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

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WHY HAVE A SANITARIUM?

NOTE.—This article is a condensation of two papers; one by Dr. D. H. Kress, the other by Elder J. H. Burden.

THE Gospel of Health is an integral part of the third angel's message. It has been referred to in the "Testimonies" as "the right arm of the message;" and, also, as the "entering wedge." It comprises the special light given to us as a people in regard to the treatment of disease by nature's remedies, and in health reform. These principles when rightly used and taught will open the hearts of individuals, who would not otherwise hear, to the message.

We need to realise to a fuller extent the importance of living up to the laws of the Gospel of Health. In this connection, note carefully the following: "True religion and the laws of health go hand in hand. It is impossible to work for the salvation of men and women without presenting to them the need of breaking away from sinful gratifications which destroy health, debase the soul, and prevent divine truth from impressing the mind."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VII, p. 137.

In heralding this message to the world, sanitariums have played, and are playing, an important part. The demand for these institutions of health is increasing, and new ones are established each year. The question is frequently heard, "Why is not prayer offered for the miraculous healing of the sick, instead of so many sanitariums being established?" Let the "Testimonies" answer: "The way in which Christ worked was to preach the Word and to relieve suffering by miraculous healing. But I am instructed that we can not now work in this way, for Satan will exercise his power by working miracles. God's servants today could not work by means of miracles, because spurious works of healing, claimed to be divine, will be wrought. For this reason, the Lord has marked out a way in which His

people are to carry forward a work of physical healing, combined with the teaching of the Word."

"Sanitariums are to be established, and with these institutions are to be connected workers who will carry forward genuine medical missionary work. . . . These institutions are to be established outside the cities and in them educational work is to be intelligently carried forward."—*Mrs. White, Special Testimonies*.

"Let no one listen to the suggestion that we can exercise faith and have all our infirmities removed, and that there is therefore no need of institutions for the recovery of health. Since the Lord is coming soon, act decidedly to increase facilities that a great work may be done in a short time."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VI, p. 441.

"For many years light has been given that sanitariums should be established near every large city."—*Special Testimony, August, 1905*.

Thus sanitariums have been ordained of God to have a part in the last work for mankind. This part of the work needs the fullest support of every church member. Now, "if the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." Let every believer rally to the support of our sanitarium in Africa for it is the Lord's work.
ARTHUR H. KRETCHMAR, M. D.

The Blessing of Service

SWEET the mission of Jesus,
To bind up the broken hearts;
Creation rings with the joy it brings,
And the gloom of earth departs.

Peace to the troubled spirit,
Comfort and cheer to the soul;
This stormy old earth with its borrowed mirth
Can no lasting joy control.

Jesus, the light of the world,
Can brighten our path below,
Help us to bear earth's sorrow and care,
Looking to Him as we go.

He, the sweet balm in Gilead,
The solace for human woe;
The world cannot share a treasure so fair,
Our Friend and Saviour to know.

Look in the world about you
For some good that you might do,
'Twill add full measure to all your pleasure,
And make you more happy, too.
—Mrs. M. K. Emerson.

"We should ever remember that the object of the medical missionary work is to point sin-sick men and women to the Man of Calvary, who taketh away the sin of the world. By beholding Him, they will be changed into His likeness. We are to encourage the sick and suffering to look to Jesus and live."—*The Ministry of Healing*, page 144.

The March Sentinel

WITH the rapidly gathering clouds freighted with perplexity and trouble in Europe and the Near East, the minds of men are once more being made susceptible to a rational explanation of the meaning of these things. The coming year bids fair to be filled with ominous developments, and God has placed us as interpreters of the times to a perplexed and bewildered world.

The publishers of the *Sentinel* will endeavour to make the subjects that are attracting the world's attention a means of turning the minds of the readers to the sure word of prophecy. But we must depend upon the faithfulness and devoted interest of our church members to place these papers where they will be read. A special opportunity is now ahead of us for extending the influence of our message-filled paper. The March number is now being prepared, and will contain a number of timely articles that will attract attention.

Among the special features is an article dealing with "Turkey and the Near East in the Light of Prophecy."

The solemn events that are connected with the second coming of Christ are strikingly set forth in an article by Pastor Branson showing that "Some Now Living Will Never Die; Millions Now Living Will Die Twice."

If you know of people who are becoming interested in Christian Science, or who are feeling blue or discouraged because of affliction, you can do them no better service than to carry to them the message contained in the article, "Why I Believe in Sickness and Trouble."

One of the most frequently asked questions is "Why Does God Permit Sin and Evil?" This question is ably answered in an article by Pastor John MacNeil.

