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LETTER FROM THE HEAD.

Two or three changes have been made in our arrangements: after careful consideration and consultation with those best able to advise, I have decided to bring the Headquarters back to Grahamstown, and I feel confident that, under present circumstances, the move will be to our general advantage. I have arranged with the Diocesan Finance Board that the Diocesan Office, Grahamstown, shall be our official office, and the office staff will help us with our accounts and correspondence. I should be glad, therefore, if, in future, all communications concerning the Mission are addressed to me, P.O. Box 133, Diocesan Office, Grahamstown.

By the time you receive this issue of our Magazine I expect, if all goes well, to be in England: it is necessary for me to meet the London Committee to arrange certain matters of business. I am to speak at the Annual Meeting, and I want, if possible, to obtain some additional workers for our Staff. We are very greatly in need of additional help: the present outlook of obtaining it is not too hopeful, but we must just try our best. If we succeed—well and good; if we fail, well, we have done what we could. I ask all those who are really interested in the welfare of the Mission to help me in this especially by their prayers.

DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.

NAAUWPOORT.

East London.

My dear Friends,

I am writing this from East London, as you will see by the heading of this letter. I hope to be back again in Naauwpoort well in time for Holy Week and Easter. I regret that I have been unable to spend the whole of Lent with you. I am grateful to Mr. Banks for taking my work during my enforced absence.

The Church funds have been considerably helped during the past quarter by the Bridge Drive (organised by Mrs. Ovens), the Jumble Sale (organised by Mrs. Odoire and Mrs. Craddock), and by Mr. Hitchcock’s Concert. At the time of writing we are still about four months behind with our Railway Mission contributions, and over £20 in debt to the Diocese of Grahamstown. So there is still great need of effort.

I should like to take the opportunity of expressing our great regret at the and their family. To Miss Metrowich and their family. To Mrs. Metrowich we owe a very real and very great debt of gratitude for the very faithful way in which she carried out her duties as organist for over two years. She has proved herself a valued and trustworthy church worker. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Metrowich and their family every happiness in their new home.

G. A. Lejeune.

DIOCESE OF PRETORIA.

Waterval Boven,
March 17th, 1916.

My dear Editor,

Since the short letter I wrote for the January Light for the Line, Mr. Esdaile has taken his departure for
S.W.A. and I have been left alone amidst the manifold difficulties and perplexities which beset the path of a Railway Chaplain in Africa, especially if he be, as I am, still fresh from the Old Country.

But difficulties though there are, the work undoubtedly grows more fascinating the more one sees of it. That I can quite safely say.

The section which it has fallen to my lot to serve is from all points of view one which is brimful of interest, embracing as it does every variety of scenery and climate, from the wide, bare, wind-swept plains of the High Veld to the green, tree-covered valleys and rugged mountains of the Eastern "bush" country down near the Portuguese border, where glorious scenery and romantic surroundings do their best to compensate for tropical heat, still, close air, mosquitoes and malarial fever.

The welcome which one receives everywhere whether on High or Low Veld, is one of the most striking, and at the same time, most encouraging experiences of the newly-arrived Railway Chaplain. It is perhaps especially noticeable in the tiny "out-back" places where the face of a stranger is seldom seen. I had heard of Colonial hospitality before, but the reality far exceeded what I had imagined, and it will be long before those first impressions of kindly welcoming faces fade from my mind.

Nor does one feel, even in the most isolated places, that the welcome one receives is due simply and solely to the fact that a visit from a fellow-countryman is a rare event. No, I have been glad to notice again and again that it goes deeper than that. You are welcomed as a man, truly, but you are welcomed also, and no less appreciatively, as a priest. It is sad sometimes to have to refuse a request for more frequent visits and services as I have already had to do more than once owing to the sheer impossibility of increasing the number of visits to one place without reducing it in the case of others.

