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### President's Biennial Report

L. L. MOFFITT

*To the Delegates Assembled in the First Session of the South African Conference,*

#### GREETING:

Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people His doings.  
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.  
Be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.  
Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.  
Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits.  
Strengthen, O God, that which Thou hast wrought for us.  
Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants. And establish Thou the work of our hands upon us: yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.  
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.  
Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness. Truly God is good to Israel.  
Praise ye the Lord.  
Blessed be the Lord for evermore. Amen and Amen.

In these words of the Sweet Singer of Israel your officers and committee find fitting expression of their gratitude to our heavenly Father for His providential care, and His prospering blessing as we come up to this occasion to welcome the delegates and visitors to this opening meeting of the conference session. As we briefly review the conditions which have prevailed in the field, and note the achievements in various lines of the work during the past two years, we are confident that this delegation will heartily join in this ascription of praise for what the Lord has done.

#### Difficulties Faced

In some respects, the biennial period just closed has presented exceptional difficulties. The world economic collapse reached its record low level within the biennial period, and the financial recovery had scarcely be-

gun before the close of 1933. During 1932, South Africa was at a distinct trade disadvantage in her overseas markets, due to the Government's adherence to the gold standard. Every city in South Africa was in the grip of a serious financial depression. Many factories were closed, and all industries were greatly curtailed. Even the mines were affected. Unemployment was an acute problem in many centres. The rural areas throughout the country also experienced a very serious set-back.

To this acute financial depression must be added one of the worst droughts in the history of South Africa. Vast sections of the northern Cape Province, all of the Orange Free State, much of the Transvaal, and portions of Natal were in the grip of a devastating drought for many months.

While these trying conditions have adversely affected the financial features of our work, both as related to the public and our own people, yet, on the other hand, the very seriousness of the times has emphasised the claim of spiritual things. As the prophet declares, "When Thy judgments are in the land the people will learn righteousness." So, while we have to record certain financial losses, we are happy to report an evangelistic advance, membership gains, and increased departmental activities.

As we came to the close of the biennial period, a kindly providence sent abundant rains, so that the face of nature smiles again. The depression seems to be lifting. A brighter day, although it may be a brief one, appears to be dawning in South Africa.

#### Reorganisation of the Field

We have experienced within the last year a rather major administrative readjustment. Due to the financial stringency in the South African Union Conference a survey commission, which was called in conjunction with the Union Conference constituency meeting in April, 1933, advised as an economy measure the amalgamation of the two local conferences, as had previously

been done in respect of the two mission fields. Tentative budgets were presented which indicated very considerable financial savings, while at the same time providing for a much needed strengthening of various departmental activities.

Before the close of the Union Conference session, the report of the commission was adopted and a special delegation was appointed to represent the constituencies of the two conferences in considering the recommendation. The amalgamation was voted and the new conference was named the South African Conference. It was voted that the conference offices and book depositories in Johannesburg and Port Elizabeth be transferred to a central office in Bloemfontein. Officers and committee were elected for the unexpired time of the biennial period, and a budget was adopted for the amalgamated conference as from June 1, 1933.

In the adjustment, the Coloured Department of the Cape Conference was organised into a separate field. This fact has had its influence on our records and must be taken into consideration in our comparative reports.

On the financial side, the readjustment has enabled the conference to take on four additional workers, to pay half the salary and expense of four union departmental men, and release to the union an additional £400, in addition to the tithe of the tithe and sustentation. The combining of the two depositories has strengthened the depository's financial position, so that, for 1934, the depository is for the first time on an entirely self-supporting budget.

The momentum of the conferences was perhaps slowed down a bit while the two ships, so to speak, were being lashed together. We endeavoured, however, to effect the amalgamation with the least possible interruption and inconvenience to the field, and we greatly appreciate the forbearance of our constituency during the period of reorganisation, the moving of the

offices, and the adjusting of our plans to meet the needs of the enlarged field.

In territorial extent this is probably the largest conference in the world, comprising, with its mandated territories, an area of 851,957 square miles. We have thirty-five churches, numerous small companies, and hundreds of isolated members, besides vast stretches of unworked territory. All the cities and larger towns in South Africa have organised churches, as well as do several of the smaller towns and a few rural communities; but there are scores of smaller towns, villages and hamlets where there is not a representative of this truth.

#### Evangelism

We are glad to report, however, that encouraging headway is being made in the evangelisation of our territory. A brief review of our evangelistic activities for the biennial period will be of interest to this delegation. 1932 was the banner year for baptisms in both conferences: 250 were baptised in the Natal-Transvaal Conference, and 222 in the Cape Conference, a combined total of 472. The highest figure for any previous year back as far as 1925 in the Natal-Transvaal Conference was 192 in 1930, and 134 in the Cape for the same year.

In 1933, up until June, there were three evangelistic efforts held in the Natal-Transvaal Conference, and two in the Cape. Following the amalgamation,—which, it must be borne in mind, excluded the Coloured Department,—there were five evangelistic efforts held in the South African Conference during the latter half of 1933: Bethlehem, Bloemfontein, and Germiston in Afrikaans; Johannesburg and Uitenhage in English. Besides the regular evangelistic efforts, there were two or three laymen's efforts, making a total for the biennial period of twenty-three public efforts,—not counting Sunday night meetings in the churches,—with a resultant baptismal record of 745 for the biennial period, or a gain over the combined total of the two conferences for the previous period, of 212,—even with the Coloured section of the former Cape Conference out of the reckoning for the latter part of 1933.

In the Natal-Transvaal Conference, a special Evangelistic Pledge Fund which was personally promoted by the president, Elder W. L. Hyatt, brought in £301-11-8 in 1932 for the direct support of their strong evangelistic programme. The plan is being continued in the amalgamated conference, and, although it is impossible to promote the plan in the same personal way in this enlarged field, yet we hope our people throughout the conference will realise the need of loyally supporting this worthy cause. If every member in the conference would give but a shilling a month to this fund, we would have £1,400 a year to urge on an intensive evangelistic campaign.

#### Caravan Plan

We have already referred to the numerous small towns and villages, and the ex-

tensive rural sections as yet unworked except by our colporteurs. In both the former conferences, this problem was studied from time to time. At the December meeting of the South African Conference committee, the officers presented for consideration, with a view to assist in meeting this great need, a motor caravan plan. Prior to the convening of the committee, the conference officers had made some preliminary investigations, and had secured the interest and active co-operation of certain workers and laymen. As an initial contribution to the enterprise, one of our members gave £150. A further contribution of £60 has come in from another source.

As the committee gave study to the matter, it was the consensus of opinion that the plan was worthy of an earnest trial. Two of these caravan companies have begun work: Elder and Sister S. G. Hiten have been operating in the district of Ceres, in the Western Cape; Elder and Sister P. A. Venter have begun work along the Mooi River in the Southern Transvaal. We have another caravan outfit ready to go out following this meeting.

The caravan plan briefly is as follows: a worker and his wife go out in the district assigned them and live in their house on wheels. As they enter their district, either in a village or farming community, they seek for a school house or even a friendly person's dining room, or, failing these, a plot of ground for open-air services. If it is the latter, the sides of the caravan can be used to put up a screen for stereopticon views or charts. A portable organ is an additional asset to the equipment. Upon finding a suitable location, an effort is conducted, lasting as long as the interest warrants. When the effort is bound off, the caravan company moves on a few miles to the next village or hamlet, dropping back occasionally to visit the former company. In addition to the sermons preached and the Bible studies given in the homes, tracts are distributed, and subscriptions are taken for our missionary papers.

#### Churches New and Old

Within the biennial period, three new churches have been organised. These new churches are: Brakpan and Boksburg North on the Rand, and Vredendal in the Cape. We would point out that these three new churches were raised up by Afrikaans workers preaching in the Afrikaans language.

With the addition of these three new churches and the deletion of nine Coloured churches, which, in the re-organisation of the conferences, were transferred to the Coloured Field, our present roll of churches, including the conference church, stands at thirty-five.

One new church building has been erected within the biennial period. This new church is in East London and is one of the best appointed churches in the conference. The East London congregation and the

conference are very grateful for the assistance rendered through the General Conference Church Extension Plan which made this building project possible.

#### Afrikaans Work

We have already noted that the three churches which have just been received into the conference are Afrikaans churches. A few years ago it was thought that to hold an effort in Afrikaans was bidding for failure, but, today, it is evident that there is an awakening among the Afrikaans-speaking people, and apparently many are waiting to have the message preached to them in their mother tongue. No doubt, in the next few years, we are going to see a much larger gathering of sheaves from the Afrikaans sections of the field. The caravan work in many sections will be chiefly for the Afrikaans-speaking people. And from various places calls are coming for Afrikaans efforts.

We are extending as rapidly as possible the scope of our Afrikaans publications. The Sentinel Publishing Company has a new Afrikaans book, dealing with present world conditions, just about ready to go to press. The South African Conference has one of its workers translating a new compilation of selections from the "Testimonies," and another one of our workers is writing an original Afrikaans book dealing in a simple way with the doctrines of the Bible.

As we have travelled over the field, especially within the last year, we have found a definite need for an Afrikaans hymn-book. The need for a new and practical hymn-book in Afrikaans has been seriously considered by the conference officers, the Sentinel Board, and by our local committee. As a result of the investigations made by the manager of the Sentinel Publishing Company, and careful study by our committee, it has been voted that we prepare a hymn-book consisting of approximately 400 hymns, made up largely of selections from "Christ in Song." It has been suggested that the hymns be in both languages: the English on one side and the Afrikaans just opposite, and that one or the other of the official languages, as can be most economically arranged, be accompanied by the music.

