LETTER FROM THE HEAD.

Port Alfred,
March 18th, 1911.

Dear Friends along the Line.

Holy Week and Easter! This letter should reach most of you before then. What is the meaning of them as they come round every year of our life, and as they have come round for hundreds and hundreds of years before we were born? The different Church Seasons are not fanciful things without any rhyme or reason. What is the meaning? Perhaps these two Seasons are meant to touch us to the quick more than any other Season in the year. In the first place, if we try to keep them, they seem to bring us closer to the heart of Jesus than any other time of the year. We should follow Him step by step during Holy Week through His sufferings, using every help that we can get to the understanding of
what He went through. Read, if you cannot get to Church, the Church Services for Holy Week, and they will teach you something of what it all meant, and means. Then, secondly, if we are really to enter into the wonderful joy of Easter, we shall try during Holy Week to shut our hearts as far as possible to the things of this world — to banish all lesser goods out of our mind so that we may experience more of the supreme good, God Himself.

Let a sentence out of a book, written by one of our own South African Bishops, express better what I mean:

"The five senses are like windows, through which the sights and sounds, the desires and allurements of the world make themselves felt by the soul. Detachment is the art of, as far as may be, closing and curtaining these windows, whereby the soul makes herself blind, asleep to the world, that she may be wakeful and attentive to the things of God. This darkness, self-imposed and resolutely endured, must precede the dawn of the spiritual day."

"The dawn of the spiritual day.

That's the real thing, isn't it, without which all our religion must be unsatisfactory. We all need it, but most often go the wrong way to work in getting it. We complain in our secret hearts that God will not show Himself: but all the while we will not take the necessary steps. "The world is too much with us."

My hope is that somewhere during the Easter Season we may be able to give everyone a chance of making their Easter Communion. Many services are already arranged, and we shall be glad to hear of any communicant, who is not able to reach one of the services, so that if possible we may arrange a special Celebration for him or her.

As I am holiday-making, I am rather selfishly thankful to find that there is not very much to record during the last quarter, but, though few, the happenings are far from being unimportant.

I must put in the first place of importance Mr. Skey's return to us, and I think that already our friends in the Good Shepherd, Fordsburg, will agree with me in this. Mr. Skey was one of the first helpers to join my brother in the early days before the war, and his return to us now must mean more to the Mission than almost anything else could do: I would only ask the Fordsburg people to do their best not to let him overwork himself. With Brixton and Vrededorp thrown in, he has his hands more than full. I would ask any of our readers who can do so to send help to the Empire Day Fête (May 24th), when a big effort is to be made to clear off the debt in Fordsburg, so that the development of the work may go on unimpeded.

Mr. Thomas is already at work in the Free State, and Mr. Douglas has taken over Mr. Barnes's work in the Cape. We said good-bye to the latter at Grahamstown a week since. He has for three years done such noble work
In spite of frequent ill-health, that I know that Mr. Douglas will have a hard task in succeeding him. But I think that we are learning, what he tried to teach in his last letter, that our service and help is really rendered not to any individual, but to God, and I know that Mr. Douglas will receive from the beginning the same loyal support that you have given to Mr. Barnes in God's service. Individuals are constantly changing; God and God's work remain in spite of all outward changes. I know that our “good-byes” will be a real “God be with you” in Mr. Barnes's case. It is significant of the way that his faithful work has been appreciated to hear that the Wesleyan services were not held at Cookhouse on the day of his farewell, so as to enable those who wished to attend his last services. Also I hear rumours of a warm-hearted gathering on the Saturday evening to bid him God-speed.

We have also lost Sister Muriel during the quarter. I fear that with her, too, it was a clear case of her zeal outrunning her strength. She will be sadly missed, and I can only hope that she will ere long be as strong as ever again. The work is hard enough for men: I often feel that with the women workers it is little short of heroic. I am thankful that the Community at Grahamstown have seen their way to let Sister Mary Gertrude come to fill Sister Muriel's place.

I can add little to what I said last quarter about Mr. Urquhart, except that it is proved almost beyond doubt that his new work will allow him no time for work on the Line, and we have been compelled, however reluctantly, to omit his name from the list of the Staff. I would only hope that, as with Mr. Skey, it may eventually be possible to have him back with us again.

Miss Ramadge has left us for a six months' holiday in England, which has been well earned if ever holiday was. It is good to know that she cannot bring herself to sever the connection, and she will have a welcome royal on her return.

Nurse Borradaile is now settled in Johannesburg, and is ready to take cases on the Line in all directions from there. Incidentally I was thankful that Nurse Roberts, who was on her way to East London on sick leave, was able to be on the scene of the Gaika Loop disaster within an hour or so of its happening, and to render some help to the wounded.

The subjects for the Victoria Bible Prize examination for next year are now ready, and will be found in another column. Now is the time to commence the reading, and I hope that many more parents and teachers will take advantage of the syllabus for their children. Where, as so often happens, the chances of religious instruction for the children are so much less than we enjoyed ourselves, we ought to take a good chance like this of helping them when it is offered.

With all good Easter wishes, I am your sincere friend,

H. B. Ellison.
DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.

COOKHOUSE AND MIDLAND.

This time we join our lament to that of other camps on account of retrenchment and moves. We lost Mr. and Mrs. Brachell some time ago, but they only went to our sister camp of Alice­dale. Now we have lost Mr. and Mrs. Moore, of whom the latter has been foremost in good works for many years and, to mention but one thing, collector for the Sustentation Fund from its start. In the family of the Boyds, who are also under notice, we lose good friends and workers. It is a pity that the Misses Boyd are going just before their confirmation. They hope to come down for it, and we are glad that two sons of the house are staying behind. Our best wishes go with them and with the many more who are leaving Alicedale. Our new organist has also removed from Cookhouse, but he rides in 17 miles for Sundays. Splendid! It has been a most varied quarter for me. My first work in it for the R.M. was to address a Drawing Room meeting in the house in which the Peace of 1902 was signed in Pretoria—a new and nervous experience. A month later I was seeing Mr. Skey on his way through my long district. Two happy Sundays were put in at his old church at P.E., but from the first one I was called to Alicedale for the funeral of our dear Mrs. Harvey, to whose family our hearts go out in sympathy in this their second great bereavement in fifteen months.

