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

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A Prayer

EDGAR A. GUEST

God grant me kindly thought
And patience through the day,
And in the things I've wrought
Let no man living say
That hate's grim mark has stained
What little joy I've gained.

God keep my nature sweet,
Teach me to bear a blow,
Disaster and defeat,
And no resentment show.
If failure must be mine
Sustain this soul of mine.

God grant me strength to face
Undaunted day or night;
To stoop to no disgrace
To win my little fight;
Let me be, when it is o'er,
As manly as before.

AFRICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE

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Selecting Outposts in the Belgian Congo

THE writer and Dr. Reith, of the Cape Sanitarium, have just returned from an extended trip in the Belgian Congo. We were joined by Elder Boger, superintendent of the Congo Mission Field at Elizabethville, where the headquarters of the field are located, and spent a week searching for a suitable site for a training school and mission near this place. We feel that we were very fortunate indeed in this matter, as a place was found within three miles of the city which offers every convenience for our work. The plot contains some 200 acres, has splendid soil, clear running water, plenty of wood, and is situated on a high elevation some 6000 feet above sea level. Its close proximity to the town will also be a great convenience.

Brother Le Butt, with a corps of natives, began work at once preparing temporary homes for the teachers and students, and school work will be begun within a few weeks.

Already there are quite a number of educated natives who have taken their stand for the truth at Elizabethville, and these are waiting to enter the school as soon as it is opened. We hope to see this mission become a strong training centre for the preparation of workers for the great Congo field.

After completing arrangements for this mission we started northward to seek a suitable location for another station, travelling by rail to Bukama and then by steamer down the Lualaba, or Congo, River. We at first intended to go across to Lake Tanganyika, but on arriving at Kongolo, some 800 miles north of Elizabethville, we were so forcibly impressed with the

situation there that we decided to first investigate the territory around about and ascertain the true conditions. We spent some two weeks in this section, travelling about 150 miles by bicycle and on foot, and found a heavily populated country where living conditions are very good. On the western bank of the river we found a chain of hills and highlands, and here we hope to plant our next main station for the Congo field. We are expecting workers to arrive within a short time to occupy this territory and open up the work.

We were greatly surprised to find that, in many sections of the Congo, living conditions compare favourably with Rhodesia, and, in fact, in some places they are better. It is true that there are many rivers with some swamps, etc., but there are also beautiful mountain ranges, high plateaus, and even many high cliffs along the rivers, where Europeans can live in comparative safety. In many places blackwater has entirely disappeared and malaria is rare. Sleeping sickness has been prevalent in certain swampy sections, but this is now being placed under control, and will soon be practically eradicated. I cannot see why, with proper care, one could not enjoy the same degree of health in the Congo as in any other tropical country.

The climate is delightful. The afternoons are quite hot from twelve to three o'clock, but at this time of the day all work is suspended, and everyone rests up for a fresh start later in the day. The nights are cold and the afternoons after three o'clock are delightful. From one to two blankets were required for comfort each night during our stay in the country.

The Congo comprises a tremendous territory, two-thirds as much as the United States, and has a comparatively heavy population, estimated from fifteen to twenty million, and presents great possibilities for mission work. A great part of the country is virgin soil, and the natives, for the most part, are a superior and intelligent class.

We were received by the government officials every-

where with open arms, and made welcome in the country. Never have I seen government men so eager to assist in establishing mission work, and to render us all possible help in securing favourable locations.

The Congo is wide open today for the message. This is God's day of opportunity for this vast field. May He speedily send us the men and the means to make it possible to occupy it before the opportunity passes.

W. H. BRANSON.

South West Africa and Angola

ABOUT the middle of May, Elder Anderson and the writer left for South West and Portuguese West Africa. Brother and Sister Bredenkamp accompanied us to the former field.

It was a tedious journey from Upington to Windhoek. Over a hundred miles of railway had been washed out and hurriedly rebuilt; so the train crept slowly along by day, and stopped at night. After spending a few days at Windhoek, we left for Tsumeb. It was a rough journey of two days over the narrow-gauge railway from Usakos. Tsumeb is a small town in the north-east of the territory, with a very rich copper mining industry as the chief interest.

After "trekking" across by ox waggon, a few days were spent at Grootfontein. There is some good grazing land here, but the uncertain financial situation has ruined the farmers.

After studying the native population and situation, Brother and Sister Bredenkamp were advised to settle at Windhoek, and begin studying one of the native languages. Here is a large native population. There are Namaquas, Hottentots and Bastards. It affords an excellent opportunity to make a beginning among the various tribes of the country.

