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LETTER FROM THE HEAD.

Auckland Park,
Johannesburg,
March 14th, 1912.

We began this Quarter with ten days spent by the whole staff of the Mission together at Grahamstown in a Retreat and Conference. As this involves a fortnight's absence from work I want to explain its object. In the first place a Retreat consists of three or four days spent mainly in prayer and meditation. It is absolutely necessary, if we are to keep on giving out spiritual ministrations year in and year out, that we should, from time to time, also take in more spiritual help than we can get from our own private prayers and reading as we travel up and down; and we hope that though you may lose one Sunday service a year by it you will in the end gain very much more than you lose.

Then a periodical conference is also necessary. Those members of the staff who work in the same Diocese may manage to meet about once a month, but apart from the conference those who work, say, in N. Rhodesia would never see those who work in the Cape Province at all, and there are many questions on which we must take counsel together. So please, when you read that we are all together at Grahamstown, do not think that we are wasting our time.

At the last conference we decided in future that we would print a list of all the services held along the line together with the amount of the collections at such places as do not produce a yearly statement of accounts. We also decided to try and carry round with us in certain districts a small library for the benefit of those who live out of reach of shops. If anyone has any suggestions to offer on the subject they will be gratefully received.

We have, unfortunately, an unusual number of losses to record among the staff. Mr. Skey has been offered by the Bishop of Pretoria the important living of Germiston. Before accepting it he consulted me, and I must own that I was sorely tempted to try to persuade him to refuse. But we exist for the good of the Church as a whole, not of just one part of it, and the appointment was so obviously suitable that I could not say anything. Mr. Skey joined the Mission as a layman a year before I did in 1898 and he and I were the only members of the staff left who worked under Mr. Douglas Ellison, so you can guess a little of what his loss means to me personally.

However, as I shall be saying presently, I hope we are still going to keep in close touch with him, and in any case we shall often remember him and wish him Godspeed in his new work.

Then two more of our workers have completed their three years on the Mission and are going home after Easter, Mr. Boon and Mr. Coombs, but I am not without hopes that we shall see them both back some day. I wish I could borrow one of Mr. Ellison's pens to express properly how much we owe to the workers who leave us, but I can assure them and our readers that
it is not from lack of appreciation but from lack of power to express myself that their many gifts and virtues are passed over in silence. One more temporary loss we have to suffer. For family reasons Miss Attlee was only able to offer for a year at a time and she is now going home for a bit. As she does as much work in one year as most of us do in three it is just as well that she should be made to take it easy for a bit. I only hope that she will not let out to her relations and friends at home what she gets through in an ordinary day or they will never let her come back. To compensate to some extent for these losses we have some definite gains to record. Within the last four or five months Miss Beckwith, Miss Ramadge, Mr. Bickerdike and Mr. Toy have come back after holidays in England, and new comers have arrived in the persons of Mr. Austin, Mr. Griggs, Miss Glasier and Mr. Holden, while the household at Auckland Park rejoices in the return to order and comfort with the advent of Miss Chapman. As most of these good people will have already introduced themselves in one way or another I need not say anything about them.

For a variety of reasons we have decided to give up our house in Johannesburg and to go and live with Mr. Skey at the Rectory, Germiston. We hope it is going to save the Mission a lot of money and we shall not lose sight of Mr. Skey. In future, therefore, all communications for the Head of the Mission or the Transvaal work-ers should be addressed to the Rectory, Germiston.

The only exception to this is the Fordsburg workers who will still live in Johannesburg, though I am afraid I do not quite know where. The Bishop has appointed Mr. Thomas as Priest in charge of Fordsburg, Vrededorp and Brixton and we ask your prayers for him and the work.

I cannot quite say at present what arrangements will be made in the Free State, but at any rate it won’t be quite deserted.

We have no one to take Mr. Coombs’ place in the Cape Province, but Mr. Griggs, Mr. Faunce and Mr. Harris, with Miss Beckwith and Miss Glasier, can manage a good deal between them, and though I have had to ask Miss Holmes to come up to Johannesburg to keep Miss Attlee’s work going she will still make periodical visits down South.

In Rhodesia Mr. Douglas is now definitely working from Plumtree to the Railhead, and Mr. Lack from Bulawayo to Beira. Mr. Toy has returned to Bechuanaland where he will again divide his time between Francistown and the Railway.

There seems no longer any need for a layman up North and Mr. Coles will come down to Germiston after Easter. At present he is sampling the Umtali hospital with a dose of malaria.

Our great needs at the moment are more regular and larger sustentation funds, and, as ever, more regular and earnest prayer.

Fred A. Rogers.
DIOCESE OF GRAHAMS-TOWN.

NAAUWPOORT.

The outstanding events of the past quarter are:

(1) Our keeping of Christmas. Despite the paucity of flowers the Church looked its best—thanks to the efforts of a few devoted ladies, who put in good work between Children's Service and Evensong on Sunday afternoon. The Services both on the Eve and on the great Day itself were wonderfully well attended, and it was a special joy to find so many gathered at the Altar at the two celebrations of the Holy Communion.

On Christmas Eve carols were sung at various points round the Camp, and, judging by the kindly welcome accorded the Choir at each house visited, were much appreciated.

(2) The coming of Lent. On February 21st, Ash Wednesday, we started on the Church's yearly Fast with a celebration of the Holy Communion, at which eleven persons made their Communion. Although some of the weekday Services might well be better attended (more particularly the Wednesday evening Service at 8 and that on Friday mornings at 11), still there are not wanting signs to show that this solemn time for drawing nearer to God, by Penitence, Self-Discipline and Prayer, is being faithfully used by some among us.

Amongst our lesser happenings may be counted the inauguration of:

(1) The Guild of the Good Shepherd. Already we have some two dozen children enrolled (their names appear in another part of this issue) and have had two meetings—the last kindly taken by Miss Holmes at very short notice.

(2) A Bible Class for all over 15, on Sundays at 5 p.m. So far eight has been the high level mark of attendance, but the class is yet in its infancy (only three Sundays old) and we make up in quality for what we lack in quantity. Let us not despise the day of small beginnings, but just hang on, and—bring someone else with us!

And, last but not least—

(3) The Boy Scouts. A very promising start has been made, some thirty boys having been hard at work now for four weeks under the keen supervision of Messrs. Gordon Francis, David Sims and Jack Turner. With a strong committee at their back, to wit, Messrs. Freislich (President), Ovens, Sorrie, Lord, Greenway, Hitchcock, Odoire, Kelf and the Rev. R. Y. Whitton, and some £3 in the funds, it looks as if they had “come to stay.” It only remains for the boys themselves to see that the thing does not “fizzle out.”

This quarter has witnessed the departure from our midst of three staunch workers for the Church, in the shape of Messrs. Wood, Legg and Jessop. This is a thinning of the ranks with a vengeance—three absolutely reliable and enthusiastic workers (not to mention their respective families), one, a member of our choir, and all three sidesmen—at one fell swoop! But God’s work goes on. We must close our ranks, hang together, and do our utmost to fill their places. Our best wishes go out to them in their new homes.

Over against these losses, thank God, we have to chronicle some gains, viz.: the return of Mr. Viney (a former sidesman) with his wife and child, and the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Kelf and their little son, and of Mr. and Mrs. Orton and their family. There are now some seventeen Europeans, and a similar number of Natives, under preparation for Confirmation in Nauwpoort and the district, for whom I would ask your prayers.

The death of Mrs. Juby in Grahamstown, on Wednesday, March 13th, has come as a great shock to many in this
Camp. Our sympathy and prayers go out to her husband and little son, and her other relatives in their great sorrow.

