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

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Greeting

I AM very happy indeed to have this opportunity of greeting all our brethren and sisters of South Africa through the columns of the MISSIONARY.

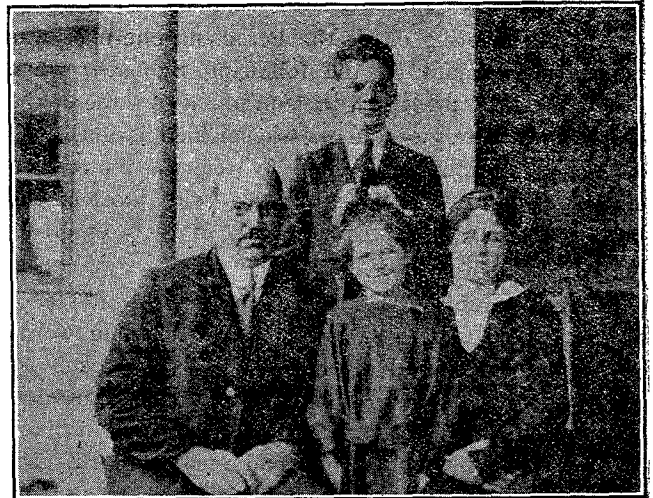
We arrived at Cape Town August 18 after having been on the water some twenty-seven days. As we had not seen land since leaving New York, it was surely a welcome sight to see Table Mountain early on the morning of the 18th, and a still more welcome sight to see a large company of brethren and sisters waiting on the pier to meet us when we landed. We have received such a hearty welcome from all whom we have met, and others throughout the field, that we are already feeling quite at home. It is good to feel that we are among brethren in this land that has always seemed to be so far away.

We are glad to be in Africa. I am sure that God will do a mighty work in this field before the end, and we are glad to unite our efforts with the brethren and sisters in carrying on this work. It is good to be in a field where God is working, for there we see so many evidences of His power.

When we arrived at Cape Town we found Elder White had called together the available members of the South African Union Conference Committee, and during the past few days many matters of interest have been given consideration.

Elder White laid before the committee his resignation as president of the South African Union Conference, but none of the brethren present saw any light in his dropping this work for the time being, especially since we were approaching so closely the time of the next biennial meeting when no doubt a number of changes will be made in our work, incidental to the perfection of our divisional organisation. The committee, therefore, asked that the resignation of Elder White be withdrawn and he continue to act as president of the South African Union Conference until the time of the biennial meeting in January.

The coming general meeting has been appointed for Johannesburg, January 20 to 30, when the interests of each of the three union organisations, namely, the South African Union Conference, the Southern Union



Pastor Branson and family

Mission, and the Zambesi Union Mission, will be given consideration separately. Each union will call its own constituency together, and opportunity will be given to these various organisations to transact the necessary business.

Preceding the regular business meeting a seven days' Ministerial Institute is to be held beginning the evening of January 13. We trust that all our ministers and Bible workers who can be spared from the field will definitely lay their plans to be at this meeting during the entire time. We believe this will be one of the most profitable meetings ever held in this field, and will mean much to the future of our work.

By the time this reaches our readers, Elder White and myself will no doubt be making a tour of the Southern Field, visiting most of the points where our work is established. A little later we hope also to visit the work in Rhodesia, and thus come into personal touch with our work and people as quickly as possible. I am very anxious to meet all our brethren and sisters and become personally acquainted with each one. We have already learned to love Africa, and I know we shall also love its people.

W. H. BRANSON.

Welcome

On August 16 a wireless message received at the Union Conference office gave information that the *City of Benares* was a day ahead of her schedule, and would reach Cape Town on the 18th. In recent years we have had the privilege of welcoming but few recruits from oversea, and a large company of brethren and sisters were early at the docks.

Although the boat did not dock until evening, our long wait did not affect the warmth of our welcome to Pastor and Sister Branson and their son and little daughter. And after their long journey they seemed to appreciate the meeting with so many friends.

A union meeting of all the Peninsula churches was held at Claremont on the following Sabbath, when Pastor Branson presented the fulfilment of some of the prophetic features of the message which is gathering out a people from all the earth to welcome the coming of the Lord. At the close of the service most of the large congregation improved the opportunity of greeting Brother and Sister Branson.

On the evening after the Sabbath a pleasant reception was held in the Sanitarium chapel, when words of welcome on behalf of their fields were spoken by the presidents of the Union, Cape, Natal-Transvaal, and Free State Conferences, and by representatives of the publishing, colporteur, and medical work, also of the coloured and native fields. In reply, Pastor Branson gave us a short outline of the manifest leading of the Holy Spirit which opened the way for them to come when twenty appointees for different lines of work were refused permits. He expressed their joy to be with us in the field toward which their eyes had been looking for many months, and said the warmth of our welcome made them feel very much at home.

We confidently expect the coming of Pastor Branson to mark the opening of a new era in the finishing of the work in Africa. He comes to us as the direct representative of the General Conference, the General Conference Vice-President for the African Division.

N.G.W.

“FRIEND, your salvation rests not upon your changeable feelings, but upon God’s unchangeable fact. The fact of God is that Christ has borne your sins, and has died in your place. No feeling of yours, whether of joy or grief, exultation or despondency, peace or distress, can possibly alter that great fact. Therefore let not one fragment of your faith hinge upon your own moods or emotions: but let it rest implicitly in God’s promise. In that you will find perfect peace; and you will find it in that alone.”—James M. McConkey.

Advance Moves

As the editor has described the arrival of Pastor W. H. Branson and family, it will not be necessary for me to repeat this. We feel very thankful that after these many months of waiting they have reached our shores in safety, and are now counselling with us concerning the work. We feel sure that God wanted Elder Branson in Africa, as he is the only one of our workers from America who has recently succeeded in securing a permit to enter this country. We are very thankful he is here to lead out in bearing the burdens and responsibilities of this great field. It means much to Africa that a representative of the General Conference is now permanently located here. The accomplishment of this plan, for which we have been working more than two years, marks a new era in the development of the work in this important field, and is a cause for sincere gratitude.

The presidents of the three European conferences, Pastors Hyatt, Shone, and Butler, were in Cape Town at the time of Elder Branson’s arrival. These, with resident members of the Union Conference Committee, formed a good working body for the prosecution of necessary business.

