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LETTER FROM THE HEAD.

September 10th, 1915.

I am extremely thankful to say that Canon Thornely Jones, who was asked in January by the Archbishop to become Head of the Mission, has now consented to do so, and he will take over the work on October 1st. The long delay has not been his fault, and if the Archbishop had demanded an immediate answer it would have been a refusal. I am thankful that the last year's experiment of a Head who only gave a third of his time to the work was made, for two reasons. It proved the need of a Head who gave all his time, and by the saving on his stipend it enabled us to pay off a good proportion of our debts. But I am extremely thankful that the experiment is finished, as the saving of the money was only done at the sacrifice of efficiency.

I am most thankful of all that the Archbishop's choice fell upon Canon Jones, as all who know his work in Jansenville during the last twelve years will agree that he has shown just the necessary qualifications for a Railway Missioner.

He is taking up the work at a critical moment. The Staff is smaller than it has been during the last ten years. The nature of the work has changed a good deal since Mr. Douglas Ellison's day. There are more parochial clergy, there are fewer English Church people on the Permanent Way Staff, and this means that our work is more scattered even than it was. On the other hand, there are more trains and far more miles of railway, and consequently the tendency is for us to spread out thinner and thinner.

There has been no change in our Staff since July, but Mr. Vernon Rossborough sails from England in November, and another priest, I hope, in February, while Miss Glasier hopes to return in October or November.

Miss Burt, our indefatigable editor, has gone to England for a time, and Miss Holmes has kindly undertaken her duties.

I hear from Mr. H. B. Ellison that he has been acting as chaplain in the training camps in England and that he hopes shortly to go to the front.

Canon Jones will at first live next door to me in Chudleigh's Buildings, Johannesburg, and his address will be Box 1131, Johannesburg. All correspondence relating to the Mission should in future be addressed to him, and I know you will give him a warm welcome and the same loyal backing that you have given to his predecessors.

I hope I may still be allowed to take some part in the work of the Mission though I am severing my official connection, so I will only say good-bye in its proper sense of "God be with you."

F. A. ROGERS,
I wrote last just before leaving for our holiday. Several important things have happened since we came back. First, there is the election of Dean Phelps to be the sixth Bishop of Grahamstown. I am sure that all of us who know the Dean are delighted to think that he is to be our new Bishop. I have promised him in my own name as well as in yours that we will loyally back him up to the best of our power in any way we can. It is probable, I believe, that he will be consecrated towards the end of October. Meanwhile will you help him by remembering him in your prayers both at home and in church?

The subject of the new Bishop leads naturally to the subject of the new Head of the Railway Mission. Those of us who know Canon Thornely Jones will be prepared to give him a great welcome. Several of you know him of old, I believe, and will welcome him as an old and trusted friend. One's pleasure in welcoming him as our new Head is mingled, though, with regret that it means losing Archdeacon Rogers. Those of us who knew Mr. Rogers will miss him badly, but for his own sake we could not expect him to carry on the work of Head of the Railway Mission together with the work which falls to him as Archdeacon of Pietersburg; either bit of work is quite enough for one strong man.

One other outstanding feature of the past three months was the way in which we observed August 4th, the anniversary of the declaration of war. There were several celebrations of the Holy Communion at early hours in All Souls' Church, at which there were an excellent number of communicants. At 11 o'clock we had a big service of prayer. The Church was absolutely crowded from end to end, from altar to font. Seats had been placed in every available corner, but there were not even then enough to go round, and quite a number of people had to stand. Over one hundred men marched in procession from the Market-square to the church. At the head of the procession were the police and the Assistant Resident Magistrate, Mr. Mitchell, and myself. The service started and finished with the National Anthem, and it is a long time since we've heard such singing in All Souls' Church. I don't think we shall soon forget that service —the numbers present, the singing of the hymns, the reverence and stillness during the prayers. I am very grateful to those who helped to make the service a success. In the congregation were the Rev. J. P. Pienaar and leading representatives of the Dutch and Scotch Churches, as well as the Stationmaster and leading Railway officials.

