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

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Home Again

AFTER an absence of twenty-three years, it is with great pleasure that we return to South Africa. The very hearty welcome that has been accorded to us, not only by old friends but also by those whom we have never met before touches our hearts, and inspires us with courage for the new responsibilities that are before us; for we are assured of your hearty cooperation in every effort to advance the cause of truth to which we have dedicated our lives.

We are glad to find so many in whose hearts the hope of the gospel has ever burned more and more brightly, and who are active in various lines of service in the cause of God. We miss some who have been laid to rest, but even more sadly do we miss others who have become discouraged or who for various reasons are living only for this world. May we not hope that these, remembering their former faith, and seeing in the conditions of the world today so many reminders of the vanity of earthly things, shall renew their consecration of former years.

Of all the changes that the past quarter of a century has wrought in South Africa, none is more marked than the ever increasing readiness on the part of many to listen to the truths connected with the great three-fold message. Our hearts were thrilled as we saw the crowds coming to Selborne Hall in Johannesburg to hear of the return of Jesus and kindred themes. Truly the time is ripe for a strong evangelistic effort in our cities. The success of our colporteurs is indicative of the great opportunities for bringing to the people the literature containing the truths for which God is preparing them.

The enlargement of the Sentinel Office, and its equipment for producing a large quantity of literature in many languages was one of the most important steps taken at the recent council meeting in Johannesburg. Foremost among the needs presented in the reports of the mission workers was that for books and tracts in the languages of the peoples among whom they labour. But the growth of the publishing work in this field must of necessity mean that there will be a correspondingly increased activity to place this literature in the homes of the people. With a territory in

which there are few cities, and a large population living in sparsely settled districts, a strong campaign with literature seems one of the most effective methods of presenting the message for this time.

One forward movement which we are sure will mean much in the growth of our work is the appointment of a secretary for the Home Missionary Department who can devote his entire energies to the promotion of activity among the members of the churches. Not only is the success of our work dependent upon the cooperation of all, but the spirituality of every Christian can be maintained only as he does service for the Master. God has given to every man his work, and nothing is more important than the direction and encouragement of every church member to do that for which he is best fitted in the saving of souls. Pastor W. S. Hyatt has been asked to bring his long and varied experience into the building up of this department.

The preparation and training of the youth among us to fill the calls that are coming was emphasised as one of the greatest needs for the extension and growth of our work. Plans were set on foot for the enlargement of the work of our Training School at Spion Kop, and steps were taken for the addition of a special course that will quickly prepare a number who need but a little training to enable them to fill positions of responsibility. This means further sacrifice and liberality on the part of our brethren, but no better investment can be made than in our youth, upon whom must rest largely the finishing of the task before us. When these needs were presented at the conference, there was a willing response on the part of those present. Property was placed on the altar, and lives were consecrated to the cause of education for service.

The hearts of the brethren were cheered to greet some new recruits from overseas. Pastor J. W. McNeil with his wife comes from the presidency of the South Carolina Conference, bringing with him a valuable experience not only in executive work, but also in evangelistic lines. His messages to the conference were attended by the Holy Spirit, and led to great spiritual blessings. He takes the presidency of the Cape Conference, releasing Pastor O. K. Butler to

give his entire attention to the Missionary Volunteer and Educational work.

Brother and Sister J. G. Slate, for nine years connected with the Review and Herald, have come to assist in the work at the Sentinel Office.

Brother Davy arrived from Canada during the conference, and has been assigned to work in the Zambesi Union.

The writer and Mrs. Robinson were released by the Southern Publishing Association from the associate editorship of the *Watchman Magazine*, to return to South Africa to assist in the editorial work on the *Sentinel* and *De Wachter*, and in the preparation of new literature for the many mission fields. We have also been asked to edit the MISSIONARY. We feel sure that we shall have the hearty cooperation that our people have given to Pastor Hankins and Sister White, who have so faithfully laboured in making these periodicals an important factor in our work in South Africa.

