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Bishop Joseph C. Hartzell

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Committee on Resolutions.

Committee on State of the Church.
R. Wodehouse, E. H. Richards, J. E. Ferris.

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E. H. Richards, J. R. Gates.

Committee on 1908 Jubilee.
R. Wodehouse, E. H. Richards, J. E. Ferris.

Secretary's Certificate

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That this volume is a complete and correct record of the proceedings of the conference, and that it was adopted by the Conference, as its Official Record by the following resolution:- “On motion of J. E. Ferris, it was ordered that 300 copies of the Minutes be printed, and that the printed minutes be made the Official Journal of the Conference.” (See page 8 of Minutes.)

James E. Ferris, Secretary.
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MINUTES OF THE FOURTH SESSION

FIRST DAY

UMTALI RHODESIA AFRICA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH, 13, 1907

Bishop Hartzell in the Chair.

OPENING EXERCISES. The East Central Africa Mission Conference met in its fourth session in the Umtali Academy, Umtali, Rhodesia, with William Burt, D.D., one of the General Superintendents, and Joseph C. Hartzell, D.D., LL.D., Bishop for Africa; Bishop Hartzell in the Chair. Hymn No. 798 "Are we yet Alive" was sung. Bishop Hartzell led in prayer and read the Scripture lessons from Isaiah 51 and Matthew 28.

Bishop Hartzell stated that the two bishops present were co-ordinate in authority and would preside alternately.

Roll Call. - The Secretary of the last session of Conference called the roll. The following were present: -- Full Members of Conference; -- J. E. Ferris, E. H. Richards. Probationers: -- S. D. Coffin, J. R. Gates (transfer announced later). Missionaries not Members of Conference: -- E. H. Greeley, Mrs. E. H. Richards, Miss Virginia R. Swormstedt (W. F. M. S.) Miss E. M. Bell, Miss H. L. Lodge, Miss S. J. Coffin (W. F. M. S.), E. L. Sechrist, Mrs. E. L. Sechrist.

Transfers: -- Bishop Hartzell announced the transfer of F. D. Wolf, from this Conference to the East Ohio Conference and the transfer of John R. Gates to this Conference from the Rock River Conference. He is a Probationer in the studies of the First Year and an Elder.

Introduction. - The Bishop introduced John R. Gates to the Conference.

Secretary. -- On motion of E. H. Richards, James E. Ferris was elected Secretary.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY. -- On motion of J. E. Ferris, S. D. Coffin was elected Statistical Secretary.

COMMITTEES. --

AUDITING COMMITTEE. -- On motion E. H. Richards, J. E. Ferris, S. D. Coffin, J. R. Gates were appointed to audit the books.

NATIVE COURSES OF STUDY. -- On motion, E. H. Richards, R. Wodehouse, J. E. Ferris were appointed Committee on Native Courses.

RESOLUTIONS. -- On motion, J. E. Ferris, J. R. Gates,
E. H. Richards were appointed Committee on Resolutions.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.-- On motion, E. H. Richards, R. Wodehouse, J. E. Ferris were appointed Committee on the State of the Church.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.-- The Bishop appointed the following as the Board of Examiners: -- James E. Ferris, Chairman, R. Wodehouse Register, E. H. Richards, J. R. Gates. In the absence of R. Wodehouse, J. R. Gates was appointed Acting Register.

INTRODUCTION. -- Bishop Hartzell introduced Bishop Burt to the Conference.

ADDRESSES. -- E. H. Richards made an address of welcome to Bishops Burt and Hartzell. Bishop Burt Responded and addressed the Conference.

TIME OF SESSIONS. -- On motion, it was ordered that the Conference meet at 9:30 A. M. and adjourn at 12:30 P. M.

BOOK CONCERN DRAFT. -- Bishop announced that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Book Concern for $45.00. On motion of J. E. Ferris, said draft was ordered. On motion of J. E. Ferris, the Conference Treasurer was ordered to deposit the same with the Board of Foreign Missions, New York, for the Conference Claimants of this Conference.

CONFERENCE TREASURER. -- On motion of E. H. Richards, The Mission Treasurer, R. Wodehouse, was elected Conference Treasurer.

QUESTION 13. -- The 13th Question was called, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" Inhambane District was called. The character of E. H. Richards, the presiding Elder was passed and he made his report. (See Reports.) The Old Umtali District was called. The character of J. E. Ferris was passed.

REPORTERS. -- By consent the following were appointed to report the proceedings of Conference to the Official Papers:

E. H. Richards Central Christian Advocate
Miss Edith M. Bell Pittsburg Christian Advocate
J. R. Gates Northwestern Christian Advocate
S. D. Coffin Zion's Herald
Mrs. E. H. Richards Western Christian Advocate
E. L. Sechrist Northern Christian Advocate
E. H. Greeley Cal for a Christian Advocate
Miss S. J. Coffin Woman's Friend
Miss H. L. Lodge Canadian Church Papers
Miss V. R. Swormstedt Woman's Friend
Mrs. E. L. Sechrist Epworth Herald

Reports. -- The report of J. M. Springer was read by the Secretary. (See Reports.) The time was extended, E. L. Sechrist made his report. (See Reports.)

Adjournment by limitation of time. Benediction by Bishop Hartzell.
SECOND DAY
THURSDAY, MARCH, 14 1907.

BISHOP BURT IN THE CHAIR.

OPENING EXERCISES.—HYMNS No. 6, "Come thou Almighty King" No. 7, "Jesus we look to Thee". No. 143, "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" were sung. E. H. Greeley and E. H. Richardson led in prayer. Bishop Bart read Ch. 1st chapter and gave an interesting and profitable address on the same.

JOURNAL. The Minutes of Wednesday's session were read, corrected and approved.

QUESTION 5.—The 5th Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" The name of Shirley D. Coffin was called. His character was passed and he read his report. (See Reports.) He was passed in the studies on which he was conditioned for admission on trial, and was passed in the studies of the 1st Year and advanced to the studies of the 2nd year.

The name of John R. Gates was called. His character was passed. He was passed in the studies of the 1st Year and advanced to the studies of the 2nd Year.

QUESTION 8.—The 8th Question, "What Members are in the studies of the 3rd Year?" was called. The name of R. Wodehouse was called. His character was passed and he was advanced to the studies of the 4th Year.

The name of J. M. Springer was called. His character was passed, he was passed in the studies of the 3rd Year and advanced to the studies of the 4th Year.

The name of A. L. Buchwalter was called. His character was passed and he was continued in the studies of the 3rd Year. He was not present at Conference.

REPORTS.—On motion of J. E. Ferris, A. L. Buchwalter, Tizere Naress, and Muti Sikobeli were requested to hand in their reports for publication in the Minutes.

QUESTION 11.—The 11th Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was called. On motion of J. E. Ferris, Shirley D. Coffin was elected to Deacon's Orders under the Missionary Rule.

QUESTION 12.—The 12th Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was called. On motion of J. E. Ferris, Shirley D. Coffin was elected to Elder's Orders under the Missionary Rule.

QUESTION 15.—The 15th Question "Who have Died?" was called Answered "None".

QUESTION 4.—The 4th Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?", was called. Eddy H. Greeley, recommended by Umtali District Conference, was received on trial in the studies of the 1st Year.

QUESTION 30.—The 30th Question, "Where shall the Next Conference be held?" was called. The place of the next meeting was referred to the
Presiding Elders.

REPORTS.-- Miss Virginia R. Swormstedt (W.F.M.S.) made her report. (See Reports.)
Mrs. E.L. Sechrist made her report. (See Reports.)

PRINTING OUTFIT AND WAGON FOR OLD UMITALL.--
Bishop Hartzell announced that he had received advices that a Printing Outfit and a Wagon with harness for four mules were on the way.

REPORTS.-- J. R. Gates made his report. (See Reports.)
E. H. Greeley made his report. (See Reports.)
Reports of Native Workers.-- Charles Yofele, John Malgas, John Nyangwa, and James Viliki made their reports. (See Reports)

ORDINATION SERVICES.-- Shirley D. Coffin was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hartzell and afterwards he was ordained Elder by Bishop Burt assisted by Bishop Hartzell and the Elders.

COMMITTEES.-- The list of Committees was called.

CONFERENCE JOURNAL.-- On motion of J. E. Ferris, it was ordered that 300 copies of the Minutes be published, and that the printed Minutes be made the Official Journal of the Conference.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE. On motion, E. H. Richards and J. E. Ferris were appointed the Committee to publish the Minutes.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.--
Subscriptions for publishing the Minutes were received as follows:

Bishop Hartzell £ 2.0.0.
J. E. Ferris 1.0.0.
S. D. Coffin 1.0.0.
J. R. Gates 1.0.0.
E. L. Sechrist 1 0.0.
E. H. Richards 1.0.0.
Miss Edith M. Bell 1.0.0.
Miss H. L. Lodge 1.0.0.
E. H. Greeley 1.0.0.

PRINTING MINUTES.-- On Motion, it was agreed with E. H. Richards that he print the minutes for £ 10. 0. 0.

ADJOURNMENT.-- Hymn No. 608 was sung. The Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Burt. Conference adjourned.
THIRD DAY

FRIDAY, MARCH, 15, 1907.

BISHOP HARTZELL IN THE CHAIR.

OPENING EXERCISES. -- Hymns Nos. 406, "Father, I stretch my Hands to Thee"; and 780, "How sweet, How Heavenly is the sight" were sung. Mrs. E. L. Sechrist and S. D. Coffin led in prayer. Hymn No. 819, "Father of Mercies" was sung. Bishop Hartzell read Romans 12th Chapter and commented on the same and led in prayer.

JOURNAL. -- The Minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS. -- Questions 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 22, 23, 24, 27 were called and all were answered "None".

QUESTION 26. The 26th Question, "What is the Aggregate of Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?", was called. $45.00 from the Inhambane District for the American Bible Society.

ADJOURNMENT. -- On motion of E. H. Richards, it was ordered that when the Conference adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 A.M. tomorrow.

CONFERENCE PICTURE. -- On motion of E. H. Richards, it was ordered that the Conference meet at the parsonage home of R. Wodehouse to have a Conference picture taken.

REPORTS. -- J. E. Ferris made his report as Presiding Elder of Old Umtali District. (See Reports.) J. E. Ferris, principal of the Umtali Academy, made his report. (See Reports.) Mrs. E. H. Richards made her report. (See Reports.)

DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS. -- The Minutes of the Old Umtali District and the Umtali District Conferences were filed with the Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION. -- On motion of J. E. Ferris, it was ordered that a Committee on Publications be appointed to supervise all publications.

REPORT. -- The Committee on Native Courses of Study made their report. The report was adopted, the Committee continued and the report ordered published in the minutes. (See Reports.)

ADJOURNMENT. -- The Doxology was sung. The Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Hartzell. Conference adjourned.
FOURTH DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1907.

