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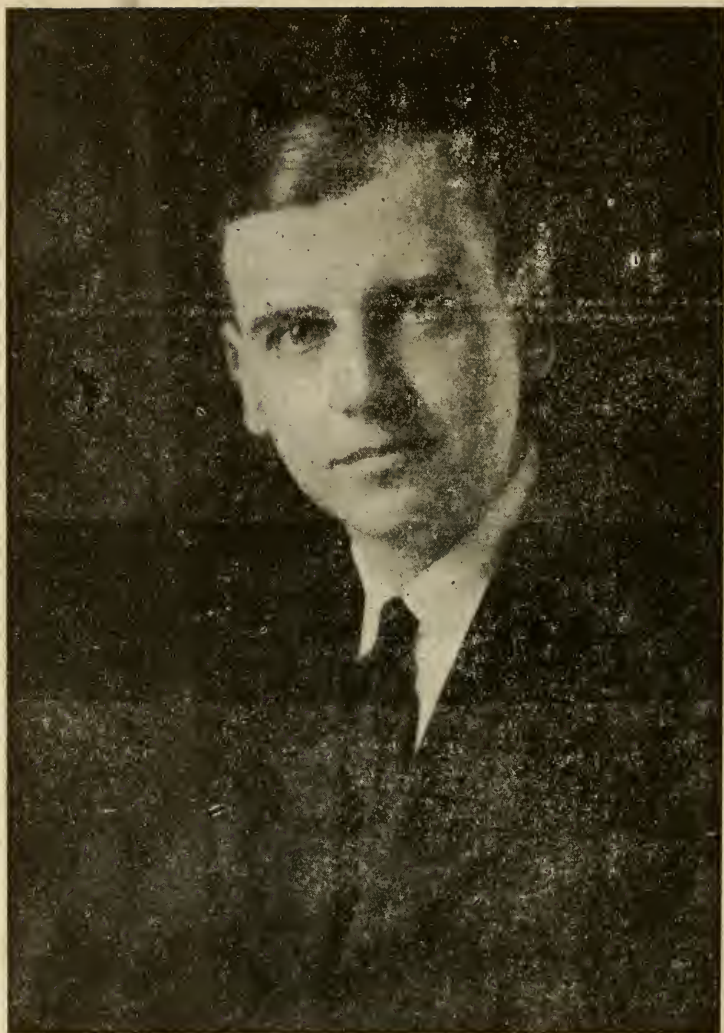
### THE METHODIST CHURCH

*Historical Note:* The Rhodesia Conference is the continuation of ten Sessions of the East Central Africa Mission Conference and fourteen sessions of the Rhodesia Mission Conference and nine sessions of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HELD IN NYADIRI  
Southern Rhodesia, South Africa  
August 21st to August 28th, 1945



NEWELL S. BOOTH, PRESIDING BISHOP  
E. L. SELLS, SECRETARY



ALBERT F. WENDELL

July 29th, 1945

To him we dedicate this volume of  
the 1945 Rhodesia Conference Journal.



## Mr. A. F. Wendell.

In the death of Mr. A. F. Wendell, at Parkersburg, West Va., on July 29th, 1945, the Methodist Church in Rhodesia lost one of its most devoted supporters. He and Mrs. Wendell first started sending money generously in support of Rev. David Mandisodza, and thus came into close relationship with Bishop Joseph C. Hartzell. Since then, they have as truly given themselves in bringing Africans to Jesus Christ as though they had been members of a Mission Staff.

In the Centenary Campaign of 1918 and the years immediately following Old Umtali did not receive the amount necessary for its development. And because of the slump in missionary giving, due to the unfavorable reaction to the Interchurch World Movement, we saw little hope that we should get what had been asked. In 1924, the Secretaries felt they were unable to permit us to put on a campaign. In the "still hunt" which they did permit, Mr. Wendell entered with his vast ability and energy, and by the spring of 1925 the end was in sight, and a little later the effort closed with considerably more than the 40,000 dollars. The Wendells gave liberally themselves. Dr. Ehnes of the Board and Dr. C. C. Woodruff also assisted much.

Mr. Wendell has followed the developments with keen interest and hoped to visit Rhodesia soon. The present School Building, at Old Umtali, which is generally conceded to be the best Mission building in Rhodesia was erected from the Wendell Funds.

A recent letter from the field outlining the present new plans for Old Umtali reached Mr. Wendell during his last illness. Mrs. Wendell writes as follows: "As I read it to him, the tears rolled down his face, as he heard your account of how he was still instrumental in the work at Old Umtali. I am so glad he could know that for he and I have always thought, and said to each other that when our lives are over, we feel that the biggest work of our lives is what we were permitted to do for our God at Old Umtali. Even when reverses came to us, we were so glad we had done what we could, while we could."

From a local paper we take the following extracts: "The death of Mr. Albert F. Wendell deprives Lowell of one of its most eminent and respected men, and Washington county of a fine, helpful and public spirited citizen. Many people will remember him as a friend, whose interest in them never seemed to lag.

"Mr. Wendell was a banker and had other business interests. He was prominent in religious and fraternal organizations. He served on the school Board and was active in political organizations. He was an official of his church and its Sunday School.

"Mr. Wendell lived a busy and useful life, with a wide consideration of the interests of his friends, neighbours and community. When such a man passes on there is always deep and general regret."

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## PART I

### OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

**President**—Bishop Newell S. Booth, Ph. D. Elizabethville, Belgian Congo.  
**Secretary**—Rev. E. L. Sells, P. O. Box 55, Umtali, S. Rhodesia.  
**Treasurer**—Rev. H. I. James, P. O. Mrewa, S. Rhodesia.  
**Statistician**—Mr. Tudor Roberts, Old Umtali Mission, P. B. Umtali, S. Rhodesia.

## PART II

### BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

#### The Cabinet

The Resident Bishop, The District Supts.:—G. A. Roberts (Chm.), E. L. Sells (Sec.), H. I. James, W. Bourgaize, H. E. Taylor, T. A. O'Farrell, Per Hassing and John Nduna.

#### Board of Evangelism

M. J. Murphree (Chm.)	M. E. Culver (Sec.).
J. Chitombo	Thomas Marange
Mrs. E. L. Sells	Per Hassing
I. B. Kristmukti	I. Kambarami
D. Mandisodza	H. Katsidzira
Mrs. H. I. James	Miss Ila Scovill
Miss L. Tubbs	B. Katsidzira
J. Chimbadzwa	Z. Mukombiwa
J. Maramba	Paul Malianga
Miss E. de Vries	Ebson Zimonte

Secretaries and Missionary Advisors of Rukwadzano rwe Wadzimai.  
 Secretary and Missionary Advisors of African Christian Convention.

#### Board of Conference Claimants

1946	1947	1948
R. C. Gates	J. M. Rugayo	Per Hassing
S. S. Chieza	The Conf. Treasurer	H. M. T. Maranke
Job Tsiga	Esau Muringapi	Gone Ndongwe
Thomas Kodzai	I. Kambarami	T. Chieza

#### Board of Hospitals and Homes

E. L. Sells (Chm.)	Moses Mparutsa	Mrs. C. K. Thompson
T. A. O'Farrell	Mrs. H. I. James	Enoch Munjoma
Miss E. Ashby (Sec)	Mrs. A. Sheard	Miss O. Parmenter
Miss Rosa Rydell	Thomas Marange	Philemon Chidzikwe
Miss R. Hansson	O. Musingwini	Mrs. K. Choto
Miss A. Whitney		

#### Board of Ministerial Training

M. J. Murphree (Chm)	T. A. O'Farrell	W. Bourgaize
J. Nduna (Sec.) (Reg.)	H. I. James	Per Hassing
E. L. Sells	R. C. Gates	Titus Maranke
J. Chimbadzwa		

#### Board of Temperance

E. L. Sells (Chm)	R. Ngonyama
Martin Chiza (Sec)	J. Rugayo
B. Gwaza	Mrs. Ngonyama
S. Chieza	L. Tubbs
J. Chimbadzwa	E. Munjoma
J. Chitombo	C. K. Thompson

#### Executive

Chairman
Secretary
C. K. Thompson
R. Ngonyama

**Board of Education**

H. I. James (Chairman)  
 John Nduna (Secretary)  
 T. A. O'Farrell (Chairman, Committee on Schools)  
 M. J. Murphree (Chairman, Committee on Religious Instruction)  
 Tudor Roberts (Chairman, Committee on Publications and Literature)  
 Miss J. Pfaff (Chairman, Committee on Curriculum)  
 J. Thacker (Chairman, Committee on Community Life)  
 Miss L. Tubbs  
 Miss E. de Vries  
 J. Rugayo  
 B. Mutambara  
 S. Chieza  
 Mrs. L. Zimonte  
 I. Musamba  
 Jonah Machiri  
 Aaron Machiri  
 Martin Chiza  
 Thomas Marange  
 Miss Grace Clark  
 Mrs. C. K. Thompson  
 Mrs. M. E. Culver  
 Samuel Munjoma  
 Miss S. King  
 Miss Scovill  
 Miss E. Parks  
 R. C. Gates  
 Mrs. M. J. Murphree  
 E. L. Sells  
 Patron Nyamukapa  
 Miss L. Forrest

**The Executive of the Board of Education**

The Chairman  
 The Secretary  
 The Chairman of the Committee  
**The Secretary of Education for Conference**  
 Miss J. Pfaff

N. Chigubu  
 Enoch Chieza  
 Miss H. Wildermuth  
 Amos Kapenzi  
 Felton Phombeyo  
 Mathew Magorimbo  
 O. Musingwini

**Commission on Worship and Music**

Mrs. H. I. James (Chairman)  
 Miss H. Wildermuth  
 Enoch Chieza  
 M. E. Culver  
 Mrs. M. J. Murphree  
 Mrs. R. C. Gates

Amos Kapenzi  
 Jonah Machiri  
 Ebson Zimonte  
 Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell  
 O. Chimonyo

**Board of Lay Activities**

William Chieza (Leader)	Z. Mushori	S. Pawiramanzi
Valentine Nesen	D. Chimbadzwa	Job Tsiga
Timothy Chieza	E. Chiwadza	L. Kasambira

These leaders with the District Superintendents constitute the Board of Lay Activities.

**Commission on World Service and Finance**

H. I. James (Chairman)	Miss I. Scovill (Secretary)
Miss M. Fuller	Miss J. Pfaff
Paul Mutizi	Paul Chiwanga
W. Bourgaize	Jonah Chitombo
E. L. Sells	Johnson Maramba
Miss L. Tubbs	B. Mutambara

**Committee on Auditing**

John Nduna (Chairman)	Amos Kapenzi
Tudor Roberts	R. C. Gates
Jonah Chitombo	W. Mandisodza
Luke Chieza	Samuel Chieza
Mrs. J. Thacker	

**Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications**

T. A. O'Farrell (Chairman)	Moses Mparutsa (Secretary)
Thomas Marange	G. A. Roberts
R. C. Gates	H. I. James
Isaiah Darikwa	J. Chimbadzwa
M. J. Murphree	

**Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors**

H. I. James (Chairman)	J. Chimbadzwa
Thomas Marange	M. J. Murphree
J. Nduna	W. Bourgaize

**Committee on Resolutions**

Mrs. M. J. Murphree	Moses Muparutsa
Wilson Mandisodza	Miss S. King
Miss S. King	M. E. Culver
Miss H. Wildermuth	Amon Kajese
Samuel Chigubu	Elia Chidzikwe
Mrs. S. Munjoma	

**Committee on Memoirs**

J. Chimbadzwa (Chairman)	Mrs. Thacker
R. Ngonyama	Amos Kapenzi
Nason Chigubu	Mrs. M. E. Culver
Mrs. M. J. Murphree	Miss O. Parmenter

**Committee on Nominating**

The District Superintendents

**Committee on Conference Programme**

The Entertaining District Superintendent and Pastor  
The Conference Secretary.

**Committee on Student Loan Fund**

The Principal of Hartzell Training School  
The Headmistress of Nyadiri School  
The African Ministers at Mutambara, Mrewa and Mtoko.

**Committee on Investigation**

H. I. James (Chairman)	Thomas Marange	T. A. O'Farrell
E. L. Sells	John Nduna	
Reserves.-	W. Bourgaize	Moses Mparutsa

**Committee on Interdenominational Relations**

The District Supts.	J. Chimbadzwa	D. Mandisodza
Titus Maranke	I. Munjoma	I. B. Kristmukti

**Note:-** The District Superintendents are ex officio members of the Boards, Commissions and Committees

**CONFERENCE SOCIETIES AND COUNCILS**

**The Native Christian Convention**

Jackson Rugayo (Chairman)	Jonah Machiri (Vice Chairman)
I. Musamba (Secretary)	Martin Chiza (Vice Sec. Treas.)
<b>Missionary Advisory Members:-</b>	<b>Miss L. Tubbs and J. Thacker</b>

**Ruwadzano Rwebadzima Rwe Methodist Church**

Secretary:- Northern Section—Mrs. M. Mparutsa. Asst. Mrs. E. Munjoma  
 Southern Section Mrs. P. Chieza. Asst. Mrs. R. Ngonyama  
 Missionary Advisors:- Mrs. H. I. James, Mrs. M. J. Murphree, Mrs. E. L. Sells, Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell, Mrs. G. A. Roberts, Mrs. Per Hassing

**African Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in Rhodesia**

J. M. Chimbadzwa (Chairman) John Nduna (Secretary)  
 Amos Kapenzi (Treasurer) Executive I. K. Choto, A. Kajese, E. Sisimai

**Methodist Historical Society**

T. A. O'Farrell (President) Thomas Marange (Vice President)  
 Miss M. Deyo (Sec. Treas.) E. L. Sells (Custodian-Archivist)

**Hartzell Training School Advisory Council**

G. A. Roberts John Nduna (Sec.) H. I. James  
 Titus Marange Jonathan Maranke Supt. O. U. Mission  
 W. D. C. S. Directress- Mutambara, Nyadiri and Old Umtali  
 Ex Officio- Head Teacher T. T.

**Methodist Council (Conference Section)**

The District Superintendents  
 The Indian Missionary  
 European Layman elected by St. Andrew's Church  
 Two African Ministers: Samuel Chieza to represent rural areas  
 Titus Maranke to represent urban areas  
 Representative of the W. D. C. S.- Miss M. L. Fuller

**Representatives on the Christian Council of Southern Rhodesia**

E. L. Sells (alternative M. J. Murphree)  
 Josiah Chimbadzwa (alternative John Nduna)  
 T. A. O'Farrell (alternative W. Bourgaize)  
 Miss I. Scovill (alternative Miss J. Pfaff)  
 C. K. Thompson (alternative Mrs. C. K. Thompson)

It is provided that whenever it is possible for Bishop Booth to attend, he will replace one of the representatives.

**The Methodist Young People's Council (For Record)**

In co-operation with the Methodist Synod.  
 President, Mr. J. S. Wreford  
 Vice President, Mr. C. K. Thompson  
 Secretary, Rev. H. Ibbotson and two representatives from each Youth Club

**The Field Committee (For Record)**

D. F. M. The District Superintendents (Upon appointment of the Annual Conference) and Mission Treasurer.

W. D. C. S. Miss S. King, Miss L. Tubbs, Miss J. Pfaff, Miss O. Parmenter and Miss E. de Vries.

**Africans** John Nduna (District Superintendent) Josiah Chimbadzwa, Samuel Chieza, Jackson Rugayo, and Mrs. Moses Mparutsa and Mrs. Ebson Zimonte.

**Reserve:-** Amos Kapenzi and Miss Muradzikwa.

**Note:** The members of special Committees appointed or elected on nomination of the various reports of the Boards, Commissions and Committees are found in the same as published in Part VI (b) and (c) of this Journal.



# PART III

The Seventh Session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference.

**First Day: Tuesday, August 21st, 1945.**

The Seventh Session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of The Methodist Church convened at Nyadiri Mission on Tuesday, August 21st, 1945, at 9. 0. a. m., Bishop Newell S. Booth Ph. D. presiding.

**Communion Service:**—The Bishop conducted the Communion Service and, assisted by two Elders, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Service closed with the Benediction at 10. 0. a. m.

**Recess:**—The Conference went into recess and reconvened at 10. 30. a. m. The Hymn, "In the cross of Christ 1 glory," No. 143, was sung and the Bishop led in prayer.

**Transfer:**—The Bishop announced the transfer of M. E. Culver from the Newark Conference.

**Roll Call:**—The Bishop requested the Secretary of the last Conference to call the roll. The following were present:

T. A. O'Farrell  
M. J. Murphree  
G. A. Roberts  
W. Bourgaize  
H. E. Taylor  
E. L. Sells  
David Mandisodza  
R. C. Gates  
Thomas Marange  
Reginald Ngonyama  
Josiah Chimbadzwa  
Zachariah Mukombiwa  
Philip Chieza  
Samuel Chieza  
Amos Kapenzi  
Moses Muparutsa  
Hosea Katsidzira  
Patrick Machiri  
Johnson Maramba  
Enoch Munjoma  
Jackson Rugayo  
Obadiah Chimonyo  
Silas Kasambira  
Jonah Chitombo  
Jonah Machiri  
Luke Chieza  
Nason Chigubu  
Benjamin Gwaza  
Amon Kajese  
Wilson Mandisodza  
Samuel Munjoma  
Obadiah Musingwini  
Ebson Zimonte  
M. E. Culver  
John Nduna

## Missionaries

Mrs. T. O'Farrell  
Mrs. R. C. Gates  
Miss Ruth Hansson  
Mrs. E. L. Sells  
Dr. A. G. Anderson  
Mrs. A. G. Anderson  
Mr. Tudor Roberts  
Mrs. M. E. Culver  
Mr. J. Thacker  
Mrs. J. Thacker

## Women's Division of Christian Service

Miss Grace Clark  
Miss Lula Tubbs  
Miss Ona Parmenter  
Miss M. Fuller  
Miss Sarah King  
Miss Ila Scovill  
Miss Jessie Pfaff  
Miss Alice Whitney  
Miss Edith Parks  
Miss M. Deyo  
Miss Evelyn de Vries  
Miss Helen Wildermuth  
Miss E. Ashby

## Accepted Supply Pastors

Silas Chitiyo  
Daniel Makuto  
Amos Karumbidza  
Elisha Mvududu  
Noah Muswe  
Joshua Mutsago  
Maxin Mutambanengwe

**Lay Delegates**

Mrewa - Joshua Mujura  
 Mrewa Circuit - Chrispin Muchaka  
 Mangwendi Circuit - Silas Chitiyo  
 Headlands Circuit - William Chieza  
 Mtoko - Elisha Myududu  
 Mutambara - B. Mutambara  
 Mtasa - Amos Karumbidza  
 Chiduku - Elias Jangano  
 Gandanzara - Esau Muringapi  
 Nyadiri - Miss I. Scovill  
 Nyadiri Circuit - Gibson Ndowe  
 Nyadiri East Circuit - T. Chirimumimba  
 Uzumba South Circuit - Julius Gezi  
 Uzumba North Circuit - Julius Kazingezi  
 Maramba-Pfungwe Circuit - Noah Muskwe  
 Old Umtali Circuit - Isaac Murapa  
 Old Umtali - Isaac Musamba  
 Umtali - St. Andrew's Church - Mrs. C. K. Thompson  
 Miller Memorial Church - Valentine Nesen  
 Maranke Circuit - Joshua Mutsago  
 Zimunya Circuit - Maxin Mutambanengwe

**ORGANIZATION**

**Secretary:**—On nomination of T. A. O'Farrell, E. L. Sells was elected Secretary. Ebson Zimonte was named as the assistant.

**Programme:**—T. A. O'Farrell reported for the Programme Committee.

On motion, the report was accepted and made the official programme of the Conference.

**Bar of the Conference:**—On motion of T. A. O'Farrell, the first six rows on both sides was made the seating for those entitled to vote.

**Excuses:**—On motion the following were excused from attending the sessions of the Conference: P. Hassing, I. B. Kristmukti, H. I. James, Miss Rosa Rydell, Mrs. H. E. Taylor, Mrs. M. J. Murphree, Mrs. P. Hassing, Mrs. H. I. James, Mrs. G. A. Roberts, Paul Malianga, Miss L. M. Forrest and Mrs. Kristmukti.

**Greetings:**—The Bishop conveyed the greetings of the Conferences of the Area: Angola, Central Congo, Southern Congo, and South East Africa; Bishop and Mrs. Springer, Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Donohugh, Mrs. Booth and children, and the Methodist members from Rhodesia living in Johannesburg. On motion these were received with gratitude and joy and the Bishop was requested to convey our greetings to all the Conferences of the Area.

On motion of G. A. Roberts, greetings were ordered sent to Bishop and Mrs. Springer, Mrs. E. S. Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Donohugh, Mrs. Booth, and Mrs. Howard. A wire of congratulation was requested to be sent to Rev. and Mrs. I. B. Kristmukti on the birth of a son.

**Introduction and Presentation:**—The Bishop presented to the Conference the following new Missioneries; Miss Helen Wildermuth, Mrs. G. A. Anderson, Miss E. Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thacker, Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Culver.

T. A. O'Farrell introduced the Rev. H. W. Murray, of the Dutch Reformed Church and he spoke to the Conference.

**Treasurer:** On nomination of R. C. Gates, H. I. James, was elected as the Treasurer.



**Statistician:**—On nomination of W. Bourgaize, Tudor Roberts was elected as the Statistician. Enoch Chieza was named the assistant.

**Question Sixteen:**—"Are there any formulated complaints against any Ministerial Member of the Conference?" There are none. The characters of all ministerial members of the Conference were passed.

**Question Two:**—"Is this Annual Conference Incorporated"?

It is not incorporated. On motion of R. C. Gates, it was referred to the Committee appointed by the Field Committee for report.

**Question Three:**—answered in negative.

**Question Five:**—The forms have not been provided.

**Question Thirteen:**—No such organization.

**Central Conference:**—On motion of R. C. Gates, it was requested that the next meeting of the Central Conference be held after the General Conference of 1948.

**Board of Education:**—On motion of H. E. Taylor, the Board of Education was reorganized with three Committees; Schools, Religious Education, and Publication and Literature. The nominations of the Nominating Committee for the same were accepted. See Board of Education.

**Closing Devotions:**—Bishop Booth spoke of "The Crusade for Christ" and led in prayer.

**Adjournment:**—The Conference stood adjourned at 12. 15 p. m.

### Second Day, Wednesday, August 22nd, 1945

#### "The World Mission of The Church"

**Devotions:**—The Conference was called to order at 8. 30 a. m. After a Hymn, Bishop Booth spoke on the subject for the day. I Cor. 12 was read as the Scripture Lesson. Mrs. C. K. Thompson sang a solo, "O for a closer walk with God."

**Minutes:**—The Minutes of the session of Tuesday were read and approved.

**Introduction and Presentations:**—T. A. O'Farrell introduced and Bishop presented the Rev. H. Carter, General Superintendent, and Rev. Rusike, fraternal Delegates from the Methodist Synod. Greetings were conveyed from the Synod in the words, "Let us go forward together."

**Nominating Committee:**—E. L. Sells presented a report wherein additional names were added to the Boards, Commissions and Committees for this Session. The Board of Temperance was authorised and named. The Board of Education having been re-organized, the Board of Sunday Schools, and Committee on Publications were discontinued.

**Question Fifteen:**—"Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation"? The following were named; H. I. James, Thomas Marange, T. A. O'Farrell, E. L. Sells, John Nduna. Reserves, W. Bourgaize and Moses Muparutsa.

**Board of Lay Activity:**—The organisation of such a Board was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church for report.

**Recess:**—The Conference went into recess at 10. o'clock and reconvened at 10:30 o'clock. Samuel Chieza conducted the devotions. Ngoma 135, "Nga ndi udzirwe. Baba," was sung and the Scripture lesson Luke 24 : 13 - 34 was read.

**Question Six:**—"What are the reports of the District Superintendents as to the status of the work within their Districts?"

Each Superintendent read the section of his report relating to "The World Mission of the Church."

**African Missionary Society:**—Ebson Zimonte read the report.

**Church Building at Old Umtali:**—H. E. Taylor presented the matter of the Conference assisting with the cost of the building. On motion of E. L. Sells, the Conference voted to make an appeal to all the Churches for contributions and it was referred to the Commission on World Service and Finance for report.

The matter of the location and site of the proposed Church building at Old Umtali was referred to the Building Committee of the Field Committee.

**Closing Devotions:**—The noon devotions were conducted by the Rev. H. W. Murray. Hymn No. 479, "Jesus shall reign," was sung and he spoke on the passage Col. 1, 14f.

**Adjournment:** The Conference adjourned at 12. 20. p. m.

### Third Day, Thursday 23rd August, 1945

#### "The Christian World Order"

**Devotions:**—The Conference was called to order at 8. 30. a. m. Hymn No. 512, "These things shall be a loftier race," was sung and Rev. H. W. Murray led in prayer. Bishop Booth read a lesson from Gal. 5. 13f and Eph. 6. 10f and spoke on the subject of the day. Mr. Enoch Chieza sang a solo.

**Minutes:**—The minutes of the session of Wednesday were read and approved.

**Question Six:**—was resumed.

The District Superintendents read the section of their reports on the subject for the day.

**Board of Temperance:**—The report was read by E. L. Sells, and after being considered seriatim was adopted.

The ten lessons on Temperance for Primary Schools was referred to the Committee on Curriculum for preparation.

The Date set for Temperance Sunday was referred to the Commission on Worship and Music for listing.

**Recess:**—The Conference went into recess at 10. o'clock and reconvened at 10. 30. o'clock. Josiah Chimbadzwa conducted the prayers. Hymns No. 259 "O Master let me walk with Thee" and No. 301 "Guide me O Thou great Jehovah" were sung and Scripture lesson was read from St. John 15th Chapter.

#### Hostels and Social Centres for Young People in Municipalities:—

On motion of R. C. Gates it was ordered that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of co-operating with other Churches, Missions and agencies in establishing Hostels and Social Centres for Africans in Municipalities. The following were named:—H. I. James, T. A. O'Farrell. Miss G. Clark, J. Chimbadzwa, Titus Maranke, and E. L. Sells.

**Question Seventeen:**—"Who are the Accepted Supply Pastors"?

J. Chimbalzwa read the report of the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors. The characters of the list read were passed and licenses renewed. See the list.

**Question Eighteen:**—was called and answered in the negative.

**African Christian Convention:**—The Secretary of the Convention, Silas Kasambira read the report. It was considered seriatim.

**Closing:**—The Rev. H. Carter conducted the closing devotions and spoke on the subject of "The Power of a Christ filled life".

**Adjournment:**—The Conference adjourned at 12. 20. p. m. with the Benediction.

#### Fourth Day, Friday, August 24th, 1945.

#### "The Stewardship of all Life"

**Devotions:**—The Conference was called to order at 8. 30. a. m. The Hymn No. 287, "A charge to keep I have," was sung. Scripture lessons from Psalm 24 and Luke 19. 12 f. were read and Bishop Booth spoke on the subject for the day. A Quartette sang, "When you love him".

**Minutes:**—The minutes of the session of Thursday were read and approved.

**Question Six:**—was resumed.

The District Superintendents read the section of their reports on the subject of the day.

**Report of the Committee on joint Theological Training:**—

The Secretary read the report of the Committee appointed by the Methodist Council on joint Theological Training. In view of the recommendation of the Field Committee in regard to place, on motion it was agreed to refer the matter of the place back to the Committee for reconsideration, and report. The report as amended was received.

**Recess:**—The Conference went into recess at 10. o'clock and reconvened at 10. 30 o'clock. Benjamin Gwaza conducted the devotions, Hymn No. 89 "Hakuna Zita" was sung and a lesson was read from Matt. 5:13f.

**Regional Conferences throughout Africa:**—

On motion of T. A. O'Farrell, it was agreed to recommend that Southern Rhodesia be placed in a Regional Conference for South Africa. Also it was agreed that we co-operate and join with the Southern Rhodesia Missionary Conference, the Christian Council and the Methodist Council in presenting our missionary interests at the proposed Regional Conference.

On motion of M. E. Culver, the matter of the expences for the delegates attending the proposed Regional Conference was referred to the Commission on World Service and Finance for report,

**African Christian Convention:**—The consideration of the report seriatim was resumed.

**Closing:**—The closing devotions were conducted by M. J. Murphree. Hymns No. 460 "Lord speak to me" and No. 148 "When I survey the wondrous cross" were sung and a lesson from Eph. 2. 10 f was read.

**Adjournment:**—The Conference adjourned with the Benediction at 12. 20 p. m.

Fifth Day, Saturday, August 25th, 1945.

Christian Education"

**Devotions:**—The Conference was called to order at 8.30. a. m. Hymn No. 562, "The world's astir!" was sung and E. L. Sells led in prayer. Bishop Booth spoke on the theme for the day. Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Sells sang a duet.

**Minutes:**—The Minutes of the session of Friday were read and approved

**Question Six:**—was resumed. The District Superintendents read the section of their reports relating to the theme for the day.

**African Christian Convention:**—The consideration of the report serialim was resumed.

The report was received and the election of the Officers for both the Convention and the African Missionary Society were confirmed.

On motion of T. A. O'Farrell, it was ordered that District Conferences be held this coming year as per Discipline, Chapter IX.

**Report of the Treasurer:**—The Secretary read the report and on motion it was received.

**Report of the Statistician:**—The Statistician read the report and on motion it was received.

**Recess:**—The Conference went into recess at 10.15 o'clock and reconvened at 10.45 o'clock. Miss S. King conducted the prayers. Hymn No. 249 "I love to tell the story," was sung. The Scripture lesson was read from Deut. 6:14, 15

**Question Three:**—J. Nduna read the report of the Auditing Committee which on motion was received.

**Question Seven:**—"What is the schedule of the minimum support for pastors?" On motion, it was ordered that the wage scale for ministers be printed in the Journal.

**Question Eight:**—The plan for the support of District Superintendents for the ensuing year is Missionary Support and for the Honde District for time given is supplemented by Old Umtali.

**Question Twelve:**—a. Report of the Board of Conference Claimants. S. Chieza read the report and recommended that 10/- per month be allowed Job Gondoro and 20/- per month be granted to C. E. Faku.

**Question Nine:**—The amount apportioned to each pastoral charge within the Conference for Conference Claimants is five pounds per minister.

**Question Ten:**—Miss Ila Scovil read the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance. On motion it was adopted with the amendment that any amount over and unused from the Regional Conference should be deposited to the credit of the Central Conference Fund.

**Board of Hospitals and Medical Work.**

The Secretary read the report which was adopted.

Questions Nos. 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 were asked and answered in the negative.

**Question Twenty Three:**—"What full members are in Studies

a. Of the fourth year?

Ebson Zimonte, Benjamin Gwaza, Amon Kajese, Nason Chigubu, Obadiah Musingwini, Samuel Munjoma, and Wilson Mandisodza. These having completed the Studies of the third year were advanced to the Studies of the fourth year.

**Question Thirty-eight:**—"Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?"

On the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, C. E. Faku was continued as a Supernumerary for the fifth year.

**Question Forty-Three:**—"What other personal notation should be made?"

On motion of R. C. Gates, the appointment of L. E. Adkins to service outside the regular organization of The Methodist Church as a Missionary in East Africa, without annuity claim, was confirmed by more than three fourths vote of the Conference.

**Question Forty-six:**—"What are the detailed objects of this Conference for the coming year?"

The objectives are those reported by the Board of Evangelism with emphasis upon the theme of the Christian Crusade. M. E. Culver read the first section of the report of the Board of Evangelism.

**Methods of Religious Education:**—Mrs. Thompson was requested to present the use of the Story - O\*Graph in teaching the primary children of the Sunday School. She gave a helpful talk.

**Closing:**—W. Bourzaize conducted the closing devotions. Hymn No. 149. "In the cross of Christ I glory" was sung and the Scripture lesson was read from Luke 15th Chapter. He spoke on "the Elder Son."

**Adjournment:**—The Conference stood adjourned at 12. 20 p. m. with the Benediction.

### Sixth Day, Sunday, August 26th, 1945.

#### Conference Service of Worship

The Service of Worship was held in the School Assembly Hall starting at 10.0 a. m. The Service was conducted by the Rev. T. A. O'Farrell and Bishop Booth was the preacher.

**The African Missionary Society:**—The Annual Meeting of the African Missionary Society was held in the School Assembly Hall starting at 2.30 p. m. Rev. Josiah Chimbadzwa presided and the Missionary Rev. E. Zimonte was the speaker.

**The Vesper Service:**—Bishop Booth conducted the Vesper Service at 7.30 p. m.

### Seventh Day, Monday, August 27th, 1945.

#### "Evangelism"

**Devotions:**—The Conference was called to order at 8.30 a. m. Hymn No. 244 "My hope is built on nothing less," was sung and G. A. Roberts led in prayer. The Bishop spoke on the theme for the day. Mrs. Sells sang a solo, "Just where He leads me".

**Minutes:**—The minutes of the session of Saturday were read and approved.



**Question Six:**—was resumed. The District Superintendents read the section of their reports that related to the theme for the day.

**Recess:**—The Conference went into recess at 10.0 a. m. and reconvened at 10.30 o'clock. Obadiah Musingwini conducted the prayers. Hymn No. 278 "Lead on O King Eternal" was sung and the lesson read from Mt. 5.13f. After prayer he spoke on the subject of "salt."

**Nominating Committee:**—The Secretary read the report of the Nominating Committee, which was adopted. See section two for the lists in this Journal.

**Question Twelve:**—b. African Missionary Society. The Treasurer reported that the total receipts were £155. 8. 5. and that the disbursements were £106 2. 5. The Rukwadzano made a contribution of an additional amount of fifteen pounds during the year.

**Field Committee:**—A ballot was taken for five members of the Field Committee. After the count, the Bishop declared that the following were elected: J Chimbadzwa, S. Chieza, J. Rugayo, Mrs. M. Mparutsa and Mrs. E. Zinonte. Reserve:—A. Kapenzi, Miss A. Muradzikwa.

**Question Forty-seven:**—"Where shall the next Conference be held?" On invitation of Amos Kapenzi, the Conference voted to hold its next session at Old Umtali,

**Rukwadzano Rwe Wadzimai:**—The report for the Northern Section was read by Mrs. Mparutsa and for the Southern Section by Isaac Musamba. The reports were received.

**Memorls:**—Amos Kapenzi read the report of the Committee. It was received by the Conference standing and Jackson Rugayo led in prayer.

