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“Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”

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~ ~ ~ **GOD'S SECRET.** ~ ~ ~

There's a story that's heard when the gentle dews weep,
'Tis told in the play of the fountain,
'Tis sung by the stars when the flowers are asleep,
'Tis breathed by the winds to the mountain,
'Tis heard when the sea with tempestuous roar
Lifts its hands in a wrathful commotion,
'Tis whispered by billows that lap on the shore,
'Tis breathed by the murmuring ocean.

The wonderful tidings I'll tell unto you,
My lips love to frame the glad story,
And the best of it all is, *the story is true,*
That *Christ shall appear in His glory.*
Then sing it ye winds, and repeat it ye waves,
While the stars chant the wondrous evangel,
That Christ, the Anointed, the Mighty to save,
Shall come in the clouds with His angels.



'Tis chanted by song-birds that soar to the skies,
In the beautiful glow of the morning,
'Tis breathed by the flowers that in beauty arise,
All the hills and the valleys adorning.
Oh, can you not feel when the sun's in the west,
Or in spring, when the leaf-buds are swelling,
Or the pale moon looks forth like a smile from the blest,
That a wonderful story is telling?

But the wonderful story that man never knew,
No tongue of the Seer has revealed it,
For God, in His purpose, exalted and true,
In His own loving heart has concealed it.
In the song of the birds, it has never been told,
Nor heard in the bees drowsy humming,
The "hour" of Christ's leaving the city of gold,
The "day" of His glorious coming.—*L. D. Santee.*

President's Address for the South African Union.

WE have assembled for the fifth session of the South African Union Conference. The rapidly passing events, which are to mark the closing days of the proclamation of the third angel's message, have crowded hard upon each other during the past two years.

Strikes, disastrous earthquake's, terrific storms by land and sea, political unrest, national revolutions, peace conferences, coupled with unparalleled war preparations, church federation conventions, and the great Eucharistic Congress of Catholics, have all borne their unquestionable testimony that the end of all things is at hand.

The message has taken on new life, as if the mighty angel had descended from heaven to join the third angel, that the earth might be lighted with its glory for the finishing of the work.

This movement is not seen in any one portion of the field merely, but from every part of the world there come the most encouraging reports of advance. In some instances nations have sought to hedge up its way, or by imprisonment to deter its advocates and adherents from their work, but these have only proven fresh opportunities to proclaim the message. From the oppressed in prison there comes the courageous words "Victory will soon be ours!"

Greetings.

We are most happy to greet these delegates to the Union Conference, to the Natal-Transvaal, and the Cape Colony Conferences. We are especially pleased to see so many present from the mission fields. We extend to you all a most hearty welcome, and invite you to attend all of the meetings and share their blessings.

A Brief Summary.

We have not seen all the advancement during the past two years that we have desired, yet we are glad and thankful for what we have seen. A good advance has been made along all lines, as you will

notice by the treasurers report. There is a gain in the Tithes of £649 2s. 3d; in the first day offerings of £126 7s. 11d, and Sabbath-school offerings £203 7s. 11d. The Mission Board has increased appropriations for mission work in the last two years £2521 9s, making a total increase of £3501 3s. 8d.

Union College has had a steady increase in students, and of a more mature class. The sanitariums have been taxed to their limit to care for the patients. The book work, as Brother G. H. Clark's report will show, has surprised us all at the amount of books actually delivered. The paper work has prospered, especially in the Natal-Transvaal Conference, and more particularly in Johannesburg where our mission is located. In a little over one year that mission has disposed of over seven hundred pounds worth of magazines and periodicals, and the book sales reach almost to the eight hundred pound mark.

We have started a Magazine, *The South African Signs of the Times*, with a circulation of 3,500. This is an added blessing to our work here, and we hope to make it a still greater blessing. *The South African Missionary* has been made a weekly paper instead of a monthly as formerly, and its circulation greatly increased. The Union has added a stenographer to its staff of workers, Brother Ernest Freeman. His time is divided between the Plumstead Sanitarium, the college, Cape Town office, and the office of the Union Conference.

Missions.

Three new main stations has been opened, and more than a score of out-schools. Kolo and Emmanuel Missions, located in Basutoland, have a native population of 347, 331. Solusi and Somabula, South Rhodesia, are surrounded by a native population of 217, 470. Barotse land Mission, Northwest Rhodesia, has a native population of 300,000. Tsungwisi Mission, in Mashonaland, 445,316.

Malamulo and Neno Nyasaland Missions are in the midst of 927,355 natives. Our Kaffirland Mission has a more dense population than any of the others, having 1,500,000 natives appealing to us for the gospel. Our Zulu Mission, including Natal, has a native population of 946,411. The attendance at our mission schools has increased from 418 to six hundred, and the out-schools from 797 to 1558.

Mission Properties.

Names	Value	Value
	Dec. 1908.	Dec. 1910.
Malamulo	£1077	£1077*
Barotse land	638	1510
Solusi	2792	2956
Tsungwisi	—	284
Somabula	502	972
Maranatha	578	824
Kolo	100	100*
Emmanuel	—	21
	<u>£5687</u>	<u>£7746</u>

*No valuation reported.

We now come to the part which we can not estimate. It is the number of churches brought up from the degredation of heathenism to become members of the church of Christ. The number of churches is five, and the membership 296. This part of the record touches a tender chord in our hearts. It speaks of lonely graves in Rhodesia, Kimberley, Nyasaland, and Maitland, where lie our pioneers who laid the foundation for these results, in the midst of famine, fever, and native uprisings. They remained true to their posts until weary with toil, and worn with care and consuming fever, they fell asleep and were laid to rest. Others have taken up the work which they laid down, and have carried it forward with anxious watchings that the seed sown might bear a rich harvest of souls. God grant that this membership may be represented in the kingdom above. This is but the beginning of what shall be, for when the Son of Man shall come in all His glory, then shall we know the infinite returns from the investment of labourers and means which is indicated in this report.

National Unity.

There has existed most brotherly relations between the different nationalities during the past two years. No friction has occurred to mar the unity with which the last Union Conference closed. For this we are profoundly grateful to God.

Future Plans.

We should carefully study the mission work with a view to unifying and strengthening the work in all parts of the field.

We should consider plans of evangelistic wagon work as an inexpensive way of bringing the truth to the many thousands of unwarned natives throughout our field.

We should consider the use of publications and books as a means of reaching the natives. We should also consider our periodical and book work as a means of reaching the white population in our field. The great question of finishing the work during the closing years of this generation must appeal to every member of our Union Conference as a call to renewed consecration to God and His work, to be used in any way we can serve the interests of His cause the best.

We should consider relieving the indebtedness of Union College, and the Plumstead Sanitarium, lest under unfavourable circumstances we may be caused trouble by a demand of the money on these loans.

These great questions before us demand most prayerful consideration. All should enter upon the work in that spirit of faith and love that will insure the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, when all obstacles will be surmounted, and the work go forward to a glorious finish.

May the time come now when the world shall recognise us as disciples of Christ because we have love one for another.

R. C. PORTER, *Pres.*

President's Address Natal-Transvaal Conference.

It is with feelings of the deepest gratitude to our heavenly Father that we welcome the delegates and friends of this conference to unite with us in council and seeking the Lord, in view of the responsible work that He has placed so graciously in our hands.

In taking a retrospective view of the last year's work, we are brought face to face with two things,—The consciousness of our infirmities and our complete dependence upon God, and, acknowledging this, we are brought to realise how good and great is the Master-hand that guides the destinies and prospers the work of His children.

I am reminded this morning of an experience I once had when I stood on the roadway between two ranges of mountains which were about ten miles apart. At the western end the golden rays of a setting sun lit up the varied colours of the long valley, with which, in flower and bud, God had carpeted the expanse. That valley is a swamp. Beneath the surface might be seen the thorn and the thistle, and other marks of the curse, but God in mercy had covered these with the paint brush of nature, and all that we could see was that which gave praise to the Creator. So in the retrospect we will now take, lit up by the light of God's love, we find that He in infinite tenderness and regard for our feelings has painted the past experience with the flowers of His goodness, and the buds of success, and we can say with the prophet, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in God; for he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness."

Our Workers.