Elder Anderson and the writer joined Brother Baker at Walvis Bay, travelling by steamer to Lobito Bay, Angola. We landed there on the 12th of June, and spent over a month in Angola. Lobito has a fine harbour, and work is proceeding on a £3,000,000 contract for the construction of docks. The town is built on a narrow sand spit.

Four days were spent at Benquella, preparing for the interior journey. It was an interesting experience buying provisions in Portuguese without an interpreter. Our wits were exhausted in making signs. English food was scarce. In fact the tinned goods available were several years old, and hardly edible. But after a few days, that seemed like weeks, of hotel food, in which the principal food was spoilt fish and garlick, we were glad to be off to camp life in the interior.

An effort was made early to book seats on the only passenger coach of the train. However, we understood that it was not the custom to book seats; so in the rush we succeeded in taking possession of certain seats. After being comfortably seated, the conductor came along and asked us to move out, which we refused to do. However, upon learning that the beds belonging to the seats were sold to others, there was nothing to do but to occupy the observation car (the rear end of the coach). As we watched the fiery trail of the wood-burning engine during the long hours of the night, we were reminded of the march of civili-

sation into the heart of wild Africa, preparing the way for the gospel.

Several days were spent in looking over the country about Ganda. The land is heavily wooded and well watered. We found a large number of natives of a good type in this part of Angola. Two saw mills with a few trading houses are the main interests here.

From Ganda we went to Huambo. This is the chief centre of the Benquella district. Here are the aviation camps, government buildings, and a good business centre. The town is over 5,000 feet above sea level, and is very healthful. It was possible to proceed only a few miles beyond on the railway to Chinquari. Ultimately the road will be extended through to the Congo.

We sailed on the 9th of July for Loando, the capital of Angola. An agricultural exposition was opened the following week, which gave a good idea of the possibilities of this colony.

Angola is quite healthful, is a fertile country with a good rainfall, and supports a large native population. Some 6,000,000 natives live in the colony. It certainly appears to be an excellent mission field. In an interview with the Governor General we were assured of a hearty welcome. As soon as formal permission is granted for opening a training school, the excellent site that has been selected will be applied for, and our work in this new field will begin in real earnest.

We solicit the prayers of our people on behalf of Brother and Sister Baker as they pioneer in Angola.

T. M. FRENCH.

Cape Sanitarium

THERE have been so many improvements made in the Sanitarium, that we thought our brethren throughout the field would be interested to learn something of what is going on.

As the old patients return and different ones of our friends visit the Sanitarium, they make very favourable remarks about the improvements. Recently, the Sanitarium has received an entire coat of paint, which has greatly improved the general appearance of the building. A large number of palm trees and flowering bushes have been set out on different parts of the grounds which add greatly to the general appearance. We have also put in a new croquet ground out under the pines, and this affords excellent recreation for the patients.

Many changes have been made inside the building. The surgery has been practically remodelled. What was a patients' room has been converted into a lobby and the front entrance, and an excellent business office has been provided. The patients' dining-room has been entirely refitted up. It has been repapered, and a nice steel ceiling has been put up to cover both it and the lobby. A small lift has been put in, connecting the kitchen with the second floor, thus saving the nurses a great deal in running up and down the stairs with trays and patients' supplies. The doctor's office has been improved, and the laboratory has been entirely remodelled and refitted up. The pharmacy also has been entirely changed, new shelves being placed in proper position and all medicines classified. The electrical room has been changed and the electri-

cal appliances properly fitted up and put in good working order. There have been several changes made in the ladies' and gents' treatment rooms, and many little touches, too numerous to mention, put all through the building. We have also fixed up a nice solarium. In it are rings and a horizontal bar, where patients can take exercise at the same time that they have their sun baths. We have always made a good deal, in our sanitariums, of the wonderful benefits which can be derived from the sun's rays. It is gratifying that we have been advocating this for so long, especially in view of the wide spread agitation all over the world at the present time about the wonderful effects of the sun's rays on the human system, when properly employed.

We feel that the Sanitarium is now getting to a place where the brethren throughout the field can be proud of it. We are trying to operate it upon proper lines so that it will take its proper place in advancing this great truth. It will be our policy in the future to keep you in touch with what is going on in this part of the field.



Children's Sabbath School Lessons in More Convenient Form

PARTICULARLY as manuscript for vernacular lessons, Intermediate and Primary quarterlies have been used this year with satisfaction.