So far, since Mr. Esdaile handed over the work to me just after Christmas, I have, exclusive of Waterval Boven, visited or held services, in several instances more than once, at the following places:—KOOKDOESPOORT, SILVERTON, HATHERLY, PIESNAARSPROUT, VAN DER MERWE, RAYTON, ELANDS RIVER, BRONKHORSTSPRUIT, PAN, WONDERFONTEIN, MACHADO-DORP, TOMANGO, NELSPRUIT, ARGENT, DELMAS, ELOFF, SUNDRAY, BONNEFOI, KINROSS and VLAKFONTEIN.

I am hoping next month, when I get my coach, without which I am at present very much handicapped, to visit the isolated gangers and people up the newly-opened Selati line in the far eastern portion of my district. I hear that quite a number of British farmers are now beginning to settle near the line in that region and so I am anticipating a considerably enlarged sphere of operations in what is, from all accounts, a most interesting and very wild part of the country.

At WATERVAL BOVEN the community may pride itself on having risen well to the occasion so far as War Funds are concerned. Both Red Cross Day in December last and Navy Day on March 11th were great successes, the proceeds being respectively £70 and £55, excellent indeed when the size of the place is taken into consideration. Here also we have recently started Scouts and already some thirty enthusiastic youngsters have enrolled themselves. The Sunday-school here is, I am glad to say, increasing in numbers in a most encouraging fashion, and I hope may go on doing so.

Another place where the Boy Scout Movement has taken a firm hold and is in a very flourishing condition is RAYTON, where I recently held a well-
attended Parade Service and afterwards had the pleasure of presenting proficiency badges to those boys who had earned them. In the evening we held another Service and an excellent congregation turned up.

At HATHERLY a terrific downpour of rain interfered very much with the Service and prevented many regular but distant members of the congregation from attending.

The experiment of holding a Service at VLAKFONTEIN (for the first time in its history) was entirely justified by results, thirty Britishers turning up on Sunday morning in a very scattered district, several driving 12 and 14 miles to be present. The Celebration afterwards was well attended.

At TOMANGO an excellent congregation assembled at Mr. Hall’s farm on Sunday, March 5th, more than half communicating, and in the afternoon I trolleyed down to NELSPRUIT, where I held Service and Sunday-school, though the children in this malarial district are very few. At KINROSS, DELMAS, BRONKHORSTSPRUIT, BONNEFOI and WONDERFONTEIN, the congregations have been very good. At the last named place nearly 50 people turned up for a week-night Service, a very large proportion of the population.

We all welcome Miss Holmes, who has now taken up work on this section, and most helpful her presence will be I am sure. Her headquarters are to be at Johannesburg as most of her work will lie in the western half of the section.

I am expecting to have quite a large number of Confirmation candidates this year. Owing to this and also the fact that they are mostly scattered in ones and twos over the whole section, their preparation is going to be a bit of a problem. However, this is such a very important side of the work that other things will have to give way to the demands which it makes upon one’s time.

I have no very exciting experiences to relate this time, though a certain moonlight ride through lion-infested country away down East was rather calculated to give one thrills.

Yours very sincerely,

Vernon Rossborough.

DIOCESES OF SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN RHODESIA.

This quarter has less to show for itself than others, on account of holidays. During the whole of January, I was allowed to be away at Grahamstown and Port Alfred, and have now returned, in spite of all the Home Quarterly says to the contrary, to the scene of my labours. So I am enjoying an imaginary holiday in England, while actually in the body present in Rhodesia. The explanation is that I had an idea about going home early, which got to the Home Quarterly, and was there embodied, before my final decision to stay on for the third year could be made known.

It has been a great pleasure to welcome Mr. Seacome, and to introduce him to that part of the work which I must now leave, namely, Plumtree to Bulawayo, Wankie to Bulawayo, and the West Nicholson line. I am largely consoled over my loss by the certainty that Mr. Seacome is the very man for the work, and that both for himself and those he will minister to, that work will be happy and profitable. I should like to take the opportunity here of thanking all my friends on these sections of line for the many kindnesses I have received at their hands: it has been a great joy to work amongst them: and I feel deep regret at having to part with them: though undoubtedly both we and they will be gainers by the advent of another priest.

