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FIRST DAY

UMTALI RHODESIA AFRICA, MAY 26, 1905.


TRANSFERS. Bishop Hartzell announced the following transfers to this Conference:
Abraham L. Buchwalter, from the Liberia Conference, a Deacon in the Studies of the Third Year, a Full member of Conference.
James E. Ferris, from the North Indiana Conference, an Elder and Full Member of Conference, studies completed.

SECRETARY. On nomination of E. H. Richards, James E. Ferris was elected Secretary. The Secretary of the last session of Conference not being present, the Bishop acted as Secretary up to this time.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY. On nomination of E. H. Richards, R. Wodehouse was elected Statistical Secretary.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS. The Bishop appointed James E. Ferris a member of the Board of Examiners and made him Chairman of the same.

DR. S. GURNEY. On the suggestion of the Bishop a Committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions concerning the home going of S. Gurney. The Bishop appointed E. H. Richards and R. Wodehouse as such committee.

REPORTS.

E. H. Richards, Presiding Elder of Inhambane District, made his report; (See Reports.)
E. H. Richards presented to the Conference the following: The New Testament in the Tonga and in the Sheeswana languages, printed by the American Bible Society. A file of the Inhambane Christian Advocate, the Sheeswana Hymnal, Elementary Principles of Sheeswana Grammar, Papisho ga Banana, and other samples of the work of the Printing Press of Inhambane District,
ADJOURNMENT. On motion the Conference Adjourned to meet at 9 o clock, Saturday morning. Bishop Hartzell pronounced the Benedic-
tion.

ATTENDANCE. The following were noted as Present; Full Members of Conference,- E. H. Richards, James E. Ferris. Probationers, J. M. Springer, R. Wodehouse. Other Members of the Mission, E. H. Greeley, Miss Virginia R. Swormstedt (W. F. M. S.) Mrs. J. M. Springer, Mrs. E. H. Richards, Mrs. J. E. Ferris, native Evangelist, Charles Yofele.

SECOND DAY

SATURDAY, MAY, 27, 1905.

OPENING EXERCISES. Bishop Hartzell read an I commented on Acts 9. Hymn No 770 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," was sung. Bishop Hartzell led in prayer.

JOURNAL. The Journal of yesterday's session was read and ap-
proved.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY. On motion the Secretary was in-
structed to send a vote of thanks and appreciation to the American Bible Society through the Rev. W. I. Haven D. D., New York, for printing the New Testament in both the Tonga and the Shekswa languages for our work in Inhambane District.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION AND TRACT SOCIETY. On motion the Secretary was instructed to send a vote of thanks to the Sunday School Union and Tract Society through the Rev. J T. McFarland D. D. New York, for the greatly needed donations of money for our work, especially in Inhambane District.

BOOK CONCERN DRAFT. The Bishop announced that the Confer-
ence was authorized to draw on the Book Concern for $30.00. On motion said draft was ordered. On motion it was ordered that said draft for $30.00 be placed on deposit by the Mission Treasurer with the Treasurer of the Missionary Society, New York, for the Superannuate Fund of this Conference.

ON MOTION OF J. E. FERRIS, all members of the Mission, the wives of the missionaries, and the representative of the W. F. M. S. were invited to participate in the proceedings of the Conference.

THIRTEENTH QUESTION. The Thirteenth question was called. "Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?" The characters of E. H. Richards and J. E. Ferris were passed.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS. The Bishop appointed the following Board of Examiners. J. E. Ferris, Chairman, R. Wodehouse, Registrár; E. H. Richards, J. M. Springer.
MISSION CONFERENCE.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 were called and answered in the negative.

FOURTEENTH QUESTION. The Fourteenth question was called:- "Who Have Been Transferred and to what Conferences?" The Bishop announced the following transfers:- J. H. Dimmitt to Iowa, Morris W. Ehnes to Central Ohio, Glen A. Baldwin to Central New York, J. L. De Witt to North Ohio, R. Emory Beetham to East Ohio.

TWELFTH QUESTION. The Twelfth Question was called:- What Others Have Been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

(B) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE. On motion of E. H. Richards, Abraham L. Buchwalter was elected to Elder's Orders. Not being present at Conference, the time and place of his ordination is to be fixed by the Bishop.

ELEVENTH QUESTION. The Eleventh Question was called:- "What Others Have Been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" On motion of E. H. Richards, Tizore Navess was elected to Deacon's Orders under the Missionary Rule. Not being present at Conference the time and place of his ordination is to be fixed by the Bishop. Tizore Navess is the first native to be elected to orders in this Conference.

NATIVE COURSES OF STUDY. On motion of J. E. Ferris, the Bishop was requested to prepare a course of study for Native Local Preachers, Exhorters, and other Helpers in the vernacular, as far as possible, and in English.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The Bishop appointed as an Advisory Committee on Courses of Study: E. H. Richards, R. Wodehouse, J. M. Springer, J. E. Ferris.

CONFERENCE MINUTES. On motion of J. E. Ferris, three hundred (300) copies of the Minutes were ordered printed.
The following subscriptions were received to meet the expense of printing the Minutes.

Bishop Hartzell. ........................................... $5.00
J. M. Springer. ........................................... $5.00
E. H. Richards ........................................... $5.00
E. H. Greeley. ........................................... $5.00
J. E. Ferris. ........................................... $5.00
R. Wodehouse ........................................... $5.00
Miss Virginia R. Swornstedt. ......................... $2.00
S. D. Coffin. ........................................... $2.50

ON MOTION OF J. E. FERRIS, it was agreed with Dr. E. H. Richards that he would print the Minutes and mail the same for $25.00

ON MOTION OF J. E. FERRIS, It was ordered that 50 copies of the Minutes be placed in the archives of the Conference, 25 copies be sent to the Missionary Secretaries, Editors of the official papers, and to the libraries of the Theological Schools, 25 copies to be placed at the disposal of Bishop Hartzell.
MISS VIRGINIA R. SWORMSTEDT, of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, stationed at Inhambane, made her report. (See Reports.)

REV. J. M. SPRINGER, Presiding Elder of Umtali District made his report. (See Reports.)

AUDITING COMMITTEE. The Bishop appointed the following as the Auditing Committee; J. M. Springer, E. H. Richards, R. Wodehouse, and J. E. Ferris.

EDITING REPORT. On motion of J. E. Ferris, it was ordered that the Presiding Elders edit their own reports.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE. On motion of E. H. Richards the Secretary and the Presiding Elders were made the Committee to publish the Minutes.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS. On motion of J. E. Ferris, the Mission Treasurer was requested to procure a steel trunk for the official records.

ADJOURNMENT. On motion of E. H. Richards the Conference adjourned to meet at the call of the Bishop.

BISHOP HARTZELL was called to Salisbury to confer with Rhodesian Officials concerning matters of importance to the Conference. The members from Inhambane District were obliged to return at once to secure passage to Inhambane.

The Doxology was sung, after which the Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Hartzell.

THIRD DAY
FRIDAY, JUNE, 2, 1905.

OPENING EXERCISES. Bishop Hartzell read and commented on 2 Chron. 15. 1-7. J. E. Ferris led in prayer.

JOURNAL. The Journal of the last session was read and approved.

REPORTS.

Rev. R. Wodehouse, Pastor of St. Andrew's Church, and also of the Umtali Circuit (Native) made his report. (See Reports.) J. E. Ferris, Principal of Umtali Academy, made his report. (See Reports.) E. H. Greeley made his report. (See Reports.)

MISS AGNES McALLISTER. The Bishop announced that Miss Agnes McAllister, appointed to the work at Inhambane at the last session of Conference, has been transferred to the Liberia Conference.

W. F. M. S. Bishop Hartzell made a statement of appreciation of the W. F. M. S. in establishing their work at the Old Umtali Mission and on supporting Mrs. Helen E. Rasmussen until January 2, 1905, when she then became the wife of Rev. J. M. Springer. The work is still being carried on by Mrs. Springer and will be up to the end of the five years term which ends in June, 1906. It is sincerely hoped that the W. F. M. S. will send another worker to take her place.
THE BISHOP also stated that he had concluded to ask the W. F. M. S. to transfer Miss Virginia R. Swormstedt to the Old Umtali Mission, where there is already a good house with furniture, and a number of girls are ready to be taken in with the promise of more. The work at Inhambane can be otherwise provided for the for present Miss Swormstedt has been in the work at Inhambane and her report indicates the good work that has been done.