The Synod took four days, but was most interesting and instructive and I am lucky to have had two in three years. Last week I made my first appearance in the witness box in any court, and not long before that I was in a small fire. Two extra services have been held in the church of St. Paul the Traveller. One was on St. Matthias’ Day and was attended by about 14 clergy on our way from Synod and was largely choral. The Rev. Linwood Wright celebrated, and I have since had from the Rural Dean and Rector of Queenstown a most warm letter of thanks for the service on behalf of himself and a lady who happened to be at the Junction, to whom it meant at that time a very great deal. Then on March 1 Bishop Cameron, who was passing through, celebrated and again I noticed a stranger present. The Sunday School prizes were given on February 19, when, thanks to the generosity of the Churchwardens, many children got very handsome books. Connie Jamieson, who was about 50 marks ahead of all the rest, deserves honourable mention and is to have a “championship” prize from the Superintendent and Mrs. Lovegrove for regularity and good conduct.

I am thankful to say that the new Native Church for Commadagga is done and practically paid for. It was opened on February 12th, when people rolled up well from far and near. Provision has been made for weekly services. Flat-roofed and mean-looking outside, it is all right inside, and quite large enough. Many thanks to all who contributed to it in any way, and specially to Miss Hider who made up the handsome dossal, and to Mr. Bosch who entertained me hospitably on each of my five visits. Here is a short statement of the Building Fund:—

Receipts.

Native contribution and collections... ... ... £10 7 0
Offertories and Boxes... ... 4 10 10
Donations, etc., per P.E.B. 10 11 1
£25 8 11

Expenses.

Contractor, and Car.... ... £5 16 0
Native labour, brickling, etc. ... ... ... ... ... 3 12 6
Materials ... ... ... ... 16 19 11
Deficit 19/6. £26 8 5
We must congratulate Johannes Magxaka on being now a full-fledged catechist. He has long been preparing for the examination and I hoped to see him safely through it. The Bishop appointed me to examine, owing to the lamented illness of Chancellor Woodrooffe, but himself went through all the papers and expressed his satisfaction with them and the marking. They were by no means easy for anyone but a clergyman to do well in, but Johannes gained a high First Class. He was licensed at the early service on March 5th, when Thomas Jack received a licence as preacher.

Collecting Boxes:— Mrs. Dobell 18/-, Mrs. Berkat 9/2, Mrs. Brown 24/1, Mrs. Deacon 11/6.

Services have been held as follows:— (The collections and offerings in boxes above are gratefully acknowledged.)—St. Peter’s, P.E., Middleton (1/6), Sheldon (2/9), Ripon (10/3), Nerquy’s (farm) (5/9), St. Peter’s, Cradock, Conway (11/9), Conway School, Sheldon Natives, Coerney, Mimosa (4/—), St. Peter’s, P.E., Alicedale, Witmos, Jumbo Halt, Coega (10/—), Mortimer School, St. Peter’s, P.E., Thorngrove Station (7/4), Thorngrove farm (18/—), Comdadagga School, Comdadagga Natives (24/—), Middleton (3/6), Redhouse (3/—), Barkly Bridge (8/9), Sallaire, Thorngrove Cottage, 60 Cottage.

Before this is in your hands I expect to be a week’s journey on my way home, in the S.S. Bürgermeister, via the East Coast, due at Southampton on 14th May. Of course I am looking forward to home and old friends, but I am also very sorry to leave the friends and work and country I have grown to love out here. Thank you no end for all your hospitality and kindness, your constant consideration and forbearance. I don’t mean to forget, and will write to any who care to write to me (“Ilfracombe, Devon,” or “Wells, Somerset,” will always find me). My last Sunday at Cookhouse was a very happy one indeed. There were 20 communicants, and the evening service was a record for a long, long time in numbers and heartiness.

A “Farewell Social”—quite a Lenten one—was got up for me on the evening before and was a great success. At the end a presentation of a purse of gold was made which nearly took my breath away. It has since been added to and the Natives in two places have made gifts in the same useful form. I can never thank you enough. In saying Good-bye once more—God be with you and bless you all—may I commend to your prayers my successor, and your friend.

Percy E. Barnes.

P.S.—I must add a word of warmest thanks for the great and unexpected kindness received at Conway to-day. On passing for Capetown, I found the whole place and all the school waiting to say “Good-bye” and “God-speed.” There was just time for this and for the presentation of a splendid kaross together with a letter with autographs. I cannot say how highly I shall prize these.

In 4 up, 15th March.

Naauwpoort.

In spite of our reduced circumstances we are still managing to keep our Church Services going. The Choir is very small compared with what we were accustomed to—in fact the male portion of it almost reached vanishing point during the Christmas holidays—but in spite of small numbers the keenness is greater than it has ever been.

The Christmas Festival passed off very quietly. Several of our regular people were away, but the Services were well rendered and well attended. We did not attempt any out-of-door carol singing, nor did we have a Midnight Service on New Year’s Eve.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese kindly paid us a visit on the Feast of
the Purification, February 2nd, and confirmed nine male and nine female candidates from the place and district. We ought to be very grateful to the Bishop who went to considerable inconvenience to visit us some time before we had any right to expect to see him.

Some years ago I remarked in these pages that he would be a brave man who would attempt to change the time of Sunday morning service from the "sacred" hour of 11. At the same time I felt that a change to an earlier hour would largely increase the possibility of people getting to Church. For some time past now we have been having our 8 o'clock Service choral on two Sundays in the month and having Morning Prayer without Choir at 11. The response to this change has been so encouraging that for the present at any rate it will be our regular order of Services every Sunday except when the absence of the Priest makes it impossible to have a Celebration.

It no doubt means a little extra trouble; but surely any trouble is more than repaid by the benefit received in the Lord's Own Service and by the thought that here we have another opportunity of showing our love to One Who loved us and gave Himself for us.

L. HANDS.

THE RAMBLER.

ALICEDALE. Things have gone on steadily during the quarter; the numbers at the 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Services have increased, many of the congregation have turned up at the practices on Saturdays, consequently the singing has gone better on Sundays.

Christmas Day was exceptionally hot—we were fortunate in securing Mr. Ellison for a celebration of Holy Communion. It is to be regretted that there have been only two Celebrations.

The difficulty was being able to get a priest. Th Rev. T. W. Green came on February 19th and we owe him our thanks both for the Celebrations (Native and our own) and the very helpful sermon he gave us at Mattins. Mr. Barnes celebrated Holy Communion on March 12th for the last time before he left for England, and the rest of the day he spent in saying good-bye to his friends. The Rev. C. G. Douglas is taking his place and we must give him a hearty welcome. It is hoped that he will be able to give us regular monthly Celebrations. The Sunday School prize-giving took place on Sunday, March 5th.

Our old friend Mrs. Harvey passed to her rest on January 21st after a long and tedious sickness patiently borne. Our sympathy goes out to Miss Harvey and her brothers in their great sorrow—within 18 months both father and mother have passed within the veil.