It was decided that the African Division should begin its work at once. Consequently, the Union Conference Committee by vote relinquished to the African Division the two union mission fields,— the Zambesi Union Mission and the Southern Union Mission,— whose interests have been fostered by the South African Union Conference until the present time. These two union missions will now sustain a direct relation to the African Division, and the superintendents of these fields will counsel with the vice-president of the General Conference concerning matters affecting their work.

It was decided that such institutions as the Sentinel Publishing Company, the S. A. Training School, and the Plumstead Sanitarium continue their relation with the Union Conference until the biennial meeting.

We certainly rejoice that the time has come when the African Division can begin its work, and relieve the Union Conference of the large and expanding native work it has carried for so many years, and which has absorbed so much of its time and energy. Hereafter, the work of the Union Conference will be for the European population of the Union of South Africa, and the education and development of workers. When its committee meets it will give its attention wholly to the prosecution of the European work. This is an arrangement long planned for, and now fully accomplished. The African Division stands as an advisory and fostering organisation to the Union Conference and the union mission fields, and will develop the work in our unentered mission territory.

It was decided that the January meeting in Johannesburg be under the direction of the African Division. The Union Conference will hold its biennial meeting at the same time, and the two union mission fields will also hold constituency meetings for further organization.

We trust that in the development of the work in South Africa these plans may work out to the glory of God, and the advancement of the message.

W. B. WHITE.

CAPE CONFERENCE

56 Roeland St., Cape Town

Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth General Meetings

PASTORS BRANSON AND WHITE will spend Tuesday and Wednesday, October 5 and 6, at Grahamstown, at which time a union meeting will be held for Grahamstown and Rokeby Park churches, and for all our people in that part of the field. They will also spend Sabbath and Sunday, October 9 and 10, at Port Elizabeth, holding a union meeting for that church and Uitenhage, and for scattered believers. The writer expects to be with them.

Brethren and sisters, we expect these meetings to be spiritual feasts, which none can afford to lose. We do not know when these brethren can meet with us again. They have a message for us, a message we all need. Let none who can possibly attend one of these gatherings fail to do so. Especially do we urge fathers and mothers to come, and to bring the young people and the children. Such meetings as these have not been held in the Eastern Province recently, and none can afford to miss such an opportunity.

O. K. BUTLER.

Kuruman

I AM trying to visit every farm in the territory assigned me, holding Bible readings wherever possible, and distributing literature. I have some interested people who are studying the truth, and I believe God's word shall not return unto Him void. All this sowing must surely bring results.

Sabbath, July 31, was a most blessed day for the Kuruman company, when we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, and three precious souls followed their Lord in baptism. The previous evening we held a preparatory service for *Nachtmaal*, and the dear Lord came mightily into our midst. All renewed their baptismal vows, and sins were confessed and put out of the way. Sabbath morning the Lord again visited us by His Holy Spirit. An elderly sister who has been convinced of the truth for some time, and a

sister whose husband has stood in her way for nearly three years, also a young man, yielded their hearts to obey the Lord, and came forward for baptism. I feel sure these were genuine conversions. In the afternoon we celebrated the ordinances, twelve taking part. I am working for some of the neighbours of these brethren, and find them very friendly, and willing to study the truth.

The territory where I am working is stretched over a large area, with heavy roads. I really need six mules to pull the wagonette over the roads. Traveling goes very slowly, and when all this territory shall be covered by me alone I do not know. We should have at least three travelling evangelists in this part of the field. Time is very short, and the work must be finished quickly. Surely there are some of our lay members who can get out with their carts to help give God's last message to those who are perishing.

When we accepted the message it was our purpose to help finish the work. The "finishing time" is upon us. How many of us are willing to help finish-up? A miner drove a tunnel a mile long through a layer which he believed contained gold. After working long and spending much money he gave it up in despair. The man who took up the work drove the tunnel but one yard further, when he struck the ore. The "gold" for which we are searching may be but a yard beyond us. Let us put our whole hearts into the work and finish it.

If you feel impressed to take up work in the country districts, do not delay. We who are out in these fields realise the magnitude of the work, and the crying need for help. May the dear Lord help us to awake to our responsibilities.

B. P. DE BEER.

Harvest Ingathering

KIMBERLEY-BEACONSFIELD

WE enjoyed a splendid meeting this evening in the Beaconsfield church. It was our weekly missionary and prayer meeting.

After prayer and a short "Testimony" study on the part lay members are to act in giving the last message, the remainder of the time was spent in an experience meeting. With keen enthusiasm the first speaker told of her Harvest Ingathering work. With a collecting canister made from a Postum Cereal tin, she had been from door to door. The people seemed glad to give to something of a constructive policy, after so many years of giving to a destructive one, and she seldom met a refusal.

Another, a very busy woman, had found the work so absorbing that she had hired help in her home that she might have time for the work. Another, lately baptised into the truth, went out in faith, and has had to ask the church treasurer to empty her canister, as

it would not hold another shilling; and it is getting heavy again. One brother wrote seven letters and has received seven pounds; and two others have received seven and five pounds respectively. The children are by on means left out, and they prove successful collectors. They show the papers and gather in the odd sixpences, which soon swell to pounds. One little girl, too sick to leave her bed, has her box by her side, and her visitors are asked to pay toll before leaving her. Her little box contains over a pound.

All in the meeting sought to impress us that they were reporting progress and not giving a final report. We are all eager to make the coming month one of special effort.

W. H. HURLOW.

Claremont

It was hard to face the Ingathering work this year, with only a few papers to use, but we determined to do our best with what we had. Our members at Plumstead find it better to do their work in this line later in the season, but those of us living at Claremont began early in August. Nearly every one of our members here have been at work, and the children are greatly interested.

The first one of our members to begin work is a sister who was baptised only a year ago. She asked for a paper and a solicitor's card, but as she is very quiet we feared she would not do much. To our surprise she collected £3 that week, all in small amounts. It was a case of keeping at it. She has now collected more than £5, and used but one paper.