Some preliminary work in translation has been done, and at this session of the conference we hope that a committee will be appointed to co-ordinate the more or less independent efforts that have been made, and to lay definite plans for an early achievement of this much-to-be-desired asset to our evangelistic and church services.

There is at least one feature of our Afrikaans literature production that has not been very encouraging. I refer to the circulation of the *Tekens van die Tye*. We were implored by certain leading Afrikaans workers and laymen to put the *Signs of the Times* into Afrikaans. When we decided to do this, the conferences had to guarantee to the publishing house that

they would take 5,000 copies per month. We were encouraged to believe that if the conferences would subsidise this paper for two or three years until our workers and church members could have time to build up a subscription list, that the paper would take its place alongside the English *Signs of the Times* on a self-supporting basis.

But, to our regret, we must report that after three years of subsidising the paper, it is still far from this desired position. As conference officers, we feel to urge upon this delegation the necessity of giving earnest study to the future of this paper. Theoretically, there should be a need for the paper, and by now we should have built up a large subscription list, but actually it appears that there is either not a serious need for the paper or that the paper in some way does not meet the need. Both the publishing house and the conference are anxious to meet the needs of the Afrikaans section of the field, and we earnestly solicit the full co-operation of workers and constituency in our endeavours. We beg to point out, however, that the best type of co-operation and encouragement for further production is for our Afrikaans workers and members to become really enthusiastic in using what is already in existence.

(To be continued in next issue)



### Extracts from Treasurer's Report

P. W. WILLMORE

Forty years is a long time! But this was the age of the Cape Conference in 1932. Organised in 1892, many and varied have been the experiences of this strong senior half of what is now the South African Conference, and we are indeed glad that under the blessing of God, and by wise and careful handling by successive presidents, and committees, our mother conference was able on May 31, 1933, to close its work in a strong way.

Although perhaps not quite as productive in tithe income as its younger sister, the Cape has always maintained a steady flow of general mission and specific funds, which have helped in a splendid way to fill the mission treasury.

For the year 1932 this conference was successful in raising £3,526 in mission funds in the European department alone. When compared with the amount of £4,404 tithe received, we find that the relation of total mission offerings to total tithe is 80%.

#### CAPE CONFERENCE OF S. D. A.

##### General Mission and Specific Funds for Year 1932

###### General Mission Funds

(2/6 P.W.P.M.)

Sabbath School Off.	£1652	3	0
Foreign Missions	19	0	9
Annual Offerings	138	0	0
Harvest Ingathering	1730	8	10
Big Week	151	2	9

Week of Sacrifice	233	9	2
Save Our Missions	78	17	5
Total	£4003	1	11

###### Specific Funds

Helderberg Coll. (Camp-meet.)	£121	6	9
Good Hope T. Sch. (Camp-meet.)	8	9	1
British and For. Bible Soc.	16	7	
Student Aid Helderberg Coll.	2	6	11
Total	£132	19	4

Grand Total	£4136	1	3
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##### General Mission and Specific Funds for Five Months Ended June 5, 1933

###### General Mission Funds

(2/6 P.W.P.M.)

Sabbath School Off.	£519	10	4
Foreign Missions	2	0	11
Annual Offerings	5	6	9
Harvest Ingathering	6	9	5
Camp-meeting	16	19	9
Save Our Missions	2	2	9
Big Week	44	19	11
Week of Sacrifice	151	8	6
Total	£748	18	4

###### Specific Funds

Nil.

(The above figures include the mission funds from Cape Coloured Department.)

The Natal-Transvaal Conference, which was amalgamated with the Cape Conference the end of May 1933, was ten years younger than its senior sister and had attained the age of 30 years, having been organised in 1902. This conference brought to the South African Conference the provinces of Natal, Transvaal, and the Orange Free State, as well as the European interests in a large part of Portuguese East Africa, and all of Swaziland.

The tithe income from the Natal-Transvaal Conference for its closing month of May, 1933, is perhaps a record for any one month in any local conference in our union, the amount being almost £1,600. Because of this splendid tithe the conference, though the expenditure was unusually heavy for the first few months of the year, was able to close its records with a good surplus.

#### NATAL-TVL. CONF. OF S. D. A.

##### General Mission and Specific Funds Receipts for 1932

###### General Mission Funds

Sabbath School Off.	£1380	6	1
Annual Offering	106	16	9
Harvest Ingathering	1578	6	7
Week of Sacrifice	108	5	1
Big Week	49	8	9
Foreign Missions	7	9	
Camp-meeting Pledges	45	11	0
Save Our Missions	55	6	10
Total	£3324	8	10

###### Specific Funds

Donation, Bibles for China	£5	0	0
Student Aid	5	0	
Helderberg Industries	72	11	9
Total	£77	16	9

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Grand Total	£3402	5	7
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##### General Mission and Specific Funds Receipts for Five Months Ending June 5, 1933

###### General Mission Funds

Sabbath School Off.	£553	13	2
Annual Offering	1	9	6
Harvest Ingathering	11	8	9
Week of Sacrifice	100	2	0
Big Week	15	12	9
Camp-meeting Offerings	14	0	7
Save Our Missions	16	0	
Missionary Volunteer	18	6	
Total	£698	1	3

###### Specific Funds

Donation, Bibles for China	£5	5	0
Helderberg Industries	5	0	
Total	£5	10	0

Grand Total	£703	11	3
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#### SOUTH AFRICAN CONFERENCE

##### General Mission and Specific Funds Receipts for Seven Months Ending January 5, 1934

###### General Mission Funds

Sabbath School Off.	£1723	7	1
Annual Offering	146	2	10
Harvest Ingathering	3428	4	1
Big Week	45	14	9
Week of Sacrifice	9	1	3
Missionary Volunteer	4	2	
Save Our Missions	7	0	
Camp-meeting Offerings	111	11	8
Total	£5464	12	10

###### Specific Funds

Russian Relief	£2	14	0
Donation to Education in Congo	10	0	
Donation, Bibles for China	5	5	0
Student Aid	10	16	8
Total	£19	5	8

Grand Total	£5483	18	6
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##### Comparative Baptisms

1930	267
1931	188
1932	371
1933	270

Baptisms increased in a splendid way in both local conferences during the past several years. The biennial period under review shows an increase in baptisms of 186 over and above the previous biennial period of 1930-1931.

**Comparative Membership**

1930 .....	1946
1931 .....	2049
1932 .....	2261
1933 .....	2361

The total membership of the combined conferences at the end of 1930 was 1946. We find that at the end of 1933 the membership for the South African Conference stood at 2,361, or an increase of 415 members for the three years. The net increase for the two years 1932-1933 was 312.

**Tithe Receipts**

1930 .....	£12,143
1931 .....	£11,141
1932 .....	£10,693
1933 .....	£11,461

The Lord has blessed the finances of the amalgamated field in a wonderful way. From 1930 onwards, up to and including 1932, there was a decrease in tithe income, due doubtless to the fearful depression that swept our country along with the rest of the world. We believe that a heavier loss would have been sustained but for the greater faithfulness on the part of a large number of our members.

The average tithe income per month over the twelve months of 1933, was £955, while the average for the seven months after the amalgamation was £995 per month.

**General Mission Funds**

1930 .....	£8439
1931 .....	£7872
1932 .....	£7327
1933 .....	£7005

The year 1930 yielded the largest income in Mission Offerings for the past four years. From then onwards, there was a small decrease each year as is shown by the above figures.

The two years 1930-1931 returned £16,311 in Mission Offerings, while the biennial period under review shows an income of £14,332.

**Harvest Ingathering**

1930 .....	£4032
1931 .....	£3935
1932 .....	£3308
1933 .....	£3446

There has been a small decrease for the past two years as compared with the previous biennial period. However, we are on the upward trend as is shown by the above figures, and, under the present strong leadership of the Home Missionary department, 1933 experienced an appreciable increase over 1932, and we look for a return to the good figures of prosperous times.

**Big Week**

1930 .....	£267
1931 .....	£115
1932 .....	£200
1933 .....	£110

The week is just as long as it has always been. There are just as many hours in

every day. Our membership is steadily increasing. And yet, the percentage relating to "Big Week" returns is dropping!

**Liabilities and Assets**

Our total current liabilities amount to £934. Our current assets, which are practically all available at short notice, exceed our current liabilities by £2,948.

**Capital, Surpluses and Reserves**

Our total capital, surpluses and reserves amount to £3,835. This total may be divided as follows:

1. Invested in office furniture, tents, chairs, hymn-books, etc. £887-13-10.
2. Contributions by our members for special purposes, carried over the turn of the year, £966-15-5.
3. Regular working capital, £1980-17-4. These give a total of £3,835-6-7.

**Efforts**

The expenditure by the conference on efforts was as follows: (This expenditure does not take into account the collections received from the public by the evangelist during his meetings, but the actual cost to the conference.)

Kensington (English)	£50 0 0
Germiston (Afrikaans)	25 0 0
Bethlehem, No. 2 (Afrikaans)	16 9 9
Boksburg North (Afrikaans)	10 0 0
Bloemfontein, No. 2 (Afrikaans)	35 18 8
Uitenhage (English)	67 9 11
Sundry Meetings (Eng. & Afr.)	1 15 5

Total spent £206 13 9

These efforts were provided for as follows:

Special Fund for Bethlehem	£14 14 4
Evangelistic Pledge Fund	82 9 3
Evangelistic Efforts Fund	76 16 10
Regular Operating Expense	32 13 4

Total provided £206 13 9

In fairness to the Uitenhage effort, which was a severe test for any evangelist's faith and courage, we must note that £9-18-11 was refunded to the conference after the amount of £67 had been closed off. This refund reduced the actual cost of this effort to £57, just a little more than the conference had set aside for this town.