Work Along the Line. Services have been held at Hanover Road in December and February, but beyond this, and a run up to De Aar and back, work along the line has been so far a dead letter.

However, a trip has been arranged (including a call at Bletterman and Franz, and Services at Taalbosch and Hanover Road) for next week (March 18th-20th), while the week following Carlton, Ludlow and Sherborne are to be visited.

T. de L. Faunce.

Cookhouse, Alicedale and Midland Line.

The majority of those who read my lines in the last issue of "Light for the Line" were complete strangers to me, but I am glad to say such is not the case now: and I hope—as the weather becomes cooler and walking more possible—to make the acquaintance of those living at cottages between the stations.

Camp Notes.

Cookhouse. From a Church point of view every opportunity is being given here for a proper observance of Lent. Full Services were held on Ash Wednesday—although poorly attended. A course of addresses on the Sacraments of "Holy Baptism," "Confirmation" and "Holy Communion" is being given on the alternate Sunday evenings. Holy Week will be observed by a daily Eucharist and a course of Addresses in the evenings on the Passion of our Lord. Among other Services on Good Friday will be a Mission Service in the evening illustrated by lantern slides, which I hope will be well attended; and we look forward to a joyful Eucharist (Thanksgiving) at the 8 o'clock Celebration on Easter Day, with every communicant in his or her place at the Altar—as our Prayer Book commands.

The purchase of a new harmonium for the Church has been found essential, and with this object in view, a Social Evening was held at the Court House on February 15th. Many friends—too many to mention by name—gave refreshments and contributed to a most enjoyable programme. The takings at the door amounted to over six pounds, and in response to the appeal from the Chairman, Mr. James Burchell asked to be put down for a donation of three guineas—altogether a most successful evening. A subscription list has been opened—and may I remind all who are interested in Church life at Cookhouse, is still open—and a list of the donors will be published in the next issue. The Sale of Work—held on February 14th by our two lady workers, the Misses Beckwith and Glasier—of things brought from England by the latter lady, realised the sum of £4 11s. 3d. for the same object. All being well the new instrument will be in use by Easter Day.

We shall soon be losing from our midst one of the Church's most loyal supporters and keen workers, in the person of Mrs. Veale. I have been connected with the Mission for only a short while, and therefore am not in the position of saying all that Mrs. Veale has been to the Church life at Cookhouse—but from what I have heard—and in my short experience have seen—I do feel that the Church is losing a real friend, and I should like to take this opportunity of placing on record the Mission's most grateful thanks for all the good work she has done. Her departure leaves the "post" vacant of looking after the Priest's room.—Who will undertake to fill it? Mr. Veale retires this quarter, and they will probably be taking up their residence elsewhere.
ALICEDALE. "Au revoir" is becoming contagious, and I am beginning to wonder where it is going to end. To a casual observer it might seem that Mr. Coombs had so endeared himself to his Alicedale flock, that several could not tear themselves away from him, and must needs follow him to England! That Mr. Coombs has endeared himself to the people amongst whom he has worked, I can indeed vouch the truth of, but I have been led to believe that it is only coincidence that several of his friends are leaving about the same time. To know Mr. Coombs is to possess a friend. His earnest convictions and sincere religious life have been apparent to all who have had the privilege of being brought in contact with him, and many a one will miss his sympathy and geniality. I could say, and should like to say more, but Mr. Coombs has not left the Mission—in six months or so he hopes to be back again. April will see the departure for the homeland of Mrs. Boylett and her daughter Lily, and on the same boat Mrs. Rothero from Ripon; and the following month that of our Churchwarden's wife, Mrs. Wayte, and also of Mrs. Bratehell. We look forward to seeing them back again, but in the meantime we wish them all "bon voyage."

I should like to have commented upon the work at the smaller stations, but this article has already become so lengthy that a list of places where Services have been held and the collections must suffice for the present.

Sydney R. Griggs.

EASTERN.

MAIN LINE. I have visited a good many of the cottages between Burgersdorp and Berlin. I should have been to them all had not my bicycle gone astray in a train. However, before this is in print I hope to have visited the remainder. Lantern services have been held at Stormberg, Invani, Dohne, Kabusie, Berlin, Amabele, Blaney and Cyphergat. The last three named get Services from their parish priests and so are not usually visited by the Mission. On the whole the Services were well attended: unfortunately the last three days being wet the numbers were reduced. Perhaps some of us did not always realise that there is more than one distinction between a lantern service and a bioscope show. Ordinary Services have been also held at a few places.

At Dohne the congregation though larger than before was not too encouraging as to numbers. Mrs. Parkinson has been extremely kind on every occasion, and our very best thanks are due to her.

The S.M. at Kubusie routed out everyone for Service. It was a Sunday night and so warm that we had the Service on the platform, utilising the waiting-room washstands as tables for the lamps. Mr. and Mrs. Corneille have always been a great help, and I offer them my sincere thanks.

At Berlin we had a Sunday evening Service. The congregation was very fair. Unfortunately our usual organist failed us, and musical talent amongst the rest was not forthcoming. I much hope that we shall be able to find a priest to administer Holy Communion at Berlin. Mr. and Mrs. Pepper as before have shown me the kindest hospitality. I am indeed most grateful.

Our second Service has been held at Carrickmore, when nearly a dozen assembled at the gangers' cottage. I wish we could have more cottage Services.

STORMBERG-ROSMEAD. I have visited the cottages again. Twice have there been Services on Sunday at Thebus, as well as a lantern service. The latter was well attended, but there are generally some rather conspicuous absentees. At Schoombie there have been Services on Sunday. No children came
to the Service arranged for them, while to a lantern service held some time afterwards only children came, though the service was not intended for them only. Perhaps the small waiting-room (the only available place) frightened people away. Considering the size of the camp the attendance has been very poor. Our best thanks are due to one of the ladies who has played for us and also to Mr. Williams. The latter has now left and will be much missed.

STERKSTROOM - MACLEAR. I visited the cottages at the end of December last year. At Halseton we had a lantern service to which all the local people came. Thanks are due to the S.M., who allowed us to use his front room.

AMABELE - BUTTERWORTH. I have not visited the cottages for three or four months. A lantern service was given at Kei Bridge on the Hotel stoep.

I hope to work on the line between Burghersdorp and Melk almost immediately.

G. S. HARRIS.

THE RAMBLER.

At last I have been able to visit some of my scattered friends along the Graaff-Reinet Line and it has been a great joy to see them all again. Changes there have been, and new families at many of the cottages that were shut up on my last visit. For a variety of reasons it was not possible to hold services at all the small stations, but where it was possible they were very much appreciated.

GLEN CONNER. A lantern service on February 7th; a good congregation and the usual kind hospitality was shown.

Sexagesima Sunday was spent at JANSENVILLE, taking Service for Canon Thornely Jones who was away at the Synod at George.

KLEINPOORT was visited on February 13th and a Service was held at the Court House in the evening; the next day was spent at Good Hope.

February 15th found me at WOLVEFONTEIN. Here, as always, I had a warm welcome given me. Mrs. Knipe provided all my meals and I thank her very much for her great kindness. We had a well attended Service at eight o'clock and at nine I had a short informal Service in old John's hut for the coloured people. Children's class the next morning and visiting the near farms and cottages. On the Saturday, February 17th, I walked on to Haasfontein to see Mr. Walker and Mrs. Delpoort, who has been very sick. I hope by this time she is all right again.