We had a field day in August, and at the next missionary meeting more than £25 was reported. This raised our Ingathering thermometer far enough to encourage us to set a high goal, which we hope to reach. So far we have had but few papers to give to those who donate, but the people seem willing to give after seeing the *Watchman*. We will have another field day next week.

N. G. W.

Notes

PASTOR PAAP, who has spent several weeks in Rhodesia, has returned to his work in Kimberley. He reports having had a very pleasant and restful time visiting at one of the mission stations.

NEARLY two months ago it was decided to transfer the Sunday evening meetings held in the Vaudette Theatre in Kimberley to our church building in Beaconsfield. But the interest in these meetings has kept up so well that it has been impossible to make the change. We are thankful for this interest, and daily ask the Lord to richly bless the efforts being put forth to give a knowledge of the truth to the people of the Diamond City.

WE are sure our people read with keen appreciation

the reports of the colporteur work which appear from month to month in the *MISSIONARY*. Never before have so many large books been sold in the Cape Conference in so short a time. Surely the Lord is hearing the many prayers which are daily ascending to Him in behalf of this work. We are securing outfits for some of our workers that they may go into the lonely places with the light of truth. Just now several new workers are enlisting to help swell the band of pioneers in this field. We have room for others; so let all whose hearts are touched with pity for those who know not the way into the kingdom respond, saying, "Lord, send me."

O. K. BUTLER.

NATAL-TRANSVAAL

Stranack Street, Maritzburg

Items of Interest

It was my privilege to visit the Cape during the last days of August to meet Elder W. H. Branson and family, and to take part in a short council meeting. Many great and important questions confront us in this field. We have confidence to believe that the coming of Brother Branson will prove a great blessing to our work in Africa.

Good news for the Transvaal! It has been decided to hold our biennial meeting in Johannesburg, January 20 to 30, preceded by a workers' institute of one week. This meeting will be a great blessing to the church and work in our Golden City. Begin at once to pray for its success.

Brethren Branson and White have made a short visit to our conference. A few days were spent in Johannesburg in search for a hall in which to hold the biennial meeting. Pretoria and Natal were also visited. While at Spion Kop the needs of the school were carefully considered.

The Harvest Ingathering reports are very encouraging. Success is attending the efforts of our people everywhere. Johannesburg has set its goal at £250. Reports from the Training School show that the teachers and students are having a profitable experience in this campaign. May every blessing attend this good work. We hope to have a new supply of papers early in October. Who would like some of them?

Doctor E. W. Ingle has gone to England to take a post graduate course, and expects to be absent about a year. His family remains in Durban while he is away. Doctor H. G. Hankins will have charge of his practice during his absence.

Brethren E. A. Royston and Connie Baumann are leaving for the States the latter part of September. After the necessary preparatory work, they plan to take the medical course at Loma Linda, California. Sister Royston and child will accompany her husband.

We wish them a pleasant voyage, and a successful time in school while fitting themselves for greater usefulness.

Brother and Sister C. M. Blaine have decided to close the boarding department of their health institute in Durban for a time, and take a much needed rest. They will spend some time in the United States, visiting some of our large health institutions. On their return they expect to take up their work again in a new location in Durban.

We are very glad to learn of the rapid recovery of Sister Minnie Dixie after her serious operation. Under date of August 22, Pastor McNay writes:

"Sister Minnie Dixie is now with her sister, Mrs. Harrison. It is certainly wonderful how God has helped her. In ten or eleven days from the time of the operation she was able to go to her sister's home. The doctors marvel, but are told this is God's work. It should certainly impress them."

W. S. HYATT.

Pretoria

THE work is onward in the capital city, and we rejoice to see fruit for our labour.

Shortly after the Spion Kop conference we secured a hall in the very centre of the city and commenced a series of Sunday evening lectures. Although seating three hundred the hall has often been inadequate to accommodate the attendance. Sunday evening, 22nd August, was our nineteenth meeting, and fully two hundred were present. It is very encouraging that these attend regularly, some not missing a meeting thus far.

While holding but one public meeting a week, our time is fully occupied with visiting and Bible studies. In order to meet the men, I hold two studies each evening. Miss Wearne and Miss Evert are not able to answer all the calls they receive. The church members are assisting very well, which we much appreciate.

On August 2nd a baptismal service was held, when eight candidates followed their Lord in that ordinance. We went about three miles into the country to a beautiful stream of water, with a grove near by. It was the sixtieth birthday of one of the brothers, who told us that he was not only starting a new year but a new life. Two of the young ladies are qualified government teachers. Although their duties do not interfere with their keeping the Sabbath, they desire to enter the work. This is the second baptism we have held here. On the previous occasion seven were immersed, and twelve or more will doubtless go forward in this ordinance very shortly.

We are desperately in need of a church building. An encouraging start has been made on a building

fund. The city has been divided into districts, and each member has been allotted a district in which to solicit funds for the building. One sister has already secured £20. We are convinced that many of our people would like to help us obtain a good church here at the capital. Donations for this purpose sent to the writer, at 93 Skinner St., will be thankfully accepted.

Amid these encouragements Satan is not asleep. He is working against us in every way possible, but he will never succeed, for God has put His hand the second time to recover the remnant of His people. We ask an interest in your prayers in behalf of our work in Pretoria.

W. LEROY HYATT.

JOHANNESBURG reports £75 raised on the Ingathering Fund in August. They have set their goal to reach the £200 mark by the end of September. Seven members have already gained a place on the Honour Roll, having secured £5-0-0 or more. One sister has secured £15-0-0.

ORANGE FREE STATE

106 Kellner Street, Bloemfontein

President's Letter

I TRUST all our members are doing their best in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Our sister conferences are doing a splendid work, and money is rolling in with which to finish the work in heathen lands. They have sent another large order to America for papers. I trust we will not be the tail this year, when last year we led the Union in the amount collected per member.

The Bloemfontein Memorial church is nearing completion. We hope to have it dedicated September 25. Our brethren are all cordially invited to be present. Elders Branson and White will officiate at the dedicatory services. We shall be glad to see those present who have donated so liberally to establish a memorial in the capital of the province. Only about £70 of the amount pledged remains unpaid, and we trust to receive this soon.

