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LETTER FROM THE HEAD.

Travelling,
September 9th, 1921.

Dear Friends,

Since our last issue most of our Workers have shared with very many of you the effects of a somewhat trying winter and the coming of the 'flu: I think Mr. Smith, Mr. Herbert, Miss Andrewartha and Miss Porter have kept going but all the others have had to give in for varying periods. Miss Batcham was sent to the coast against her will and as a result of the rest and change is now reported well and back at Bloemfontein. Miss Gardner, Miss Stenson and Miss Short are all right again, and there only remains Mr. Stenson, who is down at the Knysna, to get quite well and strong and the past will be forgotten. I asked Mr. Stenson to help me with the Northern Section, and he set out with his usual vigour, but when I caught him up at Broken Hill he had what appeared to be a very severe cold: the next morning—Sunday—he was not so well, so he was told to take things easy and I would carry on meanwhile. Just after the Children's Service I met the doctor, who told me he had "biffed" him into Hospital, as he had a temperature of 104 and needed careful looking after. We are grateful to the doctor and sisters at the Hospital for their care of him and to Mrs. Macartney who did so much in the first and last stages: his voice on the 'phone yesterday sounded as if it was getting back something of the old ring and by the end of the month he ought to be in good fighting form once more. I am sorry to say that Mr. Gardner is in the Johannesburg Hospital with blackwater fever and has had a bad time of it: when I last had news he was going on well, and I trust it will not be long before he is quite well and strong again.

Mr. Peppercorn is due to sail on the 23rd, so that he should land at Port Elizabeth about October 13th, and I hope to get him on to his Section as soon as possible after that date: Mr. Stenson will be showing him the "ropes" till the middle of November, when I hope to take him to the Congo and introduce him to some of the 800 Britishers in that country.

I am very glad to say that Miss Muriel Blundell, our Editor, is now on the water (though I am not nearly so sure that she is glad to be there at the moment) on her way out again, and after this issue will be back at her old
place and work: she badly needed the rest and change and we shall look forward to welcome her in a better state of health and stronger as a result of it.

Her many friends along the line will be pleased to know that Miss Glasier is in the country once more: she will be living at Bloemfontein and helping in the work of the Cathedral Parish, so some of her friends living in the O.F.S. may occasionally bump up against her. When I last wrote I said that Miss Beckwith was, for once, going to do what she was told and rest, but her good intentions did not last very long and as far as can be gathered she is rushing round at the same old rate.

Last month I spent up North and had quite a busy time: we had delightful services at Broken Hill, La Panda, Elisabethville, etc., and I am grateful for the welcome and also for the many kindnesses I received during the round: it was a busy time, of course, but that is very much nicer than having nothing to do. Before long we ought to do something to put up a church at Elisabethville, and it seems possible too; but what the future of the country, and our people living there, will be it is not possible to say at present. At Broken Hill they have been getting busy: the children, with the leadership of Mrs. Macartney, have provided the money for a church bell, which is badly needed. Have you ever lived in a mining town where they have the Railway time, the Mine time, the Town time, your own time and a few other times thrown in so that nobody ever by any chance knows what the “right time” is? If you have, then you will not find it difficult to see the need for a bell to let folk know what the Church time is and when service really begins. Mr. Macartney has very kindly promised when in England to choose a bell for us: we shall greatly miss Mrs. Macartney while she is away as she has done such splendid work with the Sunday School and in many other ways. We hope they will have a very pleasant holiday and a safe return. The Church Committee there has decided that the time has come when the churchpeople ought to bear the full cost of the visiting Chaplain, and during my visit they committed themselves to do it. The Comrades of the Great War wish to do something in memory of those who went from Broken Hill and who made the Great Sacrifice: for this purpose they have provided the money and have commissioned me to obtain a memorial brass to be placed in S. George’s Church there. News has just been received from Mr. Winnington Ingram: he was on holiday when he wrote and was in high spirits and good health; he sent kindly greetings to his many friends.

I told you last issue of the splendid effort of Waterval Boven which resulted in our receiving a cheque for £220; since then I have had another very welcome cheque for £27 from Mr. Herbert—the result of efforts made at Erasmus and Hatherly. Miss Porter got Imvani interested and our friends there too were keen to help us, but it is such a tiny place—do you know it?
If you do you will hardly believe that they were able to send us £47: I don't know how they managed to raise that amount, but I do hope it was done honestly. Then Cookhouse was not to be left behind and, with the leadership of Mr. Smith and Miss Andrewartha, they had their "do" last Saturday: unfortunately it was a wet day, but fortunately the wet did not damp the keenness, for I hear whispers that we may expect a cheque for something near £80. Nauwpoort had its "go" early in the month, for its own funds, with the splendid result—£120 cleared. All these things are very quickly written about, but they must have involved a very great deal of labour, and we offer our grateful thanks to all and every one who had any part or lot in these successful efforts: thank you all, very, very much indeed. I feel quite sure that as you bear your share of the cost so you will more fully appreciate the ministrations which the Mission is out to provide for you: it gives you all a greater feeling of partnership and responsibility. No able-bodied folk would like to know that somebody else was paying their butcher's bill, or the grocer's bill or the rent: they could not let it be done and keep their self-respect—unless, of course, it was on account of some special misfortune—how is it then that so many Church folk are content to let other people pay for the cost of their religion? I wonder how far they can and still hold to any sort of self-respect. At any rate, you have done your parts—for which we are grateful—and you need not fear to hold up your heads.

I hear that the church at Essexvale is making good progress: there are more promises of help, but details of these will come in better when I have been able to get up again to talk things over and make the necessary arrangements.

It is not easy to get on with one's job and write owing to one's surroundings: what a glorious view which ever way you look. We are climbing the mountain near the Montague Pass: on the left there is first the forest trees and then the gently sloping veld with all its new spring clothing of heather, ferns and wild flowers; while beyond is the Indian Ocean. On the right hand is the towering mountains covered with a glorious coat of snow—Switzerland hardly seems in it at the moment for there is colour here in the combination which, so far as I have seen, is lacking there. If I could only describe it as it deserves you would all be getting restless and wanting to go off to see it, alas I cannot—but it only makes it more difficult to write with such glories around one forcing one's attention. But no matter if I could, long before you get the "October Number" the snow will have gone, and though very much of the beauty will remain, the glorious combination will not be there.

The old Grahamstown Coach—404—which we had for over twenty years, and which was withdrawn about a year ago, has not been restored to us, but "the best which could be provided"—
21614—at the time was sent to us in July. The outside is not too encouraging: somebody said it looked like a converted horsebox, and a bad conversion at that, but the inside is more hopeful. With Miss Andrewartha’s help I had it furnished, and it is now in use: how it “rides” I fear to think—I did hear something about being “black and blue all over” after the first journey or two, but we must hope for the best.

All these things of which I have written seem to be mostly connected with the more material side of life, sent for our enjoyment and pleasure. While we enter into them to the full—and the fuller the better—do not let us forget the side that really matters.

I hope you will all have a very happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

R. Thornely Jones.

At Knysna, C.P.,
Sept. 6th, 1921.

