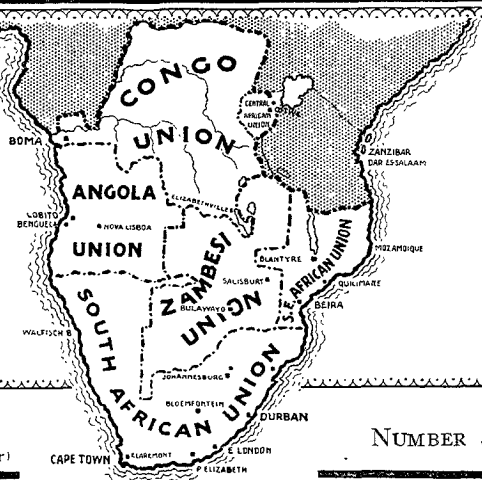


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Division President's Address

JOHN FRANCIS WRIGHT

*To the Members of the Division Committee
and Workers Assembled in Council:*

GREETINGS: In the spirit of brotherly love and Christian fellowship it affords me pleasure to extend to you a most cordial welcome this morning as you assemble in this annual session of the Southern African Division Committee. After several months' absence from the field it seems good to meet and greet you again. Likewise it is a pleasure to convey to you the greetings of our brethren and sisters in other lands. Wherever I met with our people, both in England and America they, by an unsolicited vote of hands, asked that they be remembered to our workers and lay members in this Division. Especially did Elders Branson, Montgomery, Kern, Kotz, Mace, Hall and Weaks desire to be remembered to you. Then, too, our students in training, both at Washington and Berrien Springs, requested me to bring back their Christian love to the workers here, with the assurance that they look forward to joining us in time in helping to finish the work in this field. So I am happy to convey these greetings to you in their behalf.

As we gather here this morning, it is with a keen realisation of the Father's providential care in bringing us safely to this place. And, because of this, our hearts should unite with one accord in expressions of sincere thanksgiving to God who has made it possible for us to gather in an hour like this to renew our vows of consecration to Him and to consider the business relative to His cause.

Never before in the history of our work have we assembled when the hour was more grave or the times more filled with peril. Yet, it is just as true that the hour was never brighter, or filled with greater promise of triumphant victory so far as it relates to the finishing of the task so sacredly committed to our stewardship and care. Thus, it is good to be here where "prayer is wont to be made," and where the voice of counsel can be heard in con-

nection with the glorious movement to which we have dedicated our lives.

While it is not my purpose to present to you at this time a lengthy and laboured report, yet it would seem proper and fitting that we pause just a few moments to reflect upon what God has wrought in behalf of our feeble efforts. We feel that in so doing our hearts will be the more greatly encouraged to "press with vigour on" in the faithful discharge of the responsibilities which Heaven has seen fit to place upon us.

Growth in Membership

As one marked evidence that God has been with us in the past, and that He will be with us mightily during the days of this meeting, we wish to call special attention

A Tried Worker Falls

IN this issue of the OUTLOOK there appears the obituary notice of Brother W. B. Commin whose death last Sabbath came as a great shock to all of us. He had been feeling quite well during the week and had spent a very pleasant day on Friday with his family, expressing himself as feeling better than he had for some time. However, just after the beginning of the Sabbath, and after having joined with his family in evening worship and the study of the Sabbath school lesson, while seated at the supper table, he was suddenly stricken down. His wife and daughter assisted him to a near-by couch and called for Brother Jeffes who came in a few minutes, who also summoned the doctor. The stroke proved to be very serious, however, and about 9:30 in the evening he passed peacefully away.

None of the Division staff were at Claremont at the time, but a telegram was sent to Worcester where Elder J. I. Robinson was spending the week-end, and he immediately returned to assist in the funeral arrangements and to conduct the service. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon, and attended by a large company of relatives and friends who in lov-

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to the growth which has been achieved during the last decade.

Nearly twelve years ago the African Division was brought into operation. At that time the entire membership of the field stood at 3,239, and the total adherents to the faith totalled 4,849. To those assembled in that meeting there were splendid and cheering figures. They represented much seed-sowing, much labour, many prayers and much sacrifice. They were indeed a source of great encouragement to every pioneer worker throughout the field. But what do the records reveal now? Just listen:

At the close of the third quarter of this year, the Division membership stood at 18,722, while the adherents to the faith totalled 32,874. Oh, brethren, what a marvellous growth! What a mighty achievement! Such figures as these are almost astounding. It is hard to comprehend their true meaning, and to understand their import. Yet we can unitedly praise the "Lord of the Harvest" for this large number of dear souls who have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth and have been started on their journey toward the heavenly Canaan. When these figures were reported at the Autumn Council, they caused a mighty stir in that vast assembly. Such growth as herewith presented gave cause for great rejoicing on the part of all who were present. And today these same figures speak to us in clarion tone, that God has been with us in a marked manner up until now and that He will be with us in just as marked a measure to guide and direct in all the deliberations of this council. Hence, brethren, let us take courage in the Lord Jesus as we at this time join our hearts and minds in seeking the proper solution to all our problems. If we but do this we may be assured of the Lord's Spirit to guide us in laying wise plans for the further advancement of the cause to which we are so definitely espoused.

Tithes and Offerings

In taking another glimpse at the third quarter's report just referred to, we discover that our tithes and offerings have come in splendidly even in spite of the de-

WEEK OF SACRIFICE, FEBRUARY 18-25

GENERAL CONFERENCE LIBRARY

pression. The following figures will be of interest:

TITHES		
1931	£12,344	8 6
1932	11,806	19 10
Loss	£537	8 8
OFFERINGS		
1931	£10,514	4 7
1932	9,736	6 1
Loss	£777	18 6

Surely these figures bespeak the sincere loyalty of our people and reveal that they are with us in pressing on the great evangelical missionary programme to which we have devoted our lives. Truly, it is wonderful to make such a small loss in these hard times.

Our Working Force

Today we have a staff of labourers totalling 874 made up as follows: 159 Colonial, 77 Americans, 4 Canadians, 2 Brazilian, 2 French, 5 Swiss, 6 English, 4 Belgians and 615 Natives. We deeply appreciate having such a large number of workers when times are so difficult. True, this number is small when compared with the great task committed to us, but, then, I am glad that God does not measure strength by numbers, for, with Him, the smaller the number, the greater is His glory when victory is wrought. There is little doubt but that our small Gideon band could do even a larger service if we devoted and consecrated ourselves to our work more deeply. This then being true may God help us to be the strength and power we ought to be, and which it is our privilege to be in the finishing of His work on earth.

Other Activities

While we cannot pause long to study our statistical report in detail just now, we do want to state that every department of our work has achieved splendid success during the first three quarters under review. You will better appreciate this fact when the statistical report is placed in your hands for more careful study. There is little doubt but that the year 1932 will go down in heaven's records as one of very best ever experienced by this Division, all of which affords us abundant reasons for praise and gratitude to our heavenly Father at this hour. And now, just a brief word from the

Autumn Council

It was a splendid session. From the opening hour of the pre-council meetings right through to the very closing moments of the council proper, a wonderful spirit of harmony prevailed. Every meeting was marked with earnestness and devotion. Those present seemed to sense the solemnity of the hour and the delegates as a whole gave their full time in unstinted service to the consideration of the problems which were presented from day to day.