Some of our brethren and sisters have not yet pledged toward the erection of this, the first church building for Europeans in the conference. We need more help just now. We are glad for the loan of a few hundred pounds with which to finish the building, but this will have to be paid back some day. How good it would be to dedicate the church free from debt.

We are planning for a committee meeting the day following the dedication, that we may have the counsel of Brethren White and Branson.

You will notice the appointment of a short Workers'

Course at Spion Kop, commencing November 24. Will each one who plans to embrace this splendid opportunity write me as soon as possible, and I will give you further particulars.

THE Bloemfontein members are taking hold of the Harvest Ingathering work with the same zeal as last year, and are having good success. G. W. SHONE.

Bloemfontein

WE have only begun our Harvest Ingathering Campaign, but most of us are working, and are full of courage at the success we have already had.

I wrote to different friends, and one sent me a subscription of £5-15-0, another £2-2-0, another 10/-. My plan now is to go to the Jews' business houses. They were most liberal last year, and gave willingly. I told them we were working to get a sum of money that we could send the message of the Seventh day Sabbath and the coming of the Messiah throughout the world. I trust they will give as liberally this year.

Several of our members have been very sick, but there is a month yet in which to work, and we shall do our best. ELLEN M. FIRKS.

Missionary Volunteer Department

I RECENTLY visited the Young People's Societies at Taungs, Kimberley, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Pietermaritzburg, and Durban, and was encouraged to see the lively interest which is maintained.

Most of our Missionary Volunteers are hard at work on the financial goal. We confidently expect the £250 which we are asked to raise will be in the hands of the Union Conference Treasurer at the close of the present year.

At the meeting of the Union Conference Committee held on May 5th, 1920, the following resolutions were passed, which I believe will be unanimously accepted by the Missionary Volunteers throughout the Union.

Resolved, That the Young People's Goal for 1921 be £300.

Recognising the good influence resulting from the erection of dispensaries and treatment rooms where the sick in the vicinity of our mission stations can receive treatment,

Resolved, That the goal for the coming year be devoted to the erection of buildings for this purpose on Bethel and Belgian Congo Missions; and that the amount realised be shared equally by these two stations.

We believe all Missionary Volunteers will have a part in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Kindly report through your M. V. Society the amounts collected on behalf of this fund, that we may have a faithful record of the amounts collected by our young people. E. M. HOWARD.

13th Sabbath, September 25

ANOTHER thirteenth Sabbath is drawing near. The special offering for this quarter will be devoted to the training schools of China, Malaysia, India, and South America. £14,374 is asked of the Sabbath school department by the General Conference.

The last Sabbath school news is that the total offering to missions for the fourth quarter of 1919 was £43,534; of this immense sum £15,467 was the thirteenth Sabbath offering for "Homes for Missionaries." £8,830 had been called for, therefore there was an overflow of £6,637. These sums are from the schools of the North American Division only. £3,349 was the average Sabbath school offering per week for North America for the last quarter of last year.

But though a quarter's Sabbath school offerings are now counted in thousands, the demand for means from the world's vast mission fields exceeds the supply; so much so that in the *Review* for July 8, the urgent need of our meeting the financial goal is named "A Call of Distress."

Isa. 40: 3-10 was only partially fulfilled by the message that heralded the first advent; it shall certainly meet its complete fulfilment in the second advent message. Until the time shall fully come when all flesh shall see the glory of God revealed in a complete gospel and in an unblemished church, every member of the new covenant must say to his neighbour and to his brother, "Know the Lord." Jer. 31: 34. Our individual thirteenth Sabbath offerings help to meet our individual duty to our neighbours in the uttermost parts of the earth. MRS. A. P. TARR

Rescue The Chinese Race

(Tune, "Christ in Song," Number 479)

RESCUE the Chinese race, save them from dying,
Snatch them in pity from Buddha's bold shrine.
Weep o'er the erring ones, count them thy brethren,
Send them the message, the message divine.

CHORUS

Rescue thy Chinese kin, save them from dying,
Heed now the golden rule, probation wanes.

Tho' they have slighted God, yet He will pardon,
If in contrition they humbly confess.
Work for them earnestly, give to them freely;
Thy gifts so bountiful Jesus will bless.

Down in those heathen hearts neath superstition
Smoulders a love just as loyal as thine.
Touched by the torch of truth, fanned by the message,
'Twill burst into flame, then spread, glow and shine.

Rescue the Chinese race, duty demands it.
Go ye straight forward improving the time.
Send them the thrilling news, "Jesus is coming,"
Coming to take them to happier clime.

To be sung in all Sabbath schools before taking up the collection on the 13th Sabbath.

MISSIONS

Solusi Camp Meeting

THE first mission established for the heathen by this denomination was Solusi. This was twenty-five years ago. But as far as the records show, its first camp meeting was held this year, July 16 to 24, and I think all agree, with success.

About one hundred camped on the ground during the week besides the regular Solusi people. On Sabbaths there were more, about two hundred fifty being present. The campers were from the outschools and from Bulawayo, Mbembesi, and Bush Tick. The first love of those new in the faith from the latter places helped wonderfully to bring an earnest spirit into the camp.

Four services were conducted each day, a testimony meeting in the morning, and preaching at 11:30 A.M., and 3:30 and 7:30 P.M. The day services were of a general nature to build up and deepen the Christian experience of the people, and to encourage them to more active labour for their people; while the evening was devoted to the doctrines to establish them in the faith. One feature of these meetings which we consider important and of great benefit was the organisation of the camp into small bands with a leader over each. These little groups went away by themselves each day between the 11:30 and 3:30 services for prayer and study of the scriptures.

We had hoped that Elder Branson would arrive in time to attend this meeting. As he did not we were obliged to do the best we could with the workers available. But as we are so short of labourers in this field it was hard for any to leave their work. However, Pastor J. N. de Beer was with us the first part of the meeting, and Brother J. E. Symons the last part.

From the very beginning God's Spirit seemed to be most remarkably manifest. As Brother de Beer spoke to the people the first Sabbath on the seal of God and the need of preparing for its reception all hearts were touched, and a great many came forward to seek God, some for the first time, some who had backslidden, and some to consecrate their lives anew to the Master's service; but all that they might be cleansed from sin and receive power to overcome day by day. As the meetings continued through the week the Spirit continued to work upon hearts and led to a deeper work of grace; and on the last Sabbath ninety or ninety-five of those present rose to signify their determination to renounce all that binds them to this earth and to give themselves fully to God and to the finishing of His work.