Beginning with the March number, a new department will be conducted headed "With Our Correspondents," in which questions asked the editor will be dealt with. Three questions will be answered in this issue.

The editorial comments on "What the World is Talking About," will deal with the great questions of the day. There are other short articles not mentioned here, all of which will make the March *Sentinel* an excellent number with which to work to secure subscriptions for another year.

D. E. ROBINSON.



"Sentinel" and "Wachter" Field Week March 4-10

As announced in the last issue of the *OUTLOOK*, March 4-10 is the time set to put forth special effort to increase the subscription list of the *Sentinel* and *Wachter*.

Inquiries for particulars regarding this campaign are already coming in to the *Sentinel* office, and to answer these queries through the columns of the *OUTLOOK* will probably be the most satisfactory.

During this campaign any of our people soliciting subscriptions will be recognised as our agents, and the usual commission is allowed for their efforts. On

each subscription to the *Sentinel*, let the agent send in 3/- to his church missionary secretary, and keep 2/- as his commission. On each *Wachter* subscription he may send in 1/6 and keep 1/- as his commission.

The publishers are offering thirteen months instead of twelve. This will make a good selling point, and should help in securing many new subscribers.

Some have asked whether subscriptions for six months should be taken. In a few cases, where it is found absolutely impossible to obtain a year's subscription, it is better to accept a half year's order than nothing. In such cases, no premium can be offered, and the agent's commission will be 50%.

Wherever subscriptions cannot be taken, an earnest effort should be made to sell a single copy. For this purpose each church should promptly place an order with their tract society for a sufficient supply.

This special week will bring to every church member an opportunity to render valuable assistance in helping to give a wider circulation to these papers, that are published for no other reason than to give the message to the world of the soon coming Saviour. Let every one do his part, for if *all* do something, even though it be to send in only two or three subscriptions, the results will be pleasing when the final report is published.

J. G. SLATE.



Well Done

Just to do the very best that lies in us each day;
Just to glean the sunbeams and toss the clouds away;
Just to keep on hoping though disappointments grow;
Just to let a healing smile follow the tear-drops' flow;
Just to be as loving as we can, and kind and true;
Just to keep to the golden rule in every thing we do;
Just to count the blessings with the ills of life;
And our heaven helped victories over sin and strife,—
Then as we onward journey toward life's setting sun,
Christ will wait to greet us with the praise, "Well done."
—Selected.



In Australia Once More

MANY times since our return to this land, we have decided to write a report to the *AFRICAN DIVISION OUTLOOK*, but up to the present our intentions have failed to materialise.

It is now six months since we landed in Sydney, after a most pleasant and enjoyable voyage of about one month's duration. We travelled on a splendid boat with a company of 1,392 people. It was a responsible privilege to be appointed the clergyman of the vessel all the way from Cape Town to Sydney, and we had many excellent opportunities of presenting certain lines of the truth to those who had never met our people nor heard the truth before.

Shortly after our return home, the quadrennial meeting of the Australasian Union Conference was held in Sydney, and we were able to attend the whole meeting, worker's institute included. It was a great privilege to meet again with brethren and sisters, many of whom we have known for as long as thirty years. Some we have laboured with in preaching the Word, and some accepted the truth under our labours.

So far our lantern lectures on "Africa, Its People,

Customs and Missions," wherever we have presented them, either to our own people or to others, have been very much appreciated. We only regret that we are not in a position to do greater justice to the subject, as all I have on these matters was obtained under difficulties and at much expense.

Family affairs have absorbed most of my time and attention since coming home; so much so that up to the present it has not been possible for us to accept any appointment in any one of our conferences to carry on aggressive work even though we have been earnestly requested to do so.

We hope in the near future to be so circumstanced that we can be clear from all other things, and give our whole time and attention to the work of God.

Looking at things as they exist in the world today, one needs not to be a prophet to be able to see that a few rapid moves among the nations of earth may hastily and quickly bring such a state of things about in the world that absolute chaos will be the result. The difficulties, under which we will have to finish the work God has given us to do, will greatly increase. We are anxious to be in the work, and at the work all the time till Jesus comes.

To the believers in Africa we send our warm Christian love.
C. A. AND M. E. PAAP,
Avondale, Cooranbong, New South Wales,
January 5, 1923. Australia.

SO. AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

J. W. MACNEIL, *President*, A. FLOYD TARR, *Secy.-Treas.*
OFFICE ADDRESS: Rosmead Avenue, Kenilworth, C. P.

An Important Campaign

IN accordance with the action of the Division Committee, March 4-10 has been set apart as the time for an intensive effort to place the *Sentinel* and *Wachter* in the homes of many of the people of South Africa.

