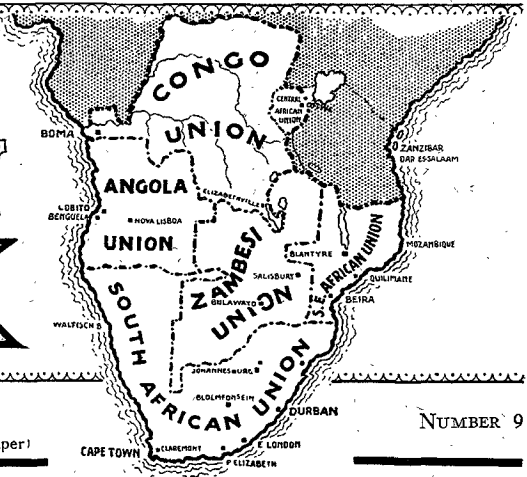


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To the delegates and visiting brethren and sisters assembled in the Sixteenth Session of the South African Union Conference,

GREETINGS:

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome so many to this first meeting of our Conference session. We are glad to see so many here from the various parts of the Union Conference and it is with grateful hearts that we greet you this morning. We are confident that as we earnestly and prayerfully study the problems of our growing work God will be pleased to give us wisdom and blessing. We meet during times of perplexity and uncertainty as far as temporal things are concerned; however, on the other hand, we are meeting during the grandest hour of all time in the history of God's work. There is no uncertainty with reference to God's willingness and ability to bestow upon us as we gather in conference the blessing and power so needed to prepare us as individuals and as a people to meet our Saviour at His soon coming. Our God has been a mighty fortress—a great tower of strength—a never failing source of wisdom and blessing to His people during the trying and perplexing experiences of past ages, and in this hour of supreme need He will not fail or disappoint His people, but will even bless them in a more remarkable manner than at any previous time.

We welcome the General Conference representative, Elder H. T. Elliott, to the conference. We assure Elder Elliott of our joy in having him with us in South Africa at this time. We are most happy to have Elder J. F. Wright, our Division Conference president, and the other Division officers and secretaries and members of the Division Conference Committee with us this morning. Their wide experience and practical knowledge of our problems will enable them to give us wise counsel as we grapple with the problems facing us at this critical hour in the history of God's work in this union.

And then we are happy to welcome to this conference several of the veteran workers in this union—they are our honoured guests who have been invited to sit with

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us in counsel. Several of these were preaching the Word when many of us upon whom the burden falls heavily today, were but children. We thank God for their presence and especially for their faith and confidence in the speedy triumph of the message.

We welcome our conference and mission field workers. We have looked forward to this time—with us you have earnestly prayed for this occasion. It will be a joy to you to lay aside your heavy burdens for a few days as we unitedly seek God and lay plans for the future.

As we look over the congregation this morning, we think of the many who are not so fortunate as ourselves in being permitted to attend this conference. Their eyes are turned toward this meeting and their prayers are for us and certainly we will pray that, while Heaven is bestowing rich blessings on us here, they also may share with us in these blessings.

Losses of Workers by Death

We note with sadness the loss of several workers by death during the past four years. We think of our late Brother W. B. Commin, who so efficiently served this union as well as the Division Conference, as secretary-treasurer for many years and who passed away a few months ago at Claremont. We record with deep regret the passing of Brother P. J. D. Wessels, who was so closely connected with the beginning of the work in South Africa. Another earnest and efficient worker has fallen in Elder P. Smailes. Brother G. W. Webb, who gave long and faithful service to the cause in South Africa, has fallen since our last conference. There also comes to mind the name of our late Brother T. L. Bulgin, who, while not employed in this union at the time of his death, had previously given faithful and efficient service in various capacities in several of our offices. We also record with sadness the loss by death of several of our faithful native workers, among whom are

Pastor R. Moko, Pastor Kalaka, Brother Elijah Ngenywa. Our sympathy goes out to the sorrowing families of the workers named, as well as all who mourn at this hour.

Changes in Staff During Term

The past four years have been filled with victories and blessings as will be witnessed by all the reports of the conference. However, they have also been years of unparalleled perplexity and problems. We are happy to have this privilege of giving the conference in session an account of our stewardship and then placing in its hands and upon its shoulders the responsibilities and problems of planning for the next four-year term. The conference officers and Executive Committee have administered the work since the last session, four years ago, to the best of their ability. Most perplexing and difficult problems requiring days and nights of earnest and prayerful study have been met and dealt with.

At the 1930 General Conference session in San Francisco, U. S. A., the Union Conference president, Elder J. F. Wright, was called to the larger and wider responsibilities of Division Conference leadership. The Executive Committee called me to fill the unexpired term. Due to the necessity of reducing our staff on account of the 1931 cut in appropriations, it was decided to ask the union president to carry the union Home Missionary department and the Division publishing secretary the union publishing work, thus releasing to the Cape Conference Brother F. E. Potter who had most efficiently and energetically headed up these union departments. In December of last year, the Division Conference placed a call with your Executive Committee for the services of Pastor A. F. Tarr, who, for eleven years, had efficiently and faithfully served this union conference as secretary-treasurer. While it was with deep regret that we thought of releasing Brother Tarr, however, in view of the call to larger responsibilities and service, and with the tenure of office (which had already been considerably exceeded) ruling in mind, we responded to the call. We have considered

ourselves fortunate in being able to secure as secretary-treasurer Elder J. E. Symons who has had wide experience in various lines of service in this union as well as in the mission fields to the north.

At the time Brother Symons was called to the union office in December last, he was serving as superintendent of the Kaffirland Mission Field. Repeated cuts in appropriations had made further reorganisation necessary, and the Executive Committee decided to amalgamate the Transvaal-Delagoa and the Kaffirland Mission Fields, thus placing our mission work in South Africa under one office. Elder J. R. Campbell and Brother A. A. Pitt were elected as superintendent and secretary-treasurer, respectively. This move has resulted in a saving of several hundred pounds. We recognise that this amalgamation has not been ideal in every respect; however, we felt it wise to make this cut in administrative expense rather than release evangelical workers. We feel that just as far as consistent, administrative economies must be effected and our evangelistic force of workers kept intact.

Before the first cut in appropriation in 1931, the brethren had "lengthened the cords and strengthened the stakes" to the extreme limit of the budget provision. This being true, it remains an obvious fact that when the cuts in budgets started in 1931, we were in great straits in arranging so as to keep the doors of our organisation open and our workers at their posts of duty. While this has not been altogether possible, still God has wonderfully blessed in holding things together.