Quinquagesima Sunday at Klipplat. The first thing that struck me on arriving at the Junction was the beautiful Church of S. James—finished and completed since my last visit. After tea I went straight to the Church; the inside is charming, the Sanctuary and its furniture, the exquisite Font and well appointed Vestry. There was one thing I should like to have seen and that was a new organ—so if any reader feels disposed to present one I am quite sure Canon Jones will accept it with great pleasure, or, if that is too much to expect, he would gladly receive donations towards getting one. I could not help saying "Te Deum" before leaving and a prayer that God would bless those who worship and those who minister in this, one of the nicest little churches in South Africa. A lantern service was held on Monday in the Court House. Ash Wednesday I spent quietly at Graaff-Reinet. On the Friday after I called at Kendrew, visited Aberdeen Road and took Services at Aberdeen on Sunday. Monday, February 26th, took me to Letts Kraal, and the next day to Glen Harry: at both places I was treated with the greatest kindness.
Now I have got to say "good-bye" to you all for a time. I am, as most of you know, leaving for England on April 15th, and so I take this opportunity of thanking everybody who has in any way been kind to me. I have never in all my life experienced such unlimited kindness in return for the very little I have been able to do, but I am quite sure of this, that God will bless any effort made in this way, because, although many do not realise it, yet they are helping on the work of the Mission considerably by ministering so generously to the bodily wants of the missioners.

I am hoping to have some good rambles about dear old England, putting in a word here and there for our Mission, so please do not forget me in your prayers.

J. J. Coombs.

WOMEN’S WORK.

DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.

Since my last letter to our Magazine we have passed through the season of Christmastide, which brought us many kind gifts from members of the C.O.Y. both in this country and in England for children on the Line. This enabled us to hold a pleasant series of seven Christmas trees in small places besides giving out parcels from the train to some children who could not reach those centres. Probably many more would have liked to join in those treats, but those must hope to take their turn another year. One of the most successful gatherings took the shape of a Picnic Tea by the river, all the preparations being made by a few railway families who clubbed together for that purpose, and also kindly invited the neighbouring children from the farms to join the party. All ages joined merrily in games of all sorts and enjoyed the swings which had been thoughtfully provided as well as the bountiful allowance of tea and cake. The candles burned beautifully under the shelter of the trees. We separated with the hope that more such picnics might be arranged during the coming year without waiting for another Christmas, as they seemed to promote goodwill and fellow-feeling among these small and scattered communities.

Early in January I had to go down to Grahamstown to meet the rest of our Mission Staff for a series of Services and meetings under the presidency of our new Head. After some long business discussions in very hot weather we also concluded with a picnic among the hills.

My next pleasure was the meeting of Miss Glasier at Port Elizabeth and taking our first trip together to introduce her on the Line as our new friend and fellow worker. We visited the camps of Cookhouse, Middleton, Alicedale and Sandleflats, holding lantern lectures as well as the usual classes; then (while I returned to Grahamstown for some G.F.S. classes) she spent another week at Addo and Coerney before succeeding me at Grahamstown to take her share in the same work while I started off again to visit some places on the Graaff-Reinet and Avontuur lines. As we have at present only one pass between the two of us it will readily be understood that as a rule we shall have to travel in turns (as taking constant tickets is expensive); also there is plenty of work awaiting us in Grahamstown now that the G.F.S. Recreation Rooms are open in Hill Street (next door to the S.P.C.K. Depot), which we hope you will come and see on your next visit to that town. Our first trip in the Coach, however, must be taken together, and before Easter we are hoping to visit many small stations both on the Alexandria and Midland lines. Last month the collections at the lantern lectures on behalf of the G.F.S. Pillar in Grahamstown Cathedral provided £2, while the sale of
garments made by our English friends realised the sum of £4 10s. for the Cookhouse Organ Fund and £6 towards the Railway Mission debt. At Klipplaat Junction there were two well-attended meetings on March 8th, when children in the afternoon and grown up people at night listened to most excellent addresses by Miss Whitly, who leaves for England next month, after spending three years in the strenuous task of travelling about this country and addressing the women and girls of the different Dioceses in turn. Our Mission owes her a great debt of gratitude as she has managed to fit in so many meetings each year in the Railway Camps. On this last occasion she reminded us all that the foundation of character must depend largely on daily attention to such things as Obedience, Discipline and Duty, and explained how early in life children should be first taught to frame their ideals and afterwards trained steadily to follow them. This brings me to an important subject connected with our children.

With this Magazine will appear the list of those who have entered for our Scripture Examination, and will prove somewhat disappointing reading to this district, I fear. Perhaps it may serve to show how important it is to make an early start in the new subjects, as last year I found many children who had not started on their reading till the last six months, and these naturally found half the year too short for what should have been spread over the whole period. Now there will be no excuse for such delay, as a full year's notice is given from this date, and also the subjects chosen are simple and such as all should love to study, as they include the Life of our Blessed Lord and some of the most striking stories in the Old Testament. Anyone can apply for papers either through the Editor or by writing to our Headquarters address, which will always find Miss Glasier or myself—The Hermitage, or the Post Office, Grahamstown. Please remember this, as letters otherwise addressed are apt to miss us and be delayed.

M. Josephine Beckwith.

Anyone who knows the Editor of "Light for the Line" will know how charming she can be on all other subjects, but how inexorable when she means to have "copy" from you for the Magazine. So as nothing else will satisfy her, here is my contribution:—

May I please introduce myself as the very newest member of the Staff? I am getting used to doing this now at the various places one goes to, and cannot complain of my reception. Everyone is most kind and after even a few minutes' talk one feels quite like friends. The very name of the Mission is an "Open Sesame" to all hearts—an eloquent testimony to the work and the workers. The children share in this friendly spirit and I have met so many that even with the aid of my note book, names are becoming a great problem. They forget there is only one "me" to remember and look surprised when I forget them. It was especially difficult at Cookhouse where Miss Beckwith and I were coaching for that great entertainment, as for several days I only knew them as Hennypenny, Jane or Bo-peep!

What do I think of South Africa? Well, it is big and I like it. I like the open spaces, the mountains shutting off the horizon, and all the sunshine and blue skies. And your trains don't race along so fast that you can't see the view. I have not got over the excitement of riding in a guard's van or learnt quite the best way to get out yet, especially with a box of lantern slides under one arm and a sunshade on the other.

Addo and Coerney are the only places I have been to alone, with a very flying visit to Coega between two trains, where I found a great Railway picnic going on, to my great surprise.
have shown my lantern at several places and was able as a result to send Miss Anstey £2 for the G.F.S. Pillar in the Cathedral. Some day I mean to show a slide with the Pillar—at present they are all surrounded with building materials and would not look nice at all. But these things are all only the outside of my work and underneath lie the things which brought me here and make me thank God for letting me come. As I get to know you better I hope you will let me help you, as I am able, to realise more of that inner life and the things which are unseen and eternal and really worth while.

Yours sincerely,

Pearl Glassier.

During the last quarter I spent a fortnight in a most delightful holiday—a day or two at Bulawayo and a trip to the Matopos, which are marvellously wide and majestic, and four lovely days at the Falls, which seem to me quite beyond words to describe. They need a musician, and even then a Beethoven, to attempt to interpret them.

It was unfortunate that I was away just at the time of the Victoria Bible Prize Examination, but Mr. Harris very kindly took some for me and others went to Nkaauwpoort. I hope they will do well, but even if they don't they must not be discouraged, but try again next time. As usual there were a few lazy ones who would not go in for it at the last moment because they felt they had not been reading well enough for it. But I hope these will become fewer and fewer. One or two were genuinely prevented by ill-health or some other good reason.