LADY GREY. Mr. Harris and I spent three or four days here at the construction camp. We were given a good welcome and the services we were able to hold were well attended, especially the Lantern Service, which was much appreciated. It was held at the Station but a good many people came from the town—a distance of two miles—to be present.

STORMBERG. Here we always get a good congregation and the people are extremely kind—especially I should like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Johnson for their kind hospitality and the ladies at the refreshment room. We had "a crowded house" for the Lantern Service and, as one remarked afterwards, "It was a very nice little entertainment." The Cottages between here and Burghersdorp were visited and Mr. Harris did Henning and the line from there together with a good deal down the Eastern.

TAAIBOSCH. After a long, long wait the great day came. I mean the day of the Confirmation at Naauwpoort. I
am quite sure it was a day which we shall never forget, and we realised when we were in the beautiful church of All Souls that all the waiting and the preparation had been worth while. The Feast of the Purification will be a Red-letter day indeed to us as long as we live. All that the Bishop said we felt and it is hoped that the lessons given will bear fruit. Two Lantern Services have been held; the first was a failure and so we had to have a second. The people turned up in good numbers and our gratitude is due to Mr. and Mrs. Bacon for all their kind hospitality. Classes in preparation for Holy Communion are being held and we are looking forward to another great day, the day of our first Communion; but we must be as careful in our preparation for that as we were for our Confirmation.

REIT. A Lantern Service was also held here. It was not quite a success—next time we must try and do better.

Other places have been visited, viz.: Naauwpoort, Steynsburg, Schoombie, Lower Adamson's Bank, Rayne, etc., etc.

J. J. Coombs.

WOMEN'S WORK.

Although it is so long after I must begin with Christmas doings. On Christmas Eve I was at a beautiful Christmas Tree got up by Rosmead Camp for the children and I enjoyed it thoroughly. The Tree was splendidly decorated with magnificent fruit in the shape of dolls, toys and all sorts of delectable things. I think everybody was there, down to the smallest baby.

I was also at Rosmead for Christmas Day, when there was evening Service in the Church. It was sad that so few could attend that Service. It made one think what a very little way we have progressed since the first Christmas that there should still be "no room" for Him in so many lives. I think it is just that—He is crowded out by all sorts of interests just as He was at that first Christmastide. I hope all the other places have a different account to give of their Services.

Since Christmas we have had one or two Trees, and Father Christmas again gladdened many small hearts with the toys he sent. I very much enjoyed taking my batch of them around.

Now we are waiting for the results of the Bible Examination. I am most anxiously looking for the names of those I know who have been in for it and I am busy pitying those who backed out at the last. It was rather feeble of them I think. However, I hope they will stick to it next time.

The Confirmation at Naauwpoort was on the Feast of the Purification and will be told about in the Naauwpoort column. I found it a beautiful and inspiring Service. If only all those who received the Gift will continue steadfast, and, above all, be regular at their Communion!

The G.F.S. girls at Naauwpoort are getting on with their work. De Aar is going to follow Naauwpoort's example and do some work at the meetings in future.

I was sorry to find that, by some mistake, some names of Children of the Good Shepherd at Blaney, had been left out of Light for the Line last year. I think they will find them in this number.

G. E. Holmes.

There seems to have been nothing but changes along the Line lately, and we have been losing some of our oldest and best friends. Mr. and Mrs. Imrie and others too will be greatly missed from the camp where they have lived so many years. Then we have lost Mr. Barnes and Sister Muriel. I will say nothing about the latter as she is one of our own family, except that on account of her health alone she has been
obliged to give up the travelling, though with great regret. Mr. Barnes will be greatly missed in Cookhouse and along the Line, especially amongst the scattered people, to whom he has been such a real friend. Others will no doubt tell you of the presentation to him at Cookhouse of a purse of £11, and of the warm expressions of affection and regard then made to him. His farewell sermon on the Sunday evening will not soon be forgotten, nor will he, and we all wish him God-speed in his voyage and on his return to the Old Country and his old parish, where he will no doubt have a hearty welcome. I hope and think our Christmas trees gave real pleasure, and the parcels of toys equally so, as they were received at Christmas time itself, whereas the Christmas trees had to be a good bit later. Owing to the miscarriage and non-carriage of some of the toys there had to be some delay and change of plans for them, and I am sorry to say that one set of children, owing to other causes too, have to wait for their Christmas tree to be turned into an Easter tree!

I am afraid the G.F.S. classes in Alicedale have been few and far between, owing to the want of a leader in our absence who can feel herself responsible for them, but we are still hoping for better things. We had a pleasant little G.F.S. picnic down the Poort a month ago, partly to introduce Sister Mary Gertrude to the candidates—the “new Sister” who is working with me on the Line. She has been much struck, as we all are, with the kind friendliness of the people she has visited, and also the kindness of the officials in helping us, and with the readiness of the children to come to any classes we may be able to have for them. We long more than ever to be able to do more for them all; but it depends a great deal, as far as the camps are concerned, upon how much ladies in them will help us to carry on the work in between our monthly visits.

We are very glad that Alicedale and Cookhouse are again to have Mission Services this Holy Week. May it be a time in which we may all, up and down the Line, be brought nearer to our Lord, and to think especially on Good Friday of what it cost Him to redeem us; and may all of us who are Communicants have the opportunity and the grace to find our true Easter happiness at His Altar, to know something of the Power of Resurrection in our own lives, to overcome the old nature and the wrong habits, so to have fresh hope and determination to try harder than ever.

Sister Emily.

THE CAIKA LOOP RAILWAY DISASTER.

The following is from Nurse Roberts, who happened to arrive on the scene of the accident within a very short time of the disaster:

“I was on my way to East London for a holiday, and, after being on the train for two days and two nights, a friend and myself had retired for the night, when some detonators went off under the train, bringing us to a stop. I heard afterwards that the fireman from the wrecked train had placed these on the line to stop us from running into the wreckage.

“I could not sleep after that. Presently I felt our train being pushed backwards, and then some of the coaches were taken off, and the engine came back for the dining-car. One of the men knew I was a Nurse, and someone came and asked me to go with him as there had been an accident, and told me not to disturb any of the other women in the carriage. When we arrived at the scene of the accident the only light was given by some of the guards’ lamps, and by the pieces of the wreckage which were being
burnt to obtain more light, as the
night was pitch dark. It was about
one o'clock in the morning. It was
very awkward trying to find one's way
in the dark.

"Now and again as I picked my way
in the dark I could hear a muffled
voice asking for some air, and then
one or two men and myself would ex­
tricate somebody from the debris. To
tell you all the sad part and how we
brought out some poor woman just to
die as she reached the air, would be
too gruesome. To pass over that part,
after we had got some of the wounded
together, we proceeded to take them
back to Cathcart. This was about 12
hours after the accident, the delay be­
ing caused by the accident happen­ing
at night. After a wait at Cathcart,
the wounded were taken on to Queens­
town hospital. The casualties were
about 50, the dead about 22.