By way of preparation for the bursting of the war-clouds that hang so low these days, the Sabbath School Department advises all teachers of children's classes to provide themselves with the Intermediate or the Primary quarterly. The cost of either is 1/6 per year, and all orders must be sent to the respective tract societies.

During the years of the great war, the children's lessons, which are sent to us in weekly periodicals, were received irregularly, while the quarterlies for the seniors caused very little inconvenience.

But it would be a pity to let the Intermediate or the Primary quarterly supercede the *Youth's Instructor* or the *Little Friend*. Our children need the good reading prepared for them in these papers. It would be a distinct loss if our children were deprived of this wholesome reading matter. For their teachers (parents in our home schools) to be provided with thirteen lessons at a time would be all the preparation asked for now to meet the more troublous time that is expected.

These quarterlies would be useful also to the missionaries who are unable to read the vernacular lessons which, in the Sesuto, Sechuana, Xosa, and Zulu tongues, are translations of the Intermediate lessons. Some of the vernacular lessons of the Zambesi Union are translations of the Primary quarterly.

Now is the time for orders for 1924.

MRS. A. P. TARR.



Look out for the next "Outlook"—our "Special Missions Rally Number." It will be of interest to all.

Sketches of the Past—No. 7

The Tarrying Time and the Midnight Cry

CONTRARY to general belief, William Miller set no definite day in the year for Christ's return. By subtracting from 2300, the 457 years before Christ (the date of Ezra's decree), he found the remainder to be 1843. His belief was that the Saviour might return at any time in that year, which, according to the Jewish reckoning of time, ended about the first of April, 1844. Some others connected with the movement fixed upon certain dates in that year as probable ones, but Mr. Miller himself did not lay stress upon any particular day of the month.

The passing of the utmost limit of Mr. Miller's calculation was a severe test to the faith of his followers. Carefully the evidences were reviewed, but the conclusion regarding the main factor of the 2300 day period could not be shaken. Many who had formally accepted the message because of its logical reasoning, drew a breath of relief, and some even joined the ranks of the scoffers. It was a time of saying. The *Signs of the Times* of October 31, 1844, sifting regarding this period:

"After the passing away of 1843,—the Jewish Year,—the great body of the Adventists settled down in the belief that we could henceforth reckon on particular times with no degree of positiveness. They believed that we were where our chronology points, at the end of all the prophetic periods, at the termination of which the advent is expected; and that while we should have to wait only the little while that our chronology might vary from God's time, yet they believed that we could have no more clue to the definite time."

But God was preparing an awakening even stronger than that which had gone before. In the month of July there was held at Exeter, New Hampshire, a mammoth camp-meeting. One day, as one of the speakers, Joseph Bates, was rehearsing to a listless congregation the prophetic expositions with which they had become very familiar, a horseman rode into the camp, hurriedly dismounted from his panting steed, and made his way to the tent, where he spoke earnestly for a few moments to an acquaintance. His friend then arose, and addressing the speaker, informed him that here was a man who claimed to have new light that would explain their situation. "If any man has new light," said Brother Bates, "that is what we want," and a cordial invitation was given to the traveller, Mr. S. S. Snow, to come to the platform.

With bated breath the great audience listened while the speaker showed from the Scriptures that the second coming of Christ was to be preceded by a "tarrying time." He read such Scriptures as the following:

"For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." Hab. 2:3.

"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now, the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." Hebrews 10:35-38.

"Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me a liar, and as waters that fail?" Jeremiah 15:18. (Read context).

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming, . . . the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him,

and in an hour that he is not aware of." Matt. 24 : 44, 48, 50.

The speaker then strikingly likened their experiences to those of the virgins of Matt. 25. They had gone forth to meet the bridegroom, the bridegroom had tarried, they had all slumbered and slept, but now was due the message "Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him."

By a study of the types it was seen that in connection with the first advent of Christ the typical feast days met their antitype to the exact day. Thus Christ died on the very day and at the very hour when the sacrificial lamb was slain. He "the firstfruits of them that sleep," rose from the dead on the very day when the firstfruits were waved as a sheaf offering before the Lord. That the "cleansing of the sanctuary" corresponded to the work on the day of atonement was clearly shown, and the conclusion was drawn that the 10th day of the 7th month, or October 22, would see the realisation of their hopes. Mr. Snow also showed that as the 2300 years began in the middle of the year 457 B.C., they must terminate that much later than the end of 1843.