TWENTY FIRST QUESTION.— The Twenty First Question was called: What other Personal Notation Should be made? Samuel Gurney, whose name appears as a member of this Conference at the last session, had not been transferred to this Conference as the Bishop supposed. Bishop Foss, not understanding that the transfer had been arranged with his predecessor, failed to approve. He is still a member of the New York-East Conference.

THE THIRTIETH QUESTION.— The Thirtieth Question was called: Where shall the Next Conference be held? The place of meeting was left to the presiding Elders.

THE TWENTY SIXTH QUESTION.— The Twenty Sixth Question was called:— What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? $32. 00.

QUESTIONS 27 and 28.— These were answered in the negative.

ADJOURNMENT.— On motion Conference adjourned. The Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Hartzell.

FOURTH DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE, 5, 1905.


JOURNAL.— The Journal of the last session was read and approved.

RESOLUTIONS.— The Bishop appointed R. Wodehouse and J. M. Springer, the Committee on Resolutions.

JOURNAL.— On motion of J. E. Ferris, the printed Minutes were made the Official Journal of the Conference.

NATIVE WORK.— Charles Yafele, a native worker, made an oral report of his work.

REPORTS.

THE REPORT of Mrs. J. M. Springer was read. (See Reports.) J. M. Springer made his report as the official representative to the General Missionary Conference of South Africa. (See Reports.) R. Wodehouse made his report as official representative to the Rhodesian Missionary Conference at Bulawayo. (See Reports.)

RHODESIAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.— The Bishop appointed R. Wodehouse to represent our Conference at the Rhodesian Missionary Conference to be held at Gwelo.
GENERAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OF SOUTH AFRICA. Any member of Conference who will find it convenient to attend the General Missionary Conference of South Africa was authorized to represent our Conference at said meeting.

E. L. Secrist.—The name of E. L. Secrist appears in the Minutes of the last Conference; but owing to illness of himself and wife, he did not arrive on the field. He is still under appointment.

THE FIFTH QUESTION.—The Fifth Question was called: "Who have been Continued on Trial?" In the Studies of Second Year.—F. D. Wolf's character was passed and he was continued on trial in the studies of the second year.

THE SEVENTH QUESTION.—The Seventh Question was called: "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?"

Robert Wodehouse and John M. Springer were called to the front. The Bishop asked the Disciplinary questions and addressed them on the duties and privileges of the Christian Ministry. R. Wodehouse I.a.1 already made his report. His character was passed. He was passed in the Studies of the First Year on which he was conditioned last year with the following grades:

American History, 75%, Broadus 90%, Sermon, 98%, Introduction, 100%, Miley, 90%.

He was passed in the Studies of the Second Year with the following grades:

Introduction, 100%, Miley, 90%, Logic, 100% English History, 85%.

He was advanced to the studies of the Third Year, Essay, Ecclesiastical Architecture, and Methodist Review, to be brought up, and was admitted to Full Membership.

J. M. Springer had already made his report, his Character was passed.

He was passed in the Studies of the First Year on which he was conditioned last year, with the following grades: Sermon, 98%.

He was passed in the Studies of the Second Year, with the following grades:

Essay, 96%, Grades from Garrett Biblical Institute and Northwestern University accepted for the other Studies.

He was advanced to the Studies of the Third Year, and admitted into Full Membership.

Both Brothers Wodehouse and Springer were Elders.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.—J. M. Springer presented the following motion which was carried:—That it is the sense of this Conference that one or more meetings of the Missionaries and Native Workers on each District should be held during the year, for literary and religious exercises with special reference to systematic training and examination of Native Workers: that the Committee on Native Courses of Study be
authorized to arrange for one or more such meetings.

ADJOURNMENT. — The Doxology was sung, Bishop Hartzell pronounced the Benediction. Conference adjourned to meet Monday night at 8 o'clock.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The following services were of unusual interest in St. Andrews Church. R. Wodehouse preached at 11 a.m. In the afternoon the Bishop dedicated the new Native Church at the Location. The cost of this building is $300. The natives present gave $375.00.

In the evening the Bishop preached to a large audience in St. Andrews Church.

FIFTH DAY

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1905

OPENING EXERCISES.— Hymn No 1.— "O For a Thousand Tongues", was sung. Bishop Hartzell read and commented on Isaiah 62. Mrs. J. E. Ferris led in prayer.

JOURNAL.— The Journal of the last session was read and approved.

EPISCOPAL FUND.— A communication from the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund was received. The appropriation was referred to the Presiding Elders to be raised.

INTRODUCTION.— Rev. Shirley D. Coffin, a newly arrived Missionary was introduced.

THE FOURTH QUESTION.— The Fourth Question was called:— "Who have been received on Trial?" Shirley D. Coffin, recommended by the East Douglass (Mass) Quarterly Conference, was received on Trial in the Studies of the First Year, (he is to bring up the Studies for Admission on Trial.)

REPORT.— The Auditing Committee made their report. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

RESOLUTIONS.— The Committee on Resolutions made their report. Resolutions concerning Bishop Hartzell, the General Missionary Convention, Dr. Samuel Gurney, The Rhôdesian Government, Native Affairs were adopted. (See Resolutions.)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.— The Advisory Committee on Native Courses of Study was made a Standing Committee.

STATISTICS.— The Statistical Secretary made his Report. (See Reports.)

ADJOURNMENT.— On motion of J. M. Springer, it was ordered that after the reading of the Minutes, religious exercises, the address by the Bishop, and the reading of the Appointments, the Conference adjourn sine die.
The Bishop lead in prayer, he made an address to the Conference reviewing the work of the past year and outlining the work of the coming year, after which he read the Appointments. (See Appointments.) and Conference stood adjourned, the Bishop pronouncing the benediction.

(Signed)

Joseph C. Hartzell
President.

James E. Ferris
Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on Thursday July 20th 1905 I ordained Tizore Navess a Deacon in the Church of God at Makodweni Mission Station, Inhambane District.

(Signed) J. C. HARTZELL.

“Sweet Bye and Bye.”

Ku ku na ni litigo ladi,
Ku kukolwa hi ngu li wona,
Hi kaledwe ku Babe watu,
Ku dongiswa wulanga umo.

Tigo lo, tigo lo,
Hi na kala ku kucamba tigo lo
Tigo lo, tigo lo,
Hi na kala ku kucamba njajini.

Hi na emba jinjimo jadi,
Ji embwago ku batu omo,
Hi na ciya ku bible aba,
Ku caniswa ku-mwalo kambe.

Pfumu-tunu kengo lo yatu,
Hi na ninge ku koza kwatu,
Hi na gira milandu yaye,
Hi na kala nyumbani kwaye.
TIZORE NAVESS
First Native Ordained in the Conference,
Inhambane District.
MISSION CONFERENCE.

DESCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1 Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?
   Abraham L. Buchwalter from the Liberia Conference a Deacon in the Studies of the Third Year.
   James E. Ferris from the North Indiana Conference, an Elder.

2 Who have been Readmitted?
   None.

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

4 Who have been Received on Trial?
   Studies of First Year.
   Shirley D. Coffin.

   in Studies of Third Year.
   None.

5 Who have been Continued on Trial?
   in Studies of First Year.
   None.

   in Studies of Second Year.
   Frank D. Wolf.

   in Studies of Third Year.
   None.

   in Studies of Fourth Year.
   None.

6 Who have been Discontinued?
   None.

7 Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?
   Elected and Ordained Deacons this year
   None.

   Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
   Robert Wodehouse, John M. Springer.

What Members are in Studies of Third Year?
Admitted into Full Membership this year,
East Central Africa

Robert Wodehouse
John M. Springer.

Admitted into Full Membership Previously.
Abraham L. Buchwalter.

9 What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year.
None.

10 What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?
Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
None.
Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
None.