The report of the statistical secretary brought unusual courage to every heart. How good it seemed to be connected with a movement now wending its way into 151 countries and in 455 different languages. Truly it seemed marvellous to learn that one soul was born into the kingdom every

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Partial List of Actions and Resolutions Passed by the Division Council

THE following report was submitted by the Committee on Nominations:

Angola Union

Superintendent, C. W. Curtis.
Secretary-Treasurer, Peter Stevenson.
Educational Secretary, O. I. Fields.
Sabbath School Secretary, Mrs. R. B. Parsons.
Missionary Volunteer Secretary, C. W. Curtis.

Medical Secretary, Dr. R. B. Parsons.
Executive Committee, C. W. Curtis, *Chairman*, Peter Stevenson, *Secretary*, J. D. Baker, O. O. Bredenkamp, E. Buckley, Dr. R. B. Parsons, O. I. Fields.

Congo Union

Superintendent, C. W. Bozarth.
Secretary-Treasurer, M. Duplouy.
Educational Secretary, W. R. Vail.
Sabbath School Secretary, M. Duplouy.
Medical Secretary, Dr. E. Morel.
Missionary Volunteer Secretary, C. W. Bozarth.

Executive Committee, C. W. Bozarth, *Chairman*, M. Duplouy, *Secretary*, Dr. E. Morel, W. R. Vail, H. Monnier, R. P. Robinson.

South East African Union

Superintendent, H. M. Sparrow.
Secretary-Treasurer, (To be supplied.)
Educational Secretary, G. R. Nash.
Field Missionary Secretary, (To be supplied.)
Missionary Volunteer Secretary, H. M. Sparrow.

Medical Secretary, Dr. E. G. Marcus.
Executive Committee, H. M. Sparrow, *Chairman*, (To be supplied), *Secretary*, G. R. Nash, M. M. Webster, Dr. E. G. Marcus, E. L. Tarr, and *Superintendent of South Nyasa Field*.

Zambesi Union

Superintendent, E. C. Boger.
Secretary-Treasurer, D. A. Webster.
Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, E. M. Cadwallader.
Field and H. M. Secretary, E. W. Marter.
Medical Secretary, Dr. F. Ingle.
Executive Committee, E. C. Boger, *Chairman*, D. A. Webster, *Secretary*, E. M. Cadwallader, W. Mason, C. Robinson, W. B. Higgins, J. van de Merve, E. W. Marter, Dr. F. Ingle, and R. M. Mote.

Resolution of Gratitude to God

WHEREAS, The year 1932 will go down in our Division records as one richly blessed of the "Lord of Harvest" in soul-winning, sacrifice and increased membership, and

WHEREAS, We have been able to advance our work into new territory even in face of a restricted budget and the financial depression, and

WHEREAS, The lives of our workers have been precious in the sight of our kind, heavenly Father, having been the subjects of His tender care:

Be it resolved, That we individually, as well as a full committee in council, do hereby express our deepest gratitude to God for His beneficent blessing upon us, and that we pledge anew our lives in re-dedication to Him for the furtherance of the message through the Southern African Division.

This resolution was passed by a rising vote, and Elder Wilson offered a prayer of gratitude in behalf of the Council.

Resolution of Gratitude to General Conference

In behalf of our 32,874 adherents, of whom 18,722 are baptised members, we, the members of the Southern African Division Committee, desire to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the General Conference for the appropriations granted us for 1933. We deeply appreciate the fact that the additional cut in appropriations was not more than six per cent. And now, as we accept these gifts, we are again reminded of the liberal self-sacrificing spirit on the part of our people which makes possible these mission funds, therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a committee, pledge ourselves as never before to a judicious and careful use of these funds to the end that an abundant harvest of souls may be garnered into the kingdom when Jesus comes.

Resolution of Gratitude to the Australasian Division

Recognising the noble spirit of Christian love and fellowship which moved the officers of the Australasian Division in attendance at the 1932 Autumn Council to decrease their base rate by a certain sum, thus making possible a gift of \$1556.65 toward the erection of the first mission home on our new station in Portuguese East, we, the members of the Southern African Division, desire to express to our brethren in Australia, the deepest appreciation for this splendid gift, recognising that it must have meant a great sacrifice on their part.

Resolution of Condolence

Since our gathering together in council in June 1931, the hand of death has been laid upon five of our fellow-workers, viz., Elder R. Moko, Brethren T. L. Bulgin, Franklin Ndhlovu, James Ndhlovu and Elijah Ngwenya. We wish to express our deep-felt sympathy to the widows and relatives of these late workers, but would comfort and cheer their hearts in the blessed hope of their dear ones having a part in the resurrection of the just at the appearing of Jesus.

A Call to Holiness of Life

WHEREAS, Upon the gospel ministry is laid the solemn responsibility, through example and precept, of helping to prepare the remnant people to meet God by fostering true holiness of life in the midst of the increasing moral and spiritual wickedness of these last days, thus summoning us to an experience of vital godliness and living fellowship with Christ surpassing any experience required in the previous history of mankind; therefore,

Resolved, That we do hereby issue a SOLEMN CALL AND INVITATION to all ministers and other workers, urging upon all a sincere humbling of heart before God, a forsaking of all worldly encroachments upon life, and earnestly inviting all to pray continually for that vital godliness of life that alone can meet the challenge of

the times and prepare us as workers for the coming of our Lord. And, further, we urge all, through a revival of importunate prayer, Bible study and searching of the Spirit of prophecy counsels, to unitedly seek such an empowering of the life as will enable us to quickly finish the work committed to us through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which God has promised the remnant church for these last days.

Evangelism

WHEREAS, The fast-fulfilling signs of the times give unmistakable evidence that we are rapidly approaching the end of all things earthly, and the advent of our blessed Lord, and

WHEREAS, We have reached the time for the swelling of the loud cry of the message when the earth is to be lighted with the glory of the Lord, and

WHEREAS, Since the launching of the movement for larger evangelism two years ago, unprecedented gains have been made in our church membership in all the Division, indicating that the Spirit of God only waits for the co-operation of an awakened, willing church to finish the work and to cut it short in righteousness, and

WHEREAS, Soul-winning and actual gain in membership are to a large degree the real measure of success in the work of God, we therefore

Recommend, 1. That during 1933 the movement for larger evangelism be pressed forward with all possible energy and determination.

2. That conferences and mission fields having unoccupied territory make a survey of their field and endeavour to place a part of their force of workers in such territory with a view to extending the influence of the message and raising up churches in new places.

3. That conference and mission field committees definitely study with departmental leaders, heads of institutions, and church pastors, how to make their work definitely soul-winning in character, setting soul-winning goals before their respective organisations at the beginning of the year.