**Religious Book Depository Report**

MISS P. E. WILLMORE

**GREETINGS,**

We are happy at this time to present to you a report of the workings of the Religious Book Depository for the biennial period 1932-1933.

During the year 1932 and the first five months of 1933, the Religious Book Depository (Port Elizabeth) operated under the Cape Conference and the Religious Book Depository (Johannesburg) under the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

From June 1, 1933, the depository served the field of the South African Conference, with headquarters at Bloemfontein, dealing with its church societies and colporteurs, as also its isolated members scattered throughout the Union of South Africa and South West Africa.

Profit and Loss Statements and Balance Sheets reveal that in the past some difficulties have been experienced financially, but we are glad to stand before our constituency today free of debt.

This has been made possible by liberal aid from our local conference and the higher organisations and by the splendid and untiring efforts and co-operation of our missionary leaders and secretaries and our band of faithful colporteurs. We are proud of the activities of our church societies and our men and women of the literature ministry. These have stood with us in working to the Cash Policy and today the large majority are meeting their accounts monthly, and we are hoping that shortly 100% will be doing so. The depository at present is self-supporting.

We are sure that many souls have been led to a knowledge of the third angel's message through the truth-filled literature that has left the doors of the Religious Book Depository during the past biennial period, and that this "seed of the Word shall not have been sown in vain."

We thank everyone who has helped to make the present standing of the depository possible. We appreciate more than can be expressed the kind, courteous letters received from those who have dealt with the Religious Book Depository.

**Book Sales**

Port Elizabeth (1932) .....	£1,929
Johannesburg (1932) .....	2,101
Port Elizabeth (5 months, 1933) .....	1,002
Johannesburg (5 months, 1933) .....	908
Bloemfontein—combined (7 months, 1933) .....	2,117

**Home Missionary Report**

F. G. CLIFFORD

We are happy to present to you a report indicating a healthy growth in Christian service by the faithful lay-members of our churches.

Our report would be somewhat larger were it not for the fact that upon the organisation of the Coloured Field we sustained a loss of nine churches having a combined membership of 394. This has naturally adversely affected our figures in comparing them with the previous biennial period.

**Reporting**

During the years 1930-1931 an average of 549 of our believers reported their missionary activities. During 1932-1933 an average of 1,062 were reporting, representing an increase of 94%.

**Harvest Ingathering**

Our members have always taken the deepest interest in this annual drive for missions. Owing to the depression the income from this source has been steadily falling during the past few years. We are glad to report that the 1933 campaign revealed an increase of £137 over that of 1932 in addition to the collecting period being shortened from ten to six weeks. Had the Coloured churches remained within the conference the gain over 1932 would have been £314.

Total receipts during the biennial period, £6,754.

**Big Week**

Unfortunately Big Week has not received the same support as some of the other campaigns and we have to report a loss of £72 over the previous biennial period.

Total receipts during the biennial period, £310.

**Signs Campaign**

Our good missionary paper is filling a need in many homes in South Africa. We believe that its circulation should be at least doubled. Each year a drive for subscriptions has been conducted with the following results:

Subscriptions 1930-1931 .....	2298
Subscriptions 1932-1933 .....	3288

Increase 990

**Church Clubs**

At the close of 1933, 4,005 copies of the *Signs* were taken each month in our church clubs. We regret that some of our churches have very small clubs, while a few do not have any.

**Tekens van die Tye**

The circulation of the *Tekens van die Tye* is a matter that is of some concern to us all. The Sentinel Publishing Company cannot afford to print less than 5,000 copies monthly. Only 1,261 are subscribed for and 1,642 are taken in church clubs, while over 2,000 are paid for by the conference and mailed out, some to our workers for use in missionary work, and the balance to various addresses in the field. This is a heavy burden for the conference to assume and is work that rightly belongs to the churches.

It is regrettable that our churches having a major proportion of Afrikaans speaking members do not lend their strong support to the *Tekens*.

**Lay Evangelism**

We praise God for the spirit of evangelism that has taken hold of some of our brethren. During the biennial period 1930-1931, seventy-four souls were won through the efforts of the laity. For the period 1932-1933 we are able to report the winning of one hundred and twenty-five souls, an increase of fifty-one.

Our goal for 1934 is one hundred souls to be won by the laity. To assist our brethren in soul-winning a set of sermon

notes on doctrinal subjects was prepared and almost one hundred copies have been issued.

**General Activities**

The following is the record of missionary work reported:

ITEMS	1930-1931	1932-1933	INCREASE
No. of Bible readings and gospel meetings	13,180	22,468	70%
No. of missionary visits .....	43,312	55,426	28%
No. taken to Sab. school or other services	4,876	10,859	123%
No. given needed help .....		*128,320	
No. of treatments given .....	9,814	19,220	96%
No. of articles of clothing given .....	16,949	27,585	63%
No. of books, periodicals, tracts, etc. given	278,174	321,761	10%
No. of missionary letters written .....	11,219	15,930	42%

\*No comparison given owing to change in the reporting system.

While we are thankful for the substantial increase in every line of missionary endeavour yet we are anxious to see more labourers in the vineyard that the coming of the Lord might be hastened.

Next to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit our greatest need is for efficient, consecrated leadership in our churches,—Men and women who are filled with enthusiasm born of a vital Christian experience.



**Sabbath School Department  
Biennial Report**

F. G. CLIFFORD

THE following comparative summary of figures will place before you the position of our schools in the conference during the last two biennial periods:

	1930-1931	1932-1933	GAIN	LOSS
Av. No. Sab. Schools .....	52	57	10%	
Average Membership .....	1961	2254	15%	
Average Attendance .....	1766	1997	13%	
Honour Cards .....	4396	5956	35%	
Bookmarks .....	585	713	22%	
No. Baptised .....	314	178		44%
Birthday Offerings .....	£191 5 0	£254 12 7	34%	
Investment Fund .....	£445 3 11	£278 13 9		37%
13th Sab. Offerings .....	1,200 14 7	£1,080 1 11		10%
12 Sab. Offerings .....	£3,851 7 7	£3,849 19 4		.03%
Total Offerings .....	£5,688 11 1	£5,464 7 7		4%

**Percentage of Offerings**

	1930-1931	1932-1933
Goal	£7,442	£8,151
Received	£5,688	£5,464
Per Cent	77%	67%

We are happy for the gain in a number of these items, but this is as it should be. We deeply regret the loss in offerings, undoubtedly caused by the depression. We are thankful that the tide has turned and that during the last four months of 1933 the improvement in offerings was most encouraging so that our loss for the two-year period only amounts to 4%.

**Teachers' Meeting**

The teachers' meeting makes for an efficient and worth-while Sabbath school. We regret that only fifteen of our schools report holding these regularly, yet we are glad that this figure shows an increase of 25% over the previous biennial period.

**Grading Plan**

To keep our officers acquainted with the standing of their schools, the grading system was introduced and has been in operation during the past biennial period. The grades run A, B, C, and D. An "A" grade school must have an average attendance of 85% of its membership, 65% must be perfect in daily study, and 75% of its financial goal must be reached. A "B" grade represents any two of these goals having been reached. "C" indicates that only one goal has been reached, while "D" indicates that no goals have been reached. At the close of 1933 we had four A's, sixteen B's, twenty-four C's, and twelve D's.

**Pennant Plan**

A pennant is held by a school during the quarter following the one in which it has reached the high standard in offerings

of 1/3 per week per church member and 4/- per church member for Thirteenth Sabbath. The average number of schools that have held pennants during the past four years are as follows:

1930 .....	7
1931 .....	8
1932 .....	7
1933 .....	7

In closing this report we desire to express our hearty thanks to all of our officers who have served in their several capacities so faithfully, and we solicit the interest and efforts of the delegates to raise

the standards of our Sabbath schools higher and yet higher that our department may accomplish all that God designs it should.

## S.A.U. Conference

N. C. Wilson ..... President  
J. E. Symons ..... Secy.-Treas.  
Box 468, Bloemfontein, O. F. S.

## Bloemfontein Location Effort

J. R. CAMPBELL

ABOUT the middle of January, Elder N. C. Wilson and his helpers, Pastors Mokolomme, Xabba, and Bacela, and Brother Milton Hlubi, started an effort in the Bloemfontein Location.

When application was made to pitch the tent in a central part of the location we were informed by the location authorities that no tents of any kind, or for any purpose, were allowed in the location. The Lord overruled and finally permission was given to pitch the tent on our own stand next to the church where there was barely room to contain the tent.

Elder Wilson advertised the meetings well. Two large signs were erected,—one next to the tent, and one on the opposite street corner. These were in English and Sesuto.

When the effort started it was raining, in fact night after night the weather was bad, and it seemed as though it would be utterly impossible to get much of an audience; but, to the surprise of all, from the first night the tent was packed, and when the weather allowed, crowds gathered outside the tent. The congregation averaged between 800 and 1200 people per night. In order to make room for adults, after

the first few nights, children who were not attended by their parents were excluded.

This did not continue for just a few nights, but night after night for practically the whole nine weeks the same crowds came out. With the exception of two nights the meetings were held without a break, and when it came time to pull down the tent the people begged that it might be kept up for at least two months more, expressing themselves as willing to meet the expenses of light, etc.

While these meetings were in session, the concert halls, and even the other churches, were practically empty.

Is there any other message in this world that could produce such an effect? Truly this is the message for the time; and it is the time to give the message.

The meetings were well organized, and the crowds were well handled. Elder Wilson and his workers prepared songs in the vernacular which were thrown on the screen each evening for the song service. These songs were very much appreciated by the people; and it was really thrilling to hear them sing.

A large part of the lectures were illustrated on the screen; these pictures were much enjoyed by the congregation. However, it was not the pictures that brought the crowds night after night, but the thrilling presentation of the message.