**Closing:**—Miss L. Tubbs conducted the closing devotions. Hymn No. 407 "Be strong" was sung. She read the lesson from Eph. 6: 10f and spoke on the subject, "Be strong- God is able."

**Adjournment:** The Conference adjourned at 12:15 p. m.

### Elghth Day: Tuesday, August 28th, 1945

**Devotions:**—The Conference was called to order by Bishop Booth at 9: 30 a. m. Hymn No. 268 "Are ye able" was sung and the lesson was read from Romans Chapter 1. M. E. Culver sang a solo.

**Minutes:**—The minutes of sessions of Sunday and Monday were read and approved.

**Commission on World Service and Finance:**—Miss Ila Scovill read a supplementary report, making provision for the travelling expenses of the African Ministers in attending the annual session of the Conference. The report was adopted.

**Committee on Student Loan Fund:**—Miss Ila Scovill read the report which was received and adopted.

**Recess:**—The Conference went into recess at 10:30 o'clock and reconvened at 10:50 o'clock. R. C. Gates conducted the devotions. Hymn No. 72 "This is my Father's World" was sung.

**Question Twenty-two:**—"Who are admitted into full connection?"

The Bishop asked the Disciplinary questions required for admission into full connection to M. E. Culver, who was transferred from and recommended by the Newark Conference, and welcomed him as a full member of the Conference.

**Board of Ministerial Training:**—John Nduna read the report and it was received.

**Commission on Worship and Music:**—M. E. Culver read the report and it was received. The Chairman of the Commission was authorised to appoint a Church calendar Committee.

**Board of Evangelism:**—M. E. Culver read the supplementary report and it was adopted by a standing vote.

M. E. Culver was nominated as the Secretary of Evangelism.

**Board of Lay Activities:**—

William Chieza was elected as the Conference Lay Leader. On nomination of the Districts the following were elected as members of the Board: Zachariah Mushori, Solomon Pawiremanzi, Valentine Nesen, Dixon Chimbadzwa, Job Tsiga, Timothy Chieza, Enoch Chiwadzwa, and Leonard Kasambira.

These leaders with the District Superintendents constitute the Board of Lay Activities.

**The Journal:**—On motion of G. A. Roberts, the Secretary of the Conference was elected to edit and publish the Journal, and to make such alterations as may be necessary for correctness and uniformity, without changing the meaning of any action of the Conference, and that the published copy, properly certified by the President and the Secretary, be the Official Journal of the Conference.

**Board of Education:**—Miss Edith Parks read the report which was received and adopted. Miss J. Pfaff was nominated as the Secretary of Education. On motion of G. A. Roberts, it was ordered that a Committee be appointed to make arrangements for a School of Music.

**African Missionary Society:**—Josiah Chimbadzwa reported that the Society would be pleased to consider the Minister appointed by this Conference to Johannesburg for work among the Methodist people from Rhodesia as a missionary of the Society, and would accept the proposed appointment of Isaiah Munjoma as their assignment.

**Minutes:**—The Minutes of the Morning session were read and approved.

**Final Adjournment:**—On motion of T. A. O'Farrell, the Conference voted to adjourn (sine die) after the reading of the appointments.

**The Appointments:**—Bishop Booth read the appointments.

**Closing:**—The Conference stood adjourned (sine die) with the Benediction by Bishop Booth at 1:15 p. m.

### CERTIFICATE of the PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY

This certifies that this volume of the Seventh Session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, held at Nyadiri Mission, Southern Rhodesia, 21st to 28th August, 1945, is a complete and correct record of the proceedings and reports (which are published under Part VI) and as such was adopted by the action of the Conference as its Official Record.



President



Secretary.

### PART IV

### THE METHODIST CHURCH

#### The Business Of The Annual Conference

The Minutes of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, held in Nyadiri Mission, S. Rhodesia from August 21st 1945, Bishop Newell S. Booth, Presiding

#### Part I. Organization and General Business

1. Who are elected Secretary? E. L. Sells P. O. Box 55 Umtali S. Rhodesia  
 Treasurer? H. I. James P. O. Mrewa  
 Statistician? Tudor Roberts P. O. Old Umtali Mission, P. B. Umtali
2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? (¶ 625.) No. Referred to a Committee for report.
3. a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded and in what amounts? (639.) None.  
 b) Have the books of said officers or persons been audited? (639.) Yes.
4. Have the boards, commissions, or committees been appointed or elected (630) [answer Yes or No]:  
 a) Board of Ministerial Training? Yes.  
 b) Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications? Yes.  
 c) Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors? Yes.  
 d) Committee of Investigation? Yes.  
 e) District Boards of Location and Building? Station and Field Committee.  
 f) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference? No.  
 g) Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance? Yes.



- h) Town and Country Commission? No.
  - i) Annual Conference Deaconess Board? No.
  - j) Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension?  
African Missionary Society.
  - k) Annual Conference Board of Education? Yes.
  - l) Annual Conference Board of Temperance? Yes.
  - m) Annual Conference Board of Lay Activities? Yes.
  - n) Annual Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes? Yes.
  - o) Annual Conference Board of Evangelism? Yes.
  - p) Distributing Committee? No.
  - q) Annual Conference Board of Conference Claimants? Yes.
  - r) Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support?
  - s) Other committees, commission, or boards? Yes.
5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept their respective records upon and according to the forms prescribed by The Methodist Church? (640.) Forms not provided.
  6. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? Reports read in Conference session—See reports.
  7. What is the schedule for minimum support for pastors? (806.)  
Wage scale Ministers £48 per year.
  8. What is the plan and what are the approved claims for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? (788-89.)  
Missionary support. Honde District shares.
  9. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of conference claimants? £5 per minister.
  10. What are the apportionments transmitted by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to this Conference
    - a) For World Service?
    - b) For Episcopal Fund? One and one-half % pastor's salary for current year.
    - c) For General Administration Fund? 2/6d for each pastoral charge.
  11. What amount is apportioned to this conference for the Jurisdictional Administration Fund £50.
  12. What are the reports, recommendations, and plans of the boards of conference.
    - a) What is the report of the Board of Conference Claimants, and what appropriations for conference claimants are reported and approved? (1623.) see report Relief C. E Faku £12, Job Gondora £6.
    - b) What is the report of the conference Board of Missions and Church Extension of disbursements of missionary aid within the conference? (1283-86.) £155. 8. 5.
    - c) What is the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance? (778-96.) see report.
    - d) What are the other reports? see reports.
  13. What date is determined for Golden Cross enrollment? [1529.]  
No enrollment.
  14. a) Who is elected conference lay leaders? [149-98] William Chieza.  
b) What is his report? None.  
c) Who are elected district lay leaders? [1497.]  
Mrewa—Zachariah Mushori

Mtoko—Solomon Pawiramanzi.  
 Mutasa—Makoni—Dixon Chimbadzwa.  
 Nyadiri—Job Tsiga  
 Old Umtali—Timothy Chieza.  
 Mutambara—Enoch Chiwadzwa.  
 Honde—L. Kasambira.  
 Umtali—Valentine Neseni.

## Part II. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

15. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? [931]  
 H. I. James (Chairman,) Thomas Marange, T. A. O'Farrell, E. L. Sells, John Nduda,  
 Reserve—W. Bourgaize, Moses Mparutsa..
16. Are there formulated complaints against any ministerial member of the Conference?  
 None — The characters of all ministerial members were passed in open conference.
17. Who are the accepted supply pastors? [315.] List.
18. What accepted supply pastors now under full-time appointment are taking the conference course of study
  - a) In the first year? Conference course of Study being conducted by the Districts.
  - b) In the second year?
  - c) In the third year?
  - d) In the fourth year?
19. Who are received on trial
  - a. In studies of the first year? None.
  - b. In studies of the third year under the seminary rule? None.
  - c. Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? None.
20. Who remain on trial
  - a. Continued in studies of the first year? None.
  - b. Advanced to studies of the second year? None.
  - c. Continued in studies to the second year? None.
21. Who on trial are discontinued? None.
22. Who are admitted into full connection? M. E. Culver from the Newark Conference.
23. What full members are in studies
  - a. Of the third year? None.
  - b. Of the fourth year? Ebson Zimonte, Benjamin Gwaza, Amon Kajese, Nason Chigubu, Obadiah Musingwini, Wilson Mandisodza. Samuel Munjoma.
24. What full members have failed to complete the studies (346)
  - a. Of the third year? None.
  - b. Of the fourth year? None.
25. What full members have completed the studies of the fourth year? None.
26. Who have been elected deacons
  - a, As local preachers? None.
  - b. As members on trial in the course of study? None
  - c. Under the seminary rule? None.
  - d, Under the missionary rule? None.

27. Who have been ordained deacons? None
28. Who have been elected elders
- As local preachers? None.
  - As local deacons who have been received on trial? None.
  - As conference members in the course of study? None
  - Under the seminary rule? None.
  - Under the missionary rule? None.
29. Who have been ordained elders? None.
30. Relative to accommodation transfers for ordination and reception,
- Who are transferred in, and from what conference, for purposes of ordination only, such ordination to be voted by this conference:
- For ordination as deacons? None.
  - For ordination as elders? None.
- Who have been transferred out, and to what Conference, after ordination:
- Deacons? None.
  - Elders? None.
- Who have been received on trial at the request of another conference? None
  - Who have been transferred, having been received on trial and to what conference? Name Conference None
  - Who have been ordained here, such ordination having been voted by another conference: Name Conference None.
- Deacons? None.
  - Elders? None.
31. Who are readmitted :
- Deacons? None.
  - Elders? None.
32. What preachers, coming from other churches, have had their orders recognized (411)
- As local deacons? None.
  - As local elders? None.
32. Who have been received from other churches as traveling preachers:
- As ordained deacons? None.
  - As ordained elders? None.
  - As members on trial? None.
  - As members in full connection? None.
34. Who have been received by transfer? Name M. E. Culver; Conference Newark Date April 12, 1945
35. Who have been transferred out? Name Conference Date None
36. Who have had their conference membership terminated
- By voluntary location? None.
  - By involuntary None.
  - By withdrawal? None.
  - By judicial procedure (expelled)?
37. What ministerial members have died during the year? None.
38. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? (365.)
- | Name      | Number of years |
|-----------|-----------------|
| C.E. Faku | 5               |

39. Who are granted sabbatical leave? (364) None
40. What ministers have been retired (list alphabetically)
- This year? None.
  - Previously? None.
41. Who are left without appointment to attend school? None.
42. What is the number of
- Pastoral charges? 32; accepted supply pastors? 81; transfers in? 1; transfers out? None; Received from other churches? None; deceased? None.
  - Ministers
- On trial
- As pastors? — None.
  - Under special appointment? — None.
  - Left without appointment to attend school? — None.
- In full connection
- As pastors and district superintendents? 37
  - Under special appointment? 6
  - Left without appointment to attend school? None.
  - On sabbatical leave? None,
- Retired? None.
  - Supernumerary? 1
- Total of all ministers? 44
43. What other personal notation should be made? L. E. Adkins appointment with another Missionary Society, without annuity claim.

### Part III. Concluding Business

44. What is the report of the conference treasurer? See report.
45. What is the report of the conference statistician? See report.
46. What are the detailed objectives of this conference for the coming year? See report of the Board of Evangelism.
47. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Old Umtali.
48. Is there any other business? None.
49. What changes have been made in appointments since last Annual Conference session? None.
50. Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year? (SEE LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.)

### PART V

#### THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Note :- Heavy Type**—Members of Conference  
**Roman**—Missionaries and Accepted Supply Pastors  
 ( ) Teachers and other workers

The numbers after the names of the members and missionaries indicate the consecutive years of the appointment.

## MREWA DISTRICT

Superintendent, **H. I. James, 10, P. O. Mrewa****MREWA MISSION H. I. James 10**Principal **H. I. James 10**Mrewa Church **H. I. James 10**Associate **Q. C. Roberts 1**Ministers **Luke Chieza 8****Central School**Principal **H. I. James 10**Head Master **Q. C. Roberts 1**Girls' Indus. Miss **L. M. Forrest 5**Music **Mrs. Q. C. Roberts**Assistants **K. Choto**  
(S. Nyemba)

(F. Phombeya)

(M. Gaseller)

(N. Chimbadzwa)

(B. Mabiza)

(H. Gondwe)

(O. Tarumbwa)

(C. Matara)

(T. Mhlanga)

(S. N'Guni)

(N. Somdesi)

(K. Ngqasi)

(E. Ngoro)

(M. Chirikeni)

(S. Ngaboyembuzi)

(T. Mutambanengwe)

Dispensary **Mrs. H. I. James 10**  
(Eunice Denga)**Boys' Boarding  
Department****H. I. James 10**  
(B. Mabviza)**Girls' Boarding  
Department****Mrs. H. I. James 2**  
(E. Ngoro)**District**Rukwadzano **Mrs. H. I. James 2****Superintendent**of Schools **H. I. James 10**  
Assistant (M. Magorimba)**MREWA CIRCUIT Hosea Katsidzira 7**Chamapangu (Stephen Mrewa)  
(L. Murasiranwe)

(David Mvula)

(Agnes Murapi)

Chaanetsa [M. Hunidzarira]

Darangwa Circuit Minister

Gororo (George Shaba)

Hokodzi (N. Mukahadzi)

Jacobs (Joel Chindungwe)  
(R. Matuenga)Kambarami (C. Munjoma)  
Mhembere [Lazarus Mahowa]

Madonde Circuit Minister

Ndiranyani Circuit Minister

Nyamutumbu [I. Kambarami]  
(Elsie Shumba)

(Grace Mrewa)

(Fannie Chieza)

Rupange (E. Chirimuuta)  
(Janet Bwanya)

Shamu (Sandros Nyati)

Zengenene (Enoch Majura)

**MREWA NORTH****CIRCUIT B. Gwaza 2**

Dandara (M. Munakandafa)

Muchinjiki **Benjamin Gwaza 2**

(Jonah Hokonya)

(Milika Mrewa)

Nyamashato (D. Mugwagwa)

Chingono (Christopher Motsi)

**MANGWENDE****CIRCUIT Obadiah Musingwini 2**Chigure **O. Musingwini 2**  
(R. Munokorhwa)

(Alice Mwabvira)

Chitate (J. Rusinimudzi)  
(D. Muchataki)Gumbanjera (Silas Chitiyo)  
(Mavis Jacobs)Karamazondo Circuit Minister  
Mutizi (Enoch Mrewa)

(Rachel Mhlanga)

Mrewa Kraal [P. Kanonrhwa]

Masunswe Circuit Minister

**HEADLANDS****CIRCUIT Isaiah Darikwa 5**Arnoldene **Isaiah Darikwa 5**  
(William Chiuma)

(Martha Darikwa)

Chigudu [Daniel Mukuto]

Fusiri Circuit Minister

Magura [Elia Chidzikwe]

Madlambudzi Circuit Minister

Manuhwa "

Mufunde "

Mutibvura "

Muvundudzi "

**CHIKORE CIRCUIT I. Darikwa 5**  
Chikore [Isaiah Tsopotsa]



## MTASA—MAKONI DISTRICT

Superintendent, **Per Hassing 4** Old Umtali Mission, P. B. Umtali.  
Inspector of Schools, **Per Hassing 4**

**CHIDUKU NORTH**

<b>CIRCUIT</b>	<b>J. Maramba 7</b>
Chigwedere	(J. Dangirwa)
Chinyadza	(John Jijita)
	(Denson Dube)
Chiunya	(V. Hamadziripi)
Dowa Division	To be supplied
Gurure	(J. Chidzikwe)
	(C. Makwawaya)
	(N. Chimene)
Inyazura	To be supplied
Madzonga	(P. Mazaiwana)
Masedza	To be supplied
Mukari	(Jacob Nyaguwa)
Musungambara	To be supplied
Muziti	<b>J. Maramba</b>
	(A. Dangarebwa)
	(July Wanenge)
	(Elina Maramba)
	(Linah Matanga)
Rukweza	[Elias Jangano]
	(C. Mukwenya)
	(K. Mambondiani)
Rusapi	To be supplied

**CHIDUKU SOUTH**

<b>CIRCUIT</b>	<b>Jonah Machiri 4</b>
Chiduku	(G. Kasambira)
Chigora	To be supplied
Chikanda	J. Chirikuutsi
Citenderano	<b>Jonah Machiri</b>
	(Samuel Ndimba)
	(Oliver Mundondo)
	(M. Mutimbanyoka)
	(Grace Materere)
Sharara	(Ransam Sitole)
	(Mavis Chieza)
	(F. Mtsikamahwe)

**GANDANZARA**

<b>CIRCUIT</b>	<b>O. Chimonyo 4</b>
Chikuruwo	(W. Kawadza)
	(Enoch Mujeni)
Gandanzara	<b>O. Chimonyo 4</b>
	(Basil Makoni)
	(Noah Kapumba)
	(A. Mtambanengwe)
	(R. Madondo)
	(Jane Chimonyo)
Leigh Ranch	(Valentine Bepe)
Ndingi	(R. Matongo)
	(Kenneth Madondo)
	(Katia Gombedza)
Mapara	(Z. Kurewa)
	(Katherine Kurewa)
Mukahanana	(Isaiah Kuwana)
	(O. Manjingwa)

	(Grace Nyabowe)
	(D. Nyamagwanda)
	(J. Mutambanengwe)
Sherukuru	(Erick Murahwa)
	(T. Chikunguru)
Tswikiro	(Elisha Kuwana)
	[Ephraim Masikati]
Zuze	(Samuel Matongo)
	(John Mandizera)
	(Mary Mazaiwana)

**NYAKATSAPA**

<b>CIRCUIT</b>	<b>Patrick Machiri 11</b>
Buwu	Circuit Minister
Maguwa	(George Murapa)
Nhunhama	Circuit Minister
Nyakatsapa	<b>Patrick Machiri 11</b>
	<b>W. Mandisodza 2</b>
	(Silas Katsidzira)
	(Alec Segura)
	(Vida Mandisodza)
	(Sophie Maka)
Jeanes Teacher	(Aaron Machiri)
Nyamukwarara	(Cecil Mupunga)
	(Clara Kasambira)
Rupinda	(Denford Machiri)
	(Obed Mupunga)
	(S. Mandisodza)
Samanga	[Patrick Kanengone]
Vumbunu	[Amos Karumbidza]
	(Peter Bwawa)
Wengo	(Joshua Maswa)
Zinyembe	(Tinoziya Macha)

**OLD UMTALI**

<b>CIRCUIT</b>	<b>Z. Mukombiwa 7</b>
Battery Spruit	(Ezekiel Matongo)
	(Phineas Dhlwayo)
	(Justin Muchingwi)
Chikanga	(S. Mushinga)
Jenya	(W. Kumbuyani)
	(Annia Mandiambira)
Marara	(Kenneth Mukoyi)
Mundenda	<b>Z. Mukombiwa 7</b>
	(Jasper Machiri)
	(Aaron Mumhluyi)
	(P. Machiwenyika)
	(Alma Rakabopa)
Rutsenza	(Elias Chikodzi)
Odzi	[Peter Marhwa]
	[Gladys Mazaiwana]

**PENHALONGA**

<b>CIRCUIT</b>	<b>Phillip Chieza 7</b>
	[T. Nyamukapa]
	[David Sitole]
	[J. Kapoti]
Mountain Home	Circuit Minister

**MTOKO DISTRICT**Superintendent, **W. Bourgalze 14** P. O. MtokoInspector of Schools, **W. Bourgaize 14****SOUTH CIRCUIT**

Mtoko Church **S. Chieza 14**  
 Assistant (P. Nyamukapa)  
 The School  
 Head Teacher [Gladman Faku)  
 (P. Nyamukapa)  
 (S. Chirimuta)  
 (Philemon Gezi)  
 (Emily Chieza)  
 (Leah Kachidza)  
 (R. Siyawamaya)  
 Chitekwe (A. Mangwandi)  
 (S. Gurupira)  
 Chimkopa (S. Zisengwe)  
 (Daniel Murefu)  
 Muswaire (Elisha Mvududu)  
 (Irene Mdzengere)  
 Katsikunya (F. Nyamugama)  
 Tsiga (Gideon Gurupira)  
 Mudzonga (P. Gurupira)  
 (Jaji Mkombwe)  
 (A. Karumazondo)

**NORTH CIRCUIT E. Munjoma 13**

Chatisa (Simon Magara)  
 (L. Kawere)  
 Gute Circuit Minister  
 Katsande (Titus Mufunde)  
 Kawere (Samuel Usayi)  
 Kowo (John Chiswipi)  
 (G. Chibanda)  
 Makosa (A. Muswairo)  
 Masenda Circuit Minister  
 Mazarura (Joseph Chipiriro)  
 (Dennis Chikono)  
 Mudzi Circuit Minister  
 Mwenye  
 Nyamukoho (A. Chiwaka)  
 (S. Risinamhodzi)  
 Nyamakosi Circuit Minister  
**CHIKWIZO** African  
**RESERVE** Missionary Society  
 Chikwizo Ebson Zlmonete 4  
 (Mrs. L. Zimonte)  
 (L. Chibanda)  
 (S. Mutengo)

**MUTAMBARA DISTRICT**Superintendent, **G. A. Roberts 7** P. O. Mutambara

(Until furlough then E. L. Sells)

**MUTAMBARA MISSION**

**G. A. Roberts 7**  
 Mutambara  
 Church **G. A. Roberts 7**  
 Assistant **Jackson Rugayo 13**  
 School Principal **G. A. Roberts 7**  
 Vice Principal Lulu Tubbs 6  
 Head Mistress Evelyn de Vries  
 Assistants (Samuel Dennis)  
 (Period Dube)  
 (Jacob Mtisi)  
 (Ernest Sisimai)  
 (Robert Mupingo)  
 (B. G. Mutambara)

(Jotham Chatema)  
 (Erec Munjoma)  
 (Aaron Hlahla)  
 (Ema Mupingo)  
 (Bessie Bere)  
 (Frances Munjoma)  
 (Ona Marembo)  
 (Lillian Rugayo)  
 (P. N. Ndoro)  
 (M. Chimbadzwa)

Women's

Work

Mrs. G. A. Roberts 7

Medical

Ruth Hanson (until furlough)

After Language Study Carl Huie will take over the Boys, Agriculture, Industrial and Boarding Department.

Mrs. C. Huie, after Language Study, will teach in the school. When G. A. Roberts goes on furlough, Lulu Tubbs will become Principal of the Central Primary School. Mr. P. F. de Bruijn is an assistant in the school.

W. D. C. S. Lulu Tubbs  
 Evelyn de Vries

District School  
 Inspector Mrs. G. A. Roberts  
 (Until Jan. 1, 1946, then Miss L. Tubbs)  
 Assistant **Jackson Rugayo 9**

**MUTAMBARA CIRCUIT**

Assistant **G. A. Roberts 7**  
**Jackson Rugayo**

Bvumbura (Philip Tofa)  
 Chakohwa (T. Maraïre)  
 (Gladman Shanja)  
 (E. Musiarwe)  
 (Nora Tsododo)  
 Chiamiti (E. Makamanzi)  
 Chiramba (Philip Sitole)  
 Chitoro (Enoch Chiadzwa)  
 (Alber. Madondo)

	[A. Chiadzwa]	Rupisi	To be supplied
	[A. Lois Chitombo]	Shinja	(David Ndongwe)
Cronley	(Paul Sitole)		(Phinias Mukonya)
Dunhu	[Evison Kadzura]	Manyora	To be supplied
	(Dorcas Kadira)	Matsorora	(C. Mutambara)
Nyanyadzi	<b>Silas Kasambira 1</b>	Mutambara	
	[Mack Nezandonyi]	Reserve	(Nathan Ndidzano)
	(Constance Rwizi)		(Judith Tsododo)
	(Milika Mupikata)		(Lewis Tsododo)
Nyambeya	(T. Chaurungu)		(Ethel Makwehe)

### HONDE DISTRICT

Superintendent, **John Nduna 3** Old Umtali Mission, P. B. Umtali  
**Honde** Murashwa Katsidzira

### NYADIRI DISTRICT

Superintendent, **T. A. O'Farrell 5**, P. B. 136 E. Salisbury

<b>NYADIRI MISSION</b>	<b>T. A. O'Farrell 5</b>
The Church	<b>T. A. O'Farrell 5</b>
	<b>Amos Kapenzi 1</b>
Co—Educational School	
Principal	<b>T. A. O'Farrell 5</b>
Vice Principal	Sarah King 1
Head Mistress	Ila M. Scovill 4
Assistants	Edith M. Parks 7
	(Amon Jirira)
	(Aaron Ndlovu)
	(F. Zhangazha)
	(Wesley Kunzwi)
	(T. Kambarami)
	(P. Mhlanga)
	(D. Hanyane)
	(T. Nyanyiwa)
	(Siri Munjoma)
	(Miriam Kimbo)
	(Oril Chimbadzwa)
Primary School	[John Madzima]
	(Olive Maranke)
Jeanes Teacher	(J. Maranke)

#### Medical Work

Washburn Memorial Hospital	
Medical Supt.	Dr. A.G. Anderson
	(Until furlough) 5
Nurses	Alice Whitney 9
	Alma S. Ashby
	[M. Maranke]
Assistant	Mrs. A. G. Anderson 2
Technician	[Titus Kuture]
Assistants	[Eighteen Nurses in Training]
Orphanage	[Mayi Matara]

W. D. C. S.	
Directress	Sarah N. King 1
	Ila Scovill 4
	Edith Parks 7
	Alma S. Ashby 1
Mission Office	Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell 2
<b>NYADIRI CIRCUIT J. Chitombo 11</b>	
Chidodo	Circuit Minister
Kangara	"
Kasambarare	"
Karimbika	(T. Chirimumimba)
Manyika	<b>J. Chitombo 11</b>
	[Philemon Gosha]
	[A. Hlekisana]
	[Frank Mlambo]
	(Jennie Tsiga)
	(Mrs. Hlekisana)
Mugube	(Isaiah Nyanungo)
	(Mary Muteffa)
Mapaya	(Micah Ziangwe)
	(John Pendeke)
Masanhi	(Paul Mutizi)
	[Agrippa Jirira]
	(Size Myambo)
Nyamhara	[Delia Mtetwa]
Sori	(Circuit Minister)

#### NYADIRI EAST CIRCUIT

	<b>Amos Kapenzi 1</b>
Nyakabau	(Noah Musakwa)
	[Samson Mrewa]
Nyamakope	(David Jowah)
Gurure	(D. Mudzengerere)
	(R. Mukusha)
Chindenga & Makokoro	(K. Machakaire)
Kagande	(Jairus Lungu)



**UZUMBA SOUTH  
CIRCUIT**

Chitimbe	<b>S. Munjoma 4</b> <b>S. Munjoma 4</b> Mrs. S. Munjom A. Muzorerwa E. Chikuwira
Kaseke	Dennis Dutsa
Zanga	James Sitole Darius Jijita
Zaranyika	Julius Gezi Richard Madzima Maud Chidawa Anton Mupikata
Matututu	

**UZUMBA NORTH  
CIRCUIT**

Chikuhwa	<b>Nason Chigubu 4</b> <b>Nason Chigubu 4</b> J. Kamusikiri A. Matambanadzo
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Chifunde	Phineas Sitole
Chivinge	Circuit Minister
Gadaga	
Machekera	Julius Kazingezi Gibson Savanhu
Mashambanhaka	Solomon Zuzi John Shambanuto
Matsenga	Ganzani Hlambasi
<b>MARAMBA--PFUNGWI-DARWIN CIRCUIT</b>	
Chidakwa	<b>Amon Kajese 4</b> <b>Amon Kajese 4</b> Martha Mukombi Nicholas Muskwe Violet Mango
Maramba	Noah Muskwe Circuit Minister
Dindi	
Umtata	Sapuranambuya "Enoch Makuto"
Kapfura	

**OLD UMTALI DISTRICT**

Superintendent, **H. E. Taylor 3** Old Umtali Mission P. B. Umtali  
(until furlough, then **M. J. Murphree.**)

Old Umtali  
Church **J. M. Chimbadzwa 1**  
January 1st, 1946

Theological Dept. **M. J. Murphree 1**  
Assistants **J. M. Chimbadzwa 1**  
Mrs. M. J. Murphree  
Mrs. J. M. Chimbadzwa

Secondary School To be supplied  
Hartzell Training  
School Principal **H. E. Taylor 5**  
(until furlough then  
**M. J. Murphree**)

Teacher Training  
Department **R. C. Gates 8**  
(until furlough then Miss Loze)  
Emily Loze ?  
Enoch Chieza

Central Primary  
School Principal **Jessie A. Pfaff 2**  
T. R. Roberts 4  
**R. Ngonyama 12**  
**J. Nduna 5**  
David Mukombiwa  
I. Musamba  
J. Chiripamberi  
Peter Maenzanise  
Hilda Mwasodza

Primary Practicing  
School Susan Ngonyama  
M. Munjoma

Agriculture and  
Animal Husbandry  
Dept. **J. T. Thacker 1**  
(after language study)  
Ashford Bepete

Carpentry, Building  
Handcraft Dept. **Arthur Kapenzi**  
Thomas Pedzeni  
Isaac Dube  
Junius Mucini

Women's and  
Club Work Mrs. J. T. Thacker 1  
(after language study)  
Medical Dept. Rosa Rydell  
[until furlough]  
M. Nyakunu

Fairfield Girls School—  
W. D. C. S.

Directress **M. L. Fuller**  
(until furlough) **5**  
**J. A. Pfaff 2**  
**Ona Parmenter 1**  
Industrial **H. Wildermuth 1**  
**A. Muradzikwa**  
**S. Ngonyama**  
**S. Givatidzo**  
**H. Mwasodza**  
**M. Munjoma**  
**E. Maramba**  
**E. Kashaya-Nurse**

Rhodesia Mission  
Press **M. J. Murphree 1**

Assistants Mrs. M. J. Murphree 1  
H. Maringanise  
J. Chingono  
E. Chazireni

## UMTALI DISTRICT

Superintendent, E. L. Sells 9 P. O. Box 55 Umtali

## UMTALI

St. Andrew's Church  
E. L. Sells 9  
St. Thomas' Church  
I. B. Kristmuktl 8  
Miller Memorial Church  
Titus Maranke 12  
Hilltop School  
Head Teacher (Martin Chiza)  
Assistants (Samuel Maranke)  
(D. Nyamhondera)  
(Robinson Bzairo)  
(Lydia Zeranyika)  
(Isaiah Zioya)  
(Joyce Chakanya)  
(Milika Katetsu)  
(Mugwagwa)  
African Girls' Hostel  
W. D. C. S. Grace Clark 5  
(B. Mutambara)  
Dist. Rukwadzano Rwe Wadzimai  
Mrs. E. L. Sells 9

MARANKE AND ZIMUNYA  
CIRCUITS

Missionary and School Inspector  
M. E. Culver 2  
Women's Work and Literature  
Mrs. M. E. Culver 1

## MARANKE CIRCUIT

Missionary M. E. Culver 2  
Ministers Thomas Maranke 7  
Residence-Makomwe  
David Mandisodza 2  
Residence-Chipfatsura  
Chirinda (Cornelius Chada)  
(Harris Nyande)  
Chipfatsura (Kenneth Maranke)  
(S. Madzirashe)  
(M. Munotumani)  
(Anna Munyohu)  
(Annie Mucimwi)  
Mafararikwa (Noel Dambudza)  
Makomwe (Harriet Zwinoera)  
(Enoch Gowero)  
(E. Kasambira)  
Maswauri (J. Mutsago)  
(E. Murenzwi)  
Mandiambira (Paul Maviza)  
(A. Mutsago)  
Masasi (Kwanai Mutsago)  
(Mavis Chidembo)  
Matanda (Gibson Makaure)

(Elina Matara)  
(Anna Chigayo)  
(Fanai Mawondo)  
Musiringofa [K. Nhunduru]  
(Esnoth Maranke)  
Mutimba (Hezekia Muranda)  
Mutsago (Allison Chidisani)  
(Rida Mutsago)  
Mushunji (Justin Mwarwira)  
(Elisha Matara)  
(Mary Mafura)  
Nyika (John Maswauri)  
(M. Kasawari)  
Jeanes Teacher Samson Zwinoera

## ZIMUNYA CIRCUIT

Missionary M. E. Culver 2  
Ministers B. Katsidzira 7  
Residence - Muradzikwa  
M. Muparutsa 1  
Residence-Munyarari  
Circuit Evangelist  
(Daniel Chitenderu)  
Bvumba (Aaron Sitole)  
Chitakatira (Martin Nyagura)  
(Booker Mutsago)  
(Eunice Marima)  
(F. Madondo)  
Dambakurimwa  
(M. M. tambanengwe)  
(Georgia Pedzeni)  
Dangari (Lionel Zimunya)  
(Ethen Mutanga)  
Derembwe (Mwagura Chikosi)  
Dzobo (Gilbert Rakabopa)  
(Perkins Banya)  
Gwese (W. Kanogoiwa)  
(Elina Ndongoya)  
Munyarari (J. Tinowona)  
(Amos Beta)  
(E. M'ambanengwe)  
(Ruth Dzinemarira)  
Murari (W. Magumisi)  
(Perkins Machia)  
Muradzikwa (B. Magume)  
(Ella Mcatshelwa)  
(Grace Katsidzira)  
(Sarah Marange)  
(Buza Murahwa)  
Rowa (M. Munjoma)  
(Samuel Mutanga)  
(Lucia Gowero)  
(Ila Mucheka)  
Zonwe (Nason Mawondo)

## SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Minister, The Rhodesian Congregation, Johannesburg

(Missionary, The African Missionary Society) **Isaiah Munjoma** 1

Evangelist, to the Methodist Church, Salisbury—To be supplied

Evangelist, to the Methodist Church, Bulawayo—Paul Malianga 2

Associate Editor, The African Christian Advocate—Mrs. J. Thacker 1

Evangelist at large and Mission Correspondent—R. C. Gates 8

Editor of the Sunday School literature—Miss Grace Clark 4

Concession Registrar—The Mission Treasurer

Missionary with another Society, without annuity claim,

Member of the Old Umtali Quarterly Conference—L. E. Adkins 7

Missionary to the Indians—**I. B. Kristmukti** 8

Fraternal Delegates to The Methodist Synod—**W. Bourgaize**

**Amos Kapenzi**

Representative on Committee for joint work in Manica

and Sofalaland — **E L Sells** 1

Secretary of Education—Miss J. Pfaff.