BISHOP BURT IN THE CHAIR.

OPENING EXERCISES. Hymn No 316, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds," was sung. Mrs. E. H. Richards and E. L. Sechrist led in prayer.

JOURNAL.-- The Minutes of yesterday's Session were read and approved.

REPORT.-- The report of R. Wodehouse, Presiding Elder of Umtali District was read by J. R. Gates. (See Reports.)

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE.-- On motion of J. E. Ferris the apportionment for General Conference Expense was referred to the Presiding Elders.

REPORTS.-- The Committee on the State of the Church made their report. On motion of E. H. Richards, the report was referred to the committee for revision before publication in the Minutes.

On motion of J. E. Ferris, it was ordered that the Statistical Secretary report the totals for each district.

S. D. Coffin, the Statistical Secretary made his report. (See Report.) Report adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions made their report. On motion of J. E. Ferris, the report was referred to the Committee for revision and publication in the Minutes. The Auditing Committee made their report. (See Reports.) The report was adopted.

BISHOP HARTZELL.-- Made a report on the Jubilee for 1908. (See Reports.)

On Motion of E. H. Richards, the resolutions on the Jubilee for 1908 were adopted. (See Reports.)

ADDRESSES.-- Bishop Burt addressed the Conference. Bishop Hartzell addressed the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT.-- On motion of J. E. Ferris, it was ordered that after the reading of the Minutes, the devotional exercises, and the reading of the appointments, the Conference adjourn without day.

JOURNAL.-- The Minutes were read and approved.
CLOSING EXERCISES.- Hymn No 770, "I Love thy Kingdom, Lord" was sung. Bishop Burt led in prayer.

APPOINTMENTS.-- Bishop Hartzell read the appointments. the Doxology was sung. Bishop Burt Pronounced the Benediction. Conference adjourned without day.

(Signed.) William Burt. (Signed.) Joseph C. Hartzell. (Signed.) James E. Ferris. Presidents.

Certificates of Ordinations.

This is to certify that on Monday, March 4, 1907 at Olkuki, Inhambane, East Africa, assisted by Bishop Hartzell and an Elder, I ordained Abraham L. Buchwalter an Elder.

(Signed) William Burt.

This is to certify that at Umtali, Rhodesia, March 14, 1907, I ordained Shirley D. Coffin a Deacon.

(Signed) J. C. Hartzell.

This is to certify that at Umtali, Rhodesia, March 14, 1907, assisted by Bishop Hartzell and Elders, I ordained Shirley D. Coffin an Elder.

(Signed) William Burt.
DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1 Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?
   John R. Gates, an Elder in the studies of the First Year, from the
   Rock River Conference.

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?
   a In Studies of First Year.
      Eddy H. Greeley recommended by the Umtali District Conference.
   b In Studies of Third Year.
      None.

5 Who have been Continued on Trial?
   a In Studies of First Year.
      None.
   b In Studies of Second Year.
      Shirley D. Coffin
      John R. Gates
   c In Studies of Third Year.
      None
   d In Studies of Fourth Year.
      None

6 Who have been Discontinued?
   None

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

8 What Members are in Studies of Third Year?
   a Admitted into Full Membership this year.
      None.
   b Admitted into Full Membership previously.
      Abraham L. Buchwalter

9 What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?
   Robert Wodehouse, John M. Springer.

10 What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?
   a Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
      None
11. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
   a. As Local preachers.
      None.
b. Under Missionary Rule.
   Shirley D. Coffin
   Under Seminary Rule.
   None.

12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
   a. As Local Deacons.
      None.
b. Under Missionary Rule
   Shirley D. Coffin
   Under Seminary Rule.
   None.

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

14. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**
    F D Wolf transferred to the East Ohio Conference.

15. **Who have Died?**
    None.

16. **Who have been Located at 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.

20. **Who have been Expelled?**
    None.

21. **What other personal notation should be made?**
    None.

22. **Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?**
    None.

23. **Who are the Superannuated Preachers?**
    None.
24 Who are the Triers of Appeals?
None.

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

26 What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
$45.00

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

28 What has been Received on these Claims, from Book concern dividends and how has it been Applied?
Ordered deposited with the Treasurer, Board of Foreign Missions for benefit of Conference Claimants.

29 Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See Appointments.

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

APPOINTMENTS.

1907

EAST CENTRAL AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE

Inhambane District.
(Work among the natives)

E. H. RICHARDS, PRESIDING ELDER
P. O. Inhambane, East Africa

Maxihi Circuit:
Gikuki and three other stations—The Presiding Elder, Mrs. E. H. Richards, and three native helpers.

Makodweni Circuit:
Makodweni and eleven other stations—Tizore Navess, native treasurer and preacher and eleven native helpers.

Rombeni Circuit:
Kambini and four other stations—A L Buchwalter, and Muti Sikobeli, native preacher and five native helpers.

Nyarime Circuit:
Malala and seven other stations—Philipi, native teacher and five native helpers.

Masopula Circuit:
Xitsuku and three other stations—Pawulusi, native teacher and two native helpers.

Inhambane Mission Press—
E. H. Richards and one to be supplied.

Old Umtali District.

JAMES E FERRIS, PRESIDING ELDER.
P. O., Old Umtali Rhodesia.

English Church—
Shirley D. Coffin.

Old Umtali Native Circuit (five stations)—
Shirley D. Coffin and five native helpers.

Native Schools—
James E. Ferris, Mrs. J. E. Ferris, Mrs. E. L. Sechrist and three native helpers.

Agriculture and Mechanics—
E. L. Sechrist, M. B. Spears.

Girls School, (W. F. M. S.)—
Miss Sophia J. Coffin.
Umtali District

R. Wodehouse, Presiding Elder.
P. O. Umtali, Rhodesia.

Beira--
To be supplied.

Mronka Circuit--
Eddy H. Greeley

Mtambarra Circuit--
John Mszonys ♣

Penhalonga:
English Church-- To be supplied.
Penhalonga Native Church--Chas Yofele ♣
Rezondo native church--James Villica ♣

Umtali:
St Andrews (English)--John R. Gates.
Umtali Academy--W. H. Robson, ♣ Principal.
Miss Edith May Bell, ♣ Matron and teacher.
Miss H. L. Lodge, ♣ Music, teacher.
Miss A. Ethel Gray, ♣ teacher.
Native churches-- (2)-and schools--John Malgas ♣
Umtali Native circuit (twelve stations)--To be supplied.
Work among native women--Mrs R. Wodehouse. ♣

Victoria Circuit:
To be supplied.

N. B. Those with mark, lay workers, not members of Conference.
J. M. Springer and wife on furlough.
The Conference.
REPORTS.

THE INHAMBANE DISTRICT.

Erwin H. Richards. Presiding Elder.

The report as read before the Conference was so very lengthy that it must needs be greatly reduced to be of any use in the minutes. Bishop Hartzell has admirably written such an abridgment which was published in a circular letter only, of which copy we make free use. The Bishop writes of Inhambane as follows:

"Sunday morning, March 3, the wind was still blowing and some of the friends protested against our making the attempt to cross the Bay, but we found a couple of stalwart black men who said they could sail us over. The gale was blowing toward the shore, and our greatest difficulty was in getting our boat disentangled from other boats and getting it out to sea so the men could handle it. When this was accomplished and we supposed our troubles were ended, it soon became evident that the men could not sail around the end of the long pier which extended out into the Bay, and our only hope was to be driven by the wind under the pier, and in the direction we had to go. The tide being quite high, there was only a few feet between the water and the under side of the pier; but under the pier we had to go. We had to lie flat in the boat. But, unfortunately, as we were passing under, the boat struck the pier and gave us a tremendous jolt, and away went Bishop Burt's fine white felt hat into the sea. A little later, Mr. Stoddard's umbrella, which, unfortunately, he had borrowed from me, went overboard. We recovered the hat, but the umbrella sank. Once out in the Bay our fellows handled the little craft splendidly and we sailed beautifully, making excellent time before the fine wind.

Gikuki mission is on a high bluff up to the foot of which the sea comes. They had watched our coming through the splendid telescope given to the mission by one of the churches at Rochester, New York, and were down on the beach to meet us. The bluffs were a shelter, so at that point the waves were not troublesome. Our little craft was anchored near the shore, and one by one we went ashore, carried astride the shoulders of the natives.

We had a pleasant Sunday. It was a great disappointment to us not to see the crowd, and to hear the reports of their work; but fortunately some of the leading workers were there, and we had a Sunday school and class meeting and sermons through interpreters, and the Christian fellowship the whole day was helpful and encouraging.

We have at this station a large, two-story, well-furnished house, with double verandas on three sides. The view of the bay, the town, five miles in one direction, and of the limitless sea in the other, was excellent. Here we have the Inhambane printing house, where Dr. and Mrs. Richards and their native helpers have issued, since the last Conference, 216 volumes, big and small, aggregating one and one half million pages of Christ-
ian literature, in native tongues. These consist of tracts, hymn books, sections of the Old Testament now being translated, two papers, one English and the other native, primary text books for the native schools, etc. etc. The printing house has been built in the past year and is 17 x 36 feet in size, a good, substantial building, and the printing equipment in presses, type, etc. and stock on hand is worth over $5,000. No single work has given me greater joy than this printing center, for which friends gave me money. The Tract Society and the Sunday School Union help us some each year. We are furnishing literature for the people who speak the Sheotswa language in the Transvaal, and the Wesleyan Methodists of the Transvaal are proposing to us that we do their printing for the whole of that great work. I am looking for a trained printer to go out and take charge of the work.

During the year a beautiful chapel has been built and furnished with seats and desks, the latter being the gift of another church in Rochester, New York.

This Inhambane District is one of the most interesting sections of our work in Africa. The present missionaries are Dr. and Mrs. Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Buchwalter, and under their directions are thirty three native men and their wives in charge of as many native stations. In these stations are 361 full members, 868 probationers, and 784 children in school. Beyond these central stations over 300 kraals are visited each week. Altogether, each week over 25,000 are preached to, or taught, in all these widely scattered stations and kraals. The spirit of missions has a hold on these people, and it is surprising how these native Christians will stint themselves and their children so as to permit others to come from heathen homes and live at the stations and be in the schools.

I visited several of these stations during my last tour, and only wish that a real picture of them, especially the devotion of the native man and his wife, the eagerness of the children to learn, the well-attended morning prayers, the carefully kept reports of the attendance and the groups sometimes a large company, of raw heathen natives, who crowd into the rear part or at the door and windows of the humble church and school house to hear and see what they can, could be given to every one my readers. I have preached to great congregations at some of these stations. Standing under a great tree, gathered about me would be Christian workers who had come from other stations, and a hundred or more of Christian people with the scholars from several schools, and then beyond, on every hand seated on the ground, was row after row of raw heathen who had come to listen to what the "white man from afar" would have to say about God. At one of these great meetings I ordained a native man who had shown himself to be remarkable in intelligence and tact and successful leadership. After the ordination I presented him to the people as their own pastor, who would baptize their children, marry thier young people, and bury their dead. The Christians shouted and clapped their hands, and the clapping was taken up and continued among
the raw heathen with great enthusiasm.