Many questions were put in the question box; in fact there were so many that one whole evening was devoted to the answering of questions.

More than eighty persons—some of them very prominent in the native community—have handed in their names to join the Bible class. No doubt others will decide to join as the workers continue to visit the interested ones during the next few months.

Unite with us in praying for these souls who have seen this great light, that many may be prepared to meet our Lord.

All through the meetings, Elder Wilson's

corps of devoted workers were most enthusiastic and rendered most excellent help. Joseph Kondlo and others rendered excellent help in handling the large crowds.

During all these meetings, without a break, Neal Wilson manipulated the stereopticon most efficiently. His help was much appreciated.

The South African Mission Field wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Elder Wilson for conducting this effort which was a heavy undertaking for him, as he had the problems of the union to carry at the same time. Above all we wish to thank God for His divine presence and blessing during this effort.

## Wanted

SITUATION as companion or household help. For particulars write: G. Viljoen, Malan Street, Bethlehem, O. F. S.

## M. V. Notes

A MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER officers' meeting for the Peninsula churches was recently conducted by Elder Milton Robison and the writer at the Salt River church. Many phases of Missionary Volunteer work were discussed and we are expecting to see wonderful developments among the Peninsula young people as they start their Progressive class studies.

At the Helderberg Missionary Volunteer meeting on Friday evening, March 24, it was the writer's privilege to meet with the young people. At this time certificates and Vocational Honour Tokens were distributed. Brother Pierre van Eck received his Comrade pin. He is a worker for the Juniors and a Comrade in the great Missionary Volunteer work and we wish him God's blessing as he continues in service.

The chief item of interest at this time was the presentation of the first two Junior Reading Course Awards ever earned in the Southern African Division to Miss Florence Cadle and Brother Pierre van Eck.

When five Junior Reading Course certificates are held by one person he is entitled to this award, which is a beautiful panel picture containing the portraits of those early pioneers of the message—James White, Ellen G. White, Captain Joseph Bates, J. N. Loughborough, Uriah Smith and J. N. Andrews.

We are wondering who will be the next to claim one of these beautiful awards.

## Death of Elder H. J. Edmed

WORD has just reached South Africa by cable of the death in Trinidad of Elder H. J. Edmed.

For many years a leader in the work in South Africa Elder Edmed will always be remembered with love and affection by the South African constituency. Our deep sympathy goes out to the sorrowing members of his family. Full obituary will appear later.



New believers in Bloemfontein Location.

# Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie

## Presidentse Rapport vir die Twee Jaar 1932-1933

L. L. MOFFITT

*Aan die Afgevaardigdes Bymekaar vir die Eerste Sitting van die Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie*

HEIL:

Psalmsing die Here wat op Sion woon;  
verkondig onder die volke Sy dade.  
Gee aan die Here die eer van Sy Naam;  
aanbid die Here in heilige sieraad.  
Psalmsing die Here, o Sy gunsgenote, en  
loof Sy heilige gedagtenis.  
Wees sterk, en laat julle hart sterk wees,  
almal wat op die Here wag!  
Wegelukkig is die nasie wie se God die  
Here is, die volk wat Hy vir Hom as  
erfdeel uitgekies het.  
Geloof sy die Here! Dag en nag dra Hy  
ons.  
Betoon u sterk, o God, wat vir ons gewerk  
het.  
Bevestig die werk van ons hande oor ons,  
ja die werk van ons hande, bevestig  
dit.  
Dit het van die Here gekom; dit is won-  
derlik in ons oë. U kroon die jaar  
van u goedheid.  
Waarlik God is goed vir Israel.  
Loof die Here.  
Geloof sy die Here vir ewig! Amen en  
Amen.

Met hierdie woorde van die psalmdigter wil die offisiere en komitee hul dank aan hulle hemelse Vader betuig vir Sy sorg en voorsienigheid, en seëninge waar ons bymekaar is om die afgevaardigdes en besoekers welkom te heet op die eerste vergadering van die konferensie. In 'n korte oorsig van die toestande wat gehers het, en van die verrigtings in verskillende fases van die werk gedurende die afgelope twee jaar, vertrou ons dat almal teenwoordig die lof aan die Here wil bring.

### Moeilikhede op die Weg

In sekere opsigte was daar buitengewone moeilikhede in die afgelope twee jaar. Die ekonomiese instorting van die wêreld het in die tydperk die laagste gestaan en die finansiële herstelling het maar teen die einde van 1933 aangebreek. Suid-Afrika was benadeel in oorsese markte in 1932 omrede die Regering by die goudstandaard gestaan het. Elke stad in Suid-Afrika het die knou van die sware finansiële depressie gevoel. Baie fabriekes moes stilstaan, en alle nywerhede het veel ingekrimp. Selfs die myne het dit gevoel. Werkeloosheid was 'n dringende vraagstuk op vele plekke. En die platteland was ook geteister.

Behalwe die depressie was daar die grootste droogte in die geskiedenis van Suid-Afrika. Uitgestrekte dele van die noorde-lyke Kaapland, die gehele Oranje Vrystaat, groot gedeeltes van die Transvaal, en dele van Natal was vir maande in die kloue van 'n vreeslike droogte.

Hoewel die teisterende toestande die finansies van ons werk benadeel het, het die benoude tyd terselfdertyd die menseog op geestelike dinge gevestig. Soos Jesaja sê, "As U oordele op die aarde is dan leer die inwoners van die wêreld geregtigheid." Dus, alhoewel daar finansiële verliese was,

verheug ons ons oor die vordering van die evangelie, oor toename van ledetal, en groter bedrywigheid van ons departemente.

Aan die einde van 1933 het die lieve Here oorvloedige reëns geskenk. Die aarde is weer vrolik. En die depressie is nie meer so swaar nie. 'n Beter dag het vir Suid-Afrika aangebreek, hoewel dit maar van korte duur mag wees.

### Die Veld Gereorganiseer

Verlede jaar was daar 'n groot verandering in ons administrasie aanbring. As gevolg van die geldskaarste in die Suid-Afrikaanse Uniekonferensie, was 'n komitee benoem in verband met die Uniekonferensie sitting in April 1933. Daar was toe besluit om te bespaar deur die twee konferensies te amalgameer soos tevore met die twee sendingvelde geskied het. Voorlopige begrotings was voorgestel wat 'n aansienlike besparing beloof het asook die nodige versterking van die verskillende departement-sake.

Voor die Uniekonferensie sitting verdaag het, was die komitee se verslag anageneem en 'n spesiale afvaardiging aangestel om die lede van die twee konferensies te verteenwoordig en die voorstel te oorweeg. Hulle het vir die amalgameer gestem en die naam Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie daaraan gegee. Gestem was dat die konferensie-kantore en boek-depôts in Johannesburg en Port-Elizabeth verplaas word na 'n sentrale kantoor in Bloemfontein. Offisiere en komitee was gekies vir die onverloper tyd van die tweejaar, en 'n begroting aangeneem vir die amalgameerde konferensie vanaf 1 Junie 1933.

Met die verandering was die departement vir die bruinmense georganiseer as 'n aparte veld. Dit toon 'n verskil in ons vergelykende rapport.

Geldelik was die verandering 'n voordeel. Die konferensie kon vier ander werkers aanneem, die helfte salaris en onkoste van vier unie departementele werkers betaal, en boënop nog £400 aan die unie skenk behalwe die tiende van die tiende en sustentasie. Die saamvoeging van die twee depôts het die Religious Book Depository geldelik gehelp, sodat dit vir die eerstekeer op eie voete staan.

Die beweging van die konferensies was moontlik 'n weinig vertraag terwyl die bote as 't ware saamgesmee was. Ons het egter probeer dat die amalgameer so min moontlik steuring en ongerief vir die veld sou bring, en ons waardeer die verdraagsaamheid van ons lede gedurende die skommeltyd, verplasing van kantore, en verandering van ons planne vir die behoeftes van 'n vergrote veld.

Volgens uitgestrektheid het ons moontlik die grootste konferensie in die wêreld.

Saam met die mandaatgebied beslaan dit 851,957 vierkante myle.

### Evangelisasie

Dit verheug ons om mee te deel dat evangelisasie pragtig vorder in ons gebied. U sal belangstel in 'n korte oorsig oor die evangeliewerk in die tweejaar. Albei konferensies het sover die meeste siele in 1932 gedoop. Die Natal-Transvaal-Konferensie het 250 gedoop en die Kaap-Konferensie 222, 'n totaal van 472. Die hoogste syfer vanaf 1925 was toe die Natal-Transvaal-Konferensie 192 in 1930 gedoop het en die Kaap-Konferensie 134 in dieselfde jaar.

In 1933 tot Juniemaand was daar drie pogings in die Natal-Transvaal-Konferensie gehou: in Boksburg-Noord, Bloemfontein, en Bethlehem; en 2 in die Kaap: Queens-town en Wynberg. Na die amalgameer, en dit sluit die departement vir bruinmense uit, was daar vyf evangelie-pogings in die Suid-Afrikaanse-Konferensie gehou gedurende die laaste halfjaar van 1933: Bethlehem, Bloemfontein, en Germiston, in Afrikaans; Johannesburg en Uitenhage, in Engels. U sal sien dat drie uit die vyf pogings in Afrikaans was. Behalwe die gereelde evangelie-pogings, was daar ook twee pogings deur leke gehou: dus 'n totaal van 23 publieke pogings in die tweejaar, behalwe die Sondagaand-dienste in die kerke. In die tydperk is 745 siele gedoop, 'n wins van 212 vir die twee konferensies oor die vorige tweejaar, en dit as ons nie rekening hou met die Departement vir Bruinmense van die gewese Kaap-Konferensie vanaf die middel van 1933.

