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LETTER FROM THE HEAD.

Grahamstown,
March 15th, 1921.

Dear Friends,

After working with the Mission for fifteen years Miss Beckwith has said "farewell" and is now on her way back to England to obtain, we hope, that change and rest which she so much needs and has so richly earned; it is with hearts full of gratitude more even than of sorrow that we think of her going. Some great and real loss we may regard in two ways; but one must be dominant: we can make ourselves unhappy on account of the loss if we dwell too much on that side of it, or we may rejoice with a grateful happiness at the thought of what has been ours. I cannot help feeling this latter would be the way to think of Miss Beckwith's going if we are in the least mindful of the wonderful example she has set us. For fifteen years the Mission has claimed her life and energies, yes, her whole being: passionately fond of home and the old country, she might have spent those years in peace and comfort and even idle selfishness, but that was not her idea of life, for she saw that true life is to be found in service, that true happiness is to be found in making others happy, and so she gave us fifteen of the best years of her life. How she stood the racketing up and down, backwards and forwards, is a secret known only to herself, but we know it must often have been done when she was anything but fit, for she was not one of the robust sort: we are indeed grateful to her for all she has been to and done for us; we hope to have news of her from time to time, and our prayer will be that life's even for her may be without shadows and that she may be long spared to enjoy its twilight.

The Reverend E. Herbert arrived in Capetown on December 21: his boat was late and so was the train which took me down to meet him, and it was fortunate that we met within an hour at a most unlikely spot and were able to get to work at once: this made it possible for us to leave by that night's train, and we duly arrived at Waterval Boven on Christmas Eve. With the Festival right on us there was no time to take breath, and it is little wonder that what with the excitement of a new country, the heat and the high altitude (none of which he had been used to, though he had some "breaking in" as
a prisoner of war in Germany) and the general bustle, he had to go slow, but only for a couple of days and he was ready again with his "second wind." I could not stay long with him, but fortunately was able to arrange for Mr. Esdaile to travel round with him for a couple of weeks, for which we are most grateful and only regret Mr. Esdaile was not in a better state of health to enjoy his part of it; we are glad to know he is now well again. From the way Mr. Herbert has got busy and the welcome he has been receiving we feel sure he is just the man to take up where Mr. Rossborough left off. Writing of the latter reminds me that news has been received of him—no, them, I should say: they were duly married, and their address is: "18, Ralegh Avenue, S. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands." No doubt he has already found that it now costs him twopence to go to a penny show, but, all the same, everything in the garden is lovely—it would be, naturally. They were fortunate in getting a flat and, when I last heard, were busy getting the furniture together. We wish them all happiness in their new home and life: Mr. Rossborough was finding the parish a very circumscribed area after the Eastern Transvaal.

Miss Norah Short landed at Port Elizabeth on February 24: her address will be 2, Cuyler Crescent, Port Elizabeth, and she will take charge of the Section handed over by Miss Beckwith: we are very glad indeed to have her with us and trust she may be happy in her work and long be spared to "carry on." We feel sure those living on her section will give her a real hearty welcome and make her feel she is wanted.

Some of the other contributors will be telling you of the Conference of the Women Workers at Grahamstown during the first week in January: it was a happy and, I think, a useful time for us all and for the future of the Mission too. It enabled the Workers to get to know each other and so to feel more of the "family life"—it also enabled us to talk over, among other things, ways and means, for we had just made up our Financial Statement for last year and found we were, as we had expected we should be, very much down—£600 on the year. This was caused partly by the greatly increased cost of passages out and partly because everything costs more. So we talked over ways and means: one thing we felt was this: when the Women Workers come round and do their job there is generally no opportunity for those they are ministering to, to contribute towards the expenses of the Mission as is the case with the Priests when they have services—at the collection; but it was generally thought that many would like to do something, be the amount small or large. Our friends Overseas continue to help us, but they are not able to do as much as they did in pre-war days for they are just the people who have been most hardly hit. Our friends at Pretoria and Port Elizabeth are, as ever, backing us up well; the
Yeoville and Grahamstown C.O.V.s are more generous than ever—I have heard a whisper that the latter are determined this year to make a big stride; more power to their elbow—the Diocese of Grahamstown has decided to give us a special grant of £60 and Pretoria £50 towards the Women’s Work, and so the tale goes on, but we all feel it is only right that those who are ministered to and helped, as we know very many are, should, at any rate, have some opportunity to contribute to the expenses, which amount to over £3,000 a year. It has now been arranged for the Workers to have a supply of Sustentation Cards on which the names and amounts of those contributing can be entered: if you can only give a little or if you feel you can and would like to give more please speak to one of the Ladies about it and they will see that you are fixed up. It would be a sad thing if we had to withdraw any of our helpers now that we have such a splendid lot with us, but we must pay our way, and we really need your help to do it: every little helps, so don’t be afraid that what you would like to give is too small. If you do this I feel sure you will value even more than you do now the devoted labours of our Women Workers. I am very glad to be able to tell you that one or two places have made a beginning and some £6 has already come in as a result.

The Bishop of Grahamstown has very kindly promised to dedicate the windows, put in to the memory of Miss Burt and Mr. Willmott, in All Souls’, Naauwpoort, on Wednesday evening, April 6th. Will those interested please make a note of the date?

Parents and teachers, as well as the children, will find particulars of the coming examination at the beginning of the Children’s Page.

We have been sorry to see our old friend Mr. Skey at Bishopsbourne again—sorry, because of the cause. Being desperately short-handed at his splendid work at S. George’s Orphanage, he struggled on instead of giving in to a very heavy cold, with the usual result, viz., he has been laid up entirely; I am glad to say that under the great care of Mrs. C. Mullins he is making quite good progress and is able to get about just a little. News from Archdeacon Rogers is that his mother continues in much the same condition; at her great age and remembering what she has gone through it is really wonderful that she still survives: our prayers will be for them all. Those of the “old lot” will be very glad to hear of Canon Mather’s appointment to be Archdeacon of Cradock: he came out to us as a layman some twenty years or more ago and worked with the Reverend Alfred Long on the Graaff-Reinet Section.

Miss Mollie Keith has again been looking after our interests in securing books, etc., or the money to buy them, for the children: among those who so kindly responded are the following, some still quite little ones and others who once could be so described but who still take an interest in the little ones;
Paul Oates, Jean Hay, Beattie Searle, Noreen Wardrop, Hugh Ball, Helen Peykes and friends, Margaret McIlwraith, and—well, others from the homes of Mesdames Laing, V. H. O. Christian, Leith, Gallimore, Davies, D. J. McWilliams, J. G. Paterson, Moel, Norman Harris, Myers, Archibald and the Misses Skead and Ingram. To all of them—and to any others if we have unfortunately mislaid their names—we offer our grateful thanks for their kindness.

Just as I am finishing my letter the English Mail has arrived with the news of the passing of Mrs. Rogers, mother of our Vice-Head. May she rest in peace after a life full of years, good works and much suffering. May I ask your prayers for her and for the Archdeacon and Miss Rogers?

Yours sincerely,
R. Thornely Jones.

DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN

Nauwpoort,
March, 1921.

My dear People,

I suppose a housewife with a shopping list has little difficulty how and where to begin her duties; but it is not so with a Railway Chaplain who has a list of past and coming events, especially when the past events are much the same as have been reported before, and some of the coming events will be accomplished facts (D.V.) before this issue has appeared.

The outstanding event of the quarter has been the Diocesan Synod, which assembled on January 30th and was duly constituted by the Lord Bishop at the Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral Church on Sunday, January 31st.

Synod was preceded by a quiet day for Clergy and Lay Representatives, conducted by Father Victor, C.R., of Johannesburg; his theme being Newness of Life in Faith, Prayer, and Sacrifice. We wish all our busy railway workers could have laid down their tools and joined with us to enjoy the refreshment of that quiet day. For Newness of Life—Deeper Faith, more prayer and real sacrifice of self and wealth are necessary if the Church of the Diocese as a whole and as units, both in parishes and railway camps and along the line, is to bear faithful witness to her Lord and Master, not only in maintaining the present work, but in order to go forward, conquering and to conquer against the indifference of many Christian people and the ignorance and superstition of the heathen.

