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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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If so please send a postcard with your name and address to the Rev. F. A. Rogers, Box 5, Germiston, Transvaal.

It is necessary to cut down our expenditure in some way, and in spite of a large circulation, the expense of producing “Light for the Line” is heavy. It is impossible to raise the price, and I am anxious to know how many people would really miss it if we gave up producing it. Unless a sufficiently large number of people tell me that they value the magazine it will probably be given up in the course of next year.

N.B.—All who pay subscriptions will receive the magazine or have their money returned, so do not stop paying your subscription.

LETTER FROM THE HEAD.

The Vicarage,
Germiston,
Transvaal.

It is with considerable hesitation that I have inserted the above, and as I know that a certain number of our readers do appreciate the paper, I want to explain why I have done it. The inside which consists of three numbers of “Home Words” each quarter costs about £30 a year landed in Africa; the printing of the outside sheets written by members of the staff, together with the cover and advertisements, amounts to over £100 a year; and there is also a considerable sum for postage each quarter. On the other side we send out about 1,000 copies each quarter for which we charge 2/6 a year, and if everyone paid we should be receiving £125 for subscriptions, as well as some £20 or £30 for advertisements. But unfortunately everyone does not pay, and it is impossible to get in all subscriptions. During the last six years the subscriptions have averaged just under £50, in three years previous to that (i.e. before Miss Burt took over the editorship) they averaged £15. This is not the fault of the editor, nor altogether the fault of anyone: the conditions are peculiar and make the collection of subscriptions especially difficult. But the fact remains that the Mission is spending £50 a year, or something very like it, on the publication of this magazine, and it cannot go on doing so.

If a reasonable number of people send me postcards asking me to continue it I will do so for a time on the understanding that no copies will be sent to anyone whose subscription is more than 6 months overdue.

Since I last wrote Mr. Hopkyns has finished his three years on the Mission and has gone to England for a well earned holiday. We should all have rejoiced if he could have seen his way to return to the Mission, but three years of itinerating work is as much as we can hope to get from most men, and we have the compensation of knowing that he hopes to return shortly to take up parochial work in this country.
Meanwhile his place will be taken by the Rev. E. G. K. Esdaile who comes from a busy parish in Battersea and will, I am sure, meet with a warm welcome in the Eastern Transvaal.

Our other representatives in the Transvaal will be Mr. Weaver who is in charge at Fordsburg, with Miss Attlee to help him; Mr. Coles who will itinerate around Johannesburg; and Mr. Coombs who must for the present distribute his considerable energies between the Free State and those districts of the Transvaal which border on it.

With great regret I also have to announce that Miss Ramadge is leaving us. She has been on the staff since 1907, and the Bloemfontein diocese owes her a deep debt of gratitude for her faithful and devoted work. For some time she has been feeling the strain of the life, and she has now decided to take up work in Maritzburg, so we still hope to catch occasional glimpses of her.

If proof were needed that this kind of work makes great demands on the physical powers of the workers it would be found in the fact that two such strong and healthy people as Mr. Austin and Miss Watson have both succumbed to it. Mr. Austin’s work was we all knew peculiarly trying and no one who knew him and knew what he was trying to do will be surprised to hear that in July he went down with a serious attack of rheumatic fever, mainly because he refused to leave work for which it proved impossible to find any one to take his place. For five weeks he was in hospital, and he is now slowly recovering his strength, but even if his time on the Mission had not been up next month, it is clear that he could not have started his work again. I understand that the parochial clergy in the neighbourhood where he was working hope to some extent to cover the ground, but I fear the Railway Mission has already undertaken more than it can manage in the work on the Railway, and I have reluctantly been obliged to tell the Bishop of Bloemfontein that we cannot replace Mr. Austin.

I am thankful to say that Miss Watson has not broken down, but I believe that her holiday was only just in time, and her doctors in England demand that she shall have a real rest, so that we may look forward to welcoming her back at the beginning of the year together with Miss Holmes.

Miss Heddy has already started work in Miss Ramadge’s section and will I hope pay an occasional visit to that of Miss Watson.

For the rest the Free State must wait in hope for the time when more priests will offer for the work, and Mr. Coombs and I will do what we can to keep the services going.

The work in Grahamstown diocese is still maintaining the even tenor of its way, though here again we are unable to supply a layman, Mr. Woodhouse, whom we had hoped to get having been suddenly summoned to England.

I am still unable to give Mr. Holden any help in his utterly unwieldy section which stretches from Mafeking to the Railhead in the Congo, but the cheering news of another priest who hopes to sail next January with the one I referred to in the last Quarterly gives me the hope that by the beginning of next year, if all goes well, we shall
have two priests on that section.