As we look about us today our minds can go to the names of scores of people who have become interested in, or who were brought to a knowledge of this message through the reading of these papers. There is no other medium in all Africa that can reach so many people with a live up-to-date presentation of this message in a clear and forceful manner as can the *Sentinel* and *Wachter*. They appeal to all classes of readers, and help greatly in allaying prejudice against the message that we hold so dear.

While it is true that the *Sentinel* and *Wachter* are not the lowest priced missionary literature that we can use in spreading this message, yet we must remember that where this paper goes into the homes regularly every month, it will accomplish far more good than some spasmodic effort, or the occasional passing out of a tract or paper.

We believe that every conference worker throughout the Union, will give this campaign his hearty support, and that the great majority of our church members will count it a privilege to co-operate in securing subscriptions from their friends and neighbours.

Brother Joseph, who has charge of this campaign, will send out suggestive methods of carrying it to a successful issue, and we sincerely hope that all will so arrange their work that they can devote a major portion of their time to the campaign.

Kindly remember the date, March 4-10.

J. W. MACNEIL.



A Prayer

GIVE us Thy peace. Amid the wastes and shallows
Our frail ships fear the lure of treacherous tides.
Thy Word alone life's restless ocean hallows—
Only Thy love abides.

Give us Thy peace. The waves that have no pity
Rise mountain-high across the untravelled way;
And storm clouds loom between us and that city,
And that eternal day.

Give us Thy peace, Lord, not as passing strangers,
But as our Father's children on these deeps;
Our prayers arise, while, sharing all our dangers,
The Pilot never sleeps.

—Frank Walcott Hutt.

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE	
Our Standing on Missions Offerings Goals	
For the Year 1922	
EUROPEAN MEMBERSHIP	
Amount Due	5505 10 0
Amount Received	4569 3 10
Amount Short	<u>£936 6 2</u>
Average per week per member 2/1	

Mission Offerings From the S. A. Union Conf.
For Year Ending 31st December, 1922

	AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT REC.	AVERAGE PER MEM.	PER CENT OF QUOTA
Cape Conference	2476 10 0	1632 1 0	1s. 8.0d.	66.6%
Na ^a l-Tvl. "	2210 0 0	2405 13 3	2s. 9.0d.	110.0%
Orange Riv. "	819 0 0	531 9 7	1s. 7.5d.	65.0%
Total	£5505 10 0	4569 3 10	2s. 1.0d.	83.3%

Mission Offerings From the S. A. Union Conf.
For Year Ending 31st December, 1922

NAME OF FIELD	AMT. DUE	AMT. REC.	AMT. SHORT	AMT. OVER
Cape Conference:				
White	2476 10 0	1632 1 0	844 9 0	
Coloured	115 14 0	62 0 5	53 13 7	
Natal-Tvl. "	2210 0 0	2405 13 3		195 13 3
O. F. S. "	819 0 0	531 9 7	287 10 5	
Basuto M. F.	64 7 0	76 1 7		11 14 7
Bechuana "	6 10 0	61 18 9		55 8 9
Kafirland "	128 14 0	133 17 11		5 3 11
Transvaal "	46 16 0	125 10 9		78 14 9
Zululand "	58 10 0	71 16 1		13 6 1
Totals	£5926 1 0	5100 9 4	1185 13 0	360 1 4

"SENTINEL" AND "WACHTER" CAMPAIGN WEEK, MARCH 4-10
RE YOU READY AND WILLING TO DO YOUR PART?

NATAL-TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE

W. S. HYATT, *President*, A. A. PITT, *Secy.-Treas.*
8 Stranack Street, Maritzburg, Natal

Dedication of the Durban Church

On January 11 this item appeared in the *Natal Mercury*:

"The new Seventh-day Adventist church in Keits Avenue will be dedicated at the 11 o'clock service next Saturday. Pastor W. S. Hyatt, president of the Natal-Transvaal Conference, will officiate."

It was a happy congregation of about one hundred that assembled for this service, in our clean and newly-furnished building, to be formally set apart to its holy purpose. Pastor Hyatt spoke on "God's Memorials," tracing throughout Bible history various sacred memorials. At the close of the sermon Pastor I. J. Hankins offered the prayer of dedication.

Pastor and Mrs. Hankins have done faithful work in first drawing plans as a basis for the architects, and as members of the building committee. What might be termed the "hard slogging" in carrying out the work was done by Brethren E. W. Ingle and A. N. Ingle, acting respectively as chairman and treasurer of the committee. They were assisted by others.

