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I. OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

President

Secretary
Roy S. Smyres, Elisabethville, Congo Belge, Africa.

Assistant Secretary
V. D. Longfield, Elisabethville, Congo Belge, Africa.

Statistician
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Assistant Statistician
Miss A. C. Olson, Kabongo, District du Lomami, Congo Belge, Africa.

Treasurer
E. I. Everett, Kanene, via Elisabethville, Congo Belge, Africa.
II. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES.

**Board of Ministerial Training**
Messrs. Shields (chairman), Everett (registrar), Guptill, Springer, Brinton, Hartzler, Brastrup

**Triers of Appeals**

**Conference Relations**

**Instruction, Qualification and Character of Native Evangelists**

**Relations to the Government**
Messrs. Everett, Shields, Smyres, Piper, Springer.

**Conference Policy**
All the missionaries of the Board.

**Comity**
The superintendents and legal representatives.

**Book Committee**
Messrs. Smyres, Smalley, Shields, Everett, Brastrup, Springer, Piper, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Piper, Longfield.

**Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension**
The superintendents and Hartzler, Shields, Brastrup, Smalley, Nelson Capempe, Miss Jensen, Miss Olson, Titus Balimweba.

**Conference Board of Educations**
Messrs. Everett, Smalley, Smyres, Mrs. Everett, Miss Everett, Miss Jensen, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Springer.

**Resolutions**
Messrs. Longfield and Brastrup; Miss Olson, Mrs. Springer.

Kanene, Kinda, Dist. de la Lulua, Congo Belge.

First Day. Wednesday, August 15, 1928.


Devotion: Dr. Springer conducted the devotions, the Conference rising to sing Hymn 631, Jesus shall Reign where’er the Sun, for the opening hymn. The Apostles’ Creed was recited, Dr. Springer led in prayer, and the Conference repeated the Lord’s Prayer.

After Hymn 415, Faith of our Fathers, was sung, Dr. Springer addressed the Conference, taking his text from Habakkuk, and speaking on present evidences of God’s working in the world. The devotional exercises were closed with the singing of Hymn 654, Zion Haste.

Roll Call: The Secretary of the preceding conference called the roll, and the following were present: Messrs. Springer, Smyres, Everett, Shields, Brastrup, Piper, Longfield, Capempe, Titus Balinweba; (associate member) R. L. Smalley; (missionaries of the Board) Mesdames Springer, Piper, Berry, Smyres, Everett and Miss Olson.

Organization: R. S. Smyres was elected Secretary, and named V. D. Longfield as his assistant. E. I. Everett was elected Statistician, and named Miss Olson as his assistant. E. I. Everett was elected Conference Treasurer.

Committees: The following Committees were elected:

Board of Ministerial Training: Messrs. Shields (chairman), Everett (registrar), Guptill, Springer, Brinton, Hartzler, Brastrup.


Relations to the Government: Messrs. Everett, Shields, Smyres, Piper, Springer.

Conference Policy: All the missionaries of the Board.

Comity: The superintendents and legal representatives.

Book Committee: Messrs. Smyres, Smalley, Shields, Everett, Brastrup Springer, Piper: Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Piper.

Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension: The Superintendents, Messrs. Hartzler, Shields, Brastrup, Smalley, Nelson Capempe, Miss, C.M. Jensen; Miss A. C Olson; Titus Balimweba.

Conference Board of Education: Messrs. Everett, Smalley, Smyres, Mrs. Everett, Miss Jensen, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Springer.

Resolutions: Messrs Longfield, Brastrup; Miss Olson, Mrs Springer.

Hours: The hours of conference were fixed at from 9 to 12 A. M.

Resolution: J. E Brastrup made a complimentary resolution which was referred to the committee on resolutions.

Greeting: The Secretary was instructed to send greetings to the Bishop and absent members of the conference and to the absent missionaries.

Editor and Publisher: W. E. Shields moved that the Secretary be made Editor and Publisher of the minutes; and R S. Smyres moved as a substitute that E. l. Everett fill this position, and the substitute was adopted and E. l. Everett elected.

Presentation: The President introduced Miss Anna Olson, a new missionary coming to the field since the preceding conference, and the members arose to greet her.

Program Committee: On motion, a program committee consisting of Messrs. Everett, Shields, and Springer was elected.

Disciplinary Questions: Question 1 was answered, Yes, through a personalité civile; W. E. Shields, Représentant légal, R. S. Smyres, Représentant légal suppléant. The corporate name is Congo Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
Questions 2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, were successively answered. None.

Question 28, Who are the Triers of Appeals? was answered, Messrs. Brinton, Hartzler, Smyres, Shields, Brastrup.

Questions 30 and 34 were answered, None.

Question 37 was answered, No

Adjournment: On motion of R S. Smyres, adjournment was made at 10:30 to meet at the call of the President. The Rev. E.I. Everett pronounced the benediction.


Devotions: Dr. Springer called the Conference to order at 9 A M., and the Hymn 364 was sung, My Saviour on the Word of Truth. E.I. Everett led in prayer in Kiluba and English, following which all joined in the singing of Hymn 349, Saviour, Thy Dying Love. Dr Springer read selections from Matthew and spoke on the Lord’s Supper. This sacrament was then celebrated, with Dr. Springer and E. I. Everett administering

Hymn 325 Break thou the Bread of Life, was sung in Kiluba. Brother Nelson Capempe gave the substance of the morning address in Kiluba-Sanga, and Brother Titus Balimweba, in Kiswahili. After the singing of Hymn 334, My Faith looks up to Thee. Dr Springer pronounced the benediction.

Recess: A recess was taken from 10:20 to 10:40.

Minutes: On reconvening, the Secretary read the Minutes of the first day, and they were approved.

Committee: The name of V D Longfield was added to the Book Committee.

Question 15 was taken up. The name of E. I. Everett was called, his character passed and he presented his report.

Question 10 was taken up. A. L Piper was called, his character passed and he presented his report. The Board of Ministerial Training reported concerning his studies, recommending that he be excused for having failed to complete the studies of the Third year, because of illness. On motion, this was done.
R. S. Guptill, T. B. Brinton, C. C Hartzler, were successively called and their characters passed. R.S. Smyre was called, his character passed and he presented his report. W. E. Shields, J E. Brastrup, V D. Longfield. Miss Anna Olson, were successively called, their characters passed and they presented their reports.