This conference is gratefully possessed of a corps of steady, persevering workers,—thirty-three in all. Sixteen of these are wholly self-supporting, which speaks volumes for the love of the truth and the interest that is taken in the prosperity of God's

work. Judging from the willing and cheerful co-operation so readily manifested by all, we feel that it is not too much to say that this conference has reason to be proud of its workers.

Naturally from such a corps of workers, with the hand of God to help, we could expect success; and we are glad to be able to report that progress has marked the work of each department, and prosperity has attended each labourer.

Finance.

In this department, as in every other, we have never had to retrace our steps from the place where we planted our standard. Our tithe for the last year reached the sum of £1004 4s. 4d, exceeding the previous year by £139 3s. 9d. The Sabbath-school offerings were sent up to £94 8s. 6d, an advance of £3 4s. 8d on the previous year. *This entire sum was donated to missions*, and, as far as we can see, this is to be the future policy of the Natal-Transvaal Sabbath-schools. The first day offerings, and the annual offerings together, advanced £26 7s. 1d above previous years, being £53 17s. 9d and £51 13s. 10d respectively.

Although the work has advanced in a way that has demanded the employment of more help and an outlay of greater expense than in former years, we are glad to say that the conference came out on the right side with a small balance in hand.

We are glad to report that forty-eight adult persons have been baptised, several of whom are already in the work, and there are quite a number who will soon be ready to fully unite with us.

The increase of the work in the office caused by our growing work has necessitated the employment of more help in that department, and a few months ago the executive committee authorised the employment of Brother Conrad Baumann to assist Brother Macdonald. While speaking of this, it seems only proper that I should refer to the faithfulness with which Brother Macdonald has

discharged his work. Though labouring under disadvantages, and daily facing increasing perplexities, our secretary has been able to steer the tract society through a most trying year and bring us out £45 9s 9d ahead.

Book Sales.

The value of organising the canvassing work has been fully demonstrated. Brother G. H. Clark has worked assiduously to inspire courage and bring success, and his labours have been amply repaid. Our book sales for the year amounted to £1687 17s. 4d. Add to this the sales of our periodicals amounting to £666 13s. 7d, and we have the grand total of £2354 10s. 11d. Well might we ask the question, "What shall the harvest be?"

Natal Health Institute.

This institution which began the year with a debt of over £140 has succeeded in obtaining a complete cure from this leprosy, and reports a balance in the bank of over £50. At the beginning of the year, owing to the failure of Sister D. Groenewald's health, Pastor Groenewald felt that he must be relieved from the strain of that work. The committee invited Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Bell to take up their residence in the institution and undertake its management. The Lord has sustained them in their work and has given them a good patronage in spite of an increasing depression in commercial lines in the old Capital of Natal. We now have six nurses in this institution, some of them having been connected from time to time with the Johannesburg City Mission.

The private institutions in our conference include those of Brother Beissner at Sweetwaters, Brother F. Baumann at Bellair, and Brother C. Blaine at Durban. These have shown a real desire for co-operation, and we work together almost as though these were conference institutions. We think this is a matter for gratitude to God.

In harmony with the recommendations of the General Conference the executive committee have en-

deavoured to revive the church missionary spirit. Mrs. H. J. Edmed was appointed to act as conference missionary secretary, and she will present a report showing that our church members are enjoying a spiritual experience which lays upon them the burden to save their neighbours.

The Johannesburg City Mission has been signally blessed of God. We began the work without any similar experience, and we had no money. If ever we seemed to step into the dark, it was when we endeavoured to obey the instruction of the conference and inaugurate an expensive, wearing, city mission, and in a field where we were told no papers could be sold, that the days of canvassing were over, and the people had no interest in religion. But what has God wrought?

We have carried a good day-school with an average of thirty students, with Miss Pote as teacher. This has been carried on a self-supporting basis. The examination at the end of the year showed that a splendid work had been done, and it has served to stimulate the confidence of our members in the church-school system. We have also a church-school which has been successfully operated by Sister Mary Bell.

We consider our sales of books and periodicals at the city mission have been almost phenomenal. Since we started, a year last November, we have disposed of thirty-one thousand magazines and periodicals; sold in single copies and valued at £727. Besides this, two thousand seven hundred books, valued at £764, making a total of £1491.

Our workers assisted in distributing invitations to the tent meetings, etc., and although we had not a rule in the home, our mission family have lived together as a Christian family should live.

I fully realise that were it not for the help of a devoted, energetic, and faithful wife, and the assistance of Sister M. E. Robertson, nobly supported by a band of consecrated

workers, it would have been impossible to present such a report as this. We feel that it is due to them, and especially to Miss Robertson, who has taken so much of the detail work, that this success has been reached.

The only shadow that casts its gloom over this report is the bereavement we have sustained by the hand of death. We have laid to rest in the Durban cemetery our esteemed Brother, Captain Adams, who embraced the truth under the labours of the first missionary from America to Europe. Then, another aged mother in Sister Eliza Robertson, after more than twenty years of faithful discipleship, fell asleep in Jesus in the 80th year of her age. She rests in the Johannesburg cemetery with Sister Brown a convert who was baptised just after our last conference. And, lastly, the little daughter of Brother and Sister W. H. Birkenstock.

The fruit of the canvassing work has begun to reveal itself by several persons taking their stand for the truth at Heidelberg and Pretoria.

Some Pressing Needs.

It is important that at this conference we shall consider the advisability of providing a church building for Johannesburg. We have no place where we can hold any meetings other than the Sabbath meeting, and if this work of the city mission is to be continued, it is imperative that we have some place of meeting to which we can invite interested ones.

The medical missionary work in Johannesburg is another matter that is pressing itself upon us, and we hope that some steps will be taken at this conference to commence this work as soon as possible.

We are deeply grateful to God that we are able to present a report that is so exceedingly encouraging, and with renewed confidence and courage we consecrate our lives to Him for the service that He has marked out for the finishing of this great and triumphant work in this generation.

H. J. EDMED.

President's Address Cape Colony Conference.

WE have convened for the seventeenth annual session of the Cape Colony Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The past year opened very auspiciously with one of the best camp-meetings ever held in the conference, and an excellent outside interest to hear the truth on the part of the citizens of Grahamstown. The city papers opened their columns for daily reports of sermons until all the important points of our faith had been presented. A deep interest was also awakened in the location. Both interests resulted in about forty accepting the message, and the organisation of two good churches, one at Grahamstown, and one at the Maranatha Mission. At Aliwal North, and at Worcester also, churches have been organised.

Our report for the year is very encouraging.

Comparative Table.

Sales of Books and Papers ..	1909	1910	Gain
Tithes ..	2523 14 0	2208 4 8	350 12 6
City Mis. Fund	1517 13 4	1868 5 10	17 9 3
Tent and Camp-Meeting Fund		72 10 7	72 10 7
First day Offerings	43 14 7	70 5 0	26 10 5
Sabbath-School Offerings	75 7 3	146 13 10	71 6 5

Churches.

	1909	1910	Gain
No. of Churches	12	15	3
No. of Members	492	558	66

These figures show a loss of £315 9s. 4d. on the sale of books and papers. This is because of imperfect reporting for 1910. In all departments there is a gain.

This speaks well for the united interest our churches are taking in the work, and it shows that our young people are beginning to share largely in the responsibility of our conference work.

Medical Missionary Work.

Besides our bath rooms at Kimberley, four other privately operated treatment rooms have been opened; namely, at Wynberg, Port Elizabeth, Bloemfontein, and East London. Dr. H. J. Williams has connected

with the Plumstead Sanitarium to assist Dr. G. Thomason, and to extend the work into Cape Town. The development in this line of work has been remarkable. The providence of God has been manifest in giving it a patronage among the best class of patients. At Plumstead many have been turned away from lack of room to accommodate them.

Needs of the Work.

We need to give careful consideration to our periodical, magazine and book work. This is one of the most important lines with which to reach the masses. Many of our people can engage in this line of work and accomplish much in winning souls for the kingdom of God. It has been demonstrated that one-third of those who are now accepting the message throughout the world, are doing so through reading our publications. The responsibility for the success of this branch of the work rests largely with the churches. They should make its success a subject of prayer, and consider it frequently in their weekly prayer meetings. The Lord of the harvest will hear and answer such prayers by sending forth labourers into His harvest for the finishing of the work.