Early last year, a special commission was appointed to give consideration to major adjustments and economies in the administration of our work. This commission met at Spion Kop during April of last year. Some days were spent in carefully studying the work of the various missions throughout the field. The commission recommended to the union committee that the native training institution at Spion Kop be moved to one of the other mission stations. The union committee has since given study to the problem and it is planned that this move be made at the beginning of next year. In this decision, we recognise certain undesirable features and have hesitated in hastily taking the step; however, we are fully convinced that these are vastly out-weighed by advantages. Due to financial stringency, we are obliged to amalgamate and economise where and as best we can. We are satisfied that the training institution can be much more economically operated at one of our other missions. If we were to close one of the other stations, we would be leaving a large native church located in a thickly populated section, whereas our training institution at Spion Kop is surrounded by farms and is in a very thinly populated district which has rendered impossible the establishment of a strong church or the carrying on of aggressive evangelistic work by the students in ministerial training. In view of the foregoing facts, we feel that we are moving in the right direction in closing the training school at Spion Kop.

A further economy action became necessary in May of last year as the result of the emergency cut voted by the General Conference at the 1932 Spring Council. As we gave further study to the arrangement of our work, it was decided to request

Elder H. J. Hurlow to try to place Kolo Mission in Basutoland on a self-supporting basis and thus relieve the mission field treasury to the extent of several hundred pounds each year. The reason Kolo Mission was chosen was because of its possibilities of self-support due to the comparatively large income from medical work. Elder Hurlow came to the rescue of the Transvaal-Delagoa Mission Field and has placed the mission on a self-supporting basis with the exception of the wages of certain native workers who are supported from the mission field office. This has meant a real sacrifice to Elder and Sister Hurlow and to the work in general in the Kolo section. Naturally, more attention must be given to increasing the revenue of the mission from medical and other sources and less to general mission interests. We are glad to learn that God is continuing to bless and prosper the loving ministry of Brother and Sister Hurlow at Kolo Mission and that the doors of this mission are still open.

Larger Evangelism. Increase in Membership

Our workers and people throughout South Africa have nobly responded to the General and Division Conference call to a forward movement in evangelism. In the South African Union we responded heart and soul to this call and our reports reveal that God has abundantly blessed. The total baptisms for the previous four-year period amounted to 1,585. The baptisms for the last four-year period total 1,982. Four years ago our membership stood at 3,181, whereas, today, the advent family in South Africa numbers 4,159,—an increase of 978. What a cheering story this is and how it should urge us on to greater and greater soul winning. With God's blessing we must win more and more souls each year and that with less funds and during increasingly difficult times. We wish we had time to mention specific evangelistic campaigns; however, time does not permit. We trust that plans shall be laid at this conference which will result in even a much greater harvest of souls during the few remaining years of service granted us. We earnestly desire that the spirit and fires of evangelism which have already blessed us may continue to burn until every believer in South Africa is doing his full duty in helping to quickly finish the work.

Departmental Reports

We will give each department an opportunity to report the progress of its work. Due to Elder E. D. Hanson's absence and seeing that it falls to my lot to prepare several of the departmental reports, I do not feel that I should recapitulate here what will be stated in them. Brother L. A. Vixie, Division publishing secretary, will report for the union publishing department. We deeply appreciate his help in the union department and take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to Brother Vixie for his willing and efficient leadership and counsel in our book work and to the Division Conference for granting us some of Brother Vixie's time for this service. Our departmental work needs strengthening, especially the Home Missionary, Medical and Publishing departments, for which only temporary or part-time leadership has been provided.

Finances

As we review the financial aspects of our work for the past four years, we have great cause for rejoicing. These are times when organisations dislike exhibiting their financial statements. God has been good to us and our people have been liberal and willing to sacrifice to save the work of God in this day of unequalled financial perplexity. Comparing the tithe income for the last two quadrennial periods, we find the following:

1925-1928	1929-1932	Increase
£50,503-8-2	£51,578-9-7	£1,075-1-5

Comparing mission offerings during the last two quadrennial periods, we find the following:

1925-1928	1929-1932	Increase
£32,442-18-2	£37,349-17-1	£4,906-18-10

A comparative statement of tithe and offerings for the last four years will be of interest. The figures are as follows:

	Tithe	Miss. Offer.
1929	£13,871 17 9	9,857 4 9
1930	13,463 16 10	10,056 10 9
1931	12,294 18 11	9,265 18 6
1932	11,947 16 1	8,170 3 1
Total	£51,578 9 7	37,349 17 1

In view of the most perplexing financial difficulties through which we have passed, and still are passing, we feel that we owe a special debt of gratitude to God for the gracious and bountiful way in which He has dealt with us. Many of our dear brethren and sisters are in great financial straits and we pause to express our deepest sympathy and Christian love to them in this time of perplexity and need. We encourage them to continued faithfulness to God although under strained financial circumstances and to an increased faith and dependence upon the unfailing promises of God. Our God has ever been, and ever will be, a mighty fortress and tower of refuge to His people under all circumstances and conditions.

During the past two-and-a-half years, our appropriations have been reduced 34%. These cuts have been met by the reorganisations already referred to; by the strictest economies in the general administration of our work; and by a reduction in salaries of 25% in the case of nearly every worker.

The Future—Our Greatest Need

We know not what the future holds in store for us; however, of this we are certain and confident, and that is, of Heaven's continued leadership and blessing. God has helped and blessed us in meeting the perplexing problems of the past and we are confident of victory and triumph in meeting those of the future. It is a privilege to grapple with and solve the problems in connection with the ever-advancing work. We must "Be strong, and quit ourselves like men" for if we "run with the footmen and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?" The future is as bright as the promises of God and to us today, as to Israel anciently, when faced by superhuman problems, comes the mes-

sage of Heaven, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." The coming few years should witness a mighty forward movement in South Africa and should be by far the best in the history of God's work in this union.

Our greatest need unquestionably is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. The time has fully arrived for this blessed experience. Our hearts unitedly cry out for this needed power and blessing. No other gift or blessing can compare with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our constant prayer and expectation should be that God will open wide the windows of heaven to us in gracious showers of abundant rain. This is our need—let us not become so busy with the business affairs of this conference that we fail to find time for heart-searching and earnest prayer.

Conclusion

The quadrennial period is now in the past. The Executive Committee and union staff have laboured earnestly in the interests of the conference and have tried to press the work forward. We are happy to meet you here in session this morning and to place upon the delegates assembled the burdens and problems of the conference, praying that God will bless in all the plans laid and the business transacted. May the Holy Spirit fully guide in every plan and resolution of this conference and have unreserved possession of every life so that the glory and wisdom of God may obtain in our counsel is my prayer.



Home Missionary Department—Quadrennial Report

Rendered at the Bloemfontein Session
April 14-22, 1933

N. C. WILSON

THE past four years have been years of blessing and victory for the Home Missionary department. As times have become more difficult and regular workers have been retired from service, our Home Missionary societies have more resolutely put their shoulder under the burden. There has been no retrenchment in the activities of the Home Missionary department, but rather a steady and encouraging growth along many lines, as will later be pointed out. While a great deal remains to be done and certain activities should be greatly strengthened, still, we feel to thank God for the large amount of loving ministry which it is our privilege to report today.