We are proud to think that several of our congregation served in the G.S. W.A. campaign. There are now at least two men connected closely with All Souls' going over to Europe with the Overseas Contingent—the Rev. Eustace Hill and Mr. J. Turner. One other man known and respected by many of us here in Naauwpoort has been serving with the Australians practically ever since the war began in Egypt and the Dardanelles. His people heard the other day that he had been wounded for the second time. We are proud of these Naauwpoort men, and we are proud of those who are near and dear to them who have gladly sent them out to fight for their Empire. Pray for these men, and pray for their relations whom they leave behind.

A word or two about the future. November 2nd is our Dedication Festival—All Souls' Day. I hope it will be well kept. It should be very largely a Festival of Thanksgiving, where we show our gratitude and offer up our thanks to God for all the good things
He has done for us. As part of our thanksgiving this year I am asking all members of the congregation to make a special effort to put the finances of the Church on a sound footing. To pay up our debts, to pay our way for the next two months and have a bit of balance in hand we shall require by November 2nd a sum of roughly £40. The Sustentation and collections should bring in about £15. I would suggest that during the next two months every member of the congregation should increase both their collection money and their sustentation. And if you cannot get to Church, send your collection all the same. In these ways our income would be considerably increased and a great part of the £40 would be raised in this way. I am also having a box placed at the end of the Church into which money can be placed for the expenses of the Church. Remember we have—every one of us—a tremendous amount for which to be grateful to God. I am therefore asking you to find this £40, which we require, on or before November 2nd. All Souls’ Day, our Dedication Festival, our special day of thanksgiving, as a sign of our gratitude to Almighty God. The money is needed for your Church, the Church from which you have received so many good things. Help your Church, show your gratitude, and free your Church from debt.

Yours very sincerely,

G. A. LEJEUNE.

P.S.—I have visited the following places during the last three months: Cookhouse (three times), Grahamstown (for the Synod and Elective Assembly), Norvals Pont (twice), Arundel, Taaibosch, Wildfontein and Somerset East.

COOKHOUSE.

There are one or two things worthy of notice that have occurred since I wrote last for Light for the Line. I have written in my Naaupoort letter about the new Head and the new Bishop.

On the Sunday following August 4th—the anniversary of the outbreak of war—we had a Service of Prayer in connection with the war. The service took place in our Railway Mission Church, St. Paul’s, and the congregation amounted to about fifty. The service began about 4 p.m. and lasted some forty-five minutes. It was a good service, and I think we were all glad to have had the opportunity of holding such a service and taking part together in praying for peace and victory for our sailors and soldiers and for all who are suffering. The collection—just under £2—was given to Red Cross funds.

I am glad to say that we have been able to start a regular weekly English Church Sunday-school. Mrs. W. Wise and her sister are responsible for two Sundays in the month, Miss Beckwith is responsible for one Sunday, and I am responsible for one, too. So that, between us we are able to have Sunday-school every Sunday at 11 o’clock in the Church. I hope that all English Church parents will note this, and send their children to their own Church school.

Believe me,
Yours very sincerely,

G. A. LEJEUNE.

PRETORIA DIocese.

WATERVAL BOVEN,
September 14th.