The week's meetings closed with a spirited testimony meeting and consecration service, in which most appreciative words were spoken as to the benefit of the meetings, and there were many expressions of courage and greater determination to be faithful to God. Some who had grown cold and careless were revived and filled with new life and zeal, backsliders were reclaimed, and all were encouraged to be more faithful and do more for the salvation of the lost.

There are many things that tend to make the work go hard. East Coast fever has broken out at Figtree, making it impossible to dispose of cattle, or even use them in moving goods to and from the station. Solusi has now passed through two successive years of poor crops. But there are many encouraging omens as well. A great interest to hear the truth has sprung up in different places. This was caused largely by Jim's work in Bulawayo, and other evangelistic efforts. Last year we sent out two evangelists, and as a result interests have sprung up which have forced us to send out three more, and still there are calls unanswered. One man came with a most pitiful plea at the close of our meeting. He said he thought surely some one would go back with him to teach his people, but now he would have to go back alone, and disappoint them. This man told me he was going back home and count his cattle, his goats, and his chickens to see how many were the Lord's, and then give the Lord those that were His. He is from Bush Tick, where the big Matabele chief recently accepted the truth, and although not yet baptised and because we can send no help, is conducting a baptismal class of twenty-four of those who have recently accepted the faith. On his way to the meeting one of our boys went down through the country farther to the south and west and held several meetings, and four decided to accept the truth. Now these with their people are calling for help. Truly, "the harvest is great but the labourers are few." But as God has set His hands to finish the work it is moving on throughout the field. Within the last four months one hundred thirty-one people have been baptised in Southern Rhodesia. Forty-seven of these were from Solusi.

W. E. STRAW.

PASTOR I. B. BURTON recently underwent a surgical operation in Durban, from which he is making a good recovery.

A FAMILY of Sabbath keepers from Mauritius have recently located near Lourenco Marques, and are calling for a worker to give the message to the people in that field. Thus the truth for the last days is represented in Portuguese East Africa by at least one family.

Somabula Camp Meeting

It was my very enjoyable privilege in company with Mrs. Robinson to attend the Somabula camp meeting, July 2-11. It was indeed a spiritual feast; and all who attended went away with a determination to serve God more faithfully, and to bring the light of this precious truth to the hearts of many others.

Other workers from the outside were Brethren W. E. Straw and J. E. Symons. Brother J. N. de Beer, the superintendent of the mission, carried the responsibility of the work in company with his helper, Brother W. S. Smith. Several European neighbours and friends attended the meetings, some remaining all of the time.

Of course all the outschool teachers were in, and such men as Isaac, Harry, Alfred and others contributed much to the success of the meetings. On each of the two Sabbaths more than five hundred natives were present, and a congregation of over three hundred were in attendance right through the week. I took special notice of the interest these people showed in all the meetings, and surely they must have had an interest when they came so far to attend them.

I learned from Brother de Beer that the company of ninety who came from the Selukwe Reserve walked from fifty to sixty miles, depending upon the location of their homes in the reserve. The Queque company of seventy came sixty to seventy miles; the Fort Rickson company of sixty came forty to seventy-five miles; and the little company from the Shangani Reserve walked a hundred miles.

It was inspiring to see the companies as they arrived at the mission Friday afternoon. Led by their teachers, they came marching in orderly ranks, singing heartily as they came. It is only the transforming power of God's Holy Spirit that could change the lives of these once heathen people and make them clean, singing Christians. All through the meetings they seemed eager to learn more of the truth. Every man and woman was in his place promptly and gave quiet attention.

Before the close of the camp meeting we witnessed the baptism of six people, four of whom were natives and two Europeans. Brother de Beer had recently visited the outschools, where a large number were baptised; for this reason there were but few to be baptised at the camp meeting.

The two white people were a Dutch brother and his wife, from the Umvuma District, where quite an interest has sprung up in a Dutch settlement. This interest is the result of Brother de Beer's work; and Brother and Sister van de Merwe, who are the first fruits, give encouraging promise of cultivating the

seeds of truth already planted in the hearts of their friends and neighbours.

The work around Somabula is expanding so fast that more European help is greatly needed to build up the main station into a strong centre for the training of native teachers.

R. P. ROBINSON.

Maranatha Mission

It has been my privilege to be at the Maranatha Mission for two weeks, seeing how the school is getting along. I have two of my children there.

I am very glad to see how Miss Sutherland is conducting the school. Everything is arranged properly. Every child knows his work and duty in the school, in the dining room, and on the farm. Every child from the oldest to the youngest is obedient.

I am especially pleased with the educational work. The students are taught that which they cannot get at a school not of our faith. I brought a young man from Queenstown, who is in the 6th Standard. He says it is the first time he has had a Bible, or studied one. I am glad of the testimonies of the children which I heard, and of the way they behave.

There is a chief's son in the school whom Elder White baptised in the Transkei. Although his father is next to the paramount chief, he is a humble, Christian young man. He is very pleased with the school and sorry he did not go there before.

I am glad I visited Maranatha, for I know better now how hard our missionaries and teachers are working to train our young people for the Lord's work.

R. MOKO.

THE Temba (Kafir) church has sustained a great loss in the death of their elder, Brother Picola. The change which came to the life of this brother about eleven years ago demonstrates what the Gospel of Christ can do when received into a heathen heart. He has been faithful in his Christian experience, faithful in leading his family to Christ, and faithful in his care for the church of which he was elder. The native churches need the leadership of such converted, devoted men, whose daily lives witness to the power of God.

CHAS. SPARROW.

"VICTORIES that are worth having are those which come as a result of hard fighting."

"ALWAYS make it a rule before retiring at night to thank the Lord for having kept you through the day."

"THERE are many more souls longing to understand how they may come to Christ than we imagine."—Vol. 4, p. 394.

With New Friends

WITH sad hearts we bade good bye to our dear fellow labourers, Brother and Sister Tarr, and the boys and girls at Inyazura Mission, and started for our new field of labour near the Congo Border. For nearly seven years we have been at Inyazura, and the people and place are very dear to our hearts.