Mrs. R S Smyre, Mrs. J M. Springer. Mrs. A.L. Piper, Mrs. Priscilla Berry, were successively called and their characters passed.

E I. Everett took the chair and called the name of J.M. Springer His character was passed and he presented his report

Prayer: J. M. Springer resumed the chair, and suggested that a season of prayer be entered into This was done, with Mrs. A. L. Piper, W. E. Shields and J. M. Springer praying.

By common consent the time was extended. Dr. Springer spoke on a matter brought up in Mr. Shields’ report. The announcements were made.

Adjournment: Adjournment took place at 12:10, Dr. Springer pronouncing the benediction

Third Day, Friday, August 17, 1928.

Devotions: Dr. Springer called the Conference to order the appointed time, and the Hymn 530, O Thou in whose Presence my Soul takes Delight, was sung. V. D. Longfield led in prayer, as did also Bro. Amos Chimbu, after which all prayed the Lord’s Prayer Hymn 19, Comme thou Fount of every Blessing, was sung.

Dr. Springer read Luke 11:1 ff. and read to the Conference a devotional address, «The Heart of a Host,» which had been given to the Le Zoute Conference by Father Calloway. J. E Brastrup and Bro. Nelson Capemp. led in prayer. The Hymn, Take Time to be Holy, was sung in Kiluba

Minutes: The Minutes of the second day were read and approved.

Question 6 (c): The Board of Ministerial Training reported on the case of V. D. Longfield, the Registrar stating that he had written to the Dean of Garrett Biblical Institute concerning his studies, but had not yet received a reply. The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that he be continued on trial in the studies of the Third Year. This was done.

Reports: R. L. Smalley was called, his character passed and he presented his report. Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Longfield, and Miss Helen Everett were successively called and their characters passed
Question 6 (c): Frederick Morton was called and his character passed. The Board of Ministerial Training reported that they had had no word as to whether he had completed any of his studies. He was continued in the studies of the Third Year.

Reports: Miss Helen Everett's report was read by E. I. Everett. Mrs. Priscilla Berry presented her report. The following were successively called and their characters passed: Mrs. Guptill, Mrs. Brinton, Miss Jensen, Mrs. Hartzler, Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Morton.

Statistician's Report: Question 31, What is the Statistical Report? was taken up, and the Statistician presented his report.

Resolution: The following resolution was presented, and, after discussion during which the time was extended, was adopted.

Resolved: That we request the Central Mission Conference to revise the definition of the class of Beginners by making it understood that only those persons who definitely state their desire to follow Christ shall be included therein; but that they shall not be subject to discipline in the sense in which preparatory members and full members are, but shall be allowed to remain in the Beginners' Class so long as they claim a desire to follow Christ, even though in their practices they are not yet Christian; that they shall be kept in the Beginners' Class until they evidence not only a desire but a definite acceptance of Christianity to follow it as the way of life, and until they have a certain amount of training; that if a beginner definitely repudiates his desire, or, when requested by the Church to state his desire, refuses to make any answer, he shall be removed until such time as he renews the avowal of desire; or if he removes, leaving his address unknown for two years, he shall be automatically discontinued.

Further, we recommend that there be no definite class of "Hearers" in the sense of people merely inquiring as to whether or not they desire Christianity.

This resolution was also explained to the Native teachers present, and they were unanimous in their agreement with it.

Adjournment: The announcements were made, and adjournment to meet at the call of the President took place at 12:10 P.M. A. L. Piper pronounced the benediction.
Third Day, Evening Session.

At 8 p.m. the President called the Conference to order, at the home of Mr. Smalley. Hymn 411, O Master let me walk with Thee, was sung. Mrs. V. D. Longfield led in prayer.

Paper for Jubilee Conference: W. E. Shields read a paper concerning evangelisation in the mineral districts, which he had written by appointment of the Conference to be presented at the Congo Jubilee Conference. The paper was discussed.

Hymn 415, Faith of our Fathers! Living Still, was sung.

On motion, a committee was ordered elected to go over this paper with Brother Shields and bring it up at a later meeting to see whether a viewpoint satisfactory to all could be found. It was ordered that this committee be a Committee of the Whole.

Election of Delegate: On motion, J. M. Springer was elected as our delegate to the Congo Jubilee Conference to be held in September at Leopoldville.

Adjournment took place at 10:20 P.M.; R. L. Smalley leading in prayer.

Fourth Day, Saturday, August 18, 1928.

Devotions: Dr. Springer called the Conference to order at 9 A.M. The Conference stood and sang Hymn 48, Holy, Holy, Holy, and E. I. Everett led in prayer. Dr. Springer then read a portion from Daniel 9 and spoke on Confession. W. E. Shields gave the substance of the address to the Native brethren in Kiswahili. The following then offered prayer: R. L. Smalley, Mrs. Springer, R. S. Smyres, Kayeka, Dr. Springer. All prayed the Lord’s Prayer.

Amos Chimbu sang in Luunda, Jesus is all the World to Me.

Minute: The Minutes of the third day were read and approved.

Question 6 (b) was taken up. Nelson B. Capempe was called, his character was passed and he presented his report. Titus Balimweba was called, his character passed and he presented his report.

Question 32 What is the Conference Treasurer’s Report? was taken up, and the Conference Treasurer presented his report.
Question 35 was answered: (a) From the Book Concern, $25.00; from Elisabethville charge, $10.00; total $35. (b) Placed on deposit.

Regular time for Annual Conference Sessions*: R. S. Smyres presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the uncertainty of the time of our annual Mission Conference makes for inconvenience to the missionaries and causes less than best results to ensue from the meeting together;

WHEREAS, lines of communication have now been established throughout the bounds of the Mission, making it possible for us to meet at practically any time of the year except in the latter part of the rainy season;

Resolved: that we hereby respectfully request the Resident Bishop, after consultation with the Superintendents, to name a regular time for the holding of our Mission Conference annually, beginning with the year 1929. We state our first preference as being the month of November.

Question 39 was taken up. J. E. Brastrup gave a cordial invitation for the next session of the Conference to meet at Sandoa; and Mrs. Berry at Kabongo. On motion of V. D. Longfield, Sandoa was chosen as the place, with hearty thanks to Mrs. Berry for her kind invitation.

Adjournment took place at 10:35, to meet at the call of the President. A. L. Piper led in prayer.