My dear Editor,

I have no very exciting news to send you this quarter (unless I was to describe my adventure on a runaway horse at Wilge River). I have had a fortnight’s holiday at Sabie and Pilgrims Rest with the Rev. G. B. Carlisle, which meant a whole month’s absence from Waterval Boven. But now I am
back in harness I hope to make up arrears of visiting at my headquarters. We are full of plans with regard to the children’s work, both in Sunday-school affairs and outside of them. The children have been practising the music of the Service of Holy Communion, and I hope that at the end of the month and at the beginning of October we shall be able to render it worthily. I believe this is one of the ways by which we can recover for Christ’s own Service the place of honour and pre-eminence which so many churchpeople have allowed it to lose. We are going to re-start the Children’s Guild, which will make a useful opportunity for recreation for the children, somewhat after the nature of a Band of Hope. And after a year’s hesitation I have finally decided to take the plunge and start with the Boy Scouts. Very little is done for Boven boys, and I think all are agreed to-day about the value of Baden Powell’s movement. Recently I was appointed Chaplain to a Scout troop at Rayton, where Mr. Oakley is making very good progress in very quick time. So if the Boven people see me in Scout uniform, they need not think it is a case for Pretoria asylum.

At Machadodorp, on Saturday, September 11th, I was at home in my reserved coach to the children who attend the monthly Sunday-school. Fifteen came, and though there was not much room to turn round, tea, letter-puzzles, a fairy story and book-presentations quite filled up a happy afternoon, and our best thanks are due to Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. and Miss de Graaff, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Cox for their kind co-operation and help.

Services at Hatherley, Dalmanutha, Wonderfontein and Airlie have been very well attended. At Delmas when it doesn’t rain, it snows, and I am wondering what new “sample of weather” I am going to experience next Sunday. For the last two months I have had the coach, which has been a great convenience in many ways, and the only casualty has been the harmonium, which, after expensive repairs, and investiture with a canvas cover to keep off dust, and a packing-case to minimise jolts, made respectively by Mrs. Blyth at Wonderfontein and Mr. Fogwell at Van der Merwe, went off on a journey on the Breyten line and has not been seen since. One can only imagine it having a rest cure at Durban. I am sure it deserves it.

I am glad to report that a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church has been appointed exclusively for Railway work, especially among the white labourers in the Transvaal. This should meet a very urgent need among isolated Dutch Railway workers. I have corresponded with him, and our relations promise to be very friendly.

With best wishes to all my friends along the line,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

E. G. K. Esdaile.

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DIOCESES OF SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN RHODESIA.

Box 616, Bulawayo.

The last four months I have held services at practically all reasonably large centres on the sections both south and north of the Zambesi, with the exception of the WEST NICHOLSON line, which, unfortunately, I have not been able to find time to visit. In addition to this, a wedding took me to Kafue for another Sunday; an appeal from Mr. Lack took me to the Bechuanaland Protectorate for a week-end, and an appeal from the Bishop caused me to undertake a week’s responsibility at Bulawayo, to enable the clergy to attend the Salisbury Synod. It is becoming more and more difficult to satisfy the claims of various places, especially those which have been used to monthly services: but the good news of three more priests coming out will help us to hold on a bit longer.
Beginning from the extreme southern end, PLUMTREE was visited by the Bishop on June 11th, St. Barnabas’ Day, and an exceedingly nice Confirmation was held. The eight boys confirmed received their first Communion the next Sunday, just before the end of the term. This was a very pleasant period. Since then there have been a few cases of chicken-pox and other ailments, such as worry all schools from time to time, but this is practically over now. Apart from the school, the services would be very small. We sadly miss Mr. and Mrs. Carbutt, who have gone for their much needed leave with their family to the seaside, and the claims of the war have robbed us of Lieutenant Parson, and generally emptied the district of people. We have to congratulate Mr. Lenferry on his appointment as school inspector, even though feeling that it is a great loss to the school, now he has gone. By the time this is in print, the extension of the Chancel will be completed, as far as outward things go: this will be a great improvement to the whole building, and will be furnished and used as a Chapel for the Celebrations, and possibly as a choir for the other services. We still need funds for the furnishing. As an amateur production, the whole thing is very creditable indeed.

I have only been able to fit one visit to FIGTREE in this time, and most unfortunately chose the worst Sunday I could, when Mr. and Mrs. Willsworth had just gone on leave, and the wedding festivities, held at Mr. Montgomery’s house, prevented the attendance of our most faithful friends from there. So we had to content with a small congregation of ten, and look forward to a resumption of our usual good numbers on some later occasion.

