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

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FIELD WEEK

December 4-10

A Blessing for You

This is Important to Every Church Member, Not Excluding the Colporteurs

HERE'S HOW TO RECEIVE IT

Take Subscriptions for Our Magazines. You have had some experience with Harvest Ingathering papers. Now take advantage of your experience by getting the *Sentinel* and *Wachter* into the homes of the people in Africa. Many of them are praying for light. Help them to find it.

A SPECIAL field week has been appointed for December 4-10. The purpose of this week is to encourage all our conference labourers and all our lay brethren and sisters as well, to make a special effort to secure subscriptions to the *Sentinel* and *De Wachter*. These are our only missionary periodicals here in Africa, and we are very anxious that these magazines should receive a much wider circulation than at the present time. There is no better way of doing missionary work, of bringing the truth prominently before our neighbours and friends than to place one of these magazines in their hands or in their homes. The magazine can work in places where the living preacher cannot go. It is bringing people into the truth, and will bring in many more if we can only scatter it broadcast over this field.

The individual goal for subscriptions, that is set for this field week, is five per member. And surely there is no one who could not secure at least five subscriptions to this paper. Many no doubt, will secure a much larger number than this. So interested are our conferences and mission fields in the success of

this week, that it has just been voted to ask all the conference and mission field labourers in the African field to devote an entire week to the work of securing subscribers to these papers. Plans have been laid for the Division officers, and the editor of the magazine, as well as other labourers, to spend the time during this week among our churches assisting in this special work.

The publishing house will be closed down at least one day, and during that day all of our employees will spend their time in the campaign. We are asking our other institutions to do the same.

Now we appeal to our brethren and sisters everywhere to join us in this campaign. Let us make it a real success. If we will all enter into it heartily, we can roll up four or five thousand new subscriptions to these papers without difficulty, and what a blessing it will be to the field if this be accomplished.

We trust that every reader will take this as a direct invitation to engage in this work. Remember that we are counting on you to do your part.

W. H. BRANSON.

Our Magazine Work

SURELY all our readers recognise that our paper work is doing great good throughout the field, for their pages are filled with the very truths the people need at this time. Every effort is being made so to prepare the paper that as it enters the homes of the people it will give them the present truth, and save many souls for the kingdom.

We as a people are to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. We must recognise that the printed page is one of the greatest means of accomplishing the task. All around us there are thousands who pay little heed to the many signs fulfilling day after day, telling us that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. There are a large number of people scattered throughout the country districts, and who must be reached with the message.

Our paper work affords an opportunity in which everyone may act a part. Who can tell the results that may follow the taking of just one subscription? We are printing each month about 8,000 copies of the *Sentinel* and *Wachter*, whereas this number should be not less than 20,000. Our subscription list is down to 2,300 for both the papers. All that we need is the co-operation and support of every church member, and our subscription list may be swelled to 10,000.

We are encouraged with what some of our faithful church members have done in taking monthly clubs. Surely here is a vast field for missionary work. Those who may not find the opportunity to go out and solicit subscriptions could doubtless correspond with their friends and obtain subscriptions in that way. Others, too, could take monthly clubs of papers, posting these out, and praying that God's blessing may rest upon the seeds of truth which they are helping to sow.

We look forward to the Field Week with intense interest, and believe that as all take hold it will mark a new era in our magazine work.

The Board has arranged so that for subscriptions received during December, thirteen copies of the paper will be supplied to subscribers. Those who go out in the campaign will be furnished with extra copies so they may be able to give to each subscriber the December issue. We shall be glad to send out to the various offices a printed canvass so that those who perhaps have not engaged in this work before may be helped. We expect to have advance copies of both the *Sentinel* and *Wachter* ready by November 21. Place orders immediately with your tract society secretary, that there may be no disappointment.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11: 6.

W. B. COMMEN.

A Call for Regular Magazine Workers

How are you enjoying the *Sentinel* these days? Many have spoken very highly of this paper, and we are thankful that God has opened the way for its publication.

We are hoping that some may feel that God is calling upon them to take up regular, systematic work with the magazines. To be handled successfully, and to the best advantage, there should be representatives who make the handling of the magazine a regular business. Are there not those among our constituency who will select a promising territory, and work it thoroughly each month, until eventually they have a large number of regular subscribers. The work may be made sufficiently remunerative to pay for the time taken, and the workers may know that they are doing missionary work of the highest order. They are brought month after month in touch with the same people, thus forming a personal acquaintance, which is of great advantage. Our sisters are, many of them, especially adapted for this work, and those who are trying it are finding rich blessings.