On reaching Gwelo we were happy to meet Brother and Sister R. P. Robinson and Brother Symons, who were returning to Bulawayo from the Somabula camp meeting. We very much appreciated the privilege of a visit to the Rusangu Mission, and the pleasant time spent in the home of Brother and Sister Wilson.

Brother Konigmacher, with about twenty-five boys, met us at Walamba Siding. He had a tent pitched with a bed and everything to make us comfortable until morning! After breakfast we started for the mission, twenty-three miles distant. Brother Konigmacher and I rode bicycles, while Mrs. Jewell and Everett had their first experience riding in a machila.

About a mile from the station we were met by a company of bright looking boys and girls who were singing and clapping their hands in welcome. Their number kept increasing all the way to the mission. We could not understand their language, but occasionally we caught English sentences something like this, "Now my heart is glad, our teachers have come." We had a royal reception from the entire mission family.

Brother Konigmacher has a very fine mission site and the grounds are nicely laid out. They are living in their new house, and have the bricks made for our house. At present we are living in a neat little two room brick cottage with an out door kitchen. They have a very neat church and school building made of brick, also a compound for the boys.

Yesterday we attended the school. Here we saw a room full of bright, happy faces. We were really surprised at the progress these raw heathen have made in their studies in the short time the mission has been established. There are several who are nearly ready to be sent out as outschool teachers.

A few cattle have just been bought for the mission, and these arrived on the same train we did. This will be a great blessing to the mission family if they live. On account of the Tsetse fly there are not many cattle in this part of the country.

While we are sad to leave the place where we had laboured so long, we feel there is a great work to be done here and are glad we can help Brother and Sister Konigmacher in the good work they are doing. We trust the MISSIONARY family will remember this mission in their prayers as there is a great work to be done in this part of Africa.

F. BURTON AND ELNORA V. JEWELL.

SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINING SCHOOL

Special Course for Workers

A SPECIAL course of about six weeks will be held at the South African Training School, Ladysmith, Natal, for those who may desire to begin a preparation for future work in the cause of God.

COURSE OF STUDY

BIBLE: Bible Doctrines, as outlined in the Standard of Attainment Manual. Text, Senior Standard of Attainment Manual. One hour daily, six weeks.

DENOMINATIONAL HISTORY: Text, Standard of Attainment Manual. One half hour daily, six weeks.

TOPICAL STUDY OF THE TESTIMONIES: (a) The Gospel Worker. (b) Our Day and Time. One hour daily, six weeks.

LANGUAGE: English and Dutch, with drill in Reading and Writing. (a) Writing of Missionary Letters. (b) Critical Examination of letters as to Bible truth, language used, capitalisation, punctuation, spelling, etc. (c) Syntax and word study. (d) Reading and writing drill. One hour daily, six weeks.

HEALTH STUDIES: (a) How to care for the body. (b) Common diseases and simple treatments. One half-hour daily, four weeks.

CANVASSING CLASS: One and a half hours daily, two weeks.

LECTURE COURSE: It is planned that Pastors W. H. Branson, W. B. White, W. S. Hyatt, O. K. Butler, and G. W. Shone will each spend a week end at the school, when lectures on important Bible and other subjects will be given.

STAFF

J. I. ROBISON,—*Principal*: Denominational History and Health Study.

JOHN R. STICKLE: Bible and Testimonies.

P. A. VENTER, JR.: Dutch. Superintendent of work.

H. M. HYATT: English Language. Reading and Writing Drills.

MRS. U. BENDER: Matron.

GENERAL PLANS

School work will continue six days each week, and three hours industrial work will be required daily of each student.

The price of tuition, board, and room for the term of six weeks will be £9, and labour credits will be given at from six pence to seven pence half penny per hour.

The general regulations of the school year will apply during the summer school.

Date of opening, November 24, 1920.

It is recommended that a charge of three shillings

a day, and regular transportation fees be made to all visiting brethren during the summer school.

Students should remember to bring all necessary bedding, towels, serviettes, soap, and other necessary articles.

We believe this special course will present a splendid opportunity for those who may desire to begin a preparation for work in the field, and we hope that from the several conferences a goodly number may improve the opportunity.

W. B. WHITE.

South African Training School

We desire to say a few words to our brethren and sisters who have made pledges for the upbuilding of the new school at Spion Kop.

The bricks for the school building are now being made. We trust that the foundation is well along, and soon there must be a large expenditure of money for timber, corrugated iron, and other material for its construction. We are also building six more rooms to the boys' dormitory. We are sure that all our brethren and sisters will appreciate the fact that the erection of these buildings will take considerable money, so we trust that those who have made pledges to this work may meet them as soon as possible.

When these pledges were taken it was stated that any time during the year 1920 would do, and this still stands good. However, we hope that as soon as possible those who have pledged may be able to send in the money. Send it through the usual channels to your conference treasury, and it will be forwarded to the Union office. It certainly will be a great help just now if these pledges can be paid soon.

W. B. WHITE.

Training School Items

We shall soon begin our fourth quarter's work, and the close of the school will soon follow.

We are having very much to encourage us in our work this year. Our available room has been fully occupied, and we have been obliged to refuse admission to a number of applicants. We are thankful that several additional rooms will be ready for use at the beginning of next year's school.

Those who desire a place in the school during 1921 should apply before the close of this school year, 17th November, 1920. This applies to old students as well as to those desiring to enter for the first time.

Please do not delay, thinking there will be room for one more. Applications are already being received, and we are expecting a very large attendance. We are making earnest efforts to accommodate as many as possible. Plans are being made to strengthen the

teaching force, and to make the school more effective in preparing the workers so much needed in the great African field.

AUGUST 19 we finished burning our second kiln of brick, 70,000 this time, making 115,000 burned this season. We have another kiln with 15,000 in, and 5,000 on the floor.

We are all happy to see the foundation to the school house being put in. The walls to the six additional rooms for the boys' dormitory are getting well up.

We are all well. A new student arrived today.

Seeds are being sprouted for garden planting a little later. No rain yet, but wind yesterday and clouds today.