The whole of July and part of August were taken up with a long and comprehensive journey over the Northern Section.

Beginning with NYAMANDHLOVU, I am sorry to say that the attendance proved so poor as to convince me that I could no longer spare a Sunday for visiting this place, so long at any rate as I have two sections on my hands. The station people are always most loyal, but they are very few, and a week day would suit them just as well.

I paid my usual fleeting visit to GWAAI, though no service was possible; to TANK 1462, where I baptised the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Beale, old friends of the Mission; and to MALINDA, where we generally manage to hold a little service.

WANKIE unfortunately had decided to go on an excursion to the Falls on the Sunday I had arranged to go there, so I decided to follow them up there. On a subsequent visit, we had quite good attendances, and I have to thank Mr. and Mrs. Fry for their kind hospitality. I find it difficult now to manage a visit there every week, but keep as near to it as I can.

I spent a Sunday at the VICTORIA FALLS, almost exactly a year after my first visit, in company with Mr. Holden. Quite a nice number attended the Celebration, but the claims of the Lunar Rainbow, and the fact that the Wankie people had to leave early, completely wrecked all hopes of a congregation in the evening. So I decided to look upon it as a short holiday, and refreshed myself with seeing as much of the Falls as I could.

From here I went on to LIVINGSTONE, and thence, after a terrible journey of twenty hours in the coach, got out at CHILANGA and visited the few people here, the Magistrate, etc., who received me most kindly. Next day I bicycled on to LUSAKA, and spent Sunday there. The Services were not large numerically, but as good as could be expected, considering the distances people live apart and the scarcity of churchpeople.

I then paid a short visit to KAFUE, and this time managed to collect the people on the spot together for a service at the hotel. This was a great
success, and the fifteen or so who came enjoyed it greatly. I had to make a special trip six weeks later up here to take the wedding of Mr. Howard, the Stationmaster; the difficulties that he encountered in the way of getting a licence, and of arranging to be married on the day he wanted, would fill a small volume! However, all came off successfully in the end, though it meant several days in the train for me. This time the Services included a Sunday evening service, a Celebration in the coach next morning, and the wedding itself, which was held in the Courthouse, and was most reverent and impressive. There were quite a large number of people present, and all the Services were well attended, and indeed very encouraging.

My next stop was BROKEN HILL, where I spent several days in order to try and adequately visit the various parts of this much scattered place. It is a wild place too; hyenas were under my coach one night, and that same night a lion was practically in the station. It was not pleasant to have to creep to the coach in pitch dark, at the end of the siding, after this piece of information! Everybody’s mind was very full of a great Red Cross entertainment on Saturday night, which was most successful, but lasted till 3 a.m. It was found best to hold Celebrations on Friday at the Boma, and on Monday at the Hospital. The Sunday evening service at the hotel was, as usual, rather disappointing.

Space will forbid me to enlarge upon my subsequent movements. From here I went to NDOLA for the first time and got to know the people, who turned up to a man to Service, which was very gratifying. From here I went on to SAKANIA, and thence over that terrible Belgian railway to ELISABETHVILLE once more.

Here Mr. and Mrs. Lewis kindly entertained me again, and the Services went very well indeed, with the exception of the Evening Service at the workmen’s quarters, which was not sufficiently advertised. The Morning Service in the British Consulate was even better than before, and we had the unusual honour of welcoming there the officers of the British Naval Expeditionary Force to Tanganyika; it was almost like a Parade Service.

On the way back I stopped at MAZABUKA for a Sunday, but though I toiled round to various farms on the bicycle, I totally failed to raise a congregation, beyond two communicants. I had expected more as the result of the recent visit of Archdeacon Rogers, Canon Jones, and their party, but was disappointed.

From here I worked back to Bulawayo via Wankie after a six weeks’ absence.