And such work brings results. I wish you could have seen the happiness fairly radiating from the face of one of our sisters last Sabbath, as after the service she introduced me to a stranger who had accompanied her to church, and said that she had decided to keep the Sabbath and to come regularly. This sister is handling nearly three hundred copies of the *Sentinel* every month, and as a result of her patient continuance in this work many are deeply interested in the message.

Another sister recently, a busy house wife, set apart one or two days a week for calling upon her neighbours with the *Sentinel*. Within two months she had obtained seventy paid yearly subscriptions, besides a number who promised to take the magazine regularly each month for a year. This sister worked among the homes of the wealthy. With its more attractive cover, it is now more easy than formerly to introduce the paper to this new class of readers.

May we not hope that during Field Week strenuous efforts may be put forth by our people everywhere, and that God may impress some with the great privilege of setting aside, a few field days every month to this good work.

D. E. R.



The Field Week

For several years the South African field has had a Field Week during which our people have devoted a portion of their time to securing subscriptions for our good papers, the *Sentinel* and *Wachter*. The good that these papers have done will never be known in this world; the judgment alone will reveal it. They

have carried the last message to the homes of thousands of people who could never have been reached in any other way, and many today are rejoicing in present truth as the result.

"The great and wonderful work of the last gospel message is to be carried on as it has never been before. The world is to receive the light of the truth through an evangelising ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand. . . . Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the Word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the Isle of Patmos." "One of the principal agencies He has ordained for use is the printed page. We must learn to make a wise use of this precious agency."—"*Testimonies for the Church*," Vol. 9, pp. 61, 62, 87.

The above indicates that among the various evangelising agencies whereby the last message is to be given to the world is that of our periodicals. These silent messengers should have a wide circulation, in order that the truths they contain may reach hungry souls, and we hope that during Field Week, they may find their way into many homes that have never been visited before.

The time set apart for this work is from December 4 to 10. Suppose that during that week 500 of our people were to take up this work. Think of the many homes that would be visited, and the many thousand of pages of literature that would be scattered here and there. Not only so, but what a large number of yearly subscriptions might be taken for these little evangelists. Truly this would be giving "the great and wonderful message" according to God's plan. Reader, will you make one of the 500 to take up this work during this appointed time?

A goal of five subscriptions has been set for each church member. But if only 500 take up this work, it will mean that 2,500 subscriptions will be turned into the Sentinel office. O I hear you say, "That would be a splendid week's work"? Yes, it would be, and we are quite able to do it and much more, but it will take a united effort of God's people. Shall we at once begin to plan so that we may have time during the Field Week for this work? It will take *determination* and *resolution*, if we accomplish this, for the enemy will do all in his power to hinder us. Let us arise and defeat his schemes, and see that God's plans are carried into effect. Remember that it is December 4 to 10 that we are to do this. Begin now, if necessary, to lay such plans that you may be free during this week to take part in a united effort.

W. S. HYATT.

WEEK OF PRAYER

DECEMBER 10-17

The Week of Prayer

DECEMBER 10 to 17 is the date set apart for the Week of Prayer this year. Subscribers to the *Review* will receive a copy of the Week of Prayer readings. These readings have been put into Dutch, and are being distributed through the field in the usual way.

We have now come to a momentous and solemn time. The rapidly developing conditions in the world are hurrying us on to the end. These are stirring times. Do we realise that we are on the verge of the eternal? Probably none of us realises how soon the end may come.

Every believer in Africa should plan to make December 10 to 17 a week of consecration. If you can, plan to meet with your church in its daily meeting. If you are isolated, you should daily devote time to the reading and to prayer. Pray the Lord to give you a closer walk with Him. Pray that His message may go quickly into all the world.

On Sabbath, December 17, the annual offering to missions will be taken. In all the world our people will be consecrating gifts to God on that day. Let us remember this important offering in Africa. Financial depression during this year has largely reduced gifts to missions in nearly every part of the world. While we have felt the depression here too, still we are far more favourably situated in South Africa than most parts of the world. It lays upon us the larger responsibility.