These native Christians are all carefully superintended. Each month the Presiding Elder or one of his trusted helpers visits them and gives directions and receives the reports of attendance, etc., carefully made out on printed forms. Mrs. Buchwalter gave many treatments during the year to those who were suffering from various physical ailments. Sewing schools do excellent work. Several of the people have bought hand sewing machines of their own, and there are calls for chairs, beds, tables, and the like. The boys are being taught to farm. A quart of corn brought from Old Umtali has caused a cry for various kinds of seeds. One man from the Rand planted parsley, which he had learned to like. A variety of different seeds are being received from America and elsewhere and given out among the people. A dying heathen mother gave her two little daughters to the mission, saying she did not want them to grow up as she had done, knowing nothing of the light of life. Mrs. Richards says in her report: "One of the beautiful things about mission work is to see the women and girls grow from beasts of burden, with the weight of more depressing ages than Markham’s ‘Man with the Hoe,’ to be a help and often a guide to the men, both working together for the (among the heathen) unheard of blessing—a home."

It will be interesting to our friends in America to know that this wonderful work has been made possible chiefly through the 350 annual scholarships at $15, each secured by Dr. Richards and myself. If that number can go up to 500 we can have fifty stations in a year or two. This will mean a new Mission Conference. Ten years ago we only had Dr. Richards and half a dozen native members, and not a foot of land or a building.

This Inhambane District lies between the historic Limpopo River on the south and the equally historic Sabi River on the north. This gives a coast line of 350 miles. The District extends into the interior as far as we care to go. In this vast region there are certainly 1,500,00 raw heathen; only a few of whom have had the Gospel. One of our greatest immediate needs is a training school, where young men especially can be trained to be evangelists and teachers and preachers. Side by side with this must be a training school for girls, where these young men shall find their Christian wives."

To these kind words from the Bishop we need only add by way of restating our present needs, that if we had a penner the output from the Press could readily be doubled and much more. Farther it is also imperative that new men be on this field at once to keep readiness to take it over as fast as they can qualify for it. Should sudden death remove one of us at the present time the whole work would be without Leaders, nor would new men suddenly acquire the confidence of the people. It is a clean economy to reinforce Inhambane and that early. Bishop Hartwell is bearing this in mind constantly but men and means are not at his command. The burden of our prayer at the present time is not so much
that God will gives us more, but that he will gives us men to take better care of that which he has already given us.

Erwin H. Richards.

Report of Mrs. Richards.

Mr. Richards has already reported at much length so that one would hardly think anything left to be told. However as I look back on the conference year and think of all the work, discouragement, vexations, anxieties, joys, blessings, growth and uplift it seems impossible to put into words the half of what has occurred.

In August 1905 we made a trip to the great Chopi District where we were opening new work. The Chopi are the brightest and most industrious of all the tribes in our district but they are also the wildest and most superstitious. The trip occupied over two weeks and we covered over two hundred miles holding services at all stopping places. The kraals are much larger than in the northern part and while farther apart yet the population is so dense that they are seldom able with the present methods of native cultivation to raise sufficient to last from one crop to another. So that the last two months of the year nearly always bring a famine in the land. The country is well wooded, and watered by beautiful fresh water lakes.

A white woman and her child were a great novelty never having been seen so far south. So wherever we stopped a crowd would quickly gather. It was a constant astonishment with them that the missionary would eat and talk with the woman and child. We could hardly keep them off while we were dressing but as soon as we sat down to eat the crowd disappeared and only watched us furtively from behind trees and bushes. I suppose they were sorry for the degredation of the white man who had to share his food with his wife and child and wished to make it as little embarrassing as possible.

Our men were already at work here for more than three months so we carried a few blankets and some pieces of Denbom for shirts and dresses for those who had made the most progress. But none knew how to cut or sew a garment. So impromptu sewing calsses were arranged at the new stations. No one wanted to take time to cook or eat. While the heathen women crowded round not asking for clothing or gifts but begging the privilege of holding that little sharp, shining thing which had no name but could fasten pieces of cloth together. While the women were sewing the men brought out their Testaments and turned up text after text to inquire what it meant. making it evident that they had been studying these things. The two men who started this work had leared to read a little and to believe a great deal, but were in such a hurry to come back and tell their relatives the good news of Salvation that they would not wait to learn books.

At that time there were only two stations, while now there are five
with two more soon to be founded farther south. I have also made two trips to the northward with Mr. Richards, visiting our several stations in that direction.

After Mr. and Mrs. Buchwalter came we called in a small school which they taught for a while. I had the children, boys and girls alike, an hour a day in a sewing class, arranged in three sections. Section one were taught plain running, overhanding and hemming stitches. Section two learned to sew on collars, cuffs and bands also patching. Section three learning “months to buttons” i.e. buttonholes and to cut out garments, while any of the advanced class who liked were taught simple embroidery stitches such as chain, brier and hem stitches and buttoning scallops to brighten their clothing.

The medical work amounted to no little. Hundreds of cases of common ailments, cuts, bruises, worms, matekenys, coughs, colds, fevers and the like all consumed a large share of daily attention. Coupled with translating, printing station work, Sunday School Lessons, mailing lists, scholarships etc. fill a large portion of time as well as the many letters which come asking for all sorts of information and articles for various societies and papers. Giving out station supplies which never suffice, also requires time and care. We bringing out prints and denims from England which are highly appreciated by all our people who are beginning to realize that cloth has some other qualities than mere color in it and they are buying more than twice as much for the children in school than is supplied by the mission. Aside from this the married people buy much for their own use. This brings the question of making these suits dresses etc. In September last we laid the matter before the District Conference and requested them to appoint an official seamstress for the mission, with a fixed price for each style of garment. This they did and appointed Pabanyana who was much afraid that with a price for the sewing the work would cease. To the credit of all the people it must be told that they increased their requests at once, saying that now they were no longer ashamed to ask have their clothes sewed since they could pay for the work done. Several have bought hand sewing machines till there are nearly two dozen now in use in the mission. Frequent calls come for chairs, beds, tables, washtubs and the like, all of which items will be made by the mission boys in early future we hope. Some are raising peaches though with instruction in pruning and spraying the results would be better. Others are planting coffee and are gathering a fair harvest of excellent flavor, the berry is small. Several are trying to improve their fowls, and think they are doing well when they sell three for fifty cents the common price for the ordinary little native bird being five for the same price. These things all note growth in their several directions, and several old things well be mentioned. However their most important growth is in spiritual life wherein the attainment is steady and progressive. Sometimes we are inclined to think they are
less of others but we remember they come from a nation which has no higher idea or name for "love" than that which is used to express ones regard for his dinner. We must live into him and transfer into him daily lessons in love till he shall be able to see the great blessings and truths taught him also by God our Saviour.

Mary McC. Richards.

REPORT OF A. L. Buchwalter.

My conference year covers twenty six months; from the meeting of the Liberia Annual Conference in January 1905, at which time I was transferred to this conference, until the present. The time divides itself into three periods.

During the first period I was borrowed,—to use Bishop Scott’s words, for the work in Liberia, and was sent to Wissika with Bro. F. A. Price, to finish the house I already had well under way, and remained there until June. Early in July I left Cape Palmas for Inhambane, and arrived at my destination September 3. About the same time Mrs. Buchwalter made the journey from California, and reached Inhambane August 25.

The second period covers the thirteen months we spent at Gikuki, while there I built a printing house 17 x 36 and a chapel 24 x 42, using for both buildings materials brought from the mission house at Kambini. I also did considerable repair work on the Blinn House.

In May I was sent to visit those of our stations that lie to the South of Inhambane. Mrs. Buchwalter accompanied me and we made the trip of 150 miles in 13 days. We found the work in a prosperous condition on all of the stations, but as the Presiding Elder’s report will cover all the points we visited I omit details. It was our first visit to that part of the country and we were able to realize as never before the largeness of the field and the great need for workers. May the Lord send to this field men and women who are fully consecrated, and filled with love for souls.

The third period begins with our coming to Kambini, where I was sent to build a house. The old mission house had been taken down and the materials carried to Gikuki so that it was necessary for me to get all the materials from Inhambane, some 20 miles away. I worked with out any skilled help and in eight weeks was able to occupy a room in the new house. The season was unusually wet and until able to move into the new house we were living, under some disadvantages, in a native hut. The building is 25 x 28, two storeys high with wide verandas on four sides. The work is nearly finished but it will necessarily be delayed for a time, at least until after Dr. Richard’s return from conference, for during his absence I am expected to remain at Gikuki.
I did not have to do with the finances and so do not report the costs.

As for ministerial labors I have little to report having at no time filled a regular appointment, I preached as occasion offered and labored as I could among the people.

To the above I may add that Mrs. Buchwalter and myself taught school about two thirds of the time since she arrived in the District and that together we gave about 4,000 medical treatments. The Lord has been good to us, we praise His name and rejoice in His continual presence. May He enlarge our usefulness and teach us more and more how to win men.

A. L. Buchwalter.

Kambini, February, 15. 1907.

THE UMTALI DISTRICT.

REPORT OF R. WODEHOUSE, PRESIDING ELDER.

We are full of praise and thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessing to this District since last Conference met. The White work in Umtali has been well sustained and is growing. A new rostrum has been erected, beautifying and improving the church, and with the assistance of White work at Penhalonga $1,500. has been raised for the support of another minister, and there is every likelihood of these amounts being increased.

The Sunday school under the superintendence of Mrs. Wodehouse has proved a blessing to the church and to the children themselves. This work has been very difficult on account of the scarcity of teachers she being the only teacher there.

The Rev. C. H. Beagley did good and useful work during his stay with us, and had to leave the country on account of a break down in health. No doubt satisfactory arrangements will be made to secure another minister to take his place.

Mrs. Wodehouse has an interesting sewing class for the women amongst the natives here.

THE ACADEMY.

Bro. and Sister. Ferris took over the educational work at the Academy at a most critical time, but they faced the difficulties with faith and courage, and worked heroically all through the year, oftentimes doing double work and under Bro. Ferris' management the school assumed its old-time vigor, real and good work has been done. I think it is fitting that Mrs. Ferris' name should be mentioned, for while her husband was ill with fever in the hospital she carried the whole of the work of the school. Our relationship has been of the most cordial and brotherly nature, I have found Bro. Ferris ever ready to help in the white work in connection with St. Andrews and Penhalonga, he has been wise
and safe in counsel and our regret is that we are losing him and his wife, but we know he is going into a field of wider usefulness, and our prayers abundantly sustain him in his new sphere. He leaves the Academy in a better condition than it has ever been before.