My dear Friends,

I’m feeling quite a horrid fraud, for it’s ages since I saw many of you.

You’ll know, however, that I went up North towards the end of July for services, and then I must needs go and get ill at Broken Hill, but, thanks to Dr. Wallace and the sisters at the hospital, I was quickly on the mend and a fortnight after saw me leaving Broken Hill for Bulawayo, where I recuperated for a few days before leaving for here.

Previous to my illness, I really enjoyed the North. At Kalomo we had delightful services in the schoolroom, and everyone made me very welcome.

At Lusaka, the North Rhodesian Annual Show was on, so I was able to meet very many from outside districts and from different parts of the North that I otherwise could not have met for a very long time: we had the usual services there. Evensong in the hotel saw a splendid muster turn up.

I went up from there to Broken Hill intending of course to do lots of things, but—anyway, the services were held. Fortunately the Head was up there at the time, and as usual he came to the rescue. I would thank Mr. and Mrs. Macartney for all their kindesses, and when I come to Broken Hill again I’ll try not to be ill.

Well, we have the decidedly cheery news that a priest is on the way out for the North—and I’ll tell him the truth: he’ll have a delightful sphere of work.

Previous to going to Kalomo, etc., I took services at Seribi, Palapye Road, Pigtree, Ngamo, Umgusu Spur, Wankie, etc. I managed to rush down to Gwanda one day and back the next, and though we had no organ that time we had a very bright and helpful service.

Well, I’m sure you’re wondering what I’m doing down here: I’m having a rest and change. I’ve just written to the Head, and I told him that I hadn’t “the pen of a ready writer.” I wish I had, but I’d tell you everything as it appeals to me.

Just imagine, after leaving the dry and burnt up veld, journeying along through that type of country, and the barrenness and terrible sameness of the Free State for three days and then suddenly to come upon green grass, trees heavy in foliage, flowers of every description, hedgerows and undergrowth full of ferns, and arum lilies in abundance, and rain!

Then there’s the sea, and the cliffs; in the heart of the village there’s the dearest little church, with wonderful old seats inside, and outside there’s the churchyard, with mossy gravestones lolling about in all directions, just like any old churchyard in a country village at Home. I took the services yesterday and it was all so very nice and helpful.
A week or two of all this and I’m coming back like a giant refreshed: and I hope to be paying you all visits once again.

On August 17th, Mr. Rettie, of the Victoria Falls, was married to Miss Elsie Mary Phoenix Larkin by the Rev. Jodrell Day of Livingstone. His many friends there will wish them both all happiness.

Yours sincerely,
C. W. S. Stenson.

DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN

Naaupwpoort, Sept. 10th, 1921.

My dear Friends,

It is difficult to realise at this early date that this number of the Light for the Line is a Christmas number. Not that it will contain Christmas stories and presentation plates, but that it covers the period in which Christmas falls. Therefore we wish to our many friends along the line a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Christmas has its season of preparation no less than Easter; it is called Advent, which means “coming.” During this season we should be getting ready for Our Lord’s Second Coming by thinking of His First Coming as the Babe of Bethlehem for us men and for our salvation. Doubtless we shall all make preparations in our homes for the festivities of Christmas; and I trust we shall not be unmindful that the real joy of Christmas depends upon the preparation and condition of the heart—an intelligent realization of what Christmas means to the individual and the world at large; and a living anticipation of His return in glory. You will find that Advent Collects, Epistles and Gospels provide ample preparation for prayer and meditation.

NAAUWPOORT. The outstanding event of the past quarter is the bazaar which was proposed at the Easter Vestry and undertaken by the ladies, who worked together with a will and made it a great success. They not only made many beautiful and useful articles but also collected gifts of money and material from friends and well-wishers scattered far and wide. We offer to them—workers and contributors—our best thanks for their support. The bazaar was held on July 1st; the previously proposed dates being either not convenient to ourselves or else engaged by other sections of the community. However, the postponement was in no way a hindrance, but turned out for our good, and the end of the successful day found our funds increased by some £120. Our many thanks to the ladies and gentlemen and the merchants of Naaupwpoort, Port Elizabeth and everywhere. We give below a list of stalls and stall-holders, together with the sums credited to them.

Needlework Stall.
Miss Andrewartha and G.F.S £4 1 4
Needlework Stall.
Mrs. Ehrich ... ... ... 15 16 9
General Stall.
Mrs. Green ... ... ... 23 9 2
Sweet Stall.
Mrs. Hitchcock ... ... ... 12 10 8
Toy Stall.
Mrs. Heubsch ... ... ... 4 0 9
Refreshment and Cake Stall.
Mesdames Jones, Comlev and Williamson ... ... ... 61 4 9
Vegetable Stall.
Mrs. van Wyngaardt ... ... ... 7 3 11
Dance.
M.C., Mr. Ehrich ... ... ... 4 9 9

Less sundry expenses ... ... ... £132 16 1
Balance cash ... ... ... 198 5 7

The opening of the new houses erected at Naaupwpoort has resulted in a general post for many of our residents. Change is the order of the day: old friends go—new ones come. We welcome to Naaupwpoort Mr. and Mrs. Norton from Graaff-Reinet and Mr.
Cowie from Klipplaat. We have said goodbye to Sergt. and Mrs. de Reucks (Railway Police), who have been transferred to Pietermaritzburg. The departure of Mrs. de Reucks robs us of a collector of the Sustentation Fund. Mrs. Jones, too, finds that she can no longer undertake the collection of this fund. We thank them for their services and are glad to report that Mesdames Fawdry and van Rensburg have stepped into the gap. The other collectors are Mrs. Ehrich and Mr. Churchwarden Green. They will be pleased to call on anyone who is not yet a subscriber. We take this opportunity to point out that the Sustentation Fund provides an opportunity to give regularly, systematically, according to one's means, and cheerfully, for the maintenance of the Kingdom of God.

COOKHOUSE. The usual monthly visits have been paid to Cookhouse but services have not been quite so well attended. Now that the warm weather is coming in we hope to see an improvement. The following services are held on the second Sunday in the month:

8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Children's Service.
7.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Sunday School is held every Sunday at 10 o'clock.

Confirmation Classes. We have the names of several candidates and shall be glad to have the names of others who desire to know more about the subject.

As we go to press we are informed that the Village Market was a huge success. The balance sheet has not yet been published, but we hear that over £70 stands to the credit of the hard work put in by the ladies.

Mr. Wilson and his family have been transferred, we think it is to Bloemfontein; and Guard Delport and his wife have come to us from Klipplaat.

ROSMEAD JUNCTION. The last Sunday in the month has been given regularly to Rosmead. Holidays and sickness have reduced our numbers, and Mr. Matthews has been called to his rest at the ripe old age of 70 years. R.I.P.

Mrs. Kerr, formerly of Nauwpoort, has taken up her residence at Rosmead. Mr. Bruton has left, and we welcome back Mr. Basil Estcourt and his bride.

