

# The African Division



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

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## Notice—Church Elders

REFERENCE has been made several times in the Outlook to the coming Big Week. You will remember the date is May 7-13. It is important that our workers and people make the most of this campaign. Please call the attention of our people on Sabbath, May 6, to the following:

1. Big Week date is May 7-13.

2. Big Week is designed primarily as a week for selling literature, all who can do so being invited to take part with the col-porteurs who will lead out in the Big Week rally.

3. Each one participating in the Big Week work donates the proceeds of his biggest day to the Publishing House Extension Fund.

4. By special action of the General Conference the proceeds of Big Day in the African field are to be consecrated to our publishing house in Africa.

5. Those who are unable to join in the field work of Big Week are . invited by the General Conference to donate to this enterprise the wage or proceeds of one day out of Big Week.

6. By action of the General Conference the funds of Big Day

are regarded as mission offerings and therefore the 2/6

mission fund goal.

From nearly every part of the African field we hear that ministers and leaders are going to join our faithful colporteurs in selling books during Big Week. Many of our people will also do this. Everyone should make

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a consecration of a day's wages or proceeds to the Big Week Fund. All are requested to take part.

B. E. BEDDOE.

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## A Growing List

It is cheering to see the way the various parts of the field are co-operating in the plans for the Big Week. Every week we are receiving word of advance moves in the programme. The accompanying is the revised list of the organisations whose workers have all committed themselves to the plan.

The following action was voted by the Zulu and Transvaal Mission Fields:

Voted, That all workers, both European and native, spend the whole of Big Week selling books, and that lay members be encouraged to take part; that the profits of the biggest day be given to the Sentinel Publishing Company, and that all who may be unable to take part in field work, be asked to donate a day's wage.

It begins to appear as though every worker in Africa would be a volunteer to the plan before Big Week date, May 7-13.

At the office of the Sentinel Publishing Company, orders are coming in daily, by post and telegraph, for books and supplies to be sent to various offices and workers who are ready for action during Big Week.

One worker ordered 500 copies of the World's Crisis

Series, another 250, and another 150.

BIG WEEK IS HERE. ARE YOU GOING TO DO YOUR PART IN RAISING £1,600 FOR THE SENTINEL PUBLISHING HOUSE? BELIEVE YOU WILL, MAKE IT A BIG

## Big Week Campaign

ANOTHER great event is just ahead of us, namely the Big Week campaign, May 7-13. I am sure you are all pleased to hear about this important week, for it enables every Seventh-day Adventist to take an active part in giving the warning message to the world.

Personally, I am very thankful for this blessed privilege of doing something out of the ordinary for my Saviour who has done so much for me, and I believe that all our brethren and sisters engaged in office duties have determined to do their part in this great work of helping to support the African publishing house.

We are living in the very last days of this world's history, and if we want to have the joy of living with our Redeemer through the endless ages of eternity, we must work while it is day, for night cometh when no man can work.

Let you and I take a real earnest part in the Big Week campaign, not for the sake of making money, but with the soul-winning object in view. May we all do our very best so that many stars may be found in our crowns when the sun goeth down, is my prayer.

D. A. Webster.

## An Open Letter

THERE is nothing that strengthens faith, cheers, gives a new lively, active hope and an unwavering trust in God and His message for this time, like helping and watching the progress of His work. Knowing of the constant growth, the many open doors, the onward march of the truth, increases the zeal and strengthens the faith in God.

There never was a time when God's people needed to watch more than now. If there ever existed a need for unity, it is now,—unity of faith and purpose. This unity can only exist as we understand the message, purpose and work of the church. The one way provided for this is through the *Review and Herald*.

Not only does this pioneer paper give the message a clear trumpet sound, not only does it call the faithful to the battle of the Lord, but it also tells each week of progress, tells of victory. The *Review and Herald* is the one paper that contains reports from all parts of the world field. It is the denominational paper; it is the mouth piece.

In order that the Review and Herald may reach every Seventh-day Adventist family in Africa, it has been decided to make a special offer. The month of May has been set aside by the committee as Review month. During the entire month, any one who subscribes or renews his subscription will receive the paper fourteen months instead of twelve for the usual subscription price. All orders should be sent, through the church missionary secretary, to the conference tract society.

Brother, Sister, you need the Review. The Lord tells us, "It should be placed in every family of believers." You are the one to place it there. May is the month to do it. You cannot afford to be without it. It will help you. Listen: "If all had felt that attachment for the Review, which God designed they should, they would have been benefitted and instructed by the truths it advocates. They would

have had a correct faith, a settled position upon the truth applicable for this time."—Testimonies, Vol. I, page 323.

Do not let anything prevent your receiving the weekly blessing this good paper brings to all who read it.

Frank É. Thompson.