A number of liberal gifts for furnishings and for a fine new organ has enabled the treasurer to hand in a statement which makes the lifting of the comparatively small debt an easy task for the united efforts of our loyal members. The total cost of the furnished church, including the lot at £500, is approximately £2,150.

The location, while not exactly central, is convenient to trams and yet free from their noise, which was very annoying at the Florida Road site. The new church is easily found, being close to Brother Blaine's Health Institute.

Our congregation was pleased to have Pastor T. M. French here for a few services during dedication week. Definite plans were put into operation for opening a church school in the rooms at the rear of the church as soon as a teacher is available.

Now we are looking forward to the long-promised Durban effort, which we hope will completely fill up the new church, and more. It is a matter of regret that we are losing about fourteen active members shortly by removal to various parts. Pastor and Mrs. I. J. Hankins, Dr. Hankins and family, Brother Hertogs and family, and Brother and Sister Morton will be greatly missed here.

J. C. ROGERS.

CAPE CONFERENCE

G. R. E. McNAY, *President*, F. MACDONALD, *Secy.-Treas.*
OFFICE ADDRESS: 56 Roeland Street, Cape Town

An Opportunity For Service

MARCH 4-10 has been set aside as a special week during which our believers throughout Africa are asked to engage in a special campaign to increase the circulation of the *Sentinel* and *Wachter* among the people of Africa.

Big weeks and campaigns are no longer a novelty to our people and need little explanation; however, it may be that some have not even yet had the privilege of engaging definitely in a big week campaign of this character, and it is hoped that such will make a special effort, beginning the very first part of the period appointed, to go out and do something for the Master.

The *Sentinel* and *Wachter* need no introduction to our people, and in fact they are well known even among those not of our faith. Many who are now rejoicing in the hope of present truth are living testimonies to the value of these two pioneer papers in reaching all classes in South Africa. A single subscription may be used of God in bringing a whole family into the truth, and this family in turn, by letting its light shine, may be used of God in perpetuating the work thus begun by these silent messengers.

If the task before us was that of furnishing the articles for the *Sentinel*, printing the papers, and all the rest of the routine requiring a mind trained along certain channels, we would expect that some would hesitate to attempt the task; but in this case everything is prepared and right at our hand. Powerful messages spreading over a period of twelve months will be borne to those who subscribe for these papers. While we each may not be capable of preaching such sermons personally, we everyone can have a part in causing our neighbours and friends to hear this message presented in an attractive form in these periodicals. The hope is that every member will devote some definite part of each day in this field week to going along to his or her friends and asking them to subscribe for these good papers.

The price of the *Sentinel* is 5/- per year and the *Wachter* 2/6 per year. Those receiving the subscription price of 5/- for the *Sentinel* may retain 2/- of this amount, sending 3/- to the Cape Tract Society, 56 Roeland Street, Cape Town, with the name and address of the person subscribing written clearly and distinctly. The commission on the *Wachter* is 1/-; thus 1/6 should be sent to the office with the name and address of the subscriber and 1/- retained by the person securing the subscription. If a subscription is secured, a sample copy may be left with the subscriber, free of charge, and he or she should be informed that their subscription will commence with the following month's issue.

Please be very careful to have all names and addresses clearly and distinctly written, as it is most disappointing and discouraging to our friends to pay for papers and then never to receive them. It looks very unfavourable for our work and brings reproach upon the cause. Heretofore some have either failed to send in the names or have sent them in so incorrectly that the papers in some instances have been sent to wrong parties or addresses, while the one paying for the paper has wondered why he has not received the same, and has even questioned the honesty of the person receiving the subscription.

In order to make his field week a real success, each one should definitely place an order for the number of papers you desire to use during the week. These papers cost 3d. and may be sold for 6d. thus giving a profit to the one engaging in the work. Subscriptions will be much more easily procured if sample copies can

be taken along to show those on whom we call. It has been arranged for a few sample copies to be sent to each church, for which no charge will be made, though there will not be enough to fully supply the church for this campaign, and any orders in excess of this free allotment will of course be charged for. Each church may order a supply equivalent to one-third of its church members, these to be supplied free of cost. We shall look forward to encouraging reports from each church.

It is hoped that the elders and leaders in each church will place this matter definitely before those in their charge, and have the order sent to the Cape Tract Society at a very early date so that none will be disappointed by not receiving these papers in time to begin work. It would be well also for the elders and leaders in the various places to call the church together in order to counsel over the matter and lay definite plans for making this work a real success.

Now, at the very beginning of the year, is the time for us to make a start on our campaign work, and with a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together, begin the year in a strong way.