Again, let me say that we are glad to be here, and while we may not know the future, we have no greater desire than to remain with you in close association and cooperation till the great work is finished not only in this field, but throughout the world.

DORIS E. ROBINSON.

IN this issue of the MISSIONARY, we have tried to give our readers just a taste of the good things at the Johannesburg meetings. A *Bulletin* is being prepared that will contain as full a report as it is possible to include. This *Bulletin* will give the reports of the various workers as rendered at the conference, all the actions, plans, resolutions, and several of the sermons and addresses. Every family should have a copy of this report. We cannot at present state the price, which will depend somewhat upon the number of orders received, but it will be just as low as possible.

The more orders, the cheaper it can be sent out; therefore all should order at once through the Tract Societies. State whether Dutch or English is desired.

WE are sure all MISSIONARY readers will rejoice to learn that it was decided at the Conference to issue the MISSIONARY semi-monthly in future. The first issue, which will be on the first of each month, will be a four page paper, while that on the fifteenth of the month will contain eight pages.

We are sure that after hearing this good news no one will object to the rise in the price to 5/- per year.

Biennial Meeting

THE tenth biennial session of the South African Union Conference is in the past, and its history is written in the books of heaven and in the hearts of the believers who were privileged to attend it.

It was the largest meeting of our people ever held on the sub continent,—large in numbers, large in spiritual interest, and especially large in advance plans of organisation for speedily giving the message to the millions for whose enlightenment God holds us responsible.

Our hearts are filled with joy as we realise that the onward march of the message which is to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord has so far advanced in our field that the reorganisation which was accomplished at this time was an absolute necessity. For years we have been growing toward this achievement, which is one of the great milestones in our history.

In his biennial report of the S. A. Union Conference the president remarked that this report was unique as it was the first report of the Union Conference dealing wholly with the work within the boundaries of the three conferences which would hereafter comprise its territory. The work in the great mission area of South Africa, which has been built up and fostered by the Union Conference, has now reached a point of development where its responsibility must be assumed by the Union Mission Fields, under the supervision of the South African Division of the General Conference.

Under our new plan of organisation three sister Unions,—the South African Union Conference, the Zambesi Union Mission Field and the Southern Union Mission Field, with several large unentered territories, comprise the African Division.

The responsibility for developing the work in such unentered territories as Portuguese East Africa and West Africa, the French Congo, S. W. Africa, Angola, etc., is now placed upon the S. A. Division Conference. The organisation of each of the two Union mission fields, the Zambesi Union and the Southern Union, is now upon the same lines as is that of the Union Conference.

The development of all these plans consumed a large amount of time. This was unavoidable, as the organisation and business of the two union mission fields and the business of the Union Conference received careful and prayerful attention. Hereafter the business session of each of the three unions will be held in its own territory, thus obviating this difficulty.

Thus another epoch has been reached in the onward advance of the message in Africa. In place of one union conference we have three fully organised fields. We rejoice to see our children develop such strength that they can stand by our side, able to direct the work in

their own borders. While this leaves the Union Conference free to devote its energies to the work in our three local conferences, we fully realise that these conferences are still a base of supplies to the fields beyond as far as workers are concerned. With our eyes on the whole field we dedicate ourselves, our sons and our daughters, and the means God has given us to the finishing of the work.

N. G. WHITE.

After the Meeting

THURSDAY, February 3, Mrs. White and I reached Cape Town from the Johannesburg meeting, and were glad to be at home again.

However, we greatly enjoyed meeting with our dear people from all parts of South Africa, and the occasion will long be remembered by us. Surely we had a good meeting and God was with us. We feel that those who were called upon to bear the heavy burdens of this gathering were greatly sustained by God, and plans were laid and policies adopted which, if faithfully carried out, will bring success to the work in the African Division.