## CAPE CONFERENCE

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## Among the Churches in the Eastern Province

Our tour of the churches and companies in the Eastern Province brought us to Uitenhage where we had a most enjoyable time. We found the European members of good courage, and were glad to note their intention to take part in the work of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. We have but a few European believers here, but last year some of them did very faithful work in gathering funds for missions.

Meetings were held with the Uitenhage coloured church. Eider Theunissen is pastor of this organisation and is doing good work in visiting the believers, and in getting into the homes of those not of our faith, giving them the message for this time. We look forward to having a substantial number of new brethren and sisters uniting with us in the near future as a result of this work. Brother Theunissen is very enthusiastic in his work, and we should pray that God will reward his efforts.

This little company has voted to utilise two hundred sets of the Leaves of Autumn in their home missionary work. Surely these seeds of truth must bear fruit in the kingdom of God. It is hoped that very definite results will be seen by this plan of systematic work for their neighbours.

Grahamstown was visited and some meetings held. Several young people who have been trained and are now in the work come from this church. We met here Elder George Shone who was paying a visit to his mother whose health is failing. Sister Bowie, while at Fort Elizabeth with Mr. Bowie, injured her ankle but is getting slowly stronger. Grahamstown church has ordered 100 sets of the Leaves of Autumn for their Home Missionary work.

At Rokeby Park we met with many who for years have been rejoicing in the present truth. Brother Thompson left us at Grahamstown to proceed to Spion Kop, so Brother Priest and the writer went to Rokeby Park where we were entertained in the home of Dr. J. Davies and Brother Staples. This little company has decided to use fifty sets of the Leaves of Autumn for systematic missionary work among their neighbours. At Rokeby we met Brother Hubert Sparrow and his wife who are visiting these parts on furlough. Brother Sparrow's much needed change has certainly done him good, if increased weight is any guide.

Fraser's Camp, the home of Brother Charles Sparrow, was our next stopping place. Here we spent a very pleasant and restful few days. We also visited Brother Ivan Sparrow and family who now live on the old Maranatha Mission. It was a privilege to visit this place where many have learned the way of life. The missionary spirit is still at Maranatha, and a

goodly number of natives meet in the church building every Sabbath.

Brother Sparrow kindly drove with the writer to visit Brother Henley, an isolated brother living over thirty miles from Fraser's Camp and twelve miles south-east of Peddie. Brother Henley first came into contact with our work, when he was given a Sentinel which Brother Charles Sparrow had left with a shopkeeper in Peddie some time before. Little do we know, when we sow the seed, where and when it will strike root and bring forth fruit. Brother Henley's health is not good and we should all remember him and his wife as we kneel before our Father's throne.

G. R. E. McNay.

# Rokeby Park

It was with great pleasure that the members of this little country church welcomed Pastor McNay and Brother Priest to our midst.

Our one regret was their short stay with us. It was unfortunate that several of our members and their families were spending the Easter holidays at the sea-side. They were thus unable to share the encouragement given us by the inspiring words of God's messengers.

We feel refreshed and eager to put forth still greater efforts to finish the gospel work. For our Home Missionary work we are planning to reach many persons in our district for whom we have done very little so far. The Autumn Leaves sets, as suggested by Elder McNay, seem to just fill our need for this purpose.

We feel confident that even greater plans for work are being made for us, as our pastor has spared no effort in getting acquainted with the needs of each member and his surroundings.

May God help us to faithfully perform our share in the last great message to be given.

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## Cape Conference News Notes

Word has come to hand that Brother Theunissen's daughter Pearl is very ill, suffering from enteric fever. Brother Theunissen seeks an interest in our prayers on his daughter's behalf.

ELDER MACNEIL has wired for 300 sets of the Leaves of Autumn series, which shows that there must be an interest in the evangelistic meetings that are now being held at Port Elizabeth.

ELDER HYATT writes from Taungs that a European gentleman has just taken his stand for the truth. In reply to a request from him, we have dispatched literature for free distribution which we trust will be as seed sown upon good ground bringing forth more fruit.

THE missionary societies of our various churches which Elder McNay has visited have all ordered a supply of the Leaves of Autumn, and we are glad for this sign of renewed activity.

The Big Week will soon be upon us. We trust all are prepared to do their share in the great effort that will be made for the uplifting of our publishing work in South Africa. Orders are coming in for the World's Crisis series, which members in tend to sell to their friends and neighbours. Others intend to spend a week taking subscriptions for the Sentinel and Wachter. The Cape Conference has undertaken to raise not less than £300-0-0 which, as our readers are doubtless aware, will be doubled by the Review and Herald for the South African publishing work.