Newness of Life was the burden of all our deliberations—as it is also the message of Easter—the Resurrection Life—Newness of Life in Him.

The Synod was faced with a deficit of nearly £2,000. Not a formidable sum if Newness of Life, bringing with it its spirit of sacrifice, is ours. Indeed, to wipe out such a debt does not require much sacrifice but rather more generosity and a little self-denial. Many of us are familiar with the “Lenten Half-crown” of Acts and Resolutions, Chap. IV, section 20. This section was amended to read as follows:

“An annual voluntary contribution from every member of the Church, whether male or female, should be given to the Diocese, to be called the ‘Diocesan Gift’; and not less than 1/- per annum from each adult Native should be looked for from the Native Congregations, this gift being collected and remitted to the Diocesan Board of Finance previous to Easter in each year.”

You will observe that the fixed sum has disappeared and that whatever
amount is given voluntarily is now termed ‘Diocesan Gift.’ It should be collected previous to Easter in each year. As this may not be possible this year, your Diocesan Gifts should be sent at once, and I will see that they are forwarded to the Diocesan Treasurer without delay.

We would add that as a Church we must think and act as a diocese and not merely as parochial units. We must realise (as each member of the Nuraahs does concerning his Union), that the welfare of the individual and of the Divine Society or Church is bound up in the solidarity of the whole, which in turn depends upon the whole-hearted co-operation of the branch or parish and the enthusiasm of each member.

Easter falls too early this year (March 27th) for us to remind all of you before the Festival that the Prayer Book orders “that every Parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one”; but we trust that those who have not already made their Easter Communion will do so at the first opportunity.

NAAUWPOORT. Our Christmas Eucharist was a real joy. It was inspiring to see almost a record number of communicants as well as a number of those who have not yet been confirmed. Those who were present will not soon forget it. We have heard several people exclaim, “If only every service were like that!” “If only communicants and others would come to every Eucharist like that!” Our part ought to be to make the Lord’s own Service the chief Service of the Lord’s own Day. We cannot do this every Sunday, but on each first and third Sunday in the month there is a Choral Eucharist at 8 a.m. It is worth while to make a constant effort—and often it must be a great one—to be present regularly and frequently, rather than a spasmodic effort at the great Festivals. It is recorded of our Lord, “As His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day.” “As His custom was” means “regularly” “on each Sabbath.”

The Head of the Mission spent Sunday, January 24th, at Naaupoor, and not only preached, but took all services as I was away down the Eastern Line.

CONFIRMATION. The Bishop has signified his intention of visiting Naaupoor on Wednesday, April 6th, for the purpose of dedicating the Memorial Windows to the Glory of God and in memory of Miss Burt and Mr. Willmott; he will also hold a Confirmation. His Lordship is breaking his journey on his return from the consecration of the new Bishop of Lebombo in Capetown, and his stay will be a short one. I commend the candidates for Confirmation to your earnest prayers.

We are happy to report that Mrs. Lemon, to whom our thanks are due, is now being assisted in the arduous work of collecting subscriptions for the Sustentation Fund by Mrs. Ehrich—and old hand—and Mrs. de Reuck, a new one.

Mrs. Williamson has done well in distributing the Light for the Line during the past year and will continue to do so. All our subscriptions have been paid up, but we shall be glad to hear from any non-subscribers who would like to take the Magazine. Mrs. Wise, of Cookhouse, would be glad to hear of new subscribers there.

COOKHOUSE. I was glad to be at Cookhouse on St. Stephen’s Day for the Christmas Eucharist. Our numbers were not above the average, as some communicants were away on holidays and others again——. But there was a good attendance at Evensong.

While we were dry up-country, Cookhouse and district were fortunate in having good rains—if it is fortunate to have rain on Church Sunday. We notice on wet Sundays fewer chairs are occupied than usual.

Cookhouse has had its sorrows. Death has taken from us Mr. Chalmers,
Dear Friends,

As this is my first note to Light for the Line, I suppose I must, after a fashion, introduce myself.

I came to South Africa from a busy North London Parish, very thickly populated. All my ministry has been spent in London parishes apart from about two years as chaplain to the Forces in France and Germany. So that I have always been accustomed to crowded neighbourhoods. Imagine the change to which I have to adapt myself on this section where people to whom I minister are so scattered.

In my parish work I have been accustomed to beautiful large churches: here I have only one church and that a small one. But there, one's life is made up of a series of changes. There are not two days alike, but of course some changes are more vital than others.

Since I have been here I have been trying to adapt myself to my environment; no easy task, I assure you, and in this I have been helped considerably by the Head of the Mission and the Rev. E. G. K. Esdaile, tried friend of the Railway Mission and an ex-worker on this section.

The Head, Canon Jones, met me at Capetown the day I arrived from England, December 21st. He greeted me with as much welcome as he could, and it was a great pleasure to me to see him. He had just rushed down from the Congo, and as soon as I met him he started on the "rush" again. He assisted me in making all arrangements for our departure the same night for the Transvaal. What a journey! The climb up the mountains from Capetown was very interesting, but how dull it became passing through the Karroo. It was so desolate and wild. I was glad when I was assured that the Transvaal was more picturesque. The Canon was busy on the journey "ticking off" letters. I say "ticking" because the "tick-tack" of his typewriter was going the whole time. How many let-
lers he wrote I don’t know, but his correspondence kept him fully occupied. I began to get a glimpse of what it means to be Head of the S.A.C.R.M.

When we arrived at Pretoria we met Miss Gardner, my co-worker on this section. Since then she has been forced to take a rest much against her will, but still for the good of herself and the Mission. It is excellent to find one has so splendid a worker as Miss Gardner co-operating in the huge task of ministering to our congregations along the line. We all hope she will keep well now to continue her good work.

There was no time to stay in Pretoria. We had to get down to Waterval Boven to arrange services for Christmas Day. This we managed to do on Christmas Eve. I cannot explain to you how difficult it was to think it was Christmas in the bright sunshine and the great heat. But for the Church and her services I am sure I could not have thought of Christmas under such circumstances. Where was the holly and mistletoe, the cold winds and frost? They were confined to colder regions.

We held several Christmas services along the line, fair numbers turning up to each service.

The Canon’s stay with me was all too short. He had other work to attend to, so, after a week, I had to wish him goodbye. Fortunately Mr. Esdaile, of St. Mary’s, Johannesburg, was able to spend a few days for me. For his introductions to various people as well as for his good advice and counsel I am deeply grateful.

Since my arrival I have visited Waterval Boven, Hatherly, Silverton, Bayton, Wonderfontein, Pau, Dalmanutha, Bronkhorstspruit, Machadodorp, Delmas, Dryden, Arbor, Argent, Eloff, Trichardts, Kinross, and Leslie. Most of these places, in fact, I have visited twice.

People all along the line have been very kind and hospitable. I wonder how many South Africans know those lines of E. W. Wilcox:

“So many gods, so many creeds,
So many paths that wind and wind,
While yet the art of being kind
Is all the sad world needs.”

It has struck me that many people out here have learnt “the art of being kind”; at any rate, they have been extremely kind to me. Thanking all, along my section, for their kindness and their hospitality,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

E. Herbert.

WOMEN’S WORK.

DIocese OF GRAHAMSTOWN.

By the time this reaches many of my friends on the Line I hope to be already safely landed in old England, as our boat, R.M.S. Briton, is due in Southampton on April 4th.

It is never an easy task to say farewell, and particularly difficult on such a scattered section or sections, as so many I have known in past years have changed their addresses more frequently than I have done. Please therefore take the will for the deed, as it is really impossible either to see or write to all as I should like to do, and equally so even to try to express my thanks for all the kindness and widespread hospitality shown to me in many quarters ever since I joined the Mission Staff in 1906. Now I want you to remember two addresses: (1) my own, where I shall always be glad to receive letters:

Church Imperial Ladies’ Club, 121, S. George’s Square, London, S.W.1.