4. That each committee set increased membership goals for 1933.

5. a. That all ministers and elders who have the responsibility of receiving new members into our churches be urged to follow the plan of carefully instructing them in preparatory classes in connection with public efforts. b. That another worker or church elder be called in to assist in the final examination and that, where this is not possible, counsel be taken with the one in charge of the local field or conference in order that it may be assured that the candidates will be fully established in the faith before being accepted into church fellowship.

Renewed Emphasis on Evangelism

WHEREAS, The great gospel commission of the Master places every evangelical worked under solemn bonds to make direct evangelism the supreme objective of his life, irrespective of the special responsibilities carried or the manner of approach employed; and

WHEREAS, There is danger in these tense times of financial pressure that we may relax our efforts in direct evangelism, and be continually occupied with other pressing duties; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the call be sounded

anew to every worker employed in this advent movement—whether executive, evangelist, pastor, Bible teacher, Bible worker, or an associate—to put forth renewed effort to win souls both through public and personal evangelism; and while accommodating ourselves to present financial restrictions, that we endeavour to prosecute as never before the work of witnessing to and winning all who will respond to the overtures of God's mercy as disclosed for these last days in the three-fold message.

2. That we reaffirm the following recommendation adopted at Bulawayo:

"That the Division, union and local committees organise their force of labourers for aggressive evangelistic advance in each field, including administrative, departmental and pastoral workers, as well as those already engaged in evangelistic endeavour, in an effort to combine all our workers in a supreme endeavour to preach the great three-fold message of the gospel to all the world in this generation."

Report of Committee on Dates and Goals

The Committee on Dates and Goals, presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS

- Signs Promotion Week, Jan. 28 - Feb. 4.
- Home Missionary Sabbath, Feb. 25.
- Week of Sacrifice, Feb. 18-25.
- Ordinance Sabbath, March 18.
- 13th Sabbath, March 25.
- Missionary Volunteer Week, April 15-22.
- Big Week, April 29 - May 6.
- Tithe Month, May.
- Health Day, May 13.
- Religious Liberty Day, June 3.
- British and Foreign Bible Soc. Off, June 10.
- Ordinance Day, June 17.
- 13th Sabbath, June 24.
- Harvest Ingathering, July 1 - Aug. 12.
- Sabbath School Rally Day, Sept. 9.
- Ordinance Sabbath, Sept. 23.
- 13th Sabbath, Sept. 30.
- Review and Herald, Oct. 14-21.
- Publishing Day, Nov. 11.
- Education Day, November 25.
- Week of Prayer, Dec. 9-16.
- Ordinance Sabbath, Dec. 23.
- 13th Sabbath, Dec. 30.

Harvest Ingathering Goals

Division	£4,800
South African Union	3,800
Zambesi Union	550
Congo Union	175
Angola Union	100
South East African Union	175

Big Week Goals

Division	£400
South African Union Conf.	265
Zambesi Union	65
Congo Union	30
South East African Union	20
Angola Union	20

An Appeal for More Colporteurs

WHEREAS, Our literature is now available in 152 languages—an increase of thirty-eight languages in eight years—and its soul-winning influence has far more than kept pace with this rapid widening of language areas, and

WHEREAS, Our shrinking budgets, lessening corps of salaried workers, and the un-

paralleled demand to know the meaning of present day conditions, form a powerful appeal for a great world-wide increase in the circulation of this literature;

We recommend, 1. That each union conference and union mission, and each local conference and mission, unite in securing large additions to its present army of gospel colporteurs, and that no effort be spared to give these recruits the most careful training for their important and delicate work.

2. That we encourage those of our college and training school graduates who have ability to sell our literature, to enter the colporteur ministry as a life work inasmuch as we recognise the literature ministry to be as important as the work of the gospel ministry in the completion of the task committed to the church and, further,

3. That in the operation of our field work, we encourage colporteurs to use, as far as consistent, the existing books which have formed the foundation of our work in previous years, such as "Great Controversy," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Desire of Ages," "Bible Readings," "Daniel and Revelation," and such medium-priced books as are now available or may be issued in harmony with these recommendations.

Self-Supporting Work

WHEREAS, In the winning of souls and the building up of the kingdom of Christ in all ages very much has been done by devout and consecrated laymen, and,

WHEREAS, There are still many towns and villages in the Southern African Division in which the colporteurs have done pioneer work which has not yet been followed by evangelistic labours, and,

WHEREAS, The working of these unentered sections is too great a task for the regularly-employed and conference workers;

We recommend, 1. That conference and field officers and committees give earnest study to methods of doing self-supporting work as outlined in the Spirit of prophecy, and put them into operation, thus developing our latent resources and bringing into active service the unemployed product of our schools, and a large army of consecrated laymen.

2. That conferences encourage graduates of the ministerial courses who are not employed and other consecrated men, to do self-supporting evangelistic work in these unentered fields, assisting them to find a favourable location and, where possible, giving them a moderate amount of financial help to get started.

3. In order to hasten the evangelisation of the scattered inhabitants of the outlying districts in the local conferences where it is not possible for the gospel minister to labour:

a. That one or more worthy men in each conference be urged to take up combined canvassing and Bible work in these territories.

b. That they be provided with some simple travelling outfit such as a cart and mule, and that they be responsible for the expense of upkeep,

c. That they be required to do this work on a self-supporting basis, but that a small subsidy be allowed them with the understanding that a certain portion of the same will be withheld and applied on the cost of the outfit until it is fully paid for.

d. That until such times as all payments

have been made the outfit is the property of the conference.

4. It is understood that all these lines of self-supporting work shall be under the supervision of the local conference or field committee.

Overseas Furloughs

In view of the serious financial conditions prevailing, and in harmony with the counsel of the General Conference, it was

Voted, That as a general policy, the Division Committee be counselled to postpone all oversea furloughs for one year.

Elder W. H. Anderson

In view of the fact that Elder Anderson's tenure of office as superintendent of the Angola Union has expired, and, inasmuch as the serious condition of Sister Anderson's health makes it imperative that she have a complete change as also the securing of the best medical care possible,

Voted, That Elder Anderson's furlough be granted this year and that we express to Elder and Sister Anderson as they are about to discontinue for a time at least their active service in the Southern African Division our deep and sincere appreciation of their many years of faithful labour. Elder Anderson's name has become identified with mission advance wherever he has laboured. Associated with the old Solusi Mission (the denomination's first foreign mission station) from its inception and pioneering the way in many unentered and feverstricken areas for over thirty-seven years, Elder Anderson has rendered most memorable service for Africa's millions. Now in laying upon other shoulders the burdens which this faithful pioneer has carried through the years, we are conscious of the added responsibility which others must accept. His leadership, his mature counsel, his spirit of loyalty and confidence, will be missed, and his absence from the committee leaves a vacancy that will long be felt. It is, therefore, with the deepest regret that this committee releases Elder and Sister Anderson from their present responsibilities, and, in so doing, we assure them of our fellowship and esteem, and of our earnest prayers that God may bless and guide them in all that the future may hold in store.

Budget

The Chairman made a brief statement of the difficulties experienced by the General Conference in their consideration of the budget requests for 1933. Although it was at first felt that a heavy reduction would be necessary, yet, after very careful and earnest study, and after effecting every possible economy, such as savings in exchange, etc., it was found possible to reduce to only six per cent the cut which the General Conference would pass on.