## SPION KOP COLLEGE

Box 124, Ladysmith, Natal

## Baptism at Spion Kop

DURING the week ending April 8, Brethren B. E. Beddoe, F. E. Thompson, G. S. Joseph and others visited the Training School. Before their arrival plans were laid by the faculty to make the time of their stay a period of special prayer and spiritual uplift. The first meeting was conducted by Pastor Beddoe at the chapel hour on Tuesday, and there was a hearty response to the call made for consecration. He was obliged to leave Wednesday morning, but it was arranged for Brother Thompson to remain over the Sabbath. Prayer bands were organised among the students, and earnest prayers were offered that the Lord would turn the hearts of all to Him. The only public services held before the Sabbath were during the chapel periods Thursday and Friday, and an early morning hour on Wednesday. No attempt was made to create an excitment, but the Spirit of God worked beyond all our expectations. The students began to ask for special prayer, to make confessions to their teachers and to one another, backsliders sought for a new experience, and those who had never before accepted Christ gave their hearts to Him.

After vespers Friday evening, an opportunity was given for those who desired baptism to come forward, and to remain after the others had passed out. Twenty-nine of the students responded, and in the after-meeting each one of these gave an earnest testimony out of a broken and contrite heart. The principles of baptism were set forth before them, also the importance of a thorough heart work. One decided to weit a little longer, but all the rest expressed their desire to make a public confession of Christ.

Again in the service Sabbath morning, conducted by Brother Thompson, the Spirit of God was manifest in a marked degree. Another after-meeting was held with the candidates, and they were urged to fully count the cost, and to postpone baptism if they were unprepared for an absolute surrender, or if they felt they had not the full instruction needed. But there was no hesitation on the part of any, and the baptism was arranged for the afternoon.

At three P.M. the school once again met in the chapel, and after a few remarks, repaired to the river, where thirty-one were baptised into the new life with Christ. The candidates were as follows: Ross Ansley, Sydney Armer, Evelyn Armitage, Robert Beissner, Yvonne Blaine, Ray Bredenkamp, Grace Burton, Nico Klasse, Thomas Dahl, Virgil Gibson, Beatrice Howard, Gladys Howard, Graham Howard, William Hodgson, Elizabeth King, Kathleen Lewis, Stephen Marais, Hans Moolman, Iris Piercey, George Piercey, Botha Pretorius, W. A. Retief, Ella Snijman, Mollie Stockil, Ray Stockil, Llewellyn Shone, John Vorster, Ethel Willmore, Doris Watkins, Sydney Wright, Grace Gibson.

The sweet Sabbath was fittingly closed by a praise service in the chapel in which all the candidates were voted into church membership, and given the right hand of fellowship. It was good to hear the universal testimony of thanksgiving to God for the forgiveness

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of sins, and the words of courage and trust in Him who is able to keep from falling.

We realise that the good work is but just begun, and we are earnestly seeking God for His power in our lives that we may know how to help these new Christians to grow up into Christ.

D. E. ROBINSON.



## At Spion Kop

NEARLY one hundred students have been enrolled at the College this year. Two more students arrived the day I was leaving. Another two, and the roll will register an even hundred. The Natal-Transvaal Conference has sent the largest number, forty-one. The Cape Conference comes next with thirty-five. Twelve students are from the Zambesi Union and ten from the Orange Free State. They are a fine lot of students

An excellent spirit prevails at the school. The faculty is working together in the fullest harmony, and the students seem both studious and industrious. We are expecting Spion Kop to supply more and more workers to assist in meeting the ever increasing demand for trained workers.

B. E. Beddoe.



## Spion Kop Notes

THE boring machine is busy drilling a hole for water between the dining room and the boys' dormitory. This means more and better water for cooking, drinking and washing.

SEVERAL students have been inconvenienced by attacks of influenza, though we are glad to report that there have been no serious cases, and the epidemic seems to have about run its course.

RECENT visitors to Spion Kop have been Pastor I. B. Burton and Brother Claude Tarr, who came in the interests of the Zulu Mission, Pastor B. E. Beddoe, Brethren F. E. Thompson, G. S. Joseph, A. F. Tarr, J. R. Campbell and Mrs. A. P. Tarr.

The Young People's Society for this year has been organised under the leadership of John Raubenheimer, with Alice Armer as secretary. The meetings are held every alternative Sabbath. The first meetings are indicative of a good wide awake society.

The teachers and students have unanimously responded to the Big Week plan. All the teachers have pledged a day's salary, and all the students who so desire will work on the Wednesday of the Big Week, giving the proceeds to the fund. A few will probably spend some time selling our books.

A PASTORAL training class of six young people who are preparing themselves for the ministry and Bible work is being conducted this year. They meet twice a week in Afrikaans and twice in English. So far they have been studying "Early Writings," and "Gospel Workers" as the basis of their work.

THE editorial office of the Sentinel and Wachter is located in one of the mission huts. The walls have been freshly whitewashed, and the floors smeared. The office is efficiently, but crudely equipped with paraffine boxes, packing cases, and shelves for books; also with two tables formerly used in the mission school room.