Secretary of Evangelism—**M. E. Culver** 1

Missionaries on furlough—Miss B. Reitz, W. D. Hamrick, Mrs. W. D. Hamrick,  
Miss M. Deyo.

## PART VI

## (a) Reports of the District Superintendents

## REPORT OF THE MREWA DISTRICT

**M. J. Murphree**, *Acting Superintendent*

Bishop Booth and Fellow - Workers:

"World Mission of the Church."

This is the first time in four years I have answered to the Rhodesia Annual Conference roll call. On April 13, 1941, we left the field for our regular furlough but traveling conditions detained us in the United States and we arrived back in Rhodesia on March 2 of this year. We have been made to realize many times that "All things work together for good to those that love the Lord." We are grateful that we have a part in the "World Mission of the Church," and are permitted to serve in this challenging field.

The "World Mission of the Church" is clearly defined by our Lord in Matt. 28:19, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47, and Luke 10:9. In these passages the command is given; Preach, teach, heal. The Mrewa District is part of the "World Parish" of our Church. Those assigned to this part of the field have wrought well in this program of preaching, teaching and healing. During our short stay at Mrewa, we have come to appreciate more than ever before, the work of Dr. Gurney and Job Tsiga and all those who have followed them in this field. We have also been impressed by the influence

being exerted by many who never saw much of the Mrewa District. At most of the stations visited, we found faithful and efficient teachers carrying out their part in the World Mission of the Church; teachers whose lives have been influenced by many such missionaries as Mildred Benson who taught by example as well as by precept to "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

Rev. and Mrs. James have been absent from Mrewa since May 8, having a long over-due and much needed rest. Under their leadership, the work of this Center and District has grown tremendously. One marvels that one man has been able to carry such a load as the supervision of thirty out-stations, in addition to the detailed management of Mrewa Center. If in this report we should make no other urgent requests, we do want to emphasize the need of an increased missionary staff at Mrewa.

During our prolonged furlough, it was my privilege to present African Missions to more than one thousand churches and groups, covering nearly every State in the Union. We found a greater interest in Africa than we had found on previous furloughs. Enrollment in Missions Courses at

the various Youth Institutes often had to be limited because of the popularity of these courses. This to me is one of the sure indications that the young people of our Church are thinking about "The World Mission of the Church." There is, however, still an appalling lack of Africa-consciousness in the minds of the Church people. Many church groups told me that there had never before been an African missionary speak in their church. The questions asked by these same groups revealed a great lack of understanding of the problems and needs of this field. The present study course on Africa is therefore most timely, and we look forward to a greatly increased interest in this land as a result. Our task in Southern Rhodesia is not, as it is in some fields, to open closed doors, but to enter more of those doors which are open to us. Our people are responsive to the Christian message. The Government is giving financial aid, freedom and encouragement to go forward with our tasks. Our great need is for more workers.

Many people in the Church at home asked me, "What is the greatest need in your field?" My answer to that question is this, "Our greatest need is for more well trained, consecrated, Spirit-filled Native leaders. The way to obtain these, is to have more well trained, consecrated, Spirit-filled missionaries.

As we lift up our eyes and look upon the fields that are white unto harvest, shall we not pray the Lord of the Harvest that he will send more labourers, that the "World Mission of the Church" may be fulfilled, that His Kingdom come and His Will be done in all the earth.

### THE CHRISTIAN WORLD ORDER.

Africa has been referred to as "The last world frontier". The Church has been slow to consider her in the world missionary program. The political world has considered the continent as an isolated one, whose condition made little difference to the rest of the world. A great change, however, has come about in this respect. People in other countries have come to realize the

importance of Africa in world affairs especially during these years of world war II. Most of the members of this Conference are well acquainted with the tremendous changes that have been taking place in the social, economic, political and religious life of the people of this country, during the last three or four decades. However, we may expect even greater changes in the years that lie just ahead. Africa which has remained in isolation so long, has, through modern methods of travel, become the cross roads between East and West. A new Order is coming in Africa. Will it be Christian?

If the new order is to be Christian, it must be founded upon the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, and endowed with His Spirit. Built on any other foundation, the new Order will not be able to withstand the storms of the future.

We who are working in this colony have every reason to be thankful for the religious freedom we enjoy and for the liberty we have in preaching and teaching the glorious Gospel of salvation through Christ. There are however some other freedoms which must be more fully realized if the new order is to be truly Christian. The Church is concerned with the physical well-being of the people and also with their economic betterment. In our program of education we are seeking to improve the health conditions and to bring about a greater freedom from poverty. In all of this we have the support and co operation of the Government.

Perhaps the most difficult problem which the Christian Church faces to-day is the problem of "Racism". If the "New World Order" is to be Christian, this problem must be faced and the solution found in the light of the teachings of our Lord. "Racism," as defined by Webster, means an "assumption of inherent racial superiority or the purity and superiority of certain races, and consequent discrimination against other races; also any doctrine or program of racial domination and discrimination based on such an assumption". While "Racism" is worldwide, it is probably more acute



in South Africa than in any other part of the globe. In the report of the Delaware Conference on the Christian Basis of World Order, we find this striking sentence; "Nowhere in the world is there a more depressing picture of race relations than in South Africa". I quote further from this same report, "The comradeship of the Church is the only fellowship that leaps over the barriers between peoples.

Racism is bolstered by false philosophies of superiority and inferiority; the Church teaches that color lines cannot separate the children of God. Deeper than race prejudices and biological fears, are the desire to rule and the desire to profit; the Church has insisted that he who would be greatest must become the servant of all. Clearly, the solutions of problems posed by racism around the world must be Christian solutions."

As we face the new world with all its problems; social, political, economic- let us do so with confidence knowing that if we face them in the Spirit of our Master and guided by His precepts, we shall be able to do our part in making the new World Order, Christian.

"God of grace and God of glory,  
On thy people pour Thy power.  
Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the living of these days,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdoms goal."

### STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE.

When Stewardship is mentioned, we usually think of our responsibility with regard to material possessions. In the minds of a great many Methodists; "The Crusade for Christ" is a drive for \$25,000,000. Before we can become good stewards of material possessions we must come to understand the deeper meaning of stewardship; we must by experience know what it is to be stewards of life itself. The Crusade has already succeeded in raising the \$25,000,000. In fact a good deal more than this sum has been realized. If the Crusade stops with the raising this sum of money, it will be a failure. The goal of the

Crusade, however, is far beyond this. It seeks to bring all Methodist people to a deeper realization of stewardship, the stewardship of life itself. If this goal can be reached there will result a great forward movement such as has never been in the history of our Church.

It must be admitted that we have not reached a very high standard of Christian stewardship in the matter of giving of money. Our people are advancing economically, and more money is being given than ever before. The teachers and ministers are being paid almost entirely by collections and Government grants. More workers are needed and the people are willing to give more to meet added expense. Much of this giving, however, is without any sense of loyalty and devotion to the Master and the desire to see His kingdom come. The need of the Government for money to pay the expenses of government, is recognized, and the tax is paid. This we are compelled to do. Is not much of our giving to the Church on the same plane?

Never has an age presented such a challenge to young people for the consecration of the whole of life to Christ and His kingdom and never has an age presented finer young folk than the present. We met them in America, and we have been meeting them every day here. But it is distressing and alarming that so few of them in proportion to the challenge, give themselves to definite Christian service. The people in their villages are calling for Christian teachers and ministers, and in almost every school additional teachers are needed. The harvest truly is great, but the reapers are few.

What can be done to get our young folk to see the needs and to respond to the challenge which these needs present? I believe that the answer lies in our missionary training centers and in circuits supervised by our Native Ministers. We all need to take the time for more personal contacts with those who come under our influence, time to consult with them individually rather than the necessity of dealing with them in groups. We, missionaries and Native ministers, are stewards; stewards of the whole

of the life that is given us. We can render no greater service to our Master and the work of His Kingdom than to bring our young people to consecrate the Whole of life to Him. It is our highest privilege to, by our labours as well as by our prayers, bring others in to the Master's field, which is so white unto harvests.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The crux of the whole missionary program is obviously Christian Education. Every phase of our work has a direct relationship to Christian Education. In fact, it might be said that every phase of our work is educational and evangelistic, the Church and the School going along hand in hand, different activities in the same institution. However, much needs to be done to improve the religious instruction being given in the Day Schools, and more especially in the Sunday Schools.

The greatest difficulty we face in our Day Schools is the over-crowded condition of these schools. In practically every village school in the Mrewa District, an additional teacher is urgently needed, and in some of them two, three, and even four additional teachers are needed. At many places, fine young people who have completed the kraal school course, are just sitting because no Mission Center can receive them. A new Roman Catholic Boarding School has been built in the District, and many of our young people are going there for their further education. We find ourselves constantly asking the question, "Is it better to educate a limited number of pupils with our existing staff, or shall we give a much greater number a chance, thus making less of the personal contact which we feel is so essential?" We decide in favour of the first view point, then some eager boys or girls come along, and we find it too difficult to turn them away.

Considering the handicaps under which they work, our village teachers have done well. They have carried heavy programs of teaching and given practical training in gardening and other industrial lines. In all these, emphasis has been placed on religious

instruction and living. The homes of our Christian leaders have been as lights in many communities.

At Mrewa Center, the school has an enrolment of over 500. According to Inspector Smith, The Mrewa Central Primary School has the largest enrolment of any Central Primary school in the Colony. Miss Forrest has very ably carried the load here as Head Teacher. I wish to record my appreciation to her and to her assistants for the fine way in which they have performed their tasks. The Standard Six class has an enrolment of 17, and we expect that about half of them will be going on to the Teacher Training School next year.

Africans are going to acquire an education of a sort, regardless of what the Missions do. Even the most casually interested observer realizes that education divorced from religion, would be disastrous. This is often emphasized by Government. The Prime Minister, Sir Godfrey Huggins, stated in an address before the last Southern Rhodesia Missionary Conference, "Missions must remain active partners of the Government in the task of giving a sound education to native Africans." The Director of Native Education has pointed out the fact that many more children in this colony do not attend school than those who do attend. He too, urges that education be kept under strong missionary influence.

While great progress has been made in our Day schools, our Sunday School work has lagged far behind. In my opinion this is the weak spot of our whole work. The importance of the Sunday School cannot be overestimated. It is distressing to note the indifference concerning this department of our Church work. Records show that the Day School enrolment is far greater than the enrolment in the Sunday Schools. This is the reverse of what should be true. It is our belief that if the Sunday Schools were up to the standard which they should be, people would want to attend. The need is for better trained Sunday School teachers, those who will put forth time and effort to

make the lessons interesting.

### EVANGELISM.

A few days ago, I received a letter from a fellow minister who lives in the United States, Dr. Stewart. Until just recently Dr. Stewart was District Superintendent of The Brooklyn South District in New York, but is now pastor of one of our very large Methodist Churches. In this letter, Dr. Stewart was telling of the success of the first part of the Crusade, and of how they are now in the second stage, Evangelism. He expressed the hope that the Crusade of Evangelism would result in something more than an increase in Church membership. His prayer was that the Crusade of Evangelism would result in many people coming to Christ as Lord and Saviour. This is the program of the Crusade in the Mrewa District. Our activities are varied, but our main task is to point people to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world.

The spirit of evangelism as manifested by our founders, is still the passion of the Church in Rhodesia. (May we never lose that passion) Special evangelistic meetings have been held in many places, with gratifying results. Throughout the District, people are now planning for their annual Camp meetings. These camp meetings are times of Spiritual feasts, and present special opportunities for bringing non-Christians to Christ. Through this method, many are reached who do not go the Churches. One camp meeting has been held this year on the Headlands Circuit, and others are to be held in September at Chikore and at Chigure. In these camp meetings, the Rukwadzano Rhwe Wadzinayi has played an important part. This organization amongst our women has proven to be a most potent force in evangelistic meetings. I have been impressed by the large number of testimonies given by new members coming into the Church, to the effect that they were converted in the meetings of the Rukwadzano Rhwe Wadzinayi.

It must not be thought that Camp meetings and special services at Easter, are the only efforts in the

work of Evangelism. These special meetings call for much follow-up work. This should be done in the Sunday School, the Class Meetings, in Pastoral visitations and in personal work on the part of the entire membership of the Church. It is hoped that in this Crusade of Evangelism more of this follow-up work will be possible. As one travels around the District, he finds too many people who once were Christians, but who have gone back into sin. We have failed in this matter of shepherding the flock. The five Ministers of the District are earnestly striving to shepherd their flocks, but the field is large, and two of the Ministers are engaged in full time teaching. One has full time work at Mrewa Center, leaving two Ministers for full time pastoral work for thirty-five churches.

Many are still in darkness. Many still do not have the Gospel preached to them. May this Crusade of evangelism result in a great ingathering of those who are still outside the fold.

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### REPORT OF MTOKO DISTRICT.

W. Bourgaize, *Surperintendent*

Bishop Booth and Fellow-Workers:

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed for the first time at Mtoko our new Bishop. The older folk, and especially the children were delighted with his animal stories. Constantly I am being asked by them: "When is our new Bishop coming to see us again?" We all hope that it will be soon. Now for the annual Report which is, as always, the bane of this missionary's life.

#### I. A New World Order.

I will confine my remarks to a New World Order for Africa as this is the country and the people in whom we are mostly concerned. I think most of us will agree that there are many social and economic evils that handicap the African. In the distribution of land, in the incidence of taxation, in wages, in hindrances placed to the possibility of his entering the ranks of skilled



labour, in barriers placed to his free movement from place to place within his own country; and now a more recent innovation, initiated as a war measure and based on the need of an increase food supply for the Colony, compulsion brought to bear on the heads of families in the villages to go out to work for three months or more, oftentimes when their services are most urgently needed at home, and in other respects, the African has not been fairly dealt with. These evils will have to be removed. Furthermore, I think it will be freely admitted by us all that by the coming of the European the tribal loyalty which was the basis of whatever moral and spiritual value was in the life of the African, and let it not be thought that it was insignificant, has come to an end. What substitute can be found? I am convinced that he can find what he needs in Christianity.

The European, too, will need something that will move him to take his new place in the new African civilization, and it is the same power that will suffice to change his outlook. There is no one today to whose words on Africa heed will be given more readily than Field-Marshal Smuts, all the more that he has come to his convictions by a long way and by the hard teaching of experience. This is what he says—Fundamentally the world has no need of a new order or a new plan, but only of the honest and courageous application of the historic Christian idea. Our Christian civilization is based on eternal order, an endless plan in the message of Christ, His message is: Cherish in love your fellow man, irrespective of race or language; cherish and keep the divine idea in your heart as the highest good". In that noble endeavour all African Methodists should have a vigorous, vital part.

## 2. Relief and Re-construction.

Africa has, for the most part, been spared the ravages of war. There have been times when I have wondered if it would not have been good for the soul of the African—if he had been given just a taste of what other less fortunate peoples have had to go

through. However, there is much that needs to be done for the African. An adequate balanced diet that will insure a strong, healthy body. Medical clinics that will enable the rural Africans to receive proper medical attention when most urgently needed. And, educational facilities that will fit him to take his place in life, a life which is and will continue to be predominately and intensely rural and agricultural.

## 3. Evangelism.

As I travel from church-school to church-school from time to time, I see only too clearly the vast number of people yet untouched by the gospel, the great opportunities yet un-used and yet open to us, and the vast field waiting for cultivation and the touch of the Master's hand. Trained, efficient evangelists with hearts afire for God and for their people. Trained teachers with the evangelistic spirit in their hearts is the urgent need of this day.

The Rukwadzano as an evangelistic agency is doing a great work among the women of this district. They welcome advice and guidance but rightfully object to being pushed around. I believe that in this organization, if handled carefully and kindly, there lies a germ of tremendous power and influence for God.

The annual Camp-Meeting continues to have its usual attraction and usefulness for the African. These annual camp-meetings—together with the quarterly meetings continue to be the main-spring of our evangelistic efforts, and they will have to continue to be so until such time as we can secure a large number of spiritually minded pastor-teachers that are willing to serve for the sake of the work itself and for Christ's sake.

## 4. Stewardship.

Love the Motive of Stewardship. "The love of Christ constraineth us" There is one difference between the relationship which unites Christ and His steward, and that which exists between partners in business. The Christian partnership is based on love. Jesus Christ so loved that He gave Himself, and His steward responds with a love which springs from gratitude. A partnership moti-



vated by love is a joyful relationship. The steward delights to pour personality and possessions in service. He gives all that he has to the partnership because he loves the Partner. Christian stewardship which springs from a sense of duty only, is not ideal. The steward must give thought to the MOTIVE of his stewardship. If the partnership is receiving less than his best, the explanation may be found there. Either he has a motive other than love, or, if he has the right motive, he has too little of it. Partnership with Christ rises to its best only when service is the generous, spontaneous expression of deep and grateful love.

Now to depart from generalities, and become intensely factual. First we must bring out the un-edifying fact that in the majority of cases- those who have the most give the least, and, those who have the least give the most. In fact, in many of our local village schools- it is the school children who contribute the bulk of the support of both school and church. And, even this is not entirely voluntary. These statements do not make pleasant reading. Nevertheless, if a report is to have any value whatsoever- it should give the actual facts. As for the number of those using the Biblical standard of financial Stewardship as set by the tithe? Before that figure can be arrived at with any degree of accuracy- some sort of plan, method or agreement must be reached as to how the tithe may be expended. Can it be used to help educate our own relatives? Is it to be used to help needy African boys though school? It is such questions as these that must be answered before the actual number of tithers can be found.

Now for the stewardship of Self. I know of no factor that is retarding the progress and the development of our work more than the need of consecrated, efficient Christian leadership. The urgent, compelling need of this district, as I presume it is of all districts, is that of more teachers. We could open six additional schools tomorrow- if we had the teachers. Furthermore, I am having to use more Standard Four

Teachers than I like to think about. I am quite sure that given the Christian leaders- the financial support for many more church- schools can and would be found.

#### 5. Church School Enrolment and Attendance.

In the Mtoko District there is one Central Primary School, as we were given Central Primary status the first of this year. Fifteen aided Primary schools; five un-aided Primary schools and seven preaching appointments. Were the teachers available- we could open six additional schools tomorrow. We have the schools ready. We have the financial support for the teachers. But, we have no teachers.

At Mtoko Center the Boy's Boarding Dep't. consists of one hundred and twenty five boys. We have two classes of both Std. 4, and Std. 3. Our Day School enrolment this year is two hundred and fifty. We had planned to put up this year a two-room building to accommodate Std. 5; but owing to the water shortage which is so serious that the local wells are all but dry, and which has caused the Government to issue an order that water which they supply must be limited to human consumption only; hence, of necessity, all building projects have had to be postponed. Instead of receiving our usual average rainfall of thirty inches- we had but thirteen. So serious is the water question this year- we have been compelled to stop all rotation vegetable gardening- just growing enough green vegetables to furnish the Boarding boys a balanced diet. We were fortunate in getting a fair mealie crop, and though we have had to purchase a few bags- we have been able to sell other crops which has enabled us to continue on our self-supporting basis.

Mtoko Center is growing. We need a new dining room for the boarders. We need four new dormitories capable of accommodating two hundred. We need three large, well lighted school buildings- each building capable of accommodating two classes. Plans had been made to start on this building program this

year-but for reasons stated previously- we were compelled to call a halt. We also need a large church building- as the present building is far from adequate to seat the large and ever growing congregations.

And, unless there is some provision made elsewhere to accommodate our African girls who desire a further education beyond that which the Primary school can give- we shall have to plan for a Girl's school. A start has already been made in this direction by the African Missionary Society at Chikwizo- which now has twenty girls in their boarding department.

An un-aided Primary school is operating on our new mission site on the Mudzi river. Lack of a suitable teacher is the reason for this school not being placed on an aided basis.

According to the terms of the lease-this site must first be fenced. I have applied four times this year for galvanized barbed wire with which to do this-but have failed every time to secure the necessary permit-without which the wire cannot be purchased.

The majority of our village schools are filled to overflowing. Two of them are three-teacher schools. Two only are one-teacher schools-the balance requiring the service of two teachers. We find that girl teachers, at least one to each school, can be used to great advantage. Those that have the ability to teach sewing are still more valuable-for most of the village girls are very keen to learn this domestic art. The type of village school now being erected reveals marked progress over the type formerly used: fact is they are well on the road to becoming very effective school-buildings.

This report would be far from complete, neither would it be just without rendering thanks and appreciation for the splendid co-operation of the entire teaching staff at Mtoko Center of which Mr. Faku is the Head-Master. They have continued to work as a team and have produced excellent results. Rev. Chieza continues to be the tower of spiritual strength that he always has been. Our Pathfinders and Wayfarers continue

to grow both in numbers and in effectiveness. They, with the Teachers and House-Leaders have contributed largely to every phase of progress in the school.

Report of the African Missionary Society by Ebson Zimonte.

"Bishop Booth, we of the African Missionary Society bid you welcome to Africa. This enterprise was planned, initiated and started in the days of your predecessor-Bishop Springer. The beginning of this effort came to us as a vision and as a responsibility from the Holy Spirit-as it was with Paul and Barnabas at Antioch when they were called for their first missionary journey. We are now in our fourth year here-conscious all the time that God is with us in our work; not our work-but His work. The church attendance averages one hundred nearly every Sunday. Our Sunday School classes are well attended. The time is near when we should have an additional pastor-teacher for Nyamvurashena. Mrs. Zimonte has now a growing group of the Rukwadzano women, who attend their meetings following the church service every Sunday. We have started the Youth Group which meets after the Sunday School classes. Sunday morning they often go to preach in the villages, and often bring back people with them to attend church. Our school is still growing. We enrolled one hundred and four pupils; and we teach up to and including Std. 3. We now have forty four boarders-twenty of whom are girls. The assistance of the Rukwadzano women has greatly helped us with the domestic science work. Our girls have made some very nice shirts and uniforms. Mrs. Zimonte and her sister Sara M'tongo are in charge of this phase of the work. We need an experienced woman or girl to come and take care of our girls, and we are hoping that the Rukwadzano will help us find one. Then as Sara M'tongo is likely to leave us at the end of the year in order to get married, we will need someone to take her place. Already partially erected is a girl's dormitory-with two additional rooms. We are now building a teacher's house and have

already put up a little hut for the use of our Superintendent when he comes to visit us. We plan for more desks for next year. We appreciate the visits of our Superintendent. In all the little achievements that we have thus far accomplished we have often depended upon him.

In all the efforts of his Missionary enterprise, we have always looked for help, strength and guidance from our Heavenly Father. This we are determined to continue to do for we do not want to go one single step ahead of Him, or, without Him.

To my African colleagues and co-workers I wish to say in conclusion 'though I have often been impatient with you, and perhaps have at times failed or been slow to show my appreciation of you, yet do I take fresh courage and new inspiration as I have witnessed and felt your patience with me.

## REPORT OF MUTAMBARA DISTRICT

G. A. Roberts *Superintendent*,

### WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Acts 26:18:- "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins..."

In Rev. Rugayo's words, "The time of Conference is the time of looking backwards and forwards. Our people used to say that a man who looks backwards to the work he is doing is a lazy man, but the one who looks forward where there is more work to be done is a hard-working man. If a man bends less to his work and spends most of his time standing, the old people used to say that the birds would perch on his head. Truly there is much work to be done. To us who are in the Lord's field, he says as he did to his disciples, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white unto harvest."

We are trying faithfully to carry out the world mission of the Church by reaching all people of the District with the Gospel message. The District Minister declares that the Gospel has been preached throughout the whole Mutambara District.

As the Church throughout the world must be sure of its foundation in Jesus Christ, our Lord, so we at Mutambara have endeavoured without compromise to build on His teachings. A great many local materials have been used to do this. A number of young men and young women have been faithful pillars of the work, teaching not only at the Centre but in the remote village schools. It is a pleasure also to report that many of the stewards of the village stations have been faithful for many years. Of the stalwarts who have stood by the work throughout the years, it is right to mention Stephen Tsododo who built his hut near the grass dwelling of the missionaries when they stopped by the road, put down their goods, and started their work at Mutambara. Also the present chief, Joseph Mutambara, should be mentioned. His younger brother, James, says he stepped up close and began reading the letters on Mrs. Buchwalter's charts, when the Mission was started at Mutambara. Another who should be named is Rev. Moses Mparutsa who was the only African teacher when I arrived the last day of 1917 to begin work. Other men who have faithfully carried the responsibility of the development of the Mutambara Church are Goni Ndongwe, Jacob Mtisi, and Faroma Mataure. Certain of the native women have also had a great place in promoting the aim of Christianity in the World Mission.

It is the plan of our link in the Church to bring its members to the realization that they are a part of the Church Universal.

### THE CHRISTIAN WORLD ORDER

In Isaiah 9, verse 6, the thought of peace, brotherhood, and good-will is paramount.

By the individual the family is influenced; by the family the community is influenced; by the community, the church; by the church, the nation; and by the nation the world is influenced. We cannot hope to achieve peace, brotherhood, and good-will by one act but there must be a continuous thought and effort to bring

Christian order about.

The Christian world does not want to dominate but co-operate in the effort to bring about peace, brotherhood, and good-will. It needs to strive after the building up of the individual's character, for the character of the individual will eventually determine the character of the world. It must realize the value of the individual.

Thus we hope that the 1400 individuals being schooled and trained daily in the Mutambara District, as well as the older group in the Church, will be the Christian colouring of the entire community in the promotion of world order.

We would not wish to indicate that we believe that all of the bad customs of the African people have been put away, for there seems to be evidence in many cases that the lives of twins and triplets are still not considered of value.

There is indication that there is too much fear of superstition and evil spirits. It is coming to be traditional that much of the Mutambara District is free from the "doro" (beer) habit. I am glad to say that it seems that the early campaigns of our Mission against this evil have borne fruit, and that the brawls of the early days connected with "beer drinks" seem to be quite infrequent. I have not heard for many years of these damaging beer drinks, such as used to be so prevalent. Being an agriculturalist, I like to think that the plough and the work-ox have done away with the necessity of digging the gardens by the beer drinks.

The Church has also been important in bringing women in our section of the country to their rightful place in family life.

The Church at Mutambara is striving to translate the ethical ideals of religion into realities of peace, good-will, and racial brotherhood.

### THE STEWARDSHIP OF ALL OF LIFE

I Cor. 4: 2:- "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

Stewardship consists in administering all that we have and all that we are. Many are willing to

give of their means, but are unwilling to give themselves. Jesus, however, is our example. He gave Himself to the uttermost. We can do no less than accept the example which He gave to us.

The young African Church needs special light on recognising its responsibilities in the matter of stewardship. It must not be satisfied to expect the parent Church to maintain the church activities and support, but it must be expected to shoulder its own responsibilities and realize the privilege there is in stewardship. This has not been fully accomplished in the Mutambara District by any means. Many feel that the church offerings should be complete and the church expenses paid without their own sacrifice. Thus we feel that we must continue with instruction on individual sacrificial giving.

The people have not entirely come to a realisation that they should put forth the necessary effort to build their own churches and schools, but feel that this should be done by the sacrifice of some outside group.

And finally there seems to be a lack of consecration. Some people are inclined to think that Christianity must be undertaken as a means of procuring higher wages, rather than as a labour of love and service. What must the teaching be that this consecration shall become the common practise of the individual African?

So though we feel that much instruction on stewardship must yet be done, the Mutambara District has met most of its obligations financial, and otherwise.

We are pleased that during the last several years a number of the young people have answered the call to service and are effectively preaching and teaching in the village stations and at Mutambara Centre.

Let me repeat the words of I Cor. 4: 2:- "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful".

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It has been agreed by the governments, missions, and settlers of the African countries that the develop-



ment of character is a vital requisite in all educational activities. An almost unanimous consensus was reached that religion is a necessary means to a sound development of character. If the aim of education is the development of a moral character, and all activities of the school are directed to that end, then we are proceeding on the right promise.

Mutambara Mission is like the hub of a great wheel radiating power and light to the surrounding districts. The twelve village schools receive aspiration and new ideas from the Centre. In some instances the only source of light and help to lift the people from their fears, superstitions, and ignorance is the small village church with its faithful Christian teacher. It is the ideal and endeavour of the Mission at Mutambara to fulfil the three "H's" as set forth by our great African leader, Aggrey:—"head, hand, heart."

The Academic Department from Standards Two to Five, with its 350-425 students, has as its objective the presentation of the ordinary school subjects, such as reading, writing, and arithmetic, thus fulfilling Aggrey's first "h"—head.

The second "h"—hand—is well established in the industrial departments for girls and boys with not only their theory but their practical classes in agriculture, animal husbandry, forestry, carpentry, basketry, sewing, laundry, housewifery, and invalid cookery.

The third "h"—heart—is embodied in all the departments of the Mission, but is naturally the prime motive of the Church, Rukwadzano, Volunteers, Class Meetings, and annual Camp Meetings.

We, who are promoting Christian education, should bear constantly in mind the following question: Is education fitting African young people to be healthy, happy, useful citizens, as strong Christian characters?

### EVANGELISM

In the first chapter of Mark we find Jesus' whole program of evangelism: and His plan is still being followed in all Evangelical Churches

to-day.

Full of the Spirit after those forty days in the wilderness, Jesus went forth preaching and calling men to repent and follow Him. Then immediately He turned to personal work and chose four helpers, Peter and Andrew, James and John. Forsaking all they followed Him. From this beginning Jesus taught school in the church and before the end of that first chapter in Mark, we find Him in the home healing Peter's wife's Mother of the fever. "And immediately she arose and ministered unto them." Through preaching, personal work, teaching, and healing Jesus started the great Evangelical campaign which will never cease as long as the world stands.

Through this Conference session we have been studying all the different aspects of our missionary program, all leading to one great purpose—the salvation of the souls of men. If we fail in this, we are failures as Christian missionaries. But in Ephesians 3:20 we can find our assurance of victory: "Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly, above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

In Mutambara District we have been trying through many channels to carry on the spiritual work of the church. Weekly services are held at the Centre and in all the outstations. The little village churches managed and promoted by an African teacher, daily carrying on his routine of work with prayer, Scripture reading, and songs; and weekly gathering his flock together for fellowship and inspiration, prove to be a great dynamic for the uplifting of souls of the people. Sunday School, Prayer meetings, Student Volunteer study classes, Rukwadzano meetings, and different forms of personal work, all contribute to the spiritual growth of the people.

Special meetings have been held from time to time and many people have been led into the Kingdom while others have been strengthened. At Easter we had special services at the outstations, as well as the Centre. Not long ago the Rukwa-

dzano spent several days with the people at Dunhu with splendid results. The Camp Meeting last September was held at the camp ground near Mutambara Mission. This year we have had a splendid response of the teachers and Student Volunteers, so we are able to organise six teams of workers to go for camp meetings to Dunhu, Shinja, Chakohwa, Nyanyadzi, Chitora, and Nyambeya. We are praying that these groups of workers may have the presence of God so with them, that many, many people will be lead into the Christian way. These camps are to be held in September of this year.

We bear in mind that evangelism is the heart, ultimate aim, and the glorious end of our entire work.

### REPORT OF MTASA-MAKONI DISTRICT

*Per Hassing, Superintendent*

Bishop Booth and Fellow-Workers:—

“BEHOLD I HAVE SET BEFORE THEE AN OPEN DOOR.” Rev. 3:8. It is with gratitude to the Lord that we bring the report of this District. God has guided us through many difficulties, and given us many opportunities of serving Him. The doors are wide open, waiting for us to enter. The calls are so many that we cannot answer them all. The difficulty is to know which one to enter, and which one to leave. As the doors have been closed for the Gospel in other parts of the world, we are thankful to God that the people with whom we are working are responding to the call of Jesus Christ in a greater number every year. This open door is a call for more workers, which call remains persistent in spite of the fact that the African staff has doubled during the last five years.

#### I. THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

“THAT THY POWER, THY GLORY AND THE MIGHTINESS OF THY KINGDOM MIGHT BE KNOWN AMONG MEN.” Psalm 145:12.

Methodism is now a world wide movement, embracing numerous

nations and races. It is part of its glory that it has been able to transcend national differences in its wide fellowship. This is a heritage that must be guarded in the future, when extreme nationalism again may raise its ugly head. We are grateful to God that this world wide fellowship has been extended to the Bantu people of this country. This gift that they have received, is now being given to other tribes of this Colony. Missionary collections have been taken in all the churches in the District this year. Rukwadzano Rhwe Wadzimayi is also collecting big sums of money for this work. Many circuits have elected representatives to take care of the work of the Missionary Society in the circuit. We believe that this is going to increase the interest for the work at Chikwiso.

The Missionary movement is in its infancy, but there are many signs that it is going to gain momentum. It is a very healthy movement as it gives the people a wider loyalty, and teaches them to look beyond their own little village. Prayers for the work at Chikwiso and for the Christian people in the war torn countries are often heard in our meetings. Stories of the Christian resistance movement in enemy occupied countries have been eagerly listened to.

#### II. THE CHRISTIAN WORLD ORDER.

“FOR, BEHOLD, I CREATE NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH.” Isaiah 65:17.

After the end of the war in Europe one of the commonest questions asked by the people, was this: “What is going to happen now?” They are watching with keen interest what kind of settlement is going to be worked out. They are not free from the suspicion that the victors are going to look after their own interests only, forgetting the interest of the world as a whole.

But while there is a great interest in the world outside, the people's main concern is for the future in their own country. They are claiming greater opportunities, greater equality



and greater justice. These are legitimate claims that we should support. But it is being stressed at every opportunity that race relations have always two sides. Some rights can only be earned. And the African people need to take upon themselves greater responsibility in whichever walk of life they happen to be.

### III. THE STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE.

"BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT HEARERS ONLY." James 1:22.

If the fruits of the Gospel are going to show themselves anywhere, they must show themselves in the lives men and women live. Unless the Gospel results in transformed lives, it cannot be justified, because a faith that does not work in the daily life is a dead faith.

The results of the Gospel of Jesus Christ among our African people are not always as great as we may wish. One sometimes wonders whether he has grasped the meaning of the Gospel at all. Sin, for instance, means to many of our Christians only the transgression of a few known external acts that are condemned. Many of them do not see the greater implications of the Christians teaching on sin, and therefore they do not see the deeper meaning of Salvation.