For the first three quarters of the year, gifts to missions in South Africa averaged less than 1/5 per week per member. Our goal is 2/6. Let us redeem the situation by making large gifts to the Annual Offering, Sabbath, December 17.

B. E. BEDDOE.



The Summer School Cancelled

THE following action was taken by the African Division Committee in a recent meeting held at the Cape:

"In view of the fact that no one has been able to get into the field to work in behalf of the Summer School, and in view of the financial depression in the country, and consequent lack of funds in the conference and mission treasuries,

"Voted, That we do not hold a Summer School at Spion Kop this year."

We are indeed sorry that we are unable to carry out our plan for a Summer School, but the financial depression in the country has made it seem unwise to launch more enterprises than are absolutely necessary, until conditions are a little more settled. Sickness in Pastor Butler's home has prevented him from visiting the field, as was originally planned; and as I have been held in Rhodesia, no one has been able to get into the field to lay the necessary plans for the Summer School. Hence, under all the circumstances, cancelling the Summer School seems the most advisable course to take.

W. E. STRAW



Division Young People's Secretary

PASTOR W. E. STRAW, who was recently appointed by the General Conference Committee as Assistant Educational Secretary of the General Conference for the African Division, has also been invited to foster the young people's work in this field. This means that the Division will now have a Young People's Secretary, and he will be glad to get into touch with the various Union Missionary Volunteer secretaries, and to be of any assistance that he can to them, planning for and fostering their work.

Pastor Straw has had many years experience in the African field, and we are sure he will give most hearty co-operation to our people throughout the Division in his efforts to build up this department of our work.

W. H. BRANSON.



Our Young People's Goal

DURING 1920, our young people took the responsibility of raising £250 toward the erection of the school building at Spion Kop. When the Missionary Volunteer department asked for the privilege of raising this amount through our young people, some felt that it could not be done. True, it was a very large increase, as formerly our financial goals had been £50. However, our young people accepted this increased responsibility, and with the enthusiasm and energy characteristic of the young, succeeded in raising more than the £250 last year.

Relying upon the growing enthusiasm and faithfulness on the part of our young people in raising funds for the cause of God, the General Conference Committee (African Division) requested that our young people endeavour to raise £500 to assist in erecting the first European church building in the Zambesi Union,—this church to be erected at Bulawayo, the headquarters of the Union.

When the matter was presented to our young people at Johannesburg last January, they responded by pledging about £600. My young friends, the year is

about to close. Have you succeeded in raising your pledge? If not, will you not do so before the curtain falls on the year 1921?

Could you meet with our little company in Bulawayo on Sabbath, and see the old wood and iron building in which we have to worship, you would be persuaded that a fitting memorial should be erected in this important town of Rhodesia.

A plot of ground has been purchased and paid for in an excellent locality near the centre of the town. One of the conditions of sale is that we must begin building operations within one year.

Young people, we need your £500. Do not fail us. We have confidence to believe that you will raise your goal before the end of this year. Thank you!

E. M. HOWARD



Arrival of Dr. Reith

WE are pleased to announce the arrival of Dr. John Reith with his wife and two children. They landed at Cape Town from the *Kenilworth Castle*, November 7.

Dr. Reith has had a long experience as a practitioner. For some years he was medical superintendent of our Sanitarium at Walla Walla, Washington. For over a year he has been studying in England. He has just received his fellowship, which places him on a par with the best doctors in Africa. Mrs. Reith and the children come direct from Walla Walla, where she has been teaching in our college, while her husband has been pursuing his studies in England.

The arrival of the doctor is a happy event for our Cape Sanitarium, which for a long time has been without a medical superintendent. We are sure that there are better days ahead for this institution, the only one of its kind in Africa. We extend to Dr. Reith and his family a cordial welcome to this country.



Progress of Student Movement

WE are sure that the readers of the OUTLOOK would like to know how the "Student Movement" is progressing.

Up to November 1 we have received just over £140, and we want to thank every friend who has sent us a donation, whether of £5 or five shillings, above or below.

Only yesterday, we received from one brother a cheque for £15, which is the largest single donation thus far sent in. A few days ago another brother sent us £10. We are glad for these and all donations. Below is a little table which might be of interest.

We have received amounts as follows: one of £15, one of £10, seven of £5, three of £3, six of £2 to

£2-10, thirty-four of £1 to £1-10, with many of smaller amounts.