(2) that of my successor, Miss Short, who will make her headquarters at 2, Cuyler Terrace, Port Elizabeth.
It has been a great comfort to be able to see her and have her pleasant companionship during these last days of travelling, and I feel sure you will all make friends with her as soon as she comes to see you. Indeed, I think both mothers and children are particularly lucky to have her as a visitor, but I will leave you to discover for yourselves this little secret of which I am giving you a hint. Since last writing for the quarterly, I have visited the Maud More Home at Grahamstown and been quite charmed with the beauty of its surroundings and the homelike comfort provided for the Railway girls there who attend the Victoria High School. We hear equally happy accounts of the Vincent Hostel for Boys at Southwell under Mr. Bickerdike's care, which is run on Scout lines; so I trust you will all remember to give these two schools all the support and sympathy in your power. I have special thanks to give to the Committee at Sandflats, who most generously handed over to me the sum of £5 from their Sunday School Concert Fund; thus giving me the pleasure of dividing it between the Vincent Hostel and our own Railway Mission Fund. Finally I should like to put on record the representations of the Bethlehem Tableaux at Addo and Sandflats as being equally satisfactory with that at Alicedale—all the children performers entering so reverently into the sacred characters they represented and the congregation joining heartily in the hymns and carols. Perhaps the final scene, when all knelt before the Cross, was the most impressive of all. The collections were given to Diocesan Missions and “Save the Children” Funds.

Only one word remains to be added, and that is what we often consider a sad one—"Goodbye," but why should it be so, as it really contains the best wish in all the world, meaning "God be with you?" Let us always remember that in whatever country one's lot is cast we are all "one in Christ Jesus," and that we are therefore always nearest to each other in spirit as we approach the Throne of Grace. Please believe that I shall ever remain, whether in England or South Africa, your attached friend.

M. Josephine Beckwith.

Our Pioneer Worker, Miss Nott Bower, has just sent her greetings to all old friends for 1921.

On the “Line.”
March 14th, 1921.

During the last quarter there has been much of interest to record, but I think that the most outstanding is that Miss Beckwith, after a great many years on the Mission, has now retired from the “Line.” It is with great sorrow that we have to say goodbye, and I know that all her friends on the Railway will miss her terribly. It is just four years since I first met her at her Club in London, when she put the need of the Railway Mission before me and asked me to offer for work. Later she came down to the Training College to hear my decision, and when I told her that the work was too big for me to undertake, her answer was, "Well, perhaps you will come some day." I tell you this because it was characteristic of all Miss Beckwith did; she never gave up hope and she was always cheerful, no matter what happened: let us all pray God that she may have a happy journey, much health and happiness for the future. On the same boat with Miss Beckwith are two other Railway friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lejeune, who have worked for some years in our Railway Camps of Naauwpoort, Cookhouse and Alicedale; we also wish them Godspeed and renewed strength for future work amongst us.

In January all the women workers met at Grahamstown for a Missionary Conference, after which was held our own Mission Meeting, when we discussed work and methods for getting in the necessary funds to carry on the existing work and also for the develop-
ing of work which is waiting to be done. Every one of the workers had the same cry, "Oh! I wish that I had two hands, four feet and two heads, and then I should be able to do the work more efficiently." It was good to meet the other workers, to get to know each other, and to hear the news of one's friends who had been transferred to another's section. We all look forward to the time when we meet again for the next Conference.

COOKHOUSE. Classes for Confirmation candidates have been held regularly during the quarter and we expect that the Bishop will be at Cookhouse for Confirmation before long. I hope that all the friends who come to witness, and to pray for the candidates, will be reminded of their own Confirmation, and that we may offer ourselves afresh to our Lord in this Sacrament.

Mrs. Wise's house and grounds were once again transformed by a happy throng of children enjoying the games and the "goodies" which were provided by Mrs. Wise and Mrs. P. Weddell. I know that the children enjoyed themselves and would have me thank these kind friends who provided the good things to eat and drink and who did all the hard work for the party. One Sunday in February the children had a treat; Miss Waters, of the Training College, Cradock, had to spend some hours in the Camp awaiting her connection, so she kindly gave an address to the children at the morning Service. I hope that all the children will remember the vivid picture that she gave them of the Birth of our Lord, the visits of the Shepherds and of the Wise Men. We are very grateful to Miss Waters for the help given to us.

The news of Gracie Eve has been very encouraging, and we must pray for her and her parents that God's love will uphold them during these difficult days.

CRADOCK. It was most encouraging to see such a number of girls at the last G.F.S. meeting held in Mrs. Taylor's house, and I got the opportunity of seeing most of the Railway girls who are members by visiting them at their places of business; before long we shall have a big, live branch. Mrs. Taylor kindly put me up, and I was very grateful for all her kindness.

Mr. and Mrs. Bratchell, our Light for the Line agents and friends, have been transferred to Glencoe Junction, Natal. We wish them prosperity in their new home; their going will be a loss to the Section, for while they were at De Aar, Cookhouse and Cradock they did everything possible to help forward the work of the Mission, and any other movement for the benefit of the camps in which they lived. Their friends in Cradock presented each of them with a little parting gift to show them how much they appreciated their work for the life of the Camp, and to wish them God-speed. They will be missed.

ROSMEAD. It was quite like old times to see Mrs. White at Rosmead visiting her friends from Klipplaat Junction; Mr. White is now at Middelburg. The G.F.S. branch of the Girl Guides has begun work in real earnest under the supervision of Mrs. Stone. It is always very hard to get anyone interested in the children's work and so I am grateful to Mrs. Stone for her help. When I come once in the month I shall be able to test their efficiency in Guide craft.

We have to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Heath to the Camp; Mrs. Heath is a daughter of old friends of the Mission on the Eastern Line.

NAAUWPOORT. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will hold a Confirmation in the Camp on April 6th, and at the same time will dedicate the new windows at the East end of the church. The windows, as you all know, are to the memory of the Reverend Edgar Thomas Willmott and Miss Agnes Burt, who worked so much for the children up and down the Line. The money collected by the children has been coming in, but there is not enough for our
needs, and I want to take this opportunity, as the Children's Missioner, to ask all the children to make a special effort to increase their offerings each Sunday so that we do not fall short of the mark when the time comes to pay back the money to the Head of the Mission. G.F.S. meetings have not been well attended during the quarter, but I see there is a slight improvement this month; will the members of the Society remember that the classes are held on the second Monday in each month in the Parish Room?

I notice that the Children's Service and the Sunday School show an increase in numbers, and it is encouraging to see the church half filled with boys and girls. It is sad though to think that we have not enough teachers to take the children; if we had a few more teachers it would mean that the children would be given more individual teaching. It there no one who will help in this great work of training the young, and so help forward the work of the Church in this place?

We are very sorry to hear that Miss Anderson, the G.F.S. Associate, has had to go off on sick leave, and we hope that before long she will be back with renewed vigour after her stay at the Baths.

TAAIBOSCH. I was glad to be with Mrs. Bishop during her great sorrow. On December 15th, 1920, Joseph Israel Bishop passed to his rest after a long and useful life. Mr. Bishop had been a good friend to the Mission, and for about fifteen years his home was a place where every Mission worker could find a welcome; previously to that the Mission ministered to him and his family when they lived on the farm. Mr. Bishop was an example of what a Christian gentleman should be, and he was beloved by all. May he rest in peace. Our love and sympathy will go out to his widow and children. Miss Bishop was married in January and has gone to Grootfontein, S.W.A.P.: we wish her and her husband health and prosperity in their new life.

CYPERGAT. It was a happy occasion when I was able to meet my fellow-worker, Miss Porter, at this station: we were able to talk about work and compare notes on our plans for the children's classes. Some of Miss Porter's children have asked her to help them with their Guides work, and to enable her to do so she was made a Guide in the presence of my Lohe Guides; afterwards we had a talk on the ideals of the Girl Guides. Miss Van Zijl has promised to help the children, so that when they are made Guides they will be more worthy of the Sisterhood of Guides of which they are members. The school concert was a huge success, and all are to be congratulated on the excellent acting.

STORMBERG JUNCTION. Mr. and Mrs. Paterson have sailed for the Old Country, where they will spend their long leave; our best wishes go with them. Mr. and Mrs. Garde have come to relieve them, and it is strange that I should run up against them in Stormberg when I had already seen Mr. Garde in the Y.M.C.A. Office in Cork. At that time we were both helping in the Y.M.C.A. huts for soldiers; I was selling "fags" and tea, while Mr. Garde was visiting the huts in the military camps in the South of Ireland, taking stock, etc. It was a happy meeting, for it brought back thoughts of happy days spent in Tipperary, Youghal and Cork. To Mrs. Garde we extend a happy welcome to this country, and hope that she will grow to love it as she loves Ireland.