Easter will be here soon after this comes out, so I will add best wishes to all for a very happy Easter-tide.

G. E. Holmes.

LIGHT FOR THE LINE.

PRETORIA DIOCESE.

CHURCH of the GOOD SHEPHERD, FORDSBURG.

This will be the last contribution that I shall send to 'Light for the Line' as Priest-in-charge of this Railway district. The Bishop of Pretoria has appointed me Vicar of Germiston, so I must say "good-bye."

Looking back for a moment, I can say truly that there has been much in the past fifteen months that has been very pleasant and happy. I would not have missed the experience for worlds, though it has been the hardest bit of work I have yet attempted. One longs to see greater keenness—especially on the part of the men—and I have not the slightest doubt that Mr. Thomas is just the man to bring this about. A sound branch of the E.C.M.S. is what is needed and I would venture to ask our men to join the Society and to do their utmost to make it a power in the district. They should require no persuading either to join or to attend the meetings.

Thank God, the young communicants seem to be regular at their Communion and, as far as I know, no one of the sixty-three confirmed during the year, has fallen away. I trust they may be "faithful unto death."

So there is nothing left for me to say, except to express my thanks to all. I have never met a worker like Miss Attlee, and I know our people appreciate what she has done as much as I do. She leaves for England during April and everyone hopes that some day she will find it possible to return. Other workers, like Mr. Bickerdike, Mr. Renaud and Mr. Shipston, have stood faithfully by me and made the work possible and I shall never forget them. Lastly, I would thank all the workers in the three places of which I have had charge.
Mr. Harry Henderson, of Fordsburg, has never failed either in his attendance at Church or in his faithful discharge of the duties of Churchwarden. The same may be said of Mr. E. Dutton. Some of the Sidesmen too have been most devoted and helpful. I would also wish to thank very sincerely our lady collectors and Sunday School teachers. Miss N. Noyce has worked very hard both at Fordsburg and Vrededorp and I trust she may be able to continue, for I don’t know how the work would get on without her.

O. W. Laurie Skei.

N., S.W., and VOLKSBRUST LINES.

Changes are inevitable and we find this especially so in our work on the Railway Mission. There are almost countless changes among our congregations. We mention a few which occur to our mind at the moment which do not represent all by any means. From Klip River Mrs. Charles and family have gone “home” for a holiday, and we hear Mr. Charles is to follow shortly. We trust that after having a good holiday they will find themselves once more stationed at Klip River. At Natal Spruit we welcome Mr. and Mrs. Buddingh from the Zeerust line and Mr. and Mrs. White from Kaalfontein; the latter are taking great interest in the Church life of the place and will no doubt be the means of increased activity at Natal Spruit.

At Meyerton we are reinforced by Mr. and Mrs. White from the Fourteen Streams line.

Vereeniging has seen many changes and the balance is greatly in our favour. At the Railway Station we gain Mr. and Mrs. Franzen and daughter; at the Power Station quite a number: Mr. and Mrs. Barrett from Johannesburg, who are both working hard for the Church; Mr. and Mrs. Coles and family, who are also keen Church people, and there are others with whom we have not as yet come closely in contact. New arrivals at the Brick and Tile Works are Mr. Hodges, who will soon, we hear, have his family out from home, and Mr. and Mrs. Silkstone. In the Police we have Mr. van Til, who is an old friend of ours from Evaton. If there are any whom the Chaplain has not visited, who would like him to call, a note left at the Station with Mr. Cox would sure to be given to him on his arrival.

Boskop now has a regular Station Master, Mr. Floor, and our last service there was simply splendid. We are sure if we can only manage to have a Service there at all regularly we should get quite a large congregation.

Frederikstad also has a new S.M., Mr. van Zyl, who managed to gather together quite a nice number for an evening Service.

A very promising start has been made at Canada Junction, where quite a considerable colony of Railway people are gathered together. Although it is so close to Johannesburg yet it is an extremely difficult matter to get in Services on a Sunday, owing to the defective train service. Arrangements have been made for Services at Canada on the first Sunday in the month, and the first was held on the first Sunday in March and was quite successful. The hearty singing and reverent demeanour of the congregation was very noticeable. We hope that things will go on and prosper at this latest centre of work.

At Leeuwoorns we meet Mr. Robertson, who returns to his old line after a short stay at Natal Spruit. Besides such changes as these among the congregations there is also to be a change in the Clergy who act as Chaplains in this district. Mr. Boon leaves for England on April 10th, but two more Chaplains will be resident in the Transvaal and the lines are to be divided,
we believe, into two districts. Mr. Boon wishes, through this column, to express his appreciation of the great kindness and consideration which he has received throughout the whole of this district of the Transvaal during the past three years. The hospitality and friendship which has been extended to him besides bringing him much pleasure and home comfort has also lightened the burden of the Mission.

In one thing we, as a district, have failed, and that is in the matter of almsgiving. We have not supported the Mission as we ought. This should have come naturally. It is one of the three duties which our Lord took it for granted we should want to do, that we should want to say our prayers, that we should want to deny ourselves, that we should want to give.

Many of us have been brought up under unnatural conditions where our forefathers have done so much for us in providing the Church's ministrations for us. We have no endowments out here, so that we are dependent on the charity of our fellow Church members and what we can do for ourselves. We want, of course, not only to be supporting the Services we ourselves received but to be doing a little more so as to help others. It is sometimes thought that we as Railway Chaplains receive a regular income from the Government. This is all a mistake. What we do receive is a free pass on the Railway over the district we work, but we can neither eat nor clothe ourselves with the free pass. If we live at a small place let us ask for a Mission Box, or if in one of the larger places start a Sustentation Fund and begin to give and collect regularly for the Church.

We cannot close this letter without saying how thankful we are that a Sunday School has at last been started at Vereeniging. The school is held in Church and was opened on Sunday, March 3rd. Mrs. Barrett is in charge and had on the first day seventeen children and found an assistant to help her in teaching the large number of children in Mrs. Saunders.

We regret to say that measles have broken out at Zuurfontein; we trust those children who take it will all come safely through. Our deepest sympathy is with Mrs. Jones of Nancefield, who has lost her husband, and with Mrs. Maguire in her loss of her daughter.

Mr. Thurlow has been absent from the sections from the beginning of November owing to an illness which necessitated a six weeks' stay in the Johannesburg hospital. He has now, after a holiday at Capetown, started his line work again, having been absent from duty a matter of four months.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter.

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

WATERVAL BOVEN DISTRICT.

There is now some prospect that the size of this unweildy district will be reduced. Another Railway Chaplain is taking over the sections from Springs to Breyten and from Brakpan to Witbank. Both these sections contain several places which have been or should be Sunday centres. It should now be possible for me to devote more time to the main line from Pretoria to Komati Poort, and to its branch lines. In many instances places in this section have not been visited for over six months.

Confirmation classes, or rather candidates, are now claiming a good deal of time. In most instances it is necessary to prepare candidates separately: this involves much travelling and consumption of time. The Bishop of the Diocese hopes to take a Confirmation at Waterval Boven on June 23rd. There are many in the more remote parts of this district who wish to be confirmed,
but at present it is impossible to prepare or present them for Confirmation.

Besides the regular Sunday Services week-night Services have been held at a few places, as will be seen from the list of collections. Whether progress is being made or not, it is impossible to say: the number of Services held, and of people attending them is no criterion. In one way, however, Waterval Boven, Belfast and Machadodorp set a good example to places in other districts: they regularly pay their quota to the Sustentation Fund. At Machadodorp we have been fortunate in securing the use of a very suitable room for Services.