"I rejoined my own train, and we
left Cathcart about 15 hours late. We
arrived at East London about mid­
night the next night, and found the
station packed with people all anxious
to hear about the accident. The town
had the flags half-masted, and amuse­
ments were stopped for a few days.

"I was very pleased to have been
able to render the little help that I
did."

PRETORIA DIOCESE.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD
SHEPHERD, FORDSBURG.

It is only a short time since I be­
came responsible for this newly-formed
Railway District, so that I have not a
great deal to report. The people in
the Railway quarters have been most
kind in the way they have received
me, in fact I have never had a heartier
welcome in any place where I have
been. I thank them very much for it.
My induction as Vicar took place on
January 15th, the induction itself be­
ing performed by the Ven. Archdeacon
of Johannesburg, and Mr. Ellison
reading the Service.

The Archdeacon's sermon gave us a
splendid "start-off" and was full of
strong and wise advice both for priest
and people.

My first few weeks were taken up in
finding out the people and in getting
in touch with the many organisations
that were at work in the parish. In
all these I found Miss Atlee hard at
work, and already there were signs of
renewed life and interest. The Sun­
day School is the most satisfactory
part of the work here, and Miss Atlee
cannot but be satisfied with the pro­
gress made. She has now a hundred
children on the books. We held a
Harvest Festival on February 19th
and had a very bright and happy day.
Lots of gifts were sent to the Church
and the decorations were very nice.
The children brought lovely flowers in
the afternoon to a flower service,
which were taken, immediately after
the service, to the Hospital. The fruit
was sent next day to St. Mary's Or­
phanage.

A surpliced choir was re-introduced
on February 12th; many boys came
forward to join, but I wish a few more
men would volunteer. I should like to
express my gratitude to Mr. W. Val­
lance for his assistance at the organ
when I first arrived. It made all the
difference to those first services having
so efficient an organist. Mr. Vallance
being unable to continue to play ow­
ing to Railway duties, we have grate­
fully accepted Mr. Murray's offer to
become voluntary organist. Mr. Mur­
ray was organist of St. Paul's Church,
Durban, and he is well known through­
out Natal as a leading organist and
choir trainer. So that we are indeed
fortunate in obtaining his services and
I trust our choir will show their ap­
preciation by attending service and
choir practice regularly. We now have
Choral Bucharist each Sunday at 8
o'clock and already our people are learning to value that Service above all others.

My last word under the heading of "Fordsburg" must be about the proposed Fête. The committee of the S.A.R. Athletic Ground have most kindly granted us the use of the ground on Empire Day (May 24th). This is a grand opportunity for us to seriously reduce the large debt on the Church. Friends at home have helped us a great deal. I have just received, through Mr. Ellison, a most generous gift of £40 from the Winstanley Guild which will go towards the reduction of the debt on the Church. Help like this from the Old Country should urge us on to do our very best here, and this Fête gives every one of us an opportunity of service. How can you help?

BRIXTON. The Sunday evening service in this place is always now at 7.30. This hour suits people better and the services are better attended. We are holding special Lenten services on Tuesday evenings, and I have been much encouraged by the attendance. I have started the Boy Scouts in Brixton and so far about 22 have joined. This has helped me to get to know the boys, and all the English Church ones amongst them now attend a Bible Class on Sunday mornings. Mrs. Millington, after faithful work, has been obliged to give up the organ, but Mr. Williams has come to the rescue and the services are very bright and hearty.

The congregation have arranged to hold a Fancy Fête on the second Wednesday in June in aid of the building fund of the Church. It looks as if the Auckland Park Estate Co. is going to grant us a stand for a Church, and, if so, the sooner we build the better. There are some splendid workers at Brixton and the Fête ought to be a huge success. Mrs. Lee seems happy about the Sunday School; there has been a considerable increase in number. The Brixton people have a good friend in Miss Bridge. She has indeed worked hard and it is almost entirely owing to her that so many more people have been brought into touch with Church life.

VREDEDORP (St. Saviour's Church Room). The pioneer work in Vrededorp has been most cheering to all our workers. In February we took a small room, formerly used as a shop, and fitted it up as a Church Room. Our kind friends Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, who live next door to the room, helped us immensely, and they were well seconded by Mr. and Mrs. Blake from Fordsburg. The room had to be painted and cleaned, and then we had to beg for chairs. In less than a week everything was ready, and, to crown it all, Miss Charnell not only offered the loan of her harmonium but promised to play it for us. I was enabled to open up work in Vrededorp owing to an offer of help from Mr. Shipton, an ex-Church Army Captain, now working on the Railway. He has become responsible for the whole work and right well he is doing it. There are now 42 children in the Sunday School, which is also under the superintendence of Miss Atlee. Miss Noyce kindly assists Miss Atlee both at Vrededorp and Fordsburg. At the Sunday evening service the room is always crowded, so that, after a bit we shall be bound to find a bigger room. Miss Bridge holds a girls' working party once a week and there is also a meeting for women.

In the departure of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Henderson our church has lost two of its best workers. Few know how much they have done in the past, but now they have gone we begin to realise how we depended on them for nearly everything. The sooner they come back the more we shall all be pleased. The Sunday night before Mrs. Henderson left, Mr. Ellison presented to her on behalf of the congregation, a Hymnbook with tunes, and also asked her to take to Mr. Hender-
son a “Church Service” subscribed for by members of the congregation. Mr. Ellison spoke with great feeling of the long years of faithful work done by Mr. and Mrs. Henderson and, in the name of all connected with the Church, thanked them.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Palm and his family in the sad loss they have suffered by the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Anne Palm. Mrs. Palm was respected and esteemed by all, and many of her friends attended the beautiful memorial service that was held the following Sunday night after her death.

We would express our sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Curry in the sad loss of their little boy. Our choir boys attended the funeral and sang “Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep.”

Before closing my report from this district I wish to say how grateful I am to Mr. A. C. Bickerdike for all his kindness and co-operation since I arrived. He has had a busy time himself getting his new Club into order, but has found time to take services for me each Sunday night in one or other of our places, and help in many other ways. Living with him in the Club, as I am doing at present, I can see the big work that lies ahead of him and I trust that I may be of some use to him in that work.

O. W. Laurie Skey.

NORTHERN, WESTERN AND VOLKSRUST LINES.