NATIVE WORK IN UMITALI.

The Native work in Umtali has always been full of encouragement. We cannot thank God sufficiently for the success He has given us. The congregations have grown since last Conference and the interest of the natives in the work is greater than ever. Over one hundred conversions custom to have taken place, and the loss has not been more than 10 per cent. They are nourished and built up in our class meetings. I plan to visit them quarterly and spend five evenings listening to their testimonies teaching them. It is amazing to hear the clear and definite testimony from each one. An afternoon and night school is held for the boys, and a morning session for the women and children at the location; the women being greatly desirous to learn.

We have a good staff of native workers who were converted here and are of our own training. I find that the way to develop native workers is to set all the converts to work from the beginning. These workers supply our out stations in this Circuit every Sunday and God is at Old Umtali school during the past year. We have a new worker John Malgas who with his wife is doing excellent work amongst the natives here.

PENHALONGA.

Much has been done at Penhalonga. The success here has exceeded our highest expectations. We readily acknowledge the cooperation and Christian sympathy of Mr. Barker (the Manager of the Mines) and his family. Since last Conference a pretty little church has been erected for the white community, costing about $4000, leaving a balance still to be paid of about $1250. Bishop Hartzell rendered substantial help in this enterprise. The congregations are good and our services there are much appreciated. The average collections are $18. per Sunday, and out of their collections alone they are able to give $500. a year towards the support of a second minister in this circuit. I am hoping that soon arrangements may be made for them to raise enough money to support their own minister.

PENHALONGA NATIVE WORK.

Here we have one of the most important openings for native work in Rhodesia. At present there are about two thousand boys in both mines and this number is likely to be increased by another thousand soon; as these boys come from all parts of the country, and from various tribes, we have given to us an opportunity of sowing seed in the hearts of these which they will carry to their various kraals, North, South, East and West. Two native churches have been built here, one on the Penhalonga Compound and one at Rezende Compound; one native worker has been placed at each. There are also several native kraals
in the vicinity which are worked by these men. Already fifty-nine conversions have been reported.

A day school for the children and a night school for the boys has been started. Charles Yafele, the worker in charge, has done good work during the year. We regret to say that he has suffered a sad bereavement in the death of his wife, and in her death the mission loses an earnest christian worker.

*M'Radzikas.*

The death of the Chief M'uradzi has caused the entire kraal to move about five miles away, according to native custom when a Chief dies, this necessitated our moving also. A new church has been built here, several huts for the workers in charge and a little house for the Bishop. The work has lost none of its interest, it is marvellous how the work of God has spread in this place; almost all the young people of the kraal have professed conversion, and a good many of the adults. There are over one hundred children in the school register, and the native worker visits seven other kraals and preaches in them regularly.

*Mutambarras.*

Here we have an important station on a new farm acquired by us beautifully situated with an abundant supply of water. The Chief's kraal is on our property; he has a large tribe, his people extending for about sixty miles along the banks of the Odzi and Sabi rivers. The Chief welcomes us. This is an important station and we hope to see it well opened this year.

*M'Ronki's Circuit.*

This circuit is 150 mles by 60 and contains about 7000 people. The great Chief M'Ronki, who is one of nature's gentlemen, lives on the top of Mt. Mkomwe and has a magnificent panoramic view of the country, extending over 100 miles. Here on a beautiful plateau, just underneath the Chief's kraal, we succeeded in obtaining a site for our mission station, and now there is a good substantial mission house and a good native church built on a site selected by the Chief himself. Arrangements have been made also to build a small native hospital. Bro. Greeley was appointed to this place at last Conference and has had the joy of building up a new station from the ground himself. God has greatly blessed our brother's work here and has given him seals to his ministry even in the household of M'Ronki. I cannot speak in too high praise of the untiring devotion and faithfulness of our brother to the work here; he is in favor with the Chief and with the people. His medical department is an important auxiliary to the work there.
Beira.

Beira has been visited during the year and services have been held. It is our purpose to keep in touch with this strategic point by giving them periodic services.

During the year a missionary trip was taken, passing down the Odzi and Sabi valleys into the Victoria District, holding services at the various Kraals and visiting the Chiefs. This proved a very successful journey giving to us many open doors. The people down there speak practically the same language as here so that workers could go from here there. Rev. Dr. Lowe the leader of the Dutch Reform mission in the Victoria District gave us a very cordial invitation to open work in that part.

During our trip we came across a very interesting case of a man named Johannes who was a Christian and was preaching Christ in the kraals, in conversation with him we discovered he had been converted some years ago in the Transvaal where he had gone to seek work, some time after his conversion he felt he must come back and tell the good news to his own people, so with no missionary near, no one to help and sympathize with him he preaches Jesus to the people; he is the son of a Chief, and is himself an Induna and a man of some importance. On the letters of recommendation which he had received from the German Lutheran church we received him as a member of our church and appointed him to work under the auspices of our mission in the various kraals where he is staying.

This is an important District and is going to prove an opening and addition to our work, we are in immediate need of two white workers to occupy this important field.

We welcome Brother Gates into our midst, he arrived early in December and has done good mission work already in assisting Bro. Greeley in the school and the other work at Makomwe. Since the beginning of March he has been assisting in the white work in this circuit.

R. Wodehouse.


In 1904 Rev. R. Wodehouse sought out a suitable place for starting an outpost for our work at Mranke's Reserve, and permission was granted to begin. One year later in May '06 our bishop appointed me to the work. Soon after Messrs Wodehouse and Ferris with their wives and myself visited the mountain and in company with the Chief and his councilors selected a site for the station. Four weeks later I arrived with four boys and camped for three months under the trees, while a house was being built. Preaching services were held every Sabbath. This was the beginning of the Gospel at Mt. Makomwe which is 40 miles south west from Umtali. At first the curiosity of the native was very great and I often thought of the long years of waiting in other parts of
the world for the first convert, and wondered how long it would be ere God had witnesses to the truth among the people of Makomwe. I began work with the four boys which I took with me, teaching, singing and praying as the work permitted, and the work of God grew and prospered beyond my greatest hope. I prayed for one convert ere the year had elapsed and God gave me twenty.

For nearly a year I gave up the largest room in my house for church and school and tho often so crowded that there was little room to move about, souls were converted and God in time provided a Church and schoolhouse which tho not entirely finished has been in use for some time and has been a great help to the work. Slowly the school has increased to forty eight and I feel sure would have been much greater had it been possible to help some who sought admission with work and food. Some have been given work on the new church building, some have brought their food from their homes and worked half a day for their schooling. One lad said when told there was no food for him, "I will stay anyway, hunger can't kill anyone." Four have Scholarships but only one of them is adequate. In December last John R. Gates spent a few weeks at the station and gave much needed help in grading the school and teaching therein and beginning the work of the Dispensary. His presence was a great blessing to the missionary as well as to the station at large. Both English and native have been taught in the school from the beginning. The most advanced class is now in the Third Standard reader, also Geography, English grammar and composition. Arithmetic, Writing and studies in the native. As time permits I have tried to do acceptable work on the language. I am not satisfied with any of the existing translations of the Gospel, tho using them daily. I have felt so strongly on this that I seem compelled to try my hand at it. About half of the Gospel of John has been translated as I understand it. Whether my work shall be superior or not, time will tell. I have been urged by several to put out a hymnbook using what I have already prepared and adding such others as can be obtained from other sources. I have some twenty hymns of my own and perhaps as many more from other parties adapted to the language which number may be increased to make a total of sixty hymns. I am glad to say the Finance Committee has assumed the responsibility for publishing them as I trembled at the thought of anything in the language work going out from my hand. All the older boys are becoming useful in language work. One lad Mandera has written two hymns without help. David Mandisodza has been of much help in hymn-writing.

Coeducation began with the opening of the station and has continued with gratifying results. Two native boys help with the teaching. All boys work half a day for their food. Some have their own gardens others earn a little cash carrying loads from the Railroad to the Mission. None are exempt from work save those who live in their own homes and they usually have their flocks and gardens to look after. The big boys tired of their
cramped quarters have begun a new house for themselves. The little boys herd sheep, cut wood, and do other suitable labor. Each has a little garden which is increased in size each year. Medical work began before I had a place for the medicines. It has made an encouraging growth till now it is the most important part of the work. Recently the treatments have reached as high as fifteen per day and some of the cases so severe that I feared to attempt treating them, but my association with Dr. Gurney has enabled me to undertake much that otherwise I could not have done. So far as possible each patient is required to bring a pole or a bundle of grass for each treatment and as a result we now have on hand material for a much needed dispensary which we hope will prove the beginning of a hospital. The chief is kindly disposed toward this sort of Mission work which even heathen eyes can understand.

As soon as the boys and girls were converted they began of their own free will to carry the news to other people and God sent money to support one boy who goes each week to the kraals in the vicinity. It is a cause for great rejoicing to see the company going out each Sunday with the bread of Life. Over fifty kraals have been so reached more or less regularly and these boys for the most part received no material pay. In July '06 in company with R. Wodehose and others, I went on a five hundred mile trip South and West of here looking for locations for starting new work and preaching to the people everywhere. We were received gladly at every kraal, starting new work and were invited to send a teacher to reserve important centers. One great cause of joy is the fact that the girls are willing to come to the services. They have been regular attendants at church on Sunday and among the first converts were daughters of the chief. I can not tell you how my heart has gone out in prayer that a girls work might be begun here soon. Time has been ripe from the opening of the station and my heart aches as I see the girls growing up without it.

Twenty months ago there was a reserve of seven thousand natives all heathen. No white man in the land. Today there is a flourishing mission station with house, church and school with nearly fifty pupils. A group of Christian families. A dozen converts who go out freely on the Sabbath to spread the Gospel news. As many more who enter the church to enjoy the preached word. "God hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." and we trust that the future may see the converts from Mt. Makomwe reaching all the people in Mrouko's reserve and ready to cross the Ondie and Sabi Rivers to the regions beyond.

E. H. Gresley.
JAMES E. FERRIS, PRESIDING ELDER.

October 20, 1906, a cable was received appointing me presiding elder in the place of J. M. Springer, who was to go on his furlough. As my duties in the Umtali Academy prevented my assuming the work as it was left by Bro. Springer, the following changes were made in the appointments subject to the approval of Bishop Hartzell:

Old Umtali Circuit (Native) S. D. Coffin and native helpers.

Agricultural and Mechanical Departments, E. L. Sechrist.

The Native School, S. D. Coffin, principal; Mrs. E. L. Sechrist, Teacher; and Native Teachers.

The reports of those in charge of the various departments will show the nature and character of the work done. In my report I wish to indicate the growth in general of the work since last conference. At last Conference there were reported 77 pupils enrolled in the schools of the territory now comprising Old Umtali District. At this conference we are able to report 480 pupils in the schools. Last conference 18 probationers were reported now we have 180 probationers, and 35 full members, a total of 234. Baptisms reported at last conference 8, this conference 22.