Since writing last, I have paid two visits to PLUMTREE, and taken Mr.
Seacome there. The school is always delightful, and remains the most important bit of work we have. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond have been great friends to me during these two years, and no Railway Missioner could go there long without feeling thoroughly at home. Confirmation work will begin again shortly; otherwise, things have gone on in the normal way.

FIGTREE, being in a sense “of my own creating,” I feel the more sorry to part with. We had, as usual, well-attended services in February; it is nice to think that everybody is still quite keen. They hope to hold a Red Cross Fête shortly, and everything promises well for its success.

On the WEST NICHOLSON line, Mr. Seacome and I have contrived to visit most of the bigger places; on the whole people come very well to church, especially at WEST NICHOLSON and ESSEXVALE. The number of communicants at the latter place is very good, considering the population. Mr. Seacome has been visiting the small mines, and inspiring them with a zeal for Church services.

The WANKIE line I have not traversed properly for a long time. The Bishop has just paid a visit there, which was greatly appreciated. North of WANKIE, I have not been able to travel since October; but in a week’s time I hope to remedy this completely, as I shall be confined to that section in future. Mr. Seacome hopes to revive the Sunday services at NYAMANDHLOVU: we hope he will be successful, and that the people will remember how keen they were at one time.

Finally, I have put in three visits to FRANCISTOWN, during Mr. Lack’s absence. The people there had the privilege of a Christmas Day Celebration: it is always nice to go there, as one meets great friendliness and gratitude for anything we can do. It is to be hoped that their resident priest will not be kept away from them much longer. Of course, being so far south, it was impossible to ignore the claims of PALAPYE ROAD and MAHALAPYE, albeit they are now in Kimberley Diocese, and I have paid one or two visits there; and am more sorry than I can say that apparently my opportunities of doing so are now over. Mr. Seacome will still, I expect, be able to visit them from time to time.

In future, my time will be at the disposal of the small population along the line in N. Rhodesia and the Congo. Fortunately for me, I already know most of the people, and can look forward to working with and for them. May I commend both Mr. Seacome and myself, in our new work, to the prayers of those who read?

E. F. WINNINGTON INGRAM.
Early in the year I had a brief holiday with friends at Elandshoek, where I spent most of the time sitting in the waterfalls of the timber-kloofs and thinking that soon I should be getting far away from anything in the shape of a waterfall. With this holiday I fitted in a Farewell Social at Waterval Boven, where I had the happy opportunity of saying a general good-bye to many of the friends to whom I had already said good-bye individually.

I reached Keetmanshoop on the 20th of January, spent a Sunday there, and was glad to be continually running up against Boven men, which made me feel at home. Then I spent ten days at Windhuk, combining services with Rev. W. E. Gibbons and Archdeacon Tobias, and on the second Sunday arranging special services for the Railway people. I am sharing quarters with three military chaplains in a house called "Six Men House," where solid German furniture appears as by magic, and I am sorry to think how very little of the time I shall be able to spend in these quarters and how little I shall see of the other ministers in the Protectorate. As all the other ministers were going north I went south, by request, to Luderitzbucht, arriving just before the R.A.M.C., who are now beginning to police this territory. The children go to school on Shark Island, and I was glad to find that a Sunday-school was in full swing. On Sunday evening I held services in the German Lutheran Church, following Capt. Gibbons' example, and it was very well attended. I had quite a normal specimen of sand-dune weather, every other day the wind blowing most of the day and throwing stinging grit in your face.