'n Spesiale Evangeliefonds was in die N.-T.-Konferensie deur gewese president Ouderling W. L. Hyatt persoonlik aangemoedig, en dit het in 1932 £301-11-8 direk vir die evangeliewerk verskaf. Die nuwe konferensie volg die plan, en hoewel dit nie net so persoonlik in die groot veld aangemoedig kan word nie, vertrou ons die konferensie besef om die saak getrou te ondersteun. As elke lid in die konferensie net 'n sjieling elke maand na die fonds gee, sal daar £1,400 jaarliks inkom vir 'n kragtige evangelie-veldtog.

### Karavane

Ons het al gemeld van die vele kleiner stede en dorpe en uitgebreide platteland waar ons nog niks gedoen het nie, behalwe deur ons kolporteurs. Albei konferensies het af en toe die vraagstuk oorweeg. Tydens die Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie komitee se byeenkoms verlede Desember, het die offisiere die voorstel oorweeg om deur die moterkaravaan aan die groot behoefte te voorsien. Voor die vergaderings het die offisiere voorlopige ondersoek ingestel, en sekere werkers en leke was baie belangstel-

lend en samewerkend. Om dit te onderneem het een van ons lede £150 gegee. Nog £60 het van elders daarvoor ingekom.

Die komitee het dit oorweeg en al die lede het eenparig gevoel dat die voorstel op die proef behoort gestel te word. Die voorstel was aangeneem en die karavaan-beleid opgetrek. Twee karavane is aan gang: Ouderling en Suster S. G. Hiten het in Ceres in die Boland begin; Ouderling en Suster P. A. Venter langs die Mooirivier, Suidelike Transvaal. Ons het 'n ander karavaan wat net na die kamp uitgaan.

Die werking van die karavaan is as volg: 'n werker en eggenote gaan uit in die bestemde distrik en woon in hul huis op wiele. Kom hulle op 'n dorp, of plase naby mekaar, dan probeer hulle die skoolgebou kry of die eetkamer van 'n gasvrye persoon, of anders somar 'n kaal erf vir buite-lug dienste. In die laaste geval word die karavaan se kant gebruik om 'n skorm te hang vir towerlantern-prente of kaarte. By die uitrusting kom ook 'n draagbare orreltjie. Op die geskikte plek word dan 'n poging gehou wat duur solank as daar 'n belangstelling is. Na die poging gaan die karavaan na die volgende dorpie of gehug en kom af en toe terug om die vorige geselskap te besoek. Behalwe die preke, Bybelstudies en traktate versprei, word ook intekenaars vir ons tydskrifte verwerf.

Ons glo dis 'n uitstekende plan, en as ons nog meer karavane in elke provinsie uitstuur, sal vele siele uit die onbetrede gebiede jaarliks kan gedoop word.

#### Nuwe en Oue Gemeentes

Drie nuwe gemeentes is in die tweejaar gestig; en deur stemming van die konferensie onder die susterskap van gemeentes ingesluit. Die nuwe gemeentes is Brakpan en Boksburg-Noord op die Rand, en Vredendal in die Boland. Opmerklik is dat die drie nuwe gemeentes deur Afrikaanse werkers deur preek in Afrikaans gestig is.

Saam met die drie nuwe gemeentes en behalwe die nege gemeentes vir bruinmense wat deur die reorganisasie aan 'n ander veld toevertrou is, het ons nou saam met die konferensie gemeente vyf-en-dertig gemeentes.

Een nuwe kerk is in die tweejaar gebou. Die gebou staan in Oos-Londen en is een van ons beste kerke in die konferensie. Die gemeente van Oos-Londen, en die konferensie is die Algemene Konferensie Kerk Uitbreidingsplan baie dankbaar vir die gebou.

#### Die Afrikaanse Werk

Ons het gesien dat die drie nuwe gemeentes wat in die konferensie gekom het, Afrikaanse gemeentes is. 'n Paar jaar gelede het ons gedink dat jy neerlaag soek as jy 'n poging in Afrikaans hou, maar vandag sien ons duidelik 'n ontwaking onder die Afrikaanssprekendes, en duisende verlang om die Boodschap in hul moedertaal te hoor. Daar is geen twyfel nie dat ons van nou af baie meer siele uit die Afrikaanse gedeeltes van die veld sal sien uitstaan. Die karavane sal vernaamlik on-

der Afrikaanssprekendes arbei. Verskillende plekke versoek ons om daar Afrikaanse pogings te hou.

Ons brei ons Afrikaanse leestof so vinnig uit as moontlik. Die Sentinel Publishing Company het 'n Afrikaanse boek oor die huidige wêreldtoestande byna drukgereed. Die Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie laat een van die werkers versamelde gedeeltes van die "Testimonies" vertaal. Nog 'n werkster is besig om 'n oorspronklike Afrikaanse boek te skrywe oor die leer van die Bybel. Ons hoop dat die manuskripte binnekorte gereed sal wees om aan die Sentinel Uitgewerskomitee oorhandig te word.

Met ons reis deur die veld, het ons die bepaalde behoefte aan 'n Afrikaanse liederebundel gevoel. Gesangboeke van allerhande genootskappe word gebruik, behalwe 'n baie beperkte aantal van 'n nie geheel bevredigende vertaling nie van gedeeltes van "Christ in Song." Die behoefte aan 'n nuwe en praktiese gesangboek in Afrikaans is ernstig deur Konferensie offisiere, Sentinel Raad en Konferensie komitee oorweeg. Na die ondersoek deur die bestuurder van die Sentinel Publishing Company, en 'n sorgvuldige oorweging van ons komitee, was daar gestem dat ons 'n gesangboek opstel wat sowat 400 liedere bevat, wat grotendeels uit "Christ in Song" geneem si. Voorgestel was dat die liedere in albei tale gedruk word,—die Engelse op die een bladsy en die Afrikaans op die bladsy neffens aan, en soos die goedkoopst e sal wees om die een of ander taal begelei met die musiek te kry.

Daar is reeds begin met die vertaalwerk, en met die sitting van die konferensie hoop ons sal 'n komitee aangestel word om die meer of min afsonderlike pogings saam te bring en om definitief te beraam om so spoedig moontlik die veel gewenste werk vir ons evangelie en kerkdienste te hê.

Ongelukkig is daar een kant van ons Afrikaanse lektuur wat effe teleurstellend is: Ek bedoel die sirkulasie van die *Tekens van die Tye*. Verskeie Afrikaanse werkers en leke het ons gesoebat om die *Signs of the Times* in Afrikaans uit te gee. Toe ons dit besluit het, moes ons die waarborg van 5,000 eksemplare per maand aan die Sentinel verseker. Ons het gemeen dat as die konferensie die blad vir twee of drie jaar subsidieer totdat ons werkers en leke tyd genoeg gehad het om genoeg intekenaars te verwerf het dat die blad dan saam met die *Signs of the Times* op eie voete kan staan.

Tot ons leed moet ons na drie jaar proef meedeel dat dit gladnie die punt bereik het nie. Die konferensie offisiere wens by die afgevaardigdes aan te dring om die toekoms van die blad te oorweeg. Ons meen daar is 'n behoefte aan so'n blad, en ons moes nou al genoeg intekenaars gehad het, maar in werklikheid skyn dit of daar nie 'n groot behoefte daarvoor bestaan nie, of anders het die blad nie aan die behoeftes voorsien nie.

Die uitgewersaak en die konferensie is begerig om aan die behoeftes van die Afri-

kaanssprekendes te voorsien, daarom wil ons ernstig die volle saamwerking van werkers en leke in ons onderneming versoek. Ons wens egter aan u voor te hou dat die beste saamwerking en aanmoediging om die blad langer te druk is dat ons Afrikaanse werkers en leke geesdriftig gebruik maak van wat ons reeds het.



## Uittreksels van die Tesourier se Rapport

P. W. WILLMORE

VEERTIG jaar is lank. En dit was die ouderdom van die Kaap Konferensie in 1932. Dit was in 1892 georganiseer, en het vele en verskillende ondervindings deurmaak, en is nou die cuer-helfte van die huidige Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie, en ons is waarlik bly dat, met die seën van die Here en deur die verstandige en sorgvuldige bestuur van die opvolgende presidente en komitees, die moeder konferensie in staat was om op 31 Mei, 1933 mooi en sterk af te sluit.

Moontlik het die Kaap Konferensie nie soveel tiende-inkomste as haar jonger suster kon inbring nie, maar tog het sy gedurig gereeld 'n goeie stroom sendingofferandes en ander juiste fondse gelewer wat die sendingskatkis veel gehelp het.

Gedurende 1932 het die konferensie £3,526 as sendingofferandes van die departement vir blankes gelewer. As ons dit vergelyk met die tiende wat £4,404 was, vind ons dat die sendingofferande 80% van die tiene was.

### KAAPSE KONFERENSIE VAN S.D.A. Algemene Sending en Spesifieke Fondse vir Jaar 1932

#### Algemene Sendingfondse

(2/6 per week per lid)

Sabbatskool Offerande	£1652	3	0
Buitelandse Sending	19	0	9
Jaarofferande	138	0	0
Oesinsameling	1730	8	10
Grootweek	151	2	9
Opofferingsweek	233	9	2
Red Ons Sending	78	17	5

Totaal £4003 1 11

#### Spesifieke Fondse

Helderberg (Kampvergadering)	£121	6	9
Goede Hoop Sk. (Kampvergad.)	8	9	1
Brits en Buite. Bybelgenootsk.	16	7	
Stud. Leningfonds (Helderberg)	2	6	11

Totaal £132 19 4

Groot Totaal £4136 1 3

### Algemene Sending en Spesifieke Fondse vir 5 Maande, geëindig 5 Junie, 1933

#### Algemene Sendingfondse

(2/6 per week per lid)

Sabbatskool Offerandes	£519	10	4
Buitelandse Sending Offerande	2	0	11
Jarofferandes	5	6	9
Oesinsameling	6	9	5



Kampvergadering	16 19 9
Red Ons Sending	2 2 9
Grootweek	44 19 11
Opofferingsweek	151 8 6
<b>Totaal</b>	<b>£748 18 4</b>

**Spesifieke Fondse**

Nil.