There was not a distinctly organized Sunday School. We are now able to report a well organized school with 120 enrolled, and an average attendance of 105. The school has been under the supervision of Mrs. E. L. Sechrist and Miss V. R. Swormstedt.

Every Sunday the pastor or some one appointed by him has held an English service. The attendance has varied from 8 to 25 in number. The work among the girls has been prosperous. Opening with 9 girls 18 months ago, there are now 85 girls in the school. This school has been under the excellent direction of Miss Virginia Swormstedt, W. F. M. S.

The present Presiding Elder has had very little to do with the marvelous success in the work. Each of the workers—Bros. Coffin, Sechrist and Spears, and Sisters Coffin and Swormstedt deserve the credit for the results which under the blessing of God, their earnest, prayerful and consecrated labors have brought about.

At the beginning of the present Calendar Year, the business of Old Umtali was arranged into two departments, thus assuring a more accurate knowledge of the financial condition of the work.

It was my pleasure Dec. 3, 1906 to perform the marriage ceremony of five of our young men in our school to five young women from the Girl’s School. Four of these couples became at once workers, and all have established Christian homes, which are object lessons to their heathen neighbours and friends.

In January in company with Bro. Coffin, I visited Gondauzora, a chief, with the view of opening work among his people. Gondauzora accompanied us to the Native Commissioner Ross, at Rusapi, where arrangements were
completed for the opening of a church and school with a native helper in charge. All the details incident to this work had been arranged by Bro. Coffin.

In the matter of self-support the collections in the English Church have been $90, and tuition from boys entering the Native Schools have been $960 - a total of $450.

We were glad to welcome Miss Coffin of the W. F. M. S.

It is with thankfulness to God our Father and to Jesus Christ, His Son, and the Holy Spirit, that the efforts of the missionaries and native helpers have been so abundantly blessed during the past year.

James E. Ferris.

Report of Umtali Academy.

The Umtali Academy has had a season of growth and prosperity. At the last session of Conference the yearly enrollment in the Day School was 45. In the year 1906 the total enrollment was 72. The highest enrollment for any one quarter was 50. The enrollment for the present quarter 1907 is 50.

At the last session there were reported two boarding pupils. In 1906 thirteen different boarding pupils were in the school. The highest number for any one quarter being seven. During the present quarter there are ten.

Through the efforts of Bishop Hartzell, arrangements were made with the Rhodesian Government and the Rhodes Trust, to aid the children of the farmers in the outlying districts. Under this agreement the parents pay one third. The grant is limited to $375 per year. Four children have been received under this agreement. It is hoped that the grant for this purpose will be increased. Also about the same time Bishop Hartzell made a similar agreement with the B. & M. Railway for receiving children of employees outside Umtali. One child entered under this agreement, but she was compelled to withdraw on account of the sickness of the mother. It is probable that several children will be received in the near future.

During 1906 on account of the heavy work in the Day School, it was found impossible to carry on the Night School. Several applications have been received and a night school of ten to fifteen can be organized at any time.

The work of the school has been carried on under the departments of Kindergarten, the Standards (Cape Standards), Music, and Pupil Teachers' training. In addition to the required subjects being taught, classes have been organized in Latin, French, and English Bible. There are pupils in each of the seven standards, and with a few exceptions the work being done in these standards is in harmony with the requirements of the syllabus of
Cape Colony.

Changes in the staff of teachers: Some three weeks before the close of the fourth quarter in 1905, Mrs. Tucker Stratton resigned. Miss Ethel Gray was placed in charge of her room for the remainder of the term.

The teachers for 1906 were James E. Ferris, Principal, Mrs. J. E. Ferris, Teacher and Matron, Miss Elsie Bennett and Miss Ethel Gray, pupil Teachers.

In October 1906, Mr. N. H. Robson, B.A., a teacher of experience in England, came to Umtali and began work in the school.

In February, 1907, Miss H. L. Lodge of Charlottetown, P.E.I., Canada, arrived and began work as teacher of music.

Through the kindness of Bishop Hartzell, the Academy received a consignment of dishes, sideboards, table and bed linen, carpets, office desk; etc. These articles were much needed and greatly appreciated. The value of these is $550. Bishop Hartzell also arranged for the improvement of the buildings. The outside walls of the Kindergarten were cemented, the inside walls of the Kindergarten room and the Principal's room were calcimined the halls painted and calcimined, the sitting room painted, a teacher's bed-room calcimined, and many other needed repairs amounting to $5,000.

The success of the school has been due to the earnest work of all the teachers, the support of the pastor, Rev. R. Wodehouse of St. Andrew's Church, of the parents, and of the pupils. As in the past, so now the Rhodesian Government through the Department of Education, George Duthie, Esq. Director, has been unflagging in the support of the school.

Bishop Hartzell has not limited himself to the work mentioned in this report, but has sustained the work of the school in every possible way.

James E. Ferris, Principal.

Old Umtali District.

John M. Springer, Presiding Elder.

This report covers the period from July 1905 to October, 1906, and may be considered a time of extended exploration for the District.

Soon after the adjournment of Conference in June, 1905, I set out on a trip into parts of the District which had not been previously visited by any of our missionaries. I took ten of our pupils and helpers who were in training for teachers and evangelists with me. Our first stop was at Gandanzara's kraal about twenty-five miles from Old Umtali. We held continuous services all day that Sunday. Large numbers of both men and women attending eagerly. Gandanzara said that I was the first missionary to have visited his kraal and asked me to send him a teacher which I promised to do as soon as I could. I arranged for subsequent visits of missionaries and pupils and a number of boys from this kraal came
on down to our school.

From here we proceeded to the M'Reva country, M'Reva being a chief over one of the largest kraals in Mashonaland. That whole section is most densely populated and the people have been in contact with traders and government officials for some time but no mission work was being done there. The people were friendly but very shy and as we could only spend the Sunday we did not get well acquainted with them.

From there we passed on to the M'Toko district, forty miles to the east of M'Reva's. There is a good opening for a mission station about north of the Police Camp. There the natives are very wild usually running for the veld on the approach of any white person. Some sixty miles east of M'Toko's is Kafirera, another large native center as yet wholly untouched by missions.

From M'Toko's, we turned south-east toward Inyanga, passing through a country entirely empty of natives but full of ruins and ancient terraces.

In the Inyanga district there should be a mission station where the man in charge would find ample to do in supervising the work among the kraals and in serving a growing white population.

We were also the first missionaries to go to the numerous kraals on the north side of the magnificent Hundi valley from which many of our school boys have come.

In the following October, I made another visit to M'Reva's accompanied by Brother Coffin. This was of necessity a flying visit during the two weeks vacation. But I arranged for him to go again in December when he spent five weeks itinerating in the whole district, visiting some 125 kraals.

In April of 1906, again accompanied by my wife, I started out once more to visit the outer boundaries of my District. We first went to M'Reva's kraal where we found him and the people even more friendly but some of the older men were fearful lest a mission in their midst should curtail their liberty but there was no more objection than has been easily overcome in multiplied cases. We should not rest until this district is occupied.

We continued on north and a little west through Mt. Darwin and Chipinga to the Zambezi River, a day west of Cashomba. We followed the river down to Chicoe and inland opposite the Kabrabsa Rapids. If any part of that section is to be occupied by us, I would suggest those mountains where we were told there was a large native population, which promises a fairly healthy location. From a central station there, work in the surrounding country could be supervised.

We made brief call at Baroma, a large Jesuit mission twelve miles west of Tete. We took steamer from Tete to Sena, forty miles below which town is the only other Romish mission of the lower Zambezi valley, at Shupanga the place where Mrs. Livingstone is buried.

Another mission center should be built near Sena where the natives are exceptionally bright, capable and industrious. They have a large
amount of folklore, legends etc.
About 100 miles south-west of Sena, we came to the Gorongoza mountains
rising nearly 2000 feet above the surrounding country. We went around the
northern side and found the country the most thickly populated I have
ever travelled in. Many beautiful mountain streams come down from the
heights and if a healthy site can be secured on the side of a mountain, it
will command the country for miles around. In September, I sent two native
evangelists to this section where they spent a month revisiting the kraals
through which we went and many others.

To occupy the Old Umtali District, which extends from the railroad to
the Zambezi and from the Inyangai River to the Indian Ocean, there should
be at least seven main stations established, namely; M' Reva, M' Toko
Katareta, Inyangi, Kabrabasa, Sena and Gorongoza. From these centers
out-stations should increase until the whole field is covered.

The work at the Old Umtali Mission is dealt with separately.

John M. Springer.

Old Umtali Mission.


This report covers the period from June, 1905 to October, 1906, the
time of my leaving Old Umtali on furlough.

It is gratifying to be able to report a very substantial enlargement
of the work during this period. This has been made possible through an
increased staff of missionaries, the two at the beginning having been
increased to six; and also through the greater maturity and increased
efficiency of the native workers, the product of the training at this
Mission.

On the last day of Conference in 1905, Brother Shirley D. Coffin arrived
and has unreservedly thrown himself into his work.

In July, 1906. Miss Virginia Swormstedt arrived from Inhambane and
took over the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and its
nine girls from Mrs. Springer. The break having occurred and the girls
once started to come to the Mission, they have continued to do so and the in-
crease has been most satisfactory. The opposition of parents which was
often violent during the first year has largely given way so that now in
most cases girls are able to visit their homes during vacations and return
safely to school again. The great importance and value of the Girls' Work
is being seen in that now as the young men are completing their preparation
for the work of teachers and evangelists, there are acceptable Christ-
ian young women for them to marry.

In October, 1905, Brother E. L. Sechrist and wife arrived, and both
of them have taken considerable school work during the year. The increased
number of teachers has enabled us to enlarge the curriculum considera-
bly and to grade the school more satisfactorily. We have constantly been
working to bring the standards up, the ultimate end being conformity
with the Cape Government system. The work in the primary rooms particularly has been improved under the supervision of Mrs. Sechrist. About the middle of the year she took over all the musical instruction and has had two pupils on the organ.

Mr. Sechrist has had charge of the Mechanical Department. Two new rooms have been added to the school house, improvements and repairs have been made on the church and elsewhere, the foundation for the new dining hall has been laid and the walls of the new dormitory well under way. He has also supervised the work of enlarging the residence of the Farm Overseer, the new sheds at the barn, and the house for the farm hand. Besides this, he has started the bee industry, has done much general work in laying out the grounds and improving them, helping in the orchard, etc. The improved equipment in the way of buildings will greatly facilitate the work in the future.

Owing to the development of the mining industry in the vicinity, regular preaching services have been held in English under the pastorate of Brother Coffin. The social "At Homes" which we instituted early in 1905 have increased in interest and have been entered into by all of the other missionaries as they arrived.