Sunday Services

On Sunday morning, Dr. Springer preached to a large audience of missionaries and Natives, Brother Nelson Capempe interpreting. A testimony and prayer service was held in the afternoon at the Mission Church, while several missionaries went into nearby villages to preach. In the evening R. S. Smyres preached to the missionaries at the home of Brother Smalley.

Fifth Day, Monday, August 20, 1928.

Devotions: The President called the Conference to order at the appointed time, V. D. Longfield, Brothers Shedrach and Joseph, offered prayer, and all repeated «Our Father who are in Heaven»
After the singing of Hymn 411, *O Master let me Walk with Thee*, Dr. Springer read parts of John 14, 16, 17 and 26, and spoke on the Holy Spirit. W. E. Shields gave a short summary in Kiswahili. R. S. Smyres and Brother Nelson Capempe led in prayer. Hymn 197, *Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart*, was sung, closing the devotional exercises.

*Minutes:* The Minutes of the fourth day were read and approved.

*Excuse for Absence:* On motion of J. E. Brastrup, A. L. Piper was excused from to-day’s session because of illness.

*Special Meeting:* On motion of J. E. Brastrup, the program committee was requested to arrange a meeting for the missionaries, for testimony and mutual helpfulness.

Question 14 was taken up. On motion of R. S. Smyres, the President was requested to leave Titus Balimweba without appointment to attend school.

*Report:* W. E. Shields presented the report of the Committee on Native Ministry, and on motion, it was adopted.

Question 16 was answered, None.
Question 36 was answered, $50.
Question 33 was answered, (a) $10.00; (b) Nothing.
Question 29 was answered, No report.
Question 10, 11, 13 were answered, None.

*Recess:* A recess was taken from 10:40 to 10:55.

Questions 7 and 8 were answered, None.
Question 6 (a) None; (b) Titus Balimweba was called, and the Board of Ministerial Training reported that he had passed in the studies of the First Year. The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that he be continued on trial and passed to the studies of the Second Year. It was so ordered. (c) The Board of Ministerial Training reported that Nelson B. Capempe had completed the studies of the Second Year, and on the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations he was continued on trial and passed to the studies of the Third Year.

Question 12 (d) was taken up. Nelson B. Capempe was elected to Deacon’s Orders, his ordination to take place at some time when the Bishop visits the Congo.
Question 5, Who have been received on Trial? was taken up. Under (a), the Board of Ministerial Training reported that Amos Chimbu, Joseph Chikwej and Jeremiah Mwakasu had satisfied them in the examination for admission on trial. The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that they be received on trial and placed in the studies of the First Year. This was done by a vote of three to one.

Adjournment took place, to meet at the call of the President, at 11:20 A.M. W. E. Shields led in the closing prayer.

Sixth Day, Tuesday, August 21, 1928.

Devotions: The President called the Conference to order at 8:30 A.M. Hymn 745, Into the Woods my Master went, and 420, Truehearted, Wholehearted, were sung, after which Dr. Springer led in prayer and all prayed the Lord’s Prayer. Dr. Springer read portions of the 17th chapter of St. John’s Gospel, and spoke on the Prayer of Jesus. Hymn 481, O Love that Wilt not let Me go, was sung.

Recess: A recess was taken from 9 to 9:40 for the taking of a Conference picture.

Minutes: The Minutes of the fifth day were read and approved.

Reports: The Board of Education presented its report, which was adopted. The Committee on Policy presented its report. On motion the report was adopted, but the Secretary was instructed to omit it from the printed Journal, and to proceed as ordered in the report. The Committee on Resolutions presented its report, which was adopted.

Resolution: The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that we express our deep regret that the General Conference of 1928 did not find it possible to take some action on the Memorial sent up by the South Africa Central Mission Conference with reference to representation of the Cape Town Area in the General Conference, and that we send to the Board of Bishops a copy of this resolution with the request that they bear it in mind and use their influence to the end that the situation may be remedied, particularly in view of the unlikelihood of our Mission Conferences becoming Annual Conferences at any early date; and that it be sent also to the Editors of the Christian Advocates and Zion’s Herald.

Resolved further, that we request the other Conferences of the Area to take similar action.
Address: The three Native brethren received on trial into the Conference were
called to the front and addressed by Dr. Springer concerning the work of the
ministry. A. L. Piper led in prayer.

Work in Congo Institute: The Board of Education referred to the Conference
for discussion the matter of the kind of work to be done by pupils in the Congo
Institute. The following resolution was presented by W. E. Shields:

Resolved: that we recognize a three year period as the present standard of our
Institute course for pastor-teachers, and that this course include the teaching of the
dignity of all manual labor, and that all entering the Institute come with the understand­ing that they are pupils who are expected to study and obey in a good spirit in
all things, whether in the class-room or at manual tasks.

After discussion, in which the Native brethren took part, this resolution was
unanimously adopted.

Official Record: On motion of R. S. Smyres, it was ordered that the printed
Minutes be the official record of the Conference.

Motion for Adjournment: On motion of J. E. Brastrup, it was ordered that after
the reading and approval of the Minutes, the reading of the appointments. and
appropriate closing exercises, the Conference stand adjourned subject to the call of
the President

Closing: Dr. Springer addressed the Native brethren concerning evangelisation on their return home.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Question 38, Where are the preachers stationed? was taken up, and the
President read the appointments, and addressed the Conference briefly.

On motion of R. S. Smyres, a hearty vote of thanks and deep appreciation
was given Dr. J. M. Springer for the efficiency and brotherly spirit with which
he had conducted the Conference.

Hymn 564, God be with You till We Meet Again, was sung. Dr. Springer
pronounced the benediction in English, and W E. Shields in Chibemba.
This certifies, That the foregoing is a correct copy of the Journal and proceedings of the Eleventh Session of the Congo Mission Conference. This volume contains other matters presented under Conference action.

J. M. Springer, President.
Roy S. Smyres, Secretary.
IV. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. (a) Is this Annual Conference Incorporated according to the requirement of the Discipline? Yes, through a Personalité civile, W. E. Shields, Representant légal; R. S. Smyres, Representant légal suppléant.

(b) What officers and persons holding moneys, funds, etc. are bonded, and in what amounts, according to the requirement of the Discipline? None.

2. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference? None.