G. R. E. McNAY.



Langkloof Church

BROTHER VAN EEDEN left here last week after having spent considerable time with us.

There are sweet remembrances connected with his stay among us, for we have received great blessings from the Lord. We feel His presence with us as never before. May our trust in God be strengthened, and may He grant us strength that we may be found overcomers.

Brethren, we request your prayers for the Langkloof church.

G. J. KRITZINGER.



Bethel Summer School

IN "Counsels to Teachers," page 46, is found the following statement: "There is no work more important than the education of our youth." In view of this, how important it is to have well-qualified teachers to carry on this line of work.

A summer session for native teachers was held at Bethel Training School from December 14 to January 15. There were fourteen teachers in attendance, representing four mission fields. Although there were many perplexities and inconveniences to meet, everyone showed a willingness to study and to work.

The teachers were given practical instruction in Bible Doctrines, Physiology, Oral Bible and Nature, Christian Education and reviews in Arithmetic and Geography.

We were glad to have Brother F. E. Thompson with us the last part of the session, as he gave valuable and timely instruction. We trust that as a result of the summer school, the work of the teachers may be more efficient, and that souls may be saved as the result of their labours.

H. G. PATCHETT.



"LIGHT obeyed increaseth light.
Light rejected bringeth night."

ORANGE FREE STATE CONFERENCE

J. N. DE BEER, *President*,

D. A. WEBSTER, *Secy.-Treas.*

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A Chance to Spread the Message

THE subscription lists of the *Sentinel* and the *Wachter* are getting very small, and, at a recent meeting of the Union Conference Committee, it was felt that it was high time that an effort should again be put forth to increase the circulation of these good papers. It was therefore decided that we launch a week's campaign for this purpose. The time decided on is March 4-10.

I am sure it would be unnecessary for me to occupy much space in order to convince you of the good work these silent messengers are doing in the homes of the people in Africa. As I travel through the field from time to time, I find that these papers are being read, and many are becoming interested in the message of God for this time. I am sure that in the near future we will reap a rich harvest of souls as the result of the efforts made to place these magazines in the homes of the people.

Now, brethren and sisters in the Orange River Conference, the Lord has given to every one of you some part in the giving of His last message of mercy to a dying world, and He is counting on you. May I count on every one of you taking hold unitedly in the *Wachter* and *Sentinel* campaign, securing as many subscriptions for these magazines as possible, but setting an individual goal of not less than three subscriptions?

In the last campaign for these periodicals our people took hold very nobly, and, I believe that you will do it again. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power." Psalm 110:3.

A supply of papers will be sent to all our churches in good time, thus avoiding delay in waiting for the papers when the time comes for the campaign.

J. N. DE BEER.



Notice

WE have a large stock of Dutch pamphlets and tracts, which we are prepared to sell at a very low rate. These are just what you require for your friends and neighbours. By distributing these papers you will be engaged in Home Missionary work of the highest order.

We also have a good supply of "Bible Truth Series" tracts in English. There are fifty-three in a set, and these take up practically all points of truth. If you wish to be more capable of giving "a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear," then you should have a supply of these wonderfully prepared tracts. They sell at 1/6 per set, post paid, to any address in the Orange River Conference.

A new supply of "Morning Watch" calendars for 1923 will be in stock in about three weeks' time. They are selling like hot cakes, so send your orders early.

Splendid "Bible Studies" from Australia selling at 2/-, post paid. "Marked Bible," new illustrated edition, now included in "World Crisis Series," at 1/6, post paid.

Large stock of English and Dutch "Present Truth."
Prices on application.

We still have a large number of December *Sentinels*.
A supply will be dispatched to you on receipt of your
order, with cash.

O. F. S. TRACT SOCIETY.



"WHY should the sons and daughters of God be
reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hand
of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are trea-
sured the boundless resources of Omnipotence?"—
Mrs. E. G. White.