I hope to arrange for a conference and retreat for all the staff of the Mission early in February, so that we may discuss ways in which the work may be made more efficient. I hope that anyone who reads this and has not been receiving regular ministrations of the Church will write to me and tell me so.

F. A. Rogers.

DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.

NAAUWPOORT.

Since the end of June little has occurred at Naauwpoort that calls for special comment.

There are no great Festivals of the Church, no striking happenings to chronicle, just the ordinary round of Services and visit, choir-practices and Church Officers meetings, varied by periodical trips along the line—this makes up our history for the past three months.

Our new venture of having the Choral Eucharist at 11 a.m. on alternate Sundays (with, of course, the Holy Eucharist celebrated without seizing at 8 a.m. on those particular Sundays), has so far worked well.

From the very first Sunday (June 8th) that the change, after much deliberation on my part, was made, I find, on looking through the Communicant's Roll, that the attendance has been considerably increased. On that Sunday there were 34 present at that Service as against 25 and 23 the best attended Services for the last three or four months. Since this the attendance has increased to 37 on two Sundays and 36 on another. It would be well if more could be brought to see the privilege and joy of joining in the Lord's own Service on the Lord's own day.

The new hassocks which Mr. Rogers kindly chose and brought out for us from England, are now in use, and certainly improve the appearance of the Church. Our thanks are due to the Ladies of the Congregation, who worked so willingly and well, to defray the cost.

On August 13th, a most successful evening's entertainment, was given in the Parish Room, by which after all expenses were paid, the sum of £2 17s. was obtained, and this together with the money realised by the sale of articles left over from the bazaar, held last year, should more than cover the amount needed for the hassocks.

On Sunday, August 31st, during my absence at the Synod in Grahamstown Mr. Coombs kindly took the Services at All Souls' and during the week visited the places along the line. Many of his old friends were glad of this opportunity of seeing him again.

Of the Synod I can say but little here, beyond the fact that it was a most inspiring and helpful time to all who were privileged to take part in it.

Failing to obtain the necessary leave, Mr. Viney, our elected lay representative, was unable to attend, but his place at the Synod was filled by our alternative representative, Mr. Hitchcock.

During the past quarter services have been held at Norval's Pont, Dwaal, Hanover Road, Taibosch and Riet, and have been on the whole fairly well attended.

Early in August an old friend of the Church here left us, much to our regret, in the person of Mr. Palmer, and we fear that his wife and little child will follow him shortly to Mossel Bay.

In addition to this Mr. and Miss Damant have left us for Port Elizabeth. The latter, during her stay
here, has helped us by singing in the choir.

We wish them all Godspeed and every happiness in their new homes.

T. DE L. FAUNCE.

**ALICEDALE, COOKHOUSE AND MIDLAND SECTION.**

ALICEDALE. It has been a cause of real disappointment to me that the more frequent celebrations of the Holy Communion at S. Barnabas' have not been made more use of. Many a small township in South Africa would be glad to have the opportunity that Alicedale has of a fortnightly Celebration. Although I do not think that any of those who are confirmed can charge me with not laying frequent emphasis on the importance and greatness of the Blessed Sacrament, yet it is always somewhat difficult to say in one's Sermons exactly what one would like, without hurting the feelings of those who are not members of our Communion, of whom there are always some present at our Church as they have no building of their own in which to worship. I had intended writing upon this subject in this issue, but an event has taken place in the last few days which makes it more imperative for me to do so. The Sacred Synod of this Diocese has just been held. To this Synod only the Clergy of the Diocese were summoned (the Diocesan Synod held immediately after had lay representatives). One of the subjects which came up for discussion was the "observance of Sunday": and the following resolution was unanimously passed: "The members of this Sacred Synod pledge themselves to be more instant in teaching, by both example and precept, the duty and joy of bearing witness to the Christian Religion by the due observance of the Lord's Day as the weekly commemoration of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ from the dead, especially by attendance at the Blessed Eucharist, as the central act of Christian Worship." The Blessed Sacrament of the Altar is the central act of Christian Worship for two reasons:—(1) Because it is the Service and the only Service instituted by our Lord Himself, and (2) because it is at that Service that we go into the Father's Presence and offer Him the same Sacrifice which the Risen Saviour is continually offering in Heaven: Jesus died only once upon the Cross, but the effect of that Sacrifice can never lose its power: in Heaven He pleads before the Father for His fallen brothers and sisters through the merits of what He once did for them; in other words He continually offers His own sacrifice; so in like manner the priest at the Altar offers for himself and his people, the perfect, sinless, stainless life of Jesus, the Lamb of God, holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners and we offer ourselves in union with Him. That is one side of the Service—worship: the other is the partaking of the Sacrament: when we come with penitence and faith, we are united to our dear Lord: the same Jesus who went about doing good and is now King of Kings and Lord of Lords comes to us to cleanse and to strengthen. This is the Divine Food, not for the select few, not merely for the "good," but for the tempted, the fallen and the sorrowful: it is the Food for those who have to battle with temptation and realise their frequent falls and their spiritual needs. The Sacrament is not a private devotion, but the meeting of the Brotherhood, the family gathering of the Twice-born Sons of God around their Father's Table. Let us see then that this ideal is carried out by our communicants at Alicedale.