(Hierdie rapport sluit in die sending-fonds van die Gekleurde Departement.)

Die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie, wat saam met die Kaap Konferensie aan die einde van Mei, 1933, geamalgameer was, was tien jaar jonger dan haar ouer suster en het die ouderdom van 30 jaar bereik. Die konferensie was in 1902 georganiseer. Die konferensie het aan die Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie, die provinsies van Natal, Transvaal en die Oranje Vrystaat gebring, sowel as die Europese seksie in 'n groot deel van Portugees Oos Afrika en die hele Swaziland.

Die tiende inkomste van die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie vir die sluitingsmaand van Mei, 1933, is miskien 'n rekord vir enige een maand in enige plaaslike konferensie in ons unie, die bedrag bestaande byna £1,600. Alhoewel die onkoste buitengewoon swaar was vir die eerste paar maande van die jaar, weens die uitstekende tiende, was die konferensie in staat om sy rekords te sluit met 'n goeie surplus.

**NATAL-TVL. KONF. VAN S. D. A.**

**Algemene Sending en Spesifieke Fondse**  
Ontvangste vir 1932

**Algemene Sendingfondse**

Sabbatskool Offerande	£1380 6 1
Jaarofferande	106 16 9
Oesinsameling	1578 6 7
Opofferingsweek	108 5 1
Grootweek	49 8 9
Buitelandse Sending	7 9
Kampvergadering Beloftes	45 11 0
Red Ons Sending	55 6 10

**Totaal** £3324 8 10

**Spesifieke Fondse**

Gif, Bybel vir Sjiena	£5 0 0
Studente Lening	5 0
Helderberg Nywerhede	72 11 9

**Totaal** £77 16 9

**Groot Totaal** £3402 5 7

**NATAL-TVL. KONF. VAN S. D. A.**

**Algemene Sending en Spesifieke Fondse**  
Ontvang. vir 5 Maande tot 5 Junie, 1933

**Algemene Sendingfondse**

Sabbatskool Offerande	£553 13 2
Jaarofferande	1 9 6
Oesinsameling	11 8 9
Opofferingsweek	100 2 0
Grootweek	15 12 9
Kampvergadering-offerandes	14 0 7
Red Ons Sending	16 0
Sendingvrywilliger	18 6

**Totaal** £698 1 3

**Spesifieke Fondse**

Gifte vir Bybels in Sjiena	£5 5 0
Helderberg Nywerhede	5 0

**Totaal** £5 10 0

**Groot Totaal** £703 11 3

**SUID-AFRIKAANSE KONFERENSIE**

**Ontvangste vir 7 Maande Eindigde**

**Algemene Sending en Spesifieke Fondse**  
5 Januarie, 1934

**Algemene Sendingfondse**

Sabbatskool Offerande	£1723 7 1
Jaarliks	146 2 10
Oesinsameling	3428 4 1
Grootweek	45 14 9
Opofferingsweek	9 1 3
Sendingvrywilliger	4 2
Red Ons Sending	7 0
Kampvergadering Offerande	111 11 8

**Totaal** £5464 12 10

**Spesifieke Fondse**

Russiese Ondersteuning	£2 14 0
Gifte vir Onderwys in Congo	10 0
Gifte vir Bybels in Sjiena	5 5 0
Studente Lening	10 16 8

**Totaal** £19 5 8

**Groot Totaal** £5483 18 6

**Vergelykende Doop**

1930	267
1931	188
1932	371
1933	270

Gedurende die laaste paar jaar het die aantal mense wat gedoop was op 'n uitstekende wyse vermeerder. Die tweejaar tydperk onder hersiening wys 'n vermeerdering in siele van 186 meer dan die vorige tweejaar tydperk van 1930-1931.

**Vergelykende Ledetal**

1930	1946
1931	2049
1932	2261
1933	2361

Aan die einde van 1930 was die totaal ledetal van die gekombineerde konferensies 1,946. Ons vind dat aan die einde van 1933 was die ledetal van die Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie 2,361, of 'n vermeerdering van 415 lede vir die drie jaar. Vir die twee jaar 1932-1933 was die netto vermeerdering 312. Die syfers wys die ledetal aan die einde van elke jaar.

**Tiende Ontvangste**

1930	£12,143
1931	£11,141
1932	£10,693
1933	£11,461

Die Here het die finansies van die geamalgamiseerde veld op 'n wonderlike wyse gesien. Van 1930 tot die einde van 1932 was daar 'n vermindering van tiende inkomste, as 'n gevolg van die vreeslike de-

pressie wat in ons land geheers het netsoos oor die res van die wêreld. Ons glo dat daar 'n groter verlies sou gewees het, was dit nie vir die getrouheid van die grootste gedeelte van ons lede nie.

Die gemiddelde tiende inkomste per maand oor die twaalf maande van 1933 was £955, terwyl die gemiddelde tiende vir die sewe maande na die amalgamasie £995 per maand was.

**Algemene Sendingfondse**

1930	£8439
1931	£7872
1932	£7327
1933	£7005

Die jaar 1930 het die grootste inkomste van sendingofferande gelewer. Van toe af was daar elke jaar 'n klein vermindering soos aangewys word deur dieboostaande syfers.

Die tweejaar 1930-1931 het £16,311 sendingofferande ingebring, terwyl die tweejaar tydperk onder hersiening 'n inkomste van £14,332 wys.

**Oesinsameling**

1930	£4032
1931	£3935
1932	£3308
1933	£3446

Oor die laaste twee jaar was daar 'n klein vermindering vergelykende met die vorige tweejaar tydperk. Maar ons gaan egter opwaarts, soos aangewys deur die bostaande syfers, en onder die teenwoordige leiding van die Buurtsending Departement het 1933 'n merkbare vermeerdering oor 1932 ondervind, en ons kyk vooruit na 'n terugkeer na die goeie syfers van voorspoedige tye.

**Groot Week**

1930	£267
1931	£115
1932	£200
1933	£110

Die week is netso lank as wat dit altyd was. Daar is net soveel ure in elke dag. Ons ledetal vermeerder stadigaan. En tog, wys die persentasies met betrekking tot "Grootweek" 'n vermindering van oprings.

**Laste en Bate**

Ons totale lopende laste bedra £934. Ons lopende bate wat byna almal verkrygbaar is na kort kennisgewing, oortref ons lopende laste met £2,948.

**Kapitaal, Surplus en Reserwe**

Ons totale kapitaal, surplus en reserwe bedra £3,835. Die bedrag kan verdeel word as volg:

1. Beleg in kantoormeubels, tente, stoele, gesangboeke, ens., £887-13-10.
  2. Bygedra deur ons lede vir spesiale doeleindes, gedurende die loop van die jaar, £966-15-5.
  3. Gewone bedryfkapitaal, £1980-17-4.
- Altesame gee dit 'n totaal van £3,825-6-7.

**Pogings**

Die uitgawe sluit nie die kollekte in, wat die evangelis ontvang het van die publiek

gedurende sy dienste nie, maar die werklike koste wat die konferensie moes betaal.

Kensington (Engels)	£50 0 0
Germiston (Afrikaans)	25 0 0
Bethlehem, No. 2 (Afrikaans)	16 9 9
Boksburg Noord (Afrikaans)	10 0 0
Bloemfontein, No. 2 (Afrikaans)	35 18 8
Uitenhage (Engels)	67 9 11
Allerhande Evang. (Eng. en Afr.)	1 15 5

Totaal spandeer £206 13 9

Voorsorg was gemaak vir die pogings as volg:

Spesiale Fonds vir Bethlehem	£14 14 4
Van Evan. Belofte Fonds	82 9 3
Van Evan. Pogingsfonds	76 16 10
Van Gewone Bedryfonkoste	32 13 4

Totaal voorsien £206 13 9

Om eerlik te wees teenoor die Uitenhage poging, wat 'n swaar toets was van die geloof en moed van enige evangelis, moet ons merk dat £9-18-11 terugbetaal was aan die konferensie nadat die bedrag van £67 afgesluit was. Die terugbetaling het die werklike koste van die poging vermindert tot £57, wat net 'n klein bietjie meer is as wat die konferensie opsy gesit het vir die dorp.

## Twejarige Rapport van die Sabbatskool Departement

Die volgende vergelykende opsomming sal die staat van die Sabbatskole in die konferensie oor die laaste tweejaar duidelik weergee:

	1930-1931	1932-1933.....	WINS	VERLIES
Gemiddelde aantal S. Skole .....	52	57	10%	
Gemiddelde Ledetal .....	1961	2254	15%	
Gemiddelde Getal Aanwesig .....	1766	1997	13%	
Eerekaartjies .....	4396	5956	35%	
Boekleërs .....	585	713	22%	
Gedoopt .....	314	178		44%
Verjaarsdag Off. ....	£191 5 0	254 12 7	34%	
"Investment" Fonds .....	£445 3 11	£278 13 9		37%
13de Sab. Offerandes .....	1,200 14 7	£1080 1 11		10%
12 Sab. Offerandes .....	3,851 7 7	£3849 19 4		.03%
Totaal .....	£5,688 11 1	£5464 7 7		4%

### Persentasie van Offerandes

	1930-1931	1932-1933
Doel	£7,442	£8,151
Ontvang	£5,688	£5,464
Persent	77%	67%

Ons verheug ons oor die vooruitgang onder verskillende van die hoofde, so behoort dit ook te wees. Dit is met leedwese dat ons die verlies in offerandes verneem, wat ongetwyfeld veroorsaak is deur die depressie. Ons is dankbaar dat ons die keerpunt bereik het, en dat daar oor die laaste vier maande verbetering gekom het, so dat ons verlies oor die laaste tweejarige tydperk slegs 4% is.