This quarter, as there are two Chaplains working on the Northern and Western Transvaal Lines, we have been able to give more time to that part of our work which lies at a distance from Johannesburg. We are to include the Volksrust Line now that the Chaplain who was stationed at Volksrust has been removed by the Diocese to Benoni where his time will be fully occupied with parish work. Whether other work will have to be undertaken by one of the Chaplains is not yet decided. Services have been held this quarter on the Fourteen Streams, the Zeerust and Northern Lines; and both Vrekeniing Lines have been visited. The Volksrust Line too will have received a visit before this Magazine is printed, and all the Stations will have been given the opportunity of having a service. Rustenburg Line cannot be visited until next quarter. We have done more Coach work this quarter than has been possible hitherto and for two reasons. First, we have two Chaplains working in this district instead of only one, and secondly, the O.F.S. has been without a Chaplain, so that we have been able to use the Coach when he might have wanted to use it. It is greatly to be desired that another Coach should be granted to us. With four Chaplains, each wanting the Coach, how is it to be expected that we can do the work?

The Services everywhere this quarter have been well attended and that they have been appreciated will be seen by the long list of collections we publish and the amount given. Many of the Stations are quite small places and it is marvellous to be able to get a service at all. We had two record breaking services. At one place nearly everybody turned up to service, and we had two youthful offenders brought in by the police so that the opportunity of their having service should not be missed. At the other place such a crowd turned up that it was absolutely impossible to get them into the Station-master’s house and many had to stand on the verandah and listen through the window. We had intended leaving out this time those places to whom we give fairly regular Sunday Services, but we cannot do so because they are simply splendid in the way they are rallying round us.
VEREENIGING, we do not mind owning, has been a trial, but lately there have been distinct signs of revival. Whether it is possible to do more for this place than in the past we cannot say, and we must not make promises until we see our way to fulfil them. We welcome back an old friend in the person of Mr. Salter, who has done good work for the Church in the past and we hope will soon be taking up his old position at the Church.

We are to lose shortly from NANCEFIELD Mr. and Mrs. Neale. Their family of course goes with them and so does Mr. H. Neale. This will be a sad loss to a little place like this where every one counts for so much. Services at Nancefield have been particularly happy ones. Those held at Christmas will be long remembered. The people worked with a will and to the glory of God. How complete was the transformation in that Goods Shed! One could well imagine oneself in a real old-fashioned Church, the bare walls were covered with reeds and most artistically and beautifully decorated. Mr. Newton originated the idea and we fancy he had no difficulty in finding many willing assistants to enable him to carry it into effect. We sang carols on Christmas night and they were those old-fashioned ones we know so well. The singing was good and we all enjoyed the service.

At KLIP RIVER we give a very hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Charles who have now taken up their residence at the Station. They are old friends of ours and we trust that under their leadership we shall all be drawn into closer fellowship. At the first service since Mr. and Mrs. Charles came there were a goodly number of Railway people present. This service was held in the open; a space had been cleared among the trees at the end of Mr. Charles' garden and the seats were arranged as much as possible in the shade. Our thanks are due to Mr. Charles for these arrangements and also for allowing his piano to be brought out. It is to be hoped we shall have many more services like the last when upwards of forty people were present, not forgetting the twins.

N.B.—In open air services or in places where it is not convenient to kneel, it is more reverend to stand for prayer than to sit. For singing it is better to stand as it is an offering to God, but as many find it trying to stand so long we plead for liberty in this matter and to sit or stand for hymns as each sees fit.

We have already occupied more space than the Editor will care to allow us, but before we close we should like to ask for your prayers. When things go well with us, it always seems to be a time to be specially on our guard. Let us ask then at this time that our progress may be real and that grace may be given to keep us earnest, humble and faithful. And there is also another thing we ought to be saying our prayers earnestly about, and that is the Confirmation candidates. There are at present about 27 under instruction and five who are, we trust, seriously counting the cost before definitely giving themselves to God in Confirmation. Pray then for those under instruction that they may truly dedicate themselves to the service of God and that they may be kept faithful and true; and for those who are
undecided, that they may be given grace to make a right choice; and for the instructor that he may be given grace to guide and lead them into the truth.

I. H. Boon,
A. R. Thurlow.

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11. Krugersdorp ...... 0 16 6
25. Viljoen's Drift .... 0 5 6
26. Nancefield ....... 0 4 6
29. Bank .............. 0 5 6

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3. Boons ............. 0 15 0
4. Koster ............ 0 5 6
6. Marico ............ 0 5 0
15. Harrisburg ....... 0 15 3
17. Leeuwdoorns ...... 0 8 0
18. Kingswood ....... 0 2 0
19. Britton .......... 0 7 9
22. Klip River ....... 0 16 3
24. Lawley .......... 0 10 0
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Feb.
5. Zuurfontein ...... 1 5 0
7. Laboonspruit ...... 0 5 6
12. Nancefield ...... 0 11 0
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26. Evaton .......... 0 5 0
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WATERVAL BOVEN DISTRICT.

WATERVAL BOVEN. There is little to chronicle here except a few changes. We have lost the services of Mr. Frost, who for the last few months has energetically carried out the duties of secretary to the Church Council. Our best thanks are due to him, and we wish him God-speed in his new sphere of work at Barberton. In his place we welcome Mr. D. M. Fraser, whose qualifications for the post are well known to all Boven residents; he will, they are certain, make things move. The Council has been further strengthened by the addition of Messrs. Boswell and Paley. There now seems some prospect of starting a choir, which will be a great help towards a reverent rendering of the services. But our chief need, a Sunday School, remains unsupplied, owing to lack of teachers. One or two offers of help have been made, but it is almost worse than useless to open a school without at least some reasonable certainty that there will be somebody present each Sunday to teach. Sunday work on the railway is a serious hindrance to the undertaking of any continuous Church work, and even to Church-going. In the latter case, however, it is often made an excuse, without being a reason, for non-attendance. Even if a man has to work part of a Sunday, a little self-sacrifice will in many cases enable him to “pay his respects” to God. The financial position is not satisfactory, as we failed to raise the whole of the sum guaranteed by the congregation for the past half-year. The yearly contribution is not a large one for such a place as Boven, being only £50. Let us do our best this year by raising more than that amount to compensate for last. MACHADODORP. Here there are no changes to record. We now enjoy the regular services of Mrs. Buchan and Mr. Lloyd as organists for the morning and evening respectively.
The congregations vary in an extraordinary manner from very good to very bad; people often say that they did not know there was a service. Let me remind them that there is Matins and Holy Communion on the morning of the second Sunday in each month, and Evening Prayer on the fourth. Notices are posted at different points in the dorp.