The largest classes in the school are those in Old Testament History, in which thirty-five in standards eight and nine are united, and the class in the study of the Testimonies, which has a membership of twenty-six. This latter class is greatly handicapped by the lack of sets of the Testimonies sufficient for so many. If any of the readers of the Outlook would be pleased to present the school with a set of these volumes, they could be used to great advantage.

The membership of the Sabbath school is over a hundred, with fourteen classes. The officers are as follows: Superintendent. V. R. Cooks; Assistant, Cornelius Marais; Secretary, Ida Honey; Assistant, Ernest Branson. The weekly offerings average about £2-0-0. Nearly £19-0-0 was given on 13th Sabbath. April 1, the school was favoured by the presence of Mrs. A. P. Tarr. There was an almost unanimous response to her appeal for a daily study of the Sabbath school lesson.

#### ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

P. O. Boz 573, Bulawayo, Rhodesia

## What is Being Done at Rusangu

(Concluded)

We have just passed through an interesting experience here which shows the devotion of our students to this cause, and to their own people. On March 2, school was closed for a three weeks' vacation, but very few of the boys showed any inclination to leave the mission. A talk was given, reminding them of the awful condition of their people, and their great need of the gospel, urging them to go out and spend the time in going from village to village and teaching the people, or to go home and spend the time in trying to help weir own parents and friends. They prepared to depart, not for a vacation, but to do their duty. Many of them requested hymn books and Bibles with which to work.

On their return their reports would have stirred a heart of stone. Our head teacher visited his old father who has long held out against Christianity, and he with his family now want to become Christians. They pleaded with the son to stay and help them, and he is going back to hold an effort in their village in the near future. Four boys formed a company and visited fifty-one villages. They held meetings in each village. Two other young men visited forty-two villages, sowing the seed of the kingdom. The writer passed through one of these a few days after their visit, and he found some of the people, including the head man of the village, stirred by the earnestness of these young men.

These are only a few of the many interesting reports that were given. As a result of this activity, an awful wail, like a cry out of the night, has reached us from villages all about, and this mission is all astir getting ready to go out to their help. May the time soon come when throughout this needy field earnest Christians will be living out this message in their lives, and proclaiming the glad news of a soon coming Saviour.

W. W. Walker.

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## North Rhodesia

The members of the North Rhodesia Committee recently met at the Rusangu Mission. This was the first session of this committee. Among those present were Pastor J. V. Wilson, superintendent of the field, W. W. Walker, S. M. Konigmacher, H. J. Hurlow and G. L. Willmore. Brother J. E. Symons and the writer were present, representing the Zambesi Union Executive Committee. All parts of the North Rhodesia Field were represented.

Brother Hurlow, from our newest mission station in far off North-east Rhodesia, had walked 325 miles to the nearest railway station in order to attend the

Brother and Sister Willmore, who are meeting. labouring in the Caprivi Strip on the Upper Zambesi, brough a cheery report of the work in that country.

The workers have returned to their respective fields of labour determined that a rich harvest of souls will

be gained this year.

The committee, in harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference Committee (African Division), decided to operate the work at Musofu. Congo Border, and the Upper Zambesi, as out-stations, thus releasing workers and funds for the unworked territories in our union. The boarding school at Musofu will be discontinued. A day school only will be operated on that station, and the energies of the European workers, which formerly were devoted to the routine duties of the main station, will now be directed towards the evangelistic and out-school work.

Rusangu Mission will be built up as a strong main station, its school becoming responsible for the education of the most promising students who in the ordinary course of events would be taught in the boarding schools of the mission stations, which now have become out-stations.

All the European workers in the North Rhodesia Field have fallen into line with the Big Day-Big Week plan, and where the isolated ones are unable to spend the time in the field selling our books, they have not only consented to donate one day's pay to the Publishing House Fund, but have willingly agreed that a minimum of £1-0-0 be deducted from their salary.

Before the workers left for their fields of labour, we all gathered together for the celebration of the Ordinances. This was a blessed occasion.

Pray for the work and workers in the North Rhodesia Field. E. M. HOWARD.



## Zambesi Union Mission Notes

PASTOR F. R. STOCKIL has just made a tour through the South Rhodesia Mission Field.

THE work in the Congo is steadily progressing. Three more boys have taken their stand for the truth.

PASTOR and Mrs. J. V. Wilson are now settled in Lusaka. Their address is P.O. Lusaka, North Rhodesia.

PASTOR G. ELLINGWORTH has lately been a visitor in Bulawayo. On his way here he was detained at Chinde on account of a cyclone.

Among the many matters recently considered by the Zambesi Union Committee, was the name of the Rhodesian Religious Literature Depot. This has now been changed to the Zambesi Book Room.

BROTHER LE BUTT made his first delivery in Bulawayo a short time ago, and delivered all his books with the exception of one which he has to deliver next month. Sister le Butt is busy scattering Autumn Leaves in this town.