COOKHOUSE. Here things do not look at their brightest.
already small community, we have this last quarter lost several Churchpeople. Mrs. Jones and family have left for Somerset East; Mr. Churchwarden Cowling has been transferred to Alicevale; and we are losing shortly another church-worker in the person of Mrs. Broomfield, her husband having been transferred to Mossel Bay. We have been fortunate in securing the services of the new Day School teacher—Miss Meyer—for help in the Sunday School.

A Branch of the Juvenile Good Templars has been started; I have asked Miss Glasier to take entire charge of this and she will no doubt be reporting. We have also started a Senior Branch of the Church Temperance Society. The Priest-in-charge, ex-officio President; Mr. Churchwarden Vincent, Vice-President; Mrs. Baynes, Secretary and Mr. R. Boyd, Treasurer. Anyone wishing to join this Branch either along the line or at the Camp, should communicate with the Secretary. The yearly subscription is 2/6, members need not necessarily be members of our Communion, but they must sign either the total or partial abstinence pledge. A meeting is held monthly on Monday evening at 7.30. I am hoping that the Branch will grow and that in future we shall be able to have half an hour’s music followed by a short study of the subject and discussion.

I am sorry to announce that lay Services have had to be discontinued; full Services including a Celebration of Holy Communion will be held every four weeks.

ALONG THE LINE. Mr. and Mrs. Dewar from Sheldon have been transferred to Barkly Bridge, I rejoice that they have not left the section. Mr. and Mrs. Longbottom from Comdagga have, I regret to say, left the section for the Western.

P.S.—Since writing the above, the Cookhouse Sale of Work has taken place. Although Miss Glasier is writing a full account of it, I feel that I must just write a few lines to express my deep sense of gratitude to all who helped in different ways to make it the success that it was. To raise £32 in a small place like Cookhouse means that everyone must put their back into it, and they did: I have never been connected with a sale where I have seen people work with such hearty good-will as they did here. Great credit is due to Miss Glasier, who so ably took the lead. We were fortunate in having Miss Beckwith’s cousin—Miss Birley—to open the sale and were much encouraged by her presence and stimulating words.

Besides the financial side, I felt that the sale did good by bringing us all together and giving us the opportunity of getting to know each other better; one had the chance—which so seldom happens—of having a good talk with the outside farmers who honoured us with their presence.

I have just had a letter from Mr. H. V. Turner stating that he is to be ordained on September 28th: Many of his friends at the Camps and along the line will be glad to remember him in their prayers and ask for God’s richest blessing upon his new ministry.

S.R.G.

THE RAMBLER.

Where have you been? What have you been doing? Did you enjoy your last trip? I hope the people were kind to you? I suppose you found it a bit difficult travelling without the coach? and a multitude of other questions I am asked by lots of people when I get back after one of my rambles. To answer them I put on my usual smile and just give them as graphic a description of my work as I can. It is
gratifying to find people who are interested and I feel sure that if missionaries, both priests and laymen, not to mention the lady worker, could get meetings together in some of the towns the work of our Mission would be much more known and consequently be better supported by prayers and alms. Well, I think I have, on the whole, had some very good rambles this past quarter. The latter part of the time I visited WINDSORTON ROAD where we had two very nice services on the Sunday. From there to a small station CONTENT where a missioner had not been for many a long day, a call at WARRENTON with a promise for a future visit, then up the line visiting several places until I finally reached Germiston. The month of July was devoted almost entirely to the Orange Free State.

1) VILJOEN’S DRIFT and CORNELIA. Things here are not what I would wish them to be. Many have dropped away, and whereas on my first visit I had about 25 for the morning service—48 children, and about 30 for the evening, this last time there were NONE in the morning, only 12 children, and but 19 in the evening. I know that there were good reasons for several to be away and so they are exonerated.