CYPHERGAT, STORMBERG and THEBUS. It has been our custom to visit these places every other month; spending Sunday morning at Cyphergat, the evening at Stormberg, and thence passing on to Thebus. The reduction in the train service has necessitated some rearrangement. We hope to maintain bi-monthly services, but with the reduced train service it is impossible to arrange them exactly as before. On our last visit to this section Cyphergat had the whole Sunday, Stormberg Monday, and Thebus was visited on August 1st, which month came in like a roaring lion.

We regret that Pumper Clark, having completed over 20 years' faithful service, has been placed on pension and, with his family, has removed to Johannesburg. Many chaplains and workers have enjoyed their welcome and hospitality. We wish them "good luck in the Name of the Lord."

HANOVER ROAD has been visited twice—once for a native service, when we were fortunate in having the Archdeacon of Cradock with us, who kindly stayed over on his way to Hanover Town. We had a record attendance of fifty-six.

On the second occasion I was there for the European residents and we had Evening Service in the schoolroom.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clench was baptised at Nauwpoort on Saturday, August 6th.

SHERBORNE. Sherborne has been visited by influenza and hardly any of its inhabitants escaped. We received an urgent call to baptize in sickness the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. van der
December, 1921.

Dear Friends along the Line,

I am beginning to feel now that I know my way round the section as I have been over the whole of it and have met most of the people. There has been much to encourage one.

The result of the Waterval Boven Fancy Fair has surprised most people who have heard of it. Our secretary, Mr. Charlewood, passed on the cheque for £225 and received very hearty thanks from the Head of the Mission. Since then I have forwarded the sum of £26 17s. 3d. from Erasmus and Hatherley towards the reduction of the £600 overdraft. At the same time our contributions by collections and Summation Fund have not been affected, so that we can feel that we have accepted our responsibility to the Railway Mission during 1921. The Hatherley sports proved quite a success financially as well as socially, and our special thanks are due to the band of workers under Mrs. Heatlie and Mr. Hertzenberg for the successful result of their combined efforts.

Now we want to see combined efforts at work in Machadodorp. It will be good news to most of the people on our section to hear that our friends at Machadodorp intend building a church. It is not proposed to aim at a very elaborate and costly building, but we all feel that a building to meet the needs of the place is necessary. At present we use the Court House on Sunday mornings and a room in the schools for our evening services. We are grateful for the use of them, but it is difficult to enter into a truly devout spirit of worship when suffering from the discomfort caused by trying to sit in children's school desks. Environment plays a part in worship as in the rest of life, and if we are able to build a church which will call up in us directly a spirit of reverence we should enjoy our services even more than we do at present.

Last June sufficient enthusiasm was stirred up to start a building fund: a bridge drive and dance realized about £20. Last month a smaller effort brought in over £11; these were organised by Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Theron and Mrs. Christian. Then Mrs. Kaufmann in a quiet way during her holiday gathered in over £5 by her special needlework, and she is quietly bringing in more money by the same method. A few pounds too have been realized by Mrs. de Graeff. On September 28th Mrs. de Graeff intends holding a tennis tea at her residence, and further means of raising money are being thought out.

We have been fortunate in receiving a grant of land for our church from Mr. de Graeff; but for this I am afraid the building of a church would be held over for a much longer period than is now necessary. We extend our grateful thanks to Mr. de Graeff for his generous gift.

A Church Council has now been formed to carry on the work. Any contributions for the church building should be sent to Mr. Kay, P.O. Machadodorp.

Since the last issue of Light for the Line I have been over the whole of my section: services down the low veld were much appreciated, one of the best being at Komatipoort; the parlour at the Hotel, kindly lent for a service by Mrs. Wood, was as full as it could be. The service was quite bright and the singing lusty and strong and I trust we shall be able to retain the standard we have reached. Fresh work has been done at Arnot and Wilge River: both places are small, but that does not prevent us having hearty services. Practically the whole of the staff under Mr. McCall at Wilge River turn out to services when they have the opportunity, and enter into the singing heartily and lustily. After service we proceed to Mrs. McCall's drawing room for
music and light refreshments. Thus we spend a very enjoyable evening.

A few of our friends along the line have been plunged into sorrow by bereavement. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Kaufmann at Machadodorp: Mr. Kaufmann and his wife came out to this country hoping that the change and rest would restore health, but after a few months Mr. Kaufmann passed away. He was buried in the quiet cemetery at Machadodorp: many friends expressed their sympathy by being present at the service of burial. A little while afterwards, also at Machadodorp, Mr. and Mrs. Irving’s baby boy died. It was a very sad blow to them, especially as it was so very unexpected.

There is one other death which I must record, Mrs. Burnham near Kinross. To all the bereaved we would earnestly extend our heartfelt sympathy. So often when in the midst of sorrow we fail to see the purpose of it all: we need much faith and patience at such times. If we can have patience and look to the Great Giver of all life we shall be enabled to see after a time the reason for the suffering imposed upon us. None of those who loved our Lord could see the purpose of His death while He was crucified upon the cross, but the whole world can see its purpose now.

To all I would say, don’t forget the clause in our creed, “I believe ... in the Communion of Saints.”

I will conclude with an ancient prayer: by using it we can help those who are in sorrow and tribulation.

Almighty and everlasting God, the Comfort of the sad, the Strength of the sufferers, let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation come unto Thee; that all may rejoice to find that Thy mercy is present with them in their afflictions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” Gelasian, A.D. 492.

Sincerely yours,

E. Herbert.

WOMEN’S WORK.

The Haven, Grahamstown,
Sept. 11th, 1921.

My dear Friends along the Line,

It is good—you will all agree—for us sometimes to climb up and breathe in the mountain air, and view the world from the height, and I think that it is just what is needed at this time when the world is so full of huge problems to be righted, especially within our midst, and take a bird’s-eye view of things as they really are. It is this kind of thing that helps us all to keep a right idea of the proportionate value of the influences and changes of the age in which we live, and helps us to realise some of the dangers of the past, and also some of the difficulties of the future. When we get up on that height we see the wilderness through which we have come, and also we see the Land of Promise in the distance. With this enlarged vision let us pray God to give us strength to persevere unto the end; and on the way, if need be, to overcome the difficulties with all Christian charity. And let us give thanks to God for all His goodness to us in the past, for He has done great things for us already.

At NAAUWPOORT on the 8th July there was a very successful Sale of Work for the Church funds: it was held in the Institute Hall. The stalls were well stocked to attract the visitor, and the stall-holders are to be congratulated on the happy way in which they, one and all, went to work. Anyone going about among the helpers could not fail to know what a lot of time and thought they gave to the preparations. In one house the whole of the day before the sale there were fires in a tiny kitchen, baking, mixing, cleaning and trussing fowls. If I have not developed into a first-class cook it is not the fault of the many engaged in those preparations. Cheerio, I am coming along slowly!
The G.F.S. has been working well during the quarter and it has been a very happy time getting things ready for the Bazaars at Naauwpoort and Cookhouse. The stall made over £4, which was very good, considering that we had only very tiny articles to sell. The evening classes are a huge success because we have been able to get the girls who are at business during the day.