11 What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
As Local Preachers.
None.

Under Missionary Rule
Tizora M. Navess elected and to be ordained later, not being present at Conference.
Under Seminary Rule.
None.

12 What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?
As Local Deacons.
None.

Under Missionary Rule.
Abraham L. Buchwalter, elected and to be ordained later, not being present at Conference.
Under Seminary Rule,
None.

13 Was the Character of each Preacher examined?
This was attended to as the name of each was called.

14 Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?
J. H. Demmitt, to Iowa, Morris W. Ehnes, to Central Ohio,
Glen A. Baldwin, to Central New York, J. L. De Witt, to North Ohio,
R. Emory Beetham, to East Ohio.

15 Who have Died?
None.

16 Who have been Located at their own Request?
None.
17 Who have been Located?
   None.
18 Who have Withdrawn?
   None.
19 Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?
   None.

21 What other personal Notation should be made?
   Samuel Gurney, whose name appears as a member of the conference at the last session, had not been transferred to this conference as the Bishop supposed. Bishop Foss not understanding that the transfer had been arranged with his predecessor, failed to approve.

22 Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?
   None.

23 Who are the Superannuated Preachers?
   None.

24 Who are the Tiers of Appeals?
   None appointed.

25 What is the Statistical Report for this year?
   See Statistical Tables.

26 What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
   $32.00

27 What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?
   None.

28 What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?
   $20.00 from Book Concern dividends,
   It was sent to New York to be invested.

29 Where are the Preachers Stationed?
   See Appointments.

30 Where shall the Next Conference be held?
   To be decided by the Presiding Elders.
APPOINTMENTS.

UMTALI DISTRICT.

ROBERT WODEHOUSE, Presiding Elder.
Beira,—to be supplied.
M' Ronkin's, Native Reserve, † Eddy H. Greeley.
M' Ratsika's, Native Reserve, † David M. Tulu and wife.
M' Tambana's Native Reserve, † Stephen Tyiki
Penhalonga:
European Work,—to be supplied.
Native Work, † Charles Yofele and wife.

Umtali:
St. Andrews: Robert Wodehouse.
Native Churches, (2) † Wm. Yofela.
Native Schools (2) † Wm. Yofela, and wife, and other assistants.
Work among Native Women, † Mrs. R. Wodehouse.
Umtali Circuit, Twelve Native Stations supplied by seven native workers.
Umtali Academy, James E. Ferris, Principle
† Mrs. James E. Ferris, Matron and Teacher,
† Miss Stratton and † Miss Bennett, Teachers.

OLD UMTALI DISTRICT

JOHN M. SPRINGER, Presiding Elder.
Chikonga's Kraal,—to be supplied.
European Church, Shirley D. Coffin.
Girls Home, Virginia, R. Swormanstede,—supported by Woman's Foreign Mission Society.
Mtasa's Kraal,—to be supplied.
Native Circuit, Supply and native Evangelists.
Old Umtali Mission, J. M. Springer, Superintendent,
Agriculture, † M. B. Spear
Mechanics,—to be supplied.
Medical Work, Samuel Gurney.
School, The Superintendent, † Mrs. John M. Springer,
Shirley D. Coffin and native assistants.

INHAMBANE DISTRICT.

ERWIN H. RICHARDS, Presiding Elder.
Gikuki, Ngumuni and Nwazikari,— E. H. Richards, † Mrs. E. H. Richards and two Native teachers, * Cambisane and * Matewu.
Makodwani, Doroti, Mayebeni, Xidambane, Muzungulume, Bokisi, Kobeni, and Kofeni,
* Tizore, native Pastor, and native teachers, * Josiya, † Xinza?ane † Tomasi, † Jaketi, † Samneli, † Charley, † Tom Yomade.

N. B. Those with mark, not members of Conference.
Chief Enemy of the Missionary. Inhambane District.
MISSION CONFERENCE.

REPORT OF THE NEW UMTALI CIRCUIT.

R. WODEHOUSE PRESIDING ELDER.

The white work in connection with this Circuit since last Conference has been difficult and up-hill, but I am glad to say that now there is an increased interest in the services, and the congregations are increasing; several new members have joined us by letters from other churches. The coming of Rev. J. E. Ferris and wife to the Academy and their interest in the work has helped us much. We are hoping and looking for a revival, it is expected that arrangements can be made with the Rev. D. Russell, the well known Missioner, to conduct a series of services in the near future; we are praying that God will give us a gracious outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

New families are coming into the town with the result that some have connected themselves with the church, and thus increasing the family life of the church. An effort is being made locally to raise funds by means of an oratorio to furnish and complete the inside of the church. The Sunday School is in a prosperous condition with a slight increase over last year. We regret the loss of the Superintendent Mr. Brown who has removed to Selukwe but we are fortunate in getting a new teacher in the person of Mrs. Perrim, who has taken charge of the Infant class. St. Andrews Social and Literary Society has been well sustained, and is a boon to the young men, special emphasis has been given to the social side, and we believe it has saved some from going to the saloon.

By request we have entered the field at Penhalonga, several services have been held already and we have promised to give a monthly service to the white people. We have here one of the greatest fields for native work in Rhodesia, there are at present over two thousand boys at both mines, with a probability of a considerable increase in these numbers in the near future; Mr. Barker the manager and Engineer is a good Christian man and in full sympathy with the work, we are hoping it can be arranged to put up a school in church for the natives soon.

The native work in New Umtali is in a flourishing condition and full of interest. The regular Sunday congregations have never been so good, and we are glad to report that conversions are continual occurring in the town church. On three nights in the week a night school is held and a class--meeting and singing class on the other two nights. Mrs. Carson is arranging to help us in the night school work, An interesting sewing class is carried on amongst the women by Mrs. Wodehouse.

We have been pushing out and opening up new work, at the Location a new school church has been built by myself for the most part with the assistance of the evangelist, Charles Yofele, in which regular services are being held and a day school for the native children.

A new and important mission station has been opened up at M. Ratseka’s Kraal and a church has been erected by the assistance of the Chief, David N’Tuli and his wife have been sent to this place and
already the Lord has been wonderfully blessing the work. Some forty conversions have been reported and there are nearly one hundred children on the school register, this exceeds our highest expectations. There are also a number of Kraals in the vicinity, these have been mapped out and are being visited periodically by David N'Tuli.

Another new and important station, some fifty miles South of Umtali has been entered. I have visited this place in company with an evangelist three times, holding a series of services each time with the result that the Chief M'Tabara gave a hearty invitation to open up a mission station in his Reserve, which has a large population. The Government has given its consent. This is a good field for a large and extensive work, and I am hoping to make arrangements to have a new church put up this year to seat four or five hundred people. The country is very fertile and well watered by two rivers.

Two missionary journeys have been taken since last Conference with the object of finding out new fields for extending our work. We were away several weeks, walking about five hundred miles, and going due South passed down the banks of the Odzi river, and continuing down the Sabi river, preaching and holding services on our way at the various Kraals. There is a large population especially on the banks of the Sabi river, while this is a good field, yet it will be very difficult to work on account of the fever which prevails there in the wet season. From that point we took a north-westerly direction and passed through Chief M'Ronki's country visiting Kraals where a missionary had never been seen. We climbed up M'Ronki's big mountain and spent several days at his great place holding services, with the result that this native Reserve which is the largest in this part of the country is now open to us by invitation of the Chief, and consent of the Government.

There are now fifteen stations in connection with our native work in this Circuit, which are being worked and having the Gospel preached to them regularly.

We could not do this if it were not for the fact that, beside our regular paid Teachers, Evangelists C. Yofele, and D. Ntuli there has been raised up from our native work in town in about four years time, seven exhorters who, thank God for the privilege of preaching the Gospel, and they preach it well under the demonstration and power of God's Spirit, to sustain all this work we have an appropriation of only nine hundred dollars this year.

Beside this I have two lads in training for the work, and am giving them a certain time each day excepting Saturday and Sunday.