2) KOPJES. A good class for the children who are all keen and sing very well indeed. An evening service with the usual few attending. At WOLVEHOEK, we always get a good number for the service held in the small school room and in spite of its being holiday time we had quite a nice number of children for an informal service during the morning. While I was here the strike was raging on the Rand and it looked as though I was in for a very long stay. However, I was fortunate enough to be able to get to

3) VENTERSBURG ROAD in time for service on Sunday morning, July 5. Here things are much as usual, nice bright services, both morning and evening. I have to thank Mr. and Mrs. Randall for their extreme kindness in showering all sorts of good things upon me, and Mr. Wheatley for his courtesy, in looking after the coach and doing other things for me so willingly. After Ventersburg Road I paid a hurried visit to Nauwpoort, which is still Nauwpoort, not a beauty spot of South Africa by any means, but there is something about the place which attracts. The climate is charming, the church beautiful, the people kind and real good friends, the parson, well, you know about, and modesty forbids me to say anything about him because he is a very great friend of mine. It was a disappointment to me not to be able to squeeze in a visit to Welegelegen, but next month they shall not be left out. At VET RIVER I am always received with, so to speak, open arms and Mrs. Raath was kindness itself. I was obliged to stay three days and I feel sure that had I had to stay three weeks I should still have been welcome. All the children are doing their best. We had a very nice service for them and lots of quiet talks. At KAFFIR RIVER I fell in with old friends of the Mission in the person of Mr. Hutton and his wife. I had a talk to his school children and visited the folks around the station and left feeling quite bucked up with my visit and promising to return again soon. I had intended visiting Paardeberg for the last Sunday in July, but the engagement fell through owing to a very good reason which would take too long to explain here, so I decided to have a free day in Bloemfontein; it seemed too good to be true that I should really have a Sunday off and so it turned out, for at 11 a.m. I acted as churchwarden at S. Margaret’s at 3 I addressed the children in the Cathedral and in the evening I walked out to S. Philip’s and preached at Evensong. My next place was
KAALAAGTE. Mr. Beddingfield’s dining room was packed to overflowing for the service at 11, and I have to thank Mrs. Beddingfield for her kindness in giving me excellent meals. In the evening I returned to LINDLEY ROAD where I am always most cordially welcomed, especially by mine host, Mr. Nelson, to whom I owe a big debt of gratitude; and also to Mr. and Mrs. Couch. During August I have had eight or nine days along the Zeerust Line. Visit Koster and its school, service in the evening in Mr. Herman’s house and calling on many of the people. At GROOT MARICO we had our service on the station stoep, about forty people were present. My host and hostess here were Mr. and Mrs. Timmermann, at Wonderfontein School, and an excellent well conducted school it is. I also paid a visit to another farm school about two miles away. At OTTOS HOOP we had three excellent services arranged by Mr. Poynter with whom I stayed during the time I was there. I feel quite sure that the little I was able to do was much appreciated. On my return journey I called at WOODBINE SIDING where we had a family service in the Ganger’s cottage in the evening. I spent what remained of the morning and the afternoon at VALL KOP SCHOOL with the excellent principal, Mr. Warden and Mrs. Warden. I took three classes and held an informal service at three o’clock. I was struck with the good behaviour of the children in school and their perfect manners outside.

I am sure I have not thanked everyone for all their manifold kindnesses. Will those whose names I have omitted please take it for granted that I am indeed grateful?

JOHN J. COOMIS.

MASHONALAND, N. RHODESIA, CONGO.

Three Sundays have been spent away from this section during the last quarter. On one of these the chaplain took duty at Gwelo in order to give the priest-in-charge a much needed rest. The other two were spent in holidays at Germiston when it was refreshing to meet one’s brethren on the staff again. Opportunity was taken during this fortnight of spending a week-end at Vereeniging—always an interesting, if a somewhat wayward charge, and it was good to learn that a resident priest would be with them by the end of October.

Of NYAMANDHLOVU we can report good news again. We conceived the idea of holding a harvest festival and getting as many settlers as possible to come in. Again Mr. and Mrs. Brewster took the lead and worked like Trojans; and all joined in following their lead. Gifts of grain and fruit rolled in, and it was with difficulty that we found room in the goods’ shed for both those and also the large congregations. Many farmers came in from long distances—in one case 27 miles, and all took their full share in the festival which must have meant so much to them. After the morning service a public luncheon was given amidst the outspanned waggons, and later a tea-party for the children was held in the coach. We were hoping, if possible, to be able to raise £10 with which to buy a second-hand harmonium; and our delight when we discovered that we had got a sum of no less than £21 may easily be imagined. The Bishop paid a visit to this centre in August, and from letters which I have received, both he and the congregation appear to have greatly enjoyed their Sunday together.

At FRANCISTOWN we are having ups and downs. On my last visit the
congregations were excellent; but on my previous visit they were just the reverse. We are glad to have Mrs. Daniel back again, and she has kindly taken over the Sunday School once more. A meeting of the ladies committee is being held this week, and we are hoping that the sustentation fund and other interests will be revived through their efforts. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. Philipps, the secretary of the Church Council, in his bereavement under such sad circumstances.

It was good to find Plumtree flourishing on my last visit after the epidemics which seemed to obsess them at the beginning of the term. Confirmation classes have been commenced and we ask your prayers for the ten candidates who have placed themselves under instruction. We were glad to see a larger number of people from the surrounding district at our last services.