May I take this opportunity of thanking those, who, though not members of the English (or, to use the correct title, South African) Church, help us with their money and their work? At Waterval Boven we shall much miss Mr. Leighton, who is being transferred to Heidelberg, who has done the Church many kindly services. The Railway Mission owes a deep debt of gratitude to him and other Presbyterians, who have helped the Missioners in various ways. Without the help of these and of members of other Christian bodies, the difficulties of our work would be enormously increased.

T. Gray Hopekyns.

WOMEN'S WORK.

I want to write a few lines to "Light for the Line" by way of farewell to all my friends in South Africa from whom I have received so much kindness and goodwill.

I have been so happy working for the Railway Mission that it is a real sorrow to have to leave it. For ten years before I came out I had been praying for the Mission and the workers, and I shall pray in future more intelligently and earnestly, I hope, now that I have been allowed to lend a hand in the Mission and know more of its possibilities and needs and difficulties.

Friendship with many here, especially those I have helped to prepare for Confirmation, is a precious gift that God has given me for which I am very thankful, and I believe it is bound to last because it has come through the common fact of our Christianity and our fellowship in Christ's Church. To all whom I know in Braamfontein, Fordsburg, Brixton and Vrededorp, I say "good-bye" in its truest sense—"God be with you."

MARY A. B. ATTLEE.

Railway lads going to Johannesburg are asked to write or apply to—
Mr. A. C. Bickerdike,
The Lads' Club,
Fordsburg,
and he will be glad to give them a welcome and any help in his power.

DIOCESE OF MASHONALAND.

VRYBURG-BULAWAYO. Having been back in the country barely time enough to turn round it is obvious that I cannot say much about how matters are going on, but I am glad to note from the few journeys I have made that by those who have been relieving me visits and services have been kept up with regularity. Everywhere Mr. Douglas, Mr. Lack and Mr. Coles are spoken of as persons well known and highly valued.

I am more than grateful for all they have done; it is simply wonderful that they have accomplished so much, when one remembers the enormous lengths of line they have been trying to cover.

God has granted me a glorious holiday, and everything conspired for my pleasure. You have heard of the—in these times—phenomenal English summer; twelve weeks of the best African weather after I got home.
There were hearty welcomes from all my friends, and many happy re-unions after long years. I am "as fit as a fiddle" and in the best of trims for another spell of work among you, if God will. I mustn't begin to descant on my holiday, for I shouldn't know where to stop, and you would all either be greatly bored or made tremendously envious; I will only say that England under the conditions of last year is a glorious country, and tempted me very much to remain in it. However, by whatever cause, here I am again, and ready, by God's help, to bring you the message and mysteries of the Kingdom of God, the comforts and blessings of our holy religion. I trust you will find me, as far as time and distance will permit, always at hand when wanted.

This year I am supposed to go as far as Vryburg. That piece of line, Mafeking-Vryburg, is practically unknown to me, but I hope to go over it as soon as possible and get to know the people and discover their spiritual needs. May God bless you all.

JAMES TOY.

BEIRA.

On the last Sunday in January Services were held at Beira at 8 a.m. and 8.30 p.m. By kind permission of Mr. Rees the Bank Buildings were used for the Service. I have managed to visit nearly all the Railway Staff during the previous week (the train arrives on Wednesday mornings in Beira), as well as most of the English residents. In spite of a very heavy downpour of rain we had quite a good number at the Sunday Services. Mr. Rogers, our Head, visited Beira on Sunday, February 25th, when we again had well attended Services. A public meeting was held on a committee appointed to raise a Sustentation Fund. We look forward now to holding regular monthly Services. The Railway staff at Beira grows steadily, and as soon as the proposed line to the Zambesi is started we shall have a large construction camp close at hand.

WALTER F. LACK.

MASHONALAND & N. RHODESIA.

PLUMTREE-ELISABETHVILLE.

During the last quarter I have been regularly to the Sunday centres on this section.

PLUMTREE. Services have been held regularly here, but there is not as a rule a very good attendance of people from the district around; but it is quite impossible to visit them as they all live some distance away, and as my visits there must necessarily be short, it is only possible to visit those fairly close. There are at present six Confirmation candidates from the school.

WANKIES. The Services here have been much better attended these last two months, and we are starting a small choir and hope to raise money enough to buy a harmonium. Miss Thomas, who kindly played for us in the past, has gone home, but we have been very fortunate in securing another lady to take her place.

BROKEN HILL. Two Sundays in this quarter have been devoted to Broken Hill. On the first there was a very poor attendance, owing partly to short notice and the hour fixed for the Service being inconvenient. On my second visit we had a much better attendance and we are hoping to have a meeting after Easter to discuss a Sustentation Fund. A Sunday School has also been started, to which all the children over three come. It is not a very large school, but 100 per cent. of the children attend, our total number being SIX. In future I am afraid that we shall have only a morning service here, as I am arranging to go to Bwana M'kubwa on the third Monday in every month, and it is impos-
ELISABETHVILLE. One visit has been paid here. The Eucharist and the morning Service were held at Lubumbashi and the evening Service in Elisabethville. Owing to the very heavy rains it was impossible to get out to hold Service at the Star of the Congo. I was able to pay a hurried visit to the Railhead which at present is 48 kilometres north of Elisabethville. At the Railhead I was very hospitably entertained by Mrs. Kay, who has lived in a railway truck for the last fourteen years, wherever the railhead has been, and her name and her reputation for invariable kindness must be known to many railway workers.

Besides these places visits have been paid to Gwai Malinli, Victoria Falls, Pemba, Kafue, Mazabuka, Bwana M'kubwa. We had a nice little Service at Pemba, where I was very kindly put up by Mr. Thorne and his wife. Mr. Thorne is the P.W.I. and he was good enough to take me out two days on his trolley and I was able to pay several visits to cottages to which I had only been before on the pay train. With the help of the P.W.Is I hope to be able to visit most of the cottages fairly regularly in future.

C. G. DOUGLAS.

DIOCESE OF BLOEMFONTEIN.

WOMEN'S WORK.

Coming back to work after a long holiday at home is most interesting and pleasant, but it takes so long to find out where everyone is—especially with continual changes going on—that at Christmas, just a month after my arrival, my distribution of the many presents sent us once more by S. African and home friends was much less thorough than last year, as I had not yet been able to get all along my section.

Wherever I have been—even without Christmas presents!—I have had such a warm welcome that I feel encouraged to settle down to another spell of work with the hope that the experience of the past will result in wiser and better work for the future.

VICTORIA BIBLE EXAM. The number of candidates is about the same as last year. As usual I expected a good many more, but unfortunately they thought that examinations were no more when I went home. Only at Paardeberg did I find one child who had gone on steadily and faithfully doing a little bit every day. Next time I hope for more candidates and better work.

The principals of three schools, Kafir River, Wolwehoek and Viljoen's Drift, have kindly helped their pupils with the examination work, and will. I hope, have the pleasure of seeing good results.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS & CLASSES.

Viljoen's Drift Sunday School is most encouraging and interesting. Last time we had an attendance of 62, counting Mr. Thomas's class of Boy Scouts and elder boys. Such a number is, of course, too large for one person, and I am very glad of the help given by the elder girls, both in taking classes and playing the hymn accompaniments.

I have resumed my old classes at Wolwehoek and Kronenbloem (Wolwehoek) and started fresh ones at Kopjes, Immigrant and Kaal Spruit, but at present owing to a change in the running of 10 up I do not see my way to getting in my nice little cottage class at G.C.3 near Donkerpoort.