3. Who have been Readmitted? None.

4. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches? None.

5. Who have been Received on Trial? (a) In studies of the First Year. Amos Chimbu, Joseph Chikwej, Jeremiah Mwakasu.

(b) In studies of Third Year under Seminary Rule. None.

(c) Exempt from Course of Study under Seminary Rule. None.

6. Who have been Continued on Trial? (a) In studies of First Year. None.

(b) In studies of Second Year. Titus Balimweba.

(c) In studies of Third Year. Nelson B. Capempe, V. D. Longfield, Fred’k Morton.

(d) In studies of Fourth Year. None.

7. Who have been Discontinued? None.

8. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership? None.

9. What Members are in studies of Third Year?

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year. None.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously. A. L. Piper.

10. What Members are in studies of Fourth Year? None.

11. What Members have completed the Conference Course of study? None.

12. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons? d. Elected by this Conference to be Ordained when Bishop comes. Nelson B. Capempe.

13. What others have been elected and ordained Elders? None.

14. Who have been left without appointment to attend one of our schools? Titus Balimweba.

15. Was the character of each Preacher examined? Yes, this was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

16. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences? None.

17. Who have died? None.
18. Who have been located at their own request? None.
19. Who have been located? None.
20. Who have withdrawn? None.
21. Who have been deprived of the Ministerial Office? None.
22. Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.
23. Who have been expelled? None.
24. What other Personal Notation should be made? None.
25. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number or years consecutively has each held this relation? None.
26. Who are the Retired Ministers? None.
27. Who have been granted leave of absence? T. B. Brinton, C. C. Hartzler.
33. (a) What is the aggregate of the Benevolence Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? $10.
(b) What is the aggregate of the Benevolence Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? Nothing.
34. What are the claims on the Conference Funds? None.
35. (a) What has been received on these claims? From The Book Concern, $25; from Elisabethville Circuit, $10; Total, $35.
(b) How has it been applied? It has been placed on deposit.
36. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants? $50.
38. Where the Preachers stationed? See List of Appointments.
39. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? At Sandoa,
LIST OF APPOINTMENTS, 11th session, 1928.


ELISABETHVILLE - LUBA DISTRICT.
District Superintendent, E. I. Everett.


Kabongo Circuit: Supplied by Mrs. Priscilla Berry,* Miss Anna Olson,* (Kabongo, District du Lomami, Congo Belge).


LUNDA - CHIOKWE DISTRICT.

In charge of the Superintendent, J M. Springer.

Kapanga Circuit: A. L. Piper, Miss Helen N. Everett,* Amos Chimbu. (Kapanga, Lulua, Congo Belge).

Kapanga Girls' School: Miss C. Marie Jensen,*.

Sandoa Circuit: J. E. Brastrup, Joseph Chikwej, Jeremiah Mwakasu.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Left without appointment to attend one of our schools, Titus Balimweba. (Kanene, Dépêche Privée d'Elisabethville).

On furlough: T. B. Brinton (Christiana Pa.); R. S Guptill (Limestone, Maine); C. C. Hartzler, (Hayden, Ariz); Fred Morton, (Waterford, Va.); W. E. Shields, (Dodge Center, Minn.).

Roy S. Smyres,
Secretary.

*Lay Missionary of the Board.
VI. REPORTS.


On July 9th we arrived at Elisabethville for our 4th term in the Congo and our 5th in Africa. We had been absent from the Congo for two years and ten months.

During the nearly two years that we had been off the appropriations while in the U.S.A., rather than take a charge or some other position on salary as many of the other missionaries did to earn a living, we decided to trust the Lord to provide for our needs while we gave our whole time to the work of arousing missionary interest and incidentally raising funds for the Congo. We were kept busy doing continual deputation work, writing articles, getting two books into publication and providing much literature to increase interest and the giving of patrons.

Our support came mainly from collections taken at the church door after our addresses, supplemented by some undesignated gifts and some made especially for us by friends. Because of the agreements under which the Board of Foreign Missions was working with World Service Commission, the missionaries were strictly instructed not to make any public appeals for funds from the pulpits. But the Lord moved the hearts of many to give us privately special extra gifts for the Congo Mission. To many others to whom we presented the needs of our field, we were met by the statement that they were already pledged for the present to local interests and for two or three years to come but many promised help in the future.

In spite of the discouragements of the home base, we take up the work on the field with stronger faith and greater courage than ever. We are not unaware of the difficulties nor are we blind to the magnitude of the task before us as a mission but looking back over the 27 years since we first came to Rhodesia and the Congo, we see how the Lord has used small forces and limited resources to the accomplishing of great results. And so relying on His sure promises and of His Presence, we enter upon the work again with greater confidence in God's leading than on any previous arrivals in Africa.

In the brief time since our return, we have visited five of our main stations. At Elisabethville we were delighted to see the rising walls of the new Wallace Memorial Church so that there will be adequate room for the native congregation to assemble for worship for the old church has not been large enough to hold the people for some years.
At Likasi, the Wallace Memorial Manse is used not only as a residence but as a church as well. There were 27 British and Belgians gathered in the front room for a bi-lingual service the night of our arrival. Likasi is now looking forward to having its needs supplied in the way of a new church also.

All the work has grown and enlarged in these three years and very timely and heartening has been the gift from Mr. Frank B. Wallace which has not only provided for these three new buildings so greatly needed but also enabling us to fulfill the conditions under which the Government granted valuable plots of ground in the urban zones. The part of his gift set aside for endowment also is equivalent to keeping three missionaries on the field. Our present staff is far below par in numbers and without these three, our situation would be even more distressing than it is.

It was a great relief to find Dr. Piper greatly improved and we hope it may prove that he has entirely recovered from his recent attack of sleeping-sickness. He ought to be relieved of the large amount of general station work as the medical work alone needs all his time and strength.

Bro. Brastrup has done a fine job at building a new church at Sandoa and although it is not yet completed, we dedicated on Sunday, Aug 12th with some 400 natives present.

Some twenty pastor-teachers came in at Kapanga and twenty-four at Sandoa for a two-day meeting at each place. It was exceedingly gratifying to hear their reports and to learn of the progress that had been made. It is very gratifying to note that the old mud- and pole chapels are being gradually replaced by those of adobe brick.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that Mrs. Berry has been out on the out-stations instructing the natives in the erection of six adobe brick chapels replacing old ones that were tumbling down. This is splendid training for the natives as well as fine example.