TAAIBOSCH SIDING. I have been able to pay two visits to this place, and each time there has been a very warm welcome for me. As there are just now so few people living at the Siding no service has been held lately, but it is to be hoped that before long everything will be as usual.

RIET SIDING. Since the arrival of the Coach 21614 I have been able to put in visits to the small places and show them lantern pictures. Mr. Williams is gradually getting stronger after his serious operation. It is good to hear from them of all the old workers, and to see how affectionately they are remembered.

BURGERVILLE ROAD. The train had to shunt and this gave me time to visit Mrs. Viljoen, who had just returned from Capetown after a time in the Hospital; it was a joy to see her up and about, and I know her friends will be glad to hear that she is doing so well. They have been promised a lantern service as soon as it can be fitted in.

HANOVER ROAD. Arrangements allowed for a visit to my friends there; I went ahead, leaving the coach to follow, and being persuaded to stay over to show the pictures in the evening, my companion on wheels had to go on alone.

STORMBERG JUNCTION. When I arrived, the news greeted me that almost everybody was down with the “flu,” so I had to put off all the arrangements for the week-end and set to visiting the sick. Mrs. Roberts fell a victim and the school had to be closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Paterson have arrived back to the camp after a very refreshing trip to the Old Country, and we give them a real welcome. Somehow when we speak of a welcome it usually means that we have had to say goodbye to someone, and, in this case it is “goodbye” to Mr. and Mrs. Garde who have gone further up the line; we wish them all prosperity in the new job. The Sunday School has been closed for some time; it is expected that Mr. Quail will soon be back in the camp, where he has worked with the children so devotedly for many years.

CYPHERGAT. Congratulations to Mr. Ashborne on passing out, and we hope that he will not be too quickly whisked off to pastures new. The prizes offered for the Victoria Bible Reading Examination by Mr. Watkins have been won by Mary Watkins, Cyphergat, and Georgenia Selly, Middleton. Mr. Watkins has repeated the offer for the year ending April, 1922, and we hope that many will enter for the competition at Cyphergat.

THEBUS STATION. It was just by chance that news came along to say that old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Clark and family, were leaving at the end of the month of August for Johannesburg, and so I made haste to get to them to bid them farewell. They will be missed by everyone in the district, and especially by the workers on the Mission, who have been made to feel at home no matter the hour they arrived. We do pray that God will bless them in their new home in the Transvaal. The lantern lecture was well attended in the evening, when we had a trip to London. The little Sunday School is still to continue each week and we are very grateful to Miss Pyne for all she is doing for the children.

ROSMEAD JUNCTION. Things have been going on as usual; the Lantern Service held on the Sunday that I was there was well attended. Sustenta-tion collections have been made and Miss Brown has undertaken the agency
for *Light for the Line*; she will be glad to hear of new subscribers for the next quarter. Mr. and Mrs. Inggs have been on their long leave and it is nice to have them back in the camp. Mrs. Keer and her children have taken up residence in the camp, and we are glad to think that she is so near to us.

**COOKHOUSE.** There has been so much going on in the camp during the quarter that someone was overheard to say that Cookhouse was “getting too lively for them.” However, there has been more than usual happening which proves that the people of Cookhouse can do great things. Delville Wood Day was kept by the returned soldiers, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides turning out, in uniform, to service. Later in the week the Girl Guides were enrolled by Mrs. Seale, Divisional Commissioner. That evening the Guides invited us to a camp fire concert, and coffee and cakes afterwards. Then came the great preparations for the sale of work under a new name, “Village Market”; during this time the ladies have had most delightful working parties twice in the week. Saturday, the 3rd September, was the great day, and at 10.30 a.m. the Chaplain declared the “Market” open; not many minutes after that there were crowds of people around the stalls where all the good things were displayed. It was a really successful sale, and our thanks are offered to all the helpers who made such a success possible. Mr. Suttie and his helpers are to be congratulated on the excellent impromptu concert which gave everyone enjoyment on the Monday night. The results are as follows:

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Donations had been given towards the materials for working parties to the value of £9 7s. 9d. We received gifts in kind from a number of old Railway friends and people living on farms near the line; one gift of pineapples came from Trapps Valley, and oranges from Thornegrove. There are a few good things left over; the ladies wish it known that they will have a tea afternoon during the month to display “the goods” to friends who were prevented by the rain from coming to the sale.

Visits have been made to BARODA, HALESOWEN, SHERBORNE, ARUNDEL, TRAPPS VALLEY, DASSIE DEUR, KLIPFONTEIN, and THORNGROVE. I shall have to leave over the details of my visits as I have already overlapped the space allowed. My grateful thanks to all who have so loyally and sympathetically helped and supported our suggestions for the sale at Cookhouse; it has been such a happy time together that I wish we were preparing for another in a month’s time.

Christmas and the New Year will be over before you get the next *Light for the Line*, so this will bring you all my very best wishes for a very blessed Christmas and New Year.

Elsie M. Andrewartha.

S. Monica’s Home,
Queenstown,
Sept. 8th, 1921.

My dear Friends,

The year is rapidly coming to an end and its days have passed so quickly that it is difficult to realise that before many
weeks pass we shall come to Advent Sunday, the first day of the Church's year. The Season of Advent comes with no uncertain message to the honest servant of God. Prepare—"The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." If we are quite content with our progress during the past year there is something very wrong with our lives. Who would be satisfied with a fruit tree in the garden which never grew and never bare any fruit? The tree would very soon be dug up and another would be put in its place. If we are content to drift along, never striving to grow in Grace and bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit we are spoiling God's garden and must not be surprised if He withholds His gifts from us for a while. Our Faith is being tested constantly in many ways and we must look into our lives and test the reality of our love for God and His Service by looking back over the past year and see if we have made any progress in our Spiritual Life. If we have not, then we must find out the reason why and by the help of the Holy Spirit determine to be a living Member of Christ in the days that are to come. A balance on the wrong side in our business causes us great anxiety and we work regardless of time and weariness in order to get things straight, but we seldom settle up things in the business of God's Kingdom although our soul will live for ever and we cannot borrow from others when called to answer our account on the Day of Judgment.

During the last three months the following places have been visited: Imvani, Tylden, Waku, Essex, Cathcart, Kubusie, Amabele, Dohne, Toise River, Thomas River, Blaney, Berlin, Fort Jackson, Arnoldton, Cambridge, Chislehurst, East London, Sterkstroom, Bowers Park, Bailey, Lower Incline, Carrickmore.

July 29th was a red letter day for Dohne. The Bishop of Grahamstown came to Stutterheim and nine candidates were presented from Dohne to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit through "the laying on of hands with prayer." The following Sunday all went to make their first Communion and so receive from God the greatest gift He has for His children in this part of His Kingdom. How many of us refuse to come to God for His Gifts because we are afraid our friends will laugh at us or because we must choose between the service of God and some bad habit, besetting sin, which has got such a hold over us and we know it will be hard to give it up. The true happiness and strengthening of character resulting from such self-discipline far outweighs the hardship of the struggle. We should take to ourselves the rebuke sent to the Laodiceans, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou were cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Rev. 3, v. 15, 16.