I should like just to mention a trip I took subsequently into the Protectorate. Mr. Lack had to be away in August, so I undertook to revisit MAHALAPYE, PALAPYE ROAD and GABERONES. In each place I held a Celebration and Evensong, and it was very pleasant to see old friends. After this month, that part of the Protectorate will pass to Kimberley Diocese, and further opportunities of visiting them may cease, as far as I am concerned.

And now, for the sake of the Editor, I think I must close.

E. F. WINNINGTON-INGRAM.

DIOCESE OF KIMBERLEY AND KURUMAN.

(Excerpts from a most interesting letter, full of adventures, from Mr. Thorne, but which we much regret there is not space to print in full.)

Unfortunately first one thing and then another has prevented my writing before. Although I did not join the
Staff of the Mission until February, I had begun work as early as November last year. Mr. McCann, in whose parish most of my work lay, is an old friend of mine. . . . His parish comprises the districts of Prieska, Kenhardt and Gordonia; and at that time he only had the short strip of line from near Omdraaisvlei to Prieska, where he had his headquarters. But shortly before I arrived at Prieska, the new line, which now has linked up at Kalkfontein with the railways of what used to be G.S.W.A., was started. . . .

The Bishop of Kimberley recognised the need of another worker; and sent me his licence from Kimberley. His instructions to me were to work amongst the railway men and the troops along the line, "but not to leave the line to go after the troops." . . .

My first move was to Draghoender. . . . After being nearly eaten alive by the flies whilst waiting the four or five hours which it took the train to accomplish the last mile and a half, I left my things at the engineer's office and walked on to Marydale. There I heard rumours that the base was to be moved on to Putzonderwater, where there were already a few troops. I saw some rebel prisoners, who seemed to be the only people taking life easily. Everyone else seemed to be rushed, so I decided to move on. This was not so easy as one might have thought.

That evening I got into the caboose of a train bound for railhead. A couple of troopers of the I.L.H. also travelled in it. We got in about 5.30. At 6.30 we adjourned to the canteen for some hot coffee. About an hour later our conversation was temporarily disturbed by our colliding with another train. This took place on the culvert, but all the damage done was a broken buffer on the other train. We got to Putzonderwater at about six the next morning, a journey of 22 miles, without further mishap.

I stayed there a few days, holding services on the Sunday, both well attended. Besides the station foreman, there were details of Parkinson's Horse and of the Veterinary Corps. Then I went on to railhead, at that time about 120 miles out from Prieska. The first night I held a service for a gang of about 120 boys, most of whom attended. The next day I walked along from the construction camp to actual railhead. On the way I chatted with some of the men. . . .

At Christmas I held services at Upington for the 8th Midland Rifles, Cape Field Artillery, S.A.M. Corps, Scott's Horse, Hanover and Colesberg and Philipstown Commandoes; also a service in hospital for the convalescents. Directly after, I worked along the line to Prieska, holding services at several camps, mostly amongst contractors' boys. The contractors were very kind in the way they helped me, both in arranging services and in putting me up. . . .

Just after the floods I had the coach for a long spell and this enabled me to get to work more thoroughly than I had been able to manage before. Unfortunately I got ill, an old complaint returning, owing to the almost constant use of tinned foods. However, it was wonderful the way I was able to get about and to hold services. . . .

In June my heart got so bad, largely owing to the other trouble already mentioned, that I had to get Dr. Phillips to examine me and, to my regret, but not to my surprise, he told me I must stop work.

It was a strenuous time but thoroughly well worth it. It was with great regret that I left the work. . . . During the last two months the encouragements amply compensated for the lean times before. . . .

I want to take this opportunity of publicly expressing the thanks of the railway men to Miss Gore-Brown and Miss Wilman and the Diamond Fields Advertiser for supplying them with papers.

George Houghton Thorne.
WOMEN'S WORK.

GRAHAMSTOWN DIOCESE.