In N. Rhodesia services have been held at Broken Hill, Kalomo, and Pembu, at all of which the congregations were good. We are trying to arrange that Broken Hill has a bi-monthly visit in future. The Bishop of Mauritius, who was collecting carriers there for his holiday trek into N.E. Rhodesia, helped us on the Sunday evening by taking the service and preaching. We have also to thank the Archbishop of Capetown who helped us by celebrating at the Victoria Falls hotel where there were many visitors. The offertory is to be given to our funds.

A visit has been paid to the Congo where we had improved congregations both at Lubumbashi and also Elisabethville. One noticed, also, a keener interest.

Services have also been held at Wankie, Malindi, Gaberones and Mahalapye.

E. G. H.

WOMEN'S WORK.

DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.

There have been several interruptions to my regular work this quarter, which will make my report a short one, so I hope many friends will forgive me if my visits seem few and far between, especially as in September I am taking my annual holiday.

It becomes increasingly difficult to see everyone, owing to the constant shifts and also the extension of the railway lines; though sometimes these reasons supply one with the pleasant sight of an old familiar face in some unexpected quarter. Early in July we were able to greet Miss Attlee and Miss Heddy on their arrival from England, but after a few hours in the train together had to part again reluctantly as they were on their way to the O.F.S. and Transvaal. Miss Heddy who has already had experience in Mother's Union work, kindly brought out a set of slides illustrating the work of this Society, to which Miss Glasier added some valuable contributions by her skill in photography. These I have already shown in the following camps: Rosmead, Sherborne, Conway, Norval's Pont, Stormberg, Toise River, Thebus, Schoomie and Middledrift, besides the more settled parishes of Bedford, Fort Beaufort, Alice and Cambridge, in each of which the Rector took the chair. Tylden School had the unique distinction of achieving a successful morning lantern by dint of darkening the windows with green curtains, maps and brown paper, and by this means 60 pupils were able to be present, many coming from railway cottages. On the new branch line from Schoomie I visited the place now called Hofmeyer, and gave a lantern lecture in the Town Hall there.

During August Miss Glasier and I again had the pleasure of a short coach
trip together, this time over the new line from Oudtshoorn to George giving lantern lectures between us at both these places, as well as at Klipplaat en route, and holding several children's classes in the coach. The scenery on the mountain pass is very wild and magnificent and the families we visited in their new homes seemed to appreciate their quarters, though at present the line is rather rough for walking and impossible for bicycling. It is called the garden route, but at this season more ferns than flowers are to be seen, though I went the whole way to Capetown arriving there on Sunday morning just in time for an inspiring service in the Cathedral where 600 sailors and 30 officers from the Australian battleships were present. It was grand to hear their hearty singing of such well known hymns as the Old Hundredth, the Church's One Foundation, etc., winding up with the National Anthem, and to think that all those men were ready at any time to devote themselves to the best interests, not only of their own Home Land, but of our Empire! The Port Chaplain gave a short and striking address on the duty they owed to God as well as to their country, reminding them of the four-fold vows of the Knights of the Bath as lately repeated by them in Westminster Abbey, in the presence of their Sovereign:—1. Fear God. 2. Follow Christ. 3. Serve the King. 4. Help the weak. What better watchword could mothers have for their own sons, training them from their earliest years in ways of obedience and self-control, so that when they are come to manhood they may be both ready and willing to serve as faithful soldiers of Christ in whatever part of the Empire they may be called to live.

M. J. BECKWITH.

Cookhouse and its Sale of Work and Social and the splendid unhoped for result—what else can one possibly write about? Who can imagine this morning that only on Tuesday we were wondering if our deficit of £15 could possibly be made up; and to-day we are in possession of £30 3s. 8d. after deducting expenses? How was it done? Well, first our people in Cookhouse worked with a will to supplement the work done during the last months: then everyone who possessed an oven baked cakes for the Refreshment Stall which looked charming with its varied array of good things, and Mesdames Bühler, Baines and Quicke and Miss Gash were kept busy the whole time. Flowers for the prettily arranged stand in the porch arrived from Bedford, Somerset and Highlands, and buttonholes from the hands of Maggie Bühler, Connie Jamieson and Johanna Pretorius were a great attraction. The more useful stalls for plain and fancy work were in the hands of Mrs. Vincent and Mrs. Bromfield respectively, the former representing all work done in Cookhouse and sent by numerous friends up and down the line. Children were specially catered for at a Toy Stall and “Dip” and the Misses Pretorius and Erasmus had their hands full with their numerous customers.