At Kanene substantial advance has been made in these three years in the grounds, buildings and general equipment. We were glad to find quite a number of the more promising young men and teachers of the various circuits who wished to attend school here and advance on what they had learned already. Many of the teachers have had to be put in charge of work long before they were sufficiently trained and it is very important that they have a chance as soon as possible to study some more.
In conclusion, we find that the opportunities and complexities of the work have doubled and trebled in every part of our Conference area. However, we can but devote ourselves to the task, one and all, to do each day the best that we can, looking to Gsd for His blessing upon and acceptance of our work so that in the end we may each be able to say as did the Master, «I have finished the work Thou hast given me to do.»


M. President and Fellow-Missionaries:

*Introduction*

Conference at Kanene! It has been the object of some of our hearts now for some years. At last our anticipations are being realized, though not under as comfortable or commodious conditions as we may hope for at some future date. We meet without our bishop, but a complication in his plans has simply put off the date of his holding conference here to another year.

*Elisabethville*

The year at Elisabethville has seen changes in several ways. In the Elisabethville day-school the new conference curriculum of studies was put into practice successfully. Satisfactory progress was made by the pupils to fully justify its continued use. The school staff of teachers changed somewhat by trying out and eliminating some, but the year closes with the strongest native staff ever, consisting of Shedrach Mwilä, Silas Mwelwa, Kolya Changachanga and Lena Kabwe. For three-quarters of the year Mrs. Everett was in charge and helped the teachers to get in mind what the new curriculum required of them. The learning of the Belgian national hymn by the school children, in order to sing it on the arrival of the King and Queen of the Belgians was a feat which certainly merits a word of commendation, for they did it with zest. Mrs. Smyres has had a sewing class one day each week for the girls in the day school and because of it the attendance has been the best on that day of all the week.

*Evangelism*

In evangelistic effort we can record with joy the opening of two new outstations, for the year before saw two closed. Elisabethville and Likasi work as well, dependent as they are on migrant teachers find much difficulty in making
advance. The whole basis on which our evangelistic and educational staffing rests has through all the years been fortuitous. If preachers or teachers do not come along seeking to join our staffs there cannot be any rapid enlarging of the mission’s sphere of influence. The teachers in the outschools are far from efficient, but no pressure can be brought to bear sufficiently strong to increase their efficiency, for if pressure is used they will leave and there may be no one for months come along and offer himself for the work. As long as we depend upon migrant workers on our staff, we are doomed to but partially and inefficiently care for our great task at Elisabethville, Likasi and their environs. As soon as several Congo Institute trained men are available, the corps d’esprit and quality of work done will mount. It seems to me that the Congo Institute spells hope for the halting program of the E-ville and Likasi staffs, with the continually increasing inducements which the industries and commercial enterprise offer natives of the ability requisite to the work of the mission. Men trained and well-equipped for their work will respond more readily to the efforts of their missionary to help them increase in wisdom, and in the knowledge of their calling, and in their relations with God and man, than do many of those on our staffs who are teachers because it is a job which does not entail a large amount of manual labor.

A new day will have arrived in the town work of the Elisabethville station when the splendid new church edifice shall have been finished. With the coming of Brother and Sister Longfield to Elisabethville, fresh hope stirred in the hearts of the missionaries already there. The long looked-for, yearned-for, and prayed-for building program has begun. Its necessity all you have long ago realized.

Before taking our thought away from the Elisabethville work, I wish to pay tribute to the faithfulness of Luta Kabwe who year after year, till it is now five, has weathered the difficulties arising from the varied changes of missionary personnel with their accompanying variety of individual caprice.

Likasi

At Likasi, Titus Balimweba has been the outstanding helper during the year and deserves mention. We rejoice that he is one of the forward-looking evangelists who contemplates training in the Congo Institute and entering the conference.

Construction

The outstanding changes of the year have been the building of the new residence by Bro. Longfield, who occupied a rented house for some time till Bro.
Shields and his family went south, on the occasion of the Central Conference. The mission may be justly proud of the splendid new parsonage which affords the first proper housing ever given to any missionary appointed to Likasi or Panda. Bro. Longfield speedily executed the task of building and cared for the station work as well during Bro. Shields' absence of more than two months, and until moving to Elisabethville. The missionary who takes up his residence there will constantly be looking forward to the time when he will be able to return to construct the new church to take its dignified place in the missionary compound. The construction of the Panda chapel by Brothers Longfield and Shields marks an advance in our building policy. It has made plain the possibility of all steel constructed chapels which can be built at a moderate cost near mine compounds in such a way that they may be demounted, and transported and reassembled at another location at any time when the land upon which they are erected is called for by the authorities. We rejoice that Likasi has been able to add two new out-stations to its former number.

**Kabongo**

The advance of Kabongo has been, perhaps, the most phenomenal of any station this year. At our last conference Dr. Fred’k Morton was appointed here, but the appointment was changed to furlough on account of the health of Mrs. Morton. This necessitated sending Mrs. Priscilla Berry to Kabongo to remain alone for nine months. She has worked upon the principal of securing a bond of friendship with the people all through the territory, but especially with the chiefs, as being the most favorable approach to the Christian message of hope and good-will. She has had much joy in the response thus far. The year began with a much reduced evangelistic staff and with a number of outschools necessarily closed. The year closes with the number of outstations back to normal and with the prospects of opening more schools as soon as teachers are available. Kabongo chiefs have again become sympathetic to the work of the mission, through the help of God, and the friendly Christian advances of Mrs. Berry, so that the hostile attitude of a year ago has disappeared everywhere with only one exception, where the chief still persists in refusing to allow his people to have anything to do with the mission. Good progress is being made in the outschools, though this year has necessitated a good deal of shifting of teachers. The return of Mundele, after three years of training at the Congo Institute, has brought new efficiency to the station day-school and a lessening of responsibility for the missionary. He is a willing helper and a credit to the mission.
Kanene

"And what shall I more say» of stations? Can there anything good come out of Kanene?" I ask. The answer to that comes from the various missionaries who have already received back one or two of the first pupils they sent to the Institute. Brother Hartzler has been principal during the year, but has been assisted in teaching by Mr. and Mrs. Smalley and Mrs. Hartzler. The Institute was in session for eight months, and has now been closed since April in order to give a change to the pupils and allow them time to earn francs for clothing and their needs.