Patriotic Lantern Lectures have been the order of the day since the slides arrived from England chosen by Miss Glasier. During the past quarter these have been shown in more than twenty places on the Midland, Graaff-Reinet, Oudtshoorn and Kowie lines to appreciative audiences of all sizes and ages. These often included soldiers returned from the German South-West campaign and in some cases those preparing to leave for Europe, as our railway camps are well represented in the Overseas Contingent. Every evening the preliminary hymn prayer “For our valiant soldiers” was heartily sung to Sullivan’s stirring tune, said to be Lord Kitchener’s favourite, and the strains of “Tipperary” seldom failed to find plenty of voices to sing the chorus. Over £10 was collected and divided between the Belgian and Red Cross funds, which also benefited considerably by local sales of work at Cookhouse and Wolvefontein.

At Alicedale on the anniversary of the war the Boy Scouts attended in full uniform and the school children sang patriotic songs accompanied by Mrs. Dunn and Miss Pearce. During my coach trip magazines, papers and books were gladly welcomed at the lonely places, for which many are grateful to the kind donors—Miss Greathead, Mrs. Hainam, Mrs. Linde, Miss Luscombe, Miss Turner and others.

During September I enjoyed attending a patriotic concert at Cookhouse, which realised £10, and visiting several places on the Avontuur line.

One Sunday spent at Hankey was specially interesting as finding the small church nearly filled in spite of somewhat stormy weather. The G.F.S. girls there had just completed a capital set of twenty pinafores for St. Peter’s Home orphans with the kind help of a former student of the Training College. At Alicedale also the G.F.S. candidates have been greatly helped by the elder members in their work for the wounded soldiers—pillowslips, handkerchiefs and hospital bags. In both these places Bible Study Circles have now been started on the interesting subject of “Christian warfare,” which it is hoped may prove of much practical use to the members.

We are all glad to know that Miss Glasier intends returning to S. Africa shortly so that we may hope to welcome her back soon after this Magazine is in print. May she have a safe and calm voyage should be indeed our earnest prayer in these troublous times by land and sea!

It is hoped that small sales and entertainments may be held by the children in the place of the usual festivities for their own pleasure at Christmastide, so that they too may have something to contribute towards Mission work and war funds and learn the truth of that promise, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Any article for sale may be sent to me before December 1st. Prizes will be given for the best things made by man, woman or child of which materials cost 1 shilling.

M. J. BECKWITH.

BLOEMFONTEIN DIOCESE.

There has been so much illness and such changeable weather in the Free State lately during the last six weeks, that it seems difficult to believe that by the time this Magazine is published it will be summer.

People are talking about peach-blossom pneumonia, and I think that every spring that I stay in the O.F.S. I see and hear more of it. Certainly it is a very critical time of the year for the people who are not strong and for the very young and very old.

During the past three months we
have nearly all of us done a little more for the war funds or the Belgians, and soon, as Christmas time comes nearer, we must be thinking about our work for the orphans in Bloemfontein. I know I shall find lots of willing hands to help me with pinafores and other little garments again and, I doubt not, purses too. We must not let the home people go without because we are busy looking after fresh claims overseas.

I want all my friends please to note that I have changed my headquarters address, and am now staying, when I am in Bloemfontein, at Room 10 in the Board of Executors' Buildings, the first door on the left when you get to the top of the outside staircase. This is a much more central position than Douglas Street and as it is next to the Town Hall in Maitland Street, it will be easy for anyone to find and call in, if they will, when they have a few minutes to spare from shopping or business. My Railway friends are so often in town at the beginning of the month that I am going to try to be at home then for a day or two and then I shall have great pleasure in trying to make for them as excellent a cup of tea as they so often make for me when I go to their houses on the Line. Please don't forget!