The 19th of August was a great day at Imvani. The Bazaar, Children's Play and Dance went splendidly, the results far exceeding any expectations; £47 4s. 6d. being the total amount. What a splendid help towards clearing the financial difficulties of the Mission. Well done, Imvani! Everyone worked with a will. First our thanks are due to Mr. Levy for lending the hotel dining-room and so making the whole thing possible, but Mrs. van Reenen deserves the first order of merit because nothing was too much trouble, but all the time she kept smiling and you know she had all the worst of the clearing up to see after. Then Mr. Frank Crocker put up such a splendid platform that the "Red Riding Hood" play went first rate. The Prince and Red Riding Hood wandered happily through the wood, Boy Blue and Little Bo-Peep looked for their sheep together and Simple Simon and the Wolf were fine. The old Dame gave some excellent advice, and so it only remains to mention the Queen, and Henry Crocker deserves very high praise for the way he did the part, for he too had worked hard, his
Fairies looking very dainty, dancing attendance on their Queen. The splendid success of the Bazaar was due to the enthusiasm of the ladies of Imvani. Mrs. Wostenholm and Mrs. Peddel were kept busy at the tea stall. Mrs. Butler and Miss Dell did a brisk trade at the toy stall. Mrs. Crocker and Mrs. Bowker had a provision stall laden with good things, and Mrs. Witte and I had the fancy and needlework stall. Friends on the Railway were splendid, and most exciting parcels arrived during the week. Mrs. Laver had a very busy time with the “dips,” and her supplies were very soon exhausted, the children being so delighted with the little parcels.

Please accept very many thanks, kind friends on the Railway and also the many and generous friends in the district who, through the enthusiasm of Mrs. Witte, sent gifts of every kind. I hope I have, in one way or another, thanked everyone, but if I have forgotten anyone please take the will for the deed. Oh! I’ve left out the gentlemen—they were fine, they sang and planted trees and made a spinning wheel and pulled the curtains and managed the auction and, in fact, ran the ladies very close in their enthusiasm.

There is still one more thing to say: I hope you’re not tired. At the beginning of June I had a most delightful fortnight’s holiday to the Victoria Falls. It was all arranged in a hurry and I joined Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and the children at Queenstown and we all enjoyed every minute of the time. The beauty of the Falls many of you know, I expect, but if you don’t my advice is, go and see them as soon as you can. Well, I’m finishing this at Carrickmore and the cold is simply terrific. It’s snowing and foggy and the best place is the kitchen, so I’m writing by the fire.

All good wishes from

Your sincere friend,

Millicent Porter.

"Off the Line,"
August 27th, 1921.

My dear Friends,

What miserly notes I have to write this quarter! KROONSTAD, WOLVEHOEK and TWEESPRUIT children have had their classes, and a few other places. BETHLEHEM and DOVER have been visited. Now, I find Mr. Tucker and family and Mr. Coetsee and family are transferred; I am not sure if the latter will be in this section permanently or not. At Tweespruit I found Ganger Christie and family have been transferred to Springfontein; they will remain in our section and will be in a town where there are Church advantages and a resident Priest. Mrs. Westaby could not live in the high altitude, so her husband, Driver Westaby, has been transferred to Mossel Bay. I am glad to say the sea level suits her better. “Flu” has been making itself felt. Mr. and Mrs. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson and family at Viljoen’s Drift collapsed—oddly—just after the sale, but are better again.

I am writing this down by the sea with the surf beating over the rocks, the Home-going mail boat at anchor!

Yesterday Miss Porter (who works this section) and I spent the day together—a real picnic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with only the sea breeze to disturb us. Work went to the winds and we slept our line troubles away. I went a few miles in the train with her on her return journey and walked back—just to feel the “feel” of the train again. I am going back next week—rest and quiet is good, but work is better. People here are very busy, and I managed to get my finger into two pies, the Girl Guides one evening, and the Cosmos Club another—that is the club for girls who work in Wilson’s sweet factory—jolly crowds, both of them.

The big thing this quarter of course was the sale at Viljoen’s Drift at the end of July. The fact that I made a dead set on the Drift where they have a
social every month for one or other
good cause pricked me a few times,
but a dozen girls were working; so we
decided to have a musical evening and
sale of work—for the Church Railway
Mission and the Railway Homes at
Bloemfontein. I could not go up the
line till the day before, and landed with
a basket of eight dozen eggs and boxes
of cakes gathered en route, and nearly
dropped the lot when I read the typed
notice; it was good and cheerful read­
ing and encouraging to see it on the
station board. Mr. and Mrs. Miles had
done a great deal in my absence, and
keen friends had worked up refresh­
ments, and children were busy with
tickets and keen to help. At 8 p.m.
Mr. Thomas, S.M., opened the sale and
spoke with sympathy and understand­
ing of the work of the Mission. There
was a fair representative gathering
from the mine and station, the musical
programme was completed during the
afternoon, and we had a very happy
evening—all I had to do was to make
myself pleasant to people I had not
met before.

Miss Jackson put me up; and I am
looking forward to accepting Mr. and
Mrs. Burns' kind invitation to stay with
them next time. Mr. Hutton proposed
a vote of thanks to all who helped in
any way. The following is a list of
stalls and stall-holders, and I can only
say the result was better by far than I
expected: there is still £1 or so to come
in.

RECEIPTS.

Mrs. Miles, Cakes, Sweets and
eggs .................................... £2 16 0
Mrs. Thomas, General Stall .... 7 10 11
Mrs. Lawson and Mr. Hutton,
Refreshments ...................... 1 7 6
Miss Jackson's Picture ........... 3 16 3
Sale of Tickets .................... 4 4 6
Door .................................. 18 0
Donations:
Mrs. Nares ......................... 1 0 0
Mrs. Nye ............................ 2 6
Total .......................... £21 15 8

EXPENDITURE.

Railway Mission ................ £10 15 8
Children's Homes ............... 10 0 0
Institute Boys ................. 5 0
Printing ........................ 15 0
Total ........................ £21 15 8

Wolvehoek is having a sale this quar­
ter, and Tweespruit later.

This being the last quarter before
Christmas, I want to send my Christmas
greeting with it. Along the line there
have been nine children confirmed; only
four of them are within reach of the
possibility of making their Communion
at Christmas-time. I do not know
whether you will regard this in the
light of a sermon; it is not! But Ad­
vent comes before Christmas, the be­
ginning of a new Christian year, and
brings before us one prominent fact—
Our Lord is coming again to judge us,
each one, as well as others.

The Sustentation Fund is moving,
but I want to give out more Signal
Boxes, for then folk can put in their
weekly contribution, and realize they
are supporting the work of the Mission
and the Church.

By the time you read this I shall be
up the line again doing my job in a
spirit of holy callousness towards things
outside it, for as someone wrote, "We
either do our duties and have very bad
times, with good consciences, or we do
not do our duties and enjoy ourselves,
with occasional pauses for unpleasant
reflections." If you can wear out there
is no need to rust out, is there?