The MSS for the Chikaranga Handbook prepared by Mrs. Springer was sent to the United States soon after Conference and the first copies were returned in July, 1906. The book has been put on the market and has had a very satisfactory sale up to date. Translations of Ruth and Jonah have also been published, also a small hymn book compiled by her. Besides these, a considerable amount of general language material useful in the work of the mission has been done.

The attendance of the Boys' School has increased to 75, having recovered its loss at the time the increased hut tax went into effect three years ago, at which time it was 76. It is a pleasing and noteworthy feature that many, even most, of the boys who had to leave then are now returning with their entrance fee and the tax money so that they can finish their course. There has been a good religious life in the school and most of the pupils have become earnest seekers within a short time after entrance to the school. There is a gratifying number who give promise of future usefulness as teachers and evangelists.

During the year there has been greatly increased missionary activity centering in the Mission. Preaching services have been held each Sunday with the native employees at eleven of the mines within three miles of the Mission. Many have professed conversion or the purpose to become Christians, and a few have been planning to come to the school for further training. The average term of service on the mines is but a few months.

Practically every native village within thirty miles has been reached during the year, a few every month or oftener. Requests for teachers have come from several headmen. It is a matter of no small satisfaction to be able to respond to these appeals with teachers who have been trained in our own mission work. At least three young men from the school will be ready to be married by Christmas and settled on out-stations.
In 1905 our Conference appointed all who were able to do so to attend the General Missionary Conference for South Africa to be held in Johannesburg in 1906. Before he left I conferred with Bishop Hartzell with reference to combining attendance on this Conference with a visit to some of the older missions in the Colony for the purpose of studying them and getting suggestions for our work. He approved, providing I could arrange for the expenses myself.

On the way to Johannesburg we attended the Rhodesian Conference at Salisbury in June in company with several other members of our Mission. One of the most notable results of this Conference was the discovery after considerable study and comparison by missionaries from sections that the dialectic differences in the various parts of Mashonaland were not so great as had been supposed, and it was thought that through the work of a representative committee a translation of the Scriptures could be made that would be acceptable in all sections of Mashonaland.

The next week we were in Johannesburg in attendance on the Second General Missionary Conference for South Africa. The papers and the discussions showed plainly that in regard to most of the main points of missionary policy, methods and experience there is substantial agreement among the various societies working in South and East Africa. Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed at the courses of study and the requirements for examination required of Government aided schools as being unadapted to native minds and needs. No solution of the difficulty was found but agitation was recommended. The importance of comity between the various societies was strongly emphasized and a Board of Arbitration was appointed to deal with cases of trespassing on the part of one society on the territory of another.

Lovedale is the largest and leading native training institution in South Africa. We were greatly interested in studying the activities and work there at a stage which ours will reach after 40 to 60 years. Very noticeable was the lamentable lack of an original plan of grounds and arrangement of buildings which provided for the large growth that the Institution has enjoyed, and there is naturally much inconvenience, regretted by all. It but emphasises the value of planning largely at the beginning and providing room for the extension of the work.

It was vacation time, unfortunately, when we visited Healdtown, the largest normal training mission of the Wesleyans in South Africa. The Institution had just celebrated its Jubilee. It has a very good record for work in its particular line, but it is recognized that it would reach a much higher standard if industrial training were more largely incorporated in its curriculum. A certain amount of shop work is required, enough to enable the pupils to make the models required by the Government in passing the examinations for teachers certificates.

We spent a day at Tiger Kloof, an industrial institution being developed by the London Missionary Society. Until this mission was started the society did not do any work of this kind, but a few years they commissioned
the Rev. Mr. Willoughby, the Principal of the Institution, to visit all the
principal missions of all societies in South Africa and report on their work.
This mission is the result. One point emphasized by him in his report was
that the students turned out by industrial institutions were much better
equipped for life and gave much better account of themselves in later life
than those sent out by institutions doing literary work only. This mission
was begun "de novo" on a new site and the Principal has worked out com-
plete plans unhindered by old buildings, etc. Especially interesting and
valuable in suggestion were the plans of the dormitories. On my return
home we adopted these for our dormitories and by so doing rather than
following previous plans we will save money and space and will gain
compactness of plan and much greater satisfaction will surely result.

John M. Springer, Supt.


We have been here somewhat more than a year, arriving at Old Umtali
Oct. 27, 1906. My first work was planning of grounds and buildings for
future development. Much has been planned and some things have been
accomplished. A great hindrance to proper planning has been that the
regular necessary work leaves so little time for any careful planning and
thought, and we have to work as best we could from day to day. We
have done some new building and some repairing mostly without any
help besides our boys and myself. The style of architecture adopted will
be a modified Mission, which seems well adapted to the needs of the
country. We have enlarged and remodeled the school house and also the
barn. The schoolhouse is still inadequate and we badly need a new
building. A dormitory, or rather one section of it, has been built and will
be added to as soon as we have the money to buy the iron and lumber for
the roof. A foundation has been put in for a dining and assembly room to
seat 200 boys. This also awaits its turn and is badly needed. We have
also put up a brick house for the drivers and farm boys, and a black
smith shop where can be done all the repairing needed on the place.

The pasture has been fenced part way with iron posts and netting
and the remainder with native timber and barb wire. This timber will
perish in a few years when we should have iron fence enough to finish it.
This fence makes a safe place for the mules and donkeys and we hope
soon to have cattle. Much other repairing has been done includin
a horse power to assist in grinding the corn meal which is used as feed
for our boys and is sold to the neighboring mines. In all this work
boys are taught to do everything that they can learn to do. Many of them
can only learn routine work and are out of their depth if something new
which requires reasoning arises. We have also done some repairing
at the W.F.M. S. girls school. Some of the boys are doing creditable
work in brick laying, common carpenter work, plastering, cement work,
glazing, blacksmithing, and in fact we can find a boy who can help
with almost anything we have to do.
We have now a plentiful supply of water for drinking and all house and building uses, obtained by deepening an old well which formerly gave a scant supply only part of the season.

My share in school and religious work has been mostly the filling of vacant places. The school work has been gradually dropped until I have now only the classes in drawing and simple mensuration.

It has been gratifying to see the interest and improvement in this line. Most of the time some of the services in surrounding kraals and mines have been under my care and for some months the Sunday morning native service at the mission as well.

Most of the medical work has been under my care and a good physician is much needed here. From one half to several hours each day is occupied in this work, and is then most unsatisfactory on account of my scanty knowledge of the work. If any of the missionarics need medical attention, the fee at the Doctor's office is five dollars and if he must make a visit here it costs us fifty dollars for one visit.

We have made a start in bee culture with native wild bees which are extremely cross and have many undesirable traits.

One season has been good and the other very poor so the outlook is uncertain. We are getting some imported bees and hope to give a better report in a few years.

The boys work with the bees very well and if it can be made a profitable industry it should be a good thing as honey will sell at a good price.

Considerable photographic work has been done and a great number of prints made and sent out in the interest of the work.

The work on the farm has lately come directly under my charge.

Last season's crop of corn was the best in the neighborhood, about 3250 bushels, shelled corn, and this year the acreage is larger and the outlook better. We very much need storage room for this crop so we can hold it until we can grind into meal which pays better than to sell the grain. While we have grown nothing but mealies in a commercial way, we have grown other things as food for boys and for ourselves, and in an experimental way. Much of the planting this year has been done only with the view of learning as much as possible of what may be grown here so that we may produce all that we need for our use. We are growing some broom corn and will make brooms as soon as we can get in the necessary apparatus and they should find a ready sale.

We have located the bys gardens where they can be under some sort of supervision and control. There is need of giving the boys good training in this line for their methods of work are primitive in the extreme and very often faulty altho there are some things we may learn from them, some things which they have learned by practical experience of conditions prevailing here. I feel that they should be trained, not to do as a white man would do, but to do as much as a native may hope to do under the conditions in which he will work after he leaves the school. They should
be developed as much as possible rather than be given ideals they can never hope to attain.

Among the things which are being raised either for present use or in an experimental way are, sweet potatoes, beans, white and native, peanuts as food supplies; Castor beans for the oil. Casava and the fiber Aloe have been started. Okra and pumpkins are grown.

The amount of food purchased for the boys has been steadily growing less, even with the increasing number of boys. Among fruits, we have Kei Apple, Cape Gooseberry, Guavas, mulberries, lemons, a few oranges, apples and Japanese plums. More trees are being planted of all that promise well.

In all this work the main thought is not to make the boy a skilled workman but to advance him to the limit of his capacity. He should have work in Mechanics, he should have work in agriculture and in the care of a house and home. To my mind the end now to be attained is to make the best possible home builder out of every Kafir.

He should have such training in Agriculture as will enable him to cultivate to the best advantage with the help of his wife and children and perhaps some oven, his own garden plot and farm. The exceptional man will advance farther and will receive by actual experience the training which will fit him for manager on some farm belonging to a white man and in the years to come on an estate of his own.

In mechanics the same holds good. Every boy should learn to do the work for his own house and the exceptional student will become a trained mechanic. If a boy can manage other boys, he is made a head boy which helps him and leaves the white teacher free for other work. In this way each boy is given the opportunity to advance to the limit of his ability. Besides Agriculture and Mechanics, is the department which includes all those arts which make the civilized home a desirable place in which to live. At present the boys do all the housework in the homes of the whites and this will continue for some years, but the girls as well must be taught this work.

In this department, too, a student may advance to the limit of his ability. He may become a house boy or a laundry boy or may have a laundry of his own. He may be a cook or a gardener.

While he is being Christianized he is being civilized and is being put in a position where he is an actual producer instead of being always a laborer and relying on someone else for his daily being. One notes with pleasure the ideas absorbed by school boys and visitors from surrounding kraals, for we are object lessons as well as teachers.

We set out this year 1250 trees and shrubs beside a plantation of 1500 eucalyptus trees. Much experimental work and study of native flora is being done with the view of using all the native trees and plants possible as there are many ornamental, fruit and other useful trees in the country that should not be neglected especially as most imported trees give poor success.
We have begun a ditch which we hope will be the foundation of an irrigation scheme as we are badly handicapped by the lack of water. We need about $5000.00 to complete this and then we can grow almost anything that will grow anywhere.

I have been gratified to see the interest manifested by the boys in the things that are done for the betterment of their conditions. They can only partly appreciate but as far as in them lies, they are surely grateful, and they are worthy of further help. The year has been interesting and I feel hopeful for the good results that may come from what has been attempted. Mistakes have been made and useful lessons learned.

E. L. Sechrist.

Report of Shirley D. Coffin.