Having now been granted a few months rest for the purpose of recuperating my health, Mrs. White and I are planning a month by the sea, after which I hope to be able to visit quite a number of our farming brethren whose invitations to visit them at their homes I have been unable to accept because of the pressure of other work. After this I hope to be able to again resume active labour somewhere in the Master's great vineyard. Just where we labour does not make so much difference, if we are faithful to our appointed tasks. God leads and in Him we trust.

Brethren and sisters, let us remember those blessed seasons of consecration at the Johannesburg meeting, when kneeling together we gave our lives anew to God. Those vows were heard in heaven; let us all be faithful to them.

We understand that Pastor B. E. Beddoe is now on the water. He will be with us in a few weeks, and enter upon his duties as Union Conference President. Until his arrival Pastor Branson is acting in his place, and all mail touching Union Conference matters should be addressed to him.

We wish to assure our brethren and sisters of our confidence in the ultimate triumph of this message. We hope and trust that when it has finished its work in the earth we may stand with you all on Mt. Zion.

W. B. WHITE.

BLESSED is the man whose calendar contains prayer-meeting nights.

BLESSED is the man whose watch keeps church time as well as business time.

NATAL-TRANSVAAL

Stranack Street, Maritzburg

Johannesburg Meeting

WE are thankful that this great meeting was held in our conference, and that such a large number of our people had the privilege of attending. It was a meeting of great interest from a spiritual standpoint and from the far-reaching plans of reorganisation of our work in the great African field. The full details of the meeting will appear in the *Conference Bulletin*, but there are some matters of special interest to the Natal-Transvaal Conference which I will mention in the *MISSIONARY*.

In planning for a more complete organisation of the whole field it was necessary that many changes should be made. My field of labour has been changed, and I am now to act as Home Missionary Secretary of the Union Conference.

When this call was made our conference committee took the request for my release into consideration and voted to grant it. Then they began to search for some one to fill the vacancy. After prayerful consideration their minds were led to Pastor J. J. Birkenstock, who has accepted the call to the presidency of the Natal-Transvaal Conference. Brother Albert Priest was chosen to fill the vacancy on the committee.

At the Claremont camp meeting in 1913 I was asked to unite with the brethren and sisters in giving the message to the people in this conference. Eight years have quickly passed, and many and great have been the blessings received from the liberal hand of our Heavenly Father. The first reports I received showed that there were one hundred fifty church members in the conference, and a few others who were keeping the Sabbath but were not yet baptised. December 31, 1920, we had four hundred twelve members, and fifty or more unbaptised Sabbath keepers. In 1913 we had one licensed minister and one Bible worker to assist the president. At the close of 1920 we had four ordained ministers, one licentiate, four lady Bible workers, and a field secretary. To the Lord be all the glory.

I make no mistake when I attribute the success that has attended our work to the united efforts of our people under the blessing and help of God. In union there is strength. God can work with and for a united people. I trust that all the support that has been given me may be accorded to your new president, who is a young man chosen from your own midst. The future success of your conference work rests largely in your hands. I am confident that you will give Brother Birkenstock the support he will need in prosecuting the work laid upon him.

Perhaps before closing I should mention the public meetings that are being held in Johannesburg by Pastors Branson and McNay. At several of the services Selborne Hall, which seats from seven to eight hundred people, was packed to its utmost capacity, and many people had to leave for want of room. Thus it is that this city is being stirred by the preaching of the message.

In conclusion I wish to make my appeal to my brethren and sisters in the Union Conference to unite with me in giving the message to South Africa. The Home Missionary workers can scatter our literature like the leaves of autumn, till no one can truthfully say he has never heard the last message of warning. Of all the twenty-three years I have laboured with you I trust that 1921 may be the one in which the most sheaves will be gathered for the Master of the harvest.

W. S. HYATT.

Johannesburg Conference

A PROFITABLE time was spent in Johannesburg during our Conference and Ministerial Convention. The Bookmen's and Ministerial Conventions were held in our church building, but the conference convened in the Wanderers' Hall close to Johannesburg station.