BURGHERSDORP. I had only time for a flying visit, just enough time to look round and learn the numbers of the cottages along the Line. I hope before long I shall be able to come to the Camp and renew the acquaintance of those I met.

THEBUS. On January 18th I arrived to find Mrs. Latimer's baby very ill; she passed away the same even-
ing. I was glad to have been there to help in my small way, and our love and sympathy go out to the bereaved parents in their sadness. Mrs. Clark kindly put me up at her house and this made it possible for me to hold a Lantern Service in the Schoolroom. The Sunday School has increased its numbers, which is very encouraging to Miss Pyne. The school has sent in a large number of candidates for the Victoria Bible Reading Examination. I look for good results from this school each quarter.

The examination which is held yearly for the Victoria Bible Reading will be held in May, and it is hoped that we may get children to enter who do not answer the quarterly questions. Forms of instructions will be sent to the parents and teachers of the intending candidates, who have to give the guarantee that the work is done by the children in accordance with the printed instructions.

Easter Day will have come and gone before this reaches you. I hope it will have brought you all a very blessed and joyous feast of the Resurrection.

Elsie M. Andrewartha.

St. Monica's Home,
Queenstown,
Feb. 28th, 1921.

My dear Friends,

The last three months seem to have been full of events of interest; the most important, perhaps, being the Conference with our Head, Canon Thornely Jones, in January. We met in Grahamstown and it was a help and great inspiration to meet others who were heart and soul keen on the Job, i.e., the help and care of the lonely folk who keep things going on the Railway. We discussed, among other things, the Sustentation Fund, and determined to work hard to get the support and co-operation of the Railway Staff. The expenses of the Mission are very heavy and the field of our labours is tremendous. It has been a great encouragement when doing this part of the job, which I must confess is not always easy to me, to find how readily and keenly the suggestion has been taken and acted upon. Already several of the stations along the Main Line, on my section, are giving valuable support to the work. Mr. Hopkins, S.M., Waku, was the first to hand me in a monthly contribution of 1/- from the Staff, and the other day as I got off "5 down" at Queenstown Mr. Fisk came along and gave me £5 12s. 6d., the result of a collection he had made. We are most grateful for the help, and God's blessing is a sure reward. If anyone wishes to help, please send me a post-card and I will see about sending a collecting card. God's work cannot be carried on without the use of some of the money which He has entrusted to us and for which we shall be required to give an account. It is astonishing how much some of us spend on luxuries of various kinds, but never think of putting aside a similar amount for God's work in the world. If every child put aside one penny a week out of the money he spends on sweets he would be astonished to find what a lot of money he had in his money-box in six months. One half he could give to his Church and the other half he could put into the savings bank ready for some special need. This applies to girls just as much. Try it and see how much more self-respecting and generous you become in every way.

I have been up the Maclear Line and visited several places. Lantern Services were held at INDWE, ELLIOT, NAVAR, RYN0, IDA, and XUKADRIFT.

During the last two months visits have been made to IMVANI, TYLDEN, WAKU, CATHCART, THOMAS RIVER, TOISE RIVER, AMABELE, SARBITON, and DOHNE. Very enjoyable impromptu social evenings have been held, musical items and
recitations being given and lantern pictures of various countries being shown.

We are indeed sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Kopott and their family from Imvani. There was a big hole in our congregation this month—six less! Our very best wishes go with them to their new home, where we hope they will have health and success of the very best. William, Fritz and Lettie were lately confirmed; they sent a very generous donation to the S.A. Church Railway Mission as a token of their gratitude for the help they had received. May God bless them and keep them firm and true members of Christ and His Church.

We are rapidly passing through the season of Lent. How are we using this testing time? Good Friday brings before us once more the remembrance of the Great Sacrifice. That unfailing proof of the intense love of our Father, and the willing obedience of our Elder Brother even to a cruel and shameful death—all for us. Our gratitude, if worth anything, must show a loving obedience to the laws of our Father as set forward by His Church and a willing self-sacrificing service in our daily life, striving to be like Him who gave up all for us. Then we shall be able to join in the glorious festival of Easter with hearts overflowing with praise and adoration, ready to spend and be spent in the service of the Fellowship of Christ. The Christian who strives through thick and thin to work for his Captain is the one who is doing great things because he knows how to obey the laws of God’s Kingdom to which he belongs and he realises that without that obedience he ought not to expect to enter into his Father’s Home.

I hope many more children will enter for the Victoria Bible Reading questions. Those who do them are very interested and keen. The result of a little holiday competition I had for some of the schools during the summer holidays was very good. There were 36 entries, Amabele and Bailey sending in the largest number. Miss Hind very kindly gave me some money to get prizes, so the fortunate competitors owe her a hearty vote of thanks. Now I really must end, but not before saying how delighted we were to see Canon Thornely Jones at Waku and Dohne this month. His visit was all too short and everyone hopes he will be able to spare us time for another visit before long. The services were well attended, but unfortunately it was not possible to have a Celebration of the Holy Communion at Dohne on account of there being no train to take the Head on his way.

Yours very sincerely,

Millicent Porter.

2, Cuyler Crescent,
Port Elizabeth,
Feb. 28th, 1921.

Dear Editor,

It is a great joy to be once again writing a letter in South Africa, and a still greater joy and privilege to feel that I am here as one of the Staff of the Church Railway Mission, and I look forward to many years of work and many friendships. My family were in South Africa in 1903–1907, and after having lived for two years in the Free State and two years at the Cape, I cannot feel that I return as a stranger. It is good to come back to the sunshine and the flowers.

January was a fairly busy month for me, spent chiefly in having interviews, in shopping and packing and in saying farewells. I paid many visits to the London Office and I greatly appreciated the hearty welcome into their “family” which was given to me by the London Committee. Of Miss Attlee’s kindness, I hardly know how to write. Nothing could have exceeded her thought for me—officially and personally—and I have a happy memory of my last evening in England, spent with her at her pretty home at Twyford. We travelled together to Southampton
on February 4th, and the Edinburgh Castle left that afternoon at 4 p.m. Our departure was an event of unusual importance as we sailed in the distinguished company of Field-Marshal Earl Haig and his staff, who were escorted to the ship by the Mayor and Corporation of Southampton.

We ran into a strong wind that same evening and thence into the Bay, so that our voyage was quite rocky until Madeira was reached, and everyone enjoyed getting ashore again for a few hours.

From Madeira to Capetown we had one of the smoothest voyages on record. We were unusually blessed in having four priests on board and a celebration of the Holy Communion each morning. One priest, who was returning to Natal, spoke highly of the work of the Railway Mission, but he didn't know there were any women workers! I found many other people also, who thought they knew all about the Mission, labouring under the same mistake.

An energetic Sports Committee made us work hard on board at tournaments and sports. A fancy dress dance caused much fun and merriment—and hard work in advance! One of the judges was Lady Haig, who appeared herself in red and white as a Christmas cracker. The little ones were not forgotten, and they had a fancy dress tea-party. Lord Haig judged these very charming small people, and as we watched the Field-Marshal among the children—as jolly and smiling as any one of them—one could scarcely realise that here was the hero of those great and awful years of war, the great leader who had gone through so much for us all and for the Empire.

At Capetown, on February 21st, I had the great surprise and pleasure of being met and welcomed by Canon Thornely Jones, and as I got away from the ship early, we were able to join in the city's welcome to Lord Haig later in the morning. It was good to be in Africa once again, and in the afternoon I visited my old home in Wynberg, and spent the night with friends at Woodstock.

The Edinburgh Castle left at 11 o'clock the next morning, and two days later I arrived at Port Elizabeth to find the Head and Miss Beckwith awaiting me with the kindest of welcomes, and a wire of very hearty greeting from Miss Andrewartha. I am looking forward immensely to meeting Miss Andrewartha, as we are both old students of the same training college and we are sure to find much in common.

My first week-end in Africa has been spent with Miss Beckwith at Sandflats, and there I found more kind welcomes. The country is looking very beautiful after the recent rains, and though I find the days very hot, the delightfully cool evenings more than make up for them.

Yours sincerely,
Norah W. Short.