Thus was established, and it must be granted, with forceful logic, the 22nd day of October, 1844, as the exact date for the ending of the 2300 days, and the cleansing of the sanctuary which they formerly believed to be the cleansing of the earth by fire.

From the Exeter camp-meeting the new light was carried by the returning believers. It was accepted and preached by William Miller, and published by Joshua V. Himes. This phase of the movement is termed the "midnight cry." Faith was revived, and with great power and earnestness, the message of warning was again sounded. Thousands more believed, confessed their sins, and earnestly sought for a preparation to meet their Lord in peace.

D. E. ROBINSON.

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Mission Offerings from the S. A. Union Conference for six months ending 30th June 1923

Name of Field	Goal	Amount Recd.	Average Per Mem.	Per Cent of Quota
Cape Conference :				
European	767 0 0	1042 4 10	3s. 4. d.	133.3%
Native	191 15 0	40 12 10	1.2d.	20. %
Coloured	74 2 0	47 0 5	5.7d.	63.3%
N. T. Conference :				
European	1670 10 0	1650 15 1	2s. 5.6d.	98.6%
Native	114 8 0	52 19 8	2.7d.	45. %
O. R. Conference :				
European	650 0 0	291 17 11	1s. 1.4d.	44.6%
Native	105 19 0	32 4 6	1.8d.	30. %
Bechuana Field :				
European	143 0 0	63 15 1	1s. 1.3d.	44.3%
Native	7 16 0	5 18 9	4.5d.	75. %
Totals	£3724 10 0	3227 9 1		
		(European	2s. 4.3d.	94.3%
		(Native	1.9d.	31.6%
		(Coloured	5.7d.	63.3%

Our Standing at 30th June

Goal	£3724 10 0	100. %
Amount Received	3227 9 1	86.6%
Shortage, 6 months	£497 0 11	13.4%

A. F. TARR, *Treasurer.*

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CORNER

The Advent Message to All the World in this Generation

The Love of Christ Constraineth us

The Loveliness of Christ

"I LONG for the loveliness of Christ. How can it be obtained?" writes a young person who knows from experience the bitter struggle against the power of sin.

In the sin darkness of this world Jesus shines forth as the Light of life. He is the one "altogether lovely," and when we really see Him, it is difficult ever again to be satisfied with our sinful selves. We are attracted by His loveliness.

And how can that loveliness of character be obtained? Not by striving to make ourselves lovely, but by admitting Him into our lives. Jesus does not offer merely to help us in a fight for character; He has promised to live in us and to work in us to will and to do of His good pleasure. "I in them, and Thou in Me" is the threefold union Jesus prayed for on the night of His betrayal. And through the beloved disciple on Patmos He sent to us this message: "Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." Rev. 3: 20.

To open the heart's door for His entrance means the surrender of your life to Him, that He may mold your character, determine your life's purposes, and guide you in your life's work. "Surrender all your plans to Him, to be carried out or given up as His providence shall indicate. Thus day by day you may be giving your life into the hands of God, and thus your life will be molded more and more after the life of Christ."

Someone has well said that a Christian is like an iron in the fire: the fire soon gets into the iron; and the coldness, hardness, and blackness of the iron is displaced by the heat, softness, and glowing luster of the fire. If Christ is in us, and we are in Him, the loveliness of His character will more and more appear in our lives.

As we commune with Christ in Bible study and prayer, as we contemplate His loveliness with the heart open to the sweet influences of His presence, as we behold Him, we "are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Cor. 3: 18.

On the other hand, "When the mind dwells upon self, it is turned away from Christ, the Source of

strength and life. Hence it is Satan's constant effort to keep the attention diverted from the Saviour, and thus prevent the union and communion of the soul with Christ. The pleasures of the world, life's cares and perplexities and sorrows, the faults of others, or your own faults and imperfections—to any or all of these he will seek to divert the mind. Do not be misled by his devices. Many who are really conscientious, and who desire to live for God, he too often leads to dwell upon their own faults and weaknesses, and thus by separating them from Christ, he hopes to gain the victory. We should not make self the centre, and indulge anxiety and fear as to whether we shall be saved. All this turns the soul away from the Source of our strength. Commit the keeping of your soul to God, and trust in Him. Talk and think of Jesus. Let self be lost in Him. Put away all doubt; dismiss your fears. Say with the apostle Paul: 'I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.' Rest in God. He is able to keep that which you have committed to Him. If you will leave yourself in His hands, He will bring you off more than conqueror through Him that has loved you."—"Steps to Christ," pp. 76, 77.