Report of Literature Sales for December

Natal-Transvaal

NAME	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL
<i>Great Controversy.</i>					
Miss W. Bews	81	25	31 3 6	4 14 6	35 18 0
S. J. Fourie	27	8	9 18 6	13 6	10 12 0
Mrs. Robinson	125	60	76 15 6	8 19 6	85 15 0
Miss W. Tickton	106½	31	35 5 6	11 0 6	46 6 0
<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
V. Gibson	53	70	89 12 6		89 12 6
J. M. Claase	92½	15	18 15 0	16 6	19 11 6
D. Kaspersen	1				
Ivy Kaspersen	24	11	13 5 0		13 5 0
M. J. Kaspersen	23½	7	8 12 6		8 12 6
T. J. Mijnhardt	93	10	11 10 0	15 0	12 5 0
A. S. Pheasant	29½				
D. A. de Beer	26	3	3 12 6		3 12 6
<i>Ladies Handbook.</i>					
Mrs. M. Smith	12				
Mrs. Mijnhardt	72	11	16 2 6	10 0	16 12 6
Mrs. L. Kreuiter	4	2	3 0 0		3 0 0
Mrs. E. Dahl	19	6	9 5 0	1 6	9 6 6
<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
T. G. Crouch	15				
P. J. Vermaak	30	3	3 12 6		3 12 6
<i>Patriarchs & Prophets.</i>					
Mrs. Tickton	54	10	15 0 0	1 13 6	16 13 6
<i>Daniel & Revelation</i>					
E. Enochs	3	4	6 10 0		6 10 0
Agents,	20	891½	276	352 0 6	29 4 6 381 5 0

Cape

<i>Daniel & Revelation.</i>					
R. Ansley	87	53	62 10 0	7 5 0	69 15 0
A. Renou	107	62	77 10 0	10 2 6	87 12 6
<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
H. Beddoe	41	33	41 5 0	4 16 0	46 1 0
Max. Webster	110	163	194 10 0	1 7 0	195 17 0
R. Tarr	97	110	141 2 6	1 15 0	142 17 6
<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
B. H. Wienand	25				
P. Burger	74	21	22 12 6		22 12 6
<i>Past Present & Future</i>					
M. Bush	26	2	1 5 0	3 3 0	4 8 0
Agents	8	567	444	540 15 0	28 8 6 599 3 6
Periodicals					£86 16 8

Orange Free State

<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
E. Branson	61	93	120 5 0	8 6	120 13 6
W. Mason			54 12 6		54 12 6
<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
B. Burton	105	46	63 10 0	1 10 0	65 0 0
A. J. Wessels	44	32	41 2 6		41 2 6
J. J. Van Zyl	28	12	14 12 6	7 6	15 0 0
F. Kruger	12	4	5 0 0	3 0	5 3 0
<i>Miscellaneous</i>					
			57 5 9		57 5 9
Agents	6	250	187	356 8 3	2 9 0 358 17 3
Periodicals					£2 17 3

Union Conference Mission Fields

Kafirland	57	3	3	57	3	3	57	3	3
Zulu									
Basutoland	15	15	2	15	15	2	15	15	2
Transvaal	97	10	0	97	10	0	97	10	0
Bechuana	15	2	11	15	2	11	15	2	11
	185	11	4	185	11	4	185	11	4

Book Totals for December 1922

Natal-Transvaal	891½	276	352 0 6	29 4 6	381 5 0
Cape	567	444	540 15 0	28 8 6	569 3 6
Orange Free State	250	187	356 8 3	2 9 0	358 17 3
Union Missions			185 11 4		185 11 4
Agents	34	1708½	907	1434 15 1	60 2 0 1494 17 1
Periodicals					£89 13 11

ZAMBESI UNION MISSION

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Solusi Mission Out-Schools

It is some time since a report of the Solusi out-schools has been published. The Lord is blessing this department of the work, and, in many instances, we can see the hand of God guiding and leading His people.

In the areas where I have just been visiting, there seems to be a real desire on the part of the people to know more about the truth, and this is especially so among the women. Most of the men in that part are away at work trying to earn a little money with which to buy food, as the famine conditions have been extremely severe.

At our last camp-meeting, we baptised a young girl of about twenty years of age, and this girl went home with a real missionary spirit. She went to working for her neighbours and friends. She is fifteen miles from our nearest school, so she cannot get help every Sabbath. She conducts her Sabbath school and takes the Sabbath meetings just like anyone else. I was pleased to find that she has twenty-six in her baptism class, and some very fine people among them too. One woman especially is a very fine character. She got the truth from one of our teachers while visiting her parents thirty-two miles from her own home. She went home and began to attend the meetings eleven miles from where she now lives. As she lives near

the road that takes us to this girls' school, she asked me to call on my way. When I called, I found that the daughter had toothache. I drew the tooth for her and went on. This woman was away at Motobo Station fifteen miles distant. She had gone to get food for the family. When she returned that evening, she found that I had called and gone on to the school, so she got up early next morning, and walked the other eleven miles to the meeting, for she said she was hungry for more of the truth. It is experiences like this, which encourage us to press on.

We are very sorry that Chief Majinkila has lately been removed from our midst by death. He was a friend to our work and laboured untiringly for the spread of the truth among his own people, and, although he was not baptised, he was a faithful class member, and would have been baptised ere long had he lived. In his place will probably be placed one of our own church members.