The Ministerial Convention was unique in its way, being the first ever attended by many workers in South Africa. This privilege of counselling together regarding plans for the work in our African field will prove a blessing to its future development.

The Conference was the largest ever held in South Africa. The good Spirit of God was present. There were brethren from different parts of the country. The mission fields were very well represented. All enjoyed the association together during those ten days.

The spiritual phase of the meetings was strong and helpful. The Sabbath meetings were impressive scenes. God's Spirit worked in a marked manner. Many made a new surrender of life to God, and we are sure better days are before our people to carry this truth to the people of South Africa.

During this conference in Johannesburg a series of meetings was held in the Selborne Hall. The hall, which holds about eight hundred people, proved too small on several occasions. The attendance at these evening meetings was indeed encouraging. A deep interest has been created and we trust to see a number of souls take their stand for truth as a result

Natal Conference

Report of Tithes and Offerings for Quarter ending December 31, 1920

Churches	Tithes	S. S. Off.	13th S. Off.	A. Off.
Conference Church	45 2 3			8 11 1
Durban	206 0 5	17 13 8	2 14 0	31 7 3
Doompoort		1 10 8	1 1 9	
Ermelo	7 11 6			10 5 11
Johannesburg	249 10 8	36 18 4	8 17 6	32 10 6
Hlobane	158 3 0	7 3 9	2 10 0	9 0 0
Maritzburg	110 0 4	7 2 0	3 19 8	23 2 3
Pretoria	36 6 4	5 5 6	4 16 2	15 10 0
Spion Kop	46 5 1	21 17 0	13 15 5	17 15 0
Belmont		5 10 3	3 6 0	
Germiston *		4 11 4	18 0	
Klerksdorp		1 0 0		
Messina		1 0 0		
Standerton		16 6		
Sweetwaters		9 14 6	5 7 6	
Home Department		10 0		
Total	858 19 7	120 13 6	47 6 0	148 2 0

T. J. GIBSON, *Secretary.*

of this effort. Let us not forget to remember these meetings, which are being continued by Brother McNay and his corps of workers, that God's special blessing may rest upon them. The influence of these meetings will be far reaching.

J. J. BIRKENSTOCK.

CAPE CONFERENCE

56 Roeland St., Cape Town

Changes

ANOTHER biennial meeting is now in the past. For a few days the greater part of the labourers of our vast African field were together, but now we are scattered, some north, some south, some east, some west, but all with one purpose,—to finish the work.

Many reports were presented at this meeting, reports that thrilled our hearts as we saw the cause of God moving forward. As these will be published in the *Bulletin* I will call attention only to those that will be of special interest to the people of the Cape Conference.

Some forty-five people are keeping the Sabbath as a result of the effort at Kimberley, and there are other very hopeful cases. Forty-two souls have been baptised in our conference during the year 1920. Our tithe for 1919 was £3280-9-2, and for 1920 £4289-4-2, a gain of over one thousand pounds. The Sabbath school offerings have increased from £255-8-1 in 1919 to £489-9-11 in 1920. While we did not reach the full Union Conference goal of one pound per member in Harvest Ingathering, we collected £393-3-7 for this fund as compared with £135-12-9 in 1919. Although financial returns are not the greatest feature of our

work, they certainly do represent the interest of our people in the cause of God.

In the meeting just closed much attention was given to perfecting the organisation of our work. Many changes were made both in plans of operation and in the location of workers. Considering the large extent of territory covered by the Cape Conference and the scattered population, making administration difficult, it was decided to cut off that portion of our conference east of and including the districts tributary to the Bethulie-East London railroad, and that this become a portion of the Orange Free State Conference. It was felt that as this section is reached by direct rail from Bloemfontein to East London, it can be better served by the Free State than by the Cape. We trust that our brethren and sisters of this district will feel at home under the new

arrangement and render loyal support to all plans for the advancement of the work.