The distribution of the appropriation granted to the Division was thereupon voted, which included the following:

General Conference Regular Appropriation and 1933 Harvest Ingathering	£50,752	11	0
Specials to different unions and Helderberg College	3,138	13	6
Special from Australia for Portuguese East Africa	321	12	10
Total	£54,212	17	4

The special appropriation of £3,138-13-6 is made up from Harvest Ingathering sur-

plus, Division savings during 1932, savings on exchange and other smaller items.

Report of Committee on Distribution of Labour

Voted, That the following appointments from among the Helderberg College graduates be made:

Johnny Cooks to the South African Union.

Miss M. MacEwen to the Zambesi Union.

Adriaan Siepman to the Congo Union.

Freddie Ficker to the Cape Conference.

Eddie Tarr to the Helderberg College.

William Hayter to the South African Union.

Miss M. Campbell to the South African Union.

Miss E. Baker to the Zambesi Union.

Other appointments were also made as follows:

Miss R. Visser to the Angola Union,

R. A. Buckley and wife to the South African Union.

Miss E. Staples to the Zambesi Union.

Temperance Movement

WHEREAS, We have been admonished by the Spirit of prophecy to support the temperance movement by voice and pen and vote, and

WHEREAS, It is recognised that success in carrying forward a strong programme of education and promotion in temperance lines demands specific responsibility and continuous effort; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That in order to carry on aggressive Temperance work in South Africa, a Temperance Commission be appointed in the Southern African Division consisting of the executive officers of the Division, the secretaries of the Home Missionary, Missionary Volunteer, Publishing and the Religious Liberty Departments, the editor of the *Signs of the Times*, and three other persons as may be named by the Division committee.

2. That the Commission be known as the "South African Temperance Society of Seventh-day Adventist."

3. That the Commission give special attention to the following lines of work:

a. The preparation and circulation of suitable temperance literature, especially promoting the temperance cause through the *Signs of the Times* (English, Afrikaans, Zulu, and Sesuto), the *OUTLOOK* and our field papers.

b. Encouraging our evangelists to make temperance lectures a feature of their evangelistic services.

c. To organise Temperance Rallies at camp-meetings.

d. To prepare articles on temperance for the public press.

e. To encourage Young People's societies to prepare and render temperance programmes in schools, churches, or public halls, and to secure signatories to the Temperance Pledge.

f. To co-operate with existing temperance organisations in South Africa in all lines of temperance work and in opposition to unfavourable liquor legislation.

WHEREAS, There is now pending before the South African Parliament a bill known as the Liquor Amendment Bill, introduced by the Honourable Mr. Pirow, Minister of Justice, which provides for greatly increasing the facilities for obtaining alcoholic liquor by both the Native and European people in South Africa by:

a. The extension of the tot system to the Transvaal.

b. The establishment of State Wine Canteens for the sale of wine and Kaffir beer to Native and Coloured persons.

c. The enabling of cafes, restaurants and boarding houses to serve wines and malt liquors with meals.

d. The enabling of the Wine-growers Co-operative Association to establish, with practically no restriction, bottle stores for the sale of South African wines in any municipality throughout the Union.

e. The extension of the late hour of closing, 11:30 P.M., to every liquor bar in every town and village, and other objectionable clauses; therefore,

Resolved, a. That we, the Executive Committee of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in South Africa hereby register our emphatic protest against this Bill which, in our estimation, is a retrograde step in liquor legislation and would result in untold harm to all races if allowed to be enacted into law.

b. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice, the Secretary of the South African Temperance Alliance and to the public press.

A. F. TARR, Secretary,
Southern African Division.

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ing sympathy sent in some twenty or more beautiful floral pieces which completely covered the grave.

Brother Commin had been editor of the *OUTLOOK* for years and his name and writings were well-known to all our readers. Hundreds of times his hands have made up the *OUTLOOK* pages which have been so widely read by our people throughout Africa. It has been his pen which has corrected the copy and prepared it for the press. We feel sure that all our readers would, if they could, join with the present editors in expressing their deepest sorrow in the passing of our beloved brother who, in the prime of life, has been called upon to lay down the burden and leave the unfinished task for others to complete.

The *OUTLOOK* would at this time extend to Sister Commin and Marjorie our deepest sympathy, and point them to the One who alone can comfort the sorrowing with the sweet assurance of a glad reunion in a better land where death shall be swallowed up in victory.



Division President's Address

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fifteen minutes during 1931. How such a record would cheer the hearts of the early pioneers could they have been present to share in such a council as this.

The Budget Committee faced the most difficult of all tasks. For days Elders Watson and Shaw, with their committee associates, wrestled untiringly in their endeavour to find a way out of the financial embarrassment facing the mission treasury

without retrenchment. But, alas, another six per cent cut had to be passed on to the world field. Then, to make matters even the more trying, it was found impossible to grant even one request for extension advance. This came as a tremendous blow. However, the men faced the situation with courage, recognising that we had better maintain what we have rather than go beyond our strength and power in these times of uncertainty.

There is one thing that should give us renewed courage in this meeting, and that is that our problems in this Division are small as compared with those of China, Southern Europe and South America. Really, our workers in these lands are suffering the unusual. But the workers are loyal; they seem to realise that the darker the hour, the fiercer the conflict, the greater the array of evil against the church, the more brilliant and outstanding the triumphant victory when it is over.

So, brethren, as we face our task together in planning for the new year before us, let me cheer you on. God has been with us, He is with us now, and He will not forsake us as we wrestle together in seeking a solution to every problem now confronting us. This fact of God's leadership is evidenced anew in the following language:

"In the last great conflict of the controversy with Satan, those who are loyal to God will see every earthly support cut off. Because they refuse to break His law in obedience to earthly powers, they will be forbidden to buy or sell. It will finally be decreed that they shall be put to death. But to the obedient is given the promise, 'He shall dwell on high, his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks, bread shall be given him, his waters shall be sure. By this promise the children of God will live. When the earth shall be wasted with famine, they shall be fed.' 'They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.' To that time of distress the prophet Habakkuk looked forward, and his words express the faith of the church: 'Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall the fruit be in the vines, the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat, the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord. I will joy in the God of my salvation.'"—*"Desire of Ages,"* page 122.

"God does not ask us to do in our own strength the work before us. He has provided divine assistance for all the emergencies to which our human resources are unequal. He gives the Holy Spirit to help in every strait, to strengthen our hope and assurance, to illuminate our minds and purify our hearts."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. VIII, p. 19.

"All who consecrate soul, body and spirit to God will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical and mental power. The inexhaustible supplies of Heaven are at their command. Christ gives them the breath of His own spirit, the life of His own life. The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in the heart and mind. The grace of God enlarges and multiplies their faculties, and every perfection of the Divine nature comes to their assistance in the work of saving souls. Through co-operation with Christ they are complete in Him, and in their human weakness they are enabled to do the deeds of Omnipotence."—*"Desire of Ages,"* p. 827.