BELFAST. The usual services have been held by me in the town on the first Sunday in the month, while on the other Sundays a layman, generally Mr. Bostock, takes evening service. The good and hearty singing, assisted by Mr. Coster at the organ, is a marked feature of the services at Belfast. The Church has been improved in many ways, externally and internally; a handsome teak Prayer Desk has been presented to the Church by Mr. Smith, who gave the material, and by Mr. Lewis, who with equal generosity did the work in his spare time. The thanks of Belfast Church people are also due to those ladies who have introduced, or are introducing, other notable improvements.

At the Station the usual Sunday afternoon service has been held, and is appreciated, if the number present is a criterion. Mr. Wilcox, the S.M., makes an energetic "Churchwarden," and Mrs. Sanderson plays the harmonium, which, by the way, is an utterly decrepit, out-of-tune, worn-out, "groan-box." Will any friend of the Mission be kind enough to give a new one for the use of the Waterval Boven district?

I am hoping to spend Easter Day at Belfast.

LINE WORK. Sunday services have been held at Waterval Onder, Bronkhorstspruit and Hatherley. During the last three months I have visited nearly the whole section between Pretoria and Komati Poort, as well as the Witbank-Brakpan section. Services have been held on week-nights at Waterval Onder (collection 7/6), Nel-spruit (9/-), Malelane, Hatherley (12/6), Eloff, Brugspruit (15/9), Baldemoral (8/3), Wilge River (9/6), Delmas (13/9), Kendal (11/-), Oogies (7/3), Blackhill (5/-), and Wonderfontein (2/9). The Church Railway Mission has now three priests engaged in itinerating work in the Transvaal, and will shortly have one again in the O.F.S. There is only one coach between the four of us, and this means that one's activities are considerably limited. The coach is almost indispensable for the greater part of the work on the Line. We hope that the railway authorities may be induced to give us the use of a second coach.

T. Gray Hopyns.

DIOCESE OF MASHONALAND.

Mafekeiling-Bulawayo Section.

The most encouraging visit to Lobatsi for a very long time was that on February 8th and 9th. A well attended public service in the evening of the 8th, and seven communicants at the Table of the Lord on the following morning. It is, of course, much more encouraging to the worker when there is some attempt to make use of him, and moreover, in a district so wide as this, with so many calls upon the priest's time it is natural, if not expedient to select for greater and more frequent attention those places where the people make the best response. But I have tried not to neglect any place, and have often gone to unpromising places when inclination has prompted to leave them alone. Of course I know the servant of the Lord should never leave any place alone; it is his duty to bear witness among the darkest places of the earth. Still it is natural to look for some support and to be encouraged by a friendly hand or two when engaged in scattered, lonely work like this. Without this friendship the task is hard indeed.
In most places it has always been forthcoming and I have cause to be very grateful to the few in every place who have rallied round, and who have valued the little one has tried to do.

Palapye Road has also bucked up of late. The last two or three visits have been most encouraging. I have promised to give them at least a monthly visit in future. The question of a Church must stand over for a little while until we can get some organisation afloat. I don’t like the idea of bazaars or entertainments for this purpose, voluntary offerings are so much more suitable in every way. But we shall have to look for some outside help, work and materials are so expensive here. I am going to ask the Mission and the Diocese whether they can do anything for us, as soon as their respective funds are a little more augmented; but we must first of all meet, and see what we are prepared to do amongst ourselves.

Besides ordinary places, new places are cropping up. The growing district of Marula must receive additional attention soon. I am paying them a visit in March, and from the earnestness of the request I am led to expect a large number gathered together when I go. This is not perhaps quite pure and simple Railway work, but when a community of 50 or 60 people, many of them children of the Church, are living in the district of which a priest has charge he may not neglect them. Besides, no other priest can reach them; the Bulawayo clergymen are unable to do their own itinerating work at present. I try to divide up my time into such proportionate slices as the needs of each place seem to demand.

It is only fitting that I should say a word about my short visit to the Mission Headquarters in January. After repeated requests that I should show my face I summoned up courage and undertook the journey, revealing to my brothers, to use their language, that I was really a tangible quantity. It was helpful and refreshing in the extreme to spend a few days with them, to compare notes, and to have the quiet and restfulness of their pleasant suburban home. To see the sights of the great gold city was also a great change after the interminable veld, and the wide, sparsely-populated tracts of this great territory. I am deeply indebted to the Head Chaplain and his colleagues for all the attention and brotherly kindness shown to me.

I went through the whole section on the March pay train, the first time for several months. If possible it is intended to do this every alternate month in future, but sometimes the difficulty of being away on a Sunday may prevent me going the whole length.

James Toy.

WOMEN’S WORK.

BLOEMFONTEIN DIOCESE.

This is a real genuine farewell letter for the present to all my friends on the Line, as I am now actually on my way to Durban en route for England. Although wet weather has its drawbacks when one is travelling, still it is a real pleasure to have a thorough downright pouring wet day after this long drought, even though it may be rather late.

The Victoria examinations were the object of my last journey through my section, and although as usual I had a good many disappointments, the numbers show a good increase on last year, owing chiefly to the energy of Mr. Hutton of Kaffir River Railway School, who took our syllabus as the outline of his year’s work, and in spite of drawbacks and interruptions finally sent in thirty papers to the Examiner. I shall hope to see Kaffir River in the prize lists, as I know that it has meant real hard work both to Mr. Hutton and his pupils.
The principals of Viljoen's Drift and Wolvehoek Schools are adopting our new syllabus, so that next year should show both an increase in numbers and an improvement in the standard of work.

The greatest event of the quarter is, of course, Mr. Thomas's arrival to take on and extend Mr. Rice's work. I know that in our former centres the break in the Services has been very keenly felt, and hope that when Mr. Thomas turns up to set things going again he will get the welcome which will please him most—a really good attendance. And now it must be goodbye for six months or so.

I have exchanged addresses with quite a number of people, but feel quite certain I shall always be hungry for S. African mails, so will add my home address for any who care to write to me.

I shall not easily forget the kindness, sympathy and interest which have helped to make these final few years in S. Africa so pleasant to me.

K. J. Ramadge.

16, Greenmount Road,
Terenure,
Dublin.

Two very important events, from the Railway Mission point of view, have taken place in the O.F.S. during the last quarter—a loss, and a gain; but while we hope the gain is permanent, we hope the loss is only a temporary one. I mean the departure of Miss Ramadge for her well-earned holiday, and the arrival of the Rev. R. E. Thomas to take up Mr. Rice's duties as chaplain. Mr. Thomas arrived in Bloemfontein on March 2nd, and at the time of writing is only waiting to begin his ministerial work till his pass shall arrive. So now is the time for Railway congregations to put themselves together, and make up their minds to make better and fuller use of the Church services and privileges offered to them and to rouse neighbours and new comers to join them in giving Mr. Thomas an appreciative welcome when he comes to the old Sunday centres, and for those places where we hope to form new centres, to make a real effort to show that they are grateful and thankful for the new opportunity.