Brethren and sisters, we thank you for your assistance, but we are not quite satisfied yet. We believe there are some, yes, many who read this article, who can help us in our campaign. Even now it is not too late. Will not every one who reads this article, and who has not sent anything as yet, send a donation for the completion of our school building? Even if you have sent something, perhaps you may, under the circumstances, wish to increase your former gift. We shall surely not object. Address "Student Movement," Box 124, Ladysmith, Natal.

THE STUDENTS.



A Letter from a Painter

November 1st, 1921.

DEAR FRIENDS :

The OUTLOOK has been assisting us very kindly in telling you about the "Student Movement," and now we want to write you one more letter. You remember once before we told you about our device, and the little man who is painting,—who is supposed to paint 32 letters "I am going to finish our school building,"—each letter representing £10. Well, tonight we are going to let our little man tell you his own story:

"For six week I have been sitting up on this scaffolding, and am getting stiff, because in these six weeks I have painted only 14 letters. I contracted to do this job during the month of September, and here it is November 1 today, and I have not half finished yet, 18 more letters to paint. I am anxious to finish, for I see so many other jobs around this school which need to be done. Well do I remember the day when I mounted this scaffold, took the paint brush in my hand, and started in with such great hopes to paint this sign, the finish of which would mean that the students had reached their goal. Little did I think that two months hence would find me still sitting here. How well I remember the interest and enthusiasm of the students when I first began my job. Courage was good, and hopes ran high in those days. How often have I listened to the conversation of the students as they have stood and looked up at me, wondering if they would reach their goal, and all the time hoping that they would. But as the days and weeks have slipped by, and I have not half finished my job yet, they begin to look at me in a sad disappointed sort of way, and shake their heads as if in doubt.

"Today I heard a group of young people talking, and one said, 'Just think, there are only three more weeks until school is out! Don't you wish we could see this finished before we go home?' Another said, 'I have written 30 letters in behalf of this "S M,"

and have received answers to only six of them.'

"Now I want to make a little appeal to you on my behalf. I am only the painter, but I hope you will listen to my tale of woe. When I took this job, it was under the impression that it would be finished by October 1. I am tired and stiff sitting here, and sometimes I feel like quitting the job, if it were not for those eager faces of the boys and girls who so frequently look at me. I hate to disappoint them. I must not. They are depending on me. If we—you and I—fail them, what then? Come, listen to the appeal of the painter, and send along the pounds, so I can go on and finish painting the sign, 'I am going to finish our school building.' Remember each letter stands for £10. Is not there some one in South Africa who can send in enough to paint a letter, or perhaps half a letter? I am waiting."

VIVIAN R. COOKS.

CAPE CONFERENCE

OFFICE ADDRESS: 56 Roeland Street, Cape Town

Blessed in the Canvassing Work

At the beginning of July, I was requested by the Conference Committee to spend three months in the canvassing work. This I gladly did, making Salt River my field of labour. I received very valuable and much appreciated help and encouragement from Brother Jenks, to whose guidance and instruction I owe much of my success.

Soon after I began working, the great labour depression came. Many men lost their positions, or were put on short time. Of course this resulted in the loss of many of my orders. Nevertheless, under God's blessing I have been able to deliver over a hundred copies of "Past, Present, and Future," one third of the number being in the best binding. This represents a value of £65. I have still some to deliver in November and December which I trust will swell the amount to £75 or more.

I have greatly enjoyed this work, and thank God for the many providential leadings. I thank Him for the privilege of many heart to heart talks with the people I met in their homes, and for the prayers offered for the sick. This experience has enlarged my vision of the canvassing work, and I feel to pray more intelligently for the canvassers and their success.

Now that the heavy rains are past, my fellow labourer, Pastor May and I return to our preaching in this vicinity. Before long, we hope to be located in the midst of many of our coloured friends in Claremont with a large tent. We solicit the prayers of God's people that a large number may be led to unite with us in this blessed truth. D. C. THEUNISSEN.

SOUTHERN UNION MISSION

In The Herschel District

The interest in Herschel District is still growing. There are interested ones everywhere and one chief is crying loudly for a school. Although opposition has been strong against us in the past, we hope that his importunity will prevail with those who are in authority.

The school at Mpoke's is the most popular school for miles around. The teacher is well liked and students attend the school who might attend other schools more conveniently.