"In the darkest days, when appearances seem so forbidding, fear not. Have faith in God. He is working out His will, doing all things well in behalf of His people. The strength of those who love and serve Him will be renewed day by day. His understanding will be placed at their service that they may not err in the carrying out of His purposes."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. VIII, p. 11.

"The plans of the enemies of His work may seem to be firm and well established, but He can overthrow the strongest of these plans, and in His own time and way He will do this when He sees that our faith has been sufficiently tested, and that we are drawing near to Him, and making Him our counsellor."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. VIII, p. 10.

"There is to be no despondency in God's service. Our faith is to endure the pressure brought to bear upon it. God is able and willing to bestow upon His servants all the strength they need. He will more than fulfil the highest expectations of those who put their trust in Him. He will give them the wisdom that their varied necessities demand."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. VIII, p. 11.

Such promises as these greatly strengthen our confidence in the leadership of God in this movement, and cheer us as we press on in the work.

So, as we now take up the duties before us, may the privileges, the joys, the blessings and the opportunities of association together in the deliberations of this meeting knit our hearts even the more closely together in the service of our blessed Lord and Master, is my sincere and fervent prayer.

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Graduation Exercises at Solusi Mission

MAUD McEWEN

IN 1931 I had the pleasure of attending the Graduation exercises at Solusi Mission. Consequently, it was not with any feeling of regret that I once again accepted an invitation to similar exercises this year.

After a ride of about an hour and a quarter by motor-car from Bulawayo, our party arrived at the mission, where we were welcomed and made to feel at home by the mission families.

On Friday evening, November 18, the week-end programme commenced with a consecration service. A large number of visitors had come from the neighbouring villages and schools, and the church building was quite full. Brother Ernest Marter took charge of the meeting in which all were exhorted to honour God if they wished to be honoured by the Lord.

It was an impressive and solemn moment when the sixteen graduates arose, and one after another dedicated their lives to the service of God, and the carrying of

the third angel's message to the tribes of Africa.

A beautiful Sabbath morning saw all on the mission wending their way to the church building when the big iron gong sounded the appointed time. I was impressed by the number of Sabbath school classes; in the chapel alone there were nine different teachers expounding the lesson for the day in different languages and to different groups.

The Sabbath sermon, too, was an earnest appeal to the young people of the school, and the graduates in particular, to forget the ways of their fathers, and carry the light of the gospel to the great Zambesi Union Mission Field.

The Solusi students do not sleep on Sabbath afternoons! There were parents' meetings and a Missionary Volunteer meeting held before the sun set.

But of all the exercises held between November 18 and 20, the Class Night programme conducted on Saturday evening was the best. Certainly a very fine programme was rendered. I was especially struck by the spirit of real consecration to "Others" and the determination expressed to keep true to the ideals which the pioneers of Solusi held before its students many years ago.

On Sunday morning at 8:30 a large crowd of students, faculty members and visitors gathered under the trees on the grass to witness a special programme. A good idea of the work done in the school was to be gained from the items. Some of these, which consisted of anything from action songs to military drill, were in English and some in Sindebele. The native boys and girls find much pleasure in singing. The Solusi choir showed that their natural gifts were being guided into profitable channels.

At 10:30 on Sunday morning all gathered for the last chapel exercises. At that time all certificates were distributed and the delight manifested by successful students is almost indescribable. They took their grade cards outside and shouted and jumped for joy. Fifty-three honour cards were given out for perfect attendance during 1932. There were three girls present who had not missed one day of school for the last two years.

At this same gathering Professor Higgins announced that the graduating class had a record of 99% attendance for the year. No class in the school had an attendance of less than 92%.

The graduation week-end was concluded by the presentation of the diplomas. The sixteen members were reminded of the fact that the permit was not a permit for them to become swollen-headed, but merely a recognition of work completed, and an opportunity to do great things for God.

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Graduasie op Soloesi

(Vervolg van bladsy 7)

het. Geen klas in die skool was laer as 92% teenwoordig nie.

Die vergaderings vir die naweek het geëindig met die uitreiking van die diploma's. Die sestien kandidate is daaraan herinner dat dit hulle geen verlof gee om hoogmoedig te word nie, maar eenvoudig 'n erkenning van die werk wat hulle gedaan het en 'n geleentheid om groot dinge vir die Here te gaan doen.

Die Rapport van die Divisie- President

JOHN FRANCIS WRIGHT

Aan die lede van die Divisiekomitee en die werkers,

GROETE: In die gees van broederlike liefde en Christelike gemeenskap roep ek u wat vanmore in hierdie jaarlikse sitting van die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie teenwoordig is, hartelik welkom toe. Na 'n afwesigheid van 'n paar maande is dit aangenaam om weer in u midde te wees. Ook bring ek u die groete van ons broeders en susters in ander lande. Waar ek ook met ons gelowiges in Engeland en Amerika in aanraking gekom het, het hulle ongevraag en eenstemmig gevra om aan al ons werkers en gemeentelide in hierdie Divisie groete te stuur. Ouderlinge Branson, Montgomery, Kern, Kotz, Mace, Hall en Weakes stuur veral groete, ook ons studente wat opgelei word te Washington en Berrien Springs, het my gevra om hul groete ook te bring met die versekering dat hulle uit sien na die dag waarop hulle ons kan kom help om die werk in hierdie veld klaar te maak. Ek het dus die eer om in hul naam hul groete te stuur.

Waar ons vanmore hier saamkom, beëf ons dat die Vader se voorsienigheid oor ons gewaak het om ons veilig terug te bring. En laat ons dus ons harte as met een stem verenig om die Here te loof en te dank waar Hy ons die geleentheid gegee om in hierdie uur ons belofte van toewyding aan Hem te vernuut en die dinge met betrekking tot Sy koninkryk te bespreek.

Nooit tevore in die geskiedenis van ons werk het ons saamgekom op 'n tydstip wat so ernstig was en so vol gevare as hierdie uur nie. En tog was die tyd nooit so veelbelovend vir 'n heerlike oorwinning wat betref die volvoering van die taak wat op ons skouers lê nie. Dit doen ons goed om hier te wees "waar het gebed plicht te geschieden," (Hand. 16:13), en waar die raadgevende stem word gehoor in verband met die heerlike beweging waaraan ons ons lewe gegee het.

Dis nie my bedoeling om u nou 'n lang en uitgewerkte rapport voor te lees nie. Tog dink ek is dit goed om 'n oomblik stil te staan by wat die Here gedaan het om ons swak pogings te ondersteun. Ons meen dat ons harte daardeur versterk sal word om moedig voorwaarts te gaan en die pligte wat die Here ons opgelê het, getrou te vervul.

Vermeerdering van Ledetal

As 'n kenlike bewys dat die Here in die verlede met ons was en ook nou in ons samekoms hier met ons sal wees, wens ek veral u aandag te vestig op die ontwikkeling van die laaste tien jaar.