I reached the field June 4th, 1905, and from Conference then in session received appointment to Old Umtali Mission as teacher in the native school and pastor of European work, duties being entered upon at once. Circumstances occasionally permitted a little evangelistic work among the natives which was greatly enjoyed. In December a trip was made through the Mrawa District, this occupying five weeks. We worked the country North east to Chisungwe and Portuguese territory, a part of the Fungwe country and north to the Mazoe River, returning through Goromouza, some 700 miles in all, Visiting 150 kraals, preaching in nearly all of them and meeting 25,000 natives only a few of whom had heard the Gospel before. Opportunity was afforded to become informed regarding the country, population and possibility of future work. Mangwendi, Mrawa and other influential native kings and chiefs seemed anxious for missionary work to be started among them at once.

In the absence of the President Elder the care of Mission, District, Evangelistic and School work fell to me from April 1st, to Aug. 1st, and again at Nov. 1st, continuing to the present.

Since the last Conference, the native church at Old Umtali Mission has grown from 18 probationers to 136 probationers and 35 full members, 100 of the former being admitted since April 1st. Three classes are now organized, one consisting of the older christians numbering 60, one for native men employed for short periods on the farm, this at times reaching the number of 40, and the class for new boys entering the mission. In May of last year a Sunday School was started which is now well organized, having nine classes, seven of which are taught by natives. 123 members are now enrolled, the average attendance being 110. Mrs Sechrist and Miss Swormstedt have for most of the time served very efficiently as joint superintendents. Regular native services are held in the church Sunday morning and evening, and a prayer meeting attended by all on the mission is held each Wednesday noon.
There are about 25 white people in the vicinity besides the missionaries. For these a preaching service is held each Sunday and a social evening each week both being well attended.

The native school reported last numbering 36, has since April grown to 92. Five rooms are now occupied for its work and four native teachers regularly employed. Mr. Sechrist has taught drawing and Mrs. Sechrist has given much time to the primary grades and music. Both have rendered excellent service. English Grammar, Composition, Geography and Hygiene have been added to the course of study. Previous to November 1st, boys have been received with the understanding that they were to remain three years. All who have entered since are to remain four and five years. A little difficulty was experienced in persuading the boys that all could not be learned in three years but agreement was arrived at happily. Upon entering, all boys large enough to earn money are required to pay £3.6. half of this paying his taxes, the remainder tuition. All are required to work half of each day on the farm, on building or in the shops.

Both the payment of money and work by the boy, besides being an aid to the mission expenses, is no little service to him, he having more appreciation of the value of what he pays for and the work and training contribute largely to his development. Little boys coming to us whose only earthly possession is a yard of cloth which he needs to tie round him cannot be asked to pay or not to come, so are entered and scholarships secured whenever possible, he having the plan explained to him and understanding that when possible he is to refund the amount. In nearly all instances parents of the boys have been met and pleasant relations established. We now have seven married native couples at the mission. On December 1st, five of our young men and women were thus united and since then four of these couples have been appointed to out-stations. In November a change was made the married women transferred to the girls schools under the W. F. M. S.

Each Sunday morning three groups of boys go in different directions, preaching at twelve mines in the vicinity and at the Premier Estate where natives are employed. At present arrangements are pending for working on new properties where large numbers are anticipated. The young men doing this work and the Sunday School teachers meet with me an evening each week as a Training Class.

Munyarara's, five miles away is our first regularly opened out station. My first visit to this kraal was in August 1905. Here we now have 49 probationers, and 33 enrolled in school. A chapel has been built, also a house for the native worker. 1200 timber trees have been planted on the land the past year. From this station regular services are held at eight preaching places. The people of Mudendi's kraal having requested a teacher our hope is to have one live here all the time so as to properly work the vicinity. A young man who teaches at Old Umtali has supplied this place to date.

Chikanga's, eight miles away had been worked a little previously but
the people having become unfriendly to mission work it had been dropped. Last May arrangement were again made for regular preaching there and a little later they requested Solomon Nsingo the evangelist to live there and teach as well. A house for him and his family has been built and the church is now well on towards completion. Here we have four probationers and 86 enrolled in school and regular services are held at eight places in the vicinity.

Gondanzara is a large kraal 3 miles north in the Makoni District. We visited this place first in April of last year and arranged for regular preaching. This was interrupted from August to November, but then the necessary negotiations were made with the natives and later with the Government for opening work. A lease has been secured and in January Daniel Caplen was sent there. He reports 112 in school and is preaching to about 500 each Sunday. A letter from him just received tells of many being converted.

Mandambira's has had regular preaching for a year. Last November they asked for a teacher as well. The consent of the land-owner was secured and a chapel is in process of construction. A teacher from Old Umtali works here in the afternoons having 15 in school and preaching to about 50 on Sunday. This is only five miles away.

Muhakanana's is twelve miles north. Regular preaching was commenced here in April of last year, and in November arrangements were made with the natives to open a station here. The Native Commissioner assenting to our plans and agreeing to recommend that a lease for the site be granted us, Stephen Mali was appointed there in January. 117 are enrolled in school. 13 kraals are being regularly supplied with preaching.

The District reports an increase in church membership of from 18 probationers to 189 probationers and 35 full members, in school enrollment from 45 to 482. In baptisms from 10 to 28, in churches and schools from one to five.

In January of this year we visited and worked in the Inyangha District for two weeks securing information regarding population and land available for opening work in the district. It promises to be difficult, but is ripe and should be occupied. This and the Mrawa Districts are needy. Both are strategic points, the latter being very thickly populated.

We deeply appreciate the co-operation of our fellow workers so kindly given while the responsibility has been ours and we render thanks to Him whose presence we have ever been conscious of; for constant blessing, and the privilege of living and working for, and with Him in Africa.

Shirley D. Coffin.
We began our work at Hartzell Villa August 2nd.'05, having been transferred by Bishop Hartzell from Inhambane to Old Umtali. On that date Bishop Hartzell gave to the W. F. M. S. some thirty-five acres in land and a building valued at $6500, for which we desire to express our sincere appreciation. Our predecessor gave over nine girls, two married women and two babies. With this outfit we opened a girls school. Christmas '05 found us with the same number of girls minus the women and babies. Not discouraged, but filled with a determination to increase the number we set to work. Our prayer for '06 was for thirty girls and as many scholarships, a new missionary and a dormitory. Christmas '06 found us with a school of forty three, thirty one scholarships, a new missionary on her way and $1800. appropriated by the society for a dormitory. Upon our coming this place was receiving $800. In November '06 the work had increased to such proportions that $3450. was appropriated and a few months later the joyful news was received that some kind unknown friend in New England had given us $2500. for a girls dormitory which has lately been begun.

As to school work two of the nine girls first taken, could read the native. The last term of '05 we had five class recitations daily. At the close of '06 we were hearing thirteen and fifteen classes daily. English had been introduced and one class of ten have mastered the primer very creditably. Our work has been educational, evangelistic and industrious and no one side has been emphasized at the expense of the other. Last year we realized from some seven acres of cultivated land about $200. This year more acres are in cultivation which we hope will enable us to add about $400. to our income. Except for the plowing and harrowing of the cornfield, the girls have done all the work. Each girl has her own garden the produce of which is not valued, this she works at odd hours. We wish to note how greatly we are indebted to Bishop Hartzell for making it possible with the ladies at home to have a corn mill of our own, which is an important step towards the self support of the girls school. The increased number of girls in school made it impossible for them to remain in the house with me and a dormitory became necessary. This was put up during the latter part of the year, the girls doing most of the work themselves. The roof was the only part which required outside aid. Repairs were necessary because of the ant-eaten woodwork of Hartzell Villa itself.

This led to the renovation of the entire house, which was done without extra expense to the society, the funds being provided partly from garden products and the decreased expense because of the girls being able to provide for themselves. An orchard of seventy two trees, lemon, mulberry, apple, pawpaw have been set out, beside a general rearrangement of the grounds. We cite these to show that the girls have learned to work regardless of the fact that a new kraal girl is
not always a willing subject for a life of obedience and regularity. Nor have we committed to teach all the girls sewing and house work. Some kraal trips have been made, sometimes to bring back a run-away girl sometimes to see one who is sick, or to ascertain how they are spending their vacation. At such times we hold evangelistic services. Over four hundred medical treatments have been given. Our greatest joy is in knowing that real character has been developed in these girls in so short a time and there is not one girl here who does not want to grow better.

You may imagine our joy on the arrival in February of a new worker after an effort of three years to build the work up to a point where it was worth the time and cost of a colaborer. Miss Coffin comes well fitted to take up the school work and we bespeak for her a large sphere of usefulness. We have learned in our work as never before that "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think."

Virginia R. Swormstedt.

REPORTS OF NATIVE WORKERS.

During the present Conference year I have had charge of the church which I founded at Makodweni, consisting at present of thirty full members and seventy eight Probationers. I have also been sent out by the P. E. to visit all of our Charges from the North to South. These trips take from two to three weeks to accomplish and I rejoice greatly to see the growing of our work. At Makodweni we are visiting the outside people in force and by actual counting have preached the Gospel to 2163 people in a single month and this number is continually increasing. Attendance at Station Services is regular and we have preached to some 1500 visitors to our daily prayers and our Sunday services. For all these rich blessings we praise God again and again.

Tilore Navesi.

During the present Conference year I have been strictly confined to the work of Translating of the Old Testament. In connection with Dr. Richards we have completed the entire work and it is now ready for the printers, and sections are already being printed.

Farther I have had charge of Kambini Church which numbers thirty one members and forty two Probationers. I have been over the stations twice during the year and have preached to large congregations of outside people many times. Our number of outsiders reached in a single month reach to some three thousand and this number is growing all the time. The visitors at our Home devotions amount to three hundred and more in a single month.

We are very grateful to our heavenly Father for this growth and pray that it may be very much greater in the years to come.

Mutl Sikobell.
I left the work at Umtali and went to work in Penhalonga, January 1906, where I have working ever since. In thirteen months at Penhalonga we have built a house for me to live in and a church. I hold meetings every morning and evening with an attendance of about 20. I hold these services on Sunday and about 100 people come.

We preach at two kraals and at all four compounds every Sunday to about 3000 people. I have a school with 40 scholars and some of them can now read and write in their own language. We have had 59 people converted in one year.

My dear wife died in September, 1906, but God has given me great blessings. My baby died in January 1907. I am glad for God's help and power, which he has given me and for what he has helped me to do.

Charles Yafele.

I was the first one converted in the church at Umtali. I repented January 1901 and God saved me. So I am now preaching the Gospel and have preached since 1903 and many people have repented and God has blessed them. I preach and teach in the school and hold classmeetings and preach in the kraals. I am very glad that God has helped me to do His work and I would like to do more. I am glad also that Jesus Christ gives me his good Spirit. I thank God for helping me these six years that I have been in the Church. I am working with John Malgas and helping him.

John Mzanywa.

I came to Umtali, December, 16, 1906 and began preaching and working for two weeks. Then I went to Penhalonga to work with Charles Yafele, where I preach and help to build the house at Rezende. God has been blessing my work and many people have heard about God and some have been saved. I am glad for God's help and ask Him to give me power and to bless the bishops.