There are many interesting experiences in the field which could be related if space would permit. The baptism classes are growing very fast, and I believe our teachers will nearly all make their goals for new members. The Lord is blessing the work and the message is going to every nook and corner.

We are glad to see the rains come, and the prospects for the season are very good. Our hearts are full of courage, and we want to be faithful in what the Lord has given us to do, and finally meet with the redeemed in the earth made new.

H. M. SPARROW.



The Mashakulombe Tribe

To the north of Rusangu Mission there dwells a tribe of natives, some of the customs of whom resemble those of ancient Israel, but who through the ages have descended to the lowest depths of humanity. Truly, as one native put it, they are the very "end of the people."

Raided in former years by both slave-traders and powerful neighbouring tribes, the Matabele and Barotse, life has become a thing of small moment with them. To make matters worse, the petty chiefs were continually quarrelling and at war among themselves. Often a tired traveller would turn in at a village, weary and hungry. To all outward appearances he was treated with cordial hospitality, but upon resuming his journey, he would be speared to death from wayside concealments in savage, uncontrollable delight. No man's life was safe. The coming of the white man has, however, changed this outlook. Nevertheless he will never be able to fathom the mind of the native, and vile customs little dreamed of still remain. Poor little unfortunates, whose upper set of teeth appear first, are drowned on the plea that in after years, should they grind their teeth in anger, someone's death would occur, so as a lesser evil and a safe precaution, they are not allowed to live. No amount of severity imposed by the government has been able to stamp out this awful crime. Twins were never allowed to remain so, usually the girl being put out of the way.

Although life is cheap, funerals are conducted with great ceremony. The people of the neighbouring vil-

lages gather in. Smearing their bodies with ash, the men gather in the village cattle kraal, while the women surround the hut of the one who has been the supposed victim of an enemy's witchcraft. Occasionally salying from here, singly or in pairs, they parade round the village crying in dirge-like tones of misery, "Ma-we," throwing themselves prostrate upon the ground as a token of their deep grief. An awful wail of abject misery adds its effect to the strange scene. In the kraal the men, armed with their long spears, gather in a group, awaiting their turn to take part in a ceremonial drill. As they lean upon their spears, the tears stream down their faces. Two rows of warriors face each other at either end of the kraal with their spears on their shoulders. At a given signal, marching toward each other, each passes between two warriors of the opposite row. At the termination of their march, the spears are raised, the warriors turn about, replace their spears in their former position, and resume their march. From time to time, men dash furiously from the village, spears raised aloft, a practice which originated in an effort to drive away the evil spirit which has caused the death. Then when everyone is in a state of savage frenzy, the feast begins. The beer is poured, the cattle are brought, and a scene too horrible for description follows. Spears fly, and with blood spurting from a dozen wounds, the animals career in dying agony through the maddened throng, and their blood is mixed with the ash. Half raw, skin and all, the meat is washed down with native beer. Should the deceased one be an important personage, the number of cattle slaughtered runs up into hundreds. He will be rich in the land to which his spirit flies according to the number of cattle slaughtered at his funeral. The feast lasts for several days and nights, and the reek of decaying meat and offal pervades the surrounding atmosphere, while the flies are there in thousands.

Can one remain unmoved at such a scene? Then let me take that one, unseen, into a village. Here he will see an old woman falling to pieces with leprosy, covered with flies and the centre of a laughing care-free band. There a little fellow groans and scratches and waits for death, vainly trying to rid himself of the many horrible sores which cover his emaciated body. The whole village is full of disease. All heaven weeps at the picture, but the proprieties of the world would be rudely shaken by a glimpse, so they pass on and will not look.

"Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Yea, verily, heaven's Prince and mankind's Saviour came from there. So came our head evangelist from such devilish scenes. Take another instance. At the close of a sermon, the pause that followed was broken by the earnest tones from the very soul of an old man, while his pleading eyes rested upon my own: "I want to follow Jesus!"

Young men of Africa, awake! Your country needs you! We face a dark continent to be evangelised before Christ's glorious appearing, and his immortal kingdom blots out such frightful scenes for eternity.

LESLIE BILLES.



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"You are writing a gospel, a chapter a day,
By the works that you do and the words that you say;
Men read what you write, whether faithless or true:
Say, what is the gospel according to you?"

News Notes

ELDER G. R. E. McNAY is taking a trip through his field.

MISS J. DAVIES has connected with the South African Union Conference offices as stenographer.

MISS SLABBERT, of Aberdeen, C. P., has returned to connect with the nurses' class at the Plumstead Sanitarium.