BRETHREN HOWARD AND SYMONS recently attended the North Rhodesia Committee meeting which was held at the Rusangu Mission. They are now making a trip up the Zambesi River to the Upper Zambesi Mission station.

BROTHER AND SISTER W. S. SMITH of the Somabula Mission are spending a little time in Bulawayo on their return from furlough. Soon after arriving in this city, their little girl of three and a half years underwent an operation. She is progessing slowly.

#### SO. AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

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Constitution and Bye-laws of the South African Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as Substituted at the Special Session, Held at Bloemfontein, January 23-30, 1922

#### ARTICLE I.

Name

This organisation shall be known as the South African Union Conterence of Seventh-day Adventists.

## ARTICLE II.

Object

The object of this conference is to carry the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to all people within its territory, and to assist in spreading the truth to all nations of the world.

#### ARTICLE III.

Territory

The territory of this Union Conference shall consist of the Natal-Transvaal, Orange Free State, and Cape Conferences, Bechuanaland, Transvaal, Zulu, Basuto, and Kafirland Mission Fields, and any other such conferences or mission fields as may be formed within its territory or assigned to it by the African Divisional section of the General Conterence Committee.

#### ARTICLE IV.

Membership

Section 1. The membership of this Union Conference shall consist of such local conferences and mission fields as have been, or shall be, properly organised, and accepted by vote of the Union Conference.

Sec. 2. The voters of this conference shall be:

(a) Delegates at large.

(b) Regular delegates.
Sec. 3. Deelgates at large shall be:
(a) Members of the Union Conference Executive Committee, members of the local mission field committees, and such members of the General Conference Executive Committee as may be

present at any session of the conference.

(b) The secretary and the treasurer of the Union Conference. (c) Such other persons as may be granted delegates' credentials by a two-thirds vote of the executive committee, and accepted

by the delegates in session.

Sec. 4. Regular delegates may be such persons as are duly accredited by the respective committees of the local conferences and local mission fields comprising the Union Conference. Each local conference shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for each fifty or major fraction thereof of its membership. Each local mission field shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to num-bers, one for the first one hundred of its church membership, one for the next three hundred, one for the next five hundred, after which one for every additional thousand members.

## ARTICLE V.

#### Executive Committee

An executive committee, consisting of the president, the secretary, the treasurer and departmental secretaries of the Union; the presidents of local conferences, and superintendents of mission fields, shall have the responsibility of carrying forward the work of this Union Conference between sessions.

#### ARTICLE VI.

Officers and Their Duties.

Section 1. The officers of this conference shall be a president, a secretary, a treasurer, and an auditor, who shall be elected by the conference is session.

Sec. 2. President: The duties of the president shall be to preside at all sessions of the conference, to act as chariman of the executive committee, and labour in the general interests

of the conference as the executive committee may advise.

Sec. 3. Secretary: It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the minutes of the proceedings of the conference sessions and of the committee meetings, and to collect such statistics and other facts as may be desired by the president or the executive committee, and to perform such other duties as usually

pertain to this office.

Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all funds and to disburse them by order of the president in counsel with the executive committee, and to render such financial statements at regular intervals as may be desired by the conference or the executive committee.

Sec. 5. Auditor: It shall be the duty of the auditor of this Union Conference to audit all books of the local conferences, mission fields, and institutions under Union Conferece management, at such times as may be arranged by the executive committee, or as may be deemed advisable for the safety of the work. Upon his failure to do so, an auditor may be appointed by the executive committee.

Sec. 6. Election of Officers: All officers of the conference shall be chosen by the delegates at the regular biennial sessions of the Union Conference, and shall hold office for a period of two years, or until their successors are elected and appear to

enter upon their duties.

#### ARTICLE VII.

#### Departments, Boards, Trustees, and Agents.

Section 1. This conference may create such departments and boards, appoint such trustees, employ such ministers, missionaries, secretaries and agents, and may make such distribu-tions of its labourers as may be necessary to effectively execute its work.

Sec. 2. All real estate or landed property for this Union Conference shall be held by "The Seventh-day Adventist Community of Africa, (Inc.)" in trust.

Sec. 3. Secretaries of departments such as Educational, Mcal, Religious Liberty, Home Missionary, Young People's Missionary Volunteer and Publishing, also members of boards and trustees, shall be elected by the voters of the conference at any regularly called session. The conference shall also grant credentials or licenses to its European ministers and missionaries

#### ARTICLE VIII.

#### Sessions.

Section 1. This conference shall hold regular sessions at intervals of two years, at such date and place as the executive committee shall designate by a notice published in the official organ of the African Division at least four weeks before the date of the session.

Sec. 2. The executive committee may call extra sessions at such times and places as it deems proper, by a like notice, and the transactions of such sessions shall be equally valid with those of the regular sessions.