Miss Ramadge has gone home for six months' leave, and to many of those who read this and who know what her three and a half years' work here has been, I feel that I am still too much of a new comer to venture to say much, but I may add my little word of gratitude, for her help and advice and companionship during my first ten months.

The Railway authorities have been very good in allowing me a temporary pass to travel over her district, so, though I shall not have much spare time for calling, I shall be ready and very willing to go and see any one who wishes to see me or to whom I can in any way be useful. Letters addressed to me at 7, Monument Road, Bloemfontein, my headquarters, will always find me eventually, though it may take two or three days for them to follow me round, and I shall always be very pleased to do anything I can.

Writing as I am this month from Lindley Road, I should like to say that as a congregation we have to thank Mr. E. Brolin for the very nice cross, vases and candlesticks of turned and stained wood he has made and presented for the Altar. Anything that can be done to make a school or temporary Church more Church-like is a real help to worship, and Archdeacon Vincent, who was himself here on January 22nd, was very much pleased with the service.

There was a good increase altogether in the O.F.S. in the number of candidates for the Victoria Prize Bible Examination, but nobody in my particular district came up to the scratch when the time came round, though several started reading last year, rather
late, it is true, because I was not there
to tell them about it early in the year.
I hope that this year we shall begin
in good time, and that next February
there will be a quite a nice number of
papers sent in from the Eastern O.F.S.
There is no time like the present and
beginning at once, so if any one has
not got the new card, or does not know
about it, please write to me and ask
for particulars. I should like to get
dozens of such letters—never mind if
it does make me feel ashamed of not
having been to tell you about it. The
Examination is well worth trying for,
it is open to any boy or girl under 18,
and two papers are set, for juniors and
seniors. Beautiful prizes are offered
and even for those who do not get one,
the reading and learning beforehand
are a real help to Bible and Religious
knowledge. It means a little trouble,
reading and learning a little bit every
week, or, better still, every day—but
the fact of systematically taking a
little trouble is very good for us.

By the time this April Light for the
Line reaches you it will be nearly
Easter, so I will just end by wishing
you all a very blessed and joyful
Eastertide.

M. E. Watson.

PRETORIA DIOCESE.

S.A.C.R.M.,
Auckland Park,
Johannesburg.

I should like to express my very
hearty thanks for all the kindness I
am receiving here, and to say how
very happy I am and how much I like
South Africa. I expect I ought to tell
you something of what we are doing.
The Mothers' Union meetings after
twelve months' abeyance have begun
again. We meet fortnightly as a rule,
but through Lent we meet weekly for
a Bible Study Circle, taking as our
subject St. James' Epistle. We are
just looking forward to having Miss
Whitley with us and we hope her ad-
dress will be the means of strengthening
the Branch in more ways than one,
as every member is asked to bring a
friend to hear her with a view to join-
ing the Union. We number seventeen
members at present.

The girls of the Guild of the Good
Shepherd are making pinafores for St.
Agnus' Native Girls' School, Rosetten-
ville, and last Saturday three of the
girls went there to spend the after-
noon, and much enjoyed playing games
with the girls, who are being so care-
fully taught and brought up there in
the Christian faith. The Guild is
looking forward to going there one
Saints' Day, to join the girls in wor-
ship in their beautiful little Chapel.

The boys of the Guild of the Good
Shepherd have begun to make books to
send to the lonely Railway children
for Sundays. They write and paint
the Creed and a simple Catechism in
the books and illustrate them with pic-
tures, which they are busy collecting,
and for more of which they will be
grateful. The books will take some
time to make, but some will probably
be finished by Christmas.

Both boys and girls hope to study
now for the Victoria Bible Prize.
We have just started a Girls' Club
for those who have left school, to meet
on Wednesday at the new Railway
Lads' Club. Needlework for the com-
ing Fête occupies the first hour, and
then Dr. Nicholls kindly gives a lec-
ture on "First Aid," and then those
who are not preparing for Confirma-
tion go, and the rest remain for their
class. Miss Whitley is coming to visit
and address the Club next week.

About twenty girls from the Railway
Quarters and Vrededorp have come
forward for Confirmation, and I have
the great privilege and responsibility
of helping them to prepare; this is
giving me almost more happiness than
anything else, and one looks forward
to the time when they will come, as
communicants, week by week to the
Eucharist in worship and fellowship
— to become a strength to the whole district.

Last Tuesday, 7th, was kept here as a day of prayer for the parish, and it was a great lift up for us.

I have no time to write more; next time I will tell you something about the Infant Sunday School and the Catechism classes, for both of which we have a band of faithful and devoted teachers, who take the trouble to meet each week to discuss next Sunday's work and to intercede for the children.

MARY A. B. ATTLEE.

Victoria Bible Prize Examination.

The papers were rather harder than those set last year and I am agreeably surprised at the number of candidates who have qualified for prizes. At the same time it was quite obvious that some children only went in on the off-chance of getting a prize without having given much (if any) previous thought to the matter.

The two best papers—as the marks show—were done by Kathleen Bosch in the Senior Class and Martinus Bosch in the Junior—both of Komdagga. And Komdagga has very nearly secured two tied first places in Junior Class and a good third as well as the first in the Senior. Kaffir River children have a splendid knowledge of the subject, but the less said about their style, writing and neatness the better. The two disappointments of the Examination are the Transvaal and Plumtree. After an excellent start made last year I expected great things from Plumtree and my expectations were not fulfilled. The papers sent from there are neatly and carefully done and if as much trouble had been expended on preparation as on the actual writing of the papers there would have been several prize winners among them. Dorothy Illman's paper was one of the two neatest and best written sent in, the other one coming from Aileen Anderson of Middleton, and I deeply regret that I could not find sufficient evidence of knowledge in these charming papers to qualify for prizes.

The other disappointment as I have said was the Transvaal. That Province is assuming the lead in so many ways under Union that I quite expected it to fill all the first places in the lists. Perhaps it is too busy acquiring worldly knowledge to find time to devote to the study of Scripture.

There is no need to say much about individual papers. Some candidates waste a lot of time writing out answers to alternative questions. One expects at least the Seniors to have common-sense enough to know that when they are asked to do one thing OR another (and the "OR" was in big capital letters) they are not going to be marked for doing both.

One candidate invented a new Beatitude which is worth recording. It ran "Blessed are the tax-gatherers for they shall be persecuted."

L. HANDS, B.D.,
Examiner.

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CHILDREN’S PAGE.