Yours sincerely,

Julienne Batcham

Waterval Boven,
September, 1921.

My dear Friends,

I want to thank all who have so
kindly sent messages of sympathy dur­
ning my brother's illness—he is well on
the road to recovery, but will have to
be careful for some time yet, and to
take up less strenuous work in the
future,
The following were confirmed on August 25th at St. Mary’s Church, Johannesburg: Archibald Higgins (Hatherley), John Vickers (Delmas), Louisa Haskins (Delmas), Sophia Haskins (Delmas), Nellie Liechterkost (Delmas). It was a day of great rejoicing for them; may they find that it will always be to them a day of thanksgiving for the Gift of the Holy Spirit, in Whose power they shall daily increase—to the coming of the Kingdom.

All will feel deeply for the sorrow of our Bishop, Neville Talbot, whose wife has been called to rest. Those who had the privilege of knowing her, will have the remembrance of a glimpse into a sweet and beautiful character which will not be forgotten. Let us remember to pray for our Bishop in his great bereavement.

Several of our friends have been called away during the last few weeks. May God give them the joy of His nearer Presence, and to those who love them, the communion of fellowship. In His Presence all live, and the ties formed on earth are not broken but glorified.

The Funds for Machadodorp church are steadily increasing—it is to be built and in use, we hope, before our term of service is at an end on the Railway Mission—my time is already half over—I hope the latter half may not go too fast! Two dances and a whist drive have been held; also a steady inflow of funds is coming through the working party, who are doing needlework at home and at meetings, and are gladly receiving orders for blouses, children’s clothing, or anything that is needed—and their charges are very moderate, so any friends along the line who want help with their needlework, can get efficient and quick work done at Machadodorp. I will take orders gladly for them—so please remember the Church fund in going into the question of summer clothes! Children are busy selling “bricks” at a tickey each—and I hope the 1,000 cards printed will quickly disappear. Please help Machadodorp by asking me for “bricks.”

Crossing a railway bridge built over a running stream, and not intended for foot passengers, I found by looking at the narrow central footplate I was terribly inclined to walk overboard into the river! But by looking straight ahead to the farthest point and still beyond, I was not only steady but enjoyed the adventure. Isn’t it so with our work for God’s Kingdom? If we look anxiously at the place where our feet are to go, and see the stream of doubt and fear flow past, our courage disappears and we slip badly. Let us then, looking to Jesus and Jesus alone, walk steadily, not fearing, or questioning when once we know His will; and above all, let us be free, free from criticism of others, free from jealousy, free from fear and free in the Love and Power of God, to accomplish the task whether great or small which He has given each one of us. And who can tell what in God’s sight is great, or what is small? We do not know and may not judge. Let us cultivate a clearer vision, and a greater love to God and man, knowing that “he that good thinketh, good may do, and God will help him thereunto.”

Your friend always,

KATHLEEN GARDNER.

You will notice a change of address. I have moved from Johannesburg to Waterval Boven.

General Secretary’s Office,
Bloemfontein,
July 26th, 1921.

Miss Batcham,
Church Railway Missionary,
Cathedral Cottage,
Bloemfontein.

Dear Madam,

Allow me to thank you most cordially for your letter to hand this morning, along with your cheque for £10 as a donation for our Homes, part proceeds of a sale of work at Viljoen’s Drift.
We appreciate this donation very much, and the Treasurer will send you an official receipt presently.

Yours faithfully,

Geo. Fair,
General Secretary.

2, Cuyler Crescent,
Port Elizabeth, C.P.,
September, 1921.

Dear Friends,

When I first landed in South Africa, a kind station-master remarked that he would give me six months to know the line along my section. Six months have passed and I feel quite an aged Railway Worker, but I am still able to be mildly surprised on arriving at a strange lone place among the mountains along the Outshoorn line, to find myself at 3 a.m. with a mile to walk under the stars, with no idea of the way and no escort; but I got there. I awoke in the morning to a world of snow-capped mountains, and sunshine and almond blossom—a veritable Paradise!

In GEORGE Diocese, during the last three months, I have visited Miller, Le Roux, Camfer, Zebra, Great Brak, Wolvefontein, Barroe and Vlakeplaats, besides several small sidings. I visited the schools and on some occasions we had Lantern Services. I also saw friends in Mossel Bay and I was glad to be able to visit most of the cottages between there and George. I spent a few days at George and one day climbed the mountain to the cottage at Power. Friends escorted me most of the way and I had a very enjoyable hour with Mrs. Lund. I then went down alone, and, as I haven't the remotest sense of direction naturally, I was delighted to find my path beautifully marked for me by two Brownies! Not once did I take a false turn or stand puzzled! Large arrows and heaps of stones greeted me everywhere. I hope all South African Guides do their work as thoroughly as these Brownies!

One of the nicest Lantern Services I had was at Miller. It was good to see Mr. Brown so well again. Preparations for moving into the new house were going on apace, and I am looking forward to my next visit now that they are settled in. The new garden is going to be—well, wait and see!

At Zebra Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn took me in their car to visit my first real African farm, just when the orange groves were at their best. The attendance at the Lantern Service was affected by the intense cold, but, nevertheless, we were a nice little gathering. My thanks for their kind hospitality are due also to S.M. and Mrs. Wright at Le Roux, S.M. and Mrs. Obermeier at Great Brak, and S.M. and Mrs. Freeman at Camfer.

Our very deep sympathy goes out to Mr. Gilbert in his great loss. He is now at Mortimer Station with the three eldest children, and his place at Vlakeplaats has been taken by S.M. Freeman.

I manage to get to Klipplaat each month, and some of the Sunday School children are starting the Victoria Bible Reading questions. The Girl Guide movement is gaining ground here slowly but steadily with Miss Thelma Heath as Guide Mistress. We have ten recruits who are looking forward with mingled delight and apprehension to their enrolment shortly. We are proud to be starting with two patrols which are to be the "Holly" and "Poppy" Patrols respectively. We miss Mrs. Delport at Klipplaat, but Cookhouse gains in this respect, and we are glad to welcome Mrs. Theron from Sandflats, and we hope she may help us in the Sunday School by and by. The new Railway Hall is a great delight to everyone.

In GRAHAMSTOWN Diocese regular visits have been paid to Sandflats, Alicedale and Sheldon, and during the quarter to Addo, Barking Bridge, Coega, Coerney, Mimosa, Ripon, Kingwilliamstown, Kareiga, Stembokvlakte and Glenconnor. I am very grateful to Mrs. Torrance of Alicedale, Mrs. Dall-
ing (Commadagga) and Mrs. J. Dalling and to the many other friends who have given me hospitality along this line.

I was very glad to be present at the baptism of Nevill Harvey, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harvey, which took place in the presence of the Sunday School on July 24th. Nevill is a bonnie wee laddie, and promises well, if only his five adoring sisters allow him to grow up. Our congratulations are offered also to Driver and Mrs. Nicholson on the birth of their small son, and to Mr. and Mrs. Bessinger who now have a little daughter.