Care should be exercised in our conference plans not to increase our demands upon the conference treasury. The labourers now in the field have often been compelled to wait a month for their wages before money would come in to meet the pay roll. It is unwise to so plan our work that the management of the conference and the labourers are constantly subjected to this embarrassment. It is better to advance no faster in adding labourers to the pay roll of the conference than the tithes from our churches warrant. We should increase the tithes before we increase the number of labourers.

R. C. PORTER, *Pres.*

—Four days of rain at the Bloemfontein camp-meeting was not sufficient to drive the smile from the faces of the campers.

Field Missionary Agent's Report to the Union Conference.

"WHAT hath God wrought!" "It is the Lord's doings and marvellous in our eyes." Eighteen months ago we met for the first time to "press together" in the Lord's work, and blessed has been the time to us all as workers for Him. Let us gratefully praise God for the signal victories He has given us individually and as a people in carrying forward this "missionary work of the highest order."

Organisation of the Work.

"Let all things be done decently and in order" is the command from heaven, and upon my arrival here it seemed necessary to spend considerable time and effort in searching for, and arranging reports and records of work done in past years. As far as possible these are now arranged. New forms for reporting book and paper sales, order blanks, guarantee slip books, record books, etc., have been provided. All this has kept me from the field work to quite an extent. Hereafter I hope to keep nearer to the canvassers in actual field work.

Four institutes have been held with a total attendance of about forty-five persons. Fifty-seven different persons have reported sales of books, but only sixteen of them can be called regular canvassers. I think the work is now quite well organised.

On account of the "magnificent distances" and the scattered condition of the canvassers, much travelling has been necessary in order to reach and help them. Our aim has been to economise time and money without sacrificing the best interests of the work.

We wish to thank God for the many dear friends and happy homes that have been added to our list since coming here. Surely Matt. 19:29 has been fulfilled. "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive an hundred-

fold, and shall inherit everlasting life." Africa seems not like a strange land, but like a long known field.

Co-operation.

With but few exceptions all—from the President of our Union and local conferences down to the most humble worker—have united heartily in the principles and plans laid down; my heart says, "Let brotherly love continue."

"Honour to whom honour is due."

I would not praise or flatter any one, but simply call attention to facts as they exist. These figures which I am about to show you are not due to my work. They show what God hath wrought through the efforts of the faithful canvassers and paper workers and church members who have bravely faced the battle and gone from door to door and from man to man and presented the printed page containing the last message of life and hope to a dying race.

[At this stage of Brother Clark's report a chart was exhibited giving figures on this line of work covering the past ten years. Space will not permit of its being inserted here, much to our regret—Editor.]

While doing this, some have walked with blistered feet in the burning sun; some have pushed their bicycles many miles before they could get them repaired; some, with their companions and children have gone to places where sickness and disease were sweeping away the children by the score. Their children suffered with the rest, but through the goodness of God they were spared. Some have gone to their work day after day and toiled in the harvest field with hardly food enough to sustain their bodies; some have met the opposition of so-called ministers of the gospel; some of our sisters, have faced the unprincipled inhabitants of our wicked cities with their truth-laden magazines week after week and month after month upon the streets; some who have assisted in this work were opposed by loved ones in their homes, but God has sustained them in their

noble efforts. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him."

If this spirit of zeal and harmony and co-operation continues, we shall surely see greater things accomplished than ever before.

Results.

No mortal pen can write up this phase of the work. Our chart gives a report of the value of what has been sold, but it does not represent the earnest prayers, living faith, and many tears of the consecrated workers. It says nothing of the scores of canvasses (or brief sermons) that have been given, nor records the brief Bible readings. It does not mention the fact that willing hands have given simple treatments to relieve suffering bodies. It says nothing of the great longing that has been awakened in honest hearts for a better experience, and of the rest and peace that these precious truths have brought, and will bring, to the thousands of people who have purchased them.

I would like to call your attention to one important result. The chart show that £4,812 worth of literature has actually been sold and paid for. At 5 per cent. commission on this amount the tract societies would be benefitted to the amount of £240. Then, the tithe of the workers would be £240, besides their pledges and free-will offerings, not mentioning the returns from those who have and will embrace the truth as a result of their earnest efforts.

And these things are not alone for this land. Many miners and others are here who purchased these books and papers and sent them home. We know that our books and papers have gone to England, Scotland, Germany, Australia, China, America, and many other countries.

In Great Controversy page 612 it is stated that "By thousands of voices all over the earth, the warning will be given."

Dear canvassers, and all others, let us thank God and take courage. Let

us labour on and we shall see of the travail of our souls and be satisfied. Let us press together, and God will bless our faith and ministry of love

Needs.

1. A canvassing agent for one of the conferences.
2. New literature (1) for English and Dutch, (2) for Natives—seven million.
3. Men and facilities.
4. A band of Enochs.
5. Wisdom to profit by our past failures.
6. A volume of prayer going up to God daily for us and our work.
7. Charitable and patient treatment with us all.

G. H. CLARK.

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Committee: H. J. Edmed, J. C. Baumann, W. H. Haupt, Brother Sates, Dr. J. J. Bell.

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Sabbath-School Secretary: Mrs. Bertha Smith.
Young People's Leader: R. G. Ryan.

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Teacher's License: Miss V. Sutherland, Miss Mary Cobban.

Resolutions.

The committee on resolutions presented the following:—

Whereas, The prospering hand of the Lord has been manifest in all departments of His work during the past two years, giving success proportionate to the effort put forth and the sacrifices made, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to God for these new evidences of His love and readiness to co-operate with His people, and that we consecrate our service anew for the finishing of His work.

Whereas, The hand of death has removed our beloved brother and fellow labourer, Pastor E. R. Williams from our midst, causing a vacancy in our ranks and sorrow in our hearts, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our submission to God in this affliction. That we close up the ranks by a united effort to meet the loss sustained, and that we extend to Sister Williams and her children our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Whereas, Many of our young people have been lost to the message by lack of definite effort being made to have them take a decided stand for God, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend a consecration service in connection with the Sabbath-school, and that this service be not entrusted to inexperienced workers, but be held at such times as efficient help is available.

Whereas, Our paper work has proved an efficient means of disseminating truth and of leading persons to embrace truth, therefore,

Resolved, That we urge all our people and workers to subscribe for and read our local papers and give them a wide circulation.

That we recommend the appointment of one or more persons to visit the towns and villages of South Africa and take subscriptions for these papers, including our health journals, and as opportunity offers to instruct and encourage our people in the circulation of our papers and tracts.

That the person or persons thus appointed be given a liberal commission on subscriptions and sales, and be self-supporting.

Whereas, There has been considerable misunderstanding with reference to the organisation of the young people's work, and much precious time has been lost thereby, and,

Whereas, Many of our young people are losing interest in the truth and are being drawn into the world, therefore,

Resolved, That in the interests of our youth we carry out the plan of the Missionary Volunteer Society as adopted by the General Conference with provision for full membership, associate members, and junior members, and that our young people in all parts of this field be organised and co-operate with the union conference secretary of the young people's work, that an earnest missionary spirit and zeal may be kept alive among our young people, that from childhood their hearts may be bound to the church and to the work of the Master.

Whereas, The railways have kindly granted a concession to all our people attending this conference,

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation to the Railway Management for this favour.

Whereas, The Municipality of Bloemfontein has granted the free use of the ground on which this camp is pitched, and has kindly provided water connections for the accommodation of the camp, therefore,

Resolved, That we extend to the Municipality our hearty thanks and appreciation for these concessions.

Resolved, That the account books of the mission stations be audited every two years.

Whereas, The canvassing work is one great means of finding those who are in peril and of ministering to their spiritual needs, and,

Whereas, There are thousands of souls within our borders who know not the truth, therefore,

Resolved, That we do all within our power to search out and encourage faithful, consecrated men and women to enter the canvassing work, and that we open our homes as far as possible to these faithful labourers while canvassing in the surrounding country.

Whereas, The scriptures, and Spirit of Prophecy, and the past year's experience show that the cash system is the only right system of conducting finances,

Resolved, That we still require the canvassers to pay for each lot of books delivered before another is forwarded, leaving it discretionary with the secretary of the tract society to make allowance for books the canvassers may have on hand.