K. Y. RAMADGE.
Received with thanks.—

Mrs. Antrobus £1.

Mrs. Ramadge: Table cloth for Headquarters house, in response to appeal in the English Quarterly.

Boxes: Mrs. Raath £1 0s. 6d.; Mrs. Phillips, 12/3.

There is not very much to record this quarter from my section. Early in January, as most of our readers know, the members of the Staff were all summoned to Grahamstown for a Retreat and Conference, which, though it took us away from our districts for nearly a fortnight, was well worth while for the help and encouragement it gave to us all individually and collectively.

Just before that we had a most successful Christmas entertainment at Lindley Road. It was intended first for the Sunday School, but with the kind co-operation of friends it really grew to be a delightful social evening for the whole place, not only the camp, but the surrounding farms as well. At seven o’clock tea was provided in the school for all the children, who numbered about 34, and their mothers. After tea, fathers, sisters, brothers and friends were all welcome, and a very varied entertainment was given. Songs, recitations, piano solos and duets, games and dancing, and, last but not least, Father Christmas himself appeared with a lovely pack of parcels, red, pink and blue, something for everybody. Towards the end of the evening a collection was made for the general funds of the Railway Mission, with the satisfactory result that £3 4s. 6d. was sent up to Headquarters—and thanks to many people’s generosity the whole entertainment did not cost the Mission a single penny. It is impossible to thank everybody, but Mr. and Mrs. Bowie, without whom the party would never have taken place, must be specially mentioned. I am sure we all wish them a very pleasant holiday in the Old Country, whither they are bound, and a safe return.

Let me just remind all readers of “Light for the Line” that the year for the Magazine begins in April, so subscriptions are due from all who have not yet paid. Also may I ask, and this is a personal matter, that all friends who are about to be shifted, would be so kind as to let me have a p.c. to let me know their address, and also, if possible, who is going to succeed them? It is very disappointing to get to a cottage, perhaps with something special for one of the inmates, and then find a strange family in possession. It makes it easier, too, to prepare a welcome for the newcomers, and to make known the news of the shift to the Missioner on the new district.

M. E. Watson.
7, Monument Rd., Bloemfontein.

BAPTISM.

It is appalling to think of the irreverent way in which Holy Baptism is often treated. People are heard speaking of it as something which has to be “done,” a thing which has to be “gone through” much in the same way as registration of birth or vaccination. Baptism, on the contrary, is a great privilege, a very sacred and solemn thing; it is, like the Holy Communion, a Sacrament expressly ordained by Christ Himself, and taught in the Bible to be necessary to salvation. Lack of space forbids any full treatment of the effect and meaning of Baptism; that will be found in the Prayer Book, and especially in the Catechism. But a few questions, which are sometimes asked, may here be answered.

1. Why are infants Baptised?

Because that always has been, and is the universal custom of all Christians with the exception of the so-called Baptists, whose peculiar tenets are of com-
paratively recent date; because in the Gospels we read of Christ blessing little children, thus showing that they are capable of receiving a blessing; because Godparents are appointed to look after the spiritual welfare of the children, in much the same way as trustees and guardians are appointed to look after the property of infants.

2. How can the outward sign of Baptism by water have any meaning or effect?

Because we see meaning in other outward signs such as shaking hands, taking off the hat, drinking healths in wine, and so on; because the outward sign is God’s appointed way for the giving of the inward grace; because the things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

3. What is the meaning of Baptism?

The washing away of the “original sin” which we inherit from our ancestors in much the same way as we inherit the features and character of our parents, and the receiving of righteousness, that is, being put into a state of grace and brought into a right relation with God. This is called Regeneration, the being born again. The Bible teaches that in Baptism we receive forgiveness of sin (see for instance Acts xxii. 16) and share through it in the benefits of Christ’s atoning work (see for instance Romans vi. 3). Holy Baptism may also be regarded as the initiation or admission of a new member into the Society called the Church.

4. Why is the Prayer Book Burial Service not used at the funeral of a person dying unbaptised?

Because an unbaptised person is not a member of the society called the Church, and no society gives the benefits of membership to those who are not members. For instance, a Masonic funeral cannot be claimed for one who is not a Freemason. The Church does not say that the unbaptised are eternally lost.

5. How shall I get my child baptised?

Notice should be given in good time to the priest in charge of your parish or district. The Prayer Book directs that a child shall be baptised not later than a fortnight after birth. It further orders that the day of Baptism shall be a Sunday or Saint’s Day, and that the Baptism shall take place at a Service when most people are present, that they may witness the admission of a new member and be reminded of their own baptismal vows. Baptism by total immersion in the water is the rule of the Prayer Book, but if the child is weakly, pouring water upon the forehead is held to be sufficient. The latter practice has become almost universal, whether the child is weakly or not. Baptism cannot be administered in the house, except when there is no Church where you live, or when the child is ill. In case of great necessity a sick child can be baptised by a layman or even a woman, the form given in the Prayer Book being used. If a sick child, who has been privately baptised, recovers, he should be brought to the Church to be publicly received. It is best to give children real Christian names, and not fancy names derived from books written by women novelists. No fee is charged for Holy Baptism, but it is customary to make an offering in proportion to your means.

Three Godparents are required for each child, two being of the same sex as that of the child. They should be communicant members of the English Church. The scattered and shifting nature of the population in South Africa often makes the obtaining of suitable Godparents a matter of difficulty. It seems absurd to appoint Godparents, who may at any time be transferred scores of miles away, and will probably never see their God-children again. Still, those who are thus out of reach of their God-children can be asked to pray for them. In many cases it is best to have no Godparents at all, or
else to let the parents stand for Godparents. It is the duty of Godparents to see that the children are taught the Christian faith, and to help them to live the Christian life. They are not expected as Godparents to adopt or otherwise provide for the material welfare of a God-child in the event of the death of his parents. That is a common fallacy of which it is difficult to trace the origin.

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Mothers' Union.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, FORDSBURG.

There are sixteen members and two probationers. Weekly meetings are being held during Lent.

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Girls' Friendly Society.

New Member.
Rosmead: Annie M. Wood.
Candidates.
Naauwpoort: Grace Orton, Miriam Lord, Edith Wiblin.

There is no branch of the G.F.S. at Fordsburg, but Miss Attlee has received commended members and has four on her books.

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Guild of the Good Shepherd.

New Members.
Mortimer: Georgina Hemming.
Gumtree: Blanche and Kitty Smith.
Wonderkop: Gertrude and Annie Weller.
Cloocolan: Blanche Harris.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE.

My dear Children,

In my last letter I asked you to remember the Victoria Bible Prize Examination. Now some of you did and they will see their names in this number of the Magazine and will be happier than those of you who did not take the trouble.

Another thing I asked you to do was to send your names so that some children in England might write letters to you. I do hope more of you will try to do so, because those who do are finding that they hear all sorts of interesting things and they enjoy the letters very much indeed.

Miss Minto asks for more names as she has many children who want to write to you.

It is Easter time now and I think most of you know what that means. The Forty days of Lent come before the great Feast of Easter and that is because if we want really to enjoy the bright lessons that Easter teaches us we must understand why Our Lord Jesus Christ died on the Cross. Even quite little children can understand at least something about Good Friday and why we all ought to think on that day about our sins and feel very sorry.

When we say in our prayers, “for Jesus Christ’s sake” it means that you ask God to remember the great suffering of His Son and to forgive you any faults for which you are really sorry because Jesus Christ died to save you.