So it will be understood I am living a very busy life and working at high pressure. The white work with all its responsibilities and difficulties, and the vast native work, scattered as it is over a considerable area, stretching from Penhalonga on the North to the junction of the Odzi and Sabi rivers on the South, and from Chief Zimunya's on the West, to M'Ronki's on the East requires much thought and planning.
We bless God for these open doors and privileges of Christian service. My wife has entered fully and sympathetically into the work as far as her strength has permitted.

R. Wodehouse.

Report of Missionary Conference held at Gwelo,

A missionary Conference consisting of representatives from the principal Missionary Societies working in Rhodesia was held in Bulawayo in January 1904.

As official representative of the East Central Mission Conference, I attended in company with Mrs. Rasmusson. Many questions were discussed affecting the work in Rhodesia in which your representative took active part.

During the Conference an opportunity was given of meeting the Administrator, Sir William Milton, and discussing some of the difficulties of the work. Sir William expressed his sympathy and interest in the work and his willingness to do all in his power to meet the various Societies in settling difficult questions that might arise from time to time in their relation to the Government.

The local papers rendered much help in publishing the proceedings from day to day and were friendly and sympathetic.

It was decided to hold the next Conference at Gwelo, as it was more centrally located.

(signed) R. Wodehouse.

REPORT OF UMTALI ACADEMY

JAMES E. FERRIS, PRINCIPAL.

On the 29th of September, 1904 at Indianapolis, Indiana, Mrs. Hartzall appointed Mrs. Ferris and myself teachers in Umtali Academy.

Sailing from New York, November 9, we reached Salisbury, Rhodesia, December 11, and Umtali December 14. The Academy had its last day of school December 15. Rev. J. M. Springer had arranged a literary program, after which a reception was given us, affording an opportunity of meeting many of the parents. The report of the school for the past year has already been given by Rev. J. M. Springer, Presiding Elder, in his excellent report.

The Academy re-opened February 1st, with the following organization:— Kindergarten and Music Department, Miss Elsie Bennett, Teacher.

Primary Department, Mrs. J. E. Ferris, Teacher.

Intermediate department, Mrs. Tucker, Stratton Teacher.

Advanced Grades, James E. Ferris, Teacher.
A Night School was opened February, 1, for the accommodation of such as could not attend during the day. Eleven (11) pupils have taken advantage of this department.

The enrollment of the Day School is 46; Night School, 11;

Total enrollment 56.

The Academy has been for many years斧 the co-operation of Bishop Hartzell and the members of the Conference, as well as the patrons of the school. The Rhodesian Government has supported the Academy in a splendid way by paying half of the salaries and half of the expenses of the school.

The present outlook is very encouraging. There is a need in this section of Rhodesia for a school of high grade to prepare students for the English and Colonial Colleges and Universities. The Umtali Academy can supply this need and only needs the cooperation of the community and financial aid to carry out this purpose. It is the hope that out from the Academy will go those, who will become teachers and preachers in the schools and churches of Rhodesia and Africa, as well as those who will enter other useful callings. Plans are being made by Bishop Hartzell, the Rhodesian Government, and the Rhodesia Railway for the education of the children of the Railway employees, who live distant from schools.

Three pupils in the Academy are preparing to take the Cape University examinations this year.

The value of the property of the Academy is $25,000. $1000. has been paid on the indebtedness. The present indebtedness is $8000.

(Signed) JAMES E. FERRIS, PRINCIPAL.

REPORT OF E. H. GREELEY

Twenty months have passed since we met at Conference and again we look back over the work done and forward to new efforts.

In April 1904 I went to Kuguta, Mtasa's Kraal to begin work in that largest native town in Manikaland. The King received me cordially, and gave me a hut near his own. At last, I thought, the Lord has put me where I so much longed to be ever since I came to Africa. I hoped my stay would be permanent. Jesus was my song by night, and my prayer by day. I almost forgot the filthy little hut I lived in and the meager equipment I had for winning souls.

Much seed was sown during the few months I lived there and I hope someday ripened sheaves will appear though at present little can be seen to encourage one. Prayers were held night and morning in the little hut and all who wished to come were made welcome to it. Alfred and Victoria did their part in bringing in the little ones with whom they played.

Each evening was devoted to teaching Christian songs and other teaching in their own language to the company which crowded my hut
Beautiful Umtali
inside and ont.

The healing of ulcers, burns, cuts and curing of other sickness chronic and acute was done openly and with the approbation of all the people. 600 treatments were given, most of which I should never have been able to have given, but for the instruction so freely and carefully given me by Dr. Gurney. The experience gained in the Dispensary, attending to all cases during Doctors temporary absence was of rich value in this work. I wish here to express my hearty gratitude for the privilege of being associated with him, and for added ability due to him which I now have to work for our Master.

When it seemed expedient for me to leave the Kraal for a time, tho still on most friendly terms with Mtassa I did so with a heavy heart, yet with the conviction that I had done all I could to win a place for Jesus in the hearts of the old and young. My attention was then turned to Bogoto, eight miles West of Umtali. Dr Gurney' Charge, he feeling it necessary to give it up on account of much malaria.

I made a few weeks visit there and to the ten subordinate kraals round about. These are all small kraals but kindly disposed to the teacher, preacher, or Doctor. Most of these places were visited several times and some of them many times. Many of the young men in these kraals were in our school at Old Umtali in the years past and are now coming into prominence, and are glad to see the missionary. We have here a mission hut and Sunday nearly always brings from ten to forty to hear the word.

A trip to Gonde, seven miles North West from Old Umtali, where I have often been asked to come, brought to light a dozen more kraals. These are also small, but anxious for a teacher to live at a central kraal.

My last trip was to Makoni, chief of the Waungwe, forty miles North West of Old Umtali and as many of his kraals as I could on the trip. The kraals are large but isolated,-only once did I find two kraals near each other. One kraal asked for a teacher and offered to help build a hut.

My conclusions concerning the work where I have been are as fol- lows:- Kuguta is not open save for occasional and short visits, not exceeding ten days in length.

Neither at Gonde, nor at Ishi Konga's is the population sufficient to warrant the residence of a white missionary: and yet the people are favorable to our work and are influenced constantly by proximity to Old Umtali.

Alfred and Victoria are now Eight and Five years of age, in perfect health of mind and body. Their spiritual enlightenment has been a constant care to me. They are taught to memorize Scriptures, songs, commandments etc. in addition to reading, writing, numbers, spelling,
and other knowledge. They were with me at Mtassa's and other places, and most of the time my chief company as they talk both English and the native.

Other work as the planting of trees, seeds, plants and caring for them, together with grading, terracing etc, has been done as time permitted at Old Umtali.

The Umtali District.

John M. Springer, Presiding Elder.

It might be well to remind ourselves as well as others that this is but a young mission and that we have not had time as yet to grow far from the beginnings of things. Bishop Hartzell explored the district with a view to missionary work first in 1897. The next year the first missionary and his wife arrived, in the following year others and nearly every year since has seen new arrivals.

Our work is to preach the Gospel to all, and since there are many Europeans in the country, in facing our responsibility as a church, these make a large claim to our attention and efforts.

The district is only fairly well populated with natives, but they are superior in ability and possibilities. The indications point to a multitudinous population in past centuries, and with the present rate of increase it is sure to be so again.

As a whole in the work throughout the district we have had perhaps an unusual number of difficulties and discouraging circumstances. Yet we are able to report substantial progress in all lines and the evident blessing of God on our work, as will be seen more particularly from the various detailed reports.

All the work in hand at last conference time has been continued and developed except in the cases of the work among Europeans at Penhalanga and Beira, at both of which places it seemed wise and necessary to discontinue, at least for the time.

As will be more particularly stated in one of the reports, a new mission station has been established in a native village 12 miles south of Umtali with a capable and earnest native evangelist from the Colony in charge. I visited this station in company with Bro. Wodehouse and was greatly pleased to see how the work had opened up and what a hold the teacher had on the people after so short a time. On his tours through the villages farther to the south, Bro. Wodehouse has prepared the way for several more such stations and in many cases the people are even anxious for us to send teachers to them. This section needs several native evangelists and a resident white missionary at the earliest possible moment.