Many changes were made at this meeting in the duties and location of workers. The Union Conference requested me to take up the Missionary Volunteer and Educational work in the Union. Pastor J. W. McNeil, recently arrived from America, was recommended to the Cape Conference as president. When Pastor McNeil received the call to come to Africa he was serving the cause in America as president of the Carolina Conference, and he comes to us with a good experience in administrative work. I bespeak for him the hearty support of all our believers.

I have learned to love the people of the Cape Conference, and I wish at this time to thank you all for the hearty support you have given to our conference work. I appreciate your generous hospitality as I have visited your homes, and your spirit of cooperation and interest. I am glad that the new work upon which I have entered will not call me entirely away from your field. There are many young people and children in the Cape Conference, and wherever there are youth and children there my duties will take me. Some of the youth are being drawn to the world and are losing their interest in the message. By every means in our power we must help them. We must establish church schools and family schools to save the children. We must turn our youth toward Spion Kop,

Cape Conference

Report of Tithes and Offerings for Quarter ending December 31, 1920

Church	Tithes	Wkly. Off.	S. S. Off.	13th. S. Off.	Ann. Off.
Adelaide Co.			1 12 0		
Beaconsfield	93 5 6	1 0 9	19 14 8	4 8 10	9 0 9
Bonnievale	1 4 0		1 13 10	11 3	
Cape Sanitarium			12 3		
Cape Town	104 11 9	2 0 7	6 19 9	1 14 3	42 0 2
Cathcart	29 9 0		7 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
Claremont	206 2 5	6 4 6	14 16 2	7 0 6	25 15 3
Conference	135 13 4		7 1 0	14 0	1 0 0
Content Co.			2 6 3	3 0 0	
East London Co.	18 7 1		2 9 8	1 3 3	17 6
Grahamstown	24 3 0		2 0 0		4 18 0
Komgha Co.			1 8 6	10 0	12 0
Kuruman	7 15 3				
Langkloof	9 5 4		3 2 11	12 10	2 10 0
Longlands Co.					1 0 0
Parow	15 1 0		2 2 3	18 0	3 0 7
Pokwani			7 6		
Port Elizabeth	32 3 10		3 17 5	7 3	2 18 3
Rokeby Park	27 6 1		4 13 4		6 6 6
Rustica	85 4 10	5 0 0	3 13 3	5 12 0	28 10 0
Salt River	30 4 3	2 6	2 12 3	1 15 9	1 9 0
Taungs	7 2 0		11 7 6	1 14 0	3 9 7
Uitenhage Col.	6 17 2		1 1 0	15 0	1 4 0
Total	£833 15 10	14 8 4	100 11 6	33 16 11	139 11 7

A. F. TARR, *Treasurer.*

and build up that school to the point where it can pour a steady stream of fully trained labourers into all parts of the field. To accomplish this I earnestly solicit the prayers and cooperation of the brethren and sisters of the Cape Conference and also of sister conferences.

O. K. BUTLER.

SISTER CHARLES WESSMAN, of Blanco, C.P., departed this life January 12, 1921.

Our sister was one of the lonely ones. She received the knowledge of the truth through her daughter, Sister F. Raubenheimer, and later studied with Elder Shone. For three years she has faithfully kept the Sabbath alone. She survived her aged husband only two months and five days.

W. B. WHITE.

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M. V. Work at the Conference

THERE were a hundred young people in attendance at the meeting, and we were happy to see their zeal and enthusiasm. The young people's meetings were always well attended. The burden of the instruction was along the line of preparation for service.

With such an army of young people, educated and trained for the work, the problem of carrying the message to Africa's millions would be largely solved.

Many of the young people attending the meeting proved that they had already learned the joy of burden bearing. They were eager to help wherever they could. A large number volunteered for service on "field day," some of whom had their first experience in selling our literature at that time. As an example of their helpfulness and courtesy we have only to remember how they served us at the cafeteria.

During 1920 the young people more than met their goal of £300. This was used to complete the hospital at Emmanuel Mission, and to build a dispensary at Solusi Mission. Their goal set for 1921 is £500. At a very enthusiastic meeting the young people present made large pledges toward this goal, which is to assist in building a church in Bulawayo. If all our young people in the field respond as liberally we shall be most happy to increase the goal.