Amper elf jaar gelede is die Afrikaanse Divisie in werking gestel. In daardie dae was die ledetal oor die hele veld 3,229 siele en die totaal aanhangers van die geloof was 4,849. Hierdie syfers was baie goed en bemoedigend vir ons mense in daardie dae, want dit was die vrug van baie arbeid, van baie gebed en van baie opoffering. Dit het elke werker in daardie dae van die baanbrekers oor die hele veld moed gegee. Maar wat vertel die syfers vandag? Luister:

Teen die end van die derde kwartaal

van hierdie jaar was die ledetal in die Divisie 18,722 siele, terwyl daar 32,874 aanhangers van die geloof is. Broeders, wat 'n wonderlike groei! Wat 'n magtige ontwikkeling! Hierdie syfers is darem wonderlik. Mens kan amper die betekenis en die voorspelling daarvan vir die toekoms nie verstaan nie. Maar ons kan as een man "die Here van die oes" loof en dank vir die groot getal kosbaar siele wat tot kennis van die saligmakende waarheid gebring is, en wat nou die pad na die hemelse Kanaän bewandel. Toe ons hierdie syfers op die Herfsvergadering voorlees, het dit 'n diepe indruk op daardie groot vergadering gemaak. So 'n groei was 'n rede tot groot blydskap vir algar wat daar teenwoordig was. En vandag roep hierdie syfers met luide stem dat die Here tot nog toe op 'n besonder manier met ons was en dat Hy ons ook verder sal lei en bestuur in al die beraadslagings van hierdie vergadering. Daarom, broeders, laat ons moed vat in die Here Jesus terwyl ons nou met hart en siel saamstaan om 'n goeie oplossing vir al ons vraagstukke te vind. Doen ons dit, dan mag ons versekerd wees dat die Gees van die Here ons sal lei om verstandige planne te lê tot bevordering van die saak waaraan ons ons lewe gewy het.

Tiendes en Offerandes

As ons weer die rapport van die derde kwartaal nagaan, sien ons dat ons tiendes en offerandes baie goed ingekom het ondanks die depressie. Die volgende syfers is van belang:

TIENDES		
1931	£12,344	8 6
1932	11,806	19 10
Vermindering	£537	8 8
OFFERANDES		
1931	£10,514	4 7
1932	9,736	6 1
Vermindering	£777	18 6

Hierdie syfers wys die opregte getrouheid van ons mense en dat hulle by ons staan waar ons die groot evangelie sendingprogram waaraan ons ons lewe gewy het, volg. Waarlik dis wonderlik om in hierdie swaar tye so 'n geringe verlies te ly.

Ons Werkkragte

Ons werkkragte bestaan vandag uit 'n staf van 874 werkers waarvan 159 Kolonialers, 77 Amerikaanse, 4 Kanadese, 2 Brasiliëse, 2 Franse, 5 Switsers, 6 Engelse, 4 Belge en 615 Naturelle. Ons waardeer dit om so 'n groot aantal werkers te hê waar die tye so moeilik is. Dis waar dat hierdie getal klein is in vergelyking met die groot taak wat aan ons toevertrou is, maar ek is bly dat die Here nie by syfers tel nie, want hie kleiner die getal hoe groter is die heerlikheid wat Hom toekom, as die oorwinning behaal word. Ongetwyfeld sou ons klein Gideonbende nog groter werk kan verrig, as ons net meer toegewyd sou wees. Mag die Here ons help om in die

werk die kragte wees wat ons behoort te wees en dis ons voorreg om dit te wees tot voleinding van Sy werk op aarde.

Ander Belange

Hoewel ons geen tyd het om nou die statistiese rapport in besonderhede na te gaan nie, wil ons net sê dat elke departement van ons werk in die laaste drie kwartale uitstekende werk gedaan het. U sal dit beter verstaan as u die rapport noukeuriger wil nagaan. Die jaar 1932 sal ongetwyfeld in die boeke van die hemel opgeteken staan as een van die beste jare in hierdie Divisie. Dit gee ons oorvloedige rede tot dankbaarheid aan ons hemelse Vader.

Laat ek u iets mag vertel van

Die Herfsvergadering

Dit was 'n uitstekende vergadering. Van die eerste uur van die voorlopige raad se vergadering tot die laaste oomblikke van die raadvergadering self het daar 'n wonderlike gees van eensgesindheid geheers. Elke vergadering was gekenmerk deur erns en toewyding. Die wat daar teenwoordig was, het die erns van die oomblik gevoel en die afgevaardigdes as 'n geheel het al hul tyd gegee in volkome diens om die probleme wat dag vir dag opgekom het, te help oplos.

Die rapport van die statistiese sekretaris het elke hart besonder bemoedig. Wat 'n voorreg om te behoort tot 'n beweging wat vandag in 151 lande en in 455 verskillende tale arbeid. Dit was wonderlik om te hoor dat daar gedurende 1931 elke vyftien minute 'n siel in die koninkryk gebore is. Hoe sou so 'n rapport die harte van die eerste baanbrekers verby het, as hulle op so 'n vergadering as hierdie kon teenwoordig gewees het.

Die Begrotingskomitee het die moeilikste taak gehad. Daelank het Ouderlinge Watson en Shaw met hul helpers onvermoed geworstel om 'n oplossing te vind vir die geldelike moeilikheid waarin die skatkis van die sending verkeer het sonder besnoeiing. Maar hulle was ongelukkig verplig om opnuut ses persent korting op die wêreldvelde toe te pas. En om dinge nog moeiliker te maak het hulle tot die ontdekking gekom dat hulle geen enkele versoek tot uitbreiding kon toestaan nie. Dit was 'n verskriklike slag. Maar die manne het die toestand moedig aangepak en besef dat dit beter is om te hou wat ons het as om in hierdie onseker dae te ver te gaan.

Een ding behoort ons nuwe moed te gee in hierdie vergadering. Ons moelikhede in hierdie Divisie is gering in vergelyking met China, Suidelike-Europa en Suid-Amerika. Ons werkers daar ly ongewoon. Maar hulle bly getrou en besef dat hoe donkerder die uur, hoe groter die stryd, hoe groter die leer van kwaad teen die gemeente, hoe heerliker en vernamer sal die uiteindelijke oorwinning wees.

"In die laaste groot worsteling in die stryd met Satan sal aan die wat getrou bly aan die Here, elke aardse steun ontval. Omdat hulle weë om Sy wet te oortree in gehoorsaamheid aan aardse magte, sal hulle nie kan koop of verkoop nie. Uiteindelik sal die besluit geneem word om hulle dood te maak. Maar vir die gehoorsames is die belofte: 'Hy sal in die hoogtes woon, die sterktes van die steenrotse sal sy hoog versterk wees, sy brood word hom gegee; sy water is seker.' Jes. 33:16.

Op hierdie belofte sal die kindere van die Here vertrou. As die aarde deur hongersnood sal geteister word, sal hulle versadig word. Hulle sal nie beskaamd staan in die slegte tyd nie, en in dae van hongersnood sal hulle versadig word." Ps. 37:19. Die profeet Habakuk het op daardie tyd van kommer gesien en sy woorde gee die geloof van die gemeente weer as hy sê in Hab. 3:17, 18, "Alhoewel die vyeboom nie sal bloei nie en geen vrug aan die wingerdstok sal wees nie, dat die werk van die olyfboom sal lieg en die lande geen kos sal hê nie, dat hulle die skape uit die krale sal wegneem en daar geen bees op die stalle sal wees nie, so sal ek nogtans in die Here van vreug opspring; ek sal my verbly in die God van my heil."