U. BENDER.

Nut Butter

THE S. A. Training School has nut butter at the following prices (subject to change either higher or lower):

1lb. tins, 1/9 each. 10 or 12lb. tins, 1/6 per lb.

50lb. tins, 1/3 per lb.

This is net f.o.r. Ladysmith. If by post, postage extra; otherwise it is sent carriage forward.

U. BENDER.

THE good news has just reached us that Mr. John R. Stickle, B.A., with his wife, also two other families who have been visiting friends in England for a short time, have been successful in securing passage to Africa, and will doubtless be with us about the last of the month. We understand these are British citizens, although residents of Canada and the United States; and consequently do not need permits to enter Africa. Brother Stickle has been Bible Teacher in one of our American Colleges for some years.

Imporrant Notice

Copy for each issue of the MISSIONARY must reach the editor not later than the 3rd of each month. Important notices will be published if received on the 6th. The address of the editor is Grove Ave., Claremont, as given each month in the MISSIONARY. Mail addressed to the Union Conference Office, Kenilworth, is delayed a day in reaching her.

ALL money paid by the young people on their goal should be credited as such. When forwarded by church treasurers to the conference treasurer it should be marked as Young People's Goal Fund.

E. M. HOWARD.

"You will never find time for any thing. If you want time you must take it."

One Soul

"ONE soul is of more value to heaven than a whole world of property, houses, lands, money. For the conversion of one soul we should tax our resources to the utmost. One soul won to Christ will flash heaven's light all around him, penetrating the moral darkness, and saving other souls."—*Vol. 6, p22.*

Allow me to ask, Are you conscious that *you* have ever been the instrument in God's hand for the salvation of one soul?

"If Christ left the ninety and nine, that He might seek and save the one lost sheep, can we be justified in doing less?" God is ready and willing to bless your efforts to seek and save the lost, if you are willing to tax your resources to the utmost.

How does the value of a soul compare in *your* mind with houses, lands, money? For which are *you* striving most diligently? Are *you* bearing the burden of a lost soul upon your heart? Are *you* pleading "with strong crying and tears" for the salvation of one soul who is outside of the ark of safety?

Jesus has united Himself to *you* that *you* "should bring forth fruit unto God." Rom. 7: 4. In this marriage there will be no fruitless union. Every provision has been made for fruit bearing, and the results depend upon you and me.

I can but wonder how many who have read my former articles on this subject have been benefited. Have *you* joined the "prayerful band," and are you "careful"—full of care—for the lost about you? If not, delay no longer. Ask God to place the burden of one soul upon your heart, and then begin to pray and labour for that one in faith. Faith in God will bring forth fruit and cause it to develop to His glory.

W. S. HYATT.

Colporteur Report for July

NAME	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Natal-Transvaal							
J. C. Breedt	B.R.	34	9	11 0 0	1 3 0	12 3 0	
Mrs. E. Dahl	P.G.	32	33	44 10 0	1 5 0	45 15 0	23 1 0
Miss B. Neville	B.R.	30	13	14 10 0	1 4 0	15 14 0	20 15 0
M. Smith	P.G.	52	36	36 10 0	12 0	37 2 0	30 10 0
V. Claek	B.R.	131	36	42 10 0	2 19 0	45 9 0	26 10 0
J. N. Neuhoff	B.R.	56	29	36 10 0	9 0	36 19 0	36 10 0
T. C. Barry	B.R.	81	43	33 5 0	9 0	33 14 0	58 10 0
N. J. Beukes	B.R.	36	10	11 0 0	6 6	11 6 6	11 0 0
M. Hegter	B.R.	69	69	82 10 0		82 10 0	53 10 0
F. N. Breytenbach	B.R.	42	2	2 10 0	8 0	2 18 0	
G. W. Neuhoff	B.R.	74	66	75 10 0	2 9 6	77 19 6	
L. A. Hertogs	B.R.	10	1	2 2 0		2 2 0	16 0 0
Helps Delivered							11 5 0
Agents, 12		647	347	392 7 0	11 5 0	403 12 0	287 11 0
Cape							
P. Jackson	B.R.	80	27	33 0 0	6 0	33 6 0	7 10 0
Mrs A. W. Tickton	P.G.	44	20	21 10 0		21 10 0	1 0 0
A. Renou	D.R.	34	32	38 0 0	3 9 0	41 9 0	41 10 0
J. Donaldson	D.R.	202	27	27 10 0	8 12 6	36 2 6	3 0 0
Miss M. Canham	D.R.	62	27	27 15 0	1 11 6	29 6 6	4 0 0
D. J. Kruger	D.R.	87	27	29 15 0	18 0	30 13 0	41 5 0
R. Morton, Senr.	D.R.	41	22	25 10 0	10 12 0	36 2 0	15 15 0
B. Wienand	D.R.	55	27	29 5 0	1 7 0	30 12 0	43 10 0
C. E. Sparrow	D.R.	43	34	38 10 0	4 11 0	43 1 0	61 0 0
F. Raubenheimer	D.R.	95	49	46 10 0	8 3 0	54 13 0	34 15 0
Office Sales			4	3 7 6	4 4 0	7 11 6	3 7 6
Helps Delivered							43 14 0
		743	296	320 12 6	43 14 0	364 6 6	300 6 6
Magazines				16 6 5		16 6 5	16 6 5
Agents, 10		743	296	336 18 11	43 14 0	380 12 11	316 12 11
Free State							
J. van Zijl	B.R.	39	19	22 5 0	18 0	23 3 0	22 5 0
W. B. Warden	B.R.	33	9	12 0 0	9 0	12 9 0	12 0 0
G. P. Louwrens	B.R.	24	17	20 15 0	19 0	21 14 0	20 15 0
Helps Delivered							2 6 0
Agents, 3		96	45	55 0 0	2 6 0	57 6 0	57 6 0
Missions							
Missions, Agents 4			(1408)	284 12 11		284 12 11	284 12 11
Grand total, All Agents	29	1486	688	1068 18 10	57 5 0	1126 3 10	946 2 10
July 1919 Agents	24	1284	623	702 17 0	257 14 9	960 11 9	703 1 9
Gain		5	202	65 366 1 10		165 12 1	243 1 1

G. C. JENKS
U. F. M. Secretary.

THE Methodist Book Concern, supposed to be the largest publishers of religious books in the world, sold £596,210 worth of books and periodicals last year. Our total sales for the same time closely approached, if they did not exceed, £1,000,000.