Whereas, The Lord has said "Educate, educate, educate young men and women to sell the books which the Lord by His Holy Spirit has stirred his servants to write, therefore,

Resolved, That our conference committees be invited to consider the propriety of holding at least one canvasser's institute each year, preferably at the close of the annual conference, and that free entertainment be provided by the conference during the institute for all regular canvassers and any who may immediately enter the canvassing field.

Resolved, That the church nominating committee exercise care in the selection of librarians and choose only those who are aggressive and capable of interesting others in missionary work.

Whereas, The "Gospel Wagon" in operation among the natives of the Eastern Province has been attended with such a degree of success and blessing,

Resolved, That two additional wagons be provided, one for the Hottentots, and one for the Transkei, and that efficient evangelic help be secured to operate them.

Whereas, The superintendency of the Maranatha Mission has been made vacant by the removal of Elder Hyatt for other duties, therefore,

Resolved, That a superintendent be provided for that mission.

Resolved, That a man be provided for the native work in Johannesburg, and that he have a corps of native workers to assist him. That a man and wife with a teacher be provided for the Transvaal, and that a superintendent and assistant be chosen for the work in Bechuanaland.

Resolved, That we encourage canvassing, medical missionary, and evangelistic work as a means of giving the message to the partially educated native.

Resolved, That suitable literature be provided in the various languages.

Resolved, That each province in South Africa be organised into separate mission fields with a superintendent in charge of each field; also that a man be provided for Portuguese West Africa.

Whereas, We have committed to us as a people a warning message, and,

Whereas, Organised efforts are now being made to enforce Sunday observance in this country, therefore,

Resolved, That we continue and increase our efforts to prepare and to distribute appropriate literature to educate the people on the subject of religious liberty.

Whereas, Certain religious bodies in this country have publicly declared themselves in favour of Sunday enforcement, and have gone so far as to pledge members of parliament to introduce and to support such a measure, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists of South Africa in conference assembled, do hereby respectfully protest against such action, and as citizens of the Union we do petition Parliament not to legislate upon this or any other religious question.

Resolved, That we again urge our people to faithfulness in the sixpence a week plan, in the payment of tithes and other offerings, in order that the message may be more rapidly extended, and that we may receive the blessings promised on conditions of faithfulness in these things.

Resolved, That the South African Union Conference assume the full responsibility of ownership and management of the Cape Sanitarium, situated at Plumstead, Cape, in accordance with the resolutions passed this day by the Cape Colony Conference.

Resolved, That article 7 of the constitution be amended by inserting the words "elect the Board," the words "of trustees, which shall also constitute the Board."

Resolved, That the constitution be amended by adding the following as article XI:—

ARTICLE XI.

The executive committee of the South African Union Conference shall constitute the Board of Trustees and the Board of Management of the Union College and the Cape Sanitarium.

Voted, We recommend that Prof. Elffers go to the General Conference Council at Friedensau, the Union to pay half his fare and the brethren be given a chance to pay the other half. A fund was raised for this purpose.

We recommend, That the Union Conference accept the responsibility of the native work in the O.F.S. in harmony with the invitation of the Cape Colony Conference.

Adjourned.

Resolved, That all moneys received by the mission superintendents outside the regular official channels, must be reported to the

conference treasurer and applied on the appropriation, and that all donations of articles of value for the mission be reported to the President of the Union Conference; also that the mission superintendents and all other conference workers shall make all their applications for special donations, not to the people direct, but through the presidents of the Union and local conferences.

Resolved, That the amendment of article IV., section II., of the constitution passed by the conference on the 30th December, 1908, which provided for the election of special delegates to the conference, be rescinded.

Resolved, That the following be re-adopted as article IV, section II, of the constitution:

The voters of said conference shall be the ordained ministers, the executive committee and the members of good and regular standing in any church of Seventh-day Adventists within the bounds of the conference upon presentation of their credentials.

R. C. PORTER, Pres.

J. V. WILLSON, Sec.

Biennial Statement of South African Union Conference.

Cash on hand Dec. 18, 1908	26	2	11		
Received	15239	18	3	15266	1 2
Paid out	15262	14	8		
On hand Dec. 31, 1910	3	6	6	15266	1. 2

RESOURCES.

Real Estate	75	0	0		
Off Furniture	15	0	0		
Sundry Mission Properties	7748	7	6		
Cash on hand	£3	6	6		
in bank	£338	9	6	341	16 0
Union College Brush Industry	625	10	0		
" Loan Account	341	17	0		
C.C. Conference	230	10	10		
Sundry Debtors	463	15	8	9901	17 0

LIABILITIES.

Sundry Loans	555	2	7		
" Fund Accounts	92	19	10		
" Missions 1910 Appro.	140	0	0		
" Accounts	27	17	7		
Present worth	9085	17	0	9901	17 0

LOSS AND GAIN ACCOUNT.

To Dutch Missionary	10	9	0		
.. Missionary	146	7	4		
.. Signs Magazine	13	12	1		
.. Watchman	15	10	6		
.. Wachter	79	8	1		
.. Sentinel	49	14	5		
On Papers	315	1	5		
To Sundry Amounts paid					
Missions on Appro.	4590	19	2		
.. Labour and expense	2668	18	7		
.. Expense	190	18	8		
.. Donations	79	3	11		
.. Sundries	0	13	0		
.. Stock	1338	3	6	8583	18 3

By Annual Offerings	166	10	4
„ Sabbath-School Offerings	533	0	4
„ First Day Offerings	231	16	8
„ Tithes	1375	16	0
„ Mission Board Appro.	5179	17	10
„ Gains on Sundry Missions	1013	10	4
„ Gains from Sundry Funds	63	14	8
„ Sundries	19	12	1
	<u>8583</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>3</u>

S.A.U.C. STATISTICS.

	1907-1908	1909-1910
Tithes received by S.A.U.C.	725 16 9	1375 16 0
First Day Offerings	159 3 9	285 11 8
Sabbath-School Offerings	329 12 10	533 0 4
From Mission Board and Appropriations	7708 11 11	10230 0 11
	<u>£8923 5 3</u>	<u>12424 8 11</u>

MISSIONS.

	No. Main Missions	Atten- dance	Out- schools	Atten- dance	Total Attend
Jan. 1, 1908	6	418	30	797	1215
Dec. 1, 1910	9	600	44	1558	2158
No. Church Members in Mission Churches on 31st December, 1910	..	..	..	..	296
No. Mission Churches	..	..	..	..	5
No. Ordained Ministers labouring on Mission Stations	..	..	..	..	5
No. Licensed Missionaries	..	..	..	..	18

MISSION PROPERTIES, VALUATION.

Name	1908	1910
Malamulo	1077	1077
Barotse	638	1510
Solusi	2792	2956
Somabula	302	974
Tsungwesi	..	284
Maranatha	578	824
Basuto—Kolo	100	100
Emmanuel	..	21
	<u>£5687</u>	<u>£7746</u>

Gain for 2 years .. £2059

J. V. WILLSON,
Sec. and Treas.

Confirmed by Auditor.

O. O. FORTNER.

Minutes of South African Union Conference.

THE fifth session of the Union Conference opened at Bloemfontein, March 16.

The president, Pastor R. C. Porter, occupied the chair, and after prayer by Pastor W. H. Anderson, gave his address. This will appear elsewhere.

It was stated that all ordained ministers, mission representatives, and members of the Union Conference Committee, were entitled to delegates privileges, and by vote the delegates from the Cape Conference, and the Natal-Transvaal Conference, were invited to take part in the deliberations of the conference.

Opportunity was given for the admission of new churches into the union. Pastor W. S. Hyatt presented the Maranatha Mission Church of thirty-two members, and Sister M. C. Sturdevant the Tsungwesi Mission Church, with a membership of thirteen. These were both received into the conference, and the delegates seated.

Voted, That the chair in consultation with the conference committee, appoint the usual committees.

The chair announced that any member of the conference had the privilege of going to any of these committees and making suggestions that they thought would be for the advancement of the work.