But nevertheless, a great change has come about, and a great change is taking place right now before our eyes. This is best understood when the background of the people is considered. During the year stewardship in its various phases has been stressed. This way of preaching the Christian message has touched the people, because for the African religion includes the whole life. Many times Christian understanding and Christian living is found among our people, that surpasses what can be found in many groups of European Christians.

### IV. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO. AND WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT" PROV.

22:6.

In the District's 30 Primary Schools there are now 80 approved teachers with a total of 2788 children enrolled. 14 schools have now Std.3 classes, and there are only 5 one teacher schools left on the District.

Apart from the usual difficulties that we meet, there has been an unrest among the teachers that has resulted in some of them leaving us, and in the temporarily closing of some schools. It is not easy to account for this, but part of the reason may be the fact that the teachers we are able to get now are very young, and not able to stand up against much pressure.

Last year we reported that we had enough teachers for all the schools. But this year there is great shortage again, in spite of the fact that we have taken on 15 more teachers this year. We have therefore been forced to take on teachers who have only passed Std.4. The Circuit Inspector has been willing to approve of a limited number of these teachers. So more, better qualified and more mature workers is still our greatest need.

There is now a great demand for Std. 4 classes in the District, as most of the 210 Std. 3 students have no place to go. We are ready for Std. 4. classes at Nyakatsapa, if a suitable teacher can be found. New school buildings of burned bricks have been erected at seven places, and two places have built new school buildings of kimberley bricks. Some stations have bricks ready for the building of new buildings next year.

Some more desks and benches have been added this year. Old Umtali have been making them. But their carpenters are always busy at the center, and they have been unable to give much time for this work. We have tried in vain to find another carpenter to help out. These desks and benches are definite improvements in the schools. But it is going very slowly, partly because of lack of funds, and partly because of lack of carpenters. At this rate it will take 90 years to supply all the school children in the District with proper desks and benches.

At all stations collections have been taken for the Student Loan fund.

#### V. EVANGELISM.

"FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST: FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH." Rom. 1:16.

Apart from the 30 stations where we have Government Aided primary schools, there are 8 other places where we have a resident Bible Teacher. There are 8 other regular Preaching centers—making it 46 in all. This does not include occasional places that are visited by the ministers and Local Preachers, of which there are more than 100 on the District.

Three Camp Meetings were held last year. They all lasted ten days, and as before we were thankful for the help of Rev. Gates and Rev. Taylor, who each took charge of one camp. A camp site has been obtained in Chiduku Reserve. But all that the Government would give us was half of an acre.

Large crowds continue to gather at our Quarterly Meetings. They are great occasions for inspiration and Christian Fellowship. 192 new members have been received this year. All the Conference Collections have been paid in full. They amounted to £94-12-0 this year. The District on the whole is self supporting.

#### CONCLUSIONS.

All the various activities of the Church could not continue without the help of the African people. The seven ordained ministers who are working with me, are doing their work faithfully and sincerely, and their work shall not fail to bear fruit. Our thoughts also go to the many Local Preachers, class leaders, Sunday School teachers who are carrying out the daily program of the Church. I hope the day is not far off, when more attention can be given to these faithful and loyal workers of our Church. Help given to these workers will show itself in an increased activity in the Church and in a deeper loyalty to Jesus Christ among the rank and file of our people.

We are thankful to God that we have been allowed to carry out His orders another year, and trust that our work in Him shall not have been in vain.

#### REPORT OF NYADIRI DISTRICT

T. A. O'Farrell, *Superintendent.*

Bishop Booth, and Fellow-Workers:-

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God that we come with this report of our stewardship today. The work has pressed upon us as never before, but we have also been sustained by abundant Christian fellowship both within and without the Mission. Being far from the world conflict, and in a safe place we have nevertheless all had relatives on many of the fighting fronts. And when peace finally came to the world, it brought peace in our small world.

The recent world holocaust, with its hate, and cruelty, bitterness and desolation, is a vivid picture of what the world can become without Christ and His Church. We need to ask ourselves if, given a certain type of propaganda and leadership, our world us could not second Germany.

It is the Mission of the Church to remove forever from men's hearts this evil that has been rampant in the world. John Wesley claimed the world as his parish. And his followers went out with the Aldersgate experience claiming great sections of the world for Christ. But it would be just as pertinent today to say that "my parish is my world," if we but keep the world vision. And today we shall try to report on the World Mission of the Church in our parish. In a special way those of us working in Nyadiri District are responsible to Almighty God for the welfare of the souls of all those about us.

There is a real danger that we may become callous to the needs of some persons who are near us. In a prayer one day I heard a missionary pray that God would prepare her to meet any non-Christian person who might cross her path that day. That is, I believe, the kind of preparation we need.

We shall not try to give any

systematic account of the work of the year. But we may be to show some trends, and point out some needs.

Time was literally squeezed out for a man's Bible Class at Nyadiri. The result, a wonderful fellowship full of Holy possibilities. Now, the question arises, how can this fellowship be extended to include all the men of the District.

Some extra concentration on Standard Six, has resulted in nearly every member seeking to prepare for a large life of service. This conception of life is extending to many in other classes. Many members of the staff are assisting. Shortage of time to meet with boys in the office drove me to start waylaying them on the path, at their work or wherever I could get them. And now I wonder why I never before saw this way of work.

We have quite a lot of European neighbors. And I wonder if anyone ever had finer neighbors. We have had far too little time for services for them. But they come when we do meet. Recently one man told me that he had found the place of peace at center of his world of tumult. What possibilities we have there. Another came when we were trying to get the water pipes laid and gave four days, sometimes far into the night helping. Or rather I helped him. When one night I urged him to stop, he said, "A promise is a promise. And Dr. Anderson did something for me."

### **The Christian World Order.**

A Christian World Order cannot come into being by compulsion. But the need for it seems never to have been so great as now. Jesus must have had in mind the possibility of a world such as we now have, when he gave his last command, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all the nations." Only a good beginning has been made. We Christians must never forget that our business is to win the world to Christ.

Every other religion, every cult, every new national ambition, while not necessarily all wrong in themselves, are, if anti-Christian, tending to develop some other world order. Perhaps we have gone too far in

giving place to other Religious beliefs.

Christ must win, not overcome, every form of paganism, whether African Paganism, European or Asiatic Paganism. And Christ has every thing to offer in the effort to win them.

In Rhodesia we can break down every barrier and bring larger life to all. While we seek for Christian consideration between the races, let us also be sure that as some Africans develop they do not become unchristian towards their undeveloped brothers.

The policy of Parallel development should be scrutinised constantly lest it become an instrument of repression. If we have a real parallel development the African will have full freedom to develop and rise.

Every good plan for developing Reserves and conserving land should have our hearty approval. But some of us would welcome a bit more liberality in making land available to the Africans.

The African in his thin walled, thatch roofed huts lives too close to the elements to be a healthy person. Better housing, health education, as well as trained nurses and doctors of his own, and more and better hospitals must be in the program. We rejoiced last December when the first class of nurses from Nyadiri were graduated, and went out to their work.

We shall not have a Christian World Order here, until we have better homes and home life, Adult Education to reach all, and a vital literature to feed hungry minds.

### **WASHBURN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NYADIRI Report for the year 1945**

It is with mixed feelings that I sit down to write this report, possibly my last as a missionary. A recent illness makes it advisable for me to leave this Colony soon, and so this will be my last Conference here. There is a sense of sadness and disappointment in having to leave this suddenly and in being unable to round out this term of service, especially as there is no one in sight just now to take up the work. This leaves an acute problem in the maintenance

of the work, for which I am exceedingly sorry. Yes! there is a sense of so little accomplished, so much to be done. Yet, as I look back, I am not sorry that I came to Africa. On arrival I was gratified by the warm reception I got from all, from Bishop and Mrs. Springer, from the entire Mission and from the African people. And since then I have been pleased with the fine spirit of co-operation on the Field as well as the hearty support from the Board of Missions in New York. It has been most gratifying to have the continued and substantial support of friends in America. All this has made it possible to carry on. There has been some growth and advance, though not as much as one could wish. For what has been accomplished we give thanks to God.

The finding of wholesome water in abundance brought joy to all of us, not least to the hospital staff. What a boon it will be there!

The power station giving current for lights and sterilizer (even an x-ray in due time) is also a very great blessing, for which we are most grateful.

The arrival of Mrs. Anderson has brought joy to me personally and has eased the burden of the work for Miss Whitney as well as for me.

Miss Whitney will leave soon on a well-earned and long overdue furlough. Every one will miss her remembering her devoted and very efficient service, but looking forward to her return in due time.

Our prayers are answered in the coming of Miss Ashby to help us. We trust that the burden will not be too heavy to bear. We shall remember her in our prayers. And we pray that a doctor may be found to come and take a share in the work. In the meantime we are glad to report that the Government through Dr. Martin has promised to help us in every possible way Government Medical Officers will come to assist as often and as much as possible in this interim when we are without a doctor.

The training of nurses has been most interesting, and I regret that I must lay down my share in that. Dr. Martin assured us that we might carry on this training without inter-

ruption under our nurses and with visits from Government Medical Officers, that is, during that time that we may be without a Mission doctor. We have been gratified with reports that come to us of the fine work of our last year's graduates, and we have been highly pleased with the splendid service of one of them in our own hospital.

The care of motherless infants continues to be appreciated by the people and the number is growing. This work deserves the hearty support of friends in America, and we are grateful for the response already made to this appeal. Along with this work we should carry on a Baby Welfare Clinic. It seems that our best opportunity lies in the care of women and children, for which we are well provided in having the supervision of missionary nurses and the assistance of the African girls in training. We could develop a specialized field along this line, highly attractive to mothers, and render a most needy service. This would not preclude the care of male patients or surgical work, but I believe that our finest service could be rendered in this particular field.

Many sufferers have been relieved and doubtless some of them have come to know the Great Physician during their stay here. For all the assistance of friends, for the fine co-operation of the staff and for all the blessing of God on us we thank him,

Respectfully submitted,  
A. G. Anderson

### Stewardship of All of Life.

It seems to me that a good name for Stewardship would be Radiant Living. And that kind of living means not only service, but very great joy in service.

Stewardship has in the past sometimes been confused with tithing, or limited to tithing. It is so much more than that. It might be called tithing all of life. But even a tithe seems for fix a limit to a tenth, and it is our privilege to do more than that if we wish.

Throughout this District I know good stewards of all of life. Indi-



vidual men and women here and there; groups of godly women living full and joyful lives, lives full of good works, groups of children who are living very rich lives, receiving spiritual gifts and daily giving out these same good gifts.

Stewardship is a voluntary thing. It cannot be forced. But if a Christian refuses to be a good steward of life he will have to be satisfied with a sterile life.

Money giving does of course give a certain indication of spiritual life of the church. And on that basis, we have some gratification in the fact that our Church collections are increasing. Some churches pay the first two or three quarters in the first quarter of the year.

At Nyadiri we are collecting money for the new church. We know that we must expect to find about 2,000 pounds to match a similar amount expected from America. Our Sunday collections go for that purpose and we have 150 pounds from that. Less than a month ago we took a special offering and realized about 200 pounds, and hope to get that much more from this years campsign. But we shall have to make a similar effort for two or three more years.

Good building stone has been found on the campus. We have excavated some of it and that was quickly carried to the building site by church members. We expect to have a beautiful church in the not too distant future.

#### Christian Education.

We have reached a place where all agencies, Government, Africans, and Mission feel that primary education should be brought to all children of the colony as rapidly as possible. Such a program of course calls for many more missionaries and African teachers. Nyadiri District, as part of the northern section of our work is in the midst of one of the most populous sections of the colony, and a great part of it is so far undeveloped.

Chiefs and headmen have started demanding that all parents get their children into school. The result has been a great increase in enrolment. A block of 20 schools on the west

side of the Nyadiri River average more than 100 in enrolment. This also calls for more teachers, and there is no adequate supply. Schools now preparing to open, by next Jan. will complete the number allowed me, and a good number of others are wanting to open. This is only one of the reasons why more staff is urgently needed.

A similar situation exists as regards Nyadiri Boarding School. Certainly several hundred were denied admission for 1946, as we believe we must draw a distinction between a school and a mob if good results are to be obtained. To meet the need we have tried to add one standard in a number of village schools, thus keeping the students there another year. At the same time our standards in the village schools are improving, about 2/3 of those taking the examination at Nyadiri last December having passed into our next standard.

Village Boarding Schools at Manyika and Chitimbe are developing well, and are caring well for the overflow of standards 2 and 3 from other schools. Chitimbe has a good three room school building and Manyika is erecting a larger one, with six rooms. These schools are successfully caring for girl Boarders as well.

We have all been inspired by the Nurses' Training Successes at the Hospital.

Nearly all in Standard six are definitely planning to enter some form of Christian work. They are a very fine group. We have never before had so many boys planning to enter the ministry. But most of them will doubtless take either secondary education or teacher training first.

A teachers house of seven rooms was erected by standards five and four last year, and we have the new dining-study Hall nearing completion. We hope to erect another Dormitory next year.

We are also pleased that there is a plan to erect new Dormitories for the Girls, as well as enlarge the school building.

We also trust that Teacher Training at Nyadiri may start at no far distant date.

Certain new phases of Education are coming into the picture and we should be ready to take our full share of responsibility.

Mass Education for adults is being seriously considered. When it comes we should make it certain that it is Christian rather than secular education, which is brought to these parents.

The Beit Trustees have started subsidising Craft Schools for mothers, on the order of the school at Umsine-de. We should make inquiries as to these subsidies and if possible get women to start such schools at strategic centers.

### Evangelism

The opportunities for Evangelism in the district are abundant. And we are not taking advantage of all of them. There are many preaching places among the non-Christians, and the most populous of these places are rapidly shaping up into regular stations.

Each of the farms about us employs from 150 to 200 laborers from Nyasaland and Portuguese East Africa. The employers welcome our preachers on Sundays.

We hold occasional services for Europeans, which are well attended. We expect to start regular services, probably monthly as soon as it can be arranged. Many of the people have expressed a desire for more frequent ones.

The road from the north passes through the Mission Farm, and there is a constant stream of Africans passing to and from Nyasaland. There are two camp sites, one on each edge of the farm, and at each place is a tea room conducted by Mr. D. Manyarara, and Gibson Dowe, two local preachers. I am convinced that these men accomplish much good by their services to the people and by their Christian witness.

The Rukwadzano are giving a good account of themselves in all manner of Christian work. They hold many meetings at many places, and are

constantly bringing women into the Christian fellowship and into the church. Not so many men are being reached.

Three Camp Meetings are held each year, and with good results. Group meetings in circuits are frequently held, and are largely attended. Every year we hold mens meetings. The men have a desire to develop something similar to the Rukwadzano for the women, but have not succeeded in getting the same results as yet.

Some of the finest fruit of the Christian Church is found in the improved, enlightened Christian homes about us. Many visitors have spoken of them as being outstanding among such homes in the Colony. They are a great incentive to others for better living.

But the kind of evangelism that seems to me to offer the greatest returns is that in which Christians make more personal appeals to individuals everywhere. If we can get the time to work in that way, and make sufficient effort I believe we can bring many persons into a knowledge of Christ. Many are not hardened sinners. Many respond if someone takes sufficient time and makes sufficient effort. I feel sure that a great harvest awaits us if we faithfully enter upon this Personal Evangelism.

The Sunday Schools are not meeting the needs of the people. This is primarily due to the fact that our Pastor Teachers, and perhaps ministers as well have not had the necessary preparation to direct the work. A contributing cause is a dearth of proper literature. We have hosts of people who are mentally and spiritually hungry, and we lack the means of feeding them.

Our Theological School can render a great service if all Pastor-teachers can be given this training in Sunday School work.

Production and the securing of suitable literature is of supreme importance, and the matter of distributing it is only a little less important.



## REPORT OF OLD UMTALI DISTRICT

H. E. Taylor, *Superintendent*

Bishop Booth and Fellow-Workers:

In the Crusade for Christ the World Mission of the Church is encompassed in the words of Jesus found in Matthew 28:18-20, "Go ye into all the world and preach--" In varying degrees and with varying successes all Christian Churches are obeying.

At Old Umtali our Church has been working to develop a training center. During the past years several thousands of young Africans have been here in school. From among them have come all but one of our ministers, a large proportion of our pastor-teachers, teachers and other workers or leaders, besides hundreds of Church members who are to be found in our various circuits and scattered all over South Africa. These thousands have come from all over our conference. Many of you not working at Old Umtali made the initial and most important contact with those young lives, namely, that which resulted in their conversion.

Our pastor, Rev. A. Kapenzi, gave in his report "the church at Old Umtali is full of young men and young women who come and stay a while and then go." He chose our Master's words—"Behold a sower went out to sow." Truly a more wonderful field of opportunity can not be desired.

Surrounding the mission are farms and mines. To these places preachers are sent every Sunday to sow the seeds of the Gospel. The pupils in Teacher Training go out by turns with these local preachers to witness for our Lord Jesus.

We look forward to further, better, and more extensive training for Christian service, that lives may be developed to obey Christ's last and continuing command to His people.

"The Christian World Order" can only be arrived at as the challenge of the "World Mission of the Church" is accepted. God created man, we believe, looking to a consummation of life on the earth wherein that life should reach its summit of achievement in a "Christian World".

We find our Master's clear cut picture of "The Christian World Order" in the sermon on the Mount and Matthew 25:35-36. "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." To make our daily life more like this pattern is the sincere desire of every missionary at Old Umtali.

A number of our African staff members have undertaken special cultural activities beyond their routine school duties and these require some cooperation from other members of the staff. A few are taking advantage of the Postal Saving opportunities. A Boys' Club has been started as an outlet for creative work. Many of the girls are active in the Wayfarer Detachments. There is a joint monthly Prayer Meeting and Staff meeting. Since last Conference there have been a few social gatherings with some of our African members. All of these are good but other activities are needed for deeper and happier understanding among us.

At the end of last year a concert, conducted by Mr. E. Chieza was held in Moffat Hall. This year Mr. Chieza with the Teacher Training classes gave a concert in the Caledonian Hall for Europeans. It was a new venture and entered upon with some hesitation but the concert was ably conducted and a small appreciative audience attended. All present came away feeling that new friends had been made, and a new door opened. We are at the "cross roads" and as Bishop Booth said, "The racial need is so great that each missionary needs quietness of spirit and margin of time for personal contacts."

The Stewardship of All of Life is brought into focus at Old Umtali each year as we see a new class of young men and women receive their diplomas at the annual graduation exercises and go out to begin lives dedicated to Jesus Christ and to witness and teach in His name. Last year eighteen splendid young men and women entered into the

work of the teacher or the pastor-teacher, besides others who went out from Standards five and six.

In our daily labours with the pupils of our schools we try to stress first of all a right personal relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ. All true stewardship must have its birth and growth established upon this relationship. Out of the personal devotion to Christ comes a desire to witness for Him and a love for people that draws these young men and women to lives dedicated to the Christian service. We rejoice in their integrity of character and high personal standards.

In the stewardship of our possessions and money tithing has been taught and stressed, perhaps by some more than others. If one does not practice tithing himself he will naturally not preach it to others. We believe in the words of the Discipline, "Tithing is commended as a historic and workable method attested by many Christians throughout centuries of religious custom and joyful experience." We believe there should be a revival in our whole Church of the preaching and practice of tithing our money.

Years ago some of us thought we entered upon this experience of Stewardship of all of Life when we gave ourselves to the foreign mission work. Today we know that "self" was not dethroned and many times "self" has risen up and asserted itself to our shame. As we renew our vows in this Crusade for Christ we ask that we may see more clearly the concrete ways in our daily life to practice Christ's principles of true Stewardship of All of life.

Christian Education - that is our aim in our whole educational program at Old Umtali. We seek to train the individual for life and it is our first desire that all within our school shall come to know Christ as their Saviour and Lord. We aim to so arrange our program that our boys and girls will develop strong, healthy bodies, minds and hearts. The necessity for farm and hand labour gives us the opportunity to teach the dignity and joys of manual work.

To help us in this training we have, apart from the missionaries, a staff of fine African men and women. It might be of interest to note that of these, nine are sons and daughters of these ministers who are in our midst today. Moreover, two of the Europeans on our staff are children of missionary ministers.

Early this year Miss Reitz left for her long delayed furlough. Two months later Miss Rudo Maranke went to Durban for further study. Miss Mildred Munjoma had already been transferred to the girls Industrial Department, so we were happy and fortunate in securing, for the Academic Department, Mr. David Mukombiwa who had just completed his work at Kilnerton Institute. He is the son of Rev. Z. Mukombiwa. Other additions are two young men and two young women who were graduated from our Training School last year. They are young but are fitting into their places and showing forth the true Christian spirit in their work and daily life. Due to shortage of European staff it was necessary to close the girls' Practice Cottage which was opened four years ago. This has been a great disappointment not only to the standard six girls but to others. Also Miss Loze and Mr. Chieza have helped with classes in the Central Primary Dept. although their programs were already heavy.

We all believe in clean Sports as a means of wholesome development. This year we have rearranged our program so that there is time for Wayfarers and other organizations on Wednesday afternoons, and for Sports for all on Fridays. This last is carried on through the House system, with the House leaders and teachers. A new sports ground has just been opened. It was first used on Inter-house sports day when Col. Methuen came out both to open the Ground and also to present the shield to the winning house. Mr. and Mrs. Farquhar and one other European were also present. A great day in the life of the Boarding Girls was when the first and second Netball teams went to St. Augustine's wearing their new sports uniforms.

They returned in the rain drenched to the skin, but with spirits undampened, for they had won and all the way home they sang songs of victory.

The need for Secondary Education, as we see it, is very necessary. This year we have three sections of Standard six. One of these consists of youngsters ranging in age from thirteen to sixteen. What will happen to these children when they finish Standard Six? A few may go to our neighbouring mission but they make it difficult over there. One of the Brothers said last year, "Your boys are a problem to us because we have no hold on them through the Church and your hold on them is broken when they come here."

There are thirty-seven pupils in the Teacher Training Dept., sixteen in the second year and twenty-one in the first. They are a choice group, the product of the labours of many teachers. Last year the graduating class consisted of eleven boys and seven girls. All of them went out into the work in our mission. The address at the Commencement Exercises was given by Mr. Simmonds, the Chief Native Commissioner. We are trying to teach and train these students in the highest and best usefulness in Christian life and service.

The student Christian Association has continued to have an uplifting Christian influence upon the young people. Both boys and girls meet together for an hour on Sunday evenings. The meetings are conducted by themselves and are a real factor in promoting the training of leaders. When the meetings were begun last year some of the students mistook the time allowed for testimony as an opportunity for debate or registering complaints on school and government matters. Through teaching and example they have been led to give testimonies for Christ and for encouragement to others in the Christian way. Thus a higher tone has characterized the meetings this year. Teacher Enoch Chieza has contributed largely to the interest through his instruction and leadership in choruses and Negro Spirituals.

Last but not least is our Medical work. This year Old Umtali has for the first time two graduate African nurses on the staff, Nurse Margaret Nyakunu and Nurse Elsie Kashaya. They came to us in January. Nurse Margaret has relieved the heavy load at the Maternity Home and has been very satisfactory. Nurse Elsie is at Fairfield dispensary doing much of the daily round of medical duties in connection with the Girls' Boarding Dept. and the sick babies. There are in addition to these two trained workers four practical nurses working with Sister Rosa and four faithful girls with Sister Parmenter in the orphanage at Fairfield. The Standard six girls are still having some experience in Infant Care and First Aid. They too learn to love the babies and are glad when called on to work at the orphanage during a holiday. But who can help loving these little helpless ones? In no other place in our work do we hear more clearly our Master's words of commendation, "In as much as ye do it unto one of the least ye do it unto Me."

Our Sunday Schools are reported on under Evangelism.

Evangelism is not an end but a point of departure. It is not, however, to be a departure resulting in the scattering of effort. Rather, it is apoint from which we are to concentrate on the training for Christian living. As has been brought out, Christian living entails "Stewardship of Life." If our thinking has been rightly aroused and directed by the discussions of the four preceding subjects we are ready to consider Evangelism.

We should recognize that among the most important means for evangelism are Bible study, preaching, Christian literature, Christian education, which includes the Sunday school, and personal work. Our pastor at Old Umtali, Mr. A. Kapenzi reports with regard to our activities: During this past year several meetings were held, among which those in Passion week were the best, for many boys and girls confessed having become "new born children of the Master." On

Easter Sunday an early morning service was in charge of Mayi Taylor. She spoke on the Resurrection, the mothers sang, "Kristu Tenzi Wakamuka" and in closing, the choir sang the Halleluiah Chorus.

The Sunday School is in three divisions - Senior, Junior and married women. These are going on well, under the superintendence, respectively, of Mr. I. Musamba, Miss Mildred Munjoma and Mr. J. Nduna. Each week thirty-two Class Meeting groups gather. They are grouped according to their status in the Church. The married women of the Rukwadzano re wadzimayi meet every two weeks under the leadership of Mrs. A. Kapenzi. They do much personal work and also encourage each other in their Christian life. There are seven nearby mines and farms to which preachers are assigned a month at a time. These leaders are ministers and local preachers who are assisted by young men of the Teacher Training classes.

We do not forget or fail to realize that not only at Old Umtali but all over the world there is still a vast number of our fellow men who are unevangelized. We try to keep ever with us the remembrance that we are to train young lives to take their share in this evangelism. Our pastor reminds us in his conclusion that Jesus taught us the significance of our personal example, saying, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

## REPORT OF HONDE DISTRICT

*John Nduna, Superintendent*

Bishop Booth and Fellow Workers:

The Conference year has again come to its close and we as labourers whom the Master left doing the work of His Vineyard ought to report on the year's progress. One said, "Lord, thou deliverest unto me five talents: behold I have gained five other talents." This was a report of a faithful servant who had used the year's time and energy as required. As we all look back on the year's programme there seems to be much

of the work left undone. The Master again says, "The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth labourers into His harvest."

The first District visit I made in September last year impressed me greatly in seeing a vast area of land with many hundreds of people being borne, living and dying without the word of salvation. To my surprise I saw many of my African people both young and old still tied to the primitive life. When they see a European or an enlightened African approaching many of them run away and hide. It made me think that the church is not fast enough in its effort in taking the Gospel to the heathen for these places are only 50 to 60 miles from the railway line, which is like the spinal cord of our work in Southern Rhodesia. The people on the side of Pungwe River and along the eastern Portuguese border are also asking for preachers. As to this Macedonian call the Honde volunteer band has decided to answer the call some day. One of the year's combined preaching gatherings with Anglicans resulted richly in the salvation of many souls redeemed from the power of sin and evil spirits.

The church remains as last year with three preaching places where the Lord has been making Himself known through the assistance of Wabvuwi, Local Preachers and Rukwadzano Women, who have been visiting these places on Sundays in turns. The church influence is being felt by the neighbours around and the results are shown in the way they co-operate in worship and general attitude.

Owing to other duties, quarterly meetings have been reduced to three instead of four in the year. Two quarterly meetings have been held. The following figures show the results for the year: 4 children baptized, 7 preparatory Members, 8 Full-Members received making a total of 132 for the Christian community. The work of the Sunday School under the leadership of Leonard Kasambira has been growing with an



enrolment of 160 scholars.

The majority of these children come from heathen parents. It is hoped that the light received by these children will grow and shine in their own homes.

Three wedding ceremonies which took place at Honde for the first time have created admiration on the part of Christian activities and interests of the church. Many think it a good thing to do as followers of Christ.

In closing my report I wish to express my deep appreciation in thanking the Rev D. M. Katsidzira, the pastor, the Local Preachers, the Ruwadzano Women, the class Leaders and Volunteer Band for their loyal co-operation on the year's work. Each one of them has been trying to help build the Kingdom of our Master and Saviour.

### REPORT OF UMTALI DISTRICT

E. L. Sells, *Superintendent*

Bishop Booth and Fellow Workers:-

#### "World Mission of the Church"

In submitting the report of the Umtali District for the past year, it is encouraging that there has been an increasing interest in all the activities and inter-racial development characteristic of the World Mission of the Church. The work of the Umtali District embraces that of all races found within the section, and every phase of wholesome spiritual development and social concern. The World Mission of the Church, it seems to me, seeks to do that very thing. If one group within a community is neglected and not administered to, the entire community suffers. It has not yet been fully realised as to the extent of the influence of the Indian community upon the European and African people. Only since we began to undertake, some seven or eight years ago, the Indian work, made possible by the coming of our Indian Missionaries, did we begin to realise this. Their are Europeans, as well as Africans, who are turning to Mahomedanism

and Hinduism as a result of the influence and propaganda of Indian traders. A report of Mr. Kristmukti's work will be given under the subject of "Evangelism".

In regard to the work among the Africans, this field is becoming difficult due to the many influences that centre themselves within a Municipality. Every effort is being made to counteract these influences, and to build up a thinking outlook and devotion of the people in all their contacts with other races. The adult education programme now being carried out in the evening school is reaching a section of more than one hundred men and boys.

The work among the European population is receiving an excellent response and is an indication of the interest that European people have in the spiritual life and wholesome development of the entire community. Visits have been made to the Municipal Location and the Church by our Women and Young People, and considerable assistance is being given in the African work.

The work among the Coloured Community has been mainly taken care of by the Indian Missionary, who has held services in their homes, helped them in their times of need, given scripture instruction in the school, and has helped to further their interests. Quite a few of the Coloured people attend the Church from Sunday to Sunday at St. Andrew's, and have entered into the Worship along with the Europeans. We feel that only such an inter-racial outlook and devotion on the part of Christian people of all races, is worth the World Mission of the Church.

Then the World Mission of the Church requires that we co-operate as far as possible with all existing Christian agencies. A very unique position in regard to this has developed in Umtali:- (1) In the African work we care for the Church people of the American Board, South African General Mission, and the Methodist Church of the Synod. A most welcome co-operation exists, and the missionaries from these Churches often visit Umtali, and

take Sunday Services on the preaching plan. In the school we have enlarged our co-operation this year, by employing the Evangelists of the Dutch Reformed Church and Federated Mission of Nyasaland as our Teachers. The buildings of these Churches were made available for class rooms, and the Churches concerned have entered into a fine arrangement for co-operation. All these form one school under Methodist supervision and control. [2] In regard to the Indian work, our Missionaries have been given every opportunity to visit the whole of Southern Rhodesia, and assured of all possible assistance from Church and Mission bodies. (3) The European work, is flourishing in the main because we are seeking in every way to co-operate with others. Christians within and without the Church respond to such an appeal. The co-operation in the Sunday School Union, Methodist Youth Council, Tuesday evening Fellowship Meetings and Women's work are an indication of our work along these lines. The Boys' and Girls' Holiday Camps, a new adventure this year, for those of all churches who desire to attend, is another step forward along this line.

### "The Christian World Order"

The World Mission of the Church sets out through its various activities to establish the Christian World Order. As we turn to the Gospels we discover that in order for many races and nations to live together in harmony and lasting peace, there must be the spirit of goodwill, a willingness to give and to take, a desire to live aright and let live, that in lifting oneself others must be lifted, with a better distribution of the necessities of life and an opportunity for individual development. As a Church we must not assume that we alone are the only ones that are interested in these things. The Christian message and influence has, in a very remarkable way, permeated the thinking of the general public, so that in industry, commerce and social life, these things are being remembered and provided for, regardless of the race. In fact,

we should be aware that commerce and industry have gone beyond the provision made by the Missions for the physical and financial care of those who are engaged in these activities. These may be physical expressions, but nevertheless do indicate the desire and provision for a Christian World Order, wherein there is enough for every man's need, but not enough for every man's greed.

It is the greed and selfishness of sinful man that prevents the Christian World Order, or the Kingdom of God, as Jesus proclaimed it, from coming into being. In all these things we must seek to be leaders, and not be afraid that our Church will not be preserved, or that our immediate tasks will be undertaken by others. If we can get others to undertake them, we should be exceedingly grateful.

Through our schools, with academic, social and spiritual instruction, we are exerting a very great influence upon the future and present generations. The scripture classes alone in the European and Coloured schools provide an opportunity through the teaching of the Christian message to clearly instil the spirit and arrangement for the Christian World Order. In other words, it is the teaching of the Kingdom, wherein the Kingdoms of this world may become the Kingdom of Our Lord.

These things cannot be brought about by isolated ideals, feelings or emotions. When communities, nations and races come to know and appreciate each other, we will find that there is considerable good that can be gained by exchange and helping each other. As Methodists, we must be careful that we do not substitute Methodism for Christ, and isolate ourselves, thus creating ill-will and not being the leaders of good-will.

### "The Stewardship of All of Life."

It seems to me that the Stewardship of all of Life is being carried out in the work of the Umtali District in the following manner, and in this the traditional division is not followed. First, the stewardship



of service. In the two circuits outside of Umtali, there are five ministers and eighty-one teachers. These are assisted by one hundred-and-two local preachers, who conduct services according to the set preaching plan, and by hundreds of class leaders, who give weekly instruction to the membership, a large group of Sunday School teachers, and the African women who give of their voluntary service in seeking to lift their people. This does not confine itself to the Church services and other meetings only, but finds opportunity of helping all who are in need, and in many ways seeking to uplift the whole community life.

In Umtali, we are extremely fortunate in the African Church to have so many volunteer workers. The Minister is assisted by twenty-three local preachers, a large number of class leaders and Sunday School teachers. This circuit has thirteen preaching places each Sunday, with the main service on Sunday afternoon in the Church, where the attendance is between six and eight hundred. In the European work we are very fortunate in having so many who give of their time to the activities of the Church. The organist and the choir director, the choir and Sunday School teachers, the Young People in the Club, the women in the Women's Association, and we desire to especially mention the fine work being done by Mrs. Thompson in taking the four scripture classes each week in the Junior and middle schools. All these we desire to thank, and express our appreciation.

The Stewardship of Possessions: We quite realise that this is an indication of the devotion and consecration of the Christian people. Christ said, "That as a man thinketh, so is he", and this can be equally applied to the use of one's possessions and to Christian giving. Among our African people there has been an increase of giving during the past year, the total amount being for thirty five Churches. We are very gratified with the generous increase of support in the European Church. The Budget and support as outlined previous to the Conference last year has been

maintained with an increase of £250., over that of the previous year. The amount has been received and the expenditures have been met. An amount of £155. 16. 0., has been contributed during the year to the Church Hall Building Fund. There will be a considerably larger amount contributed before the end of the calendar year, and we hope to undertake definite building operations. The Hall is so greatly needed and we cannot postpone it much longer. Also substantial contributions have been made for our Missionary work and to the Conference Funds. It should be noted that an amount of £40., is being paid for Car Upkeep and Travel, and that all property charges on the Church and Wesley House are being cared for by the Church.