During the last four years, our lay members have won 185 to the truth. Unitedly we rejoice in this blessed fruitage that has rewarded our missionary workers for their efforts in the various lines of missionary endeavour. "Souls—the Goal of Goals" should ever be our slogan and great objective in all missionary activities.

Bible Readings and Gospel Meetings

Supreme and foremost in all our missionary activities is the Book of books. "Is not My Word like a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" Jer. 23:29. According to our reports during the quadrennium just closed, 32,390 Bible readings and cottage meetings were conducted by our lay brethren and sisters. Compared with the previous quadrennial period, this is a gain of 169%.

Use of Literature in Home Missionary Activities

From the earliest days of our history the printed message has been one of the most favoured agencies for the dissemination of the truths we are commissioned to herald to the world. Many instances could be given of the efficiency of this type of missionary service in which every believer can have a part. Our records reveal the fact that a total of 555,403 periodicals and tracts were used by our churches in their Home Missionary work during the past four years.

to the value of £4,757-13-2 was given to the hungry and destitute.

Promotion of Campaigns

It is cheering indeed to compare the Harvest Ingathering and Big Week results of the past four years with the previous period. God's richest blessing has attended the united and loyal efforts of the churches. The Harvest Ingathering total for the four years under review is £18,200-1-2. This is a gain of 50% over the preceding four-year period.

During the past four years, our churches

TITHE BULLETIN, No. 4

God is Proving You

"God is proving you, and it is for you to determine whether you will come out gold or valueless dross. Should your probation close tonight, how would your life-record stand? Not a dollar (or pound) of what you have gained could you take with you."—*Testimonies*, Vol. III, p. 250.

IS IT I?

"Among church members, 'in good and regular standing,' there are alas! many Achans. Many a man comes stately to church, and sits at the table of the Lord, while among his possessions are hidden unlawful gains, the things that God has cursed. . . . Achan's sin brought disaster upon the whole nation. For one man's sin, the displeasure of God will rest upon His church till the transgression is searched out and put away. The influence most to be feared by the church is not that of open opposers, infidels, and blasphemers, but of inconsistent professors of Christ. These are the ones that keep back the blessing of the God of Israel, and bring weakness upon His people."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 497.

SOLEMN WARNING

"When the church is in difficulty, when coldness and spiritual declension exist, giving occasion for the enemies of God to triumph, then instead of folding their hands and lamenting their unhappy state, let its members inquire if there is not an Achan in the camp. With humiliation and searching of heart, let each seek to discover the hidden sins that shut out God's presence."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 497.

"The plain, straight testimony must live in the church, or the curse of God will rest upon His people as surely as it did upon ancient Israel, because of their sins. God holds His people, as a body, responsible for the sins existing in individuals among them. If the leaders of the church neglect to diligently search out the sins which bring the displeasure of God upon the body, they become responsible for these sins. . . . Should a case like Achan's be among us, there are many who would accuse those who might act the part of Joshua in searching out the wrong, of having a wicked, fault-finding spirit. God is not to be trifled with, and His warnings disregarded with impunity by a perverse people."—*Testimonies*, Vol. III, pp. 269, 270.

GOD'S REASON FOR PLANNING TITHING SYSTEM

God planned the system of beneficence, in order that man might become, like his Creator, benevolent and unselfish in character, and finally be a partaker with Him of the eternal, glorious reward."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IV, p. 473.

Christian Help Work

The Christian help work reported by our churches during the past four years is equivalent to the work of fifteen nurses working eight hours a day, six days a week for the four-year period. Our report for the four years shows 143,458 hours devoted to various lines of Christian help work. However, this is only part of the story of loving and helpful ministry, for 28,999 treatments were given, 41,243 articles of clothing were given to the poor and food

throughout South Africa have raised £1,183-5-4 for Big Week purposes. What a blessing this money has been to our mission programme in this Division field. In addition to the funds raised, thousands of truth-filled books have been placed in the hands of the public. We are confident that eternity will reveal the fact that many who surround the throne of God and ascribe glory and praise to Him, first had their attention drawn to the truth through Big Week influences.

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Angola Union

C. W. Curtis ———— Superintendent
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Bongo Mission, Lepi, Angola

It Pays to Pray

C. W. CURTIS

WHEN the Division Committee passed on the call for us to take up work in the Angola Union, it was with many regrets that the call was accepted. The workers of the Congo field had grown dear to our hearts and the problems of the field had become our own. We had learned to love the natives with whom we had become acquainted. The teachers and evangelists are earnest workers for God and there are many splendid students in training who will become the workers of the future.

There were many problems incident to the transfer and they were increased by being late in the rainy season. Having a car and not being able to sell and yet needing one when we got to Angola, we decided to try and take the one we had. I drove as far as the border of Angola and the family followed by train. In preceding the family to the border I had hoped to be able to get our goods through the customs and shipped on, but when I arrived I learned that they had not yet come and it would be nearly two weeks before there would be another goods train coming through. I made the matter a subject of special prayer and on the morning that the passenger train was to arrive I was notified that a special train had come through and our goods had arrived. I immediately dispatched them across to the Angola customs house, but being too late to attend to putting them through the customs before the train which was bringing the family would arrive, I decided to have them wait at the border for three days and then we would all leave together on a train three days later. We unloaded and went to an hotel and were just getting settled when we received a message to the effect that the train had been cancelled; this would mean a long and tiresome delay, so we made a rush for the train and I just succeeded in getting Mrs. Curtis aboard and was trying to arrange tickets and baggage for her and our daughter when the train pulled out with Mrs. Curtis on board without a ticket and with a train crew whose language she could not understand. We hurriedly followed to the Angola frontier in the car; it was about eight miles and over bad roads but we arrived in time. I first attempted to have them load the car and take it along with the passenger train, but finding this not possible we decided to stay and take the chance of a later train; again we made the matter a subject of prayer, and just as soon as the passenger train had gone, the station master told us that there would be a goods train leaving the following morning and they would take our car and we could go along too if we wished to do so. We took up the matter of getting our goods through the customs and although it was

already past working hours, the customs official and station master stayed with us until nearly 10:00 P.M. putting our goods through the customs and billing out the car in which they were. There being no hotel in the place the station master offered to let us sleep in the station and so we were made quite comfortable for the night.

The following morning the truck which contained our goods was opened and we were allowed to ride in it, so we were able to go forward having all of our goods right with us and the car on a truck just behind us. We travelled this way for two days which took us past the marshy country where we unloaded our car and drove for nearly 200 miles farther on to our destination. Never before have we experienced so many immediate answers to prayer as on this trip,—it *pays to pray*.

Since our arrival in the country we have seen many open doors for advance missionary work, and while we were reluctant to leave behind the associates of the past six years we have found a warm-hearted congenial class of workers in the Angola Union with whom we have cast our lot. We believe that the call to this field was of God and we have confidence to believe He who has called will bless and give success in labour.