As an expression of gratitude to God for His blessing in the work during the past two years, the congregation arose and sung "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

Second meeting. After the usual opening exercises, the financial report of the Union Conference was read. The report was accepted. Remarks were made by Pastors Edmed and Hyatt. Elder Hyatt spoke of one feature of the report that could not be rendered here; this was the tears shed, the prayers offered, the heartaches, the hours of watching, etc., in connection with mission work. It was these that made this report possible.

The different committees were then appointed, after which an opportunity was given to adjourn, but by a unanimous vote the meeting continued.

Reports from mission superintendents were called for, and Pastor W. S. Hyatt reported for the Maranatha Mission. He spoke at length upon the importance and the results of the "Gospel Wagon" work among the millions of Kaffirland. He gave some interesting experiences among the red Kaffirs. We are sorry that our space will not admit of us relating some of these experiences. So touching were many of them that tears flowed freely.

The question was advanced regard-

ing our people who live on farms and hire a number of natives, if they could not hire those who have accepted the truth or are interested in it? Brother J. G. Cook said that he could give steady work to ten or fifteen. This led to the question regarding the importance of labouring for the native help thus employed, and Sister A. P. Tarr related the results of their taking such an interest in their help, five recently being baptised.

The remainder of the time for this meeting was spent in arranging for "field day." Adjourned.

Sister E. R. Williams opened the third meeting of the Union Conference by prayer, after which Prof. C. P. Crager gave the financial report of the Claremont Union College. Doctor G. Thomason rendered his report of the Plumstead Sanitarium for fifteen months. This report showed a gain of £1441-16-8 and was most encouraging in every way. A good spirit prevails in the institution, which is noticed by the patients, even those in the higher walks of life. The Doctor spoke of his appreciation of the assistance of Dr. J. H. Williams in the medical work. There was one part of the Doctor's report that caused sadness, and that was the many patients who apply for admittance for treatment at the sanitarium, and must be denied for lack of room. He hoped the time would soon come when they would have room for all.

These reports were accepted, and the committee on resolutions presented the following partial report:

Whereas, The Union College and the Cape Sanitarium are carrying heavy over-due bonds, which are liable to be called in at any time, causing great embarrassment to these institutions, therefore,

Resolved, That we raise a fund to pay off this indebtedness by donations, and the sale of Christ's Object Lessons and Ministry of Healing. The proceeds of the sale of Object Lessons to go to the college, and the proceeds of Ministry of Healing to

the sanitarium, the donations to be divided equally. This resolution was adopted, and at once put into actual practice. £3,500 was raised in cash and pledges on the spot. Eight hundred and seventy-nine Christ's Object Lessons were subscribed for, and six hundred and eighty-seven Ministry of Healing.

Doctor Thomason, on behalf of the sanitarium, proposed to raise and apply on the sanitarium indebtedness, pound for pound up to £1000 pounds. Thus if the conference would raise one thousand pounds toward the indebtedness, the sanitarium would raise a like sum for the same purpose. The Spirit of the Lord was manifest in a remarkable degree in raising this fund. The meeting continued for over five hours, yet no one seemed weary or desirous of leaving the tent. It was a good place to be. Even the little children of tender years were given an offering to present, and their interest was manifest by expressions like this: "Mama, if I had five pounds I would give it all to Jesus."

Voted, That we grant missionary nurses certificates to the approved nurses in each conference, and that this be done by the executive committee of each conference.

Brother T. J. Gibson gave a verbal report of the Somabula Mission. They were cultivating one hundred acres of ground, and had been granted the lease of an additional one hundred acres. They intended to erect some buildings of burnt brick. The mission was prospering, and there was a prospect of securing out-schools in two strong native reserves, Selukwe and Shangani.

Brother H. C. Olmstead also gave a verbal report of the Emmanuel Mission, North Basutoland.

The Mission station has been located near Chief Jonathan, the most prominent chief in Basutoland next to the paramount chief. The attendance at the mission school was from 50 to 60, Sabbath-school 20. The spiritual work is growing. The native the world over understands the language

of love, and that was the language the mission used. Basutoland is the Switzerland of South Africa. The aim is to make the mission self-supporting by cultivation of the land. The mission site should be recorded on the Government books. They are getting a house 30 feet square of cut sand stone built for £20.

Sister M. C. Sturdevant reported for the Tsungwisi Mission. In 1910 Pastor Sturdevant went to see the Government at Salisbury in reference to a mission site. They were granted a site at Tsungwisi. The soil is a fertile black soil in one part, and sandy in another, thus making it suitable for different kinds of crops. There are at present eighteen attending the mission school. The mission has twelve donkeys, sixteen oxen and three cows. It is located forty-eight miles from Umtali, and seven miles from the railway siding. There is a river running right through the farm, and the farm consists of 4,000 acres.

Pastor Porter gave a report of the Malamula mission. They have a nice farm and buildings built of hard brick, have large gardens with a good irrigating system. They are forty miles from Blantyre. They have about 1000 students. There are three main languages spoken, Manange, Yaouw, and the Angona. They have a good dairy and get an extra good price for their butter. They also grow cotton and rubber. Various kinds of fruit are raised in abundance.

Pastors W. H. Anderson, W. C. Walston, M. E. Emmerson and F. B. Armitage gave very encouraging reports of their mission stations. To tell all the encouraging items given would fill a small book. Again and again when these reports were given, the congregation arose and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

R. C. PORTER, *Pres.*

J. V. WILLSON, *Sec.*

The Macedonian Cry.

ONE of our faithful teachers from Malavi outschool, where he and his brother established that school over two years ago, (and opened another recently) reported twenty-four in special Bible class being candidates for baptism. Said Andrea, the teacher, "You must come and teach them more fully and then baptise them." Fourteen have been in the class two years, and eight are women which is rather remarkable. The older women are usually among the last to receive the gospel. Six of these women are elderly, two are girls. The best I could offer this teacher in response to his wish was a compromise. I said, you can see that my wife is dangerously sick, how can I leave her now? I should stay there a month. Please bring those longest in the class to Malamulo and I will prepare them and they can be baptised with our candidates here. He replied, "I cannot leave my school, but will *send* the people." Our intended baptism was deferred, because of sickness, so I hope these from Malavi will be ready the next time.

We have been praying for the old men in villages on the mission. Three of them came to join our candidates class, which rejoices our hearts greatly. So far no old man here has fully accepted Christ. We are now instructing them in the "way of life." May God change these superstitious, heathen hearts fully, and may they be the seed for a large harvest of others like themselves!

Our council suggested that the teacher of each out-school try to bring two bright boys to the main station at the beginning of the session, May 1st, for training as prospective teachers and evangelists. We have openings for schools across the River Shire near the Portuguese border in virgin territory, and densely populated.

J. C. ROGERS.

—Our readers will notice that we have given them four issues of the MISSIONARY in one this week, Nos. 12, 13, 14, and 15.

Sabbath-School Report for the S.A.U.C., 1909-1910.

Cape Colony Conference.

Year	Av. No. School (including home schools)	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Donations	Local Expenses	Donations to Missions
1908	21	323	241	84 14 5	13 0 7	71 13 10
1909	20	334	252	113 4 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 19 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	99 5 2
1910	27	473	371	153 5 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 7 6	145 17 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Av. for 2 yrs.	23	406	312	271 10 0	26 6 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	245 3 0 $\frac{1}{2}$

Natal-Transvaal Conference.

1908	9	167	123	92 4 7		
1909	12	206	142	95 12 10		
1910	12	212	156	116 10 4		
Av. for 2 yrs.	12	209	149	212 3 2		

Missions.

1908	6	317	277	16 14 7		
1909	5	602	390	25 2 8		
1910	5	538	422	21 18 1		
Av. for 2 yrs.	5	570	406	47 0 9		

Grand Totals 1909-1910	40	1185	867	530 13 11	26 6 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	504 6 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
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C.C. Conf.	S.S.Q.	S.S.W.	Y. Ins.	L.F.	Seniors	Junior	Y's Ins.	Primary	L Friend	S.S.W.	Teachers
1908		8	60	103							
1910	211	39	100	82							
N.T. Conf.											
1908	144	12	10	20							
1910	170	21	14	48							
Missions											
1910	15	3	8	5							
Total for Union 1910	396	63	122	156							
					C.C. Con	C.C. Con	C.C. Con	C.C. Con			
					240	211	115	100	119	82	39
											57
					N.T. Con	N.T. Con	N.T. Con	N.T. Con			
					123	170	41	14	44	48	24
											21

FROM this report you will see that only words of encouragement can be given of the Sabbath-school work in the Union.