"Die Here vra nie van ons dat ons in ons eie krag die werk wat voorlê, sal doen nie. Hy het voorsiening gemaak vir al die buitengewone gevalle waartoe ons menslike kragte ontoereikend is. Hy gee die Heilige Gees om in elke benoudheid uit te help, om ons verwagting en verskerking te versterk, ons verstande te verlig en ons harte te reinig."—"Testimonies," Deel VIII, bld. 19.

"Algar wat liggaam, siel en gees aan die Here wy, sal voortdurend nuwe liggaamlike en geestelike krag ontvang. Die onuitputlike bronne van die Hemel is tot hul beskikking. Christus gee hulle die beaeming van Sy eie Gees, die lewe van Sy eie lewe. Die Heilige Gees werk kragdadig in hul hart en verstand. Die genade van God veruim en vermeerder hul sintuie en elke volmaking van die goddelike natuur kom hulle te hulp in die werk tot redding van siele. Deur saamwerking met Christus is hulle in Hom volmaak en in hul menslike swakheid word hulle bekwaam gemaak om die werke van die Almagtige te doen."—"Desire of Ages," bld. 827.

"In die donkerste ure as die vooruitsig so donker is, vrees nie. Het geloof op God. Hy werk Sy wil uit en doen alles na Sy welbehêre vir Sy volk. Die krag van die wat Hom wil dien en liefhê, sal dag na dag vernuut word. Sy wysheid staan tot hul beskikking, sodat hulle nie sal dwaal nie as hulle Sy planne uitwerk."—"Testimonies," Deel VIII, bld. 11.

"Die planne van die vyande van Sy werk mag goed en agtermekaar wees, maar die Here kan die beste planne laat misluk, en op Sy tyd en op Sy wyse sal Hy dit ook doen as Hy sien dat ons geloof voldoende beproefd is en ons nouer met die Here leef en Hom tot ons raadsmann maak."—"Testimonies," Deel VIII, bld. 10.

In die diens van die Here moet daar geen mismoedigheid wees nie. Ons geloof moet die druk wat daarop aangewend word, staan. Die Here kan en wil Sy diensknegte ondersteun met al die krag wat hulle nodig het. Hy sal meer as oorvloedig die hoogste verwagtings vervul vir diegene wat hul vertrou op Hem sit. Hy sal hulle die verstand gee wat hul onderskeie behoeftes vereis."—"Testimonies," Deel VIII, bld. 11.

Sulke beloftes as hierdies versterk ons baie in die vertrou dat die Here in hierdie beweging lei en dit gee ons moed om vorentoe te gaan in die werk. Waar ons dus die taak wat voorlê, opneem, mag die voorreg, die blydskap, die sêen en die besprekings van hierdie vergadering ons harte nouer saambind in die diens van ons gesênde Here en Meester. Dit is my opregte en vurige bede.

'n Beproefde Werker Ontval Ons

IN hierdie OUTLOOK verskyn die kennisgewing van die afsterwe van Broeder W. B. Commin. Sy dood het ons laaste Sabbat as 'n groot slag oorval. Gedurende die week was hy taamlik wel en hy het Vrydag 'n aangename dag met sy familie deurgebring. Hy sê toe nog dat hy beter voel as wat hy lank gevoel het. Maar net na die begin van die Sabbat nadat hy nog eers die aandiens met sy familie gehou het en die Sabbatskoolles met hulle behandel het, terwyl hulle aan tafel sit, het die slag geval. Sy vrou en dogter het hom na die sofa gebring en toe gou vir Broeder Jeffes gaan roep wat dadelik gekom het en die dokter opgelui het. Die aanval was eger baie ernstig en teen half tien in die aand het hy rustig heengegaan.

Niemand van die Divisiestaf was toe in Claremont nie. Maar hulle het gou Ouderling J. I. Robison wat vir die naweek in Worcester was, per telegram laat kom en hy het toe die begrafnis gelei. Sondagmiddag is Broeder Commin te Plumstead begrawe. Daar was baie familieleden, vriende en bekendes. Twintig of meer pragtige kranse wat van hul liefde getuig, het die graf bedek.

Broeder Commin was jarelank redakteur van die OUTLOOK en sy naam en sy stukke is by al ons lesers bekend. Sy hande het honderde kere die blaai van die OUTLOOK opgemaak en ons mense het oor heel Afrika gelees wat sy pen vir die pers pasklaar gemaak het. Ons voel dat al ons lesers saam met die teenswoordige redakteure hul diepgevoelde smart wil te kenne gee oor die heengaan van ons geliefde broeder wat op die beste van sy leeftyd opgeroep is om die laste neer te lê en aan ander oer te laat om die onafgewerkte taak klaar te maak.

Aan Suster Commin en Marjorie betuig die OUTLOOK hul opregte simpatie. Ons wys hulle op die Here. Wat alleen die bedroefdes kan troos met die soet verskerking van 'n blye weersien in die beter land waar die dood nie meer sal wees nie.

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Graduasie op Soloesi

MAUD McEWEN

IN 1931 het ek die eer gehad om die graduasie te Soloesi by te woon. Ek was dus nie jammer nie toe hulle my hierdie jaar weer uitnooi.

Binne anderhalf uur het die motor ons van Boelawajo soontoe gebring en hulle het ons dadelik verwelkom en tuis laat voel.

Vrydagaand, die agtiende November, het die program vir die naweek met 'n toewydingsdiens begin. Daar was heel wat

besoekers van die naburige stante en skole, sodat die kerkgebou stampvol was. Broeder Ernest Marter het die leiding geneem en algar vermaan om die Here te eer. Dit was 'n indrukwekkende oomblik toe die sestien graduantes opstaan en die een na die ander hul lewe wy aan die diens van God om die derde engelboodschap te dra na die kafferstamme van Afrika.

Dit was 'n pragtige Sabbatmore en die groot yster klok het algar opgeroep om op die bepaalde tyd die kerkgebou binne te gaan. Daar was heel wat Sabbatskoolklasse; in die kapel alleen het nege onderwysers die les vir die dag in verskillende tale voor verskillende groepe behandel.

Die Sabbatpreek was 'n ernstige beroep op al die jongmense en op die graduantes in besonder om die gewoontes van hul voorvaders te vergeet en die lig van die evangelie te bring in die sendingveld van die groot Samesie Unie. Die studente van Soloesi slaap nie Sabbatmiddae nie! Daar was vergaderings vir ouers en vir Sending Vrywilligers eer die son ondergaan.