In Umtali the situation in regard to the church and school for Europeans is strong and encouraging. All have done steady and good work
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this past year.

To the North many villages have been visited by Bro. Greeley and by the young men from the mission at Old Umtali and there also the call is for teachers in many towns.

Expansion is the need and the watchword throughout the District and five pivotal points at least should be occupied by white missionaries at the earliest possible moment, two or three are almost imperative this next year.

THE UMTALI ACADEMY.

It falls to me to report in particular for the Umtali Academy (The Umtali Public School) for nine months of the past year. On the first of April on short notice, the Principal suddenly left his work, two of the other three teachers going with him. Another man who was available for the work refused to take it up. It thus became necessary at the time for me to take charge of the school, assuming all the work of Principal which included teaching the higher grades during the five school days. This involved my absence from my other regular work for five days of the week, though I had all the business and general oversight of that work still to attend to. Other teachers were secured and the work continued uninterruptedly. During the middle quarter Mr. Duthie the Government Director of Education visited the school and made the following report to the Administrator. "I have to report that generally speaking under the temporary staff the school has done well, the numbers are 55 which is only 3 less than the previous highest, and from conversations with parents I find that they are satisfied with the progress of the children."

The population of Umtali is changing constantly and thus many pupils come and go each term. This makes the conditions very unsatisfactory at times. Toward the close of the year several pupils left to take up work in town, but with all this besides a defection of a few pupils who retired with one of the teachers, the enrollment at the end of the nine months was just about the same as at the beginning. At the present it seems to be on a steady and certain increase.

Other necessary changes were made in the teaching force during the nine months. The last occurred at the end of that period, in December, when Bro. J. E. Ferris and his wife, both splendidly fitted for the work arrived and took charge of the institution. The work as a whole is now carried on as efficiently at least if not more so than ever before, which maintains it in the front rank of the schools of Rhodesia.

THE UMTALI INDUSTRIAL MISSION.

In the face of many difficulties this Mission has made noted progress during the past conference year. At its beginning we had not yet passed the period of comparative indifference on the part of many of the boys to education and we found it necessary to assist in their support even
beyond their food: we have passed from step to step until now we give no money to pupils during school time and all new comers must bring three pounds ($15) as a matriculation fee. Two boys have already paid this amount and are in the school and others have signified that they are coming soon. This marks a distinct advance and puts us on a definite and substantial basis. The payment of such an amount also gives us a hold on the pupil for the time that he is in school.

Another report will give the details as to the attendance and the work at the day school. With the advance of the pupils the course has been enlarged and the school better organized. Large place is given to religious instruction in the curriculum. In the advanced classes particularly, two out of three of the daily reading lessons are in Bible, one in English and one in the vernacular. We seek ever to keep before our minds that the primary object of the work is the revelation under the blessing of the Holy Spirit, of God as the Father and Christ as the personal Saviour of the soul.

During the year I have baptized six natives, making ten altogether now in the Mission. Practically all the other pupils are seekers or probationers.

Soon after my release from the extra work at the Academy I resumed English preaching services each Sunday morning. Many of those connected with the mines near at hand attend these services and the congregations range from a few to as many as twenty five.

During the past year five young native married couples have come to the Mission for schooling. Some have proved undesirable or unpromising as pupils and so have been dismissed. However we are glad to be able to offer the advantages to such of this class as give promise at their advanced age of improving.

We are glad to be able to report that the break has occurred in regard to the work among girls. Five have come for school and we believe that they are but the forerunners of many who with their brothers aspire to new and better things than their old lives afford, and they look to the Mission to give them the necessary education. This is a most important feature of our work, as some of the older boys are nearly ready to begin work as teachers and evangelists and in being put on out-stations it is important that they be married.

The policy of having the pupils in the school work a half of each day and that the first half is continued. "Work, Study, Play," is the order, and we are more wedded to it than ever before. In the education of the African, as with all races, we believe that no principle is more important to inculcate than that industry comes first in a good life, and that one should earn his food and the right to schooling before receiving them.

Financially we can report encouragement. Crop failure and loss of
Class in Out Station Day School. Inhambane District.
cattle had left us in considerable difficulty at the beginning of the year. This indebtedness has been considerably reduced, the Mission equipment has been materially improved, and the fields enlarged and improved.

In 1904, counting just the local expenses of maintaining the farming operations, the value of the crop produced, balanced this with ten dollars and there is to the credit of this department besides a large amount of unproductive and unrequited, yet necessary, work of a general nature. The above expenses include the wages of the Foreman. We are now assured that with a good crop this department will carry itself. Salaries of missionaries and improvements and enlargements will, of course, need to be otherwise provided for. This with increasing receipts from tuition and from special gifts, the outlook is distinctly encouraging.

Of improved equipment made during the year we would particularly mention the windmill and house attached. This mill is used in grinding meal. With a good steady wind it supplies more than enough for our own use. We have a very good market right at hand in the mines for all our surplus produce.

In 1904 we had a good crop. From 100 acres we raised more than 1000 bags (4000 Bushels) of corn. The crop being abundant throughout the country, we were obliged to dispose of a considerable quantity of this at about 10s. per bag 75 cts. per bu. The year 1905 is a semi-famine year through this district and with a slightly increased acreage we are not likely to get much more than half as much as last year.

Corn is our principal crop, though sweet potatoes and beans are also grown to some extent. A few of the 89 fruit trees on the place are beginning to bear. At the Agricultural Show in Umtali this year we took first prizes for apples and white beans.

There is a sure prospect now that within a few weeks we shall be able to put several acres under irrigation not far from the Station. This will mean a greater opportunity for profitable crops.

The medical work of the District has centered at this Mission. Patients have come from considerable distances and have shown an increasing confidence and appreciation of the services rendered them. Of the blessing and value as well as the need of skilled medical attendance for the native there can be doubt. Its interruption will be a distinct blow to the District, and it is to be hoped that it will not belong before it is resumed.

Beginning about May 1904 mining activities began anew on all sides of our Mission. Under the new mining law individual men of limited means are able to work mines on a small scale, and where the quartz is good, at a considerable profit. The number of natives working on these mines, which are many of them within two miles of the station, has constantly increased and a few months ago we began holding religious services among them on Sunday. The managers are most friendly in the matter, and very willing for us to enter this field for religious service. After hearing the Gospel for only a few Sundays, many of the natives have
expressed a distinct desire to turn from their old ways of life and seek after God. Here the seed is sown in the hundreds of natives who otherwise would probably never hear the Gospel for years if ever. These men scatter to their homes in many directions and we feel sure that God will surely guard and fertilize much of this seed.

During the vacations pupils from the school have gone in groups to various villages and have preached the Gospel for the first time to many from several towns they have brought back definite requests for teachers to come and settle.

To sum up of particular results of the work of the year we would mention,

a) The approximate self support of farming operations.

b) Cessation of support of pupils aside from food, and the charging of tuition all for comers.

c) The opening of the work among girls.

d) The inauguration of Compound work among the natives working on neighboring mines.

But the most notable result of the years work is a steady growth in many of the pupils of an intelligent Christian devotion. Constantly the thought is kept before them that as they have received much that they will be expected in turn to give much.

This mission is a central station and is sufficient with constant improvement and increased equipment to serve as the educational center for our work in all this section. But for its greatest usefulness it needs out stations to serve as feeders. We hope to see two or three opened this next year, and as these are developed we shall be able to put out trained young men as workers and helpers.

In conclusion we would say that throughout the year our hearts have been warmed and gladdened by the constant blessing of Almighty God, who has Himself been the great worker, and He has been pleased to own and bless the imperfect service that we have been able to render. To him be all gratitude and praise.

REPORT OF HELEN E. SPRINGER, 1903-1905.

Having been appointed by the Bishop at the last Conference to take charge of the Old Umtali general school, I entered upon my duties on the 12th of October, 1903. There were then enrolled twenty-seven native and two white children, which number steadily increased until it reached its maximum a year later, seventy-six, after which many of the boys had to leave to earn taxes. However, the average attendance has steadily increased up to the present time for during the past two terms the enrollment has been fifty-four and the average attendance has been fifty.