In both conferences the secretaries have worked hard to excite a deeper interest in Sabbath-school work, and their efforts have met with good success.

The Cape Conference shows marked improvement both in regularity and promptness in reporting and increase of membership. There is a steady growth in the donations. The report for quarter ending June 30, 1910, showed that every school in the Cape Colony had given all its donations to missions. Apparently we had crossed the river which had seemed, to a few schools, so formidable! But the next quarter's report showed we had not burnt the bridge behind us, for in the local expense column were six items amounting to £5 9s. 7d. The following quarter we find in the expense column three

items amounting to £1 2s. 6d. Your secretaries feel sure that with a little effort on the part of a very few, perhaps only one school, and a little adjustment in regard to collecting and reporting our donations, would enable us to fall in line with the Natal-Transvaal Conference, and the missions, and other Sabbath-schools all over the world. It is earnestly hoped that at this conference some definite plan will be arranged to establish harmony throughout the schools in the matter of giving all to missions.

A steady, healthy growth is noticed in the Natal-Transvaal Conference reports. The whole reminds one of a neat piece of work so well finished off that its endings are unlikely to ravel out.

Most of our missions report faithfully. Interesting letters have been received from many of them telling of the weight of responsibility resting on the missionaries, and of life and

power entering our native schools. A good increase in membership and donations is noticed in individual reports. Two new mission schools have been added this year each with a membership of eighteen.

However, an increase in membership and donations is not the principle object for which we work; the end (object) of our faith is the salvation of souls. We are living in the harvest time and soon we hope to be able to report to you the number of conversions and members baptised from our schools. That our teachers might be better prepared to accomplish this work of not only sowing the gospel seed in the hearts of their pupils, but also of reaping the harvest. About eighty officers, teachers, and prospective teachers, are taking the Training Course.

Will not this conference consider the great need of holding consecration services for our Sabbath-school members? This, perhaps, is our most urgent need. In America the consecration service plan is meeting with success as we learn from the *Sabbath School Worker*. We must guard our young people who are travelling on enchanted ground and who are so prone to slip from our ranks into those of the enemy. The Consecration Leaflet has been sent to all our ministers and Sabbath-school superintendents.

One Sabbath-school convention has been held in the past two years—on May 8, 1909—which was much appreciated by all the schools.

Mrs. A. P. TARR, Sec.

Natal-Transvaal Sabbath School

IN taking a retrospective view of the Sabbath-school work of the past fifteen months, advancement is seen in every line in a greater degree than ever before, and with Samuel of old we can say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

The close of the camp-meeting held at Johannesburg, in October, found our Sabbath-schools with a member-

ship of 207. At that time there were eight regular schools, four family schools, and three members in the State Home Department. The number of our regular schools has since decreased owing to the temporary union of the La Rochelle school with the Jeppestown school, and the removal of some of the members of the Bethal school to other parts. Two of its members belong to the State Home Department, and those who have moved to the Middleburg District, go under the name of the Middleberg family school. We now have six regular schools, five family schools, and six members in the State Home Department, besides the native company at Bethal. There are eighteen members in this company, but it is not an organised Sabbath-school. They do not study the Sabbath-school lessons in harmony with the regular schools, not having them in their own language, but Brother Kemp holds a meeting with them each week and they give their donations to aid in giving the truth to the Zulus.

The membership of our schools has varied during the year, but at the end of December 1910, there was 223, with an average membership of 173, as compared to a membership of 207 with an average attendance of 141 making the percentage 68 at the close of the Johannesburg camp-meeting.

We are glad of this increase but we cannot be satisfied until we have reached the 100% mark or get nearer to it than 77%.

From a leaflet issued by the General Conference Sabbath-school department in which a plea is made for a larger Sabbath-school attendance, I wish to quote the following paragraph:—

“A spirit of indifference to the Sabbath-school has crept into the minds of many of our people, and in nearly every church there are those who habitually absent themselves from the Sabbath-school or are very irregular in their attendance. While our Sabbath-schools need and should

have the presence and help of every believer, the need is wholly on one side. Those who are carelessly depriving themselves of this means of grace may be turning away from that which might be to them a ‘savour of life unto life.’

“At this time of the world’s history not a single Seventh-day Adventist can afford to lose any of the privileges to be obtained by attending the Sabbath-school. We appeal to every family and to every person in our ranks to connect with the Sabbath-school work. If you are within reach of a school let no trivial thing hinder your prompt and regular attendance.”

From reports received from our schools the lessons on the Life of Christ that have been studied the last seven quarters, have proved a spiritual uplift to all, and the desire to follow more closely our Perfect Pattern has been expressed.

One very pleasing and interesting feature of our work is the marked increase in our Sabbath-school donations, and the continued unanimity of our schools in giving all their donations to missions for the fifteen months beginning October 1st, 1909, to December 31st, 1910. The donations amounted to £149 3s. 2d.

We give a comparative statement of donations received with the average amount contributed by the schools each month.

Jan. 1908 to Sept. 1909,	Av. per. mon.
Donations £157 9s. 6d.	£7 9 11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Oct. 1909 to Dec. 1910,	
Donations £149 3s. 2d.	9 18 10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Av. Increase per month.	<u>£2 8 10$\frac{3}{4}$</u>

Conference Year	Av. per. mon.
Year ending	
Sept. 1910, £116 7 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	£9 13 11 $\frac{1}{4}$
Year ending	
Sept. 1909, 86 12 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 4 4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Gain in 1910	<u>£29 14 8</u> <u>£2 9 6$\frac{3}{4}$</u>

Highest donations for one quarter ending December 31st, 1910, £32 15s. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

This splendid increase shows the missionary spirit existing among our people and is due to an increased membership, and the different methods adopted by the Jeppestown

Sabbath-school as an incentive to increase their donations.

The first quarter of 1910 it used a missionary thermometer and set its aim for £6 10s. but before the end of the quarter the fever heat for missions was so great, that a shower of mercury was seen on their chart, showing that the figure attained was beyond the compass of the thermometer. The second quarter they used a ladder which had to be lengthened to carry the donations. A scale was presented to them the third quarter, and the donations were so liberal it was unequal to the load some time before the quarter closed. The last quarter of the year a trip was taken by rail to all the mission stations in South Africa. £9 was needed to complete this journey. At the close of the quarter it was found that there was a surplus of £2 3s. which some suggested should be given towards the erection of a church building for the Zulus.

This school—Jeppestown—gave £40 to missions during the year 1910, besides paying for a large stock of Sabbath-school supplies. This proves to a demonstration that our schools can give all their donations to missions and yet be well equipped with supplies for carrying on their Sabbath-school work. How true are the words of Holy Writ—“There is that scattereth and yet increaseth.”

In taking courage from what we have already seen we will follow the injunction given to the children of Israel and continue to “Go Forward.”

ANNIE STRACHAN, Sec.

Cape Colony Sabbath-School.

THE report of the Sabbath-school department for the past year in our conference calls for an expression of thankfulness to God for His loving kindness in our work.

Especially are we thankful for the Sabbath-school lessons on the “Life of Christ,” which has proved a source of strength and encouragement to all who have been faithful in studying

these wonderful messages of truth.

While we have not accomplished all that we have worked for during the year, we feel to thank God for what has been done, and press on towards the place where we can work in full harmony with God's ideal for us.

The membership has increased this year from 380 to 489, an increase of 109 during the year. The average attendance for the year was 344 against 293 in 1909.

The amount that has been donated during the conference year is £159 5s. 9d. against £117 17s. last year, a gain of £41 8s. 9d. The amount donated to missions was £146 18s. 1d. against £101 11s. 2d. last year, a gain of £45 6s. 11d.

In the matter of giving all the donations to missions we have not yet arrived, as have our sister conference, where we give all the donations to missions, but we have put in earnest efforts in this line and definite results have been accomplished. There are however some schools in our conference that are so poor that they are unable to give more than enough to barely cover the expenses of providing a place for meetings, and to get the most meager supplies.