At the close of the meeting quite a number of our young people who had been in attendance went directly to Spion Kop to attend the Training School. Others returned home, but will reach the school in time for the opening, February 17. The outlook for our young people's work both at the school and in the conferences is very encouraging.

O. K. BUTLER.

Sabbath School Department

THE work of the Sabbath school Department received a great deal of attention during the meeting. Departmental meetings were held each day. They were very interesting and were well attended. The meetings were informal, the time being spent in free discussion of the problems which the Sabbath school workers meet in their home schools.

Much time was spent in seeking to learn the best way to encourage every one, old and young, to form the habit of daily study of the Sabbath school lesson, also of punctual attendance. Another very important question was the Home department, and the best means of helping those who cannot or will not attend the Sabbath school.

Great interest was shown in the matter of the Sabbath school offerings for missions. Many devices which have been used with success in different Sabbath schools were exhibited. These were home-made

and inexpensive, but answered the purpose of stimulating the interest in mission work and thus increasing the offerings.

The kindergarten children's meetings were conducted by Sister Stickle under the direction of the Sabbath school Department. Sister Stickle also conducted a normal training class for those who are interested in kindergarten Sabbath school work. Several very interesting demonstrations were given.

Sabbath Afternoon Meeting

W. H. Anderson: I would like to relate one experience which I had last March to show how God is working. A native man came down from up on the Zambesi and asked for a missionary among his people. Word went out that there was a call to be answered. I learned from the Lutherans that their man was going up there in June. I learned from the London Society that they were sending a man up there in June or July. So I went up in March to look over the ground, meet the chief there and receive application to open a school. We received permission to start work and when the other men went up they were informed by the Government officials that the Adventists had the whole country and there was no room for them.

I had another interesting experience while on the train coming this way from Mafeking. Usually they have second class reserved carriages for natives, but there were none on this train. I met a native who was coming over to Johannesburg as treasurer of the Transvaal Congress. I had a compartment alone so had him come in with me. In talking with the man I found that he was uncle of the chief at ——. I asked him for a letter of introduction which he posted to me. Later, when selling "Steps to Christ," his nephew had been informed of my coming. He greeted me very kindly and when I showed him my book he asked me if I had any more. On producing my books he said he would take the lot, which was forty-five.

S. M. Konigmacher: When this gospel gets into the heart and mind it makes one want to go out in the work. The gospel took hold of one of my boys and he found a man lying in a hut all drawn up with rheumatism and the people had left the man to die. This boy went into the hut and cleaned it out. The man had big sores on his body and the boy washed and fomented the sores and applied medicines. He left the man and went on to his village. Later the boy visited the sick man and found him walking around. When the people saw what had been done by this boy who was not a member of their village they were so pleased that they desired him to live with them.

W. E. Straw: We have a good many things to encourage us in our work in our field. We have a work

developing in many parts of the field and we are unable to answer the calls that are coming to us. I think I told you something of the opening of the work down in Majinkila, where Elder Branson visited when he was there. After the boys had been down there and preached to these natives twenty-four took their stand for the truth, and began to make requests to have our schools there. Brother Sparrow went to see the people in charge but they said they were sorry they could do nothing as they had promised to let in the London Missionary Society people. We went over three times but accomplished nothing. Finally the chief said that he would go down, but he told the people that while he was gone he wanted them to have a prayer meeting. The chief went to see the manager of the Society and came back with his eyes all aglow saying we could go in. It was a remarkable experience but it shows what prayer will do. We had no teacher to fill the opening but the chief gathered around us with his head men and said we must send some one. He would not let us go until we promised to send some one at once. We finally had to send Jim and another boy to take the school. Our courage is good. The Lord directed in many ways, and the way has been opened before us. We sent Henry from Solusi to open up the work in the Zambesi. I was not there when he came down to get his family. My wife told me he came back just full of life. He put up the map and showed the boys all about it and this aroused the whole lot. A few little experiences like this rouses up all the natives. We have great hopes for our work in the future. We baptised ten while we were there and thirty-five are now in the baptism class. Forty-five have accepted the truth there in the last eight or nine months.