Last, but not least, Miss Birley, who so kindly stopped here on her travels to open our Sale and make personal acquaintance with Cookhouse, a place she has known by repute for many years, through Miss Beckwith. Quite a good number had assembled at 3 p.m. for the opening and Mr. Griggs introduced Miss Birley in a short speech of welcome, pointing out that here she was at the starting point from which the Railway Mission had spread its work, but when she reached the limit of her South African tour at the Victoria Falls she would still be within the sphere of its workers. Miss Birley's reply in a few kindly words shewed she had fully realised the chief difficulty of our church life as she spoke of the thousands of church-goers in Manchester compared with the few who form our congregations out here.
Adding that this was her first attempt at doing this, she declared the Sale open. A pretty basket of Veld Flowers was then presented to her by little Vera Vincent and a framed photo of the church by Dick Bühler, after which the real work of the day began and continued with only an hour's interval till 9.30.

During the evening competitions and music enlivened the proceedings. Starting with "Froggy would a wooing go," by some of the children, we went from grave to gay and back again, until the singing of the National Anthem sent us home. A hat-trimming competition entered for by ten brave men caused great amusement and Miss Birley had some difficulty in deciding which of the "confections" before her suited the prize, but her decision was fully endorsed by the audience. To our great regret Mr. Vincent was absent from the Camp and unable to assist us with singing, etc., but Mr. Hills and the Messrs. Burles kindly filled the gap. Thanks to individuals is unnecessary since all have worked together for a common aim and all have had the joy of a common success together in a work which has been done for the glory of God.

P. Glasier.

**Cookhouse Sale of Work and Social.**

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**Sydney R. Griggs.**

**WOMEN'S WORK.**

**BLOEMFONTEIN DIOCESE.**

This is not a report of work at all, as I have not done any since June, but a farewell.

It is not easy to say good-bye to friends whom I have known for so long and I am afraid I am cowardly enough to feel glad that it has to be said in writing instead of personally, as I cannot go around and pay farewell visits.

For the present I think that Miss Heddy, who has lately joined the Mission, will do what she can to keep things going both on my section and Miss Watson’s, and I hope that her experience of work in the Free State will be as happy and interesting as mine has been.

Though I am now leaving the active work of the Mission yet in my future life I shall have in continual remembrance before God all those whom I have met, those who have helped me, and whom I have longed, but often failed to help, and those with whom I have worked. From them I would ask the same remembrance. With cordial and grateful thanks to the friends
whose hospitality and personal kindness have so often cheered my way I now say good-bye in its true meaning of God be with you.

K. Y. RAMADGE.

I am afraid my first contribution to "Light for the Line" must be a very dull one for I am only just beginning to work along the line. After waiting a few days at Bloemfontein for Johannesburg to quiet down after the strike I went up and joined Miss Attlee there and for the next six weeks I helped, as much as a newcomer ever can help, in the parish work of Fordsburg, Vredeford and Brixton. A large part of my work lay in systematically visiting every house in Vredeford, trying to discover every single person in that district who had been baptized in the English Church with a view to interesting them in the new church about to be built. I was greatly struck by the warm welcome I received at nearly every house and I also realized the fact that if I wanted to be much good as a railway missioner I must hurry up and learn at least a few words of Dutch! The first words I learnt were "Engelse Kerk," and in many cases intercourse was limited to these two words on my part, uttered in an interrogative tone, and a shake of the head in reply, with plenty of smiles thrown in!

I came back to the Free State at the end of August and since then I have visited WATERWORKS, SEPAN1, THABA 'NCHU and a few scattered cottages. So far I have not been able to arrange for any meetings and my work has entirely consisted in making friends. Everyone has been so very kind that I have had no chance at all of feeling lonely or even very "new," and I am planning to get round my section as soon as possible. I greatly look forward to coming into touch with many fresh people and to making many new friends, and I hope my friends will always remember that I am here to serve and help them in any way in which I may be able to do so.

C. MAUD HEDDY.

5th September, 1913.

CHURCH of the GOOD SHEPHERD,
FORDSBURG.

My dear Miss Burt,

Here is actually the 13th and my letter not written. I am sorry. I hope this will be in time. There is plenty to say I think, but I seem to have no time to get my thoughts in order or to put it down.

I am happy to be back working once more in the old district and although some old friends have gone, whom I greatly miss, yet many remain and fresh ones come and there is so much for which to be thankful.

I am in charge of the Catechism at Fordsburg again and although one misses Mr. Tugman and Miss Noyce (that was) sadly, yet there is a good staff of helpers in the Misses Clench and Miss McWhinnie and Mr. Tom Newman; and for the Little Catechism we have Miss Joyce Webb and her brother, Arthur, as well as our Churchwarden's son, Arthur Blake; and last Sunday the united attendance at Great and Little Catechism was seventy.