I stopped at Tschaukaib and Garub, where I was most hospitably entertained by the S.M.'s, and was able to hold services. At present without a caboose or coach I cannot stop at all the small stations without inconveniencing the staff. But I am hoping to get one on my return to Windhuk. Services at Aus Camp and Hospital were well attended; it was quite inspiring to have 200 men with two violins and a flute accompanying the harmonium.

I held service also at Kuibus, where there are enough children for a small school, which is to be started soon, and stopped at Seeheim on by way to Keetmanshoop. I am writing from Tses, which is a halt on the way to Windhuk.

After a month's wanderings, I can begin to guess at some of the difficulties and inconveniences under which Railway people labour. Badly housed, badly fed, compared to Union standards, without leave, back arrears of wages unpaid, and no attempt made to provide any kind of institute for reading and recreation. And I am sorry to say many of the workers have not had the strength of character to fight the temptations which are certainly harder in this Protectorate than elsewhere.

And this discontent is likely to be accentuated by the very generous and liberal treatment of Germans, both civilian and military. Hundreds of Germans have been allowed out of camp on parole. Germans are beginning to be employed on the railway, one, incredible to relate, as a linesman! At present they are perfectly quiet, as it is well worth their while to be so, but they cannot understand the farce of a military occupation with a civil administration. It was interesting at Aus to see the prisoners making sand-brick rondavels round their tents, in preparation for winter nights.

I must not write at greater length, but it will give me great pleasure to hear from old friends in the Transvaal. My address is P.O. Windhuk, S.W.A. Protectorate.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

E. G. K. Esdaile.
WOMEN'S WORK.

GRAHAMSTOWN DIOCESE.

April, 1916.

During the month of January I visited Capetown and attended the Conference of Women Missionaries there. About thirty of us spent a week together in S. Cyprian's School and had a most interesting time discussing many problems connected with Sunday Schools, Mother's Union, the care and training of native women and girls, and many other subjects. The representatives of our Diocese included the Mother Superior of S. Peter's Home and two Sisters, and three ladies from Keiskama Hoek, as well as myself. The Archbishop of Capetown and both Bishop Smythe and Bishop Gaul gave us some beautiful addresses, and several Deaconesses were also present.

Afterwards I started work on the Northern Section, where it has been a great pleasure to meet with so many old friends again. Even at Hutchinson Junction (recently added to this district) I was welcomed by the schoolmistress, who was herself only just settling down in this new place, and at De Aar it was a treat indeed to spend Sunday and attend the services again in St. Paul's Church and St. Thomas' Mission and find Mr. Anstey, who has just returned there as Rector. I visited most of the small places on the De Aar line and others north and south of Cradock, as the following list will show. They will all be glad I think to know how well our scheme for a Railway Bed in the Overseas Hospital for South African men in Richmond Park has prospered so far. £15 has been already collected after the War slides have been shown, and now we have the good news that the East London Railway and Harbour Working Party will contribute the final five pounds. Sacred slides were also shown in several places and many little Scripture classes held in the Coach, besides the starting of a Sunday School at Hanover Road, which it is much hoped may be carried on regularly. The G.F.S. classes from Naauwpoort and Rosmead have completed about thirty hospital bags and housewives, but there are still many places where much more work might be done for our brave soldiers both here and overseas if only the women and girls would set to work in real earnest. Everyone can have both patterns and materials by asking for them. Surely we shall feel sad afterwards when the war is over if we have failed to do our "little bit," and, above all, if we have forgotten to remember them regularly in our daily prayers.

"It is time to be brave,
It is time to be true,
It is time to be finding the thing you can do,
And work for the cause that is holy and high."

This verse is quoted in our last English Leaflet, and I hope many of us will try to learn and remember it also and carry it out in our daily lives.

M. JOSEPHINE BECKWITH.

WAR LANTERN LECTURES.

Highlands, Hutchinson, De Aar (2), Cradock (2), Riet, Taibosch, Hanover Road, Dwaal, Wildfontein, Carlton, Sherborne, Tafelberg, Conway, Fish River, Baroda, Mortimer, Bedford, Middeldrift, Blaney and Amabele Junctions, Toise and Thomas River.