W. H. Branson: In the village of this chief we stayed two days. It was the most interesting time that I ever had in two days in my life. He put us in a special hut that he keeps for Europeans, and now I guess for Adventist missionaries. We had a good bed and mattress and there was a table and chairs in the hut, also leopard skins and assegais and other things that were of interest to us. He did everything he could to make us feel at home. We held three or four meetings a day with them. We made a special call for those who would surrender their hearts to God to stand up. The old chief did not stand up. He looked very much troubled and after the meeting was over he waited until all had gone. He took a little box out of his pocket and said, "I did not get up today but I wanted to very much. I am keeping the Sabbath and I believe you have the whole truth. The contents of this little box is standing in my way yet. I feel I cannot be true until I get this out of my way. I will pray to God and get the victory over this thing

and then join you." I believe that man stands as ruler over about 5,000 people. His wife was baptised the day we were there.

FOR the first time since the opening of the war our biennial meeting was attended by an encouraging number of recruits from oversea. Their presence and help were a real inspiration to us at the meeting, and we extend to each of them a hearty welcome to our shores.

AT the close of our meeting Pastor and Sister Pond and their children started on their long journey to Nyasaland.

WE understand that Brother and Sister Davy will spend a few months at Solusi, after which they will connect with the Nyasaland work.

BROTHER AND SISTER WARD are locating at Johannesburg, where Brother Ward will carry on his work as Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Union Mission.

WE are happy to learn that three more families are under appointment to connect with mission work in our field.

BROTHER AND SISTER J. I. ROBISON left for Cape Town at the close of the meeting, and with their two children sailed for America via England February 4.

For more than seven years these faithful workers have shared with us the burden of the work in Africa. They were connected with Claremont Union College during the last four years of school at that institution, and were the pioneers on the site of the S. A. Training School. With the other members of the faculty they have laboured faithfully in building up our school at Spion Kop, and have shared in the privations and experiences incident to the founding of such an institution.

We trust they will have a prosperous journey and an enjoyable furlough, and return to unite with us in finishing the work in our field.

WORD has reached us that Brother and Sister Paap reached Australia in safety, and that they plan to return to Africa in June.

BROTHER AND SISTER DE BEER, of Somabula Mission, Brother and Sister Hodgson, of Inyazuri Mission, and Brother and Sister Smith, of Bulawayo, with their families, are spending their holiday at the Cape.

PASTOR AND MRS. BRANSON AND PASTOR AND MRS. MCNEIL returned from the meeting via Spion Kop. It has been very dry in that part of Natal, but heavy rain fell during their visit.

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The Last Sabbath

THE last Sabbath was truly the "high day" of the meeting, and it was also a very busy day. The sermon by Pastor Branson will be reported in the *Bulletin*, and will be read with great interest. The tender Spirit of God came very near as we saw anew our great need, our helplessness, and the wonderful salvation so freely offered to those who will "look and live."

At the afternoon meeting six of our brethren, J. R. Campbell; S. M. Konigmacher, E. M. Howard, H. C. Olmstead, A. P. Pond, and S. G. Hiten were solemnly set apart to the gospel ministry. The most of these have dedicated their lives to mission work. This makes twenty-nine ordained ministers in the African Division; but when we consider our far-flung lines and the great work yet to be done we realise that our working force is very small.

At a meeting in the church just before the close of the Sabbath we received an addition to our membership by the baptism of eleven candidates, nearly all of whom were young people. This seemed a very fitting closing to a most blessed Sabbath.

Young People's Day

ALTHOUGH Young People's Day for Africa was postponed to February 19, it was appropriate that the services of January 22, the first Sabbath of the conference, were in harmony with the theme which on that day was engaging the minds of our people in every country and every clime.