The blessed thing about this wonderful truth of a changed life is that anyone and everyone may have it. It is not for a favoured few, who are "just naturally good," for "Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church."—"Desire of Ages," p. 671.

"Even John, the beloved disciple, the one who most fully reflected the likeness of the Saviour, did not naturally possess that loveliness of character. He was not only self-assertive and ambitious for honour, but impetuous, and resentful under injuries. But as the character of the Divine One was manifested to him, he saw his own deficiency, and was humbled by the knowledge. The strength and patience, the power and tenderness, the majesty and meekness, that he beheld in the daily life of the Son of God, filled his soul with admiration and love. Day by day his heart was drawn out toward Christ, until he lost sight of self in love for his Master. His resentful, ambitious temper was yielded to the molding power of Christ. The regenerating influence of the Holy Spirit renewed his heart. The power of the love of Christ wrought a transformation of character. This is the sure result of union with Jesus. When Christ abides in the heart, the whole nature is transformed. Christ's Spirit, His love, softens the heart, subdues the soul, and raises the thoughts and desires toward God and heaven."—"Steps to Christ," p. 78.

The boast of Caesar was, "Veni, vidi, vici,"—I came, I saw, I conquered. The Christian,—not putting his trust in the arm of flesh—can say, "I came, I saw, I was conquered, and now Christ liveth in me, my Sanctifier, my Guide, and my All."

M. E. KERN.



"ENTIRE sympathy with Christ will always heighten man's appreciation of man."

The Bible Year Outline

[As the next issue of the OUTLOOK will be a special number, and we will not have room to give the Bible Year Outline, we are publishing it for a month this time instead of two weeks, as heretofore.—Ed.]

AUGUST 20—SEPTEMBER 16

20. Jer. 33-35 : Promises and warnings.
21. Jer. 36-38 : Imprisonment and partial release.
22. Jer. 39-41 : Jerusalem taken; Jeremiah liberated.
23. Jer. 42-44 : Warnings against Egypt.
24. Jer. 45-48 : Predictions against heathen nations.
25. Jer. 49, 50 : Predictions against heathen nations.
26. Jer. 51, 52 : The destruction of Jerusalem.
27. Lamentations.
28. Eze. 1-3 : The prophet's commission.
29. Eze. 4-7 : Types of divine judgments.
30. Eze. 8-10 : The chambers of imagery.
31. Eze. 11-13 : Judgment and reproofs.
 1. Eze. 14-17 : Rejection and judgment of Jerusalem.
 2. Eze. 18-20 : God's justice; Israel's rebellion.
 3. Eze. 21-23 : Judgments threatened.
 4. Eze. 24-26 : Parable of a boiling pot; judgment.
 5. Eze. 27-29 : Doom of Tyre; promise to Israel.
 6. Eze. 30-32 : Desolation and overthrow of Egypt.
 7. Eze. 33-35 : God's mercy to the repentant.
 8. Eze. 36-38 : Blessings of Christ's kingdom.
 9. Eze. 39-41 : Victories and restoration of Israel.
 10. Eze. 42-44 : Divine glory; laws and ordinances.
 11. Eze. 45, 46 : Ordinances of justice and worship.
 12. Eze. 47, 48 : The boundaries of the land.
13. Dan. 1-3 : The great image; the fiery furnace.
14. Dan. 4-6 : Dream of the tree; Belshazzar's feast.
15. Dan. 7-9 : Visions and their interpretations.
16. Dan. 10-12 : A vision and its explanation.



Morning Watch Calendars

EARLY in the year there were calls for a number of Morning Watch calendars which could not be filled owing to the shortage of the supply. The Department regretted that our young people should be deprived of the blessing that comes from the Morning Watch. However, the Sentinel Publishing Company cabled for an extra number of calendars and these are on hand. It may be that there are persons who have not obtained Morning Watch calendars yet, and if so they can be supplied now.

We hope all our young people will observe the Morning Watch. It is a good way to begin the day and, even though a good share of the year is gone, the calendar will help us to finish the year right.

T. M. FRENCH.

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Harvest Ingathering Notes

THE Bloemfontein church has reached 50% of its Harvest Ingathering goal. Some of our churches are having their Ingathering Campaign a little later, as the farmers, upon whom they depend for funds, have not sold their crops.