Miss Heddy was with us up here for six weeks and she did us all good, especially by interesting the Mother's Union members in its work all over the world, and in helping me canvass Vredeford in order to find out all the churchpeople. There are seventeen streets and together we have visited every house in nine of them, so that is a good beginning—there are about forty houses in each street. I miss her very much, but am glad the Orange Free State has her cheery presence.

We have just had a successful bazaar at Brixton for the Church Building...
fund; it realized £100; and Vrededorp is also rejoicing because Mr. Skey generously gave the offertories last Sunday at Germiston to its building fund and also came over here himself to preach both there and at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fordsburg.

There will be some eight or ten boys and girls admitted to the Guild of the Good Shepherd this month, but I'm afraid it will be too late for their names to appear in this quarter's "Light for the Line." They are meeting weekly and the average attendance has been boys fourteen, and girls twelve. Boys meet on Mondays, girls on Tuesdays; these last are making Xmas present for S. Agnes' Native Girls' School here.

Yours very sincerely,
M A. B. ATTLEE.

OUR PRIVATE PRAYERS.

No. 3.

We come now to the third division of our subject, that of the intercessory side of our private prayers. Intercession means praying for other persons and objects. The great tendency is to be selfish in our prayers, to pray that is, for ourselves and only those who are very near and dear to us.

The object of this article is not merely to show the Christian's duty to intercede—this is very clearly pronounced in scripture—but to make you see what you can accomplish by intercession, if one may put it so, as well as the great joy which it brings to our own lives.

You must have read or at least heard of, men and women who have done a great work for the good of their fellow-creatures, and possibly you have been fired with the desire to be able to do something similar yourself, but you have convinced yourself that you are placed under different circumstances than those men and women and therefore you can do nothing useful. I just take one example of a humble woman accomplishing a great work: you must have heard of her work even though you may not have heard of her, I refer to Mother Cecile, of S. Peter's Home, Grahamstown. Mother Cecile began her work for God as an ordinary churchworker at S. Peter's, Eaton Square, London. In 1883 she answered the call of Bishop Webb for workers to the Grahamstown Diocese; she begged to be made a deaconess, and her request was granted. Before she had been many months in South Africa she discovered that the prisons were in a deplorable state, and that waifs and strays from the streets were herded together with adult prisoners in common gaols, simply for lack of any other shelter; she succeeded in getting the Cape Government to right the matter. In 1884 she started a Church of England free School in Grahamstown. Then the Orphanage and Industrial Home was started, and later the Training College for girl teachers. Those who know Grahamstown and have walked round its roads, will know to what a tremendous institution S. Peter's has grown. How came Mother Cecile or any other great life to attempt such a work? Because their hearts were in close union with their Lord and Master: they were full of love—love for God and love for their fellow-men. We call their lives great and their work great, but let us remember (and these persons themselves would be the first to acknowledge it) that it was not really they who did the work, they were but the instruments—the hands and feet—of God. They consecrated themselves to His service, and He was pleased to use them; they lived their lives in close personal touch with their Master: they were just burning with love.

Can I ever do a work like theirs? can I do anything to help my fellow-creatures? can I leave this world
happier and better than I found it? I answer, yes you can. God calls all His children to work in His vineyard, some He calls to work with hands and feet, others with their knees. Can anything be more inspiring than to help in the christianising of Africa, or India, or China, or of helping the lot of the suffering, the poor and the lonely: there is no limit to the work you may do if you will, a work just as great as those of whom we have thought: your name will not be treasured on earth as a great benefactor, but assuredly your name will be written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Live your life in close union with our Lord Jesus Christ, draw from Him something of His burning Love for souls, and you will feel that you must do something for your brothers and sisters throughout the world, even though you may not be able to do any definite church work.

The principle to adopt in the work of intercession may be illustrated in the following way: throw a pebble into a pool of water, and you will notice that the circles which are made grow bigger and bigger until they reach the surrounding ground; so in the same way you should commence your intercession with praying for those nearest and dearest to you, then those amongst whom you live, your church and fellow-worshippers, your clergy and the churchworkers that you know, your country and then the world.

It is best to take a different subject each day of the week, and I should advise you to get a small memorandum book and divide it into seven, each section will be for a day of the week, write at the commencement of each section the different days, the first section Sunday, the second Monday and so on, and then put after each the subjects for which you intend to pray on that particular day. Below I give a suggested scheme for weekly intercession, it is not intended to be exhaustive and it would be better for each person to make and arrange his or her own subjects. I might mention here that an Intercession Paper is issued quarterly by the S.A. Church Railway Mission and will be supplied on application to any of the staff. For a small sum other intercession papers can be supplied, there is one for each of the Dioceses of Grahamstown and Pretoria, and there is one issued by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel which provides subjects of intercession for almost every country in the world. Perhaps I might mention with regard to Intercession Papers and all devotional books, that great care must be taken in their use, it is so easy to repeat the printed prayers and yet not to pray, what is printed we must make our own, we must make the subject real to us, they are in short merely to be our crutches, helps in prayer and not prayers themselves. As you kneel picture to yourself the persons for whom you pray, remember their life, their temptations, their needs and just ask the Father to pour out His blessings upon them.

