2303 10 0	— 51%	2014 5 0	— 49%
Shortage	£2209 2 6	— 49%	2127 0 10	— 51%

and the committee acquiesced in the release of Elder French and have passed the recommendation on to the General Conference.

Brother French has already met with the Natal-Transvaal committee and has joined them in planning for the work in the immediate future, and after a few weeks' rest at the Cape, he will enter upon his duties in a definite way.

We wish to congratulate the Natal-Transvaal Conference upon their good fortune in securing such a good, strong leader for the conference work.

Elder French will retain his connection with the Division as field secretary, and will continue to be a member of the Division committee, though giving his entire time to the Natal-Transvaal work for the present.

W. H. BRANSON.



Krugersdorp

It was the privilege of the writer to hold a two weeks' series of spiritual revival meetings in the Oddfellows Hall, Krugersdorp, from June 5 to 19.

In spite of the very cold nights and the bitter cutting winds, our members, although some of them lived a great distance from the hall, braved the unpleasant conditions and came every night. God blessed the efforts put forth for we felt the elevating influence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, and many testified of the blessings received.

When we reviewed the unstable conditions in the world, the uncertainties, the perplexities, and the problems which are causing men's hearts to fail for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth, our hearts throbbed with joy as we remembered the precious promises of God. These promises are so sure, and we felt the sanctifying influence of the Truth, which ennoble our characters and purifies our thoughts.

The little company in Krugersdorp is having a most trying time because of thoroughly organised efforts against God's faithful children. No stone is being left unturned to poison public opinion against our people. Some have had nasty remarks thrown at them as they have walked along the street. One of our sisters at her home had a curse pronounced upon her, but all we can say is, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

We take courage from the fact that while slander may blacken reputation it cannot stain the character. That is in the keeping of our Heavenly Father. Surely, this is the thin end of the wedge of persecution, and we should rejoice knowing that very soon Jesus will come. Oh, how we should press on and work to hasten on that glad day when our blessed Saviour will come in the clouds and take us all back with Him!

I solicit your prayers on behalf of our dear brothers and sisters in Krugersdorp.

A. C. LE BUTT.



"THE work to which we as Christians are called is to co-operate with Christ for the salvation of souls. This work we have entered into covenant with Him to do. To neglect this work is to prove disloyal to Christ."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 360.

Notes

BROTHER BLENNERHASSETT has been assisting three of our colporteurs, Brother and Sister Bisset and Sister Coetzee, at Pretoria.

BROTHER BISSETT is having a splendid experience and is of good courage. Let us remember our faithful band of colporteurs at the Throne of Grace.

BROTHER LE BUTT has completed a very successful series of meetings with the Krugersdorp church. I am sure the members are much encouraged by his assistance.

ELDER HURLOW has secured a hall in Orange Grove, Johannesburg, where he will begin a series of lectures on July 3. Let us remember in prayer Elder Hurlow and his corps of workers.

JOHANNESBURG church is now having Home Nursing classes under the able supervision and instruction of Elder Hurlow. Much interest has been shown in these classes, and many have enrolled.

SISTER BISSETT has been doing some practical work in connection with her canvassing, having given successful treatments as outlined in her book. These acts of helpfulness commend our work to the public, and reveal the spirit of the Master.

A. E. NELSON.

ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

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Sabbath School at the Constituency Meeting

ON Sabbath, May 28, we were glad to have Brother J. I. Robison, Sabbath school secretary of the African Division, with us. Brother Robison took charge of our Sabbath school and we all joined in singing the opening song, "Don't forget the Sabbath." The school joined in repeating the 23rd Psalm and prayer was offered by Brother D. E. Robinson. Brother Konigsmacher, who has charge of our work on the Upper Zambesi mission, gave a most interesting talk on the progress of the work in that part of the field, telling us especially of the great interest which the native people take in the Sabbath school. We continued our service with the use of hymn, number 318, during the singing of which the children passed out to their respective classes.

The Review on "The Council at Jerusalem, Paul's Second Missionary Journey," was conducted by Brother D. E. Robinson. He brought out the thought that the acts of the apostles are our example, as we are doing the same work now in spreading the Message as they did.

We had quite a number of visitors present as this was the time of our constituency meeting and four additional classes were organised, the teachers being Brethren G. S. Joseph, N. C. Wilson, C. Robinson, and a native brother who took charge of the native

brethren who were present. Brother S. Marx took charge of Sister Boger's class. A most enjoyable time was spent in studying about "Paul and Silas at Philippi," and upon re-assembling Brother Robison told a most interesting story of a little girl in the mission field, who recently wanted to make an offering, but who had nothing to give to the Lord excepting a safety pin. A call was then made to all present to help increase this little girl's gift, and the amount of £1-13-6 was given.