So far Elder Hodgson, of Emmanuel mission, reports having collected £23-10-0, and together with Emmanuel mission workers and members, he reports £27-17-1½. Some one has given a George IV farthing, dated 1823. The inscription is quite clear. This should be of value to any one collecting old coins, and he would be glad to receive an offer for the same. He

would like this farthing to help them over the top of their goal of £30-0-0. Brother Hodgson further writes that the members of their church took quite an interest in the campaign. Over thirty took boxes, and all gathered a little towards this fund.

Our conference Sabbath school secretary, Mrs. A. E. Shone, spent a few days in the town of Wepener in the interests of the Ingathering Campaign, and received over £5-0-0 in cash and also £9-0-0 worth of live stock; and to date she and her husband and Miss Matthews have collected £17-11-0 in cash. Brother Shone is going out among the farmers this week, and hopes to have success. If you cannot succeed in obtaining cash, then try for live stock, which you can sell, and remit the cash to the treasury. Others who have gathered over £5-0-0 in the campaign so far are: Elder J. N. de Beer, Elder W. Hodgson, Brother D. W. Jonker, Jr., Brother T. J. van Rensburg, Mrs. Ham, Mrs. Lynch and Miss Tinnie Venter.

ELDER J. N. DE BEER and his father have spent a few days in the farming district of Bloemfontein in the interests of the campaign, and although they found many of the people very prejudiced, they gathered about £6-0-0. They also report having had very interesting talks with those who were willing and glad to support the cause we represent. Elder de Beer and Brother D. A. Webster, besides what they have already done, are planning to spend a week in the Ingathering work a little later.



News Notes

THE Missionary Volunteer Society of the Bloemfontein church has exceeded its goal to Foreign Missions of £10-0-0, for this year, to the extent of £16-5-7. We trust that the other Missionary Volunteer societies in the Orange River Conference will be able to furnish us with good reports soon.

PASTOR J. W. MACNEIL was a welcome visitor at the Bloemfontein church on Sabbath, July 15.

BROTHER A. F. TARR has recently spent a week in our office auditing the account books.



From the Bloemfontein Church

It is some time since the OUTLOOK family read a report from the Bloemfontein church, and, as we have been encouraged by our business meeting, we thought others might like to know what we have accomplished during the last six months.

We were made very glad yesterday, when our church treasurer presented his financial statement. This showed that for the first six months of this year, our offerings chart registered "all square," and that we had actually passed the 2/6 per week per member goal by 5%. Besides this, our members have taken hold of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, so that up to the present we have reached about 50% of our goal, and we feel confident that we are going to reach the top of the ladder very soon.

Before the rendering of the treasurer's report, the roll was called, and all the members responded to their names by telling what the Lord has done for them.

P. L. FOUCHE.

CAPE CONFERENCE

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King William's Town

ON Sabbath, July 28, in the Adventist Mission Hall, there was organized the King William's Town church of Seventh-day Adventists. Fifteen members were enrolled. May this little plant take deep root and become strong in spiritual life, and increase in number.

The message was preached in this city many years ago, and as the years have gone by other attempts have been made to establish the truth here, but somehow it seemed difficult to get a foothold. Many books have been sold here, and during the past few months the homes have been visited seeking for interested souls. Only a few have taken their stand, but we thank God for these. It is a cause for rejoicing that now there is a little church, through which the light may shine steadily forth.

Brother Sturdevant has passed through trying days in his recent illness. At present he and Sister Sturdevant are fairly well. They have laboured to give a good testimony to the people here. From house to house and in public the message has again been given. There has been no great interest or large gatherings, but through steady efforts the cause has been advanced, and now they rejoice in the Lord for the fruit which has appeared.

U. BENDER.



They Read Themselves into the Truth

A FEW years ago, a warning given by a Dutch Reformed minister against "Great Controversy" as a dangerous book which should be burned, aroused the curiosity of a young man, and he read it carefully. He was deeply impressed with the truths of the book, but did not fully accept them. A little over a year ago, the young man's mother sent him a roll of *Wachters*, and after reading them he decided to keep the Sabbath, gave up tobacco, began to study the Bible and other books which he had ordered from the Sentinel Office, erected the family altar, and the entire home life was transformed as a result.