Chief Mpoke's village is built at the base of a rocky hill. The working of the heat and cold on the stony cliffs loosens great boulders, and they come crashing down the mountain side. The last night I was there I heard the crashing of stone followed by the shouting of people warning each other to flee from their houses. Fortunately no one was hurt, but some time previous a great stone of several tons' weight crashed into a house one night crushing the life out of a woman.

Leaving Herschel, we visited Brother Vorster's farm and the Windpoort native church. A year ago there were five Sabbath keepers here. Today we have an organised church of about thirty members, with others awaiting baptism. Two were baptised at this time, and a large number of outsiders were present, including several Europeans. One girl who was baptised has borne much opposition from her masters to whom she is bound until of age.

Brother Vorster, who is church treasurer, handed me £6-8-0 in tithes and offerings from the little company, which does not include any conference paid worker,—truly a good showing, when we remember that their monthly wage is only ten or fifteen shillings.

Our only minister in the district from just south of Bloemfontein to Aliwal North, Brother John Ross, is doing good and faithful work, and the Lord has used him in bringing many of these people to the knowledge of the truth.

The last of the month, in company with Brother Baker, we visited our Berea out school in Basutoland, where Brother L. S. Molokomme has been labouring for the past eight months. Faithful work has been done, many are interested and some are keeping the Sabbath. Only two, however, were ready for baptism. About 200 people were present at the ceremony, many of them being much interested. Some of them were persuaded that immersion is the only true form of baptism. One man, a minister who had heard the truth before, and who was present at

the eight meetings conducted by Brother Baker, Brother Molokomme and myself, wanted to be baptised at once, but he was persuaded to wait awhile.

There is nothing startling to report from this field, but we can see a steady advance all along the line. The Lord is going before us. J. R. CAMPBELL.



Taungs

We pitched our tent here the first of September and have held twenty-six services with the people, besides visiting and holding Bible studies with them in their homes.

Much preparatory work had been done by the members of the Taungs church. Sister Fielding had been holding Bible studies with many of the natives, so we found a live interest in the message from the very start. Brethren Lucas Modisi and B. Moqutu were here all through the meetings, and did efficient work among the people.

We have just received the tract on the Restoration of the Sabbath and have started selling it to the natives and that is adding to the interest. I hope the time may soon come when we can have more literature, and then as we present a subject from the desk offer it for sale to the people. I am sure we shall find a ready response and also accomplish much more in our tent work.

In response to a call for those who are willing to unite with us in keeping the Sabbath, and prepare for the coming of the Lord, seventeen stood up in the tent at our last meeting. I am now taking the tent down and will leave a native worker here to follow up the interest and further instruct the believers.

W. H. ANDERSON.



Dedication of the Mafeking Church

EARLY this year Pastor W. H. Anderson received a second-hand tent from the Cape Conference, which was repaired and pitched in the native section of Mafeking. After a series of meetings had been held, nearly thirty adults began to keep the Sabbath.

This being one of the largest native towns in the Bechuanaland field, it seemed advisable to erect a permanent building there to serve both as a church and a school house. Accordingly the erection of a native church in Mafeking was authorised, and Pastor Anderson lost no time in having it built. The building is of brick, plastered within and without, with a ridge roof of iron, and a good wood floor. The seats are made with adjustable desks for use in the school, which is already well started.

This new church was dedicated October 23. Pastor

**Report of Tithes and Offerings
for Quarter ending Sept 30, 1921.**

Cape Conference

Church	Tithe	S.S. Offs.	13th S. Off.	H ar. Ing.
Adelaide Co.		3 2 3		
Beaconsfield	103 12 4	22 12 0	8 0 0	84 1 7
Bonnievale Co.		2 10 3		
Cape Town	74 6 0	13 8 6	5 1 8	28 3 10
Cathcart		3 0 0	2 0 0	8 6 2
Claremont	75 1 6	18 10 9		45 1 8
Content Co.		2 6 0	1 5 0	
Conference	95 14 9	5 12 3	4 0	55 12 10
Douglas Co.	6 8 0	14 0		
East London	6 8 6	3 16 6	13 0	
Grahamstown	8 2 6	3 10 7	1 4 0	21 18 0
Langkloof	3 2 0	2 5 0	1 0 0	
Longlands Co.		1 7 0		
Parow	16 0 10	2 11 9	14 9	11 11 6
Port Elizabeth	39 18 3	4 9 11		
Queenstown	5 17 8	7 9		
Rokeby Park	142 14 4	17 11 4	6 19 9	4 13 6
Rustica	76 9 9	4 19 6	7 3 6	27 10 0
Salt River	28 8 9	4 16 4	3 0 3	7 13 6
Taungs	5 14 4			
Uitenhage Col.	14 9 0	2 12 7	1 7 0	2 10 0
Uitenhage W. Co.		1 0 0		
Miscellaneous	95 2 3			
Total	£797 10 9	121 4 3	38 12 11	297 2 7