We have the greatest Christian Fast and the greatest Christian Feast quite near together, and this helps us to remember that forgiveness of our sins means happiness. We are sorry on Good Friday because we are not always good and Jesus died for our sins—but if we try to do what we know is right we shall be happy on Easter Day because we know that Jesus Christ rose
from the grave and is living now that we too may have life everlasting.

A Happy Easter to you all!

Your friend,

The Editor.

Victoria Bible Reading Union.

The papers for the Daily Reading are now ready. You will see that you ought to begin to read on May 1st. The cards with the subjects for next year's examination will be sent to all who ask for them, and the Daily Reading paper is meant to help you in preparing for the Examination as well as to remember that no day should go by without your having read some verses of the Bible.

Cards and Daily Reading papers should be sent for at once so that you may begin to read on May 1st.

Write for them to The Editor,
The Hermitage,
Grahamstown.

If you begin on May 1st and go on all the days until the next examination you will find you know quite enough to answer the questions. I hope a very great many of you will enter for the examination next year. I see that there were not so many this year as last year, but that is because some of you did not get all the help you had before and were afraid of not doing well. I want all of you to try to read by yourselves the daily verses set. You will not find that you must have someone to remind you. Why not try to do it alone? If you have any teaching about the verses it will be a help, but do as much as you can by yourself.

Victoria Bible Prize Examination, 1912.

REPORT.

The method of marking the papers for this year's examination differs somewhat from the method which has obtained in former years. Owing to the difference in the ages of the candidates (which among the Seniors varies from 18 to 10) it is difficult to standardize the merits of the papers by merely allotting marks for each question answered. Thus a child of 10 or 11 can hardly think or write as fast as a boy or girl of 16 or 17. The results of the examination are therefore ranged to show: (1) those who have passed with Honours, arranged in four classes; (2) those who have passed, but have not gained sufficient marks to obtain Honours. To all those who have passed, whether with or without Honours, a Certificate to that effect will be granted: to those who have obtained 1st or 2nd class Honours, a prize will be granted in addition to the Certificate.

Among Junior candidates, by far the best paper was that written by Annie Naude, of Wolvehoek, and she is consequently placed alone in Class I. It is highly to the credit of so young a child that she should so far have outstripped the other competitors. The four boys and one girl from Kaffir River who are bracketed together in Class II, all wrote careful and intelligent papers and next year should all do better still. The paper of Gertrude Weller, of Wonderkop, showed considerable promise and I fully expect to find her in a higher class next year.

In the Senior examination, admirable papers were sent in by the four girls in Class I. They all showed a very intelligent knowledge of that part of the Bible in which they were examined; this fact coupled with the neatness of their papers and the good literary style displayed made it a pleasure to examine their work. Clement Rippon, of Springvale, who obtained 2nd Class Honours, sent in a well-written and readable paper. For so young a boy, he displayed a very able literary style and had his Biblical knowledge been a little more widely
developed, he would have been placed in Class I.

There were 52 Senior and 24 Junior candidates. For the most part they showed signs of careful and intelligent teaching.

A very fair knowledge of the Church Catechism was also displayed, although in not a few cases candidates might have saved themselves needless trouble by paying more attention to the exact wording of the questions.

I regret to say that I have been compelled to disqualify one candidate as her paper showed clear signs of being copied from another.

R. EDWARD THOMAS, M.A., Examiner.

List of successful Candidates (in alphabetical order).

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SOUTH AFRICAN CHURCH RAILWAY MISSION QUARTERLY. 21


Juniors.


Gen. 1-24, Gen. 3, Gen. 4 1-16, Gen. 6-8, Gen. 9 1-19, Gen. 11 1-9, Gen. 12 1-9, 13, 16, 18 1-15, 21 1-9, 22 1-14, 24.

Stories of the Birth, Infancy and Childhood of our Lord.

St. Matthew 1 18 to end, 2, St. Luke 1 5 to end, 2.

Stories of St. John Baptist.

St. Matthew 3, St. Mark 1 1-15, St. Luke 1 5 to end, St. John 1 6, 7, 15, 19-37, St. Matthew 11 1-19, 14 1-12, St. Mark 6 14-29, St. Luke 9 7-9.

Simple facts about Sin, Repentance and Forgiveness.

To know by heart the Creed, Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments.

Seniors.


The Fall, Gen. 3.

Cain and Abel, Gen 4 1-16.

The Flood, Gen. 6-8.

God's Covenant with Noah, Gen. 9 1-18.

Babel, Gen. 11 1-10.


Isaac, Gen. 24.

Jacob, Gen. 27, Gen. 27 10-28, Gen. 29 1-31, Gen. 32, 33.

Joseph, Gen. 37, 39-45, 46 1-8, Gen. 47 27 to end, 48, 49, 50.

St. Mark's Gospel. The whole.

A knowledge of the meaning of Sin, Repentance and Forgiveness as illustrated by the book of Genesis and the Gospel according to St. Mark.

A knowledge of the meaning of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. For which see article in April, 1912, "Light for the Line."

Catechism (to be learnt by heart):

1st three Questions and 1st seven Questions after the Desire.

BAPTISMS.

DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.

Nov., 1911.
26—Alex Magxaka.
29—Johanna Hendricka Vorster Williams.
Dec.
10—Regina Kantase.
   Henry Likunana.
   Freddy Likunana.
   16—Hannah Jane Waters.
   18—Arthur Charles James.
   24—Mabel Mjekula.
      Leah 'Traski.
      Emily Mvako.
      Esther Elizabeth Matandava.
      Grace Gayeka.
      Jeremiah Gayeka.

Jan., 1912.
14—Douglas Williams.
   Daniel Williams.
   Miriam Williams.
   Samuel Williams.
21—Susan Elizabeth Meyer Lewis.

Feb.
4—Reginald Charles Browne, Naauwpoort.
   Alfred Henry Seach, Naauwpoort.
28—Josiah Johannes Knoesen.

March
9—Percy Thomas van der Merwe, Naauwpoort.

DIOCESE OF PRETORIA.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Fordsbury.

June, 1911.
25—Victor Potter (omitted in last year's list).
Dec.
10—Adaliena Stella Williams.
   Alexander Putter.
12—Reginald James Rogers.
17—Frances Ada Fenkes, Brixton.
24—Horace Knowles Winterbottom, Brixton.
   Harry Thomas Dupers, Brixton.
25—George Jeans.
   Basil Edward Blake.

Jan., 1912.
21—Martha Elizabeth de Witt.
   Audrey Rita Bridges.
   Paulus Jacobus Putter.
   Johannes David Henrik.
   Gladys Elaine Morris, Brixton.
Feb.
4—Thelma Gertenbach, Vrededorp.
   Daniel Pienaar Lelveld, Vrededorp.
11—William Alexander Shipton.
15—Cedric Lewer Allen, Brixton.
  Jack Cook.
25—Frank Thurston Tydesley Grundy.
  Sydney Holland Grundy.
  Phyllis Madge Webb, Brixton.
March.
3—Ethel Mary Maud Gainsford.
  Otto John William Ley.
10—Margaret Beatrice Eaby.
  Eric Herman Emms, Brixton.
  Waterval Boven and other districts.
Dec., 1911.
7—Johannes Jurgens Oosthuize Ennerdale South.
17—Samuel Charles Howle, Klip River.
  Martina Sophia Aletta van der Westhuizen, Witkop.
  Patrick George Arnold Blake, Bronkhorstspruit.
28—Henry Celliers, Boschkui.
  Henry Lewis Cross, Boschkui.
  Heiltje Magdalena Margaritha de la Hunt, Uitkyk.
Jan., 1912.
24—Iris Nora Phillips, Delmas.
28—William Mark Cornelius, Waterval Boven.
30—Elizabeth Johanna van Wyk, Oberholzer.
31—William John Laing Kea, Welverdiend.
Feb.
7—Martha Susanna Swanepoel, Eastleigh.
22—Beatrice Maud West, Machadodorp.
28—Alma Julia Cole, Vereeniging.