The farm work has been cared for by Brother Smalley and «speaks for itself," as he says. As work-oxen's labor costs much less than that of man-power, it would seem that a help toward the settlement of the perennial problem of feeding the Congo Institute pupils with their families lies in the purchase of and use of more oxen. The mission gardens have been extended this year, but need one more year of development to really make a substantial contribution to the food supply.

Personnel

At Kanene as well as on each of the other stations there has been a change of personnel among the missionaries since our last conference. Brother Hartzler left in March to go on furlough with his family to America. He had been preceded some weeks to Elisabethville by Mrs. Hartzler and James Albert, and on his own arrival there he was greeted by a new member of his family, which Mrs. Hartzler had introduced to the whole missionary family, on March 14th, a baby boy named Lynn Padrick. Mrs Everett and I came here to replace the Hartzlers, after travelling by way of Kabongo, to there help install with Mrs. Berry our latest fellow-worker, Miss Anna C. Olson. Miss Olson comes fresh from some splendid training in Cape Town University, but with a long-standing consecration to missionary service in her heart. We welcome her heartily to this her first attendance at a Congo conference, and trust that many years of fruitful effort may be hers in the Congo.

At Likasi the year has been broken some by the trip of Brother Shields to South Africa. He went to attend the Central Conference, but took his family on account of the critical condition of Ruth's right leg and foot, which have required special treatment for more than a year and a half now. After two months the father returned to his post leaving the family at Cape Town, where Ruth could get the
very best treatment which South Africa could afford. It has evidently been of little avail, and Brother Shields with the content of the Finance Committee plans to go on furlough immediately after conference, that the best orthopedic skill in America may be employed in her behalf. Let us all remember continually in prayer the dear Shields family, and in particular pray for the healing of Ruth.

In January of this year, Sister Longfield left Likasi for Elisabethville, in order to undergo an operation for appendicitis. We all rejoiced that the operation was successful and that the long-standing annoyance is no more. The addition of the Longfields to the Elisabethville missionary staff brought it up to the number which it had been once before for a few months in 1924, but in part made it possible for Mrs. Everett and myself to leave in June for work in the Congo Institute. Since Brother Longfield's major work at Elisabethville is the building of the new Wallace Memorial Church, there devolves upon the shoulders of Brother Smyres, already treasurer and mission correspondent the responsibility of all the evangelistic and educational work. The Longfields, though, have taken on a part of this work cooperating splendidly. Only those who have lived in Likasi or Elisabethville can realize how the heavy strain of the work there wears on one's nervous energy, God grant that he may have the spiritual strength as well as the physical strength to continue to carry on. Pleasant indeed have been the last two years there, working hand in hand with the Smyres. The comradeship in arms with him, and indeed the fellowship with all the missionaries has been what one has a right to expect when «all one body we» do «follow in his train.»

Eleventh hour addition

We all rejoice with Bro, & Sister Smalley in the birth of Eleanor Ann last night, August 15, 1928, the first conference baby in the history of the Congo Mission. May God bless her advent and her upbringing.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Irving Everett.

From July First 1927 till July Thirty-first, 1928.
Evangelistic work.

In the early part of the conference year, we had much agitation over the question of Kwikala, which is a form of snapping the fingers, which our native
Christians refused to do because of its spiritual significance. It caused our native pastors much trouble. But agitation has about stopped, and I believe the custom will die a natural death in course of time, if only we can keep the discussion of it in the background.

This agitation has led us missionaries to see more clearly how the growing Christian church conflicts with heathen custom on every side and how the native is chained down by his customs which are his laws. It shows also how we might at any time be thrown into some social upheaval of tremendous significance.

Services have been well attended, both at the mission and in the outstations. We are now supporting more than a quarter of the preachers from the collections. We were also able to set aside two thousand francs for the purchase of slates, as well as to help in building new houses for some teachers. Several new churches have been built in outstations. These have been built almost entirely of donated labor. These are of adobe bricks, not large but neat and tidy, and are in striking contrast to the open sheds which they have replaced. Miss Everett has shared in the preaching in the oversight of the educational and evangelistic work.

**Medical work**

We have had about twenty-two thousand attendance at the daily clinics in the thirteen months. This is a little larger than ever before. In the middle of the rainy season we had up to forty-five inpatients. This is the most we have ever had, save at the time of some epidemic. But the actual medical work done has developed more than the attendance shows. A large part of our patients are now receiving intravenous injections of some one of the powerful arsenical preparations. These people as a rule only come once or twice a week for treatments, whereas formerly these same people would have had to come every day. A larger percentage of our patients than ever before have had their diagnosis either made or confirmed by laboratory means, so that our treatments are more specific and more effective. In the past seven months we have enrolled seven hundred and ninety new patients.

So far as my opportunities allow me, I have been comparing the medical work of different missions. In some places nearly all the work is done by the missionaries. In such cases only a limited amount of work can be accomplished because of the smallness of the staff. In other places much emphasis has been laid on the training of native helpers. In such places large and effective
medical works have been built up. I am convinced as never before that training natives to do the work not only permits of accomplishing more now, but it lays a foundation for the future, whereas if the white man does all the medical work, after many years of effort no definite progress to solve the problem of the appalling mass of sickness has been made.

Soon two new microscopes will be here, and we will have opportunity to study our cases better. I wish especially to request friends to pray for us that we may press on in training native young men and women to study disease and care for their fellow beings, and thus follow where the Master trod. Mrs. Piper has opened a baby welfare clinic, with an average attendance of eighty each Wednesday. This baby work is medical, but it is also educational giving mothers advise, and it is one of our first steps in definite preventive medicine.

For several months I was at first completely then partially unable to follow my work because of an attack of Sleeping Sickness. I think I am now completely recovered. I wish to express my deep appreciation of the pains-taking and splendid care given me by Miss Everett and by Mrs. Piper, as well as helpfullness in the other work at that time. I want also to speak of the faithfulness and ability shown by my native medical assistant, and to thank God for restoring me to my work, and to mention the effective work of the body of native Christians in offering up a volume of prayer for my recovery.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L. Piper.