James Villik.

I came here August, 1906, to take up the work that Charles Yafele had left in January, 1906. I found a school and a church with 67 Christians. God has blessed me very much and saved many souls. During the seven months 116 people have been saved and many more are beginning to love God. We have a school-house and about 50 scholars. We hold meetings in the school-house every morning and evening and many hear the gospel and gospel talks. We have a women's school with about 30 scholars. We have a church and hold three services each Sunday and have a class-meeting on Thursday for men, also one for women on Wednesday. We have six preachers, my son who teaches the school and five others. John Mzanywa, one of the preachers, was one of first converts under Charles Yafele and he is now teaching and preaching and God is blessing him. I am very glad God has called me to the work for Him and blesses me. I pray for the work and for the bishops and know that God will help us.

John Malgas.
Report of Committees.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Resolution No. 1

The Conference greatly appreciates the coming of Bishop William Burt, D.D., to preside over our Conference with coordinate authority with our own Bishop Hartzell. His coming to Africa as a representative of the General Superintendents of the whole Church emphasizes the growing interest in Africa. Bishop Burt's long experience in missionary work in Italy, and during the past three years as Bishop in charge of all our work in Europe, eminently qualifies him to enter into the difficulties and to appreciate the many providential openings on this continent. We pray the Father, whose all we are, to bless him in all his journeys and labors. We also, send our Christian greetings to his wife and family. Bishop Burt's sermons and addresses, and his counsel and uniform brotherly spirit have greatly inspired and helped us.

Resolution No. 2

The Conference is delighted to welcome again our own Bishop Hartzell, D.D., LL.D. His recent stay of several months in America, has been wonderfully blessed of God in increasing the intelligent interest of our great church in American Methodist Mission work in Africa. The growing confidence the church has in him and in his administration of missionary work in Africa has received additional proof in the large increase in Special Gifts given to him personally and to others through his influence. His faith and heroic cheerfulness and powers of endurance show no abatement as the years pass. We honor and appreciate him for his magnificent ability in accomplishing so much for the dark continent, as well as for his personal interest in each one under his episcopal care. Under his wise jurisdiction, in spite of many difficulties, the success of the work in East Africa has been phenomenal, as the statistics fully indicate.

Resolution No. 3

We regret the absence of Mrs. Hartzell. We remember her visits in the earlier days and recall her cheerfulness and heroic faith. We sincerely hope that she may be with us at our next session. Our prayer is that she may long be spared in her work in the Church of God, that she may be made to rejoice in the abounding love of our common Lord and Saviour.

Resolution No. 4

The Conference session has been saddened by the continued absence of our Brother, the Rev. R. Wodehouse, who has been kept away by illness. We rejoice that he is better and pray that he may soon be fully restored to health and be active in the Lord's service.
Three-quarter Centennial Jubilee for Africa--1908.

Bishop Hartzell presented the following paper on the proposed Three-quarter Centennial Jubilee for Africa:

The General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its meeting in Buffalo, New York, held in November 1906, adopted the following preamble and resolutions. The names signed to this historic document were: J. C. HARTZELL, I. B. SCOTT, WILLIAM BURT, A. B. LEONARD, D. G. DOWNEY, J. W. PEARSELL, JOHN R. MOTT.

WHEREAS, in the year 1908 it will be seventy-five years since Melville B. Cox, the first foreign missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was appointed and sent to Africa, and,

WHEREAS, God in His providence, in recent years, by exploration, the organization of governments including the whole continent, the development of commerce, and the establishment of religious liberty, has marvelously opened the way for His kingdom among the one hundred and fifty millions of people who are in barbaric heathenism, and,

WHEREAS, the missionary work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Africa, through its several annual conferences, is prepared to advance with enlarged and aggressive efficiency; and the demands are urgent for increased and better equipment in the central stations, and for advance into the regions beyond, where multitudes who never heard the gospel are pleading for teachers and preachers, and,

WHEREAS, the full responsibility of the church cannot be met in that great continent without a large increase in financial resources,

THEREFORE RESOLVED, 1 That, in the judgment of this General Committee, the sending out of our first foreign missionary, and that to Africa, the enlargement and increased efficiency of the work, the opening up of the whole continent to the gospel, insuring great advance if the means can be provided; are historic events calling for special recognition by the church,

RESOLVED, 2 That we approve the holding of a Three-quarter Centennial Jubilee, celebrating the founding of our first foreign mission in Africa, during which the whole church should be more fully informed concerning the continent and its needs as a mission field, and asked to contribute as a thank offering two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) to be used specially for buildings and other permanent equipments for the work of God in that continent.

RESOLVED, 3 That the time when this Jubilee should be held, and the plans for carrying it forward, be referred to the Managers of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Bishop Hartzell Said: It was my privilege to present this paper to the General Missionary Committee, and to make an address on the significance and scope of the action proposed, and the unanimous vote which followed indicates the profound interest, purpose and faith of the whole
church in the redemption of Africa. The action also indicates joy at the success already achieved, as well as faith in yet greater triumphs, and that, from henceforth, Africa will have her full share, with other continents and mission fields, in the growing financial resources and the aggressive missionary methods of the whole church. My suggestion to the conference is that the following resolutions be adopted.

First, that, with devout thankfulness to God, whose blessing has made this Jubilee possible, we greatly rejoice in the proposed celebration, and will gladly co-operate in whatever plans may be suggested in using the occasion for deepening the spiritual life among the people and awakening the spirit of self help at all the mission stations.

Second, That the Presiding Elders are hereby elected a committee to devise methods by which these results may be secured,

These Resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote of the conference.


Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Inhambane District.

Inhambane has more than doubled her output for the previous Conference Year. Her stations at last report were 16, they are now 30 with three already started but not reported upon. Her membership and her educational work has more than doubled during the period. Her spiritual growth also is brighter than ever and there is more of it.

The Umtali District.

The growth in this District calls for much thanksgiving and praise. Since last conference a considerable forward movement has been made and an advance all along the line can be reported. The importance of making ample provision for ministering to the white English community cannot be overstated as it reacts on our heathen work, hence we are glad to report that the work at St. Andrews has been well sustained.

The Umtali Academy under the wise supervision of Brother Ferris has increased 15 percent in its enrollment. The Rhodesian Government has been especially sympathetic and granted every request presented.

The Old Umtali District

There is a lively interest in spiritual things at Old Umtali. The many new sections added to our normal work and growth on the old stations show a pleasing increase in the general and spiritual growth of the Church. The farm and industrial works also show a steady growth in efficiency. The natives are taking more interest in this kind of work than ever before.

At Penhalanga ten miles from Umtali a comfortable Church for the English people costing $4500, has been built and it is free from debt. The
services are much valued and an interesting Sunday School has been started. There has been a marked increase in spiritual life during the year and an increase in membership of 40 percent. Our great advance has been among the heathen at Penhalanga where there is a population of 3500 natives. Two commodious churches have been built costing over $2000. free of debt. A near and important outstation has been opened under a white missionary and many conversions have already been reported. A mission house and a new church have been erected. Another church has been built at M Ratsika's. So that four native churches and one English church have been built since last conference. The spirit of revival is abroad and conversions are reported on all the stations. There is a gain of 83 and a third percent. We have occupied a new field, the Victoria District, containing 400,000 people, a distance of 120 miles South of Umtali where we have one native worker who is doing good work. We are hoping to send one or two white workers to this field during the coming year. God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Unto Him be the praises.

The Presiding Elders.

Report of the Auditing Committee

The books of the Principal of the Umtali Academy have been examined and found correct. Also the same for the Inhambane District. The other books are referred to the Finance Committee for auditing.

(Signed) Erwin H. Richards, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Native Courses of Study.

NATIVE COURSES OF STUDY FOR RHODESIA.

EAST CENTRAL AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE.

All native helpers receiving salaries shall take a course of study covering a period of eight (8) years, divided as follows: Teachers, four (4) years; Local preachers, four (4) years;

Exhorters, four (4) years. (Unpaid).

Teacher 1st Year.

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Writing- A paragraph dictated from Reader.
Arithmetic- Tables of weights and measures.
Grammar- Parts of speech.

3rd Year.

Reading- Standard 5th Reader. Mark's Gospel.
Writing- A paragraph dictated from Reader.
Arithmetic- Addition, subtraction, Grammar- Analysis of easy sen-
multiplication, and division of frac-
tences.
Grammar- Analysis of easy sen-
tences.
Geography- South Africa

4th Year.

Writing- A paragraph from Reader.
Arithmetic- Decimal Fractions.
Grammar- Analysis of complex and compound sentences.
Geography- Africa.
History- South Africa

Local Preacher 1st Year.

Reading- Pilgrim's Progress. Romans.
Writing- Dictation from above.
Arithmetic- Percentage and mensu-
ratation.
Grammar- Analysis and parsing, and correction of grammatical errors.
Geography- Europe.
History- South Africa, Book 2.

2nd Year.

Pass 1st Year's Pupil Teachers' Ex-
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1st and 2nd Corinthians.
Memorize- 1 Cor. 13, Psalms 91 and 97, two hymns
Grammar- Analysis of sentences.
Sermon (written).
Jr. Catechism.
3rd Year.
Pass 2nd Years Pupil Teachers’ Examination.
Hebrews.
Memorize- Rom. 1, Psalms 138 and 149, Two Hymns.
Grammar- Idioms.
Sermon (written).
Sr. Catechisms.

4th Year.
Pass 3rd Years Pupil Teachers’ Examination.
James.
Memorize- Jas. 1, Psalms 116 and 150, Two Hymns.
Translation of a selection of 200 words.
Sermon (written).
Sr. Catechism.

Unpaid Workers, Exhorters.

1st Year.
Matthew’s Gospel.
Memorise- Apostle’s Creed, Lord’s Prayer, Ten Commandments.
Psalms 20 and 28.
Catechism.
Two Hymns.

2nd Year.
Memorize- The Beatitudes,
Psalms 24 and 51.
Catechism.
Two Hymns.

3rd Year.
Memorize- Mark 16, Psalms 8 and 121.
Catechism.
Two Hymns.

4th Year.
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Memorize- Luke 15,
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### Note on the Statistics.

The success of our work in East Central Africa Mission Conference is really great, for which God be praised. Read and study the following statistics reported at the late Conference Session. Read them and praise God for what has been accomplished and for the openings soon to be entered. Less than ten years ago the entire work consisted of one missionary and a few native Christians without a building or an acre of land. Now there are three Presiding Elders Districts, and the following results.

Praise the Lord.
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of the East Central Africa Mission Conference for 1907

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Adding value of Churches and Parsonages,

Property, Grand total $144,000

**Indebtedness.**

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These two properties are valued at Fifty Thousand Dollars.