After following the schedule turned over to me a short time, I
began consolidating classes and later took all the primary classes and put them in a room by themselves under one of our senior boys who was preparing for a teacher. He made such a success that I soon did the same by the intermediate classes. This enabled me to enforce the rule that all the English should be translated into the vernacular in the class. This caused bitter opposition at the outset but after a while the boys saw the utility of it and were so thoroughly converted that they now object to being taught otherwise as has been necessary in some classes since my illness, when I could not teach myself.

I also made it compulsory for everyone in the school to study the vernacular, from his very entrance to the school. As most of the students here will not have more than three years schooling, they will thus be fitted to read and write anything published in their mother tongue, for we never forget that the primary object of our work here is to give the native the Bible and enable him to read it. It is a matter of great regret that only three Gospels are completed now so that we can give them to the people, but soon the whole New Testament will be ready. Our older boys have finished all the books in the vernacular available, and we have had to take them into the English Bible beginning at Genesis. It is slow work for them but they are working hard and enthusiastically and are gaining a little every day.

I was also met with opposition from many when I made the rule for everyone to take up written arithmetic. One boy declared he would leave the school but in a few weeks he was the keenest of all in its favor. I feel that arithmetic is most important if the boys are to take up any industry or trade later and that their schooling would be quite incomplete without a knowledge of its first four principles but at the same time, it is also important to keep them to the practical lessons for which the majority will have most use.

As a further preparation toward industrial work, I have for nearly a year, been giving drawing lessons every Friday familiarizing them with the use of the ruler. This with singing, writing and instruction in the Tonic Sol Fa system of reading music have made up Friday afternoon.

As I could find no geography at all suited to the use of the native, I have contented myself with verbal instruction continually in connection with the reading classes, using the maps and globe freely.

Since New Years the five senior boys have had their regular English class used as a history class, an excellent publication having come out recently which, though anything but easy for them to translate is still within their scope.

While Mr. Springer has been on the place, he has had more or less work in school, and since New Years he has taught all the afternoon. He drills all the boys in the catechism daily, the memorizing of the few Psalms published, has the class in Mark and gives the older boys special theological instruction.
So while we have by no means already attained our ideal, we are pressing on toward it with renewed hope and encouragement.

Two weeks after I took over the school, a man and wife from the Blantyre district arrived. Neither spoke the vernacular nor English but they had come hither to learn English. For some months we could only communicate with them through an interpreter. But they both learned rapidly, the woman being very quick to pick up sewing and the native tongue, so that when several married women here and the squalling of the babies necessitated a separate session, I put her in as teacher giving an hour myself to them every day. We have now five young girls all of whom have come recently. These are engaged to be married to our own boys and are bright and promising. They study only the vernacular, reading, writing and arithmetic, sewing and housework. The aim is to fit them for capable wives and Christian mothers who shall be able to be true helpmeets for their husbands most of whom wish to be teachers and evangelists. The break from their old customs has come at last and now it will no longer be a question, Can we get girls? But, Can we take proper care of the girls whom we get?

In April, 1908, Mr. Springer had to take the Principalship of the Umtali Academy which absented him from old Umtali at least five days in the week during which period of nine months until the arrival of the new Principal, I had to take entire charge of the whole place. This covered not only the school and farm with the care of the grounds but the post office and telephone, attending to the feeding and proper housing of all on the place, arranging and taking services on Sundays when he could not possibly get here, looking after all the transport for Mr. Greeley while he was at Mtasa's and arranging for all transport between Old and New Umtali and the thousand and one nameless details which all require proper attention and take time. During this time I was on steady duty from six A. M. to ten P. M. most of the time, five hours of which found me in the school-room. It was an utter impossibility for me to keep all departments in running order and the farm suffered under an overseer, a Boer who either could not or would not carry out instructions.

In the matter of the language, I am still able to report progress. At the last Conference, I had the English-Chikaranga vocabulary half typewritten I completed that copy, thoroughly revised it, added about a thousand words, have retyped it and it is now ready for the Press. Conversations with the three leading translators, new books and a wider personal knowledge have enabled me to increase my own list of native words to 2000 and the Eng.-Native to 4000. The Chikaranga-English section is ready for the press and the little grammar is ready for re-typewriting.

But all these things have not left me much time for translations beyond a few hymns and part of the ritual all of which we have now except the burial service which I hope to do at an early date.

The work has gone forward even though slowly. The seed has been
Christian Native Wedding,
Inhambane District.
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well watered with tears and our prayers have often been with growings
that could not be uttered. But we know in whom we have believed and
we are more and more convinced with the fact that He Himself is our
Guide and Strength. We thank Him and take fresh courage for, "The
best of all is! God Himself is with us!"

INHAMBANE DISTRICT

ERWIN H. RICHARDS PRESIDING ELDER

Our party arrived from America on January 26th. 1904. There were
at that time nine stations and 271 members, including probationers. There
are at the hour of this report 600 and more members of whom 160 are full
members and the stations are fifteen.

One church trial has occurred concerning the conduct of a member and
a probationer, when the parties were tried, and placed under the ban of
the church for six months, when, upon record conduct they were re-
stored to their standing. Mrs. Richard's Medical work has been of great
value to the mission and she has treated some three thousand patients dur-
ing the period. The Printing Room has been running for only a portion
of the year and has turned out the Mission Hymnbook, containing 200
Hymns, 115 of them new, a book of 200 pages, and 500 copies. A Prin-
mer of 60 pages, and 500 copies. Copy books, 100 copies of 20 pages
each. The books of Ruth and Esther, and a half of Genesis, 150 copies
each. Also there have been printed 2,500 copies of the Inhambane
Christian Advocate, as well as sundry other matter in the way of blanks,
letter heads and printed letters to the extent of several thousands of paging.
All this was done by wild natives fresh from the forests who have been
under the care of the mission for no long space of time. All told the mis-
ion press has turned out 1600 volumes, amounting to 170,000 pages, of
which 143,000 is in the Shewtswa language. The Mission has also re-
ceived 1000 volumes of the Shewtswa New Testament, from the American
Bible Society, for which we are devoutly grateful. The mission has built
during the year a Dormitory for girls, which is 20 by 25 feet; a general
store-room of the same size and a printing room 14ft. by 16ft, all of
them sorely needed. The mission has 446 children in a tri—daily school,
600 in our Sunday Schools, and our contributions to the Church amount
to an average of $1.53 per capita for full members. Including all proba-
bationers and all children, our average for benevolences aside from building
gifts, still amounts to 42 cents per member. The mission has at the present
time a new and cheerful feature in the shape of 295 Scholarships consist-
ing of a promise of $15, a year for five consecutive years. Two-fifths of
the whole five-fifths, amounting to $7178, is already paid into the treas-
ury of the mission and is supporting 300 out of our 446 children in the
schools. Of the original subscriptions the mission has lost but eight and
one half percent, and all of this and much more has been made good by new scholarships continually coming in. The mission is under great obligation to the Home Office for their great aid to us in collecting these Scholarships without cost. In the way of Translation, the mission has written 116 new hymns, as well as the books already mentioned, with 30 of the Psalms, and the entire Pentateuch, which constitutes one-fourth of the Old Testament. It has also prepared the Sunday School lessons and a School Primmer. The regular quarterly meetings have been held at their regular times and places, Mrs. Richards having been present at each session at every station, though it required 150 miles donkeying to do the single round. Regular public services have been held twice every day in the year on all the stations and universally attended by all believers, save the sick and those absent from the station. The religious spirit is excellent and we pray for its continued and deeper influence till our little leaven shall be working to its utmost ability.

REPORT of W. F. M. S.
BY MISS V. R. SWORMSTEDT

Having come as a Teacher, naturally teaching was my work for the first year. The highest average attendance in the school was 50, the lowest 25, but at one time it ran to 62, the largest number possible in present quarters. Number of school hours varied with number of pupils from five and six hours to four and a half. Feb. 1904, one month after arrival the first W. F. M. S. building, a girls dormitory, was erected.