### Onderwysersvergaderings

Onderwysersvergaderings word bereken om die Sabbatskool doeltreffend en "die

moeite werd te maak." Dis te betreure dat daar maar net vyftien Sabbatskole sulke vergaderings hou, nogtans is ons bly dat dit 'n vermeerdering van 25% aantoon oor die vorige tweejarige tydperk.

### Graderingsplan

Teneinde ons Sabbatskool beamptes op hoogte te hou van die stand van hul skole, was die graderingsplan in die lewe geroep, en toegepas gedurende verstreke tweejarige tydperk. Die verskillende grade is A, B, C, en D. Om 'n graad "A" skool te wees moet die persensie lys gemiddeld 85% beloop. 65% moet op die perfekte studie lys wees, en 75% van die finansiële doel moet behaal word. 'n "B" graad is 'n skool wat twee van voorgenoemde mikpunte bereik het. 'n "C" graad stel voor 'n skool wat een van die mikpunte bereik het, terwyl "D" 'n skool aandui wat geen een van die mikpunte bereik het nie. By die einde van 1933, het ons vier A's, ses-teen B's, vier-en-twintig C's, en twaalf D's gehad.

### Die "Flag" Plan

'n Vlaggie word toe geken aan 'n skool wat gedurende die kwartaal die som van 1/3 per week per kerklid bereik het, en 4/- per lid op die dertiende Sabbat; dit word die volgende kwartaal aan die betrokke Sabbatskool uitgereik. Die gemiddelde aantal skole wat die vlaggie verwerf het oor die laaste vier jaar is as volg:

1930 .....	7
1931 .....	8
1932 .....	7
1933 .....	7

Kleurlinge, ons nege kerke met 'n ledetal van 394, verloor het nie. Derhalwe stel dit die vergelyking met die vorige tweejarige tydperk in 'n ongunstige lig.

### Lede wat Gerapporteer het

Gedurende die jare 1930-1931, het daar gemiddeld 549 van ons lede rapport ingedien aangaande hul sendingbedrywighede. Gedurende 1932-1933, het gemiddeld 1062 gerapporteer, 'n vermeerdering van 94%.

### Oesinsameling

Ons lede het altyd groot belang gestel in hierdie jaarlikse insameling vir die sending. Weëns die depressie het die toevloei van fondse uit hierdie bron, die laaste paar jaar baie afgeneem. Ons is bly om te kan meedeel dat die insameling gedurende 1933, die van 1932 met £136 cortref het, afgesien dat die tydperk van die veldtog van tien tot ses weke verkort was. As die Kleurling-kerke nie van die konferensie afgeskei was nie, dan sou die wins op 1932, £314 beloop het.

Totaal ingesamel gedurende 1932-1933, £6,754.

### "Big Week"

Ongelukkig het die "Big Week" veldtog nie dieselfde ondersteuning geniet as die ander veldtogte nie, gevolglik moet ons 'n verlies van £72 op die vorige tweejarige tydperk rapporteer.

Totaal geld ontvang oor tweejarige tydperk (1932-1933), £310.

### Signs Veldtog

Ons goeie sendingblad voorsien in die behoefte van baie gesinne in Suid Afrika. Ons glo dat die sirkulasie tenminste verdubbel moet word. Elke jaar is daar 'n veldtog vir die verwing van intekenaars, met die volgende resultate:

Intekenaars (1930-1931) .....	2298
Intekenaars (1932-1933) .....	3288

Vermeerdering 990

### Kerk Klubs

Tot aan die einde van 1933 het die kerkklubs 4,005 eksemplare van die *Signs* elke maand geneem. Ons is jammer dat party van ons kerke baie klein klubs het, terwyl 'n paar glad niks het nie.

### Die Tekens

Die sirkulasie van die *Tekens* is 'n saak wat vir ons baie besorgdheid veroorsaak. Die Sentinel Publishing Company kan dit nie bekostig om minder dan 5,000 per maand te druk nie. Hiervan gaan 1,261 per pos na intekenaars, 1,642 word geneem deur die kerkklubs, terwyl die res van oor die 2,000 maandeliks deur die konferensie betaal en uitgestuur word, party tot ons werkers, en die orige na verskillende adrese in die veld. Dit is 'n sware las wat die konferensie moet dra, en dit behoort na regte deur die kerk gedoen te word.

Dit is betreurenswaardig dat die kerke wat grotendeels Afrikaans-sprekend is, nie die *Tekens* beter ondersteun nie.

## Buurtsending Rapport

Dit is met genoë dat ons u 'n rapport kan voorlê, wat 'n gesonde groei aantoon in die werksaamhede van ons getroue gemeentelede in hul werk vir die Here.

Ons rapport sou lywiger gewees het, was dit nie vir die feit dat weëns die daarstelling van 'n aparte arbeidsveld onder die

### Evangelasie Deur Leke

Ons prys God vir die evangelistiese gees wat sommige van die broeders beetgepak het. Oor die tweejarige periode 1930-1931, was daar vier-en-sewentig siele gewin as gevolg van die pogings deur leke. Oor die periode 1932-1933, rapporteer ons honderd-vyf-en-twintig siele, 'n wins van een-en-vyftig. Ons het vir die leke, gedurende 1934, tot doel gestel 'n honderd siele. Ten einde die broeders by te staan in hul pogings, het ons 'n aantal preke oor die leerstellingen van die Bybel, saamgestel, en byna 'n honderd eksemplare was uitgegee. As ons Leraars en Evangeliste ons leke op 'n simpatiese en doelmatige wyse sou bystaan en aanmoedig, glo ons dat baie van hulle egte sielewinnings sal word. Ons beroep ons op ons konferensiewerkers om die las te aanvar, en die taak op hulle te neem, om geskikte manne en vroue toe te rus vir die bediening van die Woord.

### Algemene Werksaamhede

Die volgende is die rekord van huis-sending werk wat gerapporteer was:

	1930-1931	1932-1933	Vermeer.
Getal Bybellesinge gehou .....	13,180	22,468	70%
Getal besoeke afgele .....	43,312	55,426	28%
Getal Persone na S. Skl. of dienste geneem	4,876	10,859	123%
Getal persone aan wie nodige hulp verkaf is		*128,320	
Behandeling van siekes .....	9,814	19,220	96%
Getal kledingstukke weggegee .....	16,949	27,585	63%
Getal boeke, tydskrifte, en traktate uitgegee	278,174 <sup>1</sup>	321,761	10%
Getal sendingbriewe geskrywe .....	11,219	15,930	42%

\*Weëns 'n verandering in die manier van rapporteer, kan ons in hierdie verband geen vergelyking maak nie.

Terwyl ons dankbar is vir die aansienlike vermeerdering in alle opsigte in verband met ons sendingwerk, is ons nogtans begerig om meer arbeiders in die wyngaard van die Here te sien, sodat die koms van die Here verhaas kan word.

Naas die uitstorting van die Heilige Gees, is ons grootste behoefte aan bekwame, energieke, en toegewyde leiers in ons kerke. Manne en vroue vol van die entoesiasme wat gebore word uit 'n kragtige Christelike ervaring.



## Doopdiens te Wynberg

W. B. ABNEY

DIE eerste Sondagaand in Oktober het skrywer, ondersteun deur Broeders P. S. Jackson en Alf G. Kohlen en die getroue lede van die gemeente van Elsie's Rivier, 'n series vergaderinge in die klein tabernakel met sitplek vir 250, naby die stasie Elsie's Rivier begin. Die vergaderings het tot die end van die jaar aangehou en is aldeur goed bygewoon. Daarna is die geboutjie afgebreek en al die vergaderings is toe in die kerkie van Elsie's Rivier gehou.

Die Here was baie naby in antwoord op die ernstige gebede van Sy kinders en het die poging met siele geseën. Drie helpe ge-

sinne het saam met 'n paar anderes die boodskap aangeneem en 'n doopklas gevorm om verder onderrig te ontvang.

Tegelyk het ons 'n doopklas in Wynberg gehou, gedeeltelik gevorm uit mense wat belangstellend geword het deur die persoonlike pogings van die lede van die Bybelwerkers Opleidingklas wat verlede jaar na die poging in die gemeente van Wynberg gevorm is. Die Here het hierdie pogings met gevolge geseën. Party van die lede gee so veel as vier aande per week Bybelstudies.

Om drie uur in die middag van 18 Maart het skrywer ses-en-twintig mense in die Wynbergkerk gedoop. Tien van hulle was nuwe mense wat deur die poging van Elsie's Rivier ingekom het en by die gemeente daar aangesluit het. Verskeie anders in Elsie's Rivier sal later gedoop word. Een was reeds in die Apostoliese Gemeente gedoop en het 'n paar jaar gelede die derde engelboodskap aangeneem en was sedert lid van die gemeente van Elsie's Rivier. Die Gees van God het die hart van hierdie suster aangeraak deur die woorde van 'n dogtertjie van een van ons wer-

kers. Die dogtertjie het gevra: "Is jy gedoop?" en die suster het geantwoord: "Ja, ek is gedoop as 'n Apostoliese." Die dogtertjie sê toe: "Suster, jy is in dwaling gedoop, jy moet in die waarheid gedoop word." Hierdie suster sê dat hierdie woorde deur die dogtertjie haar vir baie jare gevolg het. Sy het gevra om saam met die ander kandidate gedoop te word, wat ons gedaan het. 'n Kind sal hulle lei, selfs in hierdie lewe. Dit maak elf van Elsie's Rivier. Daar was veertien van Wynberg, twaalf nuwes en twee afvalliges wat weer reggekome het. Een was van Kensington.