THE gain in the book sales of the Pacific Press during the first five months of this year over the same period last year is more than £20,000. What this great movement is accomplishing in the earth is one of the most marvellous things in all the history of our planet.

A. O. TAIT.

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**Sabbath School Report for
 Quarter Ending June 30, 1920**

Schools	Mem.	Aver. 12 Sab. Attend.	13th. Sab. Donations.	Donations.
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Cape Conference

Avontuur	7	7	1 4 6	8 0
Beaconsfield	57	57	14 9 8	6 16 0
Bonnie Vale	11	7	1 13 0	10 6
Cape Town	29	25	6 3 10	1 15 8
Cathcart	9	7	4 0 0	1 0 0
Claremont	63	58	15 0 9	8 2 0
Content	4	4	2 0 0	3 6 0
*East London			1 17 4	15 3
Grahamstown	18	14	1 10 0	1 0 0
Komgha	7	7	1 3 0	15 0
Klipheuef	83	83	1 11 7	1 13 10
Muizenburg	1	1	11 0	4 2
Parow	40	36	1 1 0	
Queenstown	10	6	2 18 6	5 6
Salt River	36	31	1 16 9	5 0 0
*Taungs	37	29	18 1 3	3 10 5
Uitenhage(E)	10	9	1 4 9	5 0
	422	385	£76 6 11	£35 7 4

*Six months
 Baptisms 2

Natal-Transvaal Conference

Benoni	22	16	7 0 9	
Durban	86	78	27 16 7	18 1 1
Doornpoort	23	16	16 10	13 3
Ermelo	30	21	11 15 7	1 9 3
Germiston	15	10	1 18 7	11 0
Hlobane	9	10	4 8 6	1 15 0
Joburg	87	58	19 17 6	7 19 8
Krugersdorp	20	13	4 13 6	1 5 0
Maritzburg	32	32	8 9 10	5 7 4
Potchefstroom	18	14	1 1 0	7 9
Spionkop	78	75	21 6 11	12 13 1
Sweetwaters	14	8	8 1 9	5 16 0
Home Dept.	22	22	8 18 11	
	456	383	£126 7 3	£55 16 5

Baptism 4

Orange Free State Conference

Bloemfontein	37	37	14 9 6	12 5 1
Bolivia	6	5	3 19 6	3 6
Bultfontein	10	10	3 1 9	16 8
Grootdam	2	2	1 10 0	10 0
Kalkfontein	2	2	3 0 0	7 0 0
Klipkraal	4	5	2 7 1	1 2 0
Lady Grey	2	2	12 0	2 4
Leeuwpoot	4	4	3 18 8	6 0
Mooifontein	2	2	1 10 0	1 10 0
Middlewater	4	3	10 0	10 0
Moorust	4	3	3 11 6	12 6
Parys	27	23	3 9 6	9 1
Paul Roux	16	13	3 14 4	4 0
Reitz	4	6	1 5 6	1 9 7
Senekal	2	3	2 17 7	4 0
Vaalbank	5	6	1 10 0	10 0
Home Dept.	11	11	7 12 0	1 10 2
	142	137	£58 18 11	£29 4 11

Total Union 1920	905		261 13 1	120 8 8
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Southern Union Missions

Amatola	27	27	6 8	7
Bethel	48	38	5 4 4	15 11
Cebe Kentani	24	28	15 0	
Debe Nek	8	8	4 4	
Ebenezer	11	12	7 6	6
Emgwali	18	14	6 10	8
Emmanuel	63	38	1 19 10	3 6
Grahamstown	11	7	9 0	1 5
Kolo	3	6		
Kroonstad	17	4	3 7	
Maranatha	50	48	3 6 6	3 3 1
Melanes Loc.	20	15	7 5	3 10
Rhoda	23	25	10 0	
*Spion Kop	56	49	4 9 6	3 13 0
Umtata	6	7	1 5 6	3 9
Waaiohoek	33	25	1 1 8	18 4
	415	351	£20 17 8	£9 4 7

*Six Months
 Baptisms 15

Zambesi Union Missions

Bulawayo	20	16	8 7 9	2 14 9
Malamulo	1477	1431	12 0 0	1 0 0
Muscfu	107	107	1 6 0	
Rusangu	106	99	7 4 7	2 17 3
Solusi	641	626	8 17 6	2 11 1
*Somabula	110	160	5 0 6	8 3
Mayazuri	115	109	7 19 3	1 6 4
	2576	2548	50 15 7	10 17 8

Total Missions	2991	2899	71 13 3	20 2 3
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Mrs. A. P. Taar

*Six months
 Baptisms 95

African Divisional Conference

THE members of the Executive Committee of the African Division Conference met together in counsel August 22-27, for the purpose of studying plans and methods regarding the reorganisation of our work. At this meeting the South African Union Conference relinquished the supervision of the Zambesi and Southern Union Mission Fields to the African Division.

The first general meeting of the Division Conference will be held in Johannesburg January 20-30, 1921, in conjunction with the biennial session of the Union Conference, and at that time every department of the work in Africa will be considered, and broader plans laid for the further development and extension of this work.

Believing that the workers throughout the field will appreciate meeting together for a special spiritual uplift, and also to receive help for the particular work in which each is engaged, it was decided that during the week preceding the

general meeting there will be a Workers' Institute. We might list some of the studies to be given:

Importance of personal and house to house work.

How to give a Bible Reading.

How to present the Sabbath question.

Making a meeting spiritual rather than doctrinal.

How to construct and deliver a sermon.

W. B. COMMINS,
 Secretary.

A Comforting Message

OBSTACLES to the advancement of the work of God will appear; but fear not. To the omnipotence of the King of kings, our covenant-keeping God unites the gentleness and care of a tender shepherd. Nothing can stand in His way.

His power is absolute, and it is the pledge of the sure fulfilment of His promises to His people. He can remove all obstructions to the advancement of His work. He has means for the removal of every difficulty, that those who serve Him and respect the means He employs, shall be delivered. His goodness and love are infinite, and His covenant is unalterable.

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

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

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.