My dear children,

There is so much for you to read about in this number of Light for the Line that I shall say a very few words to you myself this time. It is very cheering to see that more of you are joining the Bible Union. I have sent cards to many more places this year, so I hope there will be lots of prizes wanted after next year’s examination. The Transvaal children along the Line are going to try this year, so our old centres in Cape Colony and the Orange Free State must work hard to keep up their good reputation. Well done, Commadagga and little Springvale—such small places but such good workers in them. Kaffir River children seem to have paid more regard to what they wrote than how they wrote it—well, that is a fault easily cured. Next time just take more pains with the writing and do not be afraid of not finishing the paper. You will find there is lots of time to do it well.

One big thing we all have to remember this year is the Coronation of our King, George V. I hope all of you will be having medals or something to remind you of it. Keep these carefully, because when you grow up you will like to tell the children all about the great day when King George and Queen Mary were crowned in the beautiful Abbey at Westminster. We who are so far away from London can join in the rejoicings on that happy day and also in the prayers that will be offered to God for the King and Queen and for the great Empire over which they rule. You may have heard that a very grand Pageant is going to be held in London to celebrate the Coronation, but I think one of the best things to see will be the great big treat which the King is going to give to the poor children. Thousands of children who hardly ever get any sort of fun will have a glorious time on that day. And I believe you will enjoy your Coronation treat all the better when you know that other children all over the Empire are having treats too.

I still want more of you to send me names to send to C.O.Y. children. This year you will all be able to write and say what you did on Coronation day, and the English C.O.Y.’s ought to send you some very interesting news about the things that are being done there.

There is not a long list of new names of Good Shepherd children this quarter. I am hoping to get a great many soon from the Transvaal.

The Question Corner still goes on. You will see about the answers and prizes in the next Magazine and I hope more of you will start the fresh year’s questions which begin next quarter. Don’t forget to sing “God Save the King” on June 22nd.

Your friend,
The Editor.
The Mission offers valuable prizes every year for the best results in an Examination held in February, on certain portions of Bible History.

During the year 1911, the subjects to be studied are:

A—FOR JUNIORS (Standard III and under)—

Old Testament: Stories of Elijah, Elisha and Daniel—I Kings 17-19; II Kings 1, 2, 5-7; Daniel 1, 3, 5, 6.


By heart: The Apostles’ Creed, Ten Commandments and Lord’s Prayer.

B—FOR SENIORS (Standard IV and over)—

Old Testament: Stories of Kings and Prophets—I Kings 12, 13, 17, 19, 21, 22; II Kings 1, 2, 4-7, 11-13, 17-20, 22; Daniel 1-6.


By heart: Apostles’ Creed, Ten Commandments, Lord’s Prayer, Duty towards God and my Neighbour, and Desire.

Names of those who wish to enter should be given to any of the Staff of the Church Railway Mission, or sent to the Rev. H. B. Ellison, Auckland Park, Johannesburg, before the end of the year.

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Associates.

Nurse Borradaile, Miss Attlee.
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**DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.**

Dec.
10—Annie Magdalena Catherine Heath, Witmos.
24—Maxwell Gordon Burchell, Cookhouse.

Jan.
28—Harold James West, Coega.

Feb.
6—Petrus Noyo, Cookhouse.
15—Fanny Elizabeth Gertrude Merriman, Norval's Pont.
18—William Alwyn van Wijngaardt, Nauwpoort.
27—Ellen Ethel Peters, Thorngrove.

March
1—Sarah Johanna Peters, Thorngrove.
12—Richard John Townsend, Nauwpoort.

**DIOCESE OF PRETORIA.**

Jan.
7—Katherine Charlotte East, Marico West.
9—Philemina Powels, Woodbine Siding.
14—Helen Louisa Montefiore, Airlie.
14—John Bolam-Jackson, Airlie.
14—Violet Bolam-Jackson, Airlie.
15—Jeanie Murray Sinclair, Harrisburg.
15—Thomas Williams, Macquassi.
15—Samuel Jeremiah Hankins, Fordsburg.
16—Adam Adrian van Niekeik, Fordsburg.
16—Willem Jacobus Kriel, Eastleigh.
18—John Lionel Curry, Fordsburg.
19—Edward Roger Evans, Eloff.
19—William Kerklas van der Westhuizen, Britten.
21—May Beatrice Spear, Waterval Boven.
22—James Pados, Viljoen's Drift.
23—Mary Ann Dunn, Syferfontein.
24—Johan Henry Maree, Lichtenburg.
25—Phyllis Ann Elizabeth McInnes, Evaton.
26—Marjorie Ruth Raper, Evaton.
26—Heracles Philippus Rudolf Smith, Vereeniging.
27—Gerhardus Jacobus Roets, Vereeniging.
28—Ivor Mark Williamson, Fordsburg.
28—Archibald Frederick Watson, Fordsburg.
28—Anna Catharina Dismieniet, Pienaar's River.

Mar.
5—Clarice Casson, Fordsburg.
12—Albert Edward Clark, Fordsburg.
12—Percy Clark, Fordsburg.
13—Margaret Mabel Dempster, Jepe.

15—Anna Matilda Jackson, Wilge River.
22—(Privately) Maud Gladys Loinnes, Fordsburg.
23—William Lewis Saunders, Kendal.
26—Irene Mabel Georgina Crockford, Fordsburg.
26—George Frederick Crockford, Fordsburg.
26—Iris Amelia Crockford, Fordsburg.
27—Domenico Bethsida Bondesio, Fordsburg.

March
5—Robert Macfadyean, Fordsburg.
12—Charles Frederick Laurence Eaby, Fordsburg.

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Jan.
2—Alan Byrom.
2—Bessie Vickery.
6—Wilhelmina Katrina Alexander.
6—Johanna Katrina Francina Bezuidenhout.

Feb.
15—John Maclean Birnie.
15—Donald Milne Birnie.
15—George Cornthwaite.
18—Annie Jenkins.

March
6—Maria Lucy Kinnair.

**MARRIAGES.**

**DIOCESE OF PRETORIA.**

Dec.
28—Albert Francis Nicholas Goerdts to Emily Nora Hill, at Waterval Boven.

March
2—Samuel Henry Howle to Lena Louise Johanna Untiedt, at Klip River.

**MAFEKING-BULAWAYO SECTION.**

Feb.
14—Charles Cornthwaite to Bessie Reid.

**DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.**

Feb.
27—Fred Spogler Peters to Nettie Johanna Minto, at Thorngrove.

**BURIALS.**

**DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.**

Jan.
22—Fanny Harvey, at Alicedale.
26—Martha Catherine Akers, aged 3 months, at Sherborne.
MAPERING—BULAWAYO SECTION.
Feb.
15—Winnie Stephenson.

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