Conditions are quite different here from those existing in the Congo. There is a new language to learn, and new laws to become acquainted with and obedient to. I have had the privilege of meeting some of the Government officials who have shown the utmost courtesy to us, they have accepted our papers without question and we are now registered as citizens of the country and all without much of the trouble that we hear others have experienced. *It pays to pray*.

Congo U. Mission

C. W. Bozarth ———— Superintendent
M. Duploux ———— Secy.-Treas.

*Gitwe Mission, P.O. Usumbura,
Urundi, via Elisabethville*

News Items

THE Congo Union committee met recently for a few days in Elisabethville where plans for the year were made. Consideration was given to the location of the union headquarters. After carefully studying the advantages offered by different centres, it was decided that we look forward to locating the union office at Stanleyville. It is felt that this will be a good location from the standpoint of communication and for the future development of our work. At this time arrangements were made for strong evangelistic efforts to be conducted at each of our mission stations. Goals for new converts for the year have been allotted to each station. Altogether these goals make a total for the union of 3,460. We realise that this is a large number, but believe that it is possible if every worker will do his best under the blessing of God.

The work at Elisabethville and Katanga Mission shows signs of progress. Pastor

Vail has a fine class of young men in his training school. In a short time this school should begin to turn out some well-qualified teachers. This will be a great blessing to our work in the Congo, for at present there are hardly enough teachers to hold our work together.

At Songa Mission Pastor Delhove and Dr. Morel, assisted by Miss L. Delhove, are pushing the work ahead in a strong way. The medical work is very encouraging. The hospital is full of surgical cases, and a number are waiting until there is room for them to enter. This is a good sign and we pray that God's richest blessings may attend the doctor and his assistants as they minister to these people. The medical work together with the evangelistic program they are launching this year should be the means of winning a large number of souls to the truth.

Brethren R. P. Robinson and V. C. Norcott send in encouraging reports of progress on their missions. Their work is continually expanding and many calls are coming in for teachers. Surely this is the time for us to reap a rich harvest of souls for the Master at these places.

We are glad to welcome Brother Adriaan Siepman as a new worker in this union. He will connect with the training school at Katanga Mission. We pray that Heaven's richest blessings may be his as he gives his life to the work in the Congo.

We are happy to welcome back to the field Brother and Sister Moolman. These good people have been spending their furlough in the Union of South Africa after nearly four years' service in the Congo. At present they are assisting in the training school at Katanga Mission, but in a short time they will be permanently located at Rwankei Mission.

Brother and Sister Pratt have recently been transferred to Songa Mission. Brother Pratt has just finished a new mission home at Bikobo Hill Mission, and will now put up a new home for the doctor at Songa as well as two hospital wards, which are greatly needed to take care of the ever growing medical work.

Another new worker to join our staff is Teacher Simon from Nyasaland. We extend to him a hearty welcome and feel sure that he will enjoy his work at Bikobo Hill Mission where he will assist in the school work. At the present time we have quite a number of workers from Nyasaland, and we appreciate the good help each is giving.

Brother Joseph Malinki is greatly enjoying his work in Ruanda. Some months ago he was ordained as a church elder and given charge of a district church. At the time Joseph took this church over there was an attendance of 450, but after a few months of faithful work the attendance has increased to nearly 900. Surely the Lord is blessing the efforts of this brother and he is to be commended for the faithful service, he is giving.

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"God has two thrones, one in the highest heaven, and one in the lowliest heart."

Z. U. Mission

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Solusi's First Scholarship

E. W. MARTER

A FORWARD step in a time of difficulty is always a source of encouragement. Especially is this true in the work of the Lord, where such an experience also becomes an evidence of active faith in God, and intelligent, persistent effort for God. In the Zambesi Union we had one of these experiences recently, when John Elland, a student of Solusi Mission Training School, earned the first Solusi colporteur scholarship.

John is a lad of sixteen years, of slight figure but keen mind, the son of a one-time Baptist preacher now also a student at Solusi. He is from the Wimwangi tribe of the Lamba people on the north border of Northern Rhodesia. At our colporteurs' institute he practised his canvass in English because he could not speak well in any of the languages of South Rhodesia. But in spite of his youth and this apparent difficulty, he started out courageously with the other Solusi student colporteurs during the last week of November.

After he had canvassed alone for three weeks I was able to visit him, and found him industriously working and of good courage. All through the summer his reports came in regularly, and these showed the fine average of fifty-two hours spent in canvassing each week for twelve weeks. This was one secret of success. Three weeks ago Solusi was again in session. All his friends were back at school. Even his father wrote asking him to come, and he was sorely tempted to go. But with a little encouragement he decided to hold on and win. He did, and now he is glad.

It is especially easy for the native colporteur to spend his small earnings as he passes from one compound or location to another. Money that goes a long way for Christian education does not go very far for new clothes or tasty food. But here was another point where John came off victor. His purpose was to get back to the training school, and to get back with a full scholarship. And, when tempted to spend his money, he remembered his purpose.

But there is still another side to this experience. While it is true that we are called upon to do our best in these ways, yet all our efforts are worthless without the power of God. John knows this. In nearly all his letters to me he added a word of confidence in the power of prayer, or a request to remember him in prayer. I know that this was another and important source of his success, and that he recognised this fact was clearly shown by his earnest testimony of praise to God. His words I want to leave with all those who are striving to serve God, and especially those who will be going out to sell literature during the Big Week:—"I know that this power is not in me, but that it is the power of God that has done these things."

Verkorte Vierjaarlikse Rapport van die President van die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie Konferensie

N. C. WILSON.

ONS waardeer dit om so baie lede van oral in die Unie teenwoordig te sien om saam met ons die huidige probleme te studeer en help oplos. Wat die tydelike aangaan, verkeer ons in spanning en in onsekerheid, maar broeders en susters, by die Here is krag en uitkoms selfs teen die dood. Hy sal ons seën en ons klaarmaak vir die nabye koms van Christus.

"Want God, de Heer, so goed so mild: Is 't alle tyd 'n son en skild." Ps. 84: 6.

ONS is bly om Ouderling H. T. Elliott van die Generale Konferensie in ons midde te hê, as ook ons geliefde Divisiepresident Ouderling J. F. Wright, verder ons veterane, party van hulle het gepreek toe ons nog kinders was, en ander Divisie- en Konferensiewerkers. Hulle sal saam met al ons broeders en susters, ook die wat verhoor is om op te kom, ons met raad en daad bystaan.

Onder die werkers wat ons in die laaste vier jaar deur die dood ontvang het, noem ons die Broeders W. B. Commin, P. J. D. Dessels, P. Smailes, G. W. Webb, T. L. Bulgin; en onder ons getroue natuurlike werkers: Broeders R. Moko, Kalaka, Elijah Ngwenya. "Salig die wat in die Here sterf, ja, sê die Gees, en hul werke volg hulle na."