There have been substantial gains in membership in every circuit and in the European work.

The Stewardship of the Church for Europeans, Indian and Coloured peoples within our Conference becomes increasingly evident, and we hope that it will be possible to undertake in the near future the full programme as outlined at our last session of Conference. This would mean the developing, with Umtali as the centre, preaching places and classes at Inyanga, Penhalonga, Rusapi, Headlands, Inyazura, Odzi, Chipinga, Melsetter and Beira.

There are many other ways in which stewardship must be developed and we are seeking through the circulation of literature, girls and boys holiday camps, and the use of personal visitation to discharge the obligation. At present we are distributing more than five hundred copies of the "Upper Room" devotional book every quarter, and we hope in the near future to place literature racks in all the small hotels and holiday resorts in the section of Rhodesia for which we are responsible.

#### "Christian Education"

This phase of our activities cannot be confined to any one activity or organisation in that the whole of our activities are educational, as well as evangelistic. We naturally think,

in the first instance, of the Sunday School, knowledge of the information and inspiration given to the boys and girls of the scripture classes that function along the same lines of the large number of schools for which we are receiving a Government subsidy, of pastoral visitation and of the preaching services.

In regard to our primary schools, there are twenty six in the district, staffed by eightyone teachers, with an enrolment of more than three thousand pupils. Eight of our schools go through Standard III, and the school at Muradzikwa through Standard IV. This is a new adventure, started last January, and with the help given by the school Inspector, it promises to maintain and develop itself in the future. Everything is arranged for the placing of a Standard IV Class at Makomwe, but it has been impossible to do so, in that a qualified teacher cannot be secured. We hope that in the near future a suitable one can be found.

The Boarding School at Makomwe has suffered a set back due to the failure to establish a Standard IV Class. The Director of Native Agriculture has requested that one of the two Agriculture schools, providing a two year course for boys who have passed Standard III, be established in connection with the Boarding School at Makomwe. We have agreed to this proposal, and hope that it will come into being next year.

The difficulties of the Umtali town school seem to be getting larger with every year. This year there is an enrolment of five hundred-and-two, and we have ten teachers giving instruction. We are most grateful to the Nyasaland and Dutch Reformed Churches for the use of their churches as classrooms. Without these buildings it would be impossible to carry on. We have approached the Native Education Department, requesting that the Government take over the major part of the responsibility of native education in Umtali.

The usual emphasis in education has been industrial and agricultural, along with academic and community instruction. In this realm we feel that we have accomplished consider-

able, and the erection of six large school buildings, wholly financed by the Communities, is evidence of the interest and appreciation of the people. Although we realise that in the problems of elementary education the responsibility rests mainly with the Government, yet we must not despise or neglect our opportunities along this line.

In regard to the Sunday Schools, there are many things that encourage us and there are also many things that help us to realise that but little help is being given to the teachers in the African Churches. It is true that the Sunday School Quartern is most helpful, but outside that source, and what the ministers are able to give, there is no other help. At times we appointed at the Quarterly Meetings Sunday School visitors for each circuit; this has only rendered a limited service. In regard to the European Sunday School in Umtali, the work is going ahead very rapidly, and we find it impossible to cope with the situation. Classes are large, and the one roomed Church building is inadequate. For the primary department we are using the Toc H Hall which is a long distance away. Thus the urgent need for the Church and Sunday School Hall. There are more than one-hundred-and-forty pupils enrolled in the Sunday School, and this number holds promise of increase.

The work of the Young People's Club in Umtali may also be classed as educational as well as inspirational. Regular meetings of the senior section are held every two weeks, and the work among those aged 12-16 years, is divided into two sections, which includes those from Government School Hostels and those living in town. Each of these groups meets once a month. A Quarterly Magazine is edited by a member of the Club. One of the finest undertakings came into being this year in the form of girls' and boys' holiday camps, held April 28th, May 15th,—at Lisna Cloon Farm, adjoining Mutambara Mission. We were fortunate in securing the most experienced campers in Southern Rhodesia, and the help of Mr. Reed, of the Schools and Varsities

Camps of South Africa. The future of these camps is assured, and the Schools and Varsities Committee of South Africa have invited us to affiliate with them, and they will assist in providing workers and equipment. We have reason to believe that next year it will be impossible to take care of the large numbers that will want to go. Any who have equipment that they may desire to contribute, will be doing a great favour and helping the cause forward.

### 'Evangelism'

Evangelism as carried by the Church to my mind is a method of expressing Christian love and faith wherein it becomes contagious, and as a result brings others to the source, Our Lord and Saviour. Too often evangelism has been thought of as mere propaganda and has been placed in the same realm as advertising or commercial propaganda. Evangelism is a natural expression of Christian life, and when carried out in that form, it is effective and most fruitful. Thus every form of activity and every member of the Church is engaged in evangelism, not merely as a professional life, but as a fruit of normal living.

In all our Church activities, our schools, our visitations, we have sought to make the evangelistic outlook a challenge and way of living. In the previous sections of this report, we have mentioned the most of these activities. These cannot be measured by statistics, but by the total accumulative influence and effect of the years. A person is not brought to Christ in one day, but as the work of years accumulate in a life, as in the case of Paul, conversion may take place at a most unexpected time.

Our Camp meetings, revival meetings, women's, boys' and girls' meetings, scripture instruction and personal visitation are but a phase of such activities. We wish to mention particularly the reports of our Indian Missionary, who has faithfully carried on his work throughout the past year. And second, of the African Girls' Hostel, as given below.

The African Girls Hostel continues

to render not only service and to provide a home for girls and women but has been active in Evangelism.

The Hostel accommodation is now limited and it is necessary to enlarge the facilities. The demand for what the hostel provides indicates its effective work.

The excellent way in which the hostel has helped in the Umtali Church is greatly appreciated.

### Umtali and District Rukwadzano

#### Meeting held at Gwese

August 2nd-5th, 1945.

We have great pleasure to report the work of the Rukwadzano in the districts around Umtali. The Superintendent's wife, who is the Chairwoman of the district invited especial meetings at the Hostel to arrange the Gwese Meeting. The Lord blessed the arrangements. The meeting at Gwese was something which nobody can fully explain. Those who were present have seen the glory of God. Number of attendance about 5,182.

Older women	2,869
Men	354
Girls	100
Children	1,869
	<u>5,182</u>

The women in Zimunya provided clay pots to cook in. These were two hundred in number. New clay pots made just before the meeting commenced. Six head of cattle killed. Enough meal and sugar. It is wonderful how God is working in our country.

Many people repented, and even the two blind women, one of the blind women sang song no. 89. People gave her £1. 0. 2., for her present. The other blind woman from Salisbury was given 16/-.

There were four chiefs:- Zimunya, Mutambara, Maranke and Mutasa representative. These chiefs gave good testimonies of how they are being helped by Rukwadzano movement in their countries, and also helped the meeting by money.

We thank God for sending missionaries to our dark country to teach our people the worship the true God. We hope that the seed of Gospel sown in the hearts of people at Gwese will grow increasingly, and will help

in all respects to give light, and the light of our Lord shall cover the whole universe.

May God bless Ru kwadzano.

Miriam Chiza,  
Secretary.

### Report of the Indian Missionary

"How the Gospel of Salvation in Christ is made known to Africa Indians". A Report presented before the Rhodesia Annual Conference, August, 1945., on the evangelistic work among the Indians in Southern Rhodesia.

I write this report with the prayer that the Lord may help me to draw a realistic picture of delivering the good news of Salvation to my Indian people in Southern Rhodesia. I do praise and thank God for the manifold manifestation of His mercy and guidance in approaching my people with the Gospel Message of Christ, and using me as His humble servant in His Kingdom in Africa.

### Strivings and Struggles.

Through my constant visits among my people and frequent new contacts with the people within and outside the colony, it is clearly revealed that Christ's Gospel has become a great challenge, which would involve a clear cut and definite decision either for complete acceptance or an utter rejection, at any cost, without compromise. I can realise through my daily talks with my people, that the great question "What shall we do with Christ?" has been puzzling many hearts. The following are some of the numerous contacts which I am glad to reproduce here from my diary and memory.

A Hindu young man who has read the New Testament and many religious books in Gujarati (an Indian vernacular) of Gujarat Province of Bombay Presidency from a Hindu friend who got them from me two years ago, said to me in June. "I have a big pile of your books on my table. I have read most of them. Why did the Christian Church translate the Bible into our Indian vernaculars? We have Hindu religion, the most ancient and universal religion in

India, which is quite suited for our Indian people, but you introduce a foreign religion and try to convert Hindus into Christians. Why didn't Christ make all the Jews and Egyptians Christians?" I told him that Christianity centres around the life and teachings of Christ, who is the only true world saviour from sin. He is the Word of God incarnated into human form in the centre of the world, Palestine, among people who were most fitted for the Incarnation. The Jews have scattered all over the world, maintaining their distinctive nationality. The message of Christ has been found of the most irrespective of different languages, appealing to various nations of the world cultures and colours. Many people all over the world have accepted Him as their personal Saviour without any national bias, as He alone satisfies the deepest longings and aspirations of all men. The Bible or portions have been translated into more than a thousand different languages of the world, and has been proved time and again to be the most appealing kind of scripture to every kind of people. It is the plan of God to redeem the whole human race through His only One Incarnation, Christ, and the work of spreading the Gospel has been entrusted to all who accept Him as their Saviour and Lord, beginning from the first disciples, through witnessing, serving and distributing the Holy Scripture and books. But the ultimate responsibility of accepting Christ rests with every individual, through the power of the Divine Spirit, without external coercion or cajolery. He has asked me to speak to him again.

"Give me the Sermon on the Mount" said another Hindu youth in Salisbury, as I showed him the scripture portions in his vernacular-Sindhi, in which only the four Gospels, the Acts and the Psalms have been translated. He thought the Sermon on the Mount must be a big boon written by Christ. Evidently he had heard someone mention it or found it referred to in some book written by a Hindu. Mr. Gandhi refers to it in his biography. I pointed out to him the chapters in



St. Mathew's Gospel where the Sermon on the Mount is to be found, which he marked with a pencil. He bought the scripture portions and an Englishbook entitled "How to find God". He asked me to see him again. Next day he bought an English Bible and took some booklets and tracts in his own language and in English. He asked me to meet him when I happen to be in Salisbury.

I met one of the staunch Ayra Samajists, a member of a reformed Hindu sect, in Salisbury in July, and showed him the four Gospels in Gurajati and the New Testament in Sankr t. "Oh, you are the Christian minister who sells Christian Books?" We have all your books in the Hindu library in Salisbury, and I am the librarian. But we do not believe that God takes incarnation to save men. All so called incarnations of God are simply great men, mahatmas and Sadhus, and so Christ was one of such men." "A Hindu believes that any theory, pantheism, monotheism, Henotheism, Animism, Materialism or even Atheism He is still a good Hindu if he does not accept any other religion and observes caste rules and declares his fealty to the Hindu traditions.

"Hinduism is an unfathomable ocean containing the highest philosophy in the world, and at the same time grants shelter to the lowest and basest beliefs and practices", remarked a Hindu teacher in a Methodist School in India. "Don't buy that book. It is no good". "It is a Christian Bible" said a Gujarati Moslem to his friend, a Punjab Moslem, as I showed the latter a copy of the Bible in Urdu language. "Oh, it doesn't matter, I am going to buy it. It is God's Holy Book". So saying the Punjabi Moslem paid me the price for the Bible, and took it in his hands with all reverence and smiled. "Come again and see me some Sunday afternoon" said he. "It is the most valuable and holy book, and the only true divinely revealed Scriptures" said I as I bade him goodbye. It was the first occasion of meeting that Moslem friend, but I noticed from his face that there was a hunger for something better than what his own religion

could offer him. It is my greatest joy to realise that many such persons must have found real satisfaction in their hearts through my ministry of the Gospel.

"How many thousand pounds will the Christian Church give me for becoming a Christian?" asked one of the richest Hindu merchants of Beira one night at Umtali station, as I gave him a large number of tracts and booklets in his Sindhi and Gurumkt languages. He was waiting for his train to Beira, with his Umtali Hindu friends, and I was waiting for my train to Salisbury, joyful at the opportunity of presenting this man with the Gospel message. Our destinations were in quite opposite directions, but the eternal salvation was our common goal that brought us together. I told him that the spiritual life that Christ offers is the greatest wealth that cannot be compared with any earthly riches. He retorted, "Are my forefathers' gods, Rama, Krishna and Vishnu not sufficient to give me salvation and eternal life?". I told him that none save Christ can save a man from the bondage of sin and grant eternal life of heavenly joy. I prayed for that man as I entered the train to go to Salisbury.

"All your books are meant to make me Christian, therefore I don't want any Bible", said a Hindu man in Salisbury last year when I went to his shop with the scriptures. He bought a book in Gujarati, but refused to take even a single Gospel Portion. This year I approached that man once again with a copy of the New Testament, and the story of the conversion of a Brahmin lady to Christianity. He bought both of them without any argument. His son also accepted some tracts and booklets, both in Gujarati and English. Thus, I do not give up a person when he refuses to accept the scriptures at my first visit, but give him many chances to receive the message of Salvation in Christ. And in many instances I have discovered that the Spirit of God has made them change their minds. I am of a deep conviction that besides telling my people about Christ through my personal testimony, it is of utmost importance that they should be pro-

vided with the Bible, New Testament, or single Gospels or at least a tract or booklet with Scripture verses, in their own vernaculars which would leave with them a permanent testimony in the words of Bible. Then I continue to pray for them, for the working of the Spirit of God in their hearts. As they read and meditate upon the word of God they confront the greatest challenge of life about the claim of Christ to be the only world Saviour from sin.

One afternoon I walked into the shop of a rich Hindu merchant in Salisbury, who had bought the Scripture Portions and a large number of religious books from me the previous year including the Sanskrit New Testament. He used to talk to me nicely about Christ before, but this time he asked me, "How many people have you been able to deceive into Christianity?" I said to him that we preach Christ through our testimony and by the sale and the distribution of Scriptures and other religious literature among the people, but no method is used so as to "deceive" people into Christianity. He replied, "You should bear in mind that I, too try to convert you into Hindu religion to which your forefathers belonged."

"All religions are true, as different ways to go to same God, just as all rivers ultimately meet the sea," is the commonest argument of the average Hindu. But it is the greatest lie fabricated to muffle the voice of the Christian evangelist. In their attempt to stop Christian preaching they go so far as to show that Christ is one of the incarnations of God and should be honoured and worshipped along with others. However, deep down in their hearts there is a great spiritual struggle which raises a big question, "What should we do with Christ?" And as they read the life and the teachings of Christ in their own vernaculars they find themselves into an entirely new world hitherto undreamed of, which seems to be in utter contradiction to their age-old beliefs and practices. I raise my heart in supplication to God for these self-conscious and most complacent people that the Spirit of God would guide them into true knowledge of

the saving power of our Lord.

Herebelow are some statements quoted from a seven-page letter of one of the most orthodox Hindus of Umtali: Every race and nation of the world has its own particular religious father. Christ is the religious father to the Europeans, while Rama, Krishna, Budda and Mohammed are the "fathers" to the Asiatics. None is superior to the rest, as all represent one and the same God. The universal love is Vedantism - Indian Monism. If you insist on stressing on the non-Christians that Christ alone is true, then that is a sheer bigotry and a proselytizing business to make a living, which is the main occupation of the Christian missionaries and priests. It is impossible to obtain the salvation of the soul except by the slow climbing up the ladder of the only true universal religion - Hinduism, whose philosophy is the highest in the world - Yoga and transmigration of the soul - through the endless cycle of myriads of births. Anyone can become a Christ, Budda or Krishna in this way. I firmly believe that a Bishop of your church will at once realise this universal truth of Hindu religion. Merely changing one's own religion for another would not help at all. For all men are on this great uphill path. Anyone who fails to reach the top is born again. To say that my Lord, hanging on the cross, forgives my sins, seems to be an utter confusion and injustice on the part of God. God says, "Save thyself." There is no salvation in the western Church [Christian religion]. It is only in the Eastern Church (Hinduism) that man finds true salvation. I replied him with the quotation from the Scriptures, Christ alone is able to save sinners. Such persons with attitude of antagonism and compromise are always included in our daily prayers; that the Holy Spirit may illuminate their spiritual eyes to behold the Son of Righteousness in the full glory of His saving love. I have given this man the Bible in his own language, and many other books that would help him to come to Christ.

A Moslem gentleman was travelling



with me by a night train to Salisbury this year. In the course of our conversation he said, "You Christians change your Bible every year. [The Roman Catholics level the same charge against the Protestant Christian] so you do not possess the true divinely revealed Book. In your original Bible the prophesy of the coming of the prophet Mohammed, the last and greatest prophet of God has been foretold. Your only hope is Islam. Many Europeans in Europe, England and America have become Moslems for Islam is the final religion established by God, cancelling all old ones. If you read a book that I give you, you would immediately become a Moslem yourself." I consented to read his book, provided that he would promise to read a book that I would give him. I gave him there and then a copy of the New Testament in Undu and some other Gujarati books, meant for presenting Christ to Moslems. He took the books without any objection and promised to read them carefully. But he hasn't sent me his book yet: I hope and pray that he reads the New Testament in his own language, that would give him first hand information about the Lord Jesus Christ, who is his only way of salvation.

### Assurance and Expectations.

The above are typical examples of the Hindu and Moslem people among whom I prayerfully declare the Message of the Gospel of Christ. I can testify with great joy here that in this way, through my ministry, the Gospel of Our Lord has found its way into the hearts and homes of my Indian people. Although I have not seen any concrete result of my work among my people during these seven years' which at times tends to make me somewhat downcast and dejected, but the eternal and gracious promises of God such as these. "My word shall not return unto me void without accomplishing my will" (Is. 55.11). "Your labour is not vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15.58). "Lo, I am with you always" (Matt. 28.20) have given me full assurance that we shall reap a rich harvest in due season if we faint not and be not weary in well

doing (Gal. 6. 9.)

I make an earnest appeal that the Indianwork be maintained and carried on with greater zeal and sacrifices for the glory of the Kingdom of Our Lord, who desires to save all people through His Gospel. My humble request is to remember the Indian non Christian of Africa in our prayers, as attempts are being made to bring the Gospel of Christ to them. Many may publicly confess and accept Christ as their personal saviour, after having been thoroughly convinced in their hearts of His redeeming love.

I am glad to record here my heartfelt thanks to the Rev. E. L. Sells, my Superintendent whose kind advice, continued prayers and deep interest for the Indian work have sustained me through all circumstances; in the same way I am deeply grateful to all other missionaries who have been praying and thinking about the Indian work with deep interest, as part of the Conference programme.

I thank God for the great measure of strength and fitness he has granted me during the past Conference year, to enable me to make constant trips of long distances by train, bicycle and foot. My wife and I hope to return to Africa after furlough if it is God's will in the decision of the Indian Methodist Missionary Society. From the fact that I have been thoroughly acquainted with the climate, the social and religious outlook of the colony, I feel that I should be given the chance to return to Africa after furlough. Thus I look forward, as I look into the past, in my ministry in Africa. I am despised and rejected by my people in Rhodesia. (They would not have despised me less in India). However, I do not mind it at all in the presentation of the Gospel of Our Lord, for I go as His ambassador and herald in His holy name. It is not because I am a **Christian** which makes them despise me, for they meet hundreds of Christians, both Africans and Europeans; not because my being an **Indian Christian**, for there are quite a number of Indian Christians, both Anglicans and Roman Catholics; not also because I am a **Christian Minister**, as they meet many Christian minis-

ters in their business; but they do not like to see me because I am an **Indian Christian Minister**, determined to make Christ known to them, as the only true world saviour, making use of their own vernacular, and thoughts, in presenting the Gospel message. They ask me this question frequently "How long are you going to stay in Africa? Are you a temporary or permanent resident here?" The more my people despise me the greater is my joy in Christ, for it helps me to have my gaze fixed steadily on Him who is the source of all my strength to serve Him.

A slow but sure awakening among the European Churches to the responsibility of evangelising the Indians in Africa affords me great encouragement; but a closer co-operation between the European and Indian work would be the ideal thing, as it would help considerably the Indians to realise that they are not religiously "segregated" and neglected, but the Christian Church, as a whole, is vitally interested in their spiritual need. With the establishment of the National Christian Council in the colony, the prospect becomes bright and hopeful if the Indians are included in their first and most important activity of evangelism in this country. I hold out every hope that the leaders will keep in mind the presence of the Indians in S. Rhodesia, for the ultimate responsibility of the Indian work rests with the Church in Africa, and it will not be very long when the Indians will look to the Church for instruction and guidance, when they believe in Christ through the reading of God's word.

I note with gratitude the continuation of the assistance by the British Methodist Church to help me make trips to Salisbury to work among my people there. I realise that has been made possible by the kindness of the Chairman, Rev. Herber Carter, who is most sympathetic and interested in this work of bringing the Gospel to the Indians of this colony. I hope this co-operation the British Methodist Church will be continued with greater interest in the future also.

Besides constant trips to places

nearer to Umtali in the district, five trips were made to Salisbury last year, spending nearly four and a half months in Salisbury, staying at the Epworth Mission, over seven miles outside. The Scriptures and books were sold while on journey each time, reaching out to the people of farther places in the district. Bibles, New Testaments, Gospel Portions and religious books sold, and booklets and tracts distributed in Indian vernaculars, Portuguese, English and Chinese were in greater proportion to those sold in the past years. Persons whom I could not meet in the previous year were seen. Those who refused to take the Scriptures previously showed a willing response. Many new contacts were made and the Gospel Message was delivered to the people outside the colony, as far as from Beira and Nyasaland. Scripture Portions and other religious literature were sent out by post, and even through friends to the people of the towns where I have not been able to go as yet, even to Beira and Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia. 26 Bibles, 37 New Testaments, over 350 Gospels, 230 books, were sold, and hundreds of booklets and tracts distributed among Hindus, Moslems, Chinese and Roman Catholic Indians in the languages mentioned above. In this way, by the grace of God, every attempt has been made to make Christ known to my Indian people. A prominent American Missionary in India asked an educated Hindu who was a great political leader "What do you think about Christianity in India?" to which that Hindu gentleman replied with a sombre smile "It all depends on the Church." I believe the same can be said by a Rhodesia Indian if asked such a question about the attitude of the Indians towards Christianity in Africa. May God help us to present Christ to the Indians without any offence.

#### **Coloured Group: St. Thomas' Church.**

In spite of the indifference on the part of the coloured people, I have kept on to hold prayer meetings in their homes, I am glad to note that some awakening has been made in

some hearts to the extent that they have started to give some collection, attend our European service, and show a greater desire to love Christ. I feared that following the example of a family who went over to the Anglican Church three years ago some others would leave our Church, as one or two told me that they were thinking of joining the Roman Catholics. But I am glad to declare that the rest of the six families have determined to continue their membership in our Church. The India-Africa man who was baptised in 1940 has been in Gaol due to a case of forgery. I visit him in the gaol from time to time. Both the brothers have promised to give up drinking and smoking, and to try earnestly to lead a Christian life, according to the teachings of Christ. I have been constantly praying for these brethren that they may be loyal Christians.

I. B. Kristmukti.

In conclusion, we have been very pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Culver to the staff of the district, and we know that they will enjoy with us the work that has grown and developed through the years, and holds great promise for the future. We have greatly appreciated the work and interest of Miss Clark and again are happy to express our joy in having our Indian Missionaries to continue with their work. We look forward, with them, to the future. We also desire to thank the ministers and teachers for their co-operation and splendid work throughout the past year.

We are also happy to welcome Bishop Booth and greatly appreciate the keen interest he is taking in our district as well as all the work of the Conference. We are looking forward to immediate and far reaching developments in our work, and with that challenge we gird ourselves for another year.

## **(b). REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.**

### **Board on Evangelism**

#### *Section 1*

(1) Last year it was recommended by this Committee that a strong-room

be built "to preserve the valuable records of the Church" and that one half the cost be supplied by the Field Committee and one half by the Conference. The Field Committee took action upon this matter last April. We recommend that the matter of building be referred to the Building Committee for their immediate attention.

(2) It is recommended that in the future printing of Church membership transfer forms a record of baptism be included.

(3) It is recommended that more Cimanyika baptismal certificates be printed and the distribution of these certificates well planned out.

(4) We refer recommendation No. 7 of last years report of the Committee on the State of the Church to the Publishing Committee. This has to do with the publishing of literature regard to the care of twins.

(5) We recommend that a course of study be worked out for the training of Sunday School teachers, with the suggestion that it include a period of private study followed by a short school session for those enrolled, and that at the end of an examination a certificate be given to those who have passed the course, thus establishing certified Sunday School Teachers. We refer this to the Committee on Religious Education and the Committee on Curriculum of the Board of Education.

(6) It is recommended that Miss Tubbs present before the Conference a brief statement of her Bible School program in view of inspiring such a movement throughout the Conference. And we ask for whole hearted Conference support in this program.

(7) The Board of Evangelism is convinced of the need for trained Evangelists in our districts. We therefore recommend that the Board of Ministerial Training consider the training of such men. It is felt that many of our older teachers can in this way find a useful and very valuable field of service. It is felt advisable that much of this course be given in the vernacular.

*Section II*

**Question Forty-six:**—“What are the detailed objectives of this Conference for the Coming Year?”

Eight million Methodists the world over are in a Crusade for Christ. Of that great number we Methodists of Rhodesia number nearly eight thousand, and under the inspiration of our Bishop we too are taking up the Crusade for Christ. We pledge ourselves to do our share. We believe that only through Christ can salvation and abundant life come to Africa. We know that as we take up this Crusade for Christ we are taking it with Christ, for He is our leader. We “can do all things through Christ who strengthens” us.

This year's Crusade emphasis is on Evangelism. Therefore, the Board of Evangelism sets the following aims for this Conference year:

We believe that only as our Church grows will it remain alive, and we are convinced that it is evangelism that makes the Church grow. Bishop Booth related to us that the Church should grow as a tree grows with its branches spreading outward, its roots going deeper, its trunk and branches becoming stronger, and the tree becoming taller, climbing higher toward the sky. Using the principles of this illustration we set our aims:

**1. The outward spread of the Church—winning souls for Christ.**

1. It is recommended that there be held this year central schools of evangelism for pastors and laymen and laywomen in which to have intensive and practical training in evangelism, with the view of these trained people returning to their local centers and putting on an evangelistic program. M. J. Murphree is to arrange the details for these schools and to set the time for holding the schools with the District Superintendents and Pastors in the chosen places.

2. It is our aim to emphasize evangelism throughout the Sunday Schools this year. It is recommended that all pastors, Sunday School superintendents and Sunday School teachers give this matter studious consideration, and that the Sunday

School publications be worked out along this line of evangelism.

3. It is recommended that the question be asked in each Quarterly Conference held in the Conference this year that “How many new souls have been won to Christ this quarter?” And that this record be sent each quarter to Rev. M. E. Culver, 136 Main Street, Umtali.

4. Further it is recommended that all pastors report to their District Superintendents all those enrolled as “Beginners” in the Church, that this report may be given next Conference.

5. Our slogan for evangelism this year shall be:

**WIN SOMEONE FOR CHRIST**

**II. The roots of our spiritual life going deeper.**

1. As the family is the most important unit in the Church and the most important unit in the community it is our aim to strengthen the devotional life of each family. Therefore, we recommend:

a. A campaign to establish the custom of family devotions in every Christian home.

b. The development of home devotional literature. We refer to the Publications Committee the possibility of editing something like the “Upper Room” in Cimanyika with daily meditations from African ministers and Christian workers.

c. In the Rukwadzano Rwe Wadzimai we suggest the study of developing the devotional life in the home.

d. In the Sunday Schools the matter of family religion should be stressed and every Sunday suggested Bible readings for home devotional periods should be given out.

2. In this connection of the deepening of our spiritual lives we point out again the School to be held by Miss Tubbs and we trust that this will result in the increased interest in Bible study.

3. Let the ministers in our Churches realize that deepening the roots of our spiritual life is some-



thing which they can do week by week as they preach the word of God, and so we call all ministers of Christ to a deeper and more careful study of God's Word that their preaching this year may lead the people to a greater knowledge of the Bible.

### III. The strengthening of the main body of the Church.

1. It is recommended that a Layman's organization within the Conference be started at once; that a Conference Lay Leader be elected, and District Lay Leaders, and charge Lay Leaders, and the Board of Lay Activities be set up. Also lay organizations should be started and developed in the local churches.

2. It is the purpose of this Conference to open the School of Theology in January, 1946. We appeal to the church to support this school, and we suggest the following program for recruiting young men for ministerial training:

- a. The ministers of the Conference should make an appeal to young men through their lives and through their testimonies.
- b. We realize that recruiting for the ministry is considerably different from recruiting for other work; it is therefore suggested that the ministers call their people together for a definite prayer meeting to ask the Church to pray that God may call men into the Church.
- c. It is recommended to the District Superintendents that they set such persons free for this study who show a desire to enter into Christian work, and that they encourage the entrance of these men. That they ask the question in meetings of the Quarterly Conference: "Are there any entering into full time Christian service?"
- d. Ministers of the Church should take it upon themselves to conduct discussions, on the vocation of a minister, with young people in the

higher standards in our out-station schools and especially in the schools of higher training.

- e. Attractive literature on the vocation of a minister should be distributed, and we refer this matter to the Publication Committee.
3. For the unification and betterment of our service of worship throughout the Church it is suggested:
  - a. A period of silent prayer be observed by the congregation on entering the church and after the benediction, that the people may have more of a conscious spirit of reverence when leaving the Church.
  - b. During the Responsive Reading it is desirable that the congregation stand.
  - c. It is our purpose that the suggestions be included in future printings of the Ngoma.
4. We recommend to the Conference that a Secretary of Evangelism be appointed for one year to carry out the work of the Board of Evangelism throughout the year. And the Board nominates M. E. Culver for this position.
5. It is our purpose that this report from the Board of Evangelism be edited for popular distribution to every Christian worker in the Conference; Bishop Booth has kindly offered to pay the expense of printing.

### IV. We shall be closer to God at the close of the year of effort.

These are the aims for our Conference year. This is our share of the crusade for Christ this year. Let us as Christians pledge ourselves to them. Let us begin, each one, in the strength of our Master, to "win someone for Christ," to deepen the roots of our spiritual life in the Word of God, to strengthen every Church member and the organization of fellowship and service that we have made, and we shall discover that we have grown, that our Christian experiences have reached greater heights, that our Church is closer to the great purpose of God, that all men in Rhodesia shall know His salvation and have abundant life.



### Board of Education

*The report of the Board of Education comes in as the report of its five sub-committees, as follows:*

#### The Committee on Schools recommends:

1. That a committee composed of Mr. Hassing, Miss Loze, Aaron Maciri and Silas Kasambira be appointed to work on timetables for Primary Schools with more than two teachers.

2. That our secondary school curriculum be placed on such a basis as shall be accredited according to the educational standards in S. Africa.

3. Realizing the great need of some teacher training for Std. 5 and Std. 6 students who go out to teach in village schools, we request that the Missionary Conference urge the Government to take steps to make provision for such training.

4. We rejoice in the hope of obtaining a new building at Old Umtali for the Teacher Training Department. We believe that such a building will promote the interests of our whole Teacher Training program in providing more classrooms, rooms for the making of school apparatus, a well-equipped science department, pupils' lockers, etc.

#### Committee on Religious Education

1. The first step in Religious Education is intercessory prayer and utter consecration of the worker himself.

2. We recommend the use of the following devices in the Sunday School: flannel boards, action songs, pictures, sticks in building illustrations, children's choirs, choruses, simple games after S. S. lessons.

3. We recommend the organizations of Young Mens' Christian Societies. Other recommendations have been covered by Board of Evangelism.

#### The Committee on Publications recommends:

1. The Secretary of the Publications Committee be authorized to write for available book publication lists as soon as possible after securing addresses.

2. That a book depository for Africans and operated by Africans be authorized in Umtali. Mr. Sells was asked to do the necessary correspondence in regard to this.

3. That the available literature on marriage relationships be procured by Mrs. Culver and that a copy of each be sent to the following five couples to read and discuss before writing leaflets of their own as a basis for further rewriting: Mr. and Mrs. Ebson Zimonte, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Munjoma, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Chieza, Mr. and Mrs. Titus Marange, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mutambara,

4. That our committee sponsor a contest among groups of pupils in our schools for the best compilation of games with the necessary music included. First and second prizes of one guinea and half a guinea be offered for the best ones. All entries to become the property of the committee. All entries should be sent to Miss Helen Wildermuth not later than Nov. 15th, 1945. The judges will be Miss E. Loze and a committee chosen by her. Funds for the prizes will come from the Literature Fund.

5. That the joint support of a literature secretary and printer be requested from the Board of Missions and the Methodist Synod, inasmuch as the Methodist Synod is willing to support one half the cost of salary of such a person (£250) by Methodist Council Recommendation. This was referred to the Field Committee.

#### The Committee on Curriculum recommends:

1. Work on the curriculum for Kraal Schools be continued by Mr. Nduna, Mr. J. Marange, Miss J. Pfaff, Mr. Magorimbo.

2. A curriculum for Sunday School Training Course be worked out by Mr. I. Musamba, Mr. Sells, Miss King.

3. Ideas for Secondary School Curriculum be referred to Mr. T. Roberts, Mr. E. Chieza, Mr. D. Mukombiwa, Miss Wildermuth.

4. Work on the Course of Study for Classmeetings be continued by

Mr. O. Musingwini, and Mr. S. Chieza. Mr. T. Roberts is to secure the O.U. course.

5. Recommendations for music in our schools be referred to Mr. E. Chieza, Miss S. Ngonyama, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Culver, and Miss Loze

6. That the Teacher Training Pastoral Class provide a course to teach the methods of Sunday School teaching to the T. T. class.

7. That a refresher course for Preachers and Evangelists be planned by Mr. Murphree and any others he wishes to coopt.

8. Mr. J. Chitombo and Mr. S. Chieza are asked to write out their experiences and suggestions for organizing Men's meetings and to give them to this Committee for further consideration.