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DIOCESE OF BLOEMFONTEIN.

Cathedral Cottage,
Bloemfontein,
March 8th, 1921.

My dear Friends,

Since the last notes were written I have been up to Grahamstown for a Missionary Conference, which someone else may be writing about—and to the Cape for a holiday, which, whether I deserved it or not, I enjoyed!

I have just come back from MARSEILLES, where we held a Passiontide Lantern Service, and the schoolroom was full, and everyone most reverent. This month I have managed to visit on one or two branch lines, following up people who have lately moved.

Mrs. McKie, I am sorry to say, has left the railway and is now living at Port Elizabeth; she will be much missed on the Line, so many have looked to her in time of sickness, when
she has been so unsparing in her help to others. The Moorcrofts have also left: but there is another family to keep me busy at Riet River Tank. As I expected, there are changes in the work amongst the children.

BRANDFORT is handed over to the Priest-in-charge, who has regular services on the fourth Sunday in each month, i.e., Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Children's Service, 11 a.m., followed by the Confirmation Class; Evensong at 7.30 p.m. I am sorry to give up this group, but it is a great opportunity for the children to have consecutive teaching and preparation by their own Priest-in-charge, and gives me a free Sunday for some isolated spot.

WOLVEHOEK is quite on my hands again as Miss Johnson has married Mr. Boswell and I have lost a teacher. At present the children all meet at the ganger's cottage for hymns, and to learn set portions of their Catechism when I am not there. Our sympathy here is with Mr. Tucker, whose wife died in January after only a few days' illness, leaving five young children.

At WHITE'S SIDING the members of the little branch of C.O.V.s are keen and use the Railway Mission prayer in school every morning. I am so glad that Mrs. Stapleton has consented to have Sunday School at 9.30 every Sunday.

KOPJES S.S. is going strong under Mrs. Harris, and it is splendid that both these people are giving good Church teaching. I have arranged a Lantern Service for Palm Sunday there.

There have been changes at the cottages at Greenlands, Dover, Wolvehoek and Glen since my last visit. My visit to Coalbrook cottages was done by means of bullock cart, sitting on a bag of mealies. For speed I prefer my legs—I missed the train!

Most of the time I have spent in visiting bona-fide church-people and communicants, and although I know very few of you made your Christmas Communion, and may not be able to make your Communion at Easter, may you miss is so much that the desire for it may never be out of your mind.

On March 4th Sarah Hartshie, of Marseilles, was confirmed in the Cathedral, and made her first Communion next morning.

I am hoping that the five candidates from Tweespruit, where they have the opportunity of a monthly celebration, will be confirmed soon.

Owing to an urgent message, Jagersfontein has had a visit, and I managed to see one or two at Philippolis Road also.

From Bethlehem I went on to Kestell Road and Tiger River, and hope to spend a Sunday there this week.

I got on to a quiet line on election day. I went off to PAARDEBERG, and, owing to a breakdown, spent two and a half hours at Immigrant, where I found 35 children, and Mr. and Mrs. Stokes from Theunissen.

This certainly has been a short, but not an uneventful quarter. A conference, a holiday, more than a fair share of very late trains, and the loss of a few treasures still on their way to the L.P.O., I hope! Wolvehoek, Greenlands, Dover, Marseilles and Tweespruit have each had Lantern Services on the Passion of Our Lord, two of which were on a Sunday and specially well attended.

Now we must all look forward to the Festival of the Holy Spirit—on Whit-sun Day—on Sunday, May 15th. After all no work amongst you, or for you, can bear fruit unless it is guided and strengthened by God's Holy Spirit—and for those who are thinking about Confirmation, please remember it means preparation of heart—and mind—for the gift of God's Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands. The next general Confirmation in Bloemfontein is at present fixed for June.

JULIENNE BATCHEM.
My dear Friends,

Again it is time to take up the pen and recount some of the work and interests which have taken place the last few days. In Christmas week I was at NYAMANDHLOVU and SAWMILLS for the usual services. Christmas Day saw Miss Stenson and me at DETT, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O’Sullivan. It was really an “old fashioned” Christmas time (though we did not have frost and snow); we had Christ’s Mass first, when we met together to greet the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace. Later on at 10 a.m. we had Morning Service when practically everyone at DETT was present and the singing went heartily and the whole Service was thoroughly enjoyable; then, Service over, a cricket match was played between “Traffic” and “Loco’s.” (All right, Loco’s, I’m not telling tales!!!) Later in the day there was strenuous tennis. Then in the evening Mr. and Mrs. O’Sullivan asked the other Railway people in for music and games, and a most enjoyable time was passed. At all times “a cheerful heart doeth good” as the proverb has it, and that the true Christian has: the Christmas Message, “Emmanuel, God with us,” surely is “God with us” in our true worship of Him, “God with us” in our work, “God with us” in our sports and pastimes.

Many people would not curl up when religion was mentioned, or hold back from coming to a Service if they only could understand that God the Son, who had a human nature, knows human nature and never frowns on fun or laughter, joy and happiness.

From DETT I went up to the Victoria Falls and had good Services there on December 26th. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Dell on the birth of a little son. There I met Mr. Gardner and travelled back with him to Bulawayo in his coach; he went on South and I started on my trip to WEST NICHOLSON, etc. The services at GWANDA and ESSEXVALE were not well attended and it scarcely could be expected, for the much needed rain came and put a stop to more walking than was absolutely necessary: it was not possible either to have our usual services in some of the cottages along the line.

After a few days’ visiting in Raylton I started out for my monthly tour up the Northern line, touching Dett, Wankje, Malindi, and Umgusa Spur. At Malindi there are now some twenty people, working at the sawmills, all belonging to the Dutch Reformed Church, but they asked me to go there once a month and hold service for them. There are quite a number of children there. It was so nice when, after service, the people offered to build a hut solely for “Church.”

UMGUSA SPUR. Here, too, the services were delightful, and I was more than pleased to find some communicants of our Church: Mr. and Mrs. Myles and Mr. and Mrs. Okkers with their families had not long come up from S. Alban’s, Johannesburg.

I went to Fitgtree for Sunday, Jan. 30, and as usual we had splendid numbers; I then spent a couple of delightfully restful days with Mr. and Mrs. Williams at their home.

Cement Siding had its usual monthly visit and services: I am just able to manage this by catching a goods train at 8.30 after early Mass at S. Cyril’s and then cycling back in time for Evensong at 6 p.m.

During February I was able to visit and hold services at all the cottages between Francistown and Mahalapye, and I was greatly relieved to know that at last I was able to visit this part of Father Hobson’s Section. From Shashi I trolleyed to Macloutsie, where Mr.
Cupido from Foley met us and we had Mass—truly it was very devotional and uplifting. The next day Mr. Cavanagh trolleyed me to Sisi, where we had similar services.

After returning to Seruli I cycled to Seribi, where I baptized Mrs. Lienburgh's baby and we had Evensong in the garden. “4 up” came along about 6 p.m. with the coach wallowing and rolling behind: I got aboard and travelled to Palapye Road, where we were switched off. The next morning I cycled back to Dikabi: the Sub-ganger from Topsi joined us and we had morning prayers together.

At Palapye Road I baptized the little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. G. Rundle. We had a large congregation at Evensong. We offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Shaw on the birth of a son, and our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Bowles in the loss of theirs—only three months old. Very many thanks to all the kind friends who looked after my creature comforts.

At Mahalapye we had the usual services: it is nice to know that at last a teacher has been found for the school: we hope Mr. and Mrs. Brain will be very happy there. Then I came back to Marula and had services in Mrs. Shone's dining-room. The children there are very keen on their work, and it was a real pleasure to have a good talk on Bible subjects and to find out how much they really do know. Marula Sunday School is going to correspond with a Cornish Sunday School; each will have lots to tell the other of the beauties and wonders of their particular country and how they spend their time.

I really do think in the farming districts especially we ought to have a Thanksgiving Service for the ingathering of the fruits of the field. While a Harvest Festival is in no sense an obligatory feast of the Catholic Church like Christmas, Easter, Whitsun, Ascension, All Saints' and so on, and can in no way assume the same importance, yet in a country like ours, where the farmer and the agriculturist has so many enemies to fight against, surely it is right and proper that we should sing, “Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of Harvest Home.”