Die afgelope vier jaar het heel wat veranderinge gesien. Gedurende die sitting van die Generale Konferensie te San Francisco in 1930 is Ouderling J. F. Wright benoem tot Divisie president. Toe ons in 1931 moes besuinig, het ons Broeder F. E. Potter aan die Kaap Konferensie afgestaan en die sorg vir die Unie Buurt-sending Departement op ons geneem. Laaste Desember is Ouderling A. Floyd Tarr, na elfjarige diens in ons kantoor, tot ons leedwese na die Divisiekantoor geroep. Ouderling J. E. Symons het sy plek ingeneem en tegelyk as superintendent oor die Kafferland Sending geageer. Later is al die sendingvelde in die Unie van Suid-Afrika onder een kantoor gebring met Ouderling J. R. Campbell as superintendent en Broeder A. A. Pitt as sekretaris-tesourier. Ons het daardeur heel wat koste bespaar. Al is die toestand nie ideaal nie, die evangeliewerk kon tog aangaan.

Begin laaste jaar is 'n besonder komitee benoem om die maontlike besuinigings in ons werk na te gaan. Op hul aanbeveling het ons na ernstig oorweging besluit om by die begin van aanstaande jaar die Op-leiding Skool te Spioen Kop na een van ons groot sendingstasies te verplaas.

Vroeg in Mei 1932 was ons verplig om Ouderling H. J. Hurlow te vra om die Kolosendingstasie te Basoetoland deur mediese werk self-ondersteunend te maak. Op die manier is die deur van Kolostasie vandag onder die seën van God nog oop.

Deur groter evangeliewerk te doen is ook die laaste jare meer mense gedoopt—1,982 teen 1,585 in die vorige periode. Vier jaar gelede het ons 3,181 lede gehad, vandag tel ons in die Unie van Suid-Afrika 4,159 lede. En elke jaar kom daar meer by onder die seën van Bo. Mag die Here

ons seën met heilige geesdrif om die werk in Suid-Afrika klaar te maak.

In die afwesigheid van Ouderling E. D. Hanson het ek sy rapporte opgemaak. Die werk van ons Buurtsending, Mediese en Uitgewersdepartemente verdien versterking. Ons dank die Divisie en Broeder L. A. Vixie vir hul gewaardeerde hulp in die boekwerk.

Daar is tye wanneer organisasies met teësin hul geldelike sake bloot lê, maar met dankbaarheid aan God waardeer ons die offervaardigheid van ons mense in hierdie dae van ongeëwenaarde verwarring.

Ontvang aan:

1925-1928	TIENDES 1929-1932	Vermeerdering
£50,503-8-2	£51,578-9-7	£1,075-1-5

1925-1928	OFFERANDES 1929-1932	Vermeerdering
£32,442-18-3	£37,349-17-1	£4,096-18-10

Vergelykende Rapport:
 Tiendes

	Tiendes	Offerandes
1929	£13,871 17 9	£9,857 4 9
1930	13,463 16 10	10,056 10 9
1931	12,294 18 11	9,265 18 6
1932	11,947 16 1	8,170 3 1

Totaal £51,578 9 7 £37,349 17 1

Gedurende die laaste twee en 'n half jaar is ons appropriasies met 34% gekort. Ons het probeer om in organisasie te besuinig soos aangegee, en ons was verplig om die salaris van amper elke werker 25% te kort.

Die toekoms lê onseker voor ons. Maar ons vertrou is op die Here Wat ook in die verlede gesorg het. Sy beloftes is ja en amen.

Ons grootste behoeftes is die uitstorting van die Heilige Gees, sodat elke besluit van hierdie konferensie mag wees tot heerlikheid en eer van die Naam van Christus.



Malamoelo-sendingstasie deur vreemde oë gesien

MENR. G. E. WALKER, 'n advokaat van Blantyre, Niassaland, het 'n paar weke vir sy gesondheid op die sendingstasie kom rus en skryf, ongevraagd, die volgende oor wat hy daar gesien het:

"Malamoelo lê in die Cholodistrik en is goed twee duisend akkers groot, waarvan een tiende of twee honderd akkers onder direkte toetsing van die witman verbou word, gedeeltelik as proefnemings vir verskillende graansoorte, grondboontjies, ens., gedeeltelik vir voer vir die beeste in die droë seisoen. Verder verbou die kaffers heel wat akkers onder mielies vir hul eie gebruik.

"Soos op al die ander sendingstasies leer die natuur ook hier hoe om stene te maak en te lê, houtwerk, kantoorwerk, ens. met hierdie onderskeid dat hy hier nie aange-

moedig word om in diens van die 'Muzungu' d.i. witman te gaan nie, maar om sy eie lewensomstandighede en die van sy stamgenote te verbeter deur b.v. stene huise te bou in plek van die ongesonde kafferhutte.

"Dis 'n welbekende feit dat die naturel van Midde-Afrika nie al te sindelik in sy maniere is nie. Maar wie ooit die lokasie van Malamelo besoek, sou dit nooit agter kom nie. In netjiese rye staan die eenkamer geboutjies met gras dakke in een grote vierkant waarvan die midde mooi met grastuine uitgelê is. Aan die een kant staan die groot gemeenskaplike eetsaal waar algar hul eenvoudige maaltye van 'nsima' d.i. mieliepap en boontjies gebruik.

"Verder is daar die melkery onder toesig van die witman. Die sendingstasie het vyf-en-sewentig melkkoeie en die room is van die beste. Al weke word daar ongeveer 190 pond van die heerlikste botter Blantyre en Zombatoe gestuur. Vra mens in die winkels daar vir 'n pond van die beste botter, dan kry mens gewoonlik die van Malamelo. Die melkery het dus sy naam gemaak.

"In die houtwerkswinkel word al die meubels, deure, vensters, ens., vir eie gebruik gemaak. Niks word buitekant verkoop nie. Trouens hier is dit gladnie soos op ander sendingstasies nie waar hulle afhanklik is van 'n groot winkel vyf minute van die hoofgeboue. Hier help hulle hulself in alles.

"Dit geld vernaam van die drukpers. Onder toesig van 'n naturel leier wat goed Engels en Chinyanja ken en ook mees al die vertaalwerk doen, werk die naturelle met twee klein handperse en druk hul eie Bybel en godsdienstige boekies en die nodige skoolboekke. Al die ander sendingstasies doen dieselfde; dit betaal beter om die werk te laat doen deur iemand wat die kaffertaal grondig ken. Behalwe dat die witman die finale proef moet goedkeur, word al die werk deur die naturelle self gedaan. Hulle lewer werklik goeie werk.

"Onder die bekwaam leiding van die inwonende dokter, Dr. E. G. Marcus, is hulle besig om die kamp vir die melaatses opnuut uit te lê. Hierdie kamp lê eenkant ongeveer 'n myl van die hoofgeboue van die sendingstasie.