DIOCESE OF BLOEMFONTEIN.
Ethel Johanna Bridger, Brakfontein Farm, Hoopstad.
  Randall Maurice Moore, Ou Brakfontein, Dealesville.
  Julia Elizabeth Genge Williams, Dealesville.

DIOCESE OF N.W. RHODESIA.
Jan.
March.
6—Catherine Farrell, at 299 Cottage, Pemba, N. Rhodesia.
11—Harry Spalding, at Kafue, N. Rhodesia.
  Alice Spalding.
  Bertie Spalding.

CONFIRMATIONS.
DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.
Dec., 1911.
19—Elizabeth Potter.

DIOCESE OF PRETORIA.
Church of the Good Shepherd, Fordsbury.
Sept., 1911.
26—Olaf Williamson.
  Harriet Williamson.
  Bertie Philips.
  Annie Taylor.
  Mary Rogers.
Dec.
8—Thomas Newman-Lee.
  William Arthur Rogers.
  Ernest Newman-Lee.
  Arthur Benson Rondle Blake.
  Alfred Ernest Blake.
  Jackson Potter Hamilton.
  William Fergusson.
  Vivian Euriel Maclean.
  John Henry Cecil Coleby Clark.
  Frederick Theodore Mills.
  Thomas Anthony West.
  George Godfrey.
  George Arthur Young.
  Alec Lubin Olsen.
  Peter Gerrard Brink Oosterlank.
  Henry David Lewis.
  Thomas John Martin Else.
  John George Berry.
  Albert Victor Rummelt.
  William Frederic Lewis Albrecht.
  William John Hendrik Pretorius.
  John George Hoare.
  Florence Lydia Bofey.
  Jemima Anna J. Tranter.
  Phoebe Duggan.
  Charlotte Spitall.
  Augusta Ivy Clench.
  Martha Rose Clench.
  Irene Matilda Payne.
  Ellen Alice Edith Payne.
  Muriel Gladys Maclean.
  Anna Susan Eaglestone.
  Gertrude Stella Wrigley.
  Constance Marguerite Coleby Clark.
  Dorothy Legurn Bofey.
  Beatrice Mary Blake.
  Lily Maria Georgina Hoare.
  Lilian Maud Davidson.
  Violet Irene Julian.
  Alice Jane Heilbuth.
  Madeline Maud Heilbuth.
  Martha Berry.
  Annie Wende.
  Hugh Webb.
  Walter Henry Ives.
  Roderick David Cross.
  Alfred Frederick Thornton.
  Robert Louis Williams.
  Herbert Donald Abrams.
  Sidney Robert Todd.
  Mabel Ellen Petersen.
  Annie Williams.
  Joyce Webb.
MARRIAGES.

DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.

Nov., 1911.
29—At Alicedale, Johannes Theodoras van Rensburg to Annie Georgina Wewege.

Jan., 1912.
2—At Cookhouse, Joel Tshatcha to Maria Mjekula.

Feb.
10—At Cookhouse, Sollie Williams to Sarah Ann Gaiza.

DIOCESE OF PRETORIA.

March.
15—At Maklane, George Ashbourne Peele Holson to Annie Maylen Atmore.

BUI RALS.

At Naauwpoort, C.P.
Feb. 23—John Nduku, aged 35 years.
March 10—Percy Thomas van der Merwe (infant).

At Fordsburg Transvaal.

Ryn Hardy, aged 16.
March 6—At Belfast, John Harris, aged 24 years, accidentally killed on the line near Godwan River.

Light for the Line.

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**COLLECTIONS.**

**SERVICES HELD IN JANUARY, 1912.**

**GRAHAMSTOWN DIOCESE.**

- Stormberg, 3/11; Thebus, 17/11, 9/9; Schoomboor, 7/5, 1/1; Cyphergat, 7/9; Halseton, 5/3; Imvani, 1/3; Dohne, 2/8, 28/-; Kubus, 4/4, 7/3; Kei Bridge, 4/9; Riet, 2/9; Taaibosch, 12/9; Hanover Road; Bellevue; Coega, 10/3; Hougham Place, 5/9; Barkly Bridge, 6/7; Coerney, 1/3; Conway, 9/6; Halseton, 5/3.

- In addition to the above full Sunday services were held at Nauwpoort, Alickedale and Cookhouse.

**PRETORIA DIOCESE.**

- Vereeniging; Klip River, 6/3; Natal Spruit, 6/3; Bank, 5/3; Oberholzer; Fredrikstad, 3/-; Wolverdiend, 5/3; Wilge River, 5/-; Rayton, 19/6; Hatherley, 20/3; Kendal, 3/6; Delmas, 25/6.

Also full Sunday Services at Machadodorp and Waterval Boven.

N.B.—Mr. Thurlow was in hospital.

**BLOEMFONTEIN DIOCESE.**

- Coalbrook, 18/-; Viljoen’s Drift, 24/.

**MASHONALAND DIOCESE.**

- Mahalapye, 18/-; Palapye Road, 16/; Plumtree, 31/6; Wankie, 37/6; Palapye Road, 8/9; Gwanda, 15/6.

For the first fortnight of January the entire Staff were at the Conference and Retreat at Grahamstown.

**SERVICES HELD IN FEBRUARY, 1912.**

**GRAHAMSTOWN DIOCESE.**

- Thebus, 35/9; Berlin, 7/6; Amabele, 8/9; Blaney, 5/-; Berlin, 7/3; Glencairn, 6/10; Jansenville; Kleinpoort, 5/7; Good Hope; Wolvefontein, 3/7; Klipplaat, 15/5; Aberdeen, £1; Let’s Kraal, 1/10; Comtradagga, 14/10; Middleton, 9/2; Coega, 22/4; Mortimer, 5/11; Ripon, 11/3; Bushman’s River, £1; Carrickmuir, 3/6; Bellevue, 6/3.

**PRETORIA DIOCESE.**

- Davel, 35/9; Kinross, 25/-; Boskop, 18/6; Eastleigh, 8/5; Zuurfontein, 14/3; Machadodorp, 13/-; Loseuville, 3/-; Kingswood, 3/-; Britten, 8/; Mevorton, 5/9; Natal Spruit, 5/3; Klip River, 18/3.

Sunday Services were also held at Waterval Boven, Machadodorp, Belfast and Vereeniging.

N.B.—Mr. Thurlow was in hospital and on sick leave all the month.

**BLOEMFONTEIN DIOCESE.**

- Paardeberg, 12/; Trompsburg, 37/6; Viljoen’s Drift, 24/6; Kopjes, 6/9.

**MASHONALAND DIOCESE.**

- Plumtree, Broken Hill, 7/6; Elisabethville, £9 10/6; Wankie, £2 5/9; Victoria Falls, 20/3; Hillside, 11/6; Beira, £9 19/; Nyamandhlou; Odzi, 14/; Selukwe.

- In all the above records no mention is made of the collections at places where an annual statement of accounts is published. In cases where more than one service was held at the same place in a day the collections throughout the day are added together, and services held in the same place on two consecutive days are reckoned together.

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