We have just received the good news from Miss Beckwith that the money for the Railway Bed is already completely subscribed.—Ed.

We have had a very quiet quarter on this section. At Alicedale Mr. Case's illness necessitated the Rev. Mr. Green's presence, and he has filled Mr. Case's place there and at Sandflats and Addo, and only one Sunday service was missed. The Confirmation at Sandflats had fortunately taken place and two
Railway candidates were presented from Sheldon, Eva and William-Fleetwood. At Cookhouse the Sunday School has now 20 members, and it would be nice if Mrs. Wise could have some help. The Children's Good Templars' meetings are assisted by Mrs. Cinnamon, and have been held weekly, which is appreciated by the members. A well attended Lantern service was held in January, and I hope to start a short lecture on my Sunday evening there, on the subject of the beginnings of Christ's Church. Lantern lectures have been given also at Middleton, Addo, Commandagga, Bellevue, Glenconnor, Barroe, Bluecliff, Kareiga and Mount Stewart, etc., the slides illustrating the Life of David being shown for the benefit of those children who are reading for the Victoria Bible examination. I do hope a great many mean to try for it this year, and will let me know in good time that I may arrange for it.

P. Glasier.

DIOCESE OF BLOEMFONTEIN.

The London Editor of the Magazine that we get bound up with *Light for the Line* would, I am sure, be greatly flattered if he could hear the disappointed comments on the January number, as we received it this year—that interesting serial story of which no one has yet read the end. I hope it will appear with this April number, and I know that if it does, very few people will read the Mission news till they have satisfied themselves about that.

I don't think there is much to record about the O.F.S. this month. Since I returned from my holiday I have been lucky in travelling with the Coach, and I have had the pleasure of telling lots of my friends what a delightful and wonderful time I had, and showing the photographs that my friend and I took. I would say to every Railway person who has not yet been to Rhodesia: Make haste and go, and don't miss the Victoria Falls, even if you cannot go on 200 miles up the Zambesi as we did.

The Guild of the Good Shepherd is making a fresh start among the children, and I hope next quarter to have quite a lot of new members to enrol. The Sunday Schools of my section are keeping up their numbers and attendances very well; the only thing we wish is that there were more Sundays in a month, so that they could meet every month instead of only once in two months.

M. E. Watson.

7, Monument Road, Bloemfontein, 17th March, 1916.

From the beginning of the New Year my section has been extended and I now work from Norval's Pont to Germiston. I am very anxious that the Sunday School work, so splendidly started by Miss Attlee in the Transvaal, should not be allowed to drop, and so I have had to rearrange my Sunday work. I still go to Wolvehoek on the first Sunday in the month; the Kindergarten here seems to be a most popular institution and the babies are quite enthusiastic over it, but I should be glad to see more elder children attending at 11.30 a.m. I am wondering if it would be possible for me to go on up to Coalbrook for a Sunday School in the afternoon, but this is still under consideration. On the second Sunday I hope to go to Natal Spruit and Meyerton; quite a nice number of children seem available at both of these places; and on the third Sunday I am at Theunissen and Welgelegen, while on the fourth I am at Glen (and Karree if 4 up is right time!).

Of course these fixed Sunday points necessitate a good deal of travelling and make it quite impossible for me to work steadily up and down my section; but the additional trains are a great help and I feel more and more convinced of the value of the regular monthly classes. Also there are so few, so very few, places where it is ever possible for anyone to attend church.
that even the monthly Sunday School may be of some value and impress upon the children the duty of worship.