It was my privilege recently to visit this family, who live on a large sheep ranch fifteen miles from Arundel. After keeping the Sabbath for nearly a year, it was a great joy to them to meet a fellow believer, for with the exception of a three days' visit from Brother van Eeden they had never met any of our people. During ten days we spent many enjoyable and profitable hours together in Bible study and prayer. So thoroughly had they acquainted themselves with the principles of truth, that there was practically no point but what they had already accepted. Sabbath morning, July 28, Brother and Sister van Wyk willingly followed their Lord in baptism, and thus have identified themselves fully with this movement. And they, in turn, are anxious to do what they can to bring the message to others within their sphere of influence.

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“Appeal for Missions” Campaign

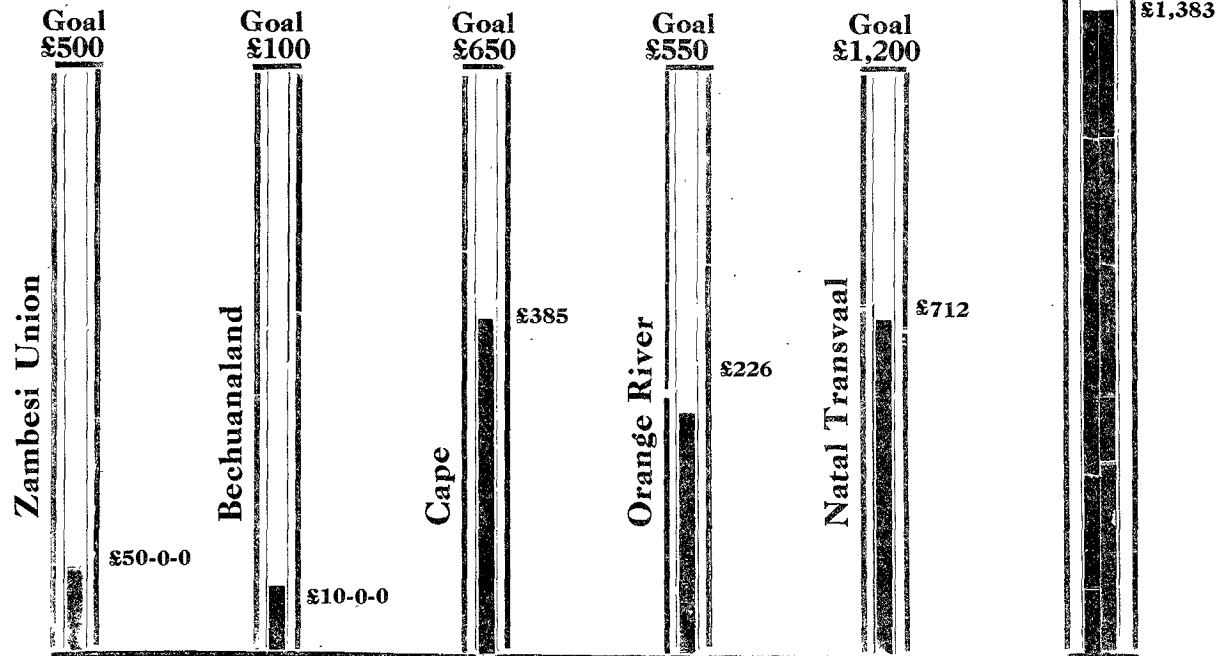
THE end of July finds us with just a little less than half our goal for the Division reached,—46% to be exact. Of course, we are hoping that when everybody shall have reported, it will be seen that considerably more has been received, but it is evident that we have failed to reach, in the given time, the goal we had hoped.

According to a law of physics, a given amount of work can be accomplished (a) by a great power in a short time; (b) by a less power, given a longer time. Therefore while we may confess our disappointment at the delay, yet we are glad that if the power is continued long enough, the desired result may yet be obtained. We are confident that no church or company will feel satisfied to rest short of its appointed task, and the secret of the entire success will rest after all upon the individual effort. Have *you* done your part in lifting in your company? Or have a few been left to bear a disproportionate load?

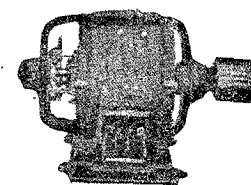
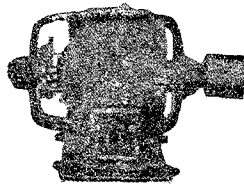
The total amount reported up to August 6 is as follows:

		Per cent of goal
Natal-Transvaal Conference	£712	60
Cape Conference	385	60
Orange River Conference	226	40
Bechuanaland	10	10
Zambesi Union	50	10
Division Total	£1,383	46

It is possible that the Zambesi Union and Bechuanaland have reported by letter to Brother Joseph, and that the reports have been forwarded to him. If so we apologise for our inability to increase their amounts from the last report.