There are some schools still who cling to the antiquated methods, and feel perfectly justified in taking money they have given to the Lord to purchase their own required supplies. These do not understand the principle we are working for, that is all that is given as donations to be donations, and all that is given to purchase supplies to be used for that purpose—two distinct funds.

We have found some schools who have come up to the mark sinking back to the old level when new officers have been elected, and we have our work of education to do all over again. This is discouraging, and we hope to see all our people so educated that they will recognise the true purpose of our donations and come into unity.

In not one instance do we find any

of the Home Department schools using any donations for their supplies, so why should our larger schools follow this practice?

During the year we appointed a consecration service day. This proved a source of blessing and encouragement to many of the schools; we have not yet heard from all in regard to this, but what schools reported speak of rich blessings received.

In closing this report I wish to thank the secretaries and the superintendents of our schools for their promptness in reporting during the past year, and thus have made the work of the state secretary much lighter than it was formerly.

I trust that the blessing of God in its fulness may follow the work of the Sabbath-school for this year, and that souls may be converted, and share in the schools in the heavenly home.

H. S. BECKNER, *Sec.*

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**Missionary Department,
Natal-Transvaal Conference.**

THE readers of our good paper the "Review and Herald" will doubtless have noticed that a strong aggressive campaign has recently been inaugurated by this denomination which has for its object the utilisation of every church member with his or her varied talent and capability for the realisation of our inspiring watchword, and accepted ideal, "The Gospel to the World in this Generation."

In harmony with the spirit now permeating our churches everywhere, and desiring to keep abreast with every advance movement made by the body, our executive committee invited the writer to take the oversight of the missionary work in this conference, and in November 1910, we commenced the work of reorganising this demartment. Our efforts have met with a royal response, and out of our seven organised churches, five are taking up various

lines of personal ministry. The ideal we have set before us is "Every church member a missionary." Needless to say this has not yet been attained; still we press toward the mark hoping by patient, earnest untiring effort, to reach the goal of our ambition.

Much has been said at this camp-meeting of the work of character building, and while we dwell on the various factors that enter into this work, there is one that is of sufficient importance to call forth from the Spirit of Prophecy the following,— "A Christian character can be symmetrically and completely formed only when the human agent regards it as a privilege to work disinterestedly in the proclamation of the truth." The statement that the work of God in this world can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with that of ministers and church officers, should cause us to gird on the armour anew and never cease our efforts until the words are spoken "It is finished," and we hear the gracious commendation "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The revival of the fourth Sabbath missionary programme with its accompanying offering is quietly but surely stimulating the missionary zeal of our members as evidenced by the fact that more tracts have been drawn during the past three months than the previous twelve. In one church the "pocket league" has been started with gratifying results, and we hope to extend it to every church in the conference. Some reports show many lines of missionary work; some only one or two, but we hope that when we can make a tour of the churches some of these weak places can be strengthened. The following is a report of work done:—

Pages of books loaned	... 3153
For the year sold by miscellaneous workers and church members putting in part time	12483
Papers given away	... 238

Pages of books sold ...	3888
For five months pages of tracts loaned ...	8014
Missionary letters written ...	23
Missionary letters received ...	6
Persons assisted ...	6

We are glad to report that the leprosy of debt has never been contracted by our church missionary societies and we hope it never will. Though small at present we trust that this work will grow in strength and efficiency until the plan of which it forms a humble part will be consummated and we enter upon the higher service in the temple of our God and go no more out.

A. EDMED,
Conf. Mis. Sec.

Notice.

All matter intended for publication in the *MISSIONARY* should be addressed to Mrs. J. V. Willson, 56 Roeland St., Cape Town, as Sister Willson has kindly consented to edit the *MISSIONARY* during my absence in Europe. Her kindness is much appreciated, and I feel safe in saying that she will give you a paper full as interesting as heretofore, and I trust more so. Will the contributors be as liberal with her as they have been with me by way of reports? I wish to say right here that never in the two years and three months that I have had the work on the *MISSIONARY* as editor, have I come up to the time of issue without copy—an abundance of it—and this has made my work lighter. And further, never has the supply of postage run out. The donations sent direct to me have kept the travelling fund for our little *MISSIONARY* supplied weekly. When I left for the camp-meeting there was still in the fund eight-pence half-penny. Donations handed me while at the camp-meeting is sufficient to send the present issue out, but no more. You will take note of this, won't you?

Mail sent to "Wynnton," Selous Road, Claremont, will reach Sister Wilson, as she will spend one day each week in our home, but it would

be more convenient to send reports direct to her at Cape Town. Also notify her if changes are made in addresses, or you fail to get your paper regular.

We can assure our dear South African friends that we will keep in touch with them during our absence through the *MISSIONARY*, and by correspondence as far as we are able. We will return as soon after the meeting closes as we can get here, which will be about the middle of August.

I now lay my work on the *MISSIONARY* off on Sister Willson, and I only ask that you treat her as you have treated me, and you will be rewarded with a good weekly paper, inspiring, and full of choice meat. I shall look for its visits along the way as for a dear friend.

Mrs. R. C. PORTER, *Editor*

Obituary.

EVELINA MOKO, niece of Brother Moko, after a long illness, passed away at the age of eighteen years. Evelina has lived with her uncle for about fifteen years, and is the second child of Brother Moko's only brother. She was a Christian girl and so lived as to set a good example to the heathen around her. On Sabbath she loved to take her Bible and go away alone and study and commune with God.

The dear ones left to mourn look forward to soon meeting her again. Comforting words were spoken by the writer, based on I Cor. I: 25.

I. B. BURTON.

Revival of Old Plans.

THE appointment of one or more persons to take subscriptions for our local papers in the towns and villages, proved successful years ago, adding hundreds of names to our list. I hope the appointment recommended by the conference will soon be made, and that our papers will soon bear the message to the centres of population.

But what can be done for the farming community? Our canvassers, workers, and every member, should put forth studied efforts to place our papers in the hands of country people. They are not so flooded with literature as town's people, and

will read thoughtfully. Shall we not give them an opportunity to know the truth? Here is a work for our isolated Sabbath-keepers. If you cannot supply all your neighbours, send names with plainly written addresses to your agent, Mrs. A. Edmed, or H. S. Beckner, and I am sure they will plan to assist you.

"God calls upon every church member to enter His service. . . . Every one must *learn to work*, and to stand in his place as a burden-bearer. The entire church, acting as one, blending in perfect union, is to be a living, active missionary agency, moved and controlled by the Holy Spirit."—*Test.*, Vol. 8, p. 47.

I. J. HANKINS.

In the Rainy Season.

At this time of year the rivers, which are dry without as much as a drink of water in the dry season, are full of water and deep. Many of these rivers must be forded in visiting the out stations.

My last visit found things so different all along the trip. Places that were hard and dry, were now so wet and soft that the mule mired down in trying to pass over. In other places instead of famishing for water as on previous occasions, the water ran along in the path for miles in a small rivulet.

But the rivers were most interesting. Those great, dry water-courses, one to two hundred feet wide, where a few weeks previous we had looked in vain for a drink, were now deep, broad, flowing rivers.

By finding a shallow drift we forded a number which were only a little more than waist deep to my big boy carriers. I rode the mule and by raising my feet high, went through dry shod. It was so deep the mule felt inclined to swim but I held him down. We finally came to a river that was not to be forded in this way. It was not more than a hundred feet wide, but it was very deep. A large tree had fallen across this river in a narrow place. This the native used for a foot-bridge, but the mule could not walk the foot-log and so for a time we were at

a loss to know how to get faithful "Mission Jack" across, as he declined to be driven in and swim, besides this was dangerous as there were crocodiles in the river.

Fortunately I had brought from the last out-school a number of animal-skin ropes. These we tied together, and going to a bank I threw one end across to the boys. The mule being now tied to this "life-line," I told the boys to pull meanwhile I persuaded "Jack" to make the best of the opportunity to cross over. The bank was several feet above the water and sloped down, but there was some brush at the water's edge. Jack refused to slide down through this brush into the water, so made a final desperate leap over into the water when he saw the resistance was futile. Down he went into the seething waters below, and out of sight! I did not expect him to go under so far. For a moment we were anxious about our faithful beast. The boys were holding the line, but where was poor Jack! Soon our suspense was relieved by the appearance of his head and ears above water and with the help of the boys he was making for the opposite shore. Bravo Jack! He looks drenched and sorry with his ears lapping down, but otherwise unharmed, and soon we were on our way rejoicing.