Perhaps the first intimation the young people had of this was when they heard Pastor McNeil read as his text the familiar words of their motto, "The love of Christ constraineth us." As we caught a glimpse

Report of Book Work for December

NAME	BOOK	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTALS	DEL'D
Natal-Transvaal							
T. C. Barry	B.R.	47	16	18 15 0		18 15 0	10 15 0
F. N. Breytenbach	B.R.	41	8	10 4 0	18 0	11 2 0	10 4 0
D. Samuel (Indian)	Misc.	68	37	8 6 6		8 6 6	8 6 6
Peter Gopel (Indian)	Misc.	37	18	4 10 0		4 10 0	9 6 0
Mrs. E. Dahl	P.G.	13	1	1 15 0		1 15 0	14 10 0
E. Enochson	D.R.	4	1	1 15 0		1 15 0	15 15 0
R. Elizoh	Misc.	53	19	4 5 6	3 0	4 8 6	4 13 6
M. Hegtar	B.R.	10	6	8 2 6	3 10 0	11 12 6	25 7 6
Mrs. L. Landesman	P.G.	12					15 12 6
G. W. Neuhoff	B.R.	44	17	21 17 6	4 1 6	25 19 0	21 5 0
J. N. Neuhoff	B.R.	55	25	31 3 6	2 9 0	33 12 6	31 3 6
Mrs. Smith	P.G.	13	8	10 0 0	9 6	10 9 6	1 10 0
N. J. Smith	B.R.	63	13	14 17 6	2 14 0	17 11 6	14 17 6
Office Sales			5	4 2 6	27 14 6	31 17 6	4 2 6
Helps Delivered							41 19 6
Magazines		460	174	139 14 6	41 19 6	181 14 0	229 8 0
Agents, 13		460	174	71 -4 6		71 4 6	71 4 6
Cape							
C. E. Sparrow	D.R.	12					43 18 0
A. de Beer	P.G.	2	35	38 15 0		38 15 0	
J. Donaldson	D.R.	159	30	3 7 6	11 17 6	15 5 0	
H. J. P. Dwyer	B.R.	290	18	22 10 0	18 9 6	40 19 6	22 10 0
B. Wienand	D.R.	12					27 5 0
A. Renou	D.R.	17	2	2 5 0	7 6	2 12 6	18 5 0
Mrs. G. C. Jenks	P.G.	10	1	1 15 0	19 6	2 14 6	20 0 0
D. J. Kruger	D.R.	42	15	18 0 0	1 12 0	19 12 0	24 15 0
Office Sales			3	4 0 0	3 19 9	7 19 9	4 0 0
Helps Delivered							37 5 9
Magazines		524	104	90 12 6	37 5 9	127 18 3	197 18 9
Agents, 8		524	104	17 4 2		17 4 2	17 4 2
Free State							
G. P. Louwrens	B.R.	73	22	26 10 0	1 19 0	28 9 0	26 10 0
Natal-Transvaal Omitted from November.							
		466	296	153 16 6	4 19 0	158 15 6	106 8 0
Bulawayo							
Bulawayo Books				1 10 0	10 6	2 0 6	2 0 6
Magzs.				28 12 6		28 12 6	28 12 6
Agents, 1				30 2 6	10 6	30 13 0	30 13 0
Mission							
S.U.M. Agts. 5				100 0 0		100 0 0	100 0 0
Grand total, All Agents		28 1523	574	629 4 8	861 13 9	715 18 5	779 6 5

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of the purpose that never faltered, of the love that never failed, our hearts were deeply moved. In the consecration meeting that followed parents and children together dedicated their lives to the finishing of the gospel message in all the world in this generation.

DURING the Conference the primary children met twice daily, with Sisters Branson and McNeil in charge. Each child was furnished with a dainty blank booklet, in which he wrote short sketches of the lessons; and at the close these booklets were carried home as treasured souvenirs of the meeting.