Van al die vergaderings van 18 tot 20 November was die program van Saterdag-aand die beste. Die klas van 1932 het seker 'n baie goeie program gegee. Die gees van ware toewyding aan "Anderes" het my opgeval en die besluit om getrou te bly aan die ideale wat die baanbrekers van Soloesi jare gelede hul studente voorgoed het. Om half nege Sondagmore het die menigte studente, lede van die fakulteit en besoekers onder die bome saamgekom om 'n spesiale program by te woon. Volgens die stukke kon mens die werk van die skool beoordeel. Party sangstukke en militêre oefeninge was in Engels, party in Sentebele. Die natuurlike hou baie van sing en die koor van Soloesi het gewys dat hul natuurlike gewas in vrugbaar kanale gelei word.

Om half elf het algar vir die laaste keer in die kapel saamgekom. Daar is die serifikate uitgereik en dis amper onbeskryflik so bly die suksesvol studente was. Hulle het hul graad na buite geneem en geskree en gedans van blydskap. Daar was drie-en-vyfzig erekaarte vir 1932. Drie meidjies het die laaste twee jaar geen enkele dag die skool versuim nie.

By hierdie geleentheid het Professor Higgins afgekondig dat die klas van 1932 'n rekord van 99% teenwoordig vir die jaar

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News Notes

Brother and Sister R. A. Buckley arrived at the Cape on January 20, and are entering upon their new duties at the Good Hope Training School.

On January 9, 1933, at East London, Brother and Sister Ross E. Ansley, of the Spion Kop Missionary Institution, became the proud parents of a bonny daughter.

Elders Wright and Nelson have been away from the Division Office since the close of the Council, Elder Wright attending committee meetings in the Zambesi and South African Unions, and Elder Nelson auditing the books in the Bloemfontein office. They arrive back at the Cape on January 27.

On the last Sabbath of the Division Council an ordination service was conducted in the Claremont church, at which time Brother A. F. Tarr was ordained to the gospel ministry. Brother Tarr will be moving to the Cape early in February to take up his new duties as Secretary and Sabbath School Secretary of the Division.

Elder A. V. Edwards, with his wife and family, recently returned from his furlough and is entering again upon his duties at Helderberg College as Bible teacher. Elder Arthur Ingle, who has been Bible teacher at the College during the last half of 1932, has, with his family, gone to Durban for a short holiday before again taking up his work in the Rhodesia-Bechuanaland Conference. He will be located at Mafeking.

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Wanted

WANTED: Organ and Sewing Machines. Spion Kop Missionary Institution is giving at the present time the most advanced work of any of our mission train-schools in Africa. It has been understaffed and greatly handicapped by lack of equipment. We are feeling the need of four hand-sewing machines. It is almost impossible to conduct sewing classes and large classes in garment-making with only one hand-sewing machine that is at all usable. The gift would be very much appreciated.

Also we need an organ for the chapel. There may be some one who has in their home a piano and an organ, and could spare the organ without depriving themselves of any real musical privilege. If so, a gift to the Institution would be greatly appreciated by the faculty and student body.

Anyone feeling impressed to respond to these calls is invited to write to

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Correction

THERE was published in the December OUTLOOK an article sent in by D. A. Webster entitled "The 25th Anniversary of Rusangu Mission." By mistake this article was accredited to Brother Webster, but we

have been informed that Brother I. B. Burton was the writer. We regret this error and take pleasure in publishing this correction.

Obituaries

COMMUN.—William Bazett Commin passed away peacefully at his home "Charmaine," Selborne Road, Claremont, on the evening of January 20, 1933, at the age of 49 years, 9 months. He was born in April, 1883, in Cape Town, the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Commin, of Wellington. He was during his youth a conscientious young man, of sunny disposition, and faithful in all his duties at home or school. He was educated at the Claremont Union College, later taking a business course in Cape Town, and was a Registered Accountant in the Cape.

Twenty-three years ago he was married to Miss Mollie Tarr. To this union was born one daughter, Marjorie. Brother Commin's married life was a most happy one, for he was devoted to his wife and



daughter, and found his greatest pleasure in his quiet home and in the tender sympathy which a faithful wife and a loving daughter ever gave to him during health and sickness, during prosperity and adversity.

Our late brother accepted the truths as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in his childhood, his parents being among the charter members of the Claremont church. They accepted the message as proclaimed by Elder I. J. Hankins forty-four years ago in the first tent effort held in Cape Town. Our brother, who is now resting, was baptised in 1904 and has ever been a faithful member of the church. He filled various positions of trust in the Claremont church from time to time as local elder, church treasurer, and Sabbath school superintendent, and his services were always greatly appreciated and efficiently rendered.

Twenty-five years ago, as a young man, he responded to a call to connect with the organised work of the Seventh-day Adventist organisation, filling the position of accountant in the Cape Town office in Roeland Street. A little later he was chosen secretary-treasurer of the South African Union Conference, which position he filled very efficiently until the organisation of the Southern African Division in 1920, at which time he was elected to the same position in the Division office. For eight years he served as secretary-treasurer of the Division, during which time the work in Africa was thoroughly organised and placed on a sound financial footing, which in no small degree resulted in greatly

strengthening and building up our work in all parts of the Division.

In 1928, at the opening of the Helderberg College, he was elected business manager of that Institution and helped to start the college upon its successful career in the training of our youth. Later he acted as business manager of the Sentinel Publishing Company for a time, and then served as Sabbath School Secretary of the Division, which position he was filling when, about a year ago, failing health made it necessary for him to lay down the duties which he had carried so faithfully in various departments of the Lord's work.

Brother Commin's consistent, Christian life, and his quiet words of counsel to many of our young people were ever a source of inspiration to our youth, and there are many today who look back to our dear brother as the one who led their feet into paths of Christian service and to a nobler life.

There are left to mourn, his wife, his daughter Marjorie, two brothers, Harry of Claremont, and Arthur now resident in England, and one sister, Mrs. A. P. Tarr of Butterworth, besides other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elders L. S. Billes and A. V. Edwards, interment being made in the Plumstead Cemetery.

Our hearts go out in deep sympathy to the bereaved widow and sorrowing daughter; and other loved ones who are thus called upon to lay away a faithful, loving husband, father and brother. We can find comfort, however, in the blessed hope of a joyful resurrection at the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour who shall call our brother from the tomb to eternal life to be reunited with his loved ones.

J. I. ROBISON.

AFRICA.—Adam O. Africa was born January 20, 1908, and died January 15, 1933, at the age of 24 years, 11 months and 25 days.

The Africa family, with other members of the church, was enjoying an outing at Strandfontein on Sunday, January 15. Not long after lunch this young man, with another boy aged 17 years named Harold Peace of the same family connection, went in bathing. Both were drowned in a very short time. Such is the uncertainty of life. Adam's body was found on Wednesday, January 18, and interred in the Plumstead Cemetery on Friday, January 20, not without hope, but to await the call of the life-giver at His second coming. The other body is still in the water at this writing. They were among the faithful young people of the Wynberg church.

The bereaved family was comforted by our Lord's precious promise as recorded in 1 Thess. 4:13-18, and Romans 8:28. Our Saviour has the welfare of His people at heart in all things He permits to come to them. When we shall have entered the kingdom and look back at the way the Lord has led us, we would not have chosen to be led any other way, because the Lord's leading was just right. To the family: "We commend you to God and the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among them which are sanctified." Acts 20:32.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

B. W. ABNEY.