I have still a few copies left of a book called "Sundays in a Far Country." It is intended for those who are unable to attend service and gives a short and interesting reading for each Sunday, Saints' Day and Holy Day of the Church's year. Its price is 1/3, and many of those who have had a copy like it exceedingly; it would also be suitable for parents to use with elder children. It is a real difficulty for those of us who cannot go to church to keep in touch with the Church's year and to realise, and make use of as far as we are able, the Church's seasons as they pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutton of Viljoen's Drift, formerly of Kaffir River, are old friends of the Mission and known to many of the staff. We all hear, with real sorrow, of the loss of their little girl Mollie after three days' illness, and offer them our sincere sympathy. Indeed, at this time we are nearly all troubled and anxious, but I have been particularly struck by the way Christians of all denominations, not only those belonging to the English Church, are realising more and more fully the truth contained in the words, "I believe in the Communion of the Saints," and are learning to look upon the death of Christians as no break, but rather as the entrance to a wider, fuller life.

Never have Good Friday and Easter meant so much to us all as they will this year. I shall spend Good Friday and Easter Day in Bloemfontein and I wish, more earnestly than I can say, that we were all to share this privilege. As it is I can only hope that we may all share in some degree in the blessings of this holy season.
BAPTISMS.

DIOCESE OF PRETORIA.

Dec.
12—Robert Dudley Wilmot Simmonds, at Machadodorp.
19—Hubert Cannings Knight, at Bronkhorstspruit.
26—Oswald Clement Deane Scorgie, at Rayton.

Jan., 1916.
9—Victor Herbert Linton, at Waterval Boven.

Feb.
27—Percy Roland Humberstone, at Waterval Boven.

Mar.
3—Constance Frances Brook, at Silverton.
15—Lily Mackenzie, at Wonderfontein.

Sept., 1915.
7—Helen Rosina Newham, at Eland's River.

DIOCESES OF S. & N. RHODESIA.

Feb.
17—Paul Ambrose Jonson, at Palapye Road.
21—Frances Mary Ann Hill, at Westacre.

WEDDING.


COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS.

DIOCESE OF PRETORIA.

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Donations, Offerings, etc., £17/9/-.
Sunday School, Machadodorp, 4/8.

DIOCESES OF S. & N. RHODESIA.

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Your prayers are asked:—

That God will guide those who are responsible for the future of the Railway Mission.

For past and present members of our staff who offered their services in the war:—Eustace Hill, chaplain in German S.W. Africa; George Knapp Fisher, chaplain to H.M.S. Chatham; Arthur Austin.

Prayer in Time of War.

O most mighty God and merciful Father, Whose never-failing Providence ordereth all things both in Heaven and earth, we Thy humble servants commend to Thy Fatherly care all who are at this time engaged in warfare. Let Thy holy angels succour and defend our soldiers and sailors. Watch over and comfort all who are near and dear to us. Have pity on the sick, the wounded, and the dying. Guide and direct the Government of our country. Give success to our arms; and grant in Thy own good time, that peace may be established on a firm and righteous foundation, for Thy glory and the furtherance of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

(Bp of St. Andrew’s.)

A Prayer for Schools in this Time of War.

O God our Father in heaven, strong and full of love to all, we Thy children pray Thee to bless our country in this sad time of war. Watch over all those who have gone away from us to fight in our country’s cause, especially the father or the brother of any of us, or of other children like ourselves. Keep them safe, if it be Thy will, in all times of danger, and bring them home again to us in peace. Be with all the wounded and the sick, and ease their pain. Take care of us also, who stay behind in this quiet land. Thou hast something for us to do; help us to do it. Give us grace to be good and unselfish and loving, that we may cheer those about us who are anxious or unhappy. Look down in mercy upon those who are now fighting against us. And soon, if it please Thee, make glad all the whole world with Thy blessing of peace; for Jesus Christ our Saviour’s sake. Amen.

O God, who lookest down in thy fatherly love upon the nations of the earth, assuage the pains of warfare, restore the sick and wounded, relieve those that are in anxiety, comfort the bereaved, and in Thy mercy forgive the sins of all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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