Weekly offerings, £12 6 7

A. FLOYD TARR,
Treasurer,

Orange Free State

Church	Tithe	S.S. Off.	13th S.O.	Har. Ing.
Bloemfontein	81 14 5	14 4 10	15 11 5	84 19 2
Reitz	58 5 1			
Conference	44 12 0	4 18 5	3 0	26 4 1
Parijs	15 10 6	3 14 10		4 19 0
Boschberg	14 1 3	8 13 10	3 18 9	2 5 6
Dewetsdorp	11 11 0	6 0 0	2 6 6	14 0 0
Frankfort	4 15 6	5 6 0	1 5 0	12 3 3
Pijdna	4 5 0	7 6	1 0 0	
Paul Roux	2 19 0	1 13 10		6 4
Totals	£237 13 9	£44 19 3	£24 4 8	£144 17 4

Literature Fund, £34 2 6

D. A. WEBSTER,
Treasurer.

Branson preached the dedicatory sermon to a crowded and interested congregation, forcefully explaining the reason why we had come, and some of the great principles of our message. Some of the native members rendered special songs, while a small brass band welcomed the visitors and gave an unusual touch to the meeting. Besides Pastor and Mrs. Anderson, there were present at this service Pastor and Mrs. Branson, Pastor McNay, Brother Frank Thompson, Brother Buckley and family, and the writer. We rejoice to see this substantial monument to the message erected in the long neglected Bechuanaland field.

H. C. OLMSTAD.

**Report of Tithes and Offerings
for Quarter ending Sept 30, 1921**

Natal-Transvaal

Church	Tithe	S.S. Off.	13th S. Off.	Har. Ing.
Benoni		6 6 7	1 0 0	
Barberton	8 0 9	8 13 3	2 7 0	8 8 1
Carolina		6 9 4		
Conference Ch	54 6 0	4 19 1		8 19 6
Durban	356 10 11	42 14 8	29 13 0	54 3 11
Doornpoort		11 6	8 6	
Ermelo	78 4 6	9 10 1	3 13 0	11 12 9
Johannesburg	374 12 9	124 8 10	33 4 7	129 9 10
Maritzburg	106 15 7	10 13 2	6 1 0	85 1 7
Pretoria	51 12 0	18 0 6		53 2 9
Standerton	2 6 0	1 0 0		
Sweetwaters		9 11 2	6 12 6	
Vrijheid	126 9 9	10 17 9		23 9 6
Spion Kop	63 10 5	48 6 10	30 12 7	107 2 8
Total	1222 8 8	302 2 9	113 12 2	481 10 7

Young People's Goal £10 17 1

A. A. Pitt
Sec. Treasurer

Quarterly Meeting at Ermelo

WE are pleased to report that we have just closed a most successful quarterly meeting held at Ermelo. October 8, four candidates were buried in the watery grave in the presence of forty-eight people. The service was conducted by Pastor H. C. Olmstead and Pastor I. B. Burton. In the afternoon a testimony meeting was held, and the ordinances. Nearly all of our members were present. The sermons on that day will not be soon forgotten. The Holy Spirit was present, and all were made to feel that it was good to be there. The instruction was very practical.

Remember us before the coming King.

J. R. MTIMKULU.



Does Bulawayo Lead?

THOUGH the time allotted to the Harvest Ingathering Campaign is past, the work has not yet ceased in the field. Some, indeed, seem to have just gotten into good running speed with the close of September. Most of the amount raised by Pastor and Mrs. Armitage who headed the Honour Roll as printed in last issue, with the amount of £37-7-3 to their credit, was collected since the first of October. We have not heard from Brother Armitage since, but no doubt he will take notice of this word from Brother J. E. Symons:

"It is evident that the Southern Union Mission do not wish our Union to claim first place on the honour roll of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. I note according to the last issue of the OUTLOOK that Brother and Sister Armitage's names appear at the top of

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the list. Now Brother F. R. Stockil has collected £43-1-6; and therefore I think he has a right to the premier position.