A little more mud and a few more shallow rivers forded and we are home again. But the difference between the wet season and the dry here is like two different countries.

So the Lord blesses us in all our work and we are of good courage.

E. C. SILSBEE.

Missionary Report of the Claremont Church for February.

Bible readings held ...	...	9
Periodicals distributed ...	...	751
Pages of tracts distributed ...	...	298
Meals supplied ...	...	24

M. E. SMITH, *Librarian.*

Sabbath-School Teachers' Training Course.

IN May we must begin our studies from our new text book "The Sunday School Teacher." All who have been following the Reading Course will surely need this book. The month of May will be an opportune time for others to begin these studies. The books needed are "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work" price 1/- net, and "The Sunday-School Teacher," price 2/6 and postage added.

These books are now in the Cape Town office and may be obtained from Brother J. V. Willson. Will our secretaries send in their orders at once?

MRS. A. P. TARR,
Sec.S.A,U.C.

Notes.

—The keynote of the Bloemfontein Conference was "Love one another as I have loved you."

—Word reaches us that Pastor and Sister J. C. Rogers are expecting to attend the biennial session of the General Conference to be held in Friedensau, Germany in July.

—Pastor D. F. Tarr and wife will remain in Bloemfontein to perfect the interest created by the camp-meeting.

—Miss M. Robertson of the Johannesburg Mission has been invited to connect with Claremont College as Preceptress. She expects to take up her work about the 15th of April.

—Brother and Sister D. Sparrow of the Kimberley Baths, have been invited to take up work on the Maranatha Mission, Brother Sparrow taking Pastor Hyatt's place as superintendent.

—The amount received at the camp-meeting in cash and pledges for liquidating the college and sanitarium debt, totalled up to approximately £3,500. For the benefit of our American readers we give it in dollars \$17,045.

—The financial statement of the International Tract Society, and the Kimberley Baths were laid over until next week on account of shortness of figures. They will appear in the next issue.

—Sister R. C. Honey felt it a privilege to donate in cash the amount needed to purchase a new horse for use at the college; "old Charley" having been put on the retired list because of illness caused by years of faithful service.

—Yearly subscriptions were taken at the camp-meeting for our papers as follows: *South African Signs*, 76; *Sentinel*, 277; *Wachter*, 184. These figures were increased largely as the result of our enthusiastic paper worker for the Cape, Brother H. S. Beckner.

—The dining accommodations at the camp-meeting were faultless. People fared as well, or better, than at home, and the cost was within reach of all. Between 150 and 200 enjoyed the good things provided there daily.

—Two hundred gathered for class recitation at the camp-meeting Sabbath-school. Several languages were represented which were divided into three divisions, English, Dutch, and Native, consisting of twenty classes. Over ten pounds were given in donations, and all for missions.

—Three new churches were received into the Cape Colony Conference, one at Worcester, one at Grahamstown, and one at Aliwal North, having a membership of 13, 26, and 16 respectively. Two new churches were received into the Union, one at Maranatha, and the other Tsungwisi, the former with a membership of 32, and latter 13.

—All official correspondence usually addressed to me as President of the Union Conference, until further notice should be sent to Pastor W. S. Hyatt, 56 Roeland St., Cape Town, until he gives notice of a change in his address. I expect to return in August.—*R. C. Porter.*

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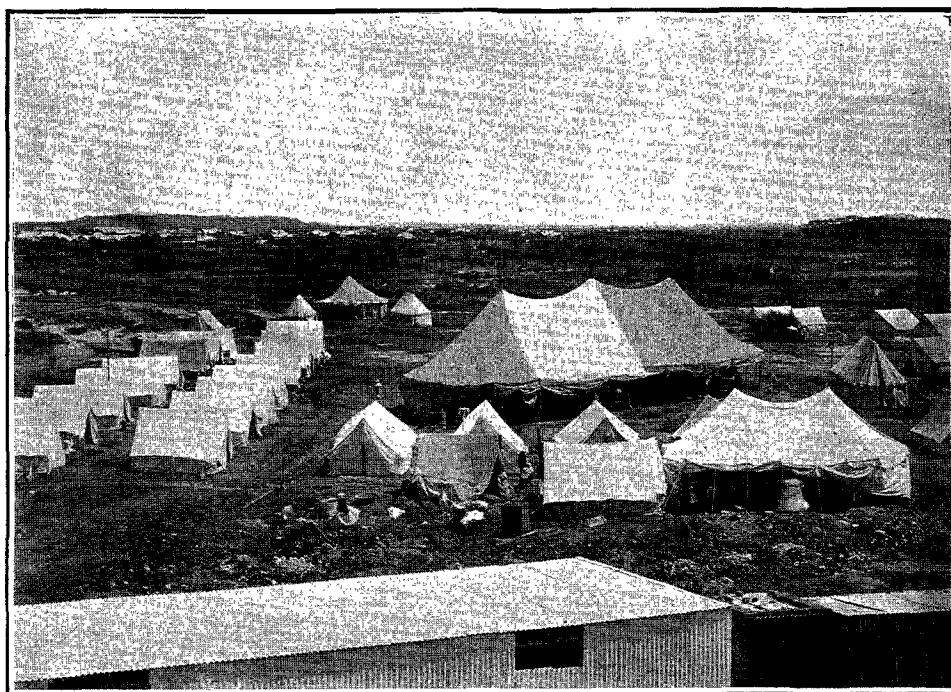
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Kenilworth, Cape.

—In loving memory of our departed brother, Paster E. R. Williams, over fifty pounds was given in his name for the work in Africa. "He being dead yet worketh." The same amount was given in Sister Williams' name.

—The Union Conference voted that Prof. H. Elffers attend the General Conference at Friedensau, Germany. The Union agreed to pay half his fare, and requested the people to pay the other half. Ten pounds are still lacking to make up the needed amount. He will be leaving the first of June. Will those who wish to contribute to this fund please send the money at once to J. V. Willson, 56 Roeland Street? Your contributions express your willingness for him to attend the council.—
R. C. Porter.

—Dr. G. Thomason, wife, daughter, and sister, Ida, and Pastor R. C. Porter and wife, are leaving for the Friedensau meeting early in April, going via the East Coast route. The Doctor and party will go on to America after the meeting for a few months' furlough. Pastor Porter and wife will return to their work in Africa, having secured a return ticket.

—Sister E. R. Williams was invited to continue her work at Grahamstown, which was very satisfactory to both Sister Williams and the Grahamstown Church.



—Sister Clara Morgan was requested to return to Cape Town and continue her Bible work. Sister Morgan, it will be remembered, left her work at the Cape about a year ago to go and assist in strengthening the new company of Sabbath-keepers at Grahamstown. Her many friends will be glad to welcome her back to her former field of labour.

—Mrs. Ellen Burrell Fattebert, writing from San Louis Potosi, Mexico, says, "To-day I am sending you one pound for the South African missionary. I enjoy it very much. Although I have been away

from Africa for so long, I still have a deep interest in the work and people there, and am rejoiced to see the progress of the work." Brother and Sister Fattebert are now among the isolated ones in Mexico, surrounded by a class of indifferent Catholics. They are holding up the torch of truth, and some are attracted to it. They work in faith believing "that He who makes the seed will cause it to spring up to eternal life."

—Brother and Sister E. C. Silsbee of the Barotseland Mission, have been invited to take up work at the Kimberley Baths.

—Brother Ben Groenewald and family will remove from Wilgehoek to Bethlehem by request, in the interests of the work.

—The Barotseland Mission was represented at the conference by Pastor W. H. Anderson, the Solusi Mission by Pastor and Sister W. C. Walston, the Somabulo Mission by Brother and Sister T. J. Gibson, the Maranatha Mission by Pastor W. S. Hyatt, the Tsungwisi Mission by Sister M. C. Sturdevant, the Kolo Mission by Pastor and Sister M. E. Emmerson, and Emmanuel Mission by Brother and Sister H. C. Olmstead.