"Die British Empire Leper Relief Association het 'n bydrae gegee om die onkoste van die opbou van die stene geboue in die kamp vir melaatses te bestry. Hulle is nou druk besig om die bossies weg te kap, die kafferhutte te verbrand en nuwe stene huises te bou en 'n goeie motorpad om die kamp uit te lê. Alles onder toesig en volgens tekening van Dr. E. G. Marcus. Die melaatses doen verder al die werk.

"Daar is ongeveer twee honderd van hulle en die behandeling is so goed dat die sendelinge moeite het om hulle weg te kry selfs wanneer hulle genees is!

"Die eintlike hospitaalgeboue lê 'n kwartmyl anderkant die hoofgeboue in teenoorgestelde rigting van die kamp vir melaatses. Daar is vier geboue: die mannesaal, die vrouesaal, die apteek, tegelyk die gebou vir buitepasjente, en die administrasiegebou waar die dokter sy kantoor, sy operasiekamer en sy medisyvoorraad het. Verder is daar nog 'n siekesaal vir Europeane naby die dokterswoning.

"Dr. Marcus sou ongetwyfeld 'n groot praktyk onder die witmense kan hê, maar hy ag dit sy eerste plig om die naturelle te dien. Geen wonder dat hulle hom ook aanspreek nie met die titel van 'Bwana'

d.i. leraar nie, maar met die titel van 'Abambo,' vader van ons mense. Die dokter word bygestaan deur twee verpleegsters en opgeleide naturelle in die apteek en helpers in die hospitaal wat die inspuittings gee en die verbande lê.

"Sover het ek met rede niks gesê oor die godsdienstige onderrig aan die naturelle nie. Daar is twee dinge wat my opgeval het: allereers die aandag van die naturelle gedurende die diens, veral gedurende die preek; en dan die gesang. Gewoonlik is die naturel musikaal van nature. Party het dan ook pragtige basstemme en Chinyanja, soos trouens al die kaffertale, het dit met Italiaans gemeen dat hy hom tot die sing leen. Dit was pragtig om hul mannekoor, onbegeleid deur 'n orrel, te hoor sing: 'Kufunati E! ndi mtima wonse.' ('Seeking the lost, yes, kindly entreating,' Christ in Song, No. 532.)

"Tot besluit wens ek die Sendingfamilie hartelik te dank vir die aangenaam dae in hul midde deurgebring en vir hul troue

vir die Here; ook word daar baie deëlike studente opgelei; hulle sal die toekomstige werkers wees.

As gevolg van hierdie verplasing na Angola het ons voor baie vraagstukke gestaan veral omdat dit so laat in die reëntyd was. Die motorkar wat ons gehad het en tog nie kon verkoop nie, het ons besluit om saam te neem, aangesien ons tog 'n motor in Angola moes gebruik. Ek het dus met die motor tot aan die grense gery en die familie met die trein laat aankom, in die hoop dat ek ons goed deur die doeanes sou kan kry en verder aanstuur. Maar toe ek aan die grense kom, vertel hulle vir my dat die goed nog nie gekom het nie en die eersvolgende goederetrein eers oor veertien dae sou deurkom.

Ek het dit toe 'n saak van gebed gemaak en die more toe die passasierstrein met my familie sou aankom, laat hulle my weet dat daar 'n spesiale trein ingekom het en ons goed daar was. Ek laat dit toe so gou moontlik na die Angola doeanekantoor bring, maar was te laat om sake te reël voordat die passasierstrein met my familie sou aankom.

Ek besluit dus dat algar vir drie dae aan die grense sou wag, dan kon ons saam met die volgende trein reis. Ons pak dus ons goed en gaan hoteltoe en was net mooi op streek, toe die berig kom dat daardie trein nie sou loop nie. Dit beteken dus 'n lang en vervelige oponthoud. Ons het dus weer treintoe gehardloop en ek het net Mevr. Curtis in die trein in en probeer nog kaartjies vir haar en ons dogter te koop toe die trein wegtrek. Daar gaan Mevr. Curtis nou sonder kaartjie en onder mense wie se taal sy gladnie verstaan nie. Ons volg toe in haas met ons kar na die grense, ag myl verder, oor slegte paaie, maar gelukkig, ons het op tyd aangekom. Eers probeer ek nog of hulle nie die motor wou saamneem nie, maar hulle weier. Toe moes ons maar ons kans afwag en met 'n later trein gaan.

Ons het dit weer 'n saak van gebed gemaak en net toe die passasierstrein wegtrek, laat die stasiemeester ons roep. Die volgende more sou daar 'n goederetrein wees en hulle sou ons motor daarmee vervoer en as ons wou, kon ons dan met die goederetrein saamgaan. Ons probeer toe ons goed deur die doeanes te kry en hoewel dit al na sluitingstyd was, het die doeanebeampte en die stasiemeester tot tien uur daardie aand besig gester om ons goed en ons motor deur te kry. En omdat daar geen hotel in die plek was nie, het die stasiemeester ons die nag op die stasie laat slaap.

Die volgende more het hulle die goedere-wa waarin ons goed was, oopgesluit en ons het saam met ons goed en moterkar kon ry vir twee dae, totdat ons verby die moerasse was. Toe het ons die motorkar uitgehaal en die orige twee honderd myle met die motor gery.

Nog nooit het ons so baie onmiddellike antwoorde op gebed gehad as op hierdie reis nie. *Dit betaal om te bid.*

Vandat ons in hierdie land aangekom het, het ons baie oop deure vir sendingwerk gesien. Ons het wel met teësin ons mede-arbeiders van die laaste ses jaar agtergelaat, maar het in die Angola Unie weer warme, simpatieke werkers gevind. Daarom glo ons dat die roepstem na hierdie veld van die Here was, en dat Hy ook ons arbeid hier sal sien en vrugbaar maak.

Die toestand hier verskil van die in die Kongo. Daar is 'n nuwe taal wat geleer

Wat gaan ons offerande vir Groot-Week hierdie jaar wees?

In 1932 was dit £414.

In 1931 was dit £290.

WAT GAAN DIT IN 1933 WEES?

As elke gemeentelid in die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie Konferensie net drie sielings sou gee as die opbrings van die verkoop van die boekies, sou ons hierdie jaar meer as £628 ontvang.

Broeders en susters, laat ons hierdie saak aanpak en deursit, as ons wil, kan ons die doel bereik, maar dan moet ons

BID en WERK en GEE

Verlewendig ons hart, o, Heer,
En gee dat meer en meer
Genade en die heilig vuur
Van geesdrif ons besiel elk uur.
Dan sal ons hart ook U koms
Met blydschap afwag elke stond.

sorg vir my en my familie. Ons het die besoek baie geniet, en dit sal nie ons laaste besoek wees nie."