With the singing of hymn number 863, and prayer by Brother Jewell, school closed.

(MISS) GLADYS BROWN, *Secretary.*



Returning Workers

RETURN and grasp anew the handles of thy plough
Where thou hast left it in the furrow
And didst rest awhile.

Wait not for morning's light to turn to rosy hue,
The sombre mountain-tops and dewy vale,
The season's late.

Prepare the waiting soil, full many a thorn patch
Shall a "hundred fold" yet yield, and
Others perhaps less.

No seed is lost that hath been sown by thee
And watered by thy prayers and tears,
Only believe.

So grasp anew the waiting handles of thy plough
And forward step until the day is done,
He walks beside.

(MRS) BERTHA BOGER.



How Shall We Keep the Sabbath?

"At the very beginning of the fourth commandment, the Lord said, 'Remember.' He knew that amid the multitude of cares and perplexities man would be tempted to excuse himself from meeting the full requirement of the law, or would forget its sacred importance. Therefore, He said, 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.' Ex. 20: 8.

"All through the week, we are to have the Sabbath in mind, and be making preparation to keep it according to the commandment. We are not merely to observe the Sabbath as a legal matter. We are to understand its spiritual bearing upon all the transactions of life. All who regard the Sabbath as a sign between them and God, showing that He is the God who sanctifies them, will represent the principles of His government. They will bring into daily practice the laws of His kingdom. Daily, it will be their prayer that the sanctification of the Sabbath may rest upon them. . . . Through the week, let parents remember their home is to be a school in which their children shall be prepared for the courts above. Let their words be right words. . . . Parents, during the week, live as in the sight of a holy God, who has given you children to train for Him. Train for Him the little church in your home, that on the Sabbath all may be prepared to worship in the Lord's sanctuary. Each morning and evening, present your children to God as His blood-bought heritage. Teach them that it is their highest duty and privilege to love and serve God. . . . When the Sabbath is thus remembered, the temporal

will not be allowed to encroach upon the spiritual. No duty pertaining to the six working days will be left for the Sabbath. During the week, our energies will not be so exhausted in temporal labour that on the day when the Lord rested and was refreshed we shall be too weary to engage in His service. . . . While preparation for the Sabbath is to be made all through the week, Friday is to be the special preparation day: . . .

"On Friday, let the preparation for the Sabbath be completed. See that all the clothing is in readiness, AND THAT ALL THE COOKING IS DONE. Let the boots be blacked, and the baths be taken. It is possible to do this. If you make it a rule, you can do it. The Sabbath is not to be given to the repairing of garments, to the cooking of food, to pleasure-seeking, or to any other worldly employment. Before the setting of the sun, let all secular work be laid aside, and all secular papers be put out of sight. Parents explain your work and its purpose to your children, and let them share in your preparation to keep the Sabbath according to the commandment. WE SHOULD JEALOUSLY GUARD THE EDGES OF THE SABBATH. Remember that every moment is consecrated, holy time. . . . Before the Sabbath begins, the mind as well as the body, should be withdrawn from worldly business. . . .

THE SABBATH IN THE HOME

"Before the setting of the sun, let the members of the family assemble to read God's Word, to sing and pray. . . .

"Let not the precious hours of the Sabbath be wasted in bed. On Sabbath morning the family should be astir early. . . .

"While cooking upon the Sabbath should be avoided, it is not necessary to eat cold food. In cold weather, let the food prepared the day before be heated. And let the meals, though simple, be palatable and attractive. Provide something that will be regarded as a treat, something the family do not have every day.

"At family worship, let the children take a part. Let all bring their Bibles, and each read a verse or two. Then let some familiar hymn be sung, followed by prayer. . . . In a simple petition, tell the Lord your needs, and express gratitude for His mercies. Thus you invite Jesus as a welcome guest into your home and heart. . . .

"The Sabbath school and the meeting for worship occupy only a part of the Sabbath. The portion remaining to the family may be made the most sacred and precious season of all the Sabbath hours. Much of this time, parents should spend with their children. . . . In pleasant weather let parents walk with their children in the fields and groves. . . . Tell them of the way of salvation. . . . Present before the children, Jesus, as a child obedient to His parents, as a youth faithful and industrious, helping to support the family. . . . From time to time, read with them the interesting stories in Bible history. Question as to what they have learned in the Sabbath school, and study with them the next Sabbath's lesson.