#### ARTICLE IX.

#### Bye-laws

The voters of the conference may enact bye-laws or amend or repeal them at any session thereof, and such bye-laws may embrace any provision not inconsistent with the constitution.

#### ARTICLE X.

#### Amendments.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at any session and voting, provided that, if it is proposed to amend the constitution at a special session. notice of such purpose shall be given in the call for such special sessions.

### **Bye-Laws**

#### ARTICLE I.

## $Temporary \ Committees$

Previous to each session of the conference the executive committee shall provide such temporary committees as may be necessary to conduct the preliminary work of the conference.

#### ARTICLE II.

#### Executive Committee.

Section 1. During intervals between sessions of the conference the executive committee shall have full administrative power with authority to grant and withdraw credentials, and to fill for the term, any vacancies that may occur in its offices, boards, committees, or agents by death, resignation, or otherwise, except in such cases where other provisions for filling such vacancies shall be made by vote of the South African Union Conference. The withdrawal of credentials or filling of vacancies on the executive committee shall require the consent of a majority of the members of the executive committee.

Sec. 2. Any five members of the executive committee, including the president, shall be empowered to transact such executive business as is in harmony with the general plans outlined by the committee, but the concurrence of three members shall be necessary to pass any measure.

Sec. 3. Meetings of the executive committee may be called at any time or place by the president, or such meetings may be called by the secretary in the absence of the president upon the written request of any five members of the committee.

#### ARTICLE III.

#### Finance.

Section 1. This conference shall receive a tithe of the tithe of its local conferences, and shall pay over to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (African Division) a tithe of its tithe, together with all the tithe paid to it from the mission fields, as also all mission offerings. Sec. 2. The executive committee is authorised to call for such

special donations as may be necessary to properly prosecute its work.

Sec. 3. The conference may receive offerings, legacies, bequests and donations devoted to the furtherance of the work:

### ARTICLE IV.

#### Audits.

Section 1. The executive committee shall have the accounts of the conference and of its several departments audited at least once each calendar year, and shall report upon the same to the South African Union Conference at its regular sessions.

Sec. 2. The executive committee shall appoint annually seven (7) persons one of which shall represent the General Conference, who shall constitute a board for auditing and settling all accounts against the South African Union Conference.

#### ARTICLE V.

#### Local Mission Fields

Section 1. The Union Conference in its sessions shall elect for each local mission field within its territory a superintendent, a secretary, and treasurer; and the Union Committee shall appoint an executive committee for each local mission field, not to exceed five members, of which the local mission field superintendent shall be a member.

Sec. 2. The Local Superintendent: the local superintendent shall act as chairman of the local mission committee, and labour in the general interests of the mission, in counsel with the

committee.

Sec. 3. The Union Conference Committee shall appoint the directors of all main mission stations in the territory of the local mission fields, and such directors shall have charge of the details of the work in the respective stations, under the supervision of the local committee.

Sec. 4. Secretary: It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the minutes of all meetings of the mission committee, and to collect such data as may be required by the superintendent, or by the local or Union committees, and to perform such other duties as usually pertain to said office.

Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the treasurer to Sec. 5. receive all funds, to disburse them by order of the superintendent as the mission committee may direct, and to render such financial statements at regular intervals as may be desired by the

superintendent, or by the local or union committee.

Sec. 6. The executive committees of the respective local mission fields shall have the oversight of all work within their territories. They shall have the right to organise churches, establish and operate mission echools, appoint agents, grant and withdraw licenses to native workers, and to carry on such other lines of work as may be for the interest and welfare of the mission. A special form shall be used in granting credentials to native workers.

#### ARTICLE VI.

#### Finance of Local Mission Fields.

Section 1. Funds: The funds of each local mission shall be: (a) Appropriations from the Union Conference.

(b) Money raised in the field for specific objects.

(c) Tithes from all native churches in the local mission fields. Sec. 2. The local mission field shall receive tithes and offerings from its respective church members and believers.

Sec. 3. The treasurer of the local mission field shall render such reports and statements to the treasurer of the Union Con-

ference as may be required.

Sec. 4. The local mission committee shall annually submit to the executive committee of the Union Conference an estimate of its operating expenses and probable receipts for the ensuing year.

Sec. 5. All labourers working under the direction of the local mission committee shall be paid from the treasury of the

mission.

Sec. 6. The local mission committee, acting with a representative of the Union Conference, shall audit annually the time and expense of its native workers, and set their wage for the ensuing year.

ensuing year.

Sec. 7. New Mission Stations: New mission stations shall be started by the mission committee only upon the advice and counsel of the Union Conference Committee and the African

Division Committee.

Sec. 8. Pastors, elders, and leaders of all native churches within the territory of the local mission field shall be appointed

by the local mission executive committee.