There are many changes at Sandflats. Mrs. Walker has been very ill indeed, and she is still frail. Mrs. Anderson has kept the Sunday School going steadily. We welcome Mrs. Le Roux and "the twins" from Klipplaat, in place of Mrs. Theron, and Ganger and Mrs. Van Niekerk to G.C. 16. I sometimes see our old friends Mr. and Mrs. King in Port Elizabeth.

On July 26th the "Ostrich" (1st Sandflats) Patrol of Girl Guides was taken to Alicedale by Miss Plumbridge and enrolled with the two Alicedale Patrols. At an open meeting for parents and friends, the Commissioner, Miss Phelps, spoke on the Guide Law, reminding us that the Girl Guide movement does not exist merely for playing games, but for learning to play "the game." The formal enrolment, always an impressive ceremony, followed: and then the inspection, and only one tiny hole was found in a stocking! The announcement of this fact caused much consternation about the patrols! Which was it? Tea was dispensed by the Alicedale Cadets in full uniform and games followed. The proceedings were terminated by the singing of "God Save the King," Guides and Cadets standing at full salute. The success of the day was largely due to the Schoolmaster, Mr. Torrance, and to Mrs. Torrance's unflagging energy—she is always ready for everything!—also to Sergeant Gilder and Mrs. George Harvey for hospitality and to Mr. Barnett for help with the arrangements.

On Sunday, July 31st, the "Ostriches" paraded to Sandflats Church in full uniform, and the Rev. Helmore Banks preached on the Guide Law. I only wish it had been a parade of the whole Province instead of one patrol. The children are not likely to forget what they heard about the importance of little things. I cannot let this letter go without paying a tribute to Miss Plumbridge's work for this little patrol. She gave them of her best unstintingly and her return to England is a real loss to us. Miss Müller has pluckily come forward to carry on, and we wish her all success.

Two things to be recorded from Addo. The first is delightful. All their many friends will be happy to hear of the engagement of Mr. Ted Harvey and Miss Mary Wadmore. The second fact is a sad one. Early on Monday morning, July 11th, a fire broke out in Miss Maguire's house, and, with the exception of a few books and papers, everything was burned. Our sympathy is with her in the loss she has sustained, but we cannot be too thankful for her personal safety.

I spent two very nice days at Kareiga and Stembokvlakte. Mrs. Ferreira and her daughters always spoil me and it was very hard to refuse their last gift of a dear little white pup, but I contemplate a trip in the coach shortly, and the kennel isn't ready, as shunting is rather a difficulty!

Many funny attempts have been made at my name and my calling also seems to interest many, but it was a little alarming to arrive at one small place, whither my reputation had gone before, and to find the children telling each other breathlessly that "the fortune-teller has come!" I suppose the words "magic lantern" are to blame!

Will friends please note that there is to be a bazaar at Coerney on Thursday, October 20th, the proceeds to be given to the S.A.C.R.M. and the Chil-
CHILDRN’S HOME?

Perhaps some of you would like to help with needlework and other things, and we hope many who are fairly near will come and buy on the day itself. There will be a tennis tournament and other delights for those who can present. Any contributions should be sent to Miss Clack, Station House, Coerney, by October 15th if possible.

There has been much sickness everywhere this winter, I know, for as I have gone along, I have come to station after station in the grip of influenza, and now we’re all rather suffering from after-flu depressions! Never mind, it’s passing and Spring is coming! Heaps of people have been asking me if I know of a good tonic and I recommend laughing, whereupon they usually begin to use it and the cure starts! As a matter of fact, we think a great deal too much of ourselves, and then, naturally, we get dull! And there are such lovely things all round to be thought about, and when they’re not actually lovely, they’re usually funny. So let us laugh and be happy! I found these verses the other day in a poem called “Ducks.” It’s by one of our soldier-poets, a man who has himself been “through things.”

“When God had finished the stars and whirl of coloured suns
He turned His mind from big things to fashion little ones;
Beautiful tiny things (like daisies) He made, and then
He made the comical ones in case the minds of men
Should stiffen and become dull, humourless and glum,
And so forgetful of their Maker be
As to take themselves—quite seriously.
Caterpillars and cats are lively and excellent puns;
All God’s jokes are good—even the practical ones!
And as for the duck, I think God must have smiled a bit
Seeing those bright eyes blink on the day He fashioned it.
And He’s probably laughing still at the sound that came out of its bill!”

Your affectionate friend,

Norah W. Short.

VICTORIA BIBLE READING PRIZE EXAMINATION.

SENIORS. Per cent.
Gerard Leach, age 10, Maclear ... 83
J. J. Smith, age 14 ... 70
C. Phillips, age 14 ... 83
James Bundock, age 14, Bulawayo 37
Nanni Diesel, ? ? 28

Juniors.
P. Phillips, age 12, ? ... 75
Basil Myles, age 11, Bulawayo ... 74
Isabel Reynolds, age 12, Maclear... 47

Cyphergat, C.P.,
8th August, 1921.

Dear Miss Andrewartha,

I was very interested in the results of the Bible Prize Examination, also results of quarterly examination for the year ended April, 1921: I have two pretty prizes for the two who scored highest marks in the quarterly examination, viz., Georgenia Selley, 188, and Mary Watkins, 177, as per my promise. Send me the address of Georgenia Selley, or if you’ll come in touch with her soon, I’ll hand the prize over to you. What will be the best?

Announce it please in Light for the Line that I will repeat my offer again for two prizes for the 1921-1922 quarterly examinations. Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN W. A. WATKINS.

St. Francis of Assisi. October 4th.

We read that St. Francis was born at Assisi, about the year 1182. His father travelled a great deal, and when he was travelling in France he got word that St. Francis was born, and on his return insisted that the child’s name be Francesco, meaning Frenchman. This baby grew to be a young man full of life and spirits, who was distinguished for his beautiful manners, and became a great leader among the fashionable young men of Assisi. It was when he was laid low by fever that he made up his mind to renounce the world. He went to Rome, and, giving all his money away, changed his clothes with a beggar, and ministered to the lepers. On entering the little wayside Chapel of St. Damian he gave himself up to the Lord, and this is his prayer: “Be found of me, O Lord, so that in all things I may do Thy holy will.” Like so many saints, he had great power over animals. Once we are told that he preached to the birds. His sermon began—“My little sisters the birds, much bounden are ye to God, your creator, and always in every place ought to praise Him for that He hath given you liberty to fly about everywhere.” While he spoke, says the writer, “these birds began to open their beaks and stretch their necks and spread their wings and bend their heads close to the ground.”

Many more interesting things are written about this saint, but it would take too long to tell you about them this time.

St. Faith was a virgin saint who as a child suffered death at Agen during the persecutions of Diocletian. When she was brought before her judges who asked what religion she belonged to, she replied, “From a child I have served the Lord Jesus with all my heart. I confess His Name and commit myself with entire devotion.” She would not give up her faith and so was burnt to death. A fellow Christian who watched her death from his hiding-place came forth and confessed that he also was a Christian, and was made to share her fate.