"Our church in Bulawayo has collected £154-10-0. This means an average of £6-4-7 per member. The Lord has abundantly blessed the faithful efforts of our European members in this field. We hope still to be able to report the further amounts received from our mission stations, which we trust will bring our Union's total up to over two hundred pounds."

While many excellent reports have been received, this average for a church seems to be the record for Africa. Are we wrong?



General Conference Bulletin

It has been decided to publish a daily bulletin of the General Conference session to be held in San Francisco next May. These reports will be of much value, and be very interesting to our people in every part of the world.

Probably no meeting that has ever been held has recorded the progress of any religious movement that this one will. The reports will contain every kind of story of how God has providentially led through a most difficult period. They will bring to our people spiritual strength and confidence in the success of the movement.

There will be fifteen numbers published in alternate issues of 16 and 32 pages. Every Seventh-day Adventist family should have a set. The price will be 4/6. Order now through your local tract society.

W. B. COMMUN.



Our Late Brother Commun

WITH the death of Brother J. H. Commun, we lose another of the few links that connect our present work with that of the beginnings of the work in Africa. He was among the first of those in this field who had the courage to follow his convictions in regard to the Sabbath, when so far as he knew, his means of livelihood was involved. He resigned from his position, but was soon informed that his services were so invaluable that he was offered an increased salary if he would return, with the privilege of keep-

ing the Sabbath. From that day to the hour when he closed his eyes in death, his faith in God and His truth has never wavered. He has generously sustained the cause by his means and by his influence. For many years he held a place on the Conference Committee. Two of his children are occupying positions of trust and are rendering valuable assistance in the cause today. A daughter, Sister A. P. Tarr, in addition to years of service as a Bible worker and as teacher of the Emmanuel Mission, is at the head of the Sabbath school work in this Division. A son, Brother W. B. Commun, is efficiently carrying large responsibilities of finance in connection with the Division Conference and the Sentinel Publishing Company.

Our dear brother rests only till the resurrection. The influence of his true Christian character is a power that will continue to work. Of such as he the words are spoken, "Their works do follow them." The cause has lost a valued friend, supporter, and counselor, the community a true neighbour, his family a worthy husband and father, and many a tried and honoured friend.

The sympathy of the OUTLOOK goes out to the members of the family who will specially feel the loss.

Obituary

COMMUN.—The sad news of the death of John Henry Commun will come as a severe shock to many of the readers of the OUTLOOK. Brother Commun was one of the first men to accept the third angel's message after its introduction in Africa.

He was born August 9, 1846, and died October 29, 1921, aged 75 years, two months and twenty days.

Early in life he was a local minister for the Baptist denomination, but about the year 1888 new light shone upon his pathway, and he became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Brother Commun was a man beloved by all who knew him. His true Christian character, his quick perceptions of right, his clear insight into the things of God, his high sense of justice, his genuine brotherliness, and his strict loyalty to conviction made him a man of worth and value to the cause of God.

It was hard for Brother Commun to be reconciled to the thought of laying down his life. He had been active in his business until within two months of the time of his decease, and had been looking forward with glad expectancy to the time of his Lord's return, hoping that he might live until that day. Especially sad was the time of his death, as he had been looking forward with great anticipation to November 16, when he had planned to celebrate his golden wedding anniversary. But God saw otherwise, and in the quietness of his country home on Sabbath afternoon, he fell asleep in the full hope and assurance of eternal life.

He leaves to mourn his death a faithful companion, three sons, and two daughters. The eldest daughter, Mrs. A. P. Tarr is the secretary of the Sabbath School Department for the African Division Conference. Harry is in business in Cape Town. Mrs. Edith Retief lives on a farm adjoining that of her aged parents. Arthur, who remains at home, faithfully ministered to the needs of his beloved parents. William is the secretary and treasurer of the African Division Conference.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor W. H. Branson, on Sunday afternoon, October 30. Our brother was laid to rest in a cemetery at Wellington, and there awaits the call of the Life Giver. J. W. MACNEIL.