Mag die Here hierdie siele seën en getrou bewaar tot die end en deur hul persoonlike pogings baie anders tot Hom lei, is die ernstige gebed van die skrywer en sy mede-werkers.



## Buurtssending Departement

F. G. CLIFFORD

BROEDER POTTER en ek het nou net 'n besoek gebring aan die gemeentes te Bethlehem, Standerton, Ermelo, Pretoria, Brakpan, Boksburg Noord en Germiston.

In elke gemeente is daar groepe vir diens gevorm en planne gelê vir agressiewe sendingwerk. Ons kyk uit na meerdere sen-

dingbedrywigheid in die komende maande.

Dis duidelik dat ons algar behoefte het aan die lewendmakende krag van die Heilige Gees om ons geskik te maak en tot diens te roep. Ons voel dat as 'n gemeente 'n poging wil gaan hou en die lede sou saamstaan en probeer om hul vriende en bure met die waarheid te bereik, siele dan sou gehoor gee en die gemeente nuwe lewe en krag sou ontvang.

Net 'n woordjie oor ons traktaatveldtog. Die 100,000 traktate van "Ons Dag" Series sal nie lank hou nie. Moenie in gebreke bly nie om elke huis in die buurt waar jy bly, met hierdie goedkoop boodskappers van waarheid te besoek. As jou gemeente nog nie 'n voorraad bestel het nie, skryf dan aan die leier of sekretaris van die buurtsending en sorg dat jy sonder uitstel van hierdie traktate kry.

## Doodsberig

LABUSCHAGNE.—Oorlede in die Pretoria Hospitaal die more van Oktober 29, 1933, na 'n smartlike lyding, Judith Johanna Labuschagne, gebore Lourens, in die ouderdom van 63 jaar, 6 maande, 7 dae.

Sy en haar ou moeder het die boodskap aangeneem ongeveer drie-en-veertig jaar gelede onder die arbeid van Oorlede Pieter Wessels en Gert Scholtz. Vervolging het toe dadelik begin en sy was deur haar man in steek gelaat met haar babetjie van slegs 'n paar maande oud. Sy was getrou tot die einde toe.

Na die dood van haar dogter, Suster De Beer, het sy as moeder ingetree en was 'n ware moeder vir die klein kinders. Haar lewe was aan die werk van die Here toegewy. Die terneergedrukte het sy altyd opgebeur; die skuldige het sy ernstig vermaan. Sy is goed bekend in die Kaap en het vriende in die Vrystaat en Transvaal.

Ouderling W. S. Hyatt het die begrafnisrede in die Pretoriase kerk gehou, en by die graf het Ouderling Van Zyl en D. C. Theunissen op die hoop van 'n spoedige weersien gewys. D. A. DE BEER.

## Obituary

HEUBNER.—Joseph Gawl Heubner passed away peacefully, on March 20, at his late residence, 33, Angel Street, Kimberley, after a short illness borne with Christian fortitude.

Our brother, who was in his seventieth year, was a faithful follower of the truth which he accepted under the labours of Elder A. W. Staples, in 1932.

Brother Heubner leaves a wife, four sons, two daughters and ten grandchildren to mourn their loss. We extend our loving sympathy to these bereaved ones.

A short service was conducted in the home and his mortal remains were laid to rest in the West End Cemetery on the afternoon of March 21, there to await the Life-giver on the resurrection morn.

Words of comfort were spoken by Elders Clifford and Symons who officiated both in the home and at the graveside.

P. S. MARKS.

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### Johannesburg Camp-meeting

J. I. ROBISON

At least eight hundred delegates and friends gathered in the Wanderers' Hall, in Johannesburg, on Sabbath evening, April 13, when Elder L. L. Moffitt welcomed the delegates and formally opened the conference session. It was good to be there and join in the hymns of praise with so many believers in the advent movement from all parts of South Africa.

The Sabbath was in a special way a blessed occasion. The hall was packed to the doors with what was probably the largest gathering of European Seventh-day Adventists ever held in South Africa. Elder Watson, the president of the General Conference, called the advent believers in the field to a deeper consecration in the finishing of the work of God in this part of the world-field. At the close of the first Sabbath service nearly the whole congregation rose to rededicate their lives to the Lord Jesus for purity of heart and willing service.

One blessed privilege that every camp-meeting affords is the opportunity for members of the Advent family, from all parts of South Africa, to greet one another and to renew old acquaintanceships. It was inspiring to see old friends greet each other so warmly and exchange Christian greetings. It was also a privilege to meet so many new members of the family of God who have joined the advent people during the last few years. This wonderful truth somehow binds our hearts together in a bond of unity that is especially felt when we come together in camp-meeting session.

The Sabbath school proved to be a real surprise, for the officers had set a goal of £40 as an offering to missions for the two Sabbaths. However, the enthusiastic Sabbath school members from all parts of the field responded so loyally that the goal was more than passed the first Sabbath. The total offering for both Sabbaths was just over £73.

One feature of the camp-meeting that was especially appreciated by all was the series of studies on the sanctuary question that Elder Watson gave every morning during the conference at the eleven o'clock hour. This great truth, he declared, was

the centre and pivot of the advent movement. Elder Watson clearly showed its Biblical foundation and its relationship to the other doctrines presented by Seventh-day Adventists.

The reports and resolutions will be presented in the next issue of the OUTLOOK. The active part taken in the discussion of the resolutions showed that there is a keen interest on the part of the constituency in all the activities and plans of the conference.

The two executive officers who have served the conference so efficiently during the last few years were not, under the tenure-of-office policy, eligible for re-election. However, inasmuch as both Elder N. C. Wilson and Elder J. F. Wright will be out of the field for a good portion of the coming months, and also because at the next Division Council to be held in 1935 it will be easier for transfers to be effected, the conference, after counsel with the union and Division Committees, voted to re-elect Elder Moffitt as president of the conference and Brother P. W. Willmore as secretary-treasurer, to serve until the next Division Council. The following were elected to serve, with the officers, as the executive committee of the conference during the next two years:

W. H. Hurlow, J. J. Birkenstock, W. L. Hyatt, A. C. Le Butt, J. H. Raubenheimer, Dr. B. V. Ingle, N. Jeffes, Q. H. Jubber, F. Snyman.

The finances of the conference indicate an improvement in tithes in South Africa after four years of depression. Surely now is the day of opportunity for us to proclaim the message to the thousands who are waiting for it in this great field. Those in attendance at the conference responded to the call of God by giving a special missions offering, on the last Sabbath, of £587-11-11. If there are others who could not attend the meeting but who would like to have a part in this consecration of their means to God, these may send their pledges to the conference office.

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### Baptism at Wynberg

W. B. ABNEY

ON the first Sunday night in October, the writer, assisted by Brethren P. S. Jackson and Alf. G. Kohen and the faithful members of the Elsie's River church, began a series of meetings in the little tabernacle, with a seating capacity of 250, located near Elsie's River station. The meetings continued until the close of the year and were well attended throughout. Then the little building was taken down and all meetings were transferred to the Elsie's River church.

The Lord came very near in answer to the earnest prayers of His people, and blessed the effort with souls. Three whole families accepted the message, together with a few others, all of whom were formed into a baptismal class and received additional instruction.

We were at the same time conducting a

baptismal class in Wynberg which was partially formed of people who became interested through the personal efforts of the members of the Bible Workers' Training Class formed in the Wynberg church last year following the effort. God blessed these efforts with results. Some of the members are out giving studies as often as four nights per week.

At 3:00 P.M., on March 19, in the Wynberg church, the writer baptised twenty-six persons. Ten of these came in through the Elsie's River effort and united with the church at that place. Several others in Elsie's River will be baptised later.

Another, having been baptised in the Apostolic church, accepted the third angel's message some years ago. Since then she has been a member of the Elsie's River church. The spirit of God stirred this sister's heart through the words of a little daughter of one of our workers. The little girl asked the sister: "Have you been baptised?" The sister answered, "Yes, I was baptised when I was an Apostolic." The little girl said, "Sister, you were baptised into error, you need to be baptised into truth." This sister said these words spoken by the little girl had continued to follow her for many years. She requested that we baptise her with the other candidates, which we did. "A little child shall lead them," even in this life. This made a total of eleven from Elsie's River. There were fourteen from Wynberg, twelve new ones and two backsliders who were reclaimed. One was from Kensington. May God bless and keep these souls faithful to the end and lead many others to Him through their personal efforts in the earnest prayer of the writer and his associate workers.

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### Cape Coloured Field

L. S. BILLES

The camp-meeting of the Cape Coloured Field will begin on Friday evening at 7.15 P.M. on June 9, continuing until Sunday night June 11, and will be held at the Good Hope Training School, Klipfontein Road, Athlone, Cape. We are happy to announce that at this, our first general meeting in the Cape Coloured Field, we shall have Elder C. H. Watson, the General Conference president, with us. We are looking forward to a well-attended and inspiring series of meetings.

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### News Note

We are pleased to welcome Elder Anderson back to Africa. Elder Anderson arrived on the S. S. Tanganyika, on April 10, and after a brief stay at the Cape proceeded to the Johannesburg camp-meeting.

It is planned for Elder Anderson to proceed to the Congo Union during the coming camp-meeting season after which he will return to the Cape where he will be joined by Sister Anderson whose health prevented her from returning to South Africa with Elder Anderson.