9. That Miss Tubbs, Mrs. Culver, Mrs. P. Chieza, and Mrs. S. Chieza be appointed as a committee to develop Women's Meetings.

10. Mrs. O. Musingwini, Miss Wildermouth, and Mr. E. Chieza be asked to work on plans for Youth Meetings.

11. The Committee on Bible Syllabus for Primary Schools having completed its work is asked to work out the Bible curriculum for Secondary Schools. It is suggested that they consider a course including one-third each on Church History, Biographies, and World Religions.

12. That all of those committees be requested to report their progress to the Executive Committee of the Board of Education at the time of Field Meeting next year.

#### **The Committee on Community Life report as follows:**

1. This committee is concerned with the native community life in S. Rhodesia, and it is suggested that the committee be given a year at least to cooperate with one or two African communities in which a comprehensive program of community welfare may be started. The procedure and progress is to be carefully recorded and reported to the Board

of Education at the next Annual Conference. In carrying out the above plan the committee would like the privilege of calling upon others of the Board of Education as well as ministers, doctors, nurses, and teachers of the Conference. Also, we would like to invite the leaders of other Christian denominations which are represented in the community to cooperate in this project. Invitation should be extended to any social or Government group within the community for the purpose of helping to solve the problems of the people. The following should be considered: Problems of Home Life, Community Recreation, Hygienic Living, Combat of Contagious Diseases, Housing Problems, Soil Conservation and Improved Farming Practices, Encouragement of African Art, and the promotion of African Community Industries.

We as a Committee do not propose to impose this program upon the African Community. We are anxious that the African do his own thinking and organizing of this extension program. The committee wishes cordially to offer its services to a few communities which would like to study, formulate, and carry out such community projects. It is hoped that the future will bring forth a workable and worthwhile program which will include the whole community life.

#### **Financial Items**

Funds were requested and granted as follows:

£10 from the Field Committee for the General expenses of the Board of Education, including its five sub-committees

£10 from the Field Committee and £10 from the Tract Society for the use of the Publishing Committee in purchasing sample copies of books.

These funds are to be held by the Mission Treasurer and to be paid out as authorized by the Executive Secretary of Education,

The Board of Education requested the Field Committee to ask the sum of \$3,000 from the two Divisions of the Board as a revolving fund for literature, as directed by the Committee on Publications.

### **Institute of Music**

Substitute for number 5 under the Report of the Committee on Schools:

We approve of a special Institute of Music to be held at O. U. for two weeks in the April-May holiday in 1946 under the direction of Mr. E. Chieza. We urge the attendance of our church and school leaders. The Conference should decide the method of financing the same. We recommend that the Music Institute be held alternately in the Northern and Southern Areas of this Conference.

### **Executive Committee of the Board of Education**

The Board of Education as a whole recommend that the following form an Executive Committee of the Board to carry on its business throughout the year: Miss Pfaff, Mr. Thacker, Mr. T. Roberts, Mr. O'Farrell, Mr. James, Mr. Murphree, Mr. Nduna. Miss Pfaff is recommended as the Secretary of Education.

### **Board of Hospitals and Homes**

The following recommendations are made:—

1. That the Conference report include a separate section for medical work, each station to make its own report and turn it in to the Secretary to be printed each year. The statistics of all the stations should be grouped in this section.

2. That the wages of African graduate nurses remain three pounds for the first year of service, and be increased five shillings in the second year. As the Government scale is increased, we recommend that it be followed. (At present their scale is lower than ours.)

3. We wish to acknowledge the request of the African Missionary Society that we study more of the needs for a medical clinic at Chikwizo. The Committee states that these needs have been discussed with Dr. Martin, and that the Government contemplates the establishing of several such clinics. It was recommended that the Government be requested to place this clinic at Chi-

kwizo on the priority list.

E. Asbby, Secretary.

### **Conference Claimants**

1. We recommend that the allowance of 30/- per quarter for Job Gondora be continued for this coming year.

2. We recommend that until Rev. C. Faku receives an appointment that allowance of one pound per month be continued.

S. Chieza, Secretary.

### **Board of Ministerial Training**

The following recommendations are presented to the Conference:

1. That the Theological School at Old Umtali be re-opened and that training be undertaken as from 1 January, 1946.

2. That the members of the Board of Ministerial Training residing at Old Umtali be appointed as a Committee on Admissions to the Theological School.

3. Evangelists— That a course be arranged for the training of Evangelists and that recognition be given to such a category in the appointments of the Conference.

The District Superintendents are requested to fix a wage scale for Evangelists thus employed.

4. The following qualifications of the candidates for the course as theological studies are:

- a. Passing as a Std. 6
- b. Two years or more employed as a teacher.
- c. Medical fitness to undertake the course.

5. That the allowances for Theological students while in training be fixed at one pound per month, plus 1/- per child for married students and 10/- per month for single students.

6. The matter of the curriculum was discussed and it was referred to the staff to be formulated along the lines as indicated.

7. The Bishop presented the proposed appointments for the staff of the Theological School and the Board of Ministerial Training was pleased to approve of the same.

Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Murphree  
Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Chimbadzwa

John Nduna, secretary

### Board of Temperance

The new Board met and organised on Wednesday afternoon. The chairman and Secretary were elected. These along with two other members were requested to carry on the Temperance programme throughout the year.

1. It is recommended that the 3rd Sunday of November be observed throughout our Conference. The Board will make every effort to provide posters and literature for the Sunday. The request is made that the editors of the Sunday School lessons and Umbowo co-operate.

2. It is recommended that at least ten temperance lessons be prepared for use in the Primary Schools, and that lessons already in use be secured and circulated.

3. It is recommended that in the preparation of any literature that the presentation of material be factual and persuasive.

4. It is requested that the Superintendent of Umtali call the attention of authorities to certain most undesirable features of moral life in the Municipality (Umtali)

5. It is recommended that the Board of Temperance be authorised to co-operate as far as possible with all other organizations and groups working in Southern Rhodesia along these lines. Such as, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Rhodesia Temperance Alliance, the Good Templers and a similar Committee of the Methodist Synod.

Martin Chiza, Secretary  
E. L. Sells, Chairman.

### Commission on World Service and Finance.

We recommend the following:—

1. Episcopal Fund  
1½% of Pastoral Support
2. General Administration  
2/6 for each pastoral charge
3. Accepted Supply Pastor's Relief  
6d. on the pound of each Accepted Supply Pastor's salary.
4. General Conference Fund £50.
5. Regional Conference Fund £75.
6. Conference Journal £15.

7. Conference Secretary	£ 8.
8. Conference Treasurer	£ 3.

Items 4 - 6 £151

9. We recommend that the appeal for the Old Umtali Church Building fund be presented in all Churches throughout the Conference, and that the people be encouraged to contribute.

10. The request of the African Ministers to the Annual Conference that travel to the Conference Session be provided was referred by the District Superintendents to the Commission. It is recommended that:—

The Conference put in its asking from the Churches an amount of twenty pounds to cover the travel expenses of African Ministers to the Conference next year.

The matter of providing food during the session is considered the responsibility of those attending.

I. Scovill, Secretary

### Committee on Auditing

We have audited the books of the following and have found them to be correct and in order:—

1. The African Missionary Society  
The total funds in hand are £302-18-10½, of which £181-6-4 are invested in the Post Office Savings Bank.

2. The African Christian Convention

The funds in hand amount to £50-8-4½.

3. The Rukwadzano rhwe Wadzi-mayi-North

The funds in hand amount to £16-0-8d

4. The Umbowo

The funds in hand amount to £43-11-1½.

5. The Historical Society

The amount on hand is £5-10-0.

6. The Student Loan Fund

The funds on hand amount to £74-0-4, on deposit in the Standard Bank, Umtali.

### Recommendations

I. We recommend that the following be a committee to audit the books of the Conference Treasurer and that their report be printed in the Journal of this Conference:— Mr. Bourgaize, Miss Scovill, and Miss Parks.



2. The books of the Rukwadzano-South are not complete. We recommend that the following committee audit the books after conference, and that their report be inserted in the minutes of this Conference :— Mr. R. C. Gates, Mr. J. Nduna.

3. In the Umbowo books we recommend that the paid-in receipts be numbered, and the paid-out-vouchers be recorded in the usual type of paid-out book with all items in numerical order.

4. We recommend that the Treasurers of all books avoid making erasures in their books, and that when alterations are necessary light lines be drawn through any incorrect figures.

5. We recommend the Treasurers of the various accounts have their books entirely completed and ready for audit not later than the first day of the Annual Conference.

6. We recommend that in the future the Treasurers of funds make a statement to accompany the books presented for audit showing how much money is invested and how much is carried as cash in hand.

J. Nduna Chairman  
A. C. Kajese Secy

#### Committee on Student Loan.

We recommend:

1. That of the £84-0-0 on hand now, that £48-10-0 be loaned to students in T. T. 1 this year at Old Umtali.

2. That the remainder and any more which may come in this year be divided equally up to £5-0-0 first among the T. T. 2 students of 1946 and the 4 applicants from Nyadiri, and any surplus among the T. T. 1. students of 1946,

H. E. Taylor, Chairman  
I. M. Scovill, Secretary  
M. P. M'parutsa, Treasurer

#### Resolutions Committee

For the third time in the history of our mission we have had the opportunity of enjoying Conference at Nyadiri. Although at a great distance from the railway, Nyadiri has been able to cope with every problem, and all our needs have been abundantly supplied. We parti-

cularly appreciate the happy fellowship that has been afforded us under the big canvas and for the temporal needs that have been so well provided for there.

It is with great pleasure that we extend our hearty thanks to God for the new missionaries who, under His guiding hand, were brought to us at a time when the power of darkness seemed to rule. The names are as follows: Mrs. Anderson, Miss Wildermuth, Miss, Ashby Mr. and Mrs. Culver, and Mr. and Mrs. Thacker. We also thank God for the return of Mr. and Mrs. Murphree and Misses King and Parmenter.

The Rhodesia Annual Conference of the Methodist Church wishes to express its debt of gratitude to Almighty God for the election of Bishop Booth to the Elizabethville Area. It is our confirmed and unanimous belief that the choice of Bishop Booth was not due to a stroke of good fortune but to our Heavenly Father's own guiding hand. We all look forward to many years of joyous fellowship and service with Bishop and his family. May God bless us all in the promotion of His kingdom.

We are pleased that three fraternal delegates were able to be with us for parts of the Conference, bringing us greetings from their missions, leading us in our worship close to our common Father, and supplying suggestion and helpful information. For this fellowship and service we wish to express our thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Murray of Morganster Mission, the Rev. H. Carter of the Methodist Synod, and the Rev. M. J. Rusike of the Methodist Synod.

We regret that it was impossible for our two Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions in New York to remain with us for the Conference session, but Dr. Archer of the Division of Foreign Missions and Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon of the Woman's Division of Christian service won a place in affection and respect during their visits here. They left us at the close of our Field Meeting immediately preceding Conference to go on to Portuguese East Africa



to see our work there.

We also regret that Dr. and Mrs. Anderson are compelled to leave us and return to America because of Doctor Anderson's health. We sympathize with them in this misfortune and wish them a safe voyage and renewed health at an early date.

In July of this year Rosalie, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Jonah Chitombo, was married to J. Sitole who teaches at the United School in Salisbury. To them we wish joy and success in building a truly Christian home.

Several homes in our Conference this year have been blessed by the arrival of babies.

To Rev. and Mrs. I. Khristmukti a son,

To Rev. and Mrs. M. P. Mparutsa a daughter, Irene.

To Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Munjoma a son, Jonathan Asbury Tawona.

To Rev. and Mrs. Ebson Zimonte a son, Passion Rutherford.

To Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Mandisodza a son, Kingstone.

We pray that each of these children may grow into a fine Christian whose life will be consecrated to the Master's service, as their parents' lives have been.

We cannot close without expressing our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to all those who have contributed to the spirit of devotion throughout this Conference. Special mention needs go to Rev. and Mrs. Culver and to Mr. Enoch Chieza for their gifts of worship in song. And to Bishop Booth we are all deeply indebted for the soul-stirring messages which challenged us to deeper consecration. Even more we value the opportunity we have had for friendship and fellowship with one whose joyous radiance has won us all. We hope and pray that he will be with us for many more years to share with us his personality and leadership.

### (c) SPECIAL COMMITTEES

#### Report of The Joint Committee on Theological Training

#### To The Synod and Conference :

The Joint Committee appointed by the Methodist Council at its last meet-

ing, submits its report, as per instructions, as follows:-

(1) The Committee recommends that a **Joint Committee of Control** with equal representation from the two Methodist bodies co-operating (five members from each, with the principal of the school as ex-officio) be the controlling body of such an institution; and that any other Mission or Missions desiring to send students, be permitted to have a representative on this committee for the purpose of co-operation; and that this committee of management be authorised to form a trust for the holding of property. That the Conference and Synod remain the final authority for the finances of the school, to whom the Committee of management must apply and report all such matters. That the staff of the school be appointed on both the approval of the Conference and the Synod, after recommendation by the Joint Committee of management. The Church from which the Minister, Missionary or other Worker is chosen making the appointment in accordance with constitutional practice.

#### (2) Courses

It is recommended that the following courses be arranged for:-

Ministerial Training, the Training of Evangelists, Home and Community Courses for the wives of students; and special courses for local preachers, leaders and Sunday School workers.

#### (3) The Staff.

(a) **Europeans:** The Ministerial Principal, and a woman with Deaconess training.

(b) **African:** A Ministerial Tutor, and a woman of the Jeane's Teacher type.

#### (4) Buildings.

It is recommended that the following buildings be provided for the opening of the school:-

(a) An Assembly Hall with four class rooms. This will provide library facilities for the first year.

(b) Staff Houses. A residence for the European principal and a residence for the African tutor.

(c) Accommodation for students. Houses for married students and may

also be used for single quarters. Common dining hall and kitchen for single men, and lavatory and washing facilities.

[d] In the second year it is recommended that the following be erected:—Church building, library and staff houses for second European and African teachers.

(e) The installation of water and light.

#### (5) Finances

It is recommended that the Conference and the Synod assume equal

responsibility for the staff, capital expenditure and current operating expenses. The annual estimates for the school should be reviewed and recommendations made by both the Synod and the Conference.

#### (6) The Place

(The item of Place was referred back to the Joint Committee for report to the Methodist Council)

E. L. Sells

Secretary of the committee on Joint Evangelist and Ministerial Training of the Methodist Council)

### (d) CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN

See Report following last page.

### (e) CONFERENCE TREASURER

#### Report of Conference Treasurer

The following is the Financial Statement and Report of the Conference

Treasurer. (Conference 1945)

#### *Funds Received Since Last Conference.*

Episcopal Fund .. .. .	26. 0. 3	
Student Loan Fund .. .. .	25. 19. 0	
General Conference Fund .. .. .	8. 15. 6	
African Missionary Society .. .. .	2. 7. 8	
Accepted Supply Pastors' Relief:		
From Districts .. .. .	29. 14. 3	
From Interest on Investments...	6. 0. 0	
	<u>35. 14. 3</u>	35. 14. 3

#### Conference Claimants Pension Fund:

From District Assessments ..	236. 18. 9	
From Ministers' Payments ..	105. 9. 8½	
Special Missionary Donations	53. 0. 0	
Methodist Book Concern	23. 12. 5	
Interest on Investments	55. 13. 0	
	<u>474. 13. 10½</u>	474. 13. 10½

Teachers' Savings .. .. .	189. 2. 2	
Annual Conference Assessments .. .. .	37. 14. 7	
General Administration Fund .. .. .	1. 3. 0	
Central Conference Assessments .. .. .	37. 14. 7	
Unitasa—Makoni Dist. (Surplus) .. .. .	6. 15. 6	
Matured Loan Certificate .. .. .	33. 12. 0	
	<u>Total received</u>	<u>£879. 12. 4½</u>

#### *Funds Expended Since Last Conference*

To Student Loan Fund Treasurer .. .. .	51. 7. 6	
For Central Conference Minutes .. .. .	12. 0. 0	
Savings returned to ex-teachers .. .. .	73. 9. 11	
Bank charges etc. ....	1. 12. 2	
Expenses of African delegate to Synod .. .. .	2. 11. 6	
To African Missionary Society Treasurer .. .. .	5. 7. 10	
Conference Claimants payments .. .. .	12. 0. 0	

Accepted Supply Pastor's payments.....	6.	0.	0
Invested in Government War Loan Stock.....	500.	0.	0
Deposited with Board of Pensions ( Chicago ).....	600.	0.	0
Total Expended	£1,246.	8.	11

*Conferents Assests*

Funds un-invested.....	673.	13.	9
Held by Board of Persons, Chicago.....	688.	1.	0
Invested in Rhodesia Govt. Boards & stock.....	2820.	0.	0
Invested in Rhodesia Govt. Loan Certificates..	215.	4.	0
Due from Conference Districts.....	46.	10.	10
	£4,461.	9.	7

*Conference Liabilities*

General Conference Fund.....	31.	11.	10
Central Conference Fund.....	49.	16.	7
Annual Conference Fund.....	37.	14.	7
Episcopal Fund.....	27.	0.	3
General Administration Fund.....	1.	3.	0
Umtasa— Makoni District Surplus.....	6.	15.	6
Conference Claimants' Pention Fnd.....	3,190.	19.	1½
Accepted Supply Pastors' Relief Fund.....	305.	6.	10
Teachers' Savings Fund.....	746.	11.	0½
Suspense Account ..	64.	10.	10
	4,461.	9.	7

H. I. James, Conference Treasurer.

**Audit Note:** The Books of the Conference Treasurer were audited on the 26th October, 1945, and were found to be correct and in order.

T. A. O'Farrell.

**[f] OTHER TREASURERS**

See report of the Committee on Auditing.

**(g) MISCELLANEOUS**

**The African Christian Convention**

of The Methodist Church

The African Christian Convention of the Methodist Church was held at Manyika Station in the Nyadiri Circuit on August 17 and 18, 1945.

Chairman.....Rev. J. M. Rugayo  
Secretary.....Rev. S. P. Kasambira  
Missionary Advisory Member.....  
Miss E. Parks

**Recommendations:**

First the African Christian Convention kindly asks the District Superintendents to open more Primary schools in the reserves. Where the Superintendent has 30 stations already, the limit allowed by the Government, we kindly ask the Conference to authorize the minister or qualified teacher as an African

Deputy to care for some of the stations under the charge of the District Superintendent so that he can open more stations.

Second, we humbly ask the Quarterly Conference to appoint in every Mission Centre an African Advisory Committee consisting of Minister, Directress, Teachers, Boarding Master and Mistress to advise in settling disciplinary problems which may arise.

Third, we humbly ask the Government to increase the grant to Mission Dispensaries.

Fourth, We remind our Annul Conference that many of our church members are found in Johannesburg, and therefore we recommend to the Annual Conference that they should be visited once a year by an appointed minister for a month or six weeks.

Fifth, We as African Christian Convention, recommend that the great need for a secondary school be considered.

Sixth, We, as the African Christian Convention, humbly ask our Annual Conference to encourage the holding of annual District Conferences where disciplinary problems and the ministerial side of the work may be discussed, and we request that they be begun this next year.

#### **Officers of the African Christian Convention for 1946:**

Chairman.....Rev. J. M. Rugayo  
Vice-Chairman.....Rev. J. Machiri  
Secretary.....I. Musamba  
Vice-Secretary.....M. Chieza

#### **Officers of the African Missionary Society for 1946 (Reelected):**

Chairman.....Rev. J. Chimbadzwa  
Secretary.....Rev. J. Nduna  
Treasurer.....Rev. A. Kapenzi  
Executive.....I. K. Choto

A. Kajese  
E. Sisimai

Signed by S. P. Kasambira  
Secretary of The African Christian Convention.

#### **Rukwadzano Rwe Wadzimai Northern Section**

As the aim of this society is: "For Christ and others," so the chief work we do is to go helping those who are sick and in trouble whom we are able to help. As we live near a hospital where people come from afar, with their sick ones, many times we find that they need the help of food. Therefore we often collect some ufu and muliwo for them, but much of this giving is also done by individuals. Firewood is also provided where it is needed. Nor do we forget to help each other among ourselves.

As Christianity is still babyish among the women in this part of the country, we encourage each other oftentimes to go and talk with our neighbours about coming to church. Sometimes we ask the report of each member at our weekly day of prayer about this plan. We sometimes scatter by two's into villages near by. We praise the Lord that the attendance of women in the church is better than it has been in past years.

#### **Some of the things done by the Rukwadzano in Mtoko and Nyadiri District**

Twenty bundles of grass were given to a blind man whose house was

leaking. Ufu and firewood were also given to him in addition to sweeping both inside and outside his house.

A man who died without anything to bury him was given seven shillings to buy cloth for his wrappings.

Another man who was left with some children when his wife died was helped with some ufu.

Two boys were on their way back to Nyasaland when one of them was attacked with fever and soon died at Mtoko. There, help was given to the remaining boy, and all the women of the Rukwadzano at Mtoko Centre attended the funeral.

Eight shillings was given to help a woman whose husband died at Mtoko Hospital, and three tins of ufu was given to the patients at that hospital for Christmas.

Five pounds has already been given or the Manyika School building, and a bit more has been promised.

#### **The Annual Convention of the Mtoko District Rukwadzano:**

The Spirit of the Lord was upon the meeting from the first night when we gathered under those trees until the end. Many people testified to receiving new strength and to being born again.

Lessons were taught by Nurse Hannah Chiromo in the Care of Babies and in the Care of Contagious Diseases. Special emphasis was given on ways to care for children with contagious diseases and how to keep them isolated from other children. Nurse Chiromo also encouraged mothers to come and see the doctor when they are pregnant, and to deliver their babies at the hospital.

On Sunday the Rev. W. Bourgaize preached a wonderful sermon. After greeting the congregation and reading the Scripture, he introduced his sermon by saying, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Then he went on speaking openly of what women should do and be. He said, "When women are left behind, men cannot climb higher, as men are built by the kind of women they have."



The request of our women is this: Can you help us make it possible for women and girls in the Government Hospitals to be treated by nurses rather than by orderlies as at present?

Mattie Mparutsa  
(Secretary North)

### **Rukwadzano Rwe Wadzimai, Southern Section**

Jesus said to His disciples, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Matt. 28:18-19.

The disciples obediently carried on this holy command of their risen Lord. So did our missionaries from America and other lands, and as a result of their labour, the African Missionary Society has gone into Chikwizo Reserve obeying that same command. We women, therefore, following the example of our American mothers who established the Mutambara, Nyadiri and Old Umtali Girls' Schools had also a great desire to start a girls' work at Cikwizo. We made our desire known to the Annual Conference last year and to-day we are glad to report that there is a girl teacher supported by the Ruwadzano.

### **A Mislaidd Address**

At our April Executive Committee, we were greatly honoured by the presence of our new Bishop. As he was introduced to us by the Rev. E. L. Sells our hearts were so full of joy and excitement that our welcome address which we had prepared for him was mislaidd and could not be found. However, our Bishop is here now and we believe it is not too late to give him our welcome at this time. The address reads as follows:

"We, the Rukwadzano women, extend a hearty welcome to our new Bishop, thanking our heavenly Father for guarding your through many dangerous places in the sea. We highly appreciate your presence in our Executive Meeting."

The Bishop spoke to us some words of encouragement, drawing our attention to the need for unity. He impressed this fact upon our minds by the illustration of a bundle of sticks.

### **The Annual Convention**

The Annual Convention this year was held on the Gwese Campmeeting Site, Umtali District, August 2 to 5. About 2000 people attended the Convention, 110 of whom were men.

The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt during the whole meeting. More than a hundred people were converted and many backsliders were reclaimed.

At this Convention we were very pleased to welcome one of the Secretaries of the Board of Missions and Church Extensions, Miss S. L. McKinnon. She also encouraged us to go forward with our work, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. At Mutambara she gave the Rukwadzano women a pound as a sign of her interest in our movement.

For the success of the Convention, we thank our advisory Missionaries Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Sells, who helped us arrange the group meetings.

A few days after this Convention the Umtali women held a revival meeting which was attended by 600 women. On Sunday an open air service was held, about a thousand attending. Of these about 25 were Indians and Coloured people. The service was conducted by Mrs. Sells. Again the blessing of God was upon us and many souls were born into the Kingdom.

### **General**

As our motto is "Serving Christ and Others," in all our stations we keep ourselves busy doing what we believe to be the will of our Master. We visit and help the sick, visit and pray with the unsaved earnestly asking them to come into the fold of our Master, and we work for money to help the churches in whatever needs they have.

In all our activities we ask the Lord to give us the spirit of humbleness. The officers of Ruwadzano are:

Chairwoman—Mrs. P. Chieza  
Vice Chairwoman—Mrs. Z. Mukombiwa  
Secretary—Mrs. R. M. Ngonyama  
Treasurer—Mrs. A. P. Kapenzi

Signed, Mrs. R. M. Ngonyama  
Secretary.



## THE METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR

## Rhodesia Conference

1945

World Communion Sunday .....	7th	October.
Young People's Sunday (Student Loan Fund) .....	21st	October.
African Missionary Society .....	28th	October.
Temperance Sunday .....	18th	November.
Bible Sunday .....	2nd	December.
Christmas Day .....	25th	December.
Watch Night Service .....	31st	December.

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New Year Sunday .....	6th	January.
Reading of the General Rules of the Church .....	20th	January.
Family Day .....	10th	February.
African Missionary Society .....	3rd	March.
World Day of Prayer .....	8th	March.
Palm Sunday .....	14th	April.
Good Friday .....	19th	April.
Easter Sunday .....	21st	April.
Harvest Thanksgiving .....	26th	May.
Pentecost Sunday .....	9th	June.
Missionary Society .....	14th	July.
Rukwadzano Sunday .....	28th	July.
Wayfarer Sunday .....	18th	August.
Pathfinders' Sunday .....	22nd	September.

## PART VII MEMOIRS.

### Thomas Fowles Roberts:

Thomas Fowles Roberts was born at Old Umtali on the 23rd December, 1915. As a small child he played about on the floor of the school room while his mother taught her African classes. He was one of "our own" children. After his elementary schooling at Old Umtali he attended the Umtali High School. Because of his staunch character and exemplary conduct he was appointed Head Prefect at the older boys' hostel, Chancellor House. The Headmaster of Chancellor House has referred to him as "one of my best prefects."

Thomas studied engineering at Ames College, Iowa, for two years and was employed in the Geological Survey Department of the United States Government. In 1943 he married Miss Ruth Boyington of Wisconsin. His married life, though brief, was a particularly happy one.

The officials of the Geological Survey Department so highly valued Thomas' services, that on several occasions after the outbreak of war, they either discouraged his enlistment or else had him exempted from military service. He could easily have accepted the life of a civilian. However, through a sense of duty, he finally persuaded his superiors to allow him to enlist in the fight against tyranny. He knew the danger and accepted the risk. After a brief military training, in January of this year he was suddenly sent to France. On the 4th March he went into action with the Ninety-Fourth Infantry Division of General Patton's Third Army, and just two days later he paid the supreme sacrifice. Today his body rests in an honoured grave in an American cemetery in Luxemburg. He gave his life to help keep mankind free and to preserve the blessing of liberty.

We remember Thomas Roberts with affection, love and pride. Simple living, integrity of heart, moral and physical courage, combined with straightforward uprightness and a high sense of honour characterised his life. Thomas was a faithful

Christian and a loyal member of the Methodist Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Tudor, Mary Elma, his widow and others who mourn his loss, we extend our sincere sympathy. In your sorrow, however, there must be a deep and solemn pride for the spirit of courage and self sacrifice that led Thomas to lay down his life in the struggle for liberty and truth. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

### Charles Wesley Marange:

To Rev. and Mrs. Titus Marange we extend our sincere sympathy in the loss of their little son, Charles Wesley, on the 3rd April.

I watched a ship fade out of sight,  
Losing itself on the curving sea,  
And I cried "It is gone." Like bird  
in flight

It is lost to me.

But others on some distant shore  
Will cry

"There it comes". O you who weep

For a loved one lost the sea's  
curved rim

There will be those who will keep  
watch for him

And he will answer their welcome  
call--

Not lost at all.

### Mrs. Isaiah Munjoma:

We report with great sadness the death of Mrs. Isaiah Munjoma, which occurred in the Umtali Hospital after some years of continuous illness.

Rev. and Mrs. Munjoma were married on August 25th, 1909, and Mrs. Munjoma died on 12th February 1945. Thus they lived together for a space of thirty five and a half years.

Before she departed from this earthly life Mrs. Munjoma left a warning testimony saying, "No one is allowed to enter Heaven without a passport".

After this testimony she sang two hymns, 97 in Chizezuru and 130 in Chimanyika. Then she quietly passed away.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Rev. Munjoma and the children in their bereavement.

## Part VIII.

## ROLL OF THE DEAD

## (a) Members of Conference

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

	Place of Birth	Entered Conf.	Years of Missionary Service	Died	Age	Place of Burial
Buchwalter, Abraham L.	Fertility, Penn.	1899	26	Aug. 3, 1917	52	Monrovia, Cal.
Gurney, Samuel	Long Branch, N. J.	1887	21	Aug. 3, 1924	64	Salisbury, S. R.
Howard, Herbert N.	Harrisburg, Penn.	1907	11	Mar. 7, 1925	55	Canandaigua, N. Y.
Greeley, Eddy H.	Owatonna, Minn.	1907	50	April 8, 1938	80	Old Umtali S. R.

## (b) Widows of Deceased Members: None

## Wives of Members:

Naomi Mparutsa, Wife of Moses Mparutsa, died February 12th, 1933.  
 Emma Katsidzira, Wife of Murashwa Katsidzira, died May 3rd, 1933.

Emily Faku, Wife of Clifford Faku, died March 1, 1934.

## (c) Other Workers:

Miss Sadie Rexrode, W. F. M. S., age 38, died January 22, 1921, after three years service in S. Rhodesia; buried at Old Umtali.

Mr. Charles F. Taylor, age 67, missionary to China, died in the Umtali Hospital, August 14, 1927 and was buried at Old Umtali.

Miss E. E. Bjorklund, age, 63, Died November 19th, 1930. Her Missionary service extended over a period of thirty - five years. She served in China and Japan from 1894 to 1900, in East Africa at Inhambane 1909 to 1915 and in Rhodesia at Old Umtali 1915 to 1929. Buried at Old Umtali.

Miss Mildred O. Benson, age 42, died July 12th, 1937, a missionary of the W. F. M. S. She served in S. Rhodesia at Old Umtali, 1926-1937. Buried at Old Umtali.

## Part IX

## HISTORICAL

## (a) Conference Sermons

<i>Year</i>	<i>Preached by</i>	<i>Where</i>
1916.....	H. I. James.....	Old Umtali Church
1919.....	H. N. Howard.....	St. Andrew's Church
1921.....	M. J. Murphree.....	Old Umtali Church
1922.....	Samuel Gurney.....	Old Umtali Church
1923.....	H. I. James.....	Old Umtali Church
1924.....	Wilfred Bourgaize.....	Old Umtali Church
1929.....	E. L. Sells.....	Old Umtali Church
1931.....	Wilfred Bourgaize.....	Howard Memorial Church
1932.....	J. Chimbadzwa.....	Old Umtali Church
1942.....	W. Bourgaize.....	Mutambara Church

## (b) Former Members And Probationers

R. E. Beetham.....	1901-1905	H. N. Howard..	1909-1924
J. L. DeWitt.....	1901-1905	P. W. Keys.....	1909-1915
E. H. Richards.....	1901-1913	F. Conquer.....	1909-1912
M. W. Ehnes.....	1901-1905	S. H. Rinfeldt.....	1909-1910
J. M. Springer...1901-1910;	1921-1924	Muti Sikobele.....	1909-1913
R. Wodehouse.....	1901-1910	C. A. Kent.....	1913-1916
F. D. Wolf.....	1901-1907	J. D. Pointer.....	1912-1915
Samuel Gurney...1902-1905...	1909-1924	J. G. Brass.....	1921-1923
J. A. Baldwin.....	1903-1905	L. E. Tull.....	1921-1928
J. H. Dimmit.....	1903-1905	F. G. Mauger.....	1923-1932
D. A. Carson.....	1908-1903	R. F. Wagner.....	1925-1934
A. L. Buchwalter.....	1905-1917	J. R. Gates.....	1907-1936
J. D. Ferris.....	1905-1911	Murashwa Katsidzira.....	1930-1936
S. D. Coffin.....	1905-1913	Maxin Mutambanengwe.....	1932-1936
W. S. Terrill.....	1907-1911	E. H. Greeley.....	1907-1938
G. A. Stockdale.....	1907-1913	M.E. Persons.....	1937-1939
Tizore Nevass.....	1907-1913	Peter Chaweta.....	1942-1943

## (c) Conference Sessions

## EAST CENTRAL AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE

TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1901, Nov. 16 ...	{ Umtali and ... Old Umtali	...Hartzell ...	...Springer
1903, Sept. 29 ...	Umtali ...	...Hartzell ...	...Beetham
1905, May 26 ...	Umtali ...	...Hartzell ...	...Ferris
1907, Mar. 13 ...	Umtali ...	...Hartzell, Burt...	...Ferris
1907, Nov. 22 ...	Umtali ...	...Hartzell ...	...Ferris
1909, July 10 ...	Umtali ...	...Hartzell ...	...Greeley
1910, Aug. 17 ...	Umtali ...	...Hartzell ...	...Greeley
1911, June 7 ...	Umtali ...	...Hartzell, Wilson	...Gurney
1912, Feb. 17 ...	Old Umtali ...	...Rev. J. R. Gates	...O'Farrell
1913, Oct. 22 ...	Old Umtali ...	...Hartzell ...	...Greeley

## RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE

1915, Jan. 20 ...	Old Umtali ...	...Hartzell ...	...Greeley
1916, Feb. 16 ...	Old Umtali ...	.. (Rev. J. R. Gates)	...Greeley

1917,	May	3	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	Greeley
1917,	Dec.	7	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	J. R. Gates
1919,	Apr.	4	...	Umtali	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	Gurney
1921,	June	13	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	James
1922,	June	14	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	James
1923,	June	19	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	James
1924,	Aug.	13	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Shepard	...	...	...	James
1925,	June	23	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	James
1926,	Nov.	4	...	Nyadiri	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	Wagner
1927,	June	14	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	R. C. Gates
1928,	Sept.	10	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	Murphree
1929,	July	3	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	Murphree
1930,	July	9	...	Mutambara	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	Murphree

## RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1931,	July	8	...	Mrewa	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	Murphree
1932,	Sept.	28	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	Sells
1933,	June	14	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	Sells
1934,	June	13	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	Sells
1935,	July	9	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Johnson	...	...	...	Sells
1936,	Dec.	9	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Springer	...	...	...	Adkins
1937,	Oct.	6	...	Nyadiri	...	...	Springer	...	...	...	Sells
1938,	Oct.	5	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Springer	...	...	...	Sells
1939,	Nov	8	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Springer	...	...	...	Sells

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1939,	Nov.	10	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Springer	...	...	...	Sells
1940,	July	24	...	Mrewa	...	...	Springer	...	...	...	Sells
1941,	Sept.	2	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Springer	...	...	...	Sells
1942,	Sept.	1	...	Mutambara	...	...	Springer	...	...	...	Sells
1943,	Aug.	31	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Springer	...	...	...	Sells
1944,	Sept.	5	...	Old Umtali	...	...	Springer	...	...	...	Sells
1945,	Aug.	21	...	Nyadiri	...	...	Booth	...	...	...	Sells

## (d) General

Delegates to the General Conference  
Methodist Episcopal Church

1932

## Ministerial

T. A. O'Farrell; Reserve— H. I. James

## Lay

Miss Ruth E. Hanson; Reserve— Miss Oril Penney

1936

## Ministerial

H. I. James; Reserve— E. L. Sells

## Lay

Miss Sarah N. King; Reserve— Mrs. H. I. James

## The Methodist Church

1940

## Ministerial—

T. A. O'Farrell; Reserve— H. E. Taylor

## Lay

Mrs. Josephine B. O'Farrell; Reserve— Mrs. Mae P. Taylor

1944

## Ministerial

M. J. Murphree; Reserve— E. L. Sells

## Lay

Miss S. N. King; Reserve— Mrs. M. J. Murphree



## Missionaries 1898—1945

List of Missionaries sent to the Rhodesia Work by the Board of Foreign Missions and the W. F. M. S. and W. D. C. S. beginning with the opening of the work in 1898, with year of entering and leaving the work.