"As the sun goes down, let the voice of prayer and the hymn of praise mark the close of the sacred hours and invite God's presence through the cares of the week of labour."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, pages 353-359.

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"It is as ruthless a violation of the law to occasionally use the Sabbath for secular business as to entirely reject it, for it is making the Lord's commandments a matter of convenience."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IV, page 249.*

"All heaven is keeping the Sabbath, but not in a listless, do-nothing way. On this day, every energy of the soul should be awake; for are we not to meet with God and with Christ our Saviour? We may behold Him by faith. He is longing to refresh and bless every soul."—*Id., page 362.*

Let us not forget that the commandment requires that we not only rest on the Sabbath, but that we require our *servants* to rest also. In some Seventh-day Adventist homes, the servants are kept busy most of the Sabbath day preparing and serving meals, washing dishes, sweeping and dusting, until the Sabbath is almost the same to them as other days. Let us remember that they are to rest as well as ourselves. By heeding the above instruction from the servant of the Lord, we can plan our work on Fridays so as to make it unnecessary for the servants to do much on the Sabbath. In fact, as far as possible, they should be entirely free on that day.

God holds us responsible for the influence we exert upon our servants and all those with whom we come into contact, and we should so order our homes as to make our influence what it should be.

Brethren and sisters, let those of us who preach the Sabbath truth really keep it. Let us observe it in a manner acceptable unto God. Then, and only then, may we expect the Sabbath blessing to rest upon us and our homes. W. H. BRANSON.



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General News Notes

BROTHER O. R. SHREVE is on a visit to the new mission site in Pondoland.

WE are sad to learn of the death of the infant of Brother and Sister Vail, of the Congo.

BROTHER ROSS ANSLEY, of the Bethel mission, has been spending a short holiday at the Cape.

BROTHER POTTER is labouring in the Peninsula, assisting the canvassers in this part of the Cape Conference.



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Obituaries

HERTOGS.—Passed away at Mauritius, on April 23, 1927. Brother Hertogs, Snr., aged sixty-one years. Brother Hertogs for some years resided at Sweetwaters, near Maritzburg, and was a faithful Seventh-day Adventist. He was of a genial, courteous and sunny disposition, and endeared himself to the hearts of all who knew him. Brother Hertogs leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. MRS. J. T. BULGIN.

KRITZINGER.—Die 1st Junie, op die verjaarsdag van onse lieve ouë vader—M. J. L. Kritzinger, Senior, is onse dierbare ou Moeder, Martha Jacoba, ontslaap, op Somerset's Gift, Distrik Uniondale, in die ouderdom van 74 jaar.

Sy laat onse dierbare en bedroefde ouë vader, nege kinders met hulle gades en 'n aantal kleinkinders na, om haar heengaan te betreur.

Die nag na Sabbat, die 28ste Mei, het sy siek geword aan inflammasie, en alhoewel sy deurmekaar gewees het was sy by haar volle verstand voor haar dood, en haar gebed was: "Ag Here, als ek my ou vermoede hoof neerlê, dan lê ek dit in u arme."

Dit is onse troos dat onse moeder die vaste hoop en begeerte had, dat ons almal saam met haar op die See van Glas mag staan. Sy was reeds 'n Sabbathouër toe sy, as gevolg van die Broeders D. F. Tarr en B. de Beer sê poging in Lank Kloof, gedurende 1916, die Drievoudige Boodskap aan geneem het.

Daar die Sabbatskool alle 14 daë in die ouë woning gehou word en die Jongelings Vrywilligers Vereniging iedere Sabbat, sal die Lang Kloof kerk dit baie voel, dat haar stoel leeg is.

D. J. KRITZINGER.

KRUGER.—On Friday, June 10, the remains of Maria Johanna Kruger, aged sixty years and nine months, were laid to rest in the Pretoria cemetery.

Sister Kruger, who accepted the Message about ten years ago, had had a lingering illness and during the last ten or twelve months was confined to her bed, but in spite of untold suffering she manifested that patience which is characteristic of the remnant church, and right up to the end her faith in Jesus was firm.

She had a peaceful smile upon her face as she lay asleep and we believe that smile will continue to be the expression of her countenance throughout the endless ages of eternity.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved family and sorrowing relatives.

A. C. LE BUTT.