G. E. H. WALKER,
BUS 9,

Februarie, 1933. Blantyre, Nyassaland.

Dit Betaal om te Bid

C. W. CURTIS

TOE die Raad van die Divisie ons vra om na die Angola-Unie te gaan, het ons dit met leedwese aangeneem. Ons het die werkers in die Kongo leer liefhê en ons volkome vertrouwd gemaak met die vraagstukke van die veld. Ons het die Naturelle wat ons daar ontmoet het, leer liefhê. Onderwysers en evangeliste is ernstige werkers

moet word; nuwe wette wat ons moet studeer en gehoorsaam. Ek het die voorreg gehad om 'n paar goewermentsbeamptes te ontmoet. Hulle was uiters beleefd en het ons papiere sonder meer aangeneem. Ons is nou geregistreer as burgers van die land en het gladnie die moeite gehad nie waarvan anderes praat.

Broeders en susters, dit betaal om te bid.

Vierjaarlikse Rapport van die Buurtsending-Departement

Die laaste vier jaar was baie geseënde jare in hierdie departement. Daar was geen besnoeiing nie, maar 'n gereelde ontwikkeling op elke gebied. Ons dank die Here vir die saamwerking in ons gemeentes. Onder die leiding van die Heilige Gees sal die werk met die vereende kragte van voorgangers en lede seker vinnig klaarkom.

Ons hoogste doel in al ons sendingwerk moet wees die aanwinst van siele. Ons gemeentelike het die laaste jaar 185 nuwe lede gewin.

Die Bybel is ons grootste wapen. "Is My Woord nie soos 'n vuur nie? spreek die Here, en soos 'n hamer wat 'n rots stukkend slaan?" Jer. 23:29. Ons broeders en susters het in die afgelope vier jaar 32,390 Bybellesings en huisdienste gehou; 'n aanwinst van 169% oor die vorige periode.

Ons gemeentes het 555,403 blaaië en traktate in hul sendingwerk van die laaste vier jaar gebruik. Verder het hulle net soveel werk gedaan as vyftien verpleegsters in vier jaar teen ag uur per dag en ses dae per week kan doen of 143,458 uur Christelike diens. Behalwe dit het hulle 28,999 behandelinge gegee, 41,243 stuks klere aan die armes en £4,757-13-2 aan kos vir die ellendes weggegee.

Die Oes Insameling vir die laaste vier jaar kom op £18,200-1-2, dis 50% meer as die vorige periode. Lof en dank sy die Here.

Vir Groot Week het die gemeentes oor heel Suid-Afrika £1,183-5-4 opgebring, waardeur duisende boekies onder die mense gebring is. Die ewigheid alleen sal die betekenis daarvan openbaar.

Vir die eerste jare het Broeder F. E. Potter die leiding gehad, maar uit oogpunt van besuiniging was ons verplig hom aan die Kaap Konferensie af te staan. Toe het die Uniepresident die sorg vir hierdie departement so goed en so kwaad dit kon, oorgeneem. Ons sien uit na die dag waarop die Unie Buurtsending Departement weer sy eie leier sal hê.

Ons waardeer die hulp wat in al die gemeentes deur lede en werkers vrywillig gegee word. Dis soos "Gospel Workers," bld. 351, 352 sê: "die werk van die Here op die aarde kan nooit klaargemaak word nie of die manne en vroue van ons gemeentes moet saamstaan en met die predikers en beamptes van die gemeentes saamwerk."

Gelyk ook op 'n ander plaas Suster White sê: "God en Christus en die engele van die hemel werk kragtig om die geweldige toorn van Satan in toom te hou sodat die planne van die Here nie vrydel word nie. Die Here leef en regeer. Hy bestuur die heelal. Laat Sy diensknegte moedig voorwaarts gaan. Laat daar volkome eenheid onder hulle wees. Laat hulle veg tot in

TIENDES BULLETIN, No. 4

Die Here Toets U

"Die Here toets u en dit hang van u af of u sal uitkom soos goud of soos waardeloos skuim. As u proeftyd vanaand sou sluit, wat sou die opsomming van u lewe wees? Nie 'n pond van wat u gewin het, kan u saamneem nie."—*"Testimonies," Vol. II, bld. 250.*

"IS DIT EK?"

"Onder die gemeentelike van goeie naam is daar helaas baie Achans. Menigeneen kom deftig kerktoe en sit aan die avondmaal van die Here, terwyl daar onwettige winste in sy besit is, dinge wat die Here vervloek het. . . . Achan se sonde het die ongeluk oor die hele volk gebring. Vir die sonde van een man sal die ongenoeë van die Here op Sy-gemeente rus tot dat die oortreding ontdek en weggedaan is. Die invloed waarvir die gemeente die meeste bang behoort te wees, is nie die van openlike teenstanders, ongelowiges en godlasteraars nie, maar van inkonsekwente belyders van Christus. Hulle is dit wat die sêen van die God van Israël weghou en Sy volk swak maak."—*"Patriarchen en Profeten," bld. 497.*

ERNSTIGE WAARSKUWING

"As die gemeente in moeilikheid is, as daar koudheid en geestelike verval heers, waardeur die vyande van God geleentheid kry om te triomfeer, laat dan die gemeentelike, in plek van hul hande te vou en hul ongelukkige toestand te betreur, vra of daar nie 'n Achan in die kamp is nie. Met ootmoed en ondersoek van die hart laat elkeen die verborge sonde ontdek wat die teenwoordigheid van die Here verdryf."—*Dieselfde, bld. 497.*

"Die duidelike, direkte getuigenis moet in die gemeente leef, of anders rus die vloek van God op Sy volk net so seker as op ou Israël vanweë hul sonde. Die Here hou sy volk as 'n geheel, verantwoordelik vir die sonde wat in individue onder hulle heers. As die leiers van die gemeente versuim om ywerig te ondersoek na die sonde waardeur die ongenoeë van God oor die gemeente kom, word hulle verantwoordelik vir hierdie sonde. . . . As daar 'n geval soos Achan s'n onder ons is, dan is daar baie wat beskuldigings wil inbring teen die wat soos Josua die kwaad wil ontdek. Hulle praat van 'n verkeerde gees. Maar mens kannie met die Here spot nie en Sy waarskuwings ongestraf veronagsaam nie."—*"Testimonies," Vol. II, bld. 269, 270.*

WAAROM DIE HERE DIE TIENDES INGESTEL HET

"Die Here het hierdie sisteem van weldadigheid ingestel sodat die mens soos sy Skepper weldadig en onsefsugtig van karakter sou word en dan deel hê in die ewige en heerlike loon."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IV, bld. 473.*

die poorte. Die Here, die magtige Oorwinnaar, sal vir hulle werk. Laat die oproep van die evangelie in al ons gemeentes gehoor word en algar uitnooi om as een man handelend op te tree."