Rev. M. W. Ehnes .....	1898-1901	Rev. C. A. Kent.....	1912-1915
Mrs. M. W. Ehnes .....	1898-1991	Mrs. C. A. Kent .....	1912-1915
Rev. J. L. DeWitt .....	1899-1901	Rev. H. I. James.....	1913-
Mrs. J. L. DeWitt .....	1899-1901	Mrs. H. I. James.....	1913-
Mrs. Anna Arndt .....	1899-1902	Miss E. E. Bjorklund.....	1915-1930
Mr. Herman Heinkle.....	1899-1903	Miss E. A. Hess.....	1915-1932
Dr. Hammett .....	1899-1899	Miss F. Quinton.....	1917-1940
Miss Culver.....	1899-1899	Miss S. Rexrode.....	1918-1921
Rv. E. H. Greeley .....	1890-1938	Miss L. Tubbs .....	{ 1918-1924
Mr. G. M. Odlum .....	1901-1902		{ 1929-
Rev. R. Wodehouse.....	1901-1910	Rev. H. E. Taylor.....	1919-
Mrs. R. Wodehouse.....	1901-1910	Mrs. H. E. Taylor.....	1919-
Rev. J. M. Springer.....	{ 1901-1906	Miss O. Parmenter.....	1920-
	{ 1921-1924	Rev. M. J. Murphree.....	1920-
{ Mrs. H. Rasmussen .....	{ 1901 —	Mrs. M. J. Murphree.....	1920-
{ Mrs. J. Springer .....	{ 1905-1909	Miss M. Fuller .....	1921-1931
	{ 1921-1924	Rev. A. DeJacoby.....	1921-1921
Miss E. H. Johnson.....	1901-1904	Mrs. A. DeJacoby.....	1921-1921
Rev. R. E. Beetham.....	1901-1904	Rev. W. Bourgaize.....	1921-
Rev. Samuel Gurnee.....	{ 1902-1905	Rev. L. E. Tull .....	1921-1921
	{ 1909-1924	Mr. W. C. Gardner.....	1921-1925
Mrs. S. Gurney.....	1902-1902	Mrs. W. C. Gardner.....	1921-1924
Mr. D. Carson .....	1902-1903	Mrs. G. Beven.....	1922-1927
Mrs. D. Carson .....	1902-1903	Miss B. Rietz.....	1922-
Rev. J. H. Dimmit.....	1903-1903	Rev. R. C. Gates.....	1922-
Rev. G. A. Baldwin.....	1903-1904	Mrs. R. C. Gates.....	1922-
Rev. J. E. Ferris.....	1904-1909	Miss A. Moore.....	1922-1927
Mrs. J. E. Ferris.....	1904-1909	Rev. J. G. Brass.....	1922-1923
Rev. S. D. Coffin .....	1905-1911	Mrs. J. G. Brass.....	1922-1923
{ Miss Swormstedt.....	{ 1905—	Rev. F. G. Mauger .....	1923-1930
{ Mrs. S. D. Coffin.....	{ 1907-1911	Mrs. F. G. Mauger.....	1923-1930
Mr. E. L. Sechrist.....	1906-1909	Miss Ethel McMann.....	1923-1931
Rev. J. R. Gates.....	{ 1906-1919	Miss Sarah King.....	1923-
	{ 1916-1932	Miss B. Ramsey .....	1924-1927
{ Miss H. L. Lodge.....	{ 1907—	Rev. R. F. Wagner.....	{ 1924-1927
{ Mrs. J. R. Gates.....	{ 1908-1914		{ 1929-1934
	{ 1916-1932	Miss J. G. Woodruff.....	1925-1930
Miss E. M. Bell.....	1907-1911	Miss Ila Scovill.....	1925-
Miss S. Coffin.....	1907-1912	Dr. S. R. P. Montgomery	1925-1929
Rev. G. A. Rorberts.....	1907-	Mrs. S. R. P. Montgomery	1925-1927
Rev. A. L. Buchwalter.....	1909-1915	Miss Oral Penney.....	1926-1940
Mrs. A. L. Buchwalter.....	1909-1915	Miss Ruth E. Hansson.....	1926-
Rev. H. N. Howard.....	1909-1920	Miss Mildred O. Benson.....	1926-1937
Mrs H. N. Howard.....	1909-1920	Rev. E. L. Sells.....	1929-
Miss E. D. Nourse.....	1909-1921	Mrs. E. L. Sells.....	1929-
Miss P. Mullikin .....	1909-1939	Mrs. R. F. Wagner.....	1929-1934
Rev. T. A. O'Farrell.....	1910-	Miss Jessie Pfaff.....	1929-
Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell.....	1910-	Miss Wilhelmina Shields	1930-1937
{ Miss B. Fowles.....	{ 1910—	Miss Alice Whitney .....	1931-
{ Mrs. G. A. Roberts.....	{ 1912-	Miss Irene Gugin.....	1931-
{ Miss R. N. Goddard.....	{ 1912—	Rev. L. E. Adkins.....	1933-1937
{ Mrs. J. Paisley.....	{ 1915-1921	Mrs. L. E. Adkins.....	1933-1937
Miss G. Clark.....	1912-	Miss Rosa Rydell.....	1933-

Miss. Edith Parks.....1938-  
 Miss Marguerite Deyo.....1939-  
 Mr. W. D. Hamrick.....1939-  
 Mrs. W. D. Hamrick.....1939  
 Rev. Per Hassing.....1940  
 Mrs. P. Hassing.....1941-  
 Dr. A. G. Anderson.....1941-  
 Mr. Tudor Roberts.....1942-  
 Miss E. de Vries.....1944-

Mrs. A. G. Anderson.....1944-  
 Miss H. Wildermouth.....1944-  
 Rev. M. E. Culver.....1944-  
 Mrs. M. E. Culver.....1944-  
 Miss E. Ashby.....1945-  
 Mr. J. Thacker.....1945-  
 Mrs. J. Thacker.....1945-  
 Miss L. Miller.....1945-

The following workers were employed on the field:

Rev. M. H. Reid, 1898; Mrs. R. St. Tulloch, 1902; Mr. M. B. Spears 1905; Mrs. H. Brown, 1903; Miss M. Brown, 1903; Miss Cuff, 1903; Mrs. T. Stratton, 1905; Miss E. Bennett, 1905; Rev. C. H. Beangley, 1906; Mr. W. H. Robson, 1906; Miss A. F. Gray, 1906; Rev. G. A. Stockdale, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. W. Garner, 1907; Miss Blezzard, 1907; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Till, 1910; Mrs. L. Carson, 1911; Mr. R. Mackenzie, 1912; Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Wallace, 1913; Mr. J. G. Paisley, 1912; Rev. William Garner, 1912; Mr. and Mrs. William Hodgson, 1917; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Searle, 1918-1921. Mr. C. S. Till, 1920; B. J. E. Pretorius, 1924; Mr. G. Pretorius, 1925-1930. Miss J. Memmoran 1928-1930; Mrs. Uys 1930-1933; Miss Louise Forrest 1935-1936; Miss Jean Loize, 1936-1938; Miss Lois Pfaff 1936-1941; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Huie, 1936-1940; Miss Lois Jessop 1937-1940; Miss Fannie Ellener 1937-1940; Mrs. Irene Wratten 1938; Mr. and Mrs. P. F. De Bruijn. 1939-40 Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Braithwaite 1939-1941; Miss Emily Loze 1940-45. Miss Louise Forrest. 1941-45.

## Part X

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Plan of Conference Examinations

#### For Europeans as per 1944 Discipline Paragraph. 2045

Undergraduates may sit for examinations at the seat of the field Committee meetings as well as at the seat of the Conference.  
 The examiners will be arranged by the Board of Ministerial Training.

#### Courses of Study for the Rhodesia Annual Conference

### TRAVELLING MINISTRY

#### FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL

#### EXAMINATION.

- |   | Examiner          |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. Discipline: Articles of Religion.              | E. L. Sells       |
| 2. South African History.                         | J. Chimbadzwa     |
| 3. Life of Wesley - <i>Telford or Winchester.</i> | M. J. Murphree    |
| 4. The Moffats - <i>Hubbard.</i>                  | J. Nduna          |
| 5. Bible Biographies:                             |                   |
| a. Life of Christ - St. Mark.                     | } T. A. O'Ferrell |
| b. Life of Paul - Acts                            |                   |
| c. Life of Moses - Exodus.                        |                   |
| 6. Written Sermon.                                | R. C. Gates       |

#### FIRST YEAR

#### EXAMINATION.

- |   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 1. Discipline. Parts I to VI.                             | E. L. Sells   |
| 2. History of Methodism - <i>Faulkner.</i>                | W. Bourgaze   |
| 3. Plain Account of Christian Perfection - <i>Wesley.</i> | Titus Maranke |
| 4. Translation to Vernacular, Articles of Religion.       | J. Chimbadzwa |

## COLLATERAL READING:

- |   |   |             |
|---|---|-------------|
| 1. Pilgram's Progress - <i>Bunyan</i> .   | } | R. C. Gates |
| 2. David Livingstone - <i>J. J. Ellis</i> |   |             |
| 3. The Making of Bible - <i>Vernon</i> .  |   |             |

## SECOND YEAR.

## EXAMINATION

- |  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Primer of Homiletics - <i>Edwards</i> .       | E. L. Sells     |
| 2. A People's Life of Christ - <i>Smyth</i> .    | W. Bourgaize    |
| 3. Primer of Christian Doctrine - <i>Terry</i> . | P. Hassing      |
| 4. Outline: Genesis, Exodus, Acts, and Romans.   | T. A. O'Farrell |

## COLLATERAL READING:

- |   |   |             |
|---|---|-------------|
| 1. The Tongue of Fire - <i>Arthur</i> .                         | } | R. C. Gates |
| 2. Life of Khama.   |   |             |
| 3. Selections from the Writings of John Wesley - <i>Welch</i> . |   |             |

## THIRD YEAR

## EXAMINATION.

Examiner

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| 1. History of the Christian Church - <i>Grant</i> . | J. M. Chimbadzwa |
| 2. Shorter Manual of Theology - <i>Beet</i> .       | W. Bourgaize     |
| 3. The Moslem World - <i>Zwemer</i> .               | J. Nduna         |
| 4. Life and Times of Jesus - <i>Grant</i> .         | T. A. O'Farrell  |

## COLLATERAL READING:

- |  |   |             |
|--|---|-------------|
| 1. The Soul-Winner's Secret - <i>Brengle</i> . | } | R. C. Gates |
| 2. Christian Baptism - <i>Merrill</i> .        |   |             |
| 3. Heart of Asbury's Journal - <i>Tipple</i> . |   |             |

## FOURTH YEAR

## EXAMINATION.

Examiner

- |  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. New Testament History - <i>Maclean</i> .                | E. L. Sells     |
| 2. Lives of Eminent Africans - <i>Gollock</i> .            | W. Bourgaize    |
| 3. Faith of a Christian - <i>Sketchley</i> .               | H. I. James     |
| 4. The Worker and His Bible - <i>Eiselen and Barclay</i> . | T. A. O'Farrell |

## COLLATERAL READING

- |  |   |             |
|--|---|-------------|
| 1. a. Preacher and Prayer - <i>Bounds</i> .              | } | R. C. Gates |
| b. Purity of Heart - <i>General Booth</i> .              |   |             |
| 2. The Indwelling Spirit - <i>Davidson</i> .             |   |             |
| 3. a. Roman Catholic Doctrine Examined.— <i>Brooks</i> . |   |             |
| b. "Should Christians Keep the Sabbath." <i>Torrey</i> . |   |             |

## Substitutes

1. The Bible - *Dods* 2. Digest of Methodist law - *Merrill* 3. Life of Paul - *Stalker*; 4. Bible History - *Blaikei*; 5. The Preacher; His Life and Work - *Jowett*; 6. Manual of Christian Doctrine - *Banks* 7. The land of Israel - *Stewart*; 8. 100 Questions on Methodism *Wheeler* 9. How to Study the Bible - *Clifford Moule*; 10. The Christian Faith - *Curtis*; 11. Short History of the Christian Church—*Hurst*; 12. Twenty-five Articles - *Wheeler* 13. Public Worship - *Hoyt*; 14. Life of Luther. *McGiffert*; 15. Christianity in Doctrine and Experience - *Buck*; 16. Religious Education in the Home - *Folson*; 17. Short Chapters of African History—*Wheatherhead* 18. Islam and Africa - *Dale*.  
(50 Books in all)

## COURSE OF STUDY FOR ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS

## First Year:—

1. The Book of Genesis.
2. The Life of Moses — Exodus.
3. The Rules for African Members of the Methodist Church in S. Rhodesia.
4. Memorize — Chitendo che Wapostori.  
Munamato wa Tenzi.  
Mbiri kuna Baba.  
Rukudzo.  
Chikomborero che Wapostori.

## Second Year:—

1. Nzira ye Upswene.
2. The Book of Matthew.
3. The Discipline: The Articles of Religion.  
The General Rules.
4. Receive Instruction in: The Conduct of a Church Service  
The Reading of the Scriptures in Public

## Third Year:—

1. The Acts of the Apostles.
2. The Discipline: The Aids to Devotion.
3. Pilgrim's Progress.

## Fourth Year:—

1. The Book of John.
2. The Epistle to the Galatians.
3. The Epistle to the Ephesians.
4. The Ritual Service for the Burial of the Dead.
5. A Lecture on the Life of Wesley.

(b) Conference Rules of Order.  
None

(c) Accepted Supply Pastors:- 1945-46

## Honde:—

D. M. Katsidzira

## Mrewa:—

Moses Hunidzarira  
Joel Chindungwe  
Lemuel Marasiraniwa  
Isaac Kambarambe  
Lazarus Mahowa  
Enoch Majuru  
Jotham Rasinamhudzi  
Silas Chitiyo  
Enoch Mrewa  
Peter Kananuhwa  
Elia Chidzikwe  
Isaiah Tsopotsa  
Daniel Makuto

## Mutasa-Makoni

Jonah Dangirwa  
Vincent Hamadziripi  
Josiah Chidzikwe  
Philemon Mazaiwana

Jacob Nyaguya  
Obadiah Majengwa  
Samuel Matongo  
Amos Karumbidza  
Peter Marwa  
Elias Jangano  
Joshua Chirikuutsi  
Basil Makoni  
Zacchius Kurewa  
Isaiah Kuwana  
Erick Murahwa  
Patrick Kanengone  
Jasper Machiri

## Mutambara:—

Philip Tofa  
Tennyson Maraire  
Enoch Chiwadzwa  
Mark Nezandonyi  
Tennyson Chaurunga  
Nathan Ndidzano  
Lewis Tsododo  
Paul Sitole

**Nyadiri:—**

Titus Katiyo  
 Peter Muswetu  
 Micah Zisengwe  
 Paul Mutizi  
 Isaiah Nyamungu  
 Isaiah Bote  
 David Jowah  
 Timothy Chirimumimba  
 Jairus Lungu  
 James Sitole  
 Julius Gezi  
 Jairus Lungu  
 Julius Kazingezi  
 Solomon Zuzi  
 Nicholas Muswe  
 Noah Muswe  
 Enoch Makuto

John Maswaure  
 Gibson Makaure  
 Kenneth Nhunduru  
 Justin Marwire  
 Paul Maviza  
 Aaron Sitole  
 Martin Nyagura  
 Maxin Mutambanengwe  
 Lionel Zimunya  
 Daniel Chitenderu  
 Jonathan Tinowona

**Mtoko:—**

Patron Nyamukapa  
 Elisha Mvududu  
 Gideon Gurupira  
 Philemon Gurupira  
 Samuel Usayi  
 Amos Muswairo  
 Joseph Chipuriro  
 Abraham Chiwaka

**Umtali:—**

Joshua Mutsago  
 Noel Dambudza

(d) The Roll of Lay Delegates Attending.

The list is found in the Minutes of the Session, Page 7

**(e) CONFERENCE AND MISSIONARY ROLL**  
**Rhodesia Conference Roll**

(Add to each address, S. Rhodesia, Africa.)

**Year of  
 Reception  
 on Trial.**

1907	H. I. James	*	Mrewa
1910	T. A. O'Farrell	*	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
1917	M. J. Murphree	*	Old Umtali
1921	G. A. Roberts	*	Mutambara
	W. Bourganize	*	Mtoko
	H. E Taylor	*	Old Umtali
	E. L. Sells	*	Box 55, Umtali
	David Mandisodza		Mt. Makomwe, Odzi
1923	R. C. Gates	*	Old Umtali
	Thomas Marange		Mt. Makomwe, Odzi
	Isaiah Munjoma		Box 55, Umtali
1924	Isaiah Darikwa		Headlands
	C. E. Faku		P. O. Alice, C. P.
	Benjamin Katsidzira		Box 55, Umtali
	Titus Marange		Box 55, Umtali
1925	L. E. Adkins		Missionary in East Africa
	Reginald Nkonyama		Old Umtali
1926	Josiah Chimbadzwa		Old Umtali
	Zachariah Mukombiwa		Old Umtali
1927	Philip Chieza		Penhalonga
	Samuel Chieza		Mtoko
1928	Amos Kapenzi		P. B. 136 E Salisbury
	Moses Muparutsa		Box 55, Umtali
	John Nduna		Old Umtali
1930	Hosea Katsidzira		Mrewa
	Patrich Machiri		Watsomba, P. O. via Umtali
	Johnson Maramba		Inyazura
	Enoch Munjoma		Mtoko



	Jackson Rugayo		Mutambara
1932	Obadiah Chimonyo		Gandanzara, P. O. Odzi
	Silas Kasambira		Mutambara
1933	Jonah Chitombo		P. B. 136 E. Salibury
	Jonah Machiri		Chitenderano, Inyazura
1934	Luke Chieza		Mrewa
1937	Per Hassing	*	Box 55, Umtali
1938	I. B. Khristmukti	*	Box 55, Umtali
	Nason Chigubu		P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
1942	Benjamin Gwaza		Mrewa
	Amon Kajese		P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
	Wilson Mandisodza		Watsomba, via Umtali
	Samuel Munjoma		P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
	Obadiah Musingwini		Mrewa
	Ebson Zimonte		Mtoko
1944	M. E. Culver	*	Box 55, Umtali

**Note- Asterisk after names of missionaries**

### MISSIONARIES

**(Add to each address, S. Rhodesia, Africa.)**

Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell	P. B. 136 E, Salisbury
Mrs. G. A. Roberts	Mutambara
Mrs. H. I. James	Mrewa
Mrs. H. E. Taylor	Old Umtali
Mrs. M. J. Murphree	Old Umtali
Mrs. R. C. Gates	Old Umtali
Miss Ruth Hansson	(On furlough)
Mrs. E. L. Sells	Box 55, Umtali
Miss Rosa Rydell	Old Umtali
Mr. W. D. Hamrick	(On furlough)
Mrs. W. D. Hamrick	(On furlough)
Mrs. I. B. Khristmukti	Box 55, Umtali
Mrs. Per Hassing	Box 55, Umtali
Dr. A. G. Anderson	(On furlough)
Mrs. A. G. Anderson	(On furlough)
Mr. Tudor Roberts	Old Umtali
Mrs. M. E. Culver	Box 55, Umtali
Rev. Q. C. Roberts	Mrewa
Mrs. Q. C. Roberts	Mrewa

### Womens' Division of Christian Service

Miss Grace Clark	(On furlough)
Miss Frances Quinton	Retired
Miss Lulu Tubbs	Mutambara
Miss Ona Parmenter	Old Umtali
Miss M. Fuller	Old Umtali
Miss Beulah Reitz	(On furlough)
Miss Sarah King	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
Miss Ila Scovill	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
Miss Jessie Pfaff	Old Umtali
Miss Alice Whitney	(On furlough)
Miss Edith Parks	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
Miss Marguerite Deyo	(On furlough)
Miss Evelyn deVries	Mutambara
Miss Helen Wildermuth	Old Umtali
Miss E. Ashby	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
Miss L. Miller	Mutambara

### Other Workers

Miss Emily Loze	Old Umtali
Miss L. Forrest	Mrewa

## Part XI

## PASTORAL RECORD

This record includes only the appointments during membership in the Conferences, and not those as "supply."

In the case of missionaries, appointments before Conference membership on the field are included.

The figures are the years of service spent in the Ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Conference and The Methodist Conference.

The addresses are given in the Conference Roll and Directory.

## 1. FULL MEMBERS

**Adkins, Lilburn E.** :—On trial Minnesota Conference 1925. Deacon 1925; Elder 1927; West Concord 1925-27; 1928-29 In School; Transferred to Southeast Africa Mission Conference 1930; 1930-33 Kambini Central Training School; Transferred to Rhodesia Conference 1933; 1933-36 Marange, Odzi-Old Umtali and Mtasa Circuits. 1934-36 Gandanzara Circuit. 1937 On furlough; 1938-45 Missionary in East Africa. Minn. (5) So. E. A. (3) (5)

**Bourgaize, Wilfred** :—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921 Deacon and Elder ; 1921 Umtasa, Gandanzara and Headlands Circuits; 1922-25. Mtoko and Uzumba Circuits, 1925-26 Mtoko Circuit; 1927-28 Superintendent Mtoko District; 1929 On furlough; 1930-38 Superintendent, Mtoko District, 1938 on furlough; 1939-1945 Superintendent, Mtoko District. (25)

**Chieza, Luke** :—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1934; Deacon 1936; Elder 1938; 1936-41 Evangelist Mrewa District. 1942-1945 Mrewa. (12)

**Chieza, Philip** :—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1927; Deacon 1932; Elder 1936; 1927-29 Muziti; 1930-31 Chiduku Circuit; 1932 Odzi Circuit; 1933-35 Odzi-Old Umtali Circuit, 1936-38 Odzi Circuit; 1939-45 Penhalonga (19)

**Chieza, Samuel** :—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1927; Deacon 1930; Elder 1933; 1927-31 Mrewa; 1931-45 Mtoko. (19)

**Chigubu, Nason** :—On trial in the Rhodesia Conference, 1942; Deacon 1944; Chikuhwa and Uzumba North Circuit, 1942-45 (3)

**Chimbadzwa, Josiah** :—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1926; Deacon 1929; Elder 1930; 1926-30 Assistant, Theological School, Old Umtali; 1931-33 Assistant Pastor Old Umtali and teacher in Hartzell Training School; 1934-35 Assistant Pastor, Old Umtali. 1936-40 Pastor, Old Umtali; 1941-45 Salisbury (20)

**Chimonyo, Obadiah** :—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1932; Deacon 1935 Elder 1936; 1932-34 in school; 1935—1938 Old Umtali Circuit; 1939-41 Chiduku Circuit South: 1942-45 Gandanzara Circuit. (14)

**Chitombo, Jonah** :—On Trial Rhodesia Conference 1933; Deacon 1935 1933-35 In School; 1935—45 Nyadiri Circuit. (14)

**Culver, Maurice E.** :—On trial, Newark Conference 1942; Deacon and Elder 1944; Transferred Rhodesia Conference 1945: Marange and Zimunya Circuits 1945. (3)

**Darikwa, Isaiah** :—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924; Deacon 1926; Elder 1930; 1924 Rupinda; 1925-32 Mtasa Circuit; 1932-36 Mrewa Circuit; 1937-1940 Salisbury; 1941-45 Headlands Circuit. (22)

**Faku, Clifford:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924; Deacon 1926; Elder 1929; 1925 Old Umtali Circuit; 1925 Penhalonga; 1926-28 Assistant, Literary Department Old Umtali; 1929-31 Mtoko; 1931-33 Mrewa; 1934-40 Assistant, Literary Dept. Hartzell Training School; (19) 1941-45 Supernumerary.

**Gates, Robert C.:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1923; Deacon 1923; Elder 1927; 1923-27 Literary and Normal Department, Hartzell Training School; 1923 Old Umtali Circuit; 1924 Old Umtali Church; 1925 Old Umtali Church and Circuit; 1926 Mission Correspondent; 1927 Superintendent, Old Umtali District; 1928 On furlough; 1929-31 Superintendent, Old Umtali District and Principal Hartzell Training School; 1932 Superintendent Nyadiri District; 1933-35 Superintendent, Mrewa District; 1936 Superintendent, Umtali-Rusapi District, St. Andrews; 1937 On furlough; 1938-45 Hartzell Training School, Teacher Training Dept. (23)

**Gwaza, Benjamin:**—On trial in the Rhodesia Conference, 1942; Deacon 1944; Assistant, Old Umtali Central Primary School, 1942-45; (3)

**Hassing, Per:**—On trial Norway Conference 1937, Deacon 1938; Elder, 1939; Transferred Rhodesia Conference 1940: Chiduku, Gandanzara, Mtasa and Old Umtali Circuits 1940-41; Superintendent, Mtasa-Makoni District 1942-45 (8)

**James, Henry I.:**—On trial West Wisconsin Conference 1907; Deacon 1910; Elder 1913; 1907 Birchwood; Transferred Wisconsin Conference 1908; 1908-09 Algoma; 1910-12 Oconto; Transferred, East Central Africa Mission Conference 1913; 1913-14 St. Paul's, Penhalonga; 1915 Principal Hartzell Training School; 1916-1919 Mission Treasurer; 1916 Bible Department and Mission Press; 1917-18 Principal Central Training School, Old Umtali Circuit; 1919 On furlough; 1920-22 Superintendent, Umtali District and St. Andrew's Church; 1920-24 Mission Treasurer and Correspondent; 1923-24 Superintendent Mrewa District; 1925-26 On furlough; 1927-28 Superintendent Mrewa District; 1929-31 Superintendent Umtali District and St. Andrew's Church; 1932-34 Superintendent Old Umtali District; Principal Theological School, Pastor Old Umtali and Mission Press; 1930-1934 Mission Treasurer and Correspondent; 1935 On furlough; 1936-45 Superintendent, Mrewa District. W. Wis. (1) Wis. (5) (34)

**Kajese, Amon:**—On trial in the Rhodesia Conference, 1942: Deacon 1944; Chidakwa and the Maramba-Pfungwi-Darwin Circuit, 1942-45 (2)

**Kapenzl, Amos:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1928; Deacon 1930, Elder 1932; 1928-45 Assistant, Hartzell Training School (Literary Department); Nyadiri 1945. (18)

**Kasambira, Silas:**—On trial Rhodesia Conference, 1932: Deacon 1934; Elder 1936; 1932-33 In school; 1934 Penhalonga; 1935-40 Gandanzara Circuit; 1941-45 Mt. Makomwe; Nyanyazi 1945 (14)

**Katsidzira, Benjamin:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924 Deacon 1926; Elder 1930; 1924-25 Nyamukwarara; 1926 Gandanzara 1927-31 Gandanzara Circuit; 1932-34 Mtasa Circuit; 1935-38 Marange Circuit; 1939-45 Zimunya Circuit. (22)

**Katsidzira, Hosea:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934; 1930-31 in school; 1932-35 Mangwendi Circuit; 1935-36 Mangwendi and Headlands Circuits; 1937-1938 Headlands Circuit; 1939-45 Mrewa Circuit. (16)

**Khrstsmuktl I. B.:**—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1938; Deacon and Elder 1938; 1938-45 St. Thomas Church, Umtali; Missionary to the Indians. (7)

**Machiri, Jonah:**—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1933; Deacon 1935, 1933-1935 In school; 1935-37 Evangelist, Old Umtali District; 1938-39 Mukahanana Circuit; 1940-41 Teacher Hartzell Training School Old Umtali. 1942-45 Chiduku South Circuit (13)

**Machiri, Patrick:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934; 1930-31 in school; 1932-33 Chiduku Circuit; 1934 Marange Circuit; 1935-45 Mtasa Circuit. (16)

**Mandisodza, David:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; Deacon 1921; Elder 1929; 1921 Salisbury; 1922-29 Headlands Circuit. 1930-33 Umtali; 1934 Leave of absence; 1935 Supernumerary; 1936 Located; 1937-43 Mangwendi Circuit; 1944-1945, Marange Circuit. (23)

**Mandisodza, Wilson:**—On trial in the Rhodesia Conference, 1942; Deacon, 1944; Muziti, 1942-43; Nyakatsapa, 1945 (2)

**Maramba, Johnson:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1936; 1930 Assistant, Hartzell Training School; 1931-33 Mukahanana Circuit; 1934 In school; 1935-36 Penhalonga; 1936-38 Penhalonga Circuit; 1939-45 Chiduku Circuit North. (16)

**Marange, Thomas:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1923; Deacon 1926; Elder 1928; 1923 Umtali; 1924-25 Mutambara Circuit; 1926-38 Zimunya Circuit; 1939-45 Marange Circuit (23)

**Marange, Titus:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924; Deacon 1926, Elder 1930; 1924-28 Salisbury; 1929-31 in school; 1932-33 Gandanzara Circuit; 1934-45 Umtali. (22)

**Mparutsa, Moses:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1928; Deacon 1930; Elder 1933; 1928-29 Umtali; 1930-44 Nyadiri.; 1945 Zimunya Circuit. (18)

**Mukomblwa, Zachariah:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1926; Deacon 1929; Elder 1932; 1926 Assistant Agriculture Dept. Old Umtali; 1927-28 Penhalonga; 1929-33 Headlands Circuit; 1934-38 Chiduku Circuit 1939-45 Old Umtali Circuit. (20)

**Munjoma, Enoch:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934; 1930-31 in school; 1932-45 Mtoko North Circuit. (16)

**Munjoma, Isaiah:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1923; Deacon 1926; Elder 1930; 1923 Mtasa Circuit; 1924 Nyakatsapa; 1925 Umtali Native Church; 1926-28 Old Umtali Circuit; 1929-36 Salisbury; 1937-1938. Mrewa: 1939 Leave of Absence; 1941-42 Old Umtali; Nyanyadze 1943 Zimunya Circuit 1944; Johannesburg 1945 (22)

**Munjoma, Samuel:**—On trial in the Rhodesia Conference, 1942; Deacon, 1944; Mrewa North Circuit, 1942-45. (3)

**Murphree, Marshall J.:**—On trial Nebraska Conference 1917; Deacon 1919, Elder 1920; Transferred Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; 1921-23 Principal Hartzell Training School, Superintendent Old Umtali District; 1924 Superintendent Mutambara District; 1925 on furlough; 1926-31 Theological Department, Old Umtali; 1926 Gandanzara Circuit; 1927 Superintendent Rusapi District; 1928 Superintendent Old Umtali-Rusapi Districts, Rhodesia Mission Press; 1929 Rhodesia Mission Press; 1930-31 Superintendent Rusapi District, Mission Press; 1932 Superintendent Umtali-Rusapi District, St. Andrew's Church; 1933-34 On furlough; 1935-38 Superintendent, Old Umtali District. Principal Hartzell Training School, Mission Press: 1939-40 Superintendent, Old Umtali District and Mission; 1941-44—On furlough; 1945 Old Umtali

Neb. (4) (25)

**Musingwini, Obadiah:**—On trial in the Rhodesia Conference, 1942; Deacon, 1944; Mrewa North Circuit, 1942-45. (3)

**Nduna, John:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1928; Deacon 1930 Elder 1932; Assistant, Hartzell Training School (Literary Department) Old Umtali Circuit 1928-31; 1932-38 Teacher in Hartzell Training School Old Umtali; 1939, Superintendent of Schools Old Umtali District; 1941 Leave of Absence; 1942-45 Assistant, Hartzell Training School (Literary Department) (16)

**Ngonyama, Reginald:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1925; Deacon 1927, Elder 1929; 1925-26 Assistant, Mutambara Mission; 1927-28; Mutambara Circuit and Mutambara Mission; 1929-33 Marange Circuit 1934-45 Assistant, Hartzell Training School. (22)

**O'Farrell, Thomas A.:**—On trial East Central Africa Mission Conference 1910; Deacon and Elder 1910; 1910 to June, 1915 Mutambara Mission and Circuit; 1915-18 On furlough; Jan. to April, 1919 Principal Central Training School, Old Umtali; 1919-20 Mrewa Mission and Circuit; 1921-23 Superintendent, Mrewa District; 1924 On furlough; 1925-26 Superintendent, Mrewa District; 1927-31 Superintendent, Nyadiri District; 1932 On furlough; 1933-39 Superintendent, Nyadiri District; 1940 On Furlough. 1941-45 Superintendent, Nyadiri District. (36)