Sec. 9. Native Ministers: Native ordained ministers shall have right to baptise, providing they have the approval of the mission committee regarding such candidates, and to administer the ordinances of the church to their own people; but they shall in no case take precedence over the European church elder, though he be not ordained to the ministry. Licensed preachers are licensed to preach, but may not administer the ordinances of the church or baptise. The Union Committee is recognised as the standing committee on ordination.

Sec. 10. All mission stations and all labourers within the territory of this local mission field shall be under the direction

of the executive committee.

## AFRICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE

Office Address: Rosmead Ave., Kenilworth, C.P.

On Board the Aquitania, February 23, 1922.

To OUR FRIENDS IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Four weeks ago tomorrow we set sail in the "Edinburgh Castle" for England. We had a very pleasant voyage and enjoyed the change and rest it afforded. The weather was fine most of the way, and the crowd congenial. We had one or two rather rough days, but were able to keep our heads up and enjoy our meals.

We spent four days at Stanborough Park, Watford, where we were kindly entertained at the College. We did not find the weather in England so cold as we had expected. In the country places plowing had already been commenced. The weather was dull and rainy

most of the time we were there.

On February 12 we embarked on the "Aquitania" to continue our journey to the States. We have been five days on the water, and it has been rough and stormy all the way. It is much calmer today. This ship usually makes the trip in six days, but it will take a day longer this time because of the unfavourable weather. Most of the passengers, ourselves included, have suffered more or less from seasickness; though we have not been seriously affected, and the children hardly at ail.

The "Aquitania" is a 47,000 ton ship, being 901 feet long, 97 feet wide and 92 feet deep, and providing accommodation for 3,250 passengers and nearly 1,000 crew. The cabins are large and comfortable, and the spacious dining rooms, drawing rooms, and lounges are luxuriously furnished, making travel on the great deep as pleasant and comfortable as possible.

We often think of our friends and fellow workers in

Africa, even while looking forward to meeting dear ones and friends in the homeland. And though absent for a time in the flesh still our interest and prayers will be with the work in the Dark Continent, which we trust will soon be lightened by the glory of the Lord.

Pastor and Mrs. W. E. Straw.

## NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

Stranack Street, Maritzburg, Natal

## **Standerton Camp-meeting**

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

A canvassers' institute was held a few days before the conference under the able and experienced directions of Brother G. C. Jenks, and Brother G. S. Joseph. A strong company of colporteurs took advantage of this institute and received much good from the instruction given.

#### THE CONFERENCE

About 150 delegates and visitors assembled at the opening meeting of the conference on Tuesday, January 31, when Pastor J. J. Birkenstock presented his address.

The camp was situated in a nice central locality; the use of the ground was kindly given by the municipal authorities free of charge. Light and water were laid on and everything was done to make our stay in the town a pleasant one. We appreciated this consideration very much.

The devotional meetings and Bible studies were much appreciated, and the instruction received from Pastors W. H. Branson and B. E. Beddoe, and other ministers on various lines of Christian experience, was most helpful.

Pastor J. C. Rogers had charge of the young people, and many good meetings were held in the Parish Hall.

Preaching services were held in the large gospel tent each evening (English and Dutch alternately). There was a large audience at each meeting in spite of the rainy weather prevailing. Many of the people of Standerton and the district around attended these meetings, and followed the preaching with keen interest. Inspiring addresses were given by Pastors W. H. Branson, B. E. Beddoe and M. W. Carey in English, and Pastors J. J. Birkenstock and S. G. Hiten in Dutch. Pastor W. H. Branson preached an inspiring sermon on Friday evening, February 3, at the conclusion of which the entire congregation went forward to the call for consecration. The services on Sabbath were a great blessing and fitting conclusion to several days of spiritual uplifting.

Our report would not be complete without a word of appreciation to Sister Bender and her willing helpers for the efficient manner in which the catering department was carried on. The meals were provided on the cafeteria plan, and the good food provided

was much appréciated.

The leading citizens were invited to luncheon on Wednesday, February 1, when Sister Bender placed before them an excellent vegetarian menu. They appreciated this opportunity of becoming acquainted with the non-flesh diet which is gaining favour in many countries.

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#### General News Notes

WE are very glad to hear that Brother Hodgson is improving nicely after his severe accident.

PASTOR B. E. BEDDOE, and Brother F. E. Thompson arrived home last week, after making quite an extensive trip through the Union.

ELDER McNav and Brother A. Priest have recently returned to the Cape. They have made a very profitable tour through the Cape Conference territory.

BROTHER FLOXD TARR, who has been carrying heavy detail work for the past year, is now taking a well earned holiday visiting friends in the Free State.

BROTHER A. V. WARD has accepted an invitation from the Kafirland Mission Field to take up evangelistic work in the native location at Maitland, Cape.