Yours sincerely,

M. E. Watson.

I have been at work again, on my section, since 1st July and I am hoping that I have now seen nearly all my friends. I am very glad indeed to be back and to find so few changes: it was a pleasant surprise to find a resident priest at Edenburn and monthly services being held at Kopjes. I have had to rearrange my Sunday work and I now hope to be at Wolvehoek for the first Sunday in every month, going on to Kopjes in time for evening service; at Theunissen the third, and at Karree and Glen for the fourth. The second Sunday I hope to spend alternately at Trompsburg and Springfontein. The Sunday-school at Wolvehoek seems to grow and the babies thoroughly enjoy their "Sunday Kindergarten." I think those of you who have ever had the pleasure and privilege of teaching very little children will agree with me that the joy and readiness with which they receive spiritual truths is a continual surprise and delight. The other day I was asked if a tiny boy of four might come with his elder sisters to Sunday-school; of course I said "Yes," though privately thinking he was rather too small. He was perfectly good through prayers and hymns and during the lesson I gave him a toy to play with, thinking to keep him quiet. Directly school was over he dashed out of the door, made a straight line for his father who was at the points, seized hold of his coat and shouted out, "Daddy, do you know God loves us all!"

Most of you know that I can hardly ever reach the children more than once a month, in some cases it is only every two months, and this is so inadequate, and I rely on you to supplement it. I know the mothers at home often want to teach their children, but don't quite know "how to begin," and some of you may be feeling the same. If you do, I should be so glad to help you in any way I can and I have brought back some books which might be of use to you.

Will you please take notice of my new address? It is now 7, Monument Road, Bloemfontein.

I can't end up without thanking you all most warmly for your sympathy with me in my great sorrow; indeed, the welcome that was given me was a real help and comfort, but still I think that in these days, when the pain of the world is pressing so closely on us all, we find our greatest strength and comfort in saying, with the little boy, "God loves us all."

C. Maud HeddY.
CHILDREN’S PAGE.

Dear Children,

You will all miss Miss Burt while she is away, but I hope that next time there may be a letter from her from England for you. There has not been time to get one yet since she arrived.

I am sure you have all been doing as she asked you last time and have been praying for the soldiers and sailors fighting so far away, and all who are suffering through this dreadful war.

We must all help in any little way we can, and there is one way in which I know you will all be willing to take your share. We shall not be able to get the usual boxes of things out from England for the Christmas-trees this year because of the great expense. But you will gladly give up that pleasure to help the country you want to serve. You see the money is so urgently needed for hospitals, for Belgians, for all sorts of things, and it is just by giving up the things that are not necessary, but simply pleasures (both to givers and receivers) that we can show our wish to do what we can, though it may not be much. So you will, I am certain, be only too pleased to take your part in “giving up” to help the great cause.

And remember one more thing. It is crowds of the best men in the country who are being killed and wounded for us, and it is another big thing you can do to see to it that you all grow up into the very best kind of men and women to take the places of those we have lost and are losing day by day. Pray to God to help you and try hard every day.

We are all sorry to say “Good-bye” to Archdeacon Rogers as our Head, but we hope he will still take an interest in us and that we may see him from time to time around the line again.

Your friend,
The Acting Editor.
The Hermitage, Grahamstown.

HOLY BAPTISM.

DIOCESE OF PRETORIA.

June
25—Emma Gertrude Churche, at Eloff.

July
15—Gerttina Louisa Venter, at Argent.

Aug.
8—Florence Cora Stoner, at Waterval Boven.

15—Jean Iva Mercer, at Bronkhorstspruit.

29—Josephine Caroline Strike, at Hatherley.

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29—Viola Margaret Morey, at Naaupwoort.

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17—Thomas Hedley Newcombs Sheffield, at Balla-Balla.

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21—Cecil Patrick Beale, at Tank 1462, Gwaii.

July
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29—Adrian Andrew Boer, Cottage 278, Matetsi.

30—Wilhelmina Katrina Alvena Brill, Cottage 276, Katuna.

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22—Tillard, John Ernest de Villiers, Plum-tree.

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