**Roberts, George A.:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; Deacon and Elder 1921; 1907-1908 Old Umtali, Assistant Agriculture Department; 1909-10 Old Umtali Industries. 1911 Old Umtali Agriculture and Sunday School Missionary; 1912-13 Old Umtali Agriculture Department; 1914 On furlough; 1915-18 Old Umtali Agriculture and Animal Husbandry; 1919-20 Mutambara Circuit; 1921 On furlough; 1922-23 Old Umtali Department of Agriculture and Gandanzara Circuit; 1924 Principal Hartzell Training School and Gandanzara Circuit; 1925-28 Principal Hartzell Training School and Department of Agriculture; 1929-30 On furlough; 1931-37 Superintendent, Mutambara District; 1938 On furlough; 1939-45 Superintendent, Mutambara District. (25)

**Rugayo, Jackson:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934; 1930-31 in school; 1932-44 Mutambara Circuit. (15)

**Sells, Ernest L.:**—On trial Kentucky Conference 1921; Deacon 1925; Elder 1927; 1921-22 in school; Transferred to Kansas Conference 1923; 1923-24 Winchester; 1925-27 in school; 1927-23 Elgin; Transferred to Rhodesia Mission Conference 1929; 1929-32 Superintendent, Mrewa District; 1933-35 Superintendent, Umtali - Rusapi District, St. Andrews Church; 1936 On furlough; 1937-1938 Superintendent, Umtali District, St. Andrew's Church; 1938 Superintendent, Mutambara District; 1939-45 Superintendent, Umtali District, St. Andrew's Church. Ky. (2) Kansas. (6) (17)

**Taylor, H. Erne:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; Deacon and Elder 1921; 1921 Old Umtali Church and Department of Agriculture; 1922-23 Mutambara. Department of Agriculture and Boys School; 1924 On furlough; 1925-28 Mutambara Mission; 1929-30 Old Umtali, Agriculture and Industrial Departments; 1931-32 On furlough; 1933-34 Principal, Hartzell Training School; 1935-38 Old Umtali, Department of Agriculture; 1937-1938 Mission Treasurer and Correspondent; 1939 On furlough; 1940 Superintendent, Nyadiri District; 1941 Superintendent Old Umtali District. 1942-45 Superintendent, Old Umtali Mission (25)

**Zlmonite, Ebson:**—On trial Rhodesia Conference, 1942; Deacon, 1944; African Missionary Society, Chikwizo, 1942-45. (3)



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STATISTICS of the Rhodesia Annual Conference 1945		Missionaries		African Workers										Christian Community			
		W. F. M. Missionaries		Other Workers	Unordained										Preparatory Members	Total Preparatory and Full Members	
					Ord. Men	Local Preachers	Conf. Memb. On Trial	Local Preachers	Exhorters	Other Workers	Workers of W. D. C. S.	Church Members					
		Men	Women	W. D. C. S.	Full Members								On Trial	Local Preachers	Conf. Memb. On Trial	Local Preachers	Exhorters
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Honde						1				4				77	29	106
1	Mrewa Mission	1	1			1	2				13		13		159	93	252
	Mrewa Circuit																
2	Chamapangu										4	1			45	24	69
3	Chanetsa										1				29	30	59
4	Darangwa										1				11	4	15
5	Gororo														8		8
6	Hokodzi										1	1			32	25	57
7	Jacobs										1				22	21	43
8	Kambarami										1				26	12	38
9	Madende										2				15	4	19
10	Mhembere										3				8		8
11	Ndiranyani														2		2
12	Nyamutumbu										2				64	61	125
13	Rupange										1				22	28	50
14	Shamu										1				2	7	9
15	Zengenene										2				28	52	80
Totals		1	1			1	2				20	2	13		314	267	582
Mrewa North Circuit																	
16	Dandara										2		1		32	13	45
17	Muchinjike						1				6		2		55	14	69
18	Nyamashato										3		1		22	17	39
19	Chingono												1			5	
Totals							1				11		5		109	49	153
Mangwende Circuit																	
20	Chiguri						1				1				60	21	81
21	Chinhenga														12	15	27
22	Chitate										3				17	24	41
23	Gumbanjera										2				25	86	111
24	Karumazondo														1	9	10
25	Masunzwe															8	8
26	Mrewa Kraal										2				28	40	68
27	Mtizi										4				31	61	92
28	Nyagwizo														12	26	38
29	Ramera										1				3	22	25
Totals							1				13				189	312	501
Headlands Circuit																	
30	Alnoldine						1								77	11	88
31	Chigudu														32	21	53
32	Fusiri														44	36	80
33	Madlambudzi														4	9	13
34	Magura														37	26	63
35	Manuhwa														10	11	21
36	Mufunde														59	32	91

					Baptisms		Sunday School		Educational								
	Baptized Children not in Cols. 14, 15.	Total Christian Community (Cols. 16, 17.)	Preparatory Members Rec'd during year	Non-Resident Members	Marriages	Deaths during year	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	No. of Sunday Schools	No. Scholars	Boarding Schools			Elementary Schools			
											No. Boarding Schools	No. Teachers	Students	No. Elementary Schools	No. Teachers	Students	Total Under Instruction
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
1	26	132	7		3	3	8	4	1	160							
1	118	370	10		3	1	20	9	3	560	2	17	349	1		191	540
2	48	117	6				2	7	2	98				1	3	127	127
3	27	86	1				6	1	1	71				1	1	67	67
4	4	19	5		3		2		1	42				1	1	80	80
5		8							1	14							
6	26	83	3		1		2	2	1	98				1	2	127	127
7	20	73	13				1	10	1	78				1	2	67	67
8	12	50	8				1		1	84				1	1	54	54
9	4	33					1		1	33							
10		8	2		1		1		1	56				1	1	47	47
11		2															
12	38	163	13		2		7	8	2	110				1	4	237	237
13	28	78	2				4		1	79				1	2	87	87
14	3	12	1		1			3	1	47				1	1	54	54
15	26	106	4		1		4	2	1	68				1	1	63	63
	236	838	58		10		31	33	15	878	2	17	349	11	19	1010	1010
16	29	74	7					2	1	70				1	1	49	49
17	23	92	4				1	2	1	200				1	3	178	178
18	28	67	2				2	3	1	60				1	1	54	54
19			5						1	50				1	1	41	41
	80	233	18				3	7	4	380				4	6	322	322
20	55	136	6				3	2	1	180				1	2	88	88
21	10	37															
22	5	46	5				3	1	1	75				1	2	84	84
23	47	158	16		1		4	3	1	140				1	2	128	128
24		10	1						1	30				1	1	27	27
25		8	8						1	45				1	1	47	47
26	41	109							1	60				1	1	82	82
27	46	138	12				2	1	1	160				1	2	130	130
28	19	57							1	50							
29	1	26							1	30							
	224	725	48		1		12	7	9	770				7	11	586	586
30	30	118	4				3	6	1	71				1	2	93	93
31	61	114	3				1	6	1	61				1	1	40	40
32	52	132	6				7	7	1	90				1	1		
33	8	21	3			1	1		1								
34	56	119	4				1	1	1	164				1	1	53	53
35	14	35	4				1	1	1	31							
36	41	132	7			1	6	2	1	52				1	1	48	48

	Property							Contributions of Church				
	No. Churches	Estimated Value of Churches in £	No. Parsonages	Estimated Value of Parsonages in £	Estimated Value Schools, Hospitals, Printing Pres., Lands, etc. in £	Estimated Value all W. D. C. S. Property in £	Indebtedness		Contributions, Support Local Church, Ch. Collections, Tithe, etc.	For Building Repairs, Equipment, etc.	For other local purposes Govt. Grant, Farm Produce etc.	Total Contributions on Field
							On Real Estate in £	Amount Paid in £				
	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
1	1								£20.10.0			
1	1	£ 3000	4	1760	4185			230	£83		1920	2008
2	1	20	1	10	20				30		48	78
3	1	10	1	5					20		17	37
4	1	10	1	10					24		16	£ 40
5	1	10	1	5					8		8	16
6	1	10	1	10					26		32	58
7	1	10	1	10					30		48	78
8	1	10	1	10					20		16	36
9	1	20	1	5					3		1	4
10	1	5	1	5					20		15	35
11	1	5										
12	1	25	2	20					50		60	110
13	1	10	1	5					20		15	35
14	1	5	1	5					24			24
15	1	10	1	20					24		16	40
	14	160	14	120	20				299		292	591
16	1	30	1	10	12				20		16	36
17	1	40	1	30	15				34		36	70
18	1	10	1	10	13				20		30	50
19	1	5	1	4	8				20			20
	4	85	4	54	48				94		82	176
20	1	20	1	4	8				28		42	70
21	1	10		54	48							
22	1	30	1	20					24		17	41
23	1	20	1						28		18	46
24	1	8		10					7		6	13
25	1	10		10					20		3	23
26	1	20	2						28		16	44
27	1	20	1								18	18
28	1	20	1								16	16
29	1	8									12	12
	10	166	7	75					135		148	283
30	1	10							26		36	62
31	1	10	1	20					20		32	52
32	1								20		34	54
33	1	5	1	10								
34	1	5	1	10					20		30	50
35	1	5										
36	1	5	1	10					16		16	32

	Property							Contributions of Church					
	No Churches	Estimated Value of Churches in £	No. Parsonages	Estimated Value of Parsonages in £	Estimated Value Schools, Hospitals, Printing Press, Lands, etc. in £	Estimated Value all W.D. C. S. Property in £	Indebtedness		Contributions, Support Local Church, Ch. Illections, Tithe, etc.	For Building Repairs, Equipment, etc.	For other local purchases Govt. Grant, Farm Produce etc.	Total Contributions on Field	
	34	35	36	37	38	39	On Real Estate in £ Amount Paid in £	40	41	42	43	44	45
1			4	4,845	9,845	7,420				145	252	4790	5187
2	5	125	7	50	60					92	57	165-17	314-17
3	5	140	9	85	50					98	58	289-2	445-2
4	9	180	13	210	20					134	110	415-2	659-2
5	5	140	6	55						86		133-10	219-10
6	4	80	6	65	25					58	60	89	207
	28	665	45	5,310	10,000	7,420				613	537	5882-11	7032-11-
7	1	20	1	5						4- 0-0			4- 0-0
8										18-			18- 0-0
9	1	10	1	10						12- 0-0		15-10- 0	27-10-0
10	1	10	1	10						12- 0-0		15-10- 0	27-10-0
11	1	20	2	20						22- 0-0		30-10- 0	52-10-0
12	1	30	2	30						18- 5-0		30-10- 0	48-15-0
13	1	10								6- 0-0			6
14	1	20	2	25						25- 5-0		30-10- 0	55-15-0
15										5- 0-0			5
16										5- 0-0			5
17										2-10-0			2-10-0
18	1	20	1	10						12- 0-0		15-10- 0	27-10-0
19	1	25	2	20						12-16-0		143- 8- 0	156- 4-0
	9	165	12	130						154-16-0		281- 8- 0	436- 4-0
20	1	20	1	10						16-16-0		57-10- 0	47-
21	1	20	2	20						14-			14-
22										9- 5-0			9-5-0
23	1	50	2	500	450					313 11-6		247-10- 0	561-1-6
24	1	10	2	20						17-		15-10- 0	32-10-
25	1	10	1	10						13-		30-10- 0	43-10-
26	1	10								2- 0-0			2-
27	1	20	2	20						20- 5-0		57-10- 0	77-15-
	7	140	10	580	450					405-11-6		408-10- 0	814-1-6
	16	305	22	710	450					560- 7-6		689-18- 0	1250-5-0
28					0					0	100	0	100
29	1	20	1	5	£8					6- 5-0		15- 0- 0	21-5-0
30	1	50	2		£75					12- 7-3	100	69- 0- 0	181-7-3
31	1	50	2	25	£90					0- 0-0	100	48- 0- 0	148-0-0
32	1	75	1	10	£10					10- 5-0	10	15- 0- 0	35-5-0
33	1	10	1	8	£8					6- 2-6	10	15- 0- 0	21-2-6
34	1	50	1	10	£150					10- 6-0	100	15- 0- 0	125-6-0



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STATISTICS of the Rhodesia Annual Conference 1945				Missionaries		African Workers							Christian Community				
				D. F. M. Missionaries		W. D. C. S.	Other Workers	Ord. Con. Mem.		Local Preachers	Unordained			Workers of the W. D. C. S.	Church Members	Preparatory Members	Total Preparatory and Full Members
								Full Members	On Trial		Local Preachers	Con. Memb. On Trial	Local Preachers				
				Men	Women												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
1	Chakoha								1	1	2		57	37	94		
2	Chayemiti									1			13	14	27		
3	Mutambara Reserve								2	1	2						
4	Dunhu								1		1		36	39	75		
5	Munyora												8	2	10		
6	Bvumbura								1				8	16	24		
7	Mutambara Mission	1	1	4	2	1			8	9	13	9	394	311	705		
8	Matsororo									1							
Totals		1	1	4	2	1			19	16	22	9	696	599	1295		
9	Nyadiri Mission	2	2	5		1			15				434	199	633		
	Nyadiri East																
10	Nyakabau								3				55	93	148		
11	Nyamakope								2				17	34	51		
12	Gurure								2				20	35	55		
13	Kagande								3				15	10	25		
14	Makokoro & Chindenga								2				14	32	46		
Totals									12				121	204	325		
	Uzumba North																
15	Chekuhwa & Katiyo				1				4	1			45	56	101		
16	Mashambanaka								1				66	94	160		
17	Machechera								2				39	9	48		
18	Matsenga								1				2	9	11		
19	Chipfunde								1				7	21	28		
20	Chivinge													3	3		
Totals					1				9	1			159	192	351		
	Pfungwe Maramba																
21	Chidakwa				1				4	1			15	39	54		
22	Dindi								3	1			21	35	56		
23	Maramba								2				9	29	39		
24	Saparananyambuya												5	30	35		
25	Mutata																
26	Kapura								1								
Totals					1				9	2			50	133	184		
	Uzumba South																
27	Chitimbe				1				4				62	75	137		
28	Zaranyika								1				56	46	102		
29	Zanga								4				45	47	92		
30	Kasika												33	57	90		
31	Garwe												2	5	7		
Totals					1				11				198	230	428		

											Educational							
											Baptisms	Sunday Schools	Boarding Schools		Elementary School			
	Baptized Children not in Cols. 14, 15.	Total Christian Community (Cols. 16, 17)	Preparatory Members Rec'd during year	Non-Resident Members	Marriages	Deaths During year	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	No. Sunday Schools	No. Scholars	No. Boarding Schools	No. Teachers	Students	No. Elementary Schools	No. Teachers	Students	Total under Instruction	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	
1	39	133	9	10	1		3	15	1					1	4			
2	1	28	6	5			2		1	63				1	1	52	52	
3									1	220				1	4	220	220	
4	83	158	15	10			2	12	1	121				1	2	60	60	
5		10							1									
6	2	26						1	1	48	1			1	1	31	31	
7	158	863	34	150	5	2	15	19	3	344	1	14	226	1	5	189	415	
8					1				1	56				1	1	37	37	
9	408	1677	89	214	11	3	28	64	17	1495	2	14	226	13	30	1193	1319	
10	178	911	28				1	25	6	2	245	2	18	282	1	4	219	
11	35	183	3			1			1	144				1	2	118	118	
12	16	67	1		1		1	1	1	121				1	1	62	62	
13	3	58	7			4	1	1	1	153				1	2	81	81	
14	12	37	1				1	1	1	97				1	1	54	54	
	2	48	4				2	1	1	116				1	1	52	52	
15	68	393	16		1	1	5	5	5	631				5	7	367	367	
16	28	129	19				1	3	1	188				1	3	144	144	
17	42	202	7			2			1	118				1	2	108	108	
18	15	63	13				2		1	115				1	2	76	76	
19		11	1		1				1	56				1	1	48	48	
20	8	36	1						1	73				1	1	62	62	
	1	4							1									
21	94	545	40		1	3	5	6	550					5	9	438	438	
22	5	59	3		1	1	2		1	120				1	2	56	56	
23	11	67	8		1			3	1	130				1	1	69	69	
24		39	6		1			2	1	138				1	2	72	72	
25		35							1									
26	1	1							1	62				1	1	64	64	
27	17	201	17		3	1	2	5	5	450				4	6	261	261	
28	19	156	16			1	13		1	175				1	4	170	170	
29	26	128	6		1		4	4	1	112				1	3	103	103	
30	15	107	15			1		4	1	95				1	2	81	81	
31		90	11			6			1	60				1	1	69	69	
		7	1			1			1	45				1	1	53	53	
	60	488	49		1	1	25	8	5	487				5	11	476	476	

Property								Contributions of Church				
No. Chnrches	Estimated Value of Church in £	No. Parsonages	Estimated value of Parsonages in £	Estimated Value Schools, Hospitals, Printing Press, Lands, etc. in £	Estimated Value all W. D. C. S. Property in £	Indebtedness		Contributions, Support Local Church, Ch. Collections, Tithe, etc.	For Building Repairs, Equipment, etc.	For other local purposes Govt. Grant, Farm Produce etc.	Total Contributions on Field	
						On Real Estate in £	Amount Paid in £					
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	
1	1	10	2	20	125			21- 0-0	50	69-0-0	140-0-0	
2		8			8			4- 7-6	8	0-0-0	12-7-6	
3	1		2	30	250			0- 0-0	150	96-0-0	246-0-0	
4		40	1	6	85			15-18-6	25	30-0-0	70-18-6	
5	1			6				0-0-0		0-0-0		
6	1	40	1		50			8 10-0	57	15-0-0	98-10-0	
7	1	555	1	1050	5905	6950		100-7-2	450	316-13-10	3923-13-10	
8	1	10	1		8			9-0-3		15- 0- 0	27-0-3	
	12	918	16	1170	6774	6950		204-10-0	1078	4315-13-10	5698-3-10	
9			4	4,845	9845	7420		145	252	4790-18	5,187	
10	1	25	2	15	60			26	35	53-18	114-18	
11	1	20	1	5				16	22	25	63- 0	
12	1	30	2	15				18		46-14	64-14	
13	1	20	1	10				16		15-10	31-10	
14	1	30	1	5				16		24-15	40-15	
	5	125	7	50	60			92	57	165-17	314-17	
15	1	30	2	30				24		51	75. 0. 0	
16	1	30	1	5				18		24	42. 0. 0	
17	1	30	1	10				18		32	50. 0. 0	
18	1	30	1	5				16		21 10.0	37. 10.0	
19	1	20	1	5				10		5.0.0	15. 0. 0	
20												
	5	140	6	55				86		133. 10.0	219. 10.0	
21												
22	1	30	2	30	25			16	20	43	79	
23	1	20	1	10				17		23	40	
24	1	20	2	15				17	20	21	58	
25												
26	1	10	1	10				8	20	2	30	
	4	80	6	65	25			58	60	89	207	
27												
28	1	20	2	30	50			22	10	188	220	
29	1	30	3	30				22	10	44-18	76-18	
30	1	30	2	15				22	10	23-- 2	58- 2	
31	1	30	1	5				16	8	24-12	48-12	
	1	30		5				16	20	5-10	41-10	
	5	140	9	85	50			98	58	280- 2	445-2	

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STATISTICS  of the  Rhodesia Annual  Conference  1945		Missionaries			African Workers									Christian Community			
		D. F. M. Missionaries W. D. C. S.			Other Workers	Ord. Con. Men		Unordained							Church Members	Preparatory Members	Total Preparatory and Full Members
						Full Members	On Trial	Local Preachers	Conf. Memb. On Trial	Local Preachers	Exhorters	Other Workers	Workers of W. D. C. S.				
		Men	Women	W. D. C. S.	Full Members	On Trial	Local Preachers	Conf. Memb. On Trial	Local Preachers	Exhorters	Other Workers	Workers of W. D. C. S.	Church Members	Preparatory Members	Total Preparatory and Full Members		
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Nyadiri Circuit																	
1	Manyika					1				7	2			109	79	188	
2	Karimbika									2				11	24	36	
3	Kasambarare													25	29	54	
4	Cidodo & Cibwanda													42	36	78	
5	Kangara									1				6	2	8	
6	Mugobe									4				46	57	103	
7	Mupaya									3	1			57	55	112	
8	Musanhi									3				27	60	87	
9	Nyambara									2				16	24	40	
10	Sori													15	15	20	
11	Mungando														5	5	
Total						1				22	3			354	386	731	
Old Umtali Umtali District Maranke Circuit																	
12	Chirinda	4	4	3	1	3	0	0		16	8	10	7	130	178	308	
13	Chipfatsura					1					1	3	2	100	6	106	
14	Mafararikwa													127	7	134	
15	Makomwe	1	1			2						3		60	27	87	
16	Maswauri											2		102	130	232	
17	Mandimbira											1		72	24	96	
18	Masasi											2		84	104	188	
19	Matanda											3		59	32	91	
20	Maviza													131	71	202	
21	Musiringofa											1		13	43	56	
22	Mutimba													41	27	68	
23	Mutsago											2		46	19	65	
24	Mushunji											2		121	57	178	
25	Nyika											2		120	103	223	
26	Mabvengwa											1		41	17	58	
27														10	2	12	
Totals		1	1			3				26	1	22		1127	659	1786	
Zimunya Circuit																	
28	Bvumba											1		55	18	73	
29	Chitakatira											3		126	33	159	
30	Dambakurimwa								1	1		1		30	24	54	
31	Dangari									1		1		64	8	72	
32	Dzobo											1		5	21	26	
33	Gwese											2		22	11	33	
34	Mambwere													13	12	25	
35	Munyarari											3		82	102	184	
36	Muradzikwa					1		1				5		130	22	152	
37	Murare					1						2		52	22	74	
38	Rowa											4		70	18	88	
39	Zonwe											1		27	10	37	
40	Derembwe													10	43	53	
Totals						2		2		41	8	24		686	344	1030	

	Baptized Children not in Cols. 14, 15.	Total Christian Commu- nity (Cols. 16, 17.)	Preparatory Members Rec'd during year	Non-Resident Members	Educational												
					Marriages	Baptisms		Sunday School	Boarding Schools		Elementary Schools			Total Under Instruction			
						Deaths during year	Adults Baptized		Children Baptized	No. of Sunday Schools	No. Scholars	No. Boarding Schools	No. Teachers		Students	No. Elementary Schools	No. Teachers
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
1	46	234	23		1	1	26	6	2	300	1	5	55	1	5	240	240
2		36	9		1		3		2	150				1	2	98	98
3	7	61							1	70							
4	23	101							1	60							
5	8		1						1	80							
6	12	115	15				5		1	221				1	2	86	86
7	41	153	10				7		3	225				1	2	78	78
8	14	101	20			1	2		3	230				1	3	160	160
9	1	41	11				1		1	70				1	1	50	50
10		35															
11		5															
	152	882	88	2		2	44	12	11	1406	1	5	55	6	15	712	712
12	107	415	2	221	1	3	0	11	3	465	2	26	280	2	23	77	357
13	102	208	6				3	3	1	100				1	2	106	
14	140	274	1		1	3	5	6	1	109				1	4	204	
15	46	133	2			1	4	3	1	50				1	1	59	
16	142	364	6		1	1	4	4	1	112				1	5	274	
17	139	235	10		2		5	6	1	87				1	2	100	
18	125	313	5				3	4	1	50				1	2	80	
19	109	200	10		3		5	3	1	54				1	2	106	
20	157	359	10		1			3	1	180				1	4	180	
21	29	85	2				5	4	1	32							
22	73	141	3		1	1	6	3	1	50				1	2	105	
23	40	105	4		3	1	6	3	1	42				1	1	90	
24	109	287	9		2		8	3	1	50				1	2	119	
25	119	342	5		2	1	6	4	1	100				1	4	173	
26	70	158	2				2	3	1	60				1	2	122	
27	14	12							1	25							
	1400	3216	75		16	12	62	52	15	1101				13	33	1718	
28	74		1	2	3		4		1	43				1	2	100	
29	92		15	3	1	3	12	24	1	124				1	2	167	
30	62		30	34		1	6	2	1	30				1	4	91	
31	53		1		1	2	5	12	1	46				1	2	92	
32	7		21	54	1		1	1	1	40				1	2	60	
33	21		4		1	1	3	1	1	40				1	1	87	
34	3		3	32	1		2	2	1	30					2		
35	32		34	100	4	2	6	32	1	100				1		200	
36	96		5		2	3	2	1	1	122				1	4	272	
37	9		9	92		2	3	5	2	30				1	6	78	
38	91		6		3	1	5	1	1	43				1	2	150	
39	5		2	44		1	4		1	40				1	4	50	
40	2		2	65			1		1	30				1	1	86	
	547	1587	133	426	17	16	54	81	14	718				12	31	1433	



Property						Contributions of Church					
No. Churches	Estimated Value of Churches in £	No. Parsonages	Estimated Value of Parsonages in £	Estimated Value Schools, Hospitals, Printing, Press Lands, etc. in £	Estimated Value all W. D. C. S. Property in £	Indebtedness		Contributions, Support Local Church, Ch. Collections, Tithe, etc.	For Building Repairs, Equipment etc.	For Other local Purposes Govt. Grant, Earm Produce etc.	Total Contributions on Field
						On Real Estate in £	Amount Paid in £				
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
1	1	40	4	80				34. 0. 0	75	257	366
2	1	40	2	30	10			48. 0. 0		26	44
3	1										
4	1										
5	1										
6	1	20	2	30				18. 0. 0	20	27. 12.	65. 12.
7	1	20	2	25	10			18	10	40. 10.	68. 10.
8	1	30	2	25				30	5	73	78. 0.
9	1	30	1	20				16		21	37
10											
11											
	9	180	13	210	10			134	110	415. 2.	659. 2. 0
12	1	500	8	5280	21050	9440		101. 7. 4	450	3500	4051. 9. 3
13	1	50						35. 12. 0	2. 10. 0	23. 0. 0	60. 2. 0
14	2	100	2	60				35. 7. 0	50. 0. 0	66. 0. 0	151. 7. 0
15	1	25	1	10				19. 5. 6	15. 0. 0	15. 0. 0	49. 5. 0
16	2	125	2	60				25. 14. 6	25. 0. 0	93. 0. 0	143. 14. 0
17	1	50	1	20				24. 5. 0	10. 0. 0	15. 0. 0	49. 5. 6
18	1	35	1	20				24. 2. 0	5. 0. 0	15. 0. 0	44. 2. 0
19	1	25	1	10				26. 3. 0	2. 10. 0	33. 0. 0	61. 13. 0
20	2	125	1	10				43. 14. 6	20. 0. 0	69. 0. 0	132. 14. 6
21	1	10						8. 4. 6			8. 4. 6
22	1	25	1	20				17. 1. 6	20. 0. 0	33. 0. 0	70. 1. 6
23	1	15	1	10				10. 16. 0	20. 0. 0		30. 16. 0
24	1	30	1	15				27. 14. 0	10. 0. 0	30. 0. 0	17. 14. 0
25	1	30	1	20				31. 2. 0	15. 0. 0	66. 0. 0	112. 2. 0
26	1	10	1	10				28. 1. 0	2. 10. 0	33. 0. 0	63. 11. 0
27	1	10						59. 0			9. 0
	18	665	14	265				356. 11. 6	197. 10. 0	491. 0. 0	1055. 1. 6
28	1	20	1	10				27. 15. 9	2. 10. 0	15. 0. 0	45. 5. 9
29	2	125	1	20				24. 1. 6	5. 0. 0	69. 0. 0	98. 1. 6
30	1	20	1	10				18. 0. 0	5. 0. 0	33. 0. 0	56. 0. 0
31	1	30	1	15				16. 8. 0	5. 0. 0	36. 0. 0	75. 8. 0
32	1	10	1	10				13. 11. 0	10. 0. 0		23. 11. 0
33	1	50	1	10				21. 1. 6	2. 10. 0	44. 3. 0	67. 14. 10
34	1	10						4. 8. 0			4. 8. 0
35	2	100	1	25				48. 4. 0	30. 0. 0	48. 0. 0	106. 4. 0
36	2	100	2	30				32. 2. 6	20. 0. 0	117. 0. 0	169. 18. 6
37	1	20	1	10				21. 12. 6	2. 10. 0	35. 6. 0	59. 8. 6
38	1	50	1	20				21. 2. 0	5. 0. 0	72. 0. 0	98. 2. 0
39	1	20	1	10				8. 11. 0	2. 10. 0		11. 1. 0
40	1	25	1	10				17. 16. 0	20. 0. 0	18. 0. 0	55. 16. 0
	16	580	13	180				254. 13. 9	110. 0. 0	488. 5. 4	852. 19. 1

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STATISTICS  of the Rhodesia Annual Conference  1945	Missionaries			African Workers								Christian Community				
	Men	Women	W. D. C. S.	Other Workers	Ord.		Unordained						Church Members	Preparatory Members	Total Preparatory and Full Members	
					Full Members	On Trial	Local Preachers	Conf. Memb. On Trial	Local Preachers	Exhorters	Other Workers	Workers of W. D. C. S.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Umtali Circuit																
St. Andrew's	1	1												235		235
St. Thomas				2										15		
Miller Memorial					1				21	1	9		408	128		
Hill Top School																
African Girls' Hostel			1									1				
Totals	1	1	1	2	1				21	1	9	1	658	128	235	
Maranke																
Maranke	1	1			3				26	1	22		1127	659	1786	
Zimunya					2		2	41	8	24			686	344	1030	
Totals	2	2	1	2	6		2	88	10	55	1	2471	1221	3051		
DISTRICT TOTALS																
Honde					1				4				77	29	106	
Mrewa	1	1		1	5				83	2	18		1123	917	2030	
Mtasa-Makoni	1	1			8				110	4	8		2596	748	3344	
Mtoko	1				2	1	1		21	18	3		283	456	739	
Mutambara	1	1	4	2	1				19	16	22	9	696	599	1295	
Nyadiri	2	2	5		5				78	6			1316	1344	2652	
Old Umtali	4	4	3	1	3				16	18	10	7	130	178	308	
Umtali	2	2	1	2	6		2	88	10	55	1	2471	1131	3051		
Total	12	11	13	6	31	1	1	2	419	80	116	17	8692	5402	13525	
Last Year	11	10	9	6	24	3	3	5	472	67	136	16	8045	4657	12709	
Change	1	1	4	7	2	2	3	53	13	20	1	647	745	816		

Christian Community										Baptisms	Sunday Schools	Educational				
												Boarding Schools	Elementary Schools			
Baptized Children not in Cols. 14, 15.	Total Christian Community (Cols. 16, 17.)	Preparatory Members Rec'd during year	Non-Resident Members	Marriages	Deaths during year	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	No. Sunday Schools	No. Scholars	No. Boarding Schools	No. Teachers	Students	No. Elementary Schools	No. Teachers	Students	Total under Instruction
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
200	435			7		2	20	1	130							
19								1	25							
328		39	41	3	2	18	40	4	390							
													110		502	
547	435	39	41	10	2	20	60	6	545				1	10	502	
1400	3216	75		16	12	62	52	15	1101				1333		1718	
547	1587	133	426	17	16	54	81	14	718				1231		1433	
2494	6038	247	467	43	30	136	193	35	2364				26	74	3653	
26	132	7		3	3	8	4	1	160							
977	3017	220		21	6	98	71	40	3101	217	349	27	40		2249	2598
1586	4930	315	31	57	43	148	385	44	3115	1	1	4	30	80	2788	2788
198	897	98		1	1	18	10	21	1565	211	165	18	37		1340	1465
408	1677	89	214	11	3	28	64	17	1495	214	226	13	30		1123	1345
569	3419	238		8	6	104	41	34	3769	323	337	26	52		2473	2755
107	415	2	221	1	3	0	11	3	465	226	280		223		77	357
2494	6038	247	467	43	30	136	193	35	2364				26	74	3653	3653
6365	20515	1211	933	145	95	540	779	195	16034	1292	1361	142	336		1370	14965
6224	19787	1123	581	149	76	524	520	187	15315	1287	1224	137	300		1175	11319
141	728	88	342	4	19	16	259	8	719	5	137	5	36		1944	3646

Property									Contribution of Church				
No. of Churches		Estimated Value of Churches in £	No. Parsonages	Estimated Value of Parsonages in £	Estimated Value Schools, Hospitals, Printing Press, Lands, etc. in £	Estimated Value all W. D. C. S. Property in £	On Real Estimated in £	Amount Paid in £	Contributions, Support Local Church, Ch. Collections, Title etc.	For Building Repairs, Equipment, etc.	For Other local purposes, Gvt. Grant Farm Produce etc.	Total Contributions on Field	
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45		
1	1	1800	1	1800	1600				400-0-0	10.0.0		410.0.0	
2									4-0-0			4.0.0	
3	1	1800			200				98.15.6			98.15.6	
4									55-9-3	66.0.0	123 0.0	244.9.3	
5						3500			266-0-0	5.0-0	60.0.0	331.0.0	
	2	3600	1	1800	1800	3500			824; 4. 9	81-0.0	183.0.0	1088.4.9	
6	18	665	13	265					356.11.6	197.10.0	491.0.0	1075.1.6	
7	16	580	14	180					254.13.9	110.0.0	488.5.4	852.19.1	
	36	4845	28	2245	1800				1435.10.0	388.10.0	1162.5.4	2986.5.4	
8	1								20-10 6			20-10-6	
9	36	3416	41	2041	5205				694-0-0		2582	3276-0-6	
10	43	2360	61	1553	3850				1333-0-0	988.10.0	1131.0.6	3453.0.6	
11	16	305	22	710	450				560.7.6		639.18.0	1200.5.6	
12	12	918	16	1170	6774	6950			204-10-0	1178.0.0	4315.13.10	5698.3.10	
13	28	665	45	5310	10000	7420			613-0-0	537.0.0	5882.11.0	7032.11.0	
14	1	500	8	5280	21050	9440			101-7-4	450.0.0	3500 0.0	4051.7.4	
15	36	4845	28	2245	1800	3500			1435.10.0	388.0.0	1162.5.4	2986.5.4	
	183	13009	221	18309	49109	27310			4962.15 4	3542 0-0	19213.0.0	27718.4.0	
	164 + 19	12591 + 508	195 + 26	17774 + 585	42013 + 7095	26210 + 1100	230	220	4510.8.8 + 452-6-8	2333.13.6 + 1208 6-6	15447.0.0 + 3766-8-8	22306.5.3 + 5411.18.0	