Dr. Kretchmar, who has been making a study of the field preparatory to taking up permanent work, is at the Cape arranging to take his family to his new field of labour.

BROTHER G. C. Jenks, we are sorry to report, has met with quite a serious accident. He was on his motorcycle and collided with a cart. We are glad to know that he is getting on very well and hope he will soon be enjoying his usual health.

RECENT mail brings word from Elders W. H. Branson, J. J. Birkenstock and Mr. W. B. Commin. They had reached England after a pleasant voyage. By now they are in America on their way to San Francisco. Soon after our readers receive this number of the OUTLOOK the General Conference session will open. The opening date is set for May 11 at 8:00 P. M.

The following paragraph is quoted from a letter recently written by Elder W. S. Hyatt, from Taungs: "My native helpers tell me that since Elder Anderson began his work here last September there are over thirty who have begun to keep the Sabbath in this vicinity. Some ten or twelve have begun to do so since our last effort started. Truly God is blessing this kind of work."

ALL will be interested to know that the evangelistic effort which is being held in Port Elizabeth under the leadership of Elder J. W. MacNeil is meeting with much success. The meetings are being held every evening, excepting Saturday, at the Opera House, and commenced Sunday night, April 16. Song services are conducted by Brother W. H. Hurlow previous to each lecture. The meetings are well advertised, and the attendance is exceptionally good. We wish Elder MacNeil and his band of workers a rich harvest of souls as a result of this effort.

WE know that our readers will be interested to read the following paragraph from a letter recently received from Brother G. S. Joseph: "We have lately organised a class of twelve young men at the Spion Kop College who are planning to earn scholarships during the next vacation. Brother W. Mason has been appointed class leader, and will, I am sure, give strong help and encouragement to the younger members who have not yet had any experience in the canvassing work. I expect to keep in touch with the class right along and visit them once in a while as I have opportunity, and then about a month before the vacation we will hold an institute with them. A number of these brethren are going out during the Big Week, and we will look for some good reports from them."

## Wanted

To correspond with masseur, or young man who wishes to learn how to give our treatments. Address: Mrs. E. M. Armer, Health Institute, East London, C. P.

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## Address Wanted

The Durban church kindly and urgently requests anyone knowing the whereabouts of Sister Donoghue, member of the above mentioned church, to communicate with Mr. A. Ingle, 11 Brickhill Road, Durban, Natal, giving the desired information.

## Cape Sanitarium Notes

Doctor and Mrs. Reith are already in love with South Africa, and are beginning to feel quite at home among us.

DOCTOR VILJOEN, Director of Education of the Cape Province, was a guest at the Sanitarium over the Easter holidays.

Mrs. Baumann of Sweetwaters, Natal, arrived on the 14th of April, for a few weeks' rest and treatment.

BROTHER B. J. BILLES has purchased a home across from the Sanitarium, and has recently moved his family into it.

MISS NETTIE DOUGLAS, who recently came to us from Germiston, is in charge of the business office.

SISTER M. A. SHAFER, of Wellington, is assisting in the kitchen.

WE are pleased to have with us Mrs. Wolff and her daughter Vera of Victoria West, C. P. Mr. Wolff spent a few days here recently.

It is a pleasure to have with us Mrs. P. J. D. Wessels of Sodendal, C. P., one of the pioneers of our work in Africa. Sister Wessels has been quite ill, but is now improving.

THE Sanitarium is enjoying a very good patronage for this season of the year. We are welcoming many old patients, all of whom express their appreciation of the alterations and improvements in the buildings.

The Missionary Volunteer Society of the Claremont Church meets every Sabbath afternoon in the Sanitarium chapel. Miss Florence Hansen is leader, and Miss Alvina Sparrow, secretary. We have some excellent meetings.

Brother Marter has been hard at work upon the electrical machines in the doctor's office, several of which were out of repair. They are now nearly all in working order and are found valuable aids in the teatment of disease

Miss L. Southgate of Newlands, C. P., has joined our nursing forces lately. Miss Southgate enters the second year class, having had previous training in British hospitals. She is a certificated masseuse from Guy's Hospital, London.

EVERY Monday morning at six o'clock the student nurses and other interested persons gather in the chapel for a Bible class. Our studies are on Bible doctrines, with a view to preparing the students for the Standard of Attainment examinations.

OUR Freshman Nurses' Class consists of Misses Elsie Marais of Potchefstroom, Transvaal, Emmie Jeffrey of Port Elizabeth, C. P., Irene Honey of Border, C. P., and Louisa Marais of Lady Grey, C. P. Miss Alice Armer, who was with us for a short time, decided to continue her studies at Spion Kop, and Miss Eybers and Miss Slabbert of Aberdeen, C. P., were called home by the illness of their mother. The four young ladies first mentioned are now in uniform and are entering upon their work with energy and enthusiasm.

O, K. Butler,