I would like the Farmers' Associations to consider this and wherever possible communicate with me for the fixing of a suitable date. May is the best month, is it not? Will you please bring this matter up at the next meeting of your Farmers' Association?

Just a little more space, please. There is one tremendous thing which concerns us all in Southern Rhodesia and that is the proposed “Matabeleland War Memorial.” By now many of you will have heard of it and some may have received circulars, explaining the nature of the memorial, issued by Sir Bourchier Wray. I feel you will agree with me that the wonderful structure will be perfectly emblematic of the strength and steadfast courage of the Rhodesians who went out to do their bit. The object of the Memorial is not alone by means of a Cenotaph to pay homage to “the glorious dead,” but also to place on record for ever the names of all men women who during the years of war left Matabeleland for service.

A nation's greatness is built on the glorious past: traditions of things well done. Think of the moral influence to all young Rhodesians when they see in future years the shrine which will speak of ineffaceable memory of the greatness of their country's ancestors.

The Railway is going to support the scheme thoroughly, and as far as possible everyone will be asked, but in case you don't get the appeal, send your subscription to Mr. W. A. Carnegie, Hon. Sec. Matabeleland War Memorial, P.O. Box 244, Bulawayo.

Your sincere friend,

C. W. S. STENSON.
Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia,  
February 24th, 1921.

I must now try to recall a little of my past work and travels to tell you in this Quarterly. One seems to have such lots of things to relate, that it is difficult to begin. The season of Christmas I spent at Dett, my brother and I being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O'Sullivan. I need not tell you of all their kindness, it would be too embarrassing. Other workers will agree with me that the Railway Mission is the work to find "kind hearts"; is it not so? In imagination I hear a chorus of "Yes, rather." You know of our glorious services at Dett and then at the Victoria Falls Hotel. One did really feel the Spirit of Christmas was indeed around. Do you know I have a little confession to whisper to you? I rather shrank from Christmas this year being in a new country and with new friends. I just dreaded it, but oh! what a feeling of peace and joy when the day came and you worshipped with your whole heart as you sang:

"Jesus Christ is born to-day,  
Ox and ass before Him bow,  
'And He is in a manger now."

You knew that the faithful throughout the world were indeed worshipping "Christ the New Born King."

Isn't it wonderful when you ponder? We as individuals are odd stones, some of us very crude, rough and hard to convert into shape, and yet we are helping to build up the Church of God the King.

From the Falls I went straight through to Grahamstown, arriving at St. Peter's on January 1st for the wonderful Women's Conference. The first day was naturally spent in getting known to one another and especially to one's own Staff members; this was particularly delightful; now one feels indeed bound up in a bond of real sympathy and friendship which must ever remain.

After several social events where we Women Missionaries got really to know one another, we began in earnest.

First of all came the Retreat, taken by the Bishop of Grahamstown. No one, but the individual herself, knows what help she obtained, how very unworthy and miserably inadequate in all our efforts we are, and yet God accepts our work. Is it not then up to every one of us to be more efficient? To an earthly employer we have to give of our best in our work, whatever it may be, and if not, our post has to be vacated. Is it then fair and just to give to our Lord inferior service?

Regarding the Conference: I feel sure that every one of us who was there felt we had a great privilege in being able to attend, for we learn much. The papers given were varied and intensely interesting; and what of the discussions afterwards.

Then came our own Conference at Headquarters, where we learnt of our little shortcomings and received kindly advice from our Head, Canon Thornely Jones. We discussed our particular difficulties, possibilities, trying to make amendment for 1921. Oh, yes, it was indeed a thing not to have missed.

Then came the end of all good things and we packed up and said our farewells; this was our real sad little period, for I think we all left Grahamstown Station with regrets. Still this perhaps is an added joy—for shall we not always look back with pleasure to that glorious meeting?

On my return journey I stayed a week with some friends from my brother's late parish in Cornwall. They are now on the Langlaagte Gold Mine, just outside Johannesburg. There I think our joy was boundless for we talked "Home" and Home friends and it was so refreshing. After a few days I again resumed my journey to Bulawayo. It was very nice to get back, and so many of my friends gave me a real welcome that I felt it was worth
going away to get it. Thank you all so very much.

After a few days settling down and getting local things in order I began my Section journeys. First of all to Marula Siding; there again I stayed with Mrs. Shone at the Farm School. It was almost the first day of term, yet I was just as welcome. My train arrived very late, but after the usual greetings we had a little music in the big dining-room. The following morning I had a talk to the children in school, most of them Guild of the Good Shepherd members. I also formed a small pack of Brownies. Mrs. De Wet, their mistress, is wonderful in all she undertakes, and the children are very lucky in having her: they are at present in raptures over signalling.

The next journey was to Cement Siding, where again, thanks to Miss Ray, I held my children’s class in her dining-room. The little ones here are very keen. In March, when I hope to go there again, their schoolroom will be finished, and this will be a great advantage. Their mistress, Miss Fleming, we give a warm welcome to. Cement Siding is growing rapidly; every time one goes there are new residents. Ethel Fortune, one of my Lone Guides there, is the first to pass her “Tenderfoot”; well done, Ethel.

St. Cyril’s Sunday School, Bulawayo, reopened on the second Sunday in February and we welcomed back all teachers and scholars. We are glad to have the services of our new teacher, Miss Millie Thompson, there. It is encouraging when one has service offered instead of having to appeal for help.

WEST NICHOLSON was my next journey. There I stayed for three days with Mr. and Mrs. S. Rogers. I had not been there previously, and the country fascinated me. Now, I am told, it is at its best, it is most picturesque and the river in full flood, rapidly flowing on. I just loved it. I did so much want to cross the river in the skip, but it happened to be rather unsafe at the time so I was not allowed to run risks. Unfortunately it rained the whole time but nothing daunted, arrayed in mackintoshes and thick boots, we went out and called upon the other residents.

The next train I caught to Gwanda, where I stayed as usual with the Native Commissioner and Mrs. Walters: Paddy Walters is one of my keenest S.S. children, a member of the Guild of the Good Shepherd, and a great friend of mine. His little sister Betty and baby brother Terence are too young for instruction yet, but we have great times together. The Sunday School is growing well, thanks to Mrs. Perkins. Gwanda children sent £1 8s. 6d. this month to Headquarters. I am so pleased. I had a Girl Guides meeting and formed a patrol of Senior Lone Guides, Mrs. Walters to act as Lone Guide Lieutenant. Remember Gwanda Lone Guides, I want to be proud of you.

Fortunately the weather improved and we had a lot of tennis and several musical evenings. I must say a word of thanks to our Guard on that line for helping me to make a little money for the Mission, gifts for almanacks. It was splendid of you. Unfortunately Nyamandhlovu had to go this month owing to there being no place where I could sleep. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have left for six months’ Home leave. We wish them bon voyage.

The Girl Guides and Brownies are thinking and working hard for the Matabeleland War Memorial. The Memorial is that of a cloistered entrance to our Town Hall (Bulawayo). A thing to influence the minds of future generations, spurring them to follow the great traditions handed down to them. Remember our race, to be strong, must be built upon ideals. The Girl Guides, Town and Lone Guides, Brownies and Lone Brownies are working hard to raise money for the Gates. It means effort, but for “Our Glorious Dead” is it not fitting and right to have a dignified and hallowed place where we may particularly remember
and think of "Our Honoured Fallen"?
It is up to you all in Matabeleland to support this appeal for no building can be too big, too dignified, too hallowed, too beautiful to express our feelings of great pride and gratitude to those who fought for us, of honour and reverence for those who died for us. Is this not why they went?

"To fight with all their might
For Truth and Justice, God and Right,
To grave all life with His fair Light?"

Please do your best.
Your friend always,
Olive Stenson Stenson.

CHILDREN'S PAGE.