Report of Helen N Everett

Bro. President and Fellow-Workers

It is a great pleasure and privilege to meet in Conference Session after an absence of five years. I am reminded of what one of my friends recently wrote me: «Much water has flowed under the bridge since we last met.» As applied to the Mission, «Much of the water of life has not merely flowed under the bridge, but it has been directed by us all into new channels and is irrigating new fields.

The year at Kapanga has been a busy and interesting one. For convenience, my work may be divided into three parts: Girls’, Women’s and Evangelistic. Of these three, the «Girls» have claimed most of my energy and attention. There has been a maximum enrolment of 55 and an average of 49. in these 10 months of school. There were at least a dozen applicants who were refused admittance, as I
felt that I could not furnish adequate instruction to a larger number. I have been
pupil as well as teacher. With almost 57 varieties of individuals, I have had a 6
hour school day: 3 hrs. out-of-door (gardening and cleaning of compound) and
3 hrs. of classes. I have given the instruction to the most advanced girls in the
three R's, Bible, geography, singing, and French. Five assistants chosen from my
girls and under my supervision have taught the remainder of the pupils. I have
done very little preaching or lecturing the girls, but have tried to show them the
right way by the object lesson of working, sharing and, playing with them. As you
all know, many of them are naturally lazy, light-fingered, careless, selfish, boister­
ous, and do not know good sportsmanship. These traits I have been trying to
make them see as unlovely and entirely inconsistent with Christ's teachings. Many
of these girls have not openly taken a stand for Jesus. Nearly half of them come
from a notoriously heathen village. Oh for the prayer, patience, and perseverance
necessary to win them!

The women's work has included two branches, educational and evange­
listic, with one meeting a week for each. Only a dozen have availed themselves of
this opportunity to learn to read and write. Our slogan: No woman is ever too
old to learn has brought two gray-haired ladies whose progress has been most
painfully slow, but whose energy and interest have been an example to all. The
Bible Women's class numbers 80-odd members of whom about one half go out
every Sabbath morning in bands of six or seven with their leaders, to carry the gos­
pel to the villages.

My part in the station evangelistic work has been to hold the Musumba Sun­
day School, preach at either the A M. or P M. service and the mid-week prayer
meeting and play the organ for each gathering. Minor duties have been to look after
the native collections and the making of doors and windows for the out-station
buildings. The Sunday School has been a real joy. There are always at least forty
little ones present and often sixty; a crowd of little pinching, giggling mischiefs, on
whom I have imprinted some of the Bible stories. Two of them came to me of
their own accord and inquired what they should do to become Christians.

In all this work, results do come slowly; but so do most kinds of fruit that
are worth anything at all. A long time must elapse between the planting of the
seed and the arrival of the tree at the fruit-bearing stage. Those who have come
before us have planted, we have been watering, and God is already honoring us
with a good measure of increase; for which we heartily thank Him.

Yours respectfully,
Helen N. Everett.
Report of Victor D. Longfield.

Mr. President and Fellow Associates

After the conference of 1927 we went to Likasi and began the construction of the Likasi residence. The work went satisfactorily with a half-dozen boys while the material came slowly to the job. However the labor shortage continued after the material arrived in sufficient quantity to make reasonable progress. Gradually twenty boys were amassed around us.

In November the Shields left us for Central Conference and their midterm vacation, not returning until the first of February. In the meantime we continued with the building work, mission routine, and the language problem, all of which is now charged to good experience. The house was prepared for occupancy in April, however there still remains a little work on the eaves-troughing to be done before the rains begin.

The boys trained on the Likasi job were taken to Elisabethville, where quarters were erected in the native city to house them. We found that a tile roof could be placed on the building for practically the same amount as of steel. As no ceilings are placed in these buildings tile roof serves admirably in the two capacities. The commissaire says that we have the best building in the native city, and it is true that we should as a mission set the example in the proper treatment of the natives. We have done a little better than the usual "Good enough for natives".

The Wallace Memorial church was staked out and work begun May 28, 1928. The plans were O.K'd. by the gov't for the actual erection of the building and at the present writing the foundation is up to the ant-proofing on the front section and is rapidly nearing that level on the rear section. Responses to the requests for bids for the steel framing for the building have just begun to arrive, so no definite word can be given as to who will furnish the steel work for the building.

Before leaving for the present conference the kitchen (outside) for the parsonage at Elisabetville, and five more rooms in the native city were staked out and work begun.

The desirability of keeping the Likasi trained boys on the job complicated the language study problem, for they had to be kept at work profitably, the church building requires close supervision as it is a complicated layout. On top of that we have added to our duties a portion of the work left by the removal of the Everetts to Kanene, in order to balance the work with Mr. Smyres.

We are thoroly happy in the work of the mission, with our associates,
and are glad of this opportunity of being here in the Master's service.

Respectfully submitted.

V. D. Longfield

Report of J. E. Brastrup

Mr. President and Members of the Conference

The six years since Br. Brinton cleared the bush at Sandoa to start to build a Mission station near the Lulua River, among the Luunda and Chiokwe-tribes has seen rapid and great development in every way.

We have now spread over three government territories: Sandoa, Kafakumbia and Dilolo outstations in Luunda as well as Chiokwe villages. We try to serve these two big tribes alike both where literature and teachers are concerned.

On our station we train in our district boarding-school young men for pastor-teachers of both tribes. Having the benefit of teachers trained at Kapanga for many years the Luunda teachers still take the lead, but the Chiokwe teachers are increasing year by year so we have to reckon with this tribe where literature is concerned.

It was indeed a happy surprise to be able to welcome two of the Brethren missionaries who had come through from the Chiokwe country in Angola with 180 Chiokwe Testaments translated by one of those brethren, Mr. Mac Janet, and just printed by the British and Foreign Bible Society. Although the Chiokwe people can understand Luunda and have been used to read in Luunda it is easily conceivable, that this new Chiokwe-translation is being received with great joy.

A new enlarged Chiokwe songbook is being printed by the same Brethren and will, when finished, be available for a little price, which will be a great asset in our work. The people are ‘dying of hunger’ as they express themselves, because of the lack of literature. However this and next year will see several new books in both languages.

Miss Jensen has come back from Denmark with four new books in Luunda. Brother Brinton is trying to raise funds in the States to have printed two other books. Last and not least the rest of the New Testament in Luunda has now been completed and will be presented to the British and Foreign Bible Society for printing.

The Educational Work.