One last word. Intercession is as hard as any other department of prayer, but remember that the Holy Spirit has been promised to help us, and when those moments of dryness come, moments when it is hard to pray, just look to the Holy Spirit to make your prayers a reality, lay out as it were your subjects of intercession before Him and let Him pray for you, when you feel that you cannot utter a word, just kneel quietly in His presence and let Him present your needs: this is far better than reading off prayers from a book when you cannot make them real to yourself, just because you feel that you have got to pray.

Here is the suggested scheme:—

Sunday: For the Bishops and Clergy, especially those you know.
Monday: For your Friends, your neighbours, your Godchildren.
Tuesday: For work done amongst Men, Women and Children, especially the Mothers’ Union, the English Church Men’s Society and the Girls’ Friendly Society.
Wednesday: For the extension of Christ’s Kingdom throughout the world and a supply of Clergy and Workers.
Thursday: Those preparing for Ordination and Confirmation candidates.
Friday: For the conversion of sinners. The work of Temperance Societies.
Saturday: The work of Hospitals. For Doctors and Nurses. For the sick and suffering. For those in trouble.

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Middledrift: Charlie and Irene Easter.
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CHILDREN’S PAGE.

My dear Children,

Once again we have come to the last quarter of a year. This is always a time when all of us, young and old, look forward to the joys of Christmastide. A good deal of extra pleasure comes to you children at that time, and most of you, I am sure, join in helping to give others treats. No child can really be happy who does not do this. Lots of you have plans, I know, about the gifts you are hoping to give to your mothers and fathers and friends, and brothers and sisters, if you have any. But how many of you are thinking of what you can offer to God on Christmas Day? After all, the joy of Christmas is all founded on the story of the Child in the manger-bed. Need I tell you that the best gift you can offer to God is yourself? The smallest child can give itself to God by doing what it knows to be right. And if you want really to please God you will be anxious to join in helping those who are trying to do the same. Your prayers and your offerings are just as precious in God’s sight as are the prayers and money and work given by grown-up people. Do not forget this. You have just as much right to work for God’s Kingdom as any grown-ups have, and not one of you is too young either to pray or to work.

I am sure each of you who reads the notice about our Magazine will at once say: “Here is a bit of work for me!” If our Magazine does not come out any more we shall not know anything about the Railway Mission outside our own stations and we shall miss the helpful words which the chaplains so often give us in Light for the Line. I know, dear children, that very many of you will feel, as I do, that we must try very hard to keep our Magazine. And I really do think if we all do try hard that it will be quite easy. I am not going to believe that we cannot do it. You do your best, each one of you, to think of some way in which you can help about it, and I shall do my best too, and all of us must put it in our prayers that God will help us to keep this means of knowing what is being done for His children all along the Line so that the encouragement given to us by this knowledge may not be taken away from us.

Let us take this motto for our last quarter of 1913: “With both hands, earnestly.”

Your friend,
The Editor.

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June At Naauwpoort:
22—Rose Muriel Bentley.
July
13—Henry Louis Nell.
20—Philip Gandsho.
Enoch Mjesu.
Alfred Mjesu.
Maria Yisa.
Maggie Yisa.
Sophia August.
Evelina August.
Miriam Lilian Nango.
27—Kate Pienaar.
Eliza Peterson.
28—Gordon Bennet Main.
Aug.
11—Annie Susan van Heerden.
17—John Henry van der Merwe.
24—Walter Valentine Hex.
26—Jane Elizabeth Palmer.
June
30—Agnes Ellen Dewar, at Sheldon.
July
13—Dilinna Aletta Els, private, at Cookhouse.
27—Aubrey Graham Wise, at Cookhouse.

DIOCESE OF MASHONALAND.
June
22—Thomas Cornelius Johannes Davis, Francistown.
Aug.
29—Susannah Magdalene de Villiers, Plumtree.
Sept.
7—Ruth Louisa Birch, Francistown.
9—Eleanor Lilian Jaekel, Mahalapye.
Freda Dorothea Jaekel, Mahalapye.

BELGIAN CONGO.
July
20—Emily Hilda Jocks, Lubumbashi.

DIOCESE OF PRETORIA.
Church of the Good Shepherd, Fordsburg.
June
24—Joseph Henry Surman.
29—Pieter Schalk van Harden.
Aug.
10—George Edwin Douglas Duntze.
11—Jacoba Adrian Putter.
31—William Frederic Temple.

MARRIAGES.

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