Die gemeente sal oorwin. Die aarde sal met die heerlikheid van God verlig word. Die gemeente sal haar plig doen en spoedig kom die dag van ons verlossing en word die koninkryk van God opperig.
N. C. WILSON.

leluja Liedere" of "Christ in Song" wat gespaar kan word om dit aan die onderstaande adres te stuur, vir gebruik van ons Sabbat Skool en vir die aanstaande poging. Hollandse of Afrikaanse traktate sal ook welkom wees. Dank u.

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Parys

SUSTER H. VAN ECK van Sunnyside, Parys skryf:

"Vir 'n lang tyd het ons gemeente hier uitgesien na spesiale dienste, want daar is baie belangstellendes hier. Dit was dus 'n groot vreugde toe Ouderling en Mevr. Venter ons kom besoek.

"Van die begin was daar groot belangstelling. Elke aand was die saal vol. Die pragtige liedere en leersaam printe wat op die doek gegoop word en so die lesings duidelik maak, het die mense getrek. Algar het dit geniet.

"Sondag, die 19de Maart, was vir ons

Daspoort Kerk

Ons het 'n plan om hier in Daspoort 'n poging in die nabye toekoms te hou en ons vra al die Advent gelowiges om ons met hul gebede te ondersteun, want hier is nog baie kosbaar siele wat vir die Koninkryk van die Here gewin kan word.

Ons ledetal is op die oomblik 35 (groot en klein) en daar is nog 'n paar wat op die punt staan om die stap van gehoorsaamheid te neem.

Ons versoek ook al die lede vriendelik waar hulle 'n Afrikaanse boek het, "Hal-

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'n groot dag. In teenwoordigheid van 'n menigte toeskouers is toe vyftien kosbaar siele gedoop waaronder een doofstom suster van 67 jaar.

"Ons is dankbaar vir hierdie vermeerdering, en ons bid die Here dat elkeen van hulle genade mag ontvang om staande te bly.

"Daar is hier nog baie wat belangstellend is. Ons hoop dat ons hier spoedig weer 'n aantal spesiale dienste sal kan hou.

Ouderling Venter en die plaaslike ouderling is ook geroep aan die siekbed van 'n jong suster wat aan kanker lydende is. Sy was vol pyn. Die ouderlinge het, saam met die gemeentelede, ernstig tot die Here geroep. En die Here het die gebed verhoor. Die pyn het haar verlaat en die suster word mooi beter. Ons gee die Here al die eer en dank vir Sy wonderlike hulpe.



Home Missionary Department—Quadrennial Report

(Concluded from page 3)

Organisation of Department

During the first part of the period under review, the Home Missionary department was fortunate in having the efficient and aggressive leadership of Brother F. E. Potter. Early in 1931, it seemed necessary to reduce our union staff. Financial savings had to be made somewhere and much to our regret we felt obliged to release Brother Potter to a call from the Cape Conference to reunite with their departmental work. This was a real sacrifice and a deep loss to the union organisation. The union conference president was asked to care for the union Home Missionary interests, which, of course, is possible only to a limited extent. We have looked forward to the day when the union Home Missionary department might again have adequate leadership.

Expression of Appreciation

In all the churches throughout the union, our workers and members have stood ever ready to respond to every call to service. We consider it a high privilege to belong to this great soul-winning army. And the army is growing for "the work of

God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—"Gospel Workers," pp. 351, 352.

As a closing thought, I have chosen the following message from the servant of God: "God and Christ and the heavenly angels are working with intense activity to hold in check the fierceness of Satan's wrath, that God's plans may not be thwarted. God lives and reigns. He is conducting the affairs of the universe. Let His soldiers move forward to victory. Let there be perfect unity in their ranks. Let them press the battle to the gates. As a mighty Conqueror, the Lord will work for them. Let the gospel message ring through our

song book, "Halleluja Liedere," which they could spare, please send it to the undersigned for use in their Sabbath school and in the coming effort. Also Dutch or Afrikaans tracts will be welcome. Thank you.

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A New Book for Mothers and Teachers of Small Children

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FOR years there has been a demand for a series of Bible stories based on the five year course of Sabbath school lessons for the children, written in a more simplified style than the kindergarten lessons published in *Our Little Friend*. This need has not been sufficiently well met in the small space that could be spared in the *Sabbath School Worker*. In answer to this demand, a series of books is now being prepared. The first book of the series, covering Old Testament stories from creation to the crossing of the Jordan, is just off the press.

Aside from the forty-five Bible stories, the book also contains several nature stories, and a number of illustrated finger-plays. It is well illustrated with pictures—some coloured—the type of pictures that will help the tiny members of a family and of the Sabbath school to comprehend the stories.

The author, Rosamond D. Ginther, has spent many years in working with cradle roll and kindergarten children of the Sabbath school, and through the experience of these years has gained an insight into the needs of the "lambs of the flock." During the time she has served as assistant secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department she has had opportunity to learn the needs of the teachers of these small members of the Sabbath school. To supply these needs she has written these simplified Bible stories. No cradle roll teacher should be without the book. Every Sabbath school that has a cradle roll enrolment, or a very young kindergarten class should see that the teachers of these little ones are provided with the book, for beginning with the May issue the cradle roll stories will no longer appear in the *Sabbath School Worker*. The book contains one hundred and ninety-two pages, and is attractively bound in red cloth.

Particulars regarding price will appear in a later issue.



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FORD TOURER, late 1929 model, good condition, done 18,000 miles. £60 or nearest offer.

TRAILER.—Good substantial type, size 4ft. x 6ft. Canvas top, fitted with portable American sliding cot for two persons, cooking utensils, oil stove, etc. Apply: Division Office, Grove Avenue, Claremont, Cape.



"To all who are reaching out to feel the guiding hand of God, the moment of greatest discouragement is the time when divine help is nearest."—Mrs. E. G. White.

What Will Our Big Week Offering Be This Year?

It was £414 in 1932

It was £290 in 1931

WHAT WILL IT BE FOR 1933?

If every church member in the South African Union Conference would give or bring in from the proceeds of literature sales but 3/-, it would bring our total for this year to over £628.

Brethren and sisters, let us attempt the task and go at it with a will. The goal is ours if we will but

PRAY, WORK, and GIVE

"Send, O send a great awakening
To Thy church, O Lord, we pray,
That in ceaseless streams Thy mercy
May reach others day by day."

—Adapted.

churches, summoning them to universal action."

The church will go forth to victory. The earth will be lightened with the glory of God; God's people will do their appointed work and soon the glorious day of our deliverance will come and the kingdom of God be established.



A Request from Daspoort

THE members of the Daspoort church plan to hold a laymen's effort in the near future and they solicit the prayers of the OUTLOOK family that God will bless their efforts and lead many to accept the message. Their present membership is thirty-five, including adults and children, and there are a few who are about to take the step and become obedient to the truth.

If any of our believers have the Afrikaans