The District Boardingschool usually starts in September and ends in May.
This year we have around 40 pupils in the different grades. We expect of pupils coming from outstations that they at least should know the primer, but rather than to turn away a boy wanting to enter the Boardingschool we let him attend the primary school and at the same time giving him work at the Station so he can earn his living. We like to find a gradation of the school so we can line up with the gradation the Congo Institute. We appreciate that the Congo Institute has given us one teacher this year. We are urging our advanced students to go to the Congo Institute, but have not had much success this year.

*The New Church-School*

By a special gift from the Norwegian and Danish Methodists we are now building a combined Church-School at Sandoa. It is not yet finished and will not be finished before more funds are at hand. However all the brick-work is finished. It is a similar building as a model.

In the work we are indebted to Sr. Longfield for the drawing of the building plan and Mr. Smyres helping us to buy and ship the necessary building materials.

The dedication of the building has just been performed by Dr. Springer on his visit to our district. It was a very impressive dedication service and we hope and pray that this big building may be a center of our educational work in the district. We have asked each teacher in the district to send at least three pupils from their school each year. Thru the loyal cooperation of all our pastor-teachers and of the missionary staff in the District we shall succeed.

*The Agricultural Work.*

The great problem for our school is the food-question. Not being able any more to buy cassava-flour at Dilolo and the villages near by, they themselves being without food, our problem is acute. I have however laid under cultivation some of our fields for manioc. In addition with what I can cultivate this year I hope soon to be able to have enough of a supply for our Boardingschool. We have harvested several tons of rice this year and some wheat. We can easily sell our crops. It all helps along with our finances in these years when our work-appropriations are so small.

We like to put missions in to our agricultural work so the boardings-school pupils learn through that blessing of work. With the increase of the oxen belonging
to the pastor-teachers we will be able to break in oxen to be used for plowing the natives own fields.

Report of Anna C. Olson

Brother President and Fellow Missionaries

I feel today that I have much for which to praise God. Being in Africa as a Missionary I count as the greatest privilege of my life.

In recalling past experiences one sees those that stand out as Mountain peaks (as it were) which have influenced one in the important decisions of life. The first of these experiences in my life was my conversion. Having had the privilege of a Christian home I was taught the way of Salvation from my childhood. At the age of sixteen years, while attending the Camp Meeting at Des Plaines, Illinois, I was definitely converted, and immediately took an active part in Christian work.

For some time I enjoyed a bright Christian experience and real joy in service, but soon I found the thermometer of my Spiritual life registered very low, due to an incomplete consecration. In my spirit I was rebellious being unwilling to say «yes» to the whole will of God. I struggled on in this ‘up and down’ way until the day of the second outstanding experience, that of entire consecration. I remember the date and the very hour as though it were yesterday, for it was a real dying to self and selfish desires, and a being willing to go anywhere the Lord would lead.

I believe that my call to Africa came in response to my father's prayers. He, when a young man, felt a definite call to this country as a Missionary, and later regretted having let this opportunity slip by. When responsibilities came, and circumstances were such that he was compelled to remain at home, he prayed that one of his children might go in his stead. I am glad that before his death he knew that if the Lord opened the way it was my purpose to go to Africa. With this in mind I continued my studies in preparation for my future work.

I once heard a preacher say: «If you are up against a stone wall, knock, it may be a door.» The fact that I am here in the Congo today proves to me that the hard and seemingly insuperable wall which I faced in 1926 was a door which opened in response to the prayers of a praying mother and friends who realised the desire of my heart. The financial obstacle was removed when Mr. Skoglund, after hearing Bishop Johnson present the needs of Africa, offered to send me out, and to support me for five years. Thus the way was opened, and I set sail in September 1926.
After having spent one and one-half years in South Africa for further preparation, I arrived in the Congo in March 1928.

Often since coming to Africa I have thought of my father and how great would have been his joy to have given his life for Africa. I sometimes feel a tremendous responsibility in being (as it were) his substitute. But how much greater is our responsibility when we realise that we are representing Him who said: «As the Father hath sent Me, so send I you» . . . . . «Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel.»

With prayers for the advancement of His Kingdom in Africa, this report is respectfully submitted.

Anna C. Olson.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Whereas Bishop E. S. Johnson has returned to the Cape Town Area for another quadrennium, be it Resolved

That we welcome him back expressing our hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing him frequently in the Congo and that he may be able to arrange during the quadrennium to remain with us for a least a period of six months. We regret that the Bishop could not be present with us at this session of our Conference.

Whereas Dr. and Mrs. John M. Springer and Miss C. Marie Jensen recently have arrived from furlough to join us in the work in the Congo, be it Resolved

That we extend to them a hand of welcome wishing them many more years of active service.

Whereas Miss Anna C. Olson has joined us in our Congo Mission, be it Resolved

That we extend to her also a hearty welcome.

Whereas a Conference Baby has arrived at the home of our fellow missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Smalley, it be

Resolved

That we extend to the happy parents our hearty congratulation and best wishes for the future welfare of the little lady, Elinor Anne.

We extend furthermore our heartiest greetings to the Guptills, Brintons and Hartzlers and trust that we may welcome them back to the field in due season fully restored in health for another term of active service.
We greatly appreciate the splendid hospitality and efforts to make us comfortable under difficult circumstances, of our hosts at Kanene, the Smalleys and Everetts. Respectfully submitted.

VII. MEMOIRS,

Louisa Kamina Brinton

A member of our missionary family in the Congo has left us. Her name is Louisa. God presented her to Brother and Sister Brinton on the ninth of July 1918. Her sojourn of a few years was largely spent as a playmate with her two brothers, and as mother’s helper in caring for the chickens, ducks and rabbits. With happy spirit she lived, and loved all nature, finding much joy in searching and plucking flowers. The most insignificant and unattractive ones were beautiful in her eyes.

Although her interests were largely with her animals and her flower garden, yet her school work had its place, and her papers came back with excellent marks.

As a flower flourishes for awhile and droops in a weltering sun, her youth gave way under the onslaught of the tropical fever, and on August the twenty-ninth, 1925, her spirit flew away to Him who said, “Suffer the little children to come unto me; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

VIII. ROLL OF THE DEAD.

“They rest from their labors and their works do follow them.”

William Clark Berry; entered itineracy, 1921, effective service, 2 years, conference relation, effective; death, Nov. 23, 1923, Kisengwe, Congo Belge.