My minor work was the copying of the English Sheetswa Dictionary and the Building of a home for the Missionary. The dictionary containing over ten thousand words with their various forms and meanings was finished in about nine months. Much time and thought were given to the building of the semi-native cottage. In October '04 eight scholarships were received from the Cincinnati Branch. Immediately the names of eight girls were sent the patrons and the entire care of these girls assumed by me. As collateral work I might mention a trip around the stations a little kraal visiting, a study of the people and their customs and a few entertainments with fever. This in substance covers the first year's work.

I started upon my second year's work with new joy and a livelier hope. March 1st '05 the Girls Boarding School at Gikuki passed from theory into practice, the six weeks session closing April 15th. For lack of funds and teachers the number of girls was limited to 25, Opening day found 35 girls at Gikuki, and others came later, who had walked from 25 to 30 miles who were sent to the other stations because they could not be provided for in the Girls School. When you realize that some have run away from home to escape marrying a man with perhaps six or more wives, others sold while mere babies to pay a lazy fathers debt, and that all are worth $100 apiece, you can appreciate their desire to attend. Then can you not see the overwhelming need for a Girls School where we may train and save these girls for the Master's service? But
best of all few indeed are the girls who fail to make earnest Christain women eager to spread the Gospel among their own people. The six weeks session was a success from start to finish.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolution's respectfully submit the following,

I. We rejoice greatly to welcome again for the work of another conference time our beloved Bishop J. C. Hartzell, D. D., LL. D. In the midst of his world-wide travels in many climates, he has been preserved in health and vigor. His kindly presence and wise and brotherly administration has endeared him more than ever to us and has brought much encouragement and great spiritual blessing to all in our Mission.

The high respect and favour in which he is held by government officials, both here and in England, has enabled him to secure considerable concessions and much more favourable conditions for the prosecution of the work, for which we are deeply thankful.

We earnestly pray that for many years he may be spared to give the benefit and results of his ripened experience to the extension of the Redeemers Kingdom in Africa.

2. We deem it worthy of particular mention that the Missionary forces of Rhodesia and of South Africa are beginning a new era of cooperation and mutual helpfulness as evidenced by the gathering for the first time in each case of the Missionary Conference of Rhodesia, held at Bulawayo in Dec. 1903 and of the General Missionary Conference of South Africa, held at Johannesburg in July 1904. Also at about this same time occurred the first conference of missionaries in East Central Africa.

In the Johannesburg Conference, particularly, it was a matter of great surprise and of profound gratitude to all to learn of the amount of work that has been done in South Africa and the number of different Societies, representing a large number of countries, engaged in the work here. There was also a very marked spirit of hopefulness for the future.

3. The brethren and workers of the East Central Africa Mission Conference desire to place on record their affection for, and high appreciation of Dr. Samuel Gurney and his work and their regret that he is compelled to proceed home for medical treatment, and they pray that God's rich blessing may rest on him and that he may be spared to return soon to his much loved work.

4. This Conference commends the wise and statesmanlike policy pursued by the Government of Rhodesia in refusing to permit the supply of alcoholic drinks to the natives.

5. We would call attention to the epoch-making report of the
Inter-Colonial Native affairs Commission, 1903-1905, appointed by his excellency the High Commissioner as a result of the Bloemfontein Conference in March 1903. The following laymen, most of them closely associated with native affairs and peoples for 20 to 35 years made up the Commission;

CHAIRMAN, SIR GODFREY LAGDEN, K. C. M. G.

SECRETARY, HENRY M. TABERER, ESQUIRE.

From Cape Colony:

Walter E. Stanford, Esquire and

Frances R. Thompson, Esquire, M. T. A.

From Natal:

Samuel Olaf Samuelsen, Esquire and

Hon. Marshall Campbell, Esquire, M. L. C.

From the Transvaal:

James Alexander Hamilton, Esquire, and

Johannes C. Krogh, Esquire.

From the Orange River Colony:

Captain Quayle Dickson, and

Johan B. de la Harde, Esquire.

From Rhodesia:

Sir Thomas Scanlen, K. C. M. G.

From Basutoland:

Herbert Cecil Sloley, Esquire.

This Commission spent two years in receiving and considering evidence, in securing which they summoned before them men from all conditions and activities in life and travelled in all of the colonies and visited most of the important centers in South Africa.

We consider this a most timely and fruitful inquiry into this the most important subject before South Africa, and we are sure that the information so widely and carefully gathered will be most useful, in dealing with this subject.

In their report this Commission made the following observations regarding missionary work, "It does not seem practicable to propose any measure of material support or aid to the purely spiritual side of missionary enterprise, but the Commission recommends full recognition of the utility of the churches which have undertaken the duty of evangelising the heathen, and has adopted the following resolution:—

(a) The Commission is satisfied that one great element for the civilisation of the natives is to be found in Christianity.

(b) The Commission is of opinion that regular moral and religious instruction should be given in all native schools.

R. Wodehouse) Committee.

J. M. Syringer)
MISSION CONFERENCE.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee is obliged to make a partial report, we have examined the Books of the Treasurer of the Inhambane District and find them correct. The other books will be audited as soon as possible and we request permission to report the result to the Finance Committee of the Umtali District.

( R. Wodehouse
Auditng
Committee
( James E. Ferris
( J. M. Spinger
( E. H. Richards.

Readjustment of old Umtali-Mission Lands.
(From the Rhodesian Advertiser, Umtali.
June 8, 1905)

As a matter of public interest we publish the correspondence between Bishop Hartzell and the Government concerning a re-adjustment of the Old Umtali Mission Estate. The new arrangement, upon the basis of the Bishop's proposal, will be accepted as wise, both for the parties more directly interested and the public generally. The conditions have changed since the first plans of Mr. Rhodes, Earl Grey, and the Bishop. The Mission still has abundant land for development, and has to its credit 5500 morgen to be taken up elsewhere. On the other hand, lands are released, to be utilized by the Government in its work of bringing new settlers, comparatively near the town of Umtali and its principal mines.

The following is the correspondence:

Letter from Bishop Hartzell to Sir William Milton-

UMTAI, Rhodesia,
May 28th, 1905

Sir William Milton, K. C. M. G.,
Administrator of Southern Rhodesia.

DEAR SIR—The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, represented by me and my successors in office, received in 1898 from your Government a concession of land in Umtali Township aggregating about 6500 morgen. There were also several buildings. This generous gift was made through your predecessor, the Right Hon. Earl Grey and the late Mr. Rhodes, both of whom, as well as their associates, desired to secure the co-operation of a large section of the Church in America in the
permanent establishment Anglo-Saxon civilization in Rhodesia.

In my last interview with Mr Rhodes we planned largely for the Mission as a whole, and he gave assurance of co-operation as needed from himself and friends. Since then, several important changes have occurred. It is evident that stock-raising cannot be undertaken safely on a large scale until the cattle-disease is wholly extirpated from the country. A large part of the Mission Estate as it is now cannot be utilized except in stock-raising. Much of it lies in the midst of goldmining centres which are growing in number and activity, and all mining rights were reserved. Other sections of the estate which we cannot use now are well adapted to farming, and could be utilized by the Government in its plans to bring into the country new settlers. My feeling is that after retaining ample land for the use of the Mission, the larger interests of Rhodesia, which concern us all, suggest that the remainder of the estate should be open to public use as the Government may direct.

My proposition to the Government is as follows:

What is known as the Old Town site contains about 500 morgen. Here our buildings and most of our farm developments are located. To this we have title in fee simple. Adjoining this is 100 morgen which we bought, and to which we also have full title. We will need an additional adjoining tract of about 400 or 500 morgen to enable us to have irrigation on some part of our land. Water cannot be brought on any part of the Old Town site. This would give the Mission about 800 or 1000 morgen: the exact area to be determined by the final survey. This is enough for many year's growth, as we cannot carry out the original plan of cattle-raising. This leaves 5500 or more morgen which I propose to return to the Government on condition that the same amount of land be granted elsewhere for Mission purposes in Southern or Northern Rhodesia in such places and amounts as may be mutually agreed upon. As we bore the expense of survey and transfer to ourselves, the Government should bear the expense of survey and re-transfer of the 500 morgen.