My dear Children,
If anything is forgotten or other mistakes are made this time you must not be surprised or get cross: the fact is our Editor is not at work for the present—no, she has not fallen down and broken her leg or anything like that; I really cannot tell you what she is doing at the moment and I should not like to guess—I'm no good at guessing—for I understand she is a very bad sailor and she is at sea. She has been working very hard for a long time, so she has got a holiday and has gone to England for six months. You won't mind, therefore, what happens while she is away, will you? You like holidays and get them much more frequently than the Editor, and she does not get two months at Christmas and in June with a month at Easter and Michaelmas and a score or two of odd days during the rest of the time like you do—"all play and no work makes Jack a dull boy," you know. I am sure you will be glad to know the Editor has been able to go for a real good rest and change and you will join with me in wishing her a jolly good time and hope she will come back when she is strong and fit again. Yea, I must tell you what I heard, though I cannot say whether it is true, but you must be sure not to tell anybody: when she left Port Elizabeth all her things were left behind—I don't know whose fault it was, possibly the cat's or, as generally is the case in South Africa, the Kafir's—and when she got to Capetown she had to go to bed while her things were being washed—but don't tell anybody, will you?

But to business. Before she went she asked me to say several things to you, so here goes. I was to thank George Probert for sending in riddles. A number of children who are 12 years old and older answered the questions set for the Juniors and consequently lost a lot of marks. She wants you all to be more regular and answer the questions each month—she isn't pleased if you answer once and then forget six times: so please try to be regular. She wants you to revise, or go over again, your reading for July and October, 1920, and January, 1921, so that you be ready for the Examination which is to be held in May. An old friend of yours is to be the examiner this year, and she wants him to see how very well you have been working. She was very pleased with the post-cards sent in, especially those from Thomas River, and she asked me to tell you how glad she was. She was also glad to receive the letters from Charles and Florence Killian; possibly there are others which I have forgotten, but I am getting old and easily forget things—especially when told me by a lady who is going off for six months and is trying to do six months' work in two days. Don't forget Mr. Watkins' prizes—one for the children attending the Cyphergat School and one for the others: so get busy and know your work so that you may deserve one whether you win or not.

The Victoria Bible Reading Examination will most likely be held on May 14 and 15, so get ready.

Your affectionate friend,
But no, I must not say who it is.
Victoria Bible Reading Results.
January Quarter.

SENIORS (out of a possible 50).

JUNIORS (out of a possible 50).

The results of answers received after the 10th March will be published next quarter.

Composition.
22nd November, '20.
Edward Crocker,
Imvani.

On the 13th November, 1920, sports were held for the school children, which had been kindly suggested by Miss Porter.

They opened at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, as the members of the school committee were not able to attend earlier.

Although the day was warm and windy, the event passed off very well. All the people enjoyed them very much.

At the close of the day the prize-winners were called up to the table.

The prizes were then given out to the winners, who felt very proud of themselves.

The prizes were given out by Mrs. Witte and Miss Porter; when these had been distributed, the visitors gave a cheer, and drove off.

All enjoyed the day very much as it was a great success owing to the united efforts of all the young men living in Imvani.

"Set your affections on things above, and not on things of this earth."

In the last quarter's questions we left the Mother and Our Lord's friends at the foot of the Cross of Jesus. And in this set of questions we will think together about the joyful and glorious mysteries of Our Lord's Resurrection and Ascension. From the scripture stories of the appearances of Jesus to His friends we can see that His object is not to attach the affections of His Disciples to His visible Presence, but rather, to draw their love and affection with Him into the Heavenly Kingdom. I think that the Easter Lesson expresses this in saying, "Arise, My love, My fair one, and come away." Our Lord wants all of us to learn each Eastertide that we are able to enter into the secrets of His Risen Life, and follow Him even to His Father’s right hand and there to abide with Him for ever.

The Disciples asked our Lord to stay with them, their hearts had been very sad during the three days' absence, and so they were afraid that Jesus would go away and they should lose Him for ever, but our Lord soon shows them that He must return to His Father in the words of St. John: "I ascend unto My Father, and your Father, to My God and your God"; we see clearly what our Lord means. The Disciples were terrified and scattered like sheep and without a Shepherd; so they gathered together as one body, that they might all be comforted. Several times
we read that the Disciples and other friends of Jesus were gathered together in the “upper room” in Jerusalem engaged in prayer and supplication, awaiting the promise of the Father of whom our Lord had taught them during the last days of His earthly life.

It will be as well for us all to think often of this picture of the upper room as the first home of prayer and praise of the early Church, and we know that the daily offering of the Holy Communion was the very centre of their worship, united with the prayers of our Great High Priest at the right hand of God. After a little time the gift of the Holy Ghost the Comforter was given “to guide the infant Church into all truth,” to strengthen and support her in the midst of the storms of disbelief, and to fill her with heavenly power, for the work our Lord would have her do.

Let us pray that we may be ready to enter into that Heavenly Kingdom which our Lord is preparing for us, by saying,

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to take away from us all our sins, that we may be worthy, with pure hearts and minds, to enter into the Holy of Holies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

4. Send in your answers before May 10th, to The Children’s Secretary, P.O. Box 133, Grahamstown, C.P.

Notice.—Marks will be taken off if there are signs of carelessness in the reading of the questions. Untidy writing and insufficient postage on the envelope (which you must address yourself) will also lose marks. Bibles and Prayer Books may be used when answering questions.

VICTORIA BIBLE READING.
April, 1921.

Juniors Under 12.

1. Read Matt. 27, v. 57-66.
   (a) In whose tomb was the Body of Jesus laid?
   (b) Why was the tomb watched, and what was used for the door of the tomb?

   (a) Who are we told came first to the sepulchre on the first Easter Day?
   (b) What was the thing that frightened them, and to whom did they run?

   (a) What did the Disciples see?
   (b) Print in coloured chalks or pencil the Angels’ message to the women.

4. Read St. John 20, v. 11-16.
   Tell me the story of the appearance of Our Blessed Lord to St. Mary Magdalene in the garden.

   (a) Give me the story of Our Lord’s appearance to the two men on the way to Emmaus.
   (b) Print the words said by the Disciples “one to another.”

   (a) Where were the Disciples gathered together when our Lord appeared to them?
   (b) Print the words with which our Lord gives them their great commission.
   (a) What great sorrow was so soon to fall upon the Disciples?
   (b) And how does Our Lord try to comfort them?
8. (a) What is the name given to the festival of our Lord's return to Heaven?
   Read St. John 16, v. 7.
   (b) Why did our Lord say it was necessary that He should go to His Father?
   (c) Read Acts 2, v. 1-5.
   Tell the story of the coming of the Holy Ghost, and give me another name for the Birthday of the Church?
   Learn by heart St. John, chapter 14, v. 1-5.

SENIORS OVER 12.
1. Read St. Matthew 28, v. 1-10; Romans 1, v. 4.
   (a) What great event in the life of our Lord do we think of at Easter?
   (b) Whom did the Resurrection prove our Lord to be?
2. (a) We are told in the scriptures that our Lord appeared to His friends many times after He was risen. Tell me the names of the people to whom He showed Himself in the following references:
   - St. John 20, v. 16.
   - St. Luke 24, v. 34.
   - St. John 20, v. 19.
   (b) Tell me the story of one other appearance given in St. John 21, which is not mentioned in the above question.
3. Because our Lord rose on the first day of the week—Sunday—this day becomes to us all the weekly festival of our Lord's Resurrection.
   (a) How can we keep this day holy and show God that we are glad that Christ rose again from the dead?
   (b) When our Lord appeared to His Disciples they were together in the upper room, and the doors were shut. Why had they bolted the door?
   (c) What was Jesus Christ's greeting to them? Print your answer.
   (a) With what words did our Lord tell His Disciples that they were to do a great work in the world? Print your answer in coloured chalk.
   (b) What solemn act accompanied these words?
   (c) What was the gift given to them?
5. Read St. John 21; St. Matt. 28, v. 16-20; Acts 1, v. 1-5.
   (a) The days after the Resurrection until the Ascension are called the "Great Forty Days." What did our Lord do during these great days?
   (b) Has our Lord left the Church alone, if not, how long will He be present with His Church?
   (a) How did the Apostles hand on the power given to them by our Lord?
   (b) Give me the names of the three Orders of the Ministry as given in the following: Philippians 1, v. 1; Acts 6, v. 1-7; Titus 1, v. 59.
   (a) Tell me in your own words the wonderful story of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ?
   (b) After reading the following references, tell me what our Blessed Lord is doing for us now? St. John 14, v. 2; Hebrews 7, v. 25; Romans 8, v. 34.
   (a) Tell me the story of the coming of the Holy Ghost upon the Infant Church, noting very carefully,
   Where they were assembled,
   What they heard, and what they saw.
   (b) Give me an account of the occasions when Our Lord promised to send the gift of the "Comforter."
   Learn by heart St. John 16, v. 5-17.