2nd Cor., 8, v. 9...Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor.

In this year’s reading we shall see that Our Lord came into the world to win a Kingdom for us—the Kingdom of Heaven—and moreover we shall learn about the gifts which God, out of His love for us, has given to us all in our Baptism, for it was then that we were made members of His Kingdom.

In the very early days of the world, we read, that God promised that He would send a Saviour to save His people from their sins. And that Saviour
would be one of the family of David, that He would set up a Kingdom which would remain for ever. Now, children, in this quarter's reading we see that that promise was fulfilled when Our Lord Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem. It was quite a long time before the people believed that the child born in the manger of the cattle shed was the great Saviour who should come to save them from their sins. Let us pray, "Lord, I believe that Thou cameliest down to earth to save me."

After Our Lord was baptised by St. John the Baptist He begins His great work in the world; He went about preaching, teaching, healing the sick, feeding the hungry and forgiving sins until the people grew to love Him and long for the day when He would be their King. Those who are baptised into that Kingdom share in the happiness of Heaven of which He is the King, because He is the Son of God.

When we speak of the Kingdom of Heaven we mean that it is really with us here now; it is made up of all the people who are baptised and who are trying to follow Our Lord's commands. Another name for Kingdom of Heaven is the word "Church," which means belonging to the Lord.

Our Lord gives a law to the Kingdom He came to found so that all might know what they had to obey. This new Commandment is contained in the Sermon on the Mount, and in it we shall find all that we need to make us good Christians. Let us remember always that:

In my Baptism I was made:
A member of Christ.
The child of God.
An inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

In Dutch:
Bij mijn Doop ben ik geworden:
Een lidmaat van Christus.
Het kind van God.
Een erfgenaam van het Koninkrijk her hemelen.

Rules for Victoria Bible Reading.

1. Write clearly your name and address at the top right-hand corner of the page.
2. Below your name give your age, date of your birthday, and the standard you are in at school.
3. In the left-hand corner of the page give the name of your school.
4. Send in your answers before December 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.

OCTOBER, 1921.

SENIORS. Standard 5 and over.
(a) Who made up the Holy Family?
(b) Where did the Holy Family live?
(c) Draw a map showing the town where Jesus lived with His parents after their return from Egypt.
(t) Tell me the story of the first worshippers of the Infant King.
(b) What was the message they received?
(c) What did they say 'one to another'?
(a) God promised that the Saviour should be born in David's City. What was the name of that city?
(b) What sign did the angels give the shepherds by which they would know the infant King?
(a) Show how Our Lord became obedient to the Law.
(b) Read St. Luke 2, v. 49 and 51.
Show how Our Lord was obedient to His earthly parents.
(c) Show how Our Lord was obedient to His Heavenly Father's will.
5. Read St. Mark 1, v. 9-11.
Describe what happened when Our Lord came to be baptized of John, noting carefully:
(a) The place.
(b) What were the words St. John used.
(c) What was Jesus' answer.
(d) What miraculous thing happened when Our Lord was baptized.
(a) How old were we told Our Lord was when He was baptized?
(b) Tell me the story of the "Temptations" of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
(a) After Our Lord returned from the wilderness what did He do?
(b) Print, and learn by heart verse 18.
8. Read St. Matthew 5.
(a) Our Lord came to set up a Kingdom, but before He began His Kingdom He made its Law known.
    How did Christ give the Law to His Kingdom?
(b) What is the spirit of that Law?
(a) Where was Our Lord Jesus Christ born?
(b) Whom did the Wise Men ask to see?
2. (a) Print the words of verse 6.
    (b) Tell the story of the Wise Men's visit to the infant King
3. Make a Christmas card, which you would send to your mother or other friend, using the words of St. Luke 2, v. 11.
(a) Whose grace was upon the child Jesus?
(b) Tell the story of Our Lord's visit to the Temple.
(c) What is Our Lord's answer to His Mother?
5. Read St. Mark 1, v. 1-11.
(a) Who baptised Our Lord Jesus Christ?
(b) Print the words of verses 10 and 11.
(a) How old was Our Lord when He was baptized and began to teach?
(b) After Our Lord was baptized where did He go? Tell the story in your own words.
7. Read St. John 18, v. 36.
(a) What did Our Lord come to found?
(b) What did the Jews think that Our Lord had come to set up?
    John 13, v. 34 and 35.
(a) Read St. Matthew 16, v. 18-19.
The common name for the Kingdom of Heaven is the Church, which means belonging to the Lord. What did Our Blessed Lord say to His Disciples about the Church?
  b) Before Our Lord began His Kingdom He made its Law known. Write out the Laws of His Kingdom.
  (c) What is the new commandment called in the words of St. John?

JULY RESULTS.

SENIORS (out of a possible 45).


JUNIORS (out of a possible 40).

Harriet Killian 35, Hazel van Kerken 37, Esme Anderson 35, Nigel Anderson 34, Martha Muller 35, Archie Anderson 34, Rockford Maguire 34, Dennis Banks 36, Kenneth Hultzer 35, Isabel

**5.** That all in sorrow may live in the Presence and strength of our Master.

**6.** For five candidates lately confirmed.

**THANKSGIVINGS.**

1. For answers to prayer.
2. For the strengthened faith of one who has been tempted to give up prayer.

**INTERCESSIONS (Transvaal).**

1. For our Bishop, Neville Talbot, in his bereavement.
2. For a girl profession no Christianity who has sought friendship.
3. That a serious evil in one of our villages may cease.
4. That our people may be given vision to see clearly the will of God for the reign of peace and love in our midst.
5. That all in sorrow may live in the Presence and strength of our Master.
6. For five candidates lately confirmed.

**HO’LY BAPTISM.**

**DIOCESCE OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA.**

At Ngamo, June 27th:
Olive Roza Wright.
At Seribi, July 6th:
James Edward Kinnear.
At Topsi, July 7th:
Carel McLean.
At Raylton, July 14th:
Vernon Alfred Gouws.
Elizabeth Maria Marais.
At Umgusa Spur, July 21st:
Adam Toyley.
At Wankie, July 24th:
Ivor Bamford Ormerod.
At Raylton, August 24th:
Pearl Dawn Shinn.

**DIOCESCE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.**

At Naauwpoort, August 6th:
Hazel Elizabeth Clench.
August 26th:
Johannes Mbelysco (privately).
At Cookhouse, June 12th:
Dora Lydia Kiviets.
Nora Frances Kiviets.
Charles Nqayi.
Elizabeth Nkumbisa.
At Sherborne, August 8th:
Benjamin van der Walt (privately).

**HOLY MATRIMONY.**

**DIOCESCE OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA.**

At Victoria Falls, August 17th:
Ferguson Rettie and Elsie Mary Phoenix Larkin.
BURIALS.

DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.

At Naauwpoort:
June 8th: Lena Honco, aged 60 years.
June 25: David September, aged 30 years.
July 14th: Swaartbooi Gxina, aged 60 years.
August 16th: Annie Willems, aged 6 months.

At Rosmead in July:
James Henry Matthews.

COLLECTIONS, &c.

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