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Some one secured a year's subscription to *De Wachter*. Who it was we do not know, but the records of heaven will one day reveal it. The paper was not appreciated, perhaps, by the subscriber, but was sent to another family, far away from the railroad where none of our canvassers or other workers had ever penetrated, and as a result, two souls have been led by the Spirit into the light of truth for these last days. We are sure that God has many other honest souls in these many remote, almost inaccessible districts of Africa, who can be reached only by our literature. And yet, sad to say, our efforts with the distribution of the *Sentinel* and *Wachter* seem to be lagging just now. In fact, their circulation is so low that unless they can soon be increased, either some other branch of the cause must suffer in order to make up a deficit, or else they must be discontinued.

If every believer in Africa would only use from two to six of our local papers each month, this would insure the publishers against a loss. These papers might either be sold, or given away judiciously, at but a small cost. Shall we not rally to the support of these our two most effective missionary agencies in Africa?

D. E. ROBINSON.

Harvest Ingathering Notes

WE are sure OUTLOOK readers will be interested to learn that our coloured brethren at Port Elizabeth have worked splendidly during the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Their goal was set at £25 and, although only a small company and new in the truth, they have worked with a will, with the result that they have gone away beyond their goal and have handed in to the office, up to the present, the sum of £29-15-0.

UP to the time of writing Miss A. H. Bayman has collected £5-5-0.

WILL all churches or individuals who have not reported as yet kindly send in their reports as soon as possible to the Cape Conference Home Missionary Department, and any monies they have in hand to the conference treasurer?

News Notes

SISTER FLEETWOOD, of East London, has recently undergone a very serious operation, but we are thankful that she is now progressing favourably. She is at present with her daughter at Kroonstad, O. F. S.

PASTOR BENDER left Port Elizabeth on the 26th of July on a month's trip, in order to visit the various fields and the isolated members.

THE date set for our Sabbath School Rally Day is September 22. We trust that all our Sabbath schools will carry out the programme outlined in the *Sabbath School Worker* and do their best to make this day a success.

In Defence of Christian Fundamentals

A SPECIAL number of the *Sentinel*, dealing with the great modern apostasy in the churches will appear on September 1. No pains have been spared to make this a strong appeal for faith in Christ and the Bible. This number should be put in the hands of ministers and church workers throughout Africa, many of whom are distressed over the alarming inroads of higher criticism everywhere. Our firm, uncompromising attitude may be a link that will bring us into closer relation to these earnest Christians, some of whom may be prejudiced against us because of criticism.

Will not our readers put forth an extra effort to give this issue of the *Sentinel* a wide circulation? Either order copies for your friends, or send us the names and addresses, and we will mail copies for 3d. each. So confident are we of your co-operation that we are printing several hundred extra. Please send in orders as early as possible.

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General News Notes

A MEETING of the Spion Kop College Board was held at the school August 8 to 12.

BROTHER AND SISTER F. M. ROBINSON arrived in Cape Town by the "Edinburgh Castle" on July 30. These workers come to us from Washington, D.C., where for a number of years they have laboured in connection with the Review and Herald Publishing Association. Brother Robinson has had long experience and training in the bindery department, and comes to us well qualified for the developing of this branch of our work with the *Sentinel* Publishing Company. Our Publishing House is installing up-to-date machinery, and will soon be well equipped for printing and binding books, and other literature that is needed in this field, and as a result we shall no longer be obliged to send oversea for all our supplies. We welcome Brother and Sister Robinson to share with us the experiences connected with the extension of our publishing work in Africa.

Wedding Bells

LEE-MARAIS.—The wedding took place at the Dutch Reformed Church, Potchefstroom, on Tuesday, the 17th of July, of Mr. Dudley Bateman Lee, of the Seventh-day Adventist congregation, Standerton, to Miss Martha Marais, of Potchefstroom. Until recently the bride was attached to the nursing staff at the Mental Hospital, Pretoria. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. I. D. Kruger.

After the ceremony congratulations took place at the residence of Widow M. E. Marais, the bride's mother. The happy couple were the recipients of quite a number of handsome presents and telegrams and good wishes.

Mr. Lee followed the pedagogic profession for seven years, but has now turned to a better cause and dedicated himself, heart and soul, to the service of God. We wish the blessing of God upon Mr. and Mrs. Lee in the sphere of work in which they are engaged.

"EYEWITNESS."