April 23rd. St. GEORGE, A.D. 303.
St. George belonged to a noble family, and his father was very wealthy
and an Imperial officer who died when he was ten years old. All of us know of the story of how he saved the beautiful princess from the dragon, and we should all try to help people in great dangers. St. George became very popular in England during the Crusades, and is the patron Saint of England.

April 25th. St. Mark.

St. Mark the Evangelist is the John Mark we so often read about in the Scriptures, and he is the son of Mary, whose house was one of the meeting places for our Lord and His Disciples.

April 30th. St. Catherine, 1348-1380.

St. Catherine was one of the twenty-five children of a prosperous man in Siena. We are told that from a very small child she was very religious, and at the age of six she had a vision of our Lord in all His glory. Her little brother, seeing her looking into the sky, called her, but she took no notice of him, whereupon he took her and shook her roughly. She cried out, “If you could have seen that beautiful thing which I saw you would not have done that.”

May 4th. St. Monica, died A.D. 388.

St. Monica was the mother of St. Augustine, the Bishop of Hippo. She was born in Africa, and brought up as a Christian, though she was not baptised until she was grown up. Her husband was a pagan named Patricius. When she was dying the attendants asked her if she would like to be taken to her native land to be buried; she said that she would be content to lie in Ostia, “Only, I pray you, do not forget to remember me at the Altar of God.”

May 5th. Ascension Day.

On this day we think of our Lord’s return to His Father in Heaven. Before He ascended He said to all of His friends, “Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.” This blessed Festival should always remind us that we are drawn very close to our Lord, especially in the great Service of the Holy Communion. Ascension Day is a very happy day and we should try to call to remembrance our Lord’s words, “Lo, I am with you.” For He will be our constant companion if we will have Him.

May 15th. Whit-Sunday.

This is the Birthday of the Holy Catholic Church. Our Lord promised to send a gift to the Disciples after His Ascension. On this day we see that our Lord bestows a great gift—the Comforter—who shall be with the Church until He comes again. Read for yourself the wonderful story of the coming of the Holy Ghost, in Acts 2.


St. Helena was the mother of Constantine the Great and the first Christian emperor. She also became a Christian through the influence of her son. On a visit to the place where Jesus was crucified she was supposed to have found some of the wood of the true cross. It was difficult to tell which was the cross on which the sacred body hung and to test them she brought pieces from each of the three crosses to a sick woman. The first pieces had no effect on the woman, but the third brought her to complete health, and thus it was taken to be the wood of the true cross.

May 22nd. Trinity Sunday.

We keep this great festival in honour of the doctrine which teaches us that in the one God there are three Persons, The Father Who made me and all the world, the Son Who redeemed me, and the Holy Ghost Who makes us holy.


During the time of Joan’s childhood France was in a very pitiful condition, and one day she saw a vision which pointed to her that she must do all she could to help her country, which she
does, and gives us all an example for
she was modest, simple, and devout.

June 22nd. St. Alban, A.D. 304.

St. Alban is the first of the English Martyrs. One of the stories given by Bede is full of interest and perhaps some of you will have heard the story many times before. One day a Christian Priest was flying for his life, in time of the persecutions; to escape his followers he comes to the house of Alban; who takes him in and tends his wounds. Later he is converted to the faith. His pursuers having traced the Christian to the house of Alban, go to the door and demand his body; whereupon Alban puts on the other's clothes and gives himself up and is led before his judges and condemned to die.

THE GUILD OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.


RIDDLES.

What is the difference between a watchmaker and a gaoler?
The one sells watches and the other watches cells.
What is always in fashion, yet always out of date?
The letter "f."
What is more wonderful than Jonah in a whale?
Four men in a fly.

BABY’S ALPHABET
For Mothers.
Always keep the Baby warm,
Bright and happy, free from harm,
Clean and cozy, dry and sweet,
Do not let him suck a teat.
Ever keep him free from shock,
Feed him promptly by the clock;
Give him milk both warm and sweet,
Heaven's own food his choicest treat.
If in flannel he is dressed,
Joy will fill his little breast.
Kindly, gently, and with love,
Learn his ways from God above.
Mother, dose your child with care,
Need I say of drugs beware;
Open windows, proper food,
Plenty of air, this does good.
Queer the faces that he makes,
Rather sad his "tummy" aches;
Sad your folly caused the pain.
Therefore wisdom try to gain.
Use a tubeless bottle, mind,
Vaccinate him, it is kind;
Wean at nine months and a day,
"Xcept the Baby's ill, I pray.
Yet for further knowledge yearn,
Zanies only will not learn.

HO’Y BAPTISM.

At Cookhouse, Jan. 9th, 1920:
Sophia Fredrika Kiviets.
At Thebus, Jan. 13th:
Deirdra Augusta Courtney-Latimer
(privately).
At Naauwpoort, Feb. 26th:
Lloyd Graham van Wijngaardt.
Barbara Helen van Nieuwenhuizen.
At Hofmeyr, Feb. 27th:
Vere Neville Hollings Ogilvie.
At St. Cyril’s, Dec. 5th, 1920:
Hubert Spence Wilson.
Dec. 6th:
Gerald Basil Lecordeur.
At Sawmills, Dec. 21st:
Mary Beatrice Innes.
Frederick Jack Gordon Mons Wrate.
At 269 Cottage, Lukosi, Dec. 29th:
William Dick Bushby.
At Dett, Jan. 22nd, 1921:
Graham Barton Bowley.
At Westacre, Feb. 10th:
Maud Elizabeth Liemburg.
At Palapye Road, Feb. 13th:
Vida Amy Rundle.
Phyllis Marjorie Rundle.
At St. John’s, Bulawayo, Feb. 20:
Henry Wheeler.
HOLY MATRIMONY.

DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.
Commadagga, Dec. 22nd, 1920:
Tom Smith and Catharina Berkatt.
Naaupoor, Jan. 26th, 1921:
Hendrik Sturman and Sarah Adonis.
Jan. 26th:
Frank Chertty and Annie Nora Hendricks.
Feb. 8th:
Thomas Hyde Stanford and Catharina Malvina Blom.
Naauwpoort, Jan. 26th, 1921:
Hendrik Sturman and Sarah Adonis.
Jan. 26th:
Frank Chertty and Annie Nora Hendricks.
Feb. 8th:
Thomas Hyde Stanford and Catharina Malvina Blom.
Taaibosch, Jan. 10th:
Benjamin Walter Kemp and Eliza Elvira Bishop.

BIRTHS.

DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.
Finnis, Jan. 25th:
Joseph Israel Bishop, aged 66 years.

BURIALS.

DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.
Taaibosch, Dec. 16th:
Joseph Israel Bishop, aged 66 years.
Thebus, Jan. 20th:
Deidra Augusta Courtney-Latimer, aged 5 days.
Cookhouse, Dec. 26th:
Mary Kathleen Viljoen, aged 24 years.
Feb. 12th:
Donald McLeod Weir Dalgleish, aged 6 months.
Feb. 18th:
Eleanor Mila, aged 18 years.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA.
At Bulawayo, Dec. 10th:
Albert Grundy, aged 12 hours.
Jan. 29th, 1921:
Freda Burke, aged 88 years.
Feb. 1st, 1921:
Graham Barton Bowley, aged 3 months.

COLLECTIONS, &c.

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Thebus, 8/2; Stormberg, 12/-;
Cookhouse, 1/10.
February:
Rosmead Sunday School, 2/4;
Cyphergat Sunday School, 1/2; Cyphergat, Lantern, 9/2.
Sustentation Fund—Queenstown, collection per Mr. Fisk, £5/12/6; Waku, card, per Mr. Hopkins, 11/.
Lantern Services:
Xuka Drift, 3/9;
Elliot, 10/2; Natives, 3/5; Navar, 14/9;
Ryno, 25/8; Idwa, 22/9; Indwe, 9/3.

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Port Elizabeth—Miss Hannam, Sundridge, Park Drive.
Queenstown—Miss Porter, St. Monica’s Home.

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