BROTHER AND SISTER T. STAPLES, of Worcester, C. P., with their family, have returned to their home after spending several weeks visiting relatives at the Cape.

BROTHER F. E. THOMPSON has been at Port Elizabeth lately, assisting in the opening of a church school there. Miss Agnes Cooks will teach this school.

THE Bloemfontein and Claremont church schools have opened for the school year, 1923. Miss A. Visser is in charge of the Bloemfontein school, while Miss V. Renou is teaching the Claremont school.

AMONG recent Cape visitors might be named Brother R. Tarr, of Cathcart, C. P., Miss J. Evert, of the Orange Free State, Miss Henderson, of Thaba N'chu, Basutoland, and Brother A. N. Bulgin, from Nyasaland.

ELDER AND MRS. I. J. HANKINS, recently of Durban, Natal, arrived at the Cape, enroute for the States, on the 3rd of February. They were accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Hankins and family, who are also on their way to America. We are sure our people throughout Africa will be indeed sorry to lose from the African field Elder and Mrs. Hankins, who are now returning to their homeland. Thirty-five years ago Elder Hankins came to Africa. Since that time he has been home twice, spending about four and a half years in America. Elder Hankins has the record of having spent the longest period of time of any of our missionaries in a foreign field. He has done faithful and acceptable work for Africa, and through his labours many have been led to a knowledge of the truth. It is with sincere regrets that we bid these pioneer workers farewell. The Hankins' party expect to sail for America, February 16.

Attention!

Please notice Missionary Volunteer Day will be March 17 instead of March 10 as previously announced.

T. M. French.

Obituaries

ON Tuesday, December 5, Brother Robert Edmund Halliday died at the Kimberley Hospital, and was laid to rest in the West End Cemetery. He was sixty-four years of age, and was well-known and much respected on the Diamond Fields. He and his wife belonged to the Plymouth Brethren until about two years ago, when they accepted the message. Under the pain and suffering of his sickness, he bore a good testimony of our Lord's saving grace, and derived great comfort in the remembrance of many passages of Scripture. He bore a striking testimony to the truth in the hospital before doctor, nurses and friends and passed into his rest with a happy countenance, a clear mind, and with the full assurance that he would arise on the resurrection morn.

His wife and a married son and daughter are left to mourn their loss. Our love and sympathy go out to them in their bereavement.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

W. J. WILLIAMS.

As the result of a very sad accident on Friday evening, December 15, our sister, Mrs. Annie Johanna Edwards, aged forty-nine, lost her life. She was laid to rest on Sabbath, the 16th, in the West End Cemetery, Kimberley. On her way, with her children, to the Week of Prayer meeting, she was struck by a motor-car and fatally injured. She was taken to hospital immediately after the accident, but life was found to be extinct. Death seems to have been almost instantaneous. Quite a gloom was cast over the Beaconsfield church by the sad occurrence, and our hearts go out with deep love and sympathy to the grief-stricken husband and family. Sister Edwards was a member of the Beaconsfield church for about twenty-five years, and was enjoying a good Christian experience at the time of the accident.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor MacNeil, who spoke words of comfort and hope to the mourners at the graveside.

W. J. WILLIAMS.

BAUMANN.—Sister Eunice Sophia Baumann, only daughter of Brother and Sister J. C. Baumann, of Maritzburg, passed away suddenly, after a short illness, at noon Sabbath, January 13, 1923, at the early age of twenty years, one month and twenty-one days.

Sister Eunice was born at noon, Sabbath, November 22, 1902, at Maritzburg, and has grown up in our midst as a member of the Sabbath school, where she has helped from time to time as secretary, and has also filled the place of church organist. She will be greatly missed by the church and Sabbath school.

Our sympathy goes out to Brother and Sister Baumann and family in their sad loss, and also to Mr. W. van der Merwe, of Brakspruit, Bonnefoi, Eastern Transvaal, to whom Sister Eunice was to have been married on the 4th of January of this year. All arrangements had been made for the wedding, but this had to be postponed owing to the illness of the deceased; and now death has snatched this loved one away. To those left to mourn, there is the blessed hope that the Saviour will soon come to call His own from their temporary resting places, and unite hearts never to part again.

The funeral took place at Maritzburg on Sunday afternoon, January 14. Before proceeding to the cemetery an impressive service was conducted by Pastor W. S. Hyatt in the Maritzburg church, where a large number of relatives and friends had gathered to pay their last respects to the deceased. Pastor Hyatt impressed upon those present the uncertainty of this life, and the need of setting their hopes on things eternal, thus enabling us to say with the patriarch Job, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

A. A. PITT.