The accompanying map indicates roughly the outlines of the different tracts of land mentioned above, and my suggestion is that Mr Pickett of Umtali, who surveyed the estate and knows all the beacons, be authorised, under such restrictions as you may give, to survey the proposed boundaries, provided my proposition is granted.

One other point. There is an annual bonus tax of, I believe, £10 on the 100 morgen referred to above. We did not know of this when we bought it. My request is that this be removed, and what is called the "peppercorn tax" be substituted, being the usual small tax paid by Mission properties.

With best wishes for Rhodesia and its people, and high regard for yourself personally,

I am, Sincerely yours, J. C. Hartzell, Bishop for Africa.
The Proposition Accepted by the Government

Surveyor General's Office, Salisbury, May 30, 1905

SIR-

With reference to your letter of the 29th inst addressed to His Honour the Administrator on the subject of the land holdings in Umtali of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I am directed to inform you that, subject to the concurrence of the Board of Directors of the British South Africa Company, in regard to the request for lands elsewhere in Eastern and in Northern, Rhodesia His Honour agrees generally to your proposals, viz:

1 The Mission retains the Old Town site under the present title.

2 The quitrent of 'Woodlands' purchased by the Mission from Mr. Vaughan Williams to be reduced to five shillings per annum.

3 The Mission to be granted a similar title to that issued in respect of the Old Town site, an additional tract of from 400 to 500 morgen, as marked on the plan accompanying your letter, at an annual quitrent of one pound, and subject to a reservation of all water rights.

4 The Mission to surrender its lease of the Old Commonage—5,500 morgen approximately—on the condition that the same amount of land be granted elsewhere for mission purposes in Southern Rhodesia in such places and extents as may be mutually agreed upon, provided as regards Northern Rhodesia that the concurrence of the Board, which has been telegraphed for, is obtained.

5 The Government to be at the expenses of survey and re-transfer of the new grant of 500 morgen.

I return herewith the plan forwarded by you.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

FRANK W. INSKIPP, Secretary, Department of Lands.

BISHOP J. C. HARTZELL, Methodist Episcopal Church, Umtali.

On last Friday Mr. Myburgh, the Civil Commissioner representing the Government, Bishop Hartzell, Mr. Pickett, the surveyor, and Mr. Springer, who has the Mission in charge, located the new beacons for the necessary surveys. Final Telegram.

The following telegram gives the concurrence of the British South Africa Company, London, in respect to Northern Rhodesia referred to in the foregoing letters. It is from the Secretary of Lands and addressed to Bishop Hartzell:

Salisbury, June 2, 1905. Concerning my letter of 30th ult. The
Board of Directors approve terms of provisional arrangement, which are hereby confirmed subject to mutual agreement as to boundaries of ground to be granted under title.

This telegram completes this important transaction between the Mission and the Government.

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**WORK OF THE**

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

in Rhodesia and Portuguese East Africa.

**EAST CENTRAL AFRICA.**

(Copied from Rhodesia Advertiser Umtali June 8, 1905)

**CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND REPORTS.**

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The East Central Africa Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church includes the work of that Church in Portuguese East Africa and in Eastern Rhodesia. The ministers, teachers, and lay workers engaged in this work have been holding their annual conference session in Umtali during the last few days, Bishop Hartzell presiding.

We give summaries of the reports of the work presented by the different workers. These indicate that notwithstanding the difficulties incident to a new country, and insufficient financial resources as compared with the demand, the present condition and outlook for the future of this branch of Christian endeavour in our midst is encouraging and hopeful. It is evident that this branch of the Christian Church is to be a permanent and increasingly helpful force for good in this section of Africa among both white and native black people. The Series of conference meetings began on May 26th and ended June 5th. At the final session the Bishop made a comprehensive and encouraging address, and announced the various stations and circuits to be occupied during the coming year, and assigned the workers their several appointments.

**INHAMBANE DISTRICT.**

Rev. E. H. Richards, Presiding Elder of the Inhambane district, reported a summary of the year's work. There are sixteen native stations manned mostly by native teachers. The Church membership has increased from 271 to 580 and there are many others who attend and come under the influence of the Gospel. Mrs. Richards treated medically about 3000 cases during the year.

The Old Testament is being translated. The New Testament is already in two languages. The printing room has been very busy. Among the results
Industrial Work,
Out Station, Inhambane District.
are a hymn book of 200 pages, 500 copies of the book of Ruth, Esther, and Genesis are being printed and several native text books have been issued. All told, 1600 volumes have been printed amounting to 160,000 pages of which 148,000 are in the Sheetswa language. 1000 volumes of the Sheetswa Testament have also been received from the Bible Society of New York. Some building has been done. 446 children are in day schools and 600 are in Sunday Schools. The people are helping themselves. The average given is 21 pence per member, including probationers. 295 scholarships of £3 per year are given by people in America to help the work.

Miss Virginia R. Swormstedt, in the same Mission, and under appointment of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, gave an encouraging report of special work among the native girls.

UMTALI DISTRICT

Rev. J. M. Springer - Presiding Elder of the Umtali District, includes the work in both Umtali and Old Umtali and vicinities. His report gave a general view of the field and detailed account of his efforts at Old Umtali Mission, and of his nine months Principalship of Umtali Academy. The other departments of the work were reported by those in charge.

OLD UMLALI MISSION

The farm practically paid its way in 1934. The total expenses for the year were £693, including salary of the overseer. A windmill and house for corn mill and other machinery had been erected, and the Mission House repaired both permanent improvements costing £364, not counting the unskilled labour done by the boys on the place. The remaining debt caused by death of cattle and failure of crops in 1908, was reduced from £370 to £188. The Mission took prizes at the Agricultural Show in Umtali. One was for apples, one of which weighed 16 ozs. There was an average of 50 selected native boy on the place who work half the day and study four hours a day. The native day school is well organised, with three grades, and the results are encouraging. Regular church work is done, and several of the older boys act as helpers in the school and do evangelistic work among the kraals. An entrance fee of £3 is now charged all boys who enter the Mission. If any of the old boys go away and return they must pay a fee of 10s to re-enter. Rev. Shirley D. Coffin will be pastor of European work and teach in the native school.

MEDICAL WORK

The medical work, with Old Umtali Mission as a centre, has been very successful under Dr. Samuel Gurney. Many hundreds of cases have been treated at the Mission and at kraals. Some of these required serious operations. The influence for good among the natives in both religion and their respect for the white man has been wonderful, Dr. Gurney is now a registered physician with full rights to practice in Rhodesia. Unfortunately he was suddenly called to London and New York by the development of what it is feared is a cancerous growth. The hope is that prompt medical aid will give relief.
### Statistics of East Central Africa Mission Conference for 1905

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| Umtali:       |                 |               |                          |                |                             |               |                |                |             |             |
| St. Andrews   | 1               | 29             | 0                        | 0              | 0                            | 1              | 3               | 77              | 1            | 2000        | 0            | 0          |
| Native Work   | 97              | 60             | 2                        | 5              | 35                           | 1              | 9               | 70              | 2            | 2000        | 1            | 100        |
| M’ Ratiskas   | 54              | 0              | 0                        | 0              | 0                            | 1              | 3               | 94              | 1            | 100         | 1            | 50         |
| Umtali Circuit | 30              | 0              | 0                        | 0              | 0                            | 0              | 0               | 0               | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0          |
| Total Umtali Dist. | 200            | 93             | 2                        | 8              | 40                           | 4              | 18              | 277             | 5            | 29100       | 2            | 150        |
| Total for Conference | 746            | 362            | 2                        | 7              | 19                           | 61             | 20              | 36              | 1004         | 21           | 3396         | 2            | 150        |
| Increase for Year | 488            | 118            | 2                        | 1              | 7                           | 4              | 6               | 16              | 688          | 9           | 740          | 1            | 18313      |
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Additional property: Umtali Academy $35,000.00; Old Umtali Mission lands, buildings and equipment, $75,000.00; building, printing outfit, furniture and stock at Gikuki, $3,815.00; permanent outfit on 16 Native Stations, $900.00; Total $104,715. Grand total of property in Conference, $188,586.00.