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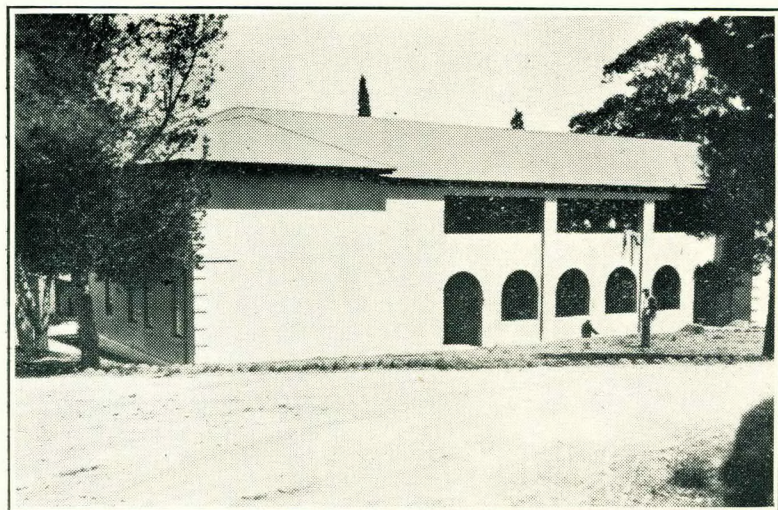
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# The Principal's Report.

The great central event of the year in Lovedale was the celebration of the Centenary. A full record of the Celebrations has already been published, and this should be regarded as the first section of the "Annual Report for 1941." Little more, therefore, need be added to what has already been fully reported. Our hearts were deeply moved during those memorable three days, as our thoughts were turned to the story of the past, to the earliest beginnings, and with thankfulness to God to the work continued throughout a hundred years. One phrase constantly recurred in the addresses: "Encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses," but it was far more than a mere phrase; it was for many in the great company gathered together an assured and experienced reality. It gave inspiration for the coming days to go forward in faith, with courage and with hope looking for greater things to be in the second century of Lovedale.

It was with a deep and constant sense of thankfulness that it was also found possible, in a year of great world war and anxiety, to continue the whole work of the Institution without interruption in all the schools and in all the departments. It was, indeed, a year of special activity in preparation for the Centenary—and for the inauguration of the second century. In the second session we were greatly saddened by the death of Major Geddes, reference to which is made in a later section of the Report. Many readjustments were necessary, but throughout the whole year the special difficulties were overcome by the loyal and willing help of the staff. There were difficulties, but it was a year with many happy memories of work well done and in a spirit of willing service.

## *Enrolment.*

The total enrolment for the year was 1310, of whom 801 were boarders, as compared with an enrolment for the previous year of 1323, of whom 796 were boarders.

The only changes to which reference need be made are: a



small increase of six in the High School ; a decrease of thirty in the Training School, (twenty boys and ten girls) ; a decrease of fourteen in the number of girls taking the Industrial Course ; and an increase of fifteen taking training in the Hospital as Nurses and Midwives.

A full survey of the enrolment was given in the report for the preceding year, mainly to indicate the trends in Native Education and the range of courses offered in Lovedale. The changes in the enrolment this year are a further indication of the general trends in Native Education already noted.

### *Discipline.*

The general discipline throughout the year was good, with a few exceptions. In the Girls' Boarding Department no serious disciplinary case occurred, and there was a very happy atmosphere amongst the girls. In the Boys' Boarding Department, the great majority of the students behaved well ; and throughout a difficult year tried to co-operate and to help the Boarding Authorities in maintaining good order. It was perhaps inevitable that some should be affected by the spirit of unrest prevailing throughout a country in a period of war, and a small minority gave much cause for anxiety. This was intensified at the end of the year, when unexpectedly the session had to be extended indeterminately by the Department of Education, for reasons of national emergency. This was mercifully shortened to one week. It was difficult for all the students to appreciate the reasons, but the majority tried to play the game honourably. A small nucleus, however, which had been giving trouble previously infected others, and to our great regret it has been necessary to forbid many of these to return to Lovedale. One cannot speak too highly of the way in which Mr. George McGillivray, the Boarding Master, handled a very difficult situation. In this he was greatly helped by the staff and by senior prefects. The last two nights were the quietest on record for many years for the closing period. The girls in the Boarding Department responded well in the emergency, and thanks to the most unselfish work of Miss Moore-Anderson and the European Staff, the extra week became one of the happiest in the year for the girls.

### *The Staff.*

A record is given elsewhere (Pg. 54) of members of the Staff who have been granted military leave and are on active service. They have been constantly in our remembrance, and their letters from the front have been a source of inspiration not only to their old colleagues but also to their former students. Although we have not yet complete records, we know that some of our own men were engaged in the fierce battle for Cyraenica in November. There were many anxious homes, as the reports came in not only of the great gallantry of the troops but of heavy casualties. On the last day of the session we were grieved to receive the official report that Lieutenant J. W. Macquarrie, the Head of our Training School, was "missing." A month later further news came through the International Red Cross that he was a prisoner-of-war in Italy, and shortly thereafter his voice was heard from the Vatican City Radio sending messages to his wife and family stating that he was in an Italian camp well-cared for and "amongst his friends." For the hope which this gives for the future, we give thanks to God. Personal messages from Senior Officers tell of his fine influence amongst the troops and of his personal gallantry.

Our thanks are due to all members of staff, new and old, who carried on the work throughout the year, often under great stress, and to all who have given emergency help in the absence of those on military service, without which it would have been impossible to continue uninterruptedly the work of the Institution.

At the end of September, Mr. I. Oldjohn, senior assistant in the High School, left to take up the Principalship of a new Secondary School at Aliwal North. For nearly twelve years he had given distinguished service as a teacher, particularly of Xhosa which latterly he taught throughout the School to the Matriculation standard. An acknowledged authority, he became an invaluable adviser to the Press on Xhosa Literature and Publications. His interests were in the whole life of the students in the Institution. He gave ready help wherever it was needed ; in school and in social work ; in Youth Movements and Dramatics ; in Bible Classes and in the spiritual work of the



Congregation of which he was first a Deacon and then an Elder. His wife had been a distinguished student of Lovedale and was later a member of the staff as a teacher of Domestic Science until their marriage. On several occasions thereafter she gave emergency help in teaching, which was much appreciated. They will be greatly missed in Lovedale, but we wish them great happiness in their new home and in this work with its opportunity of building up from the beginning a new urban secondary school.

At the end of the year, Miss R. I. Stuart retired on pension, after sixteen years of devoted service as a teacher of Domestic Science in the Girls' Industrial Department. A daughter of the late Rev. William Stuart, an honoured missionary of the Scottish Church at Burnshill, she had from her earliest years an intimate knowledge of Bantu life. She was at school in Edinburgh when her mother died; and thereafter she kept house for three brothers, two of whom were killed in the war of 1914-1918. Completing her training as a teacher of Domestic Science, she returned to South Africa and joined the Lovedale Staff in 1925. In all her work she set before the girls a very high standard. Its perfection and its variety always won the admiration of those most competent to judge it, and her high standards must have had an enduring influence in the afterlife and in the homes of those whom she had trained. She had a talent for making use of uncostly material; teaching the girls to make most useful garments from such—to the mere man—unpromising material as old sugar bags and woollen stockings. Old packing cases were used to make useful articles of furniture, and other scraps, regarded as waste, turned into simple but useful domestic implements. This was supplementary to the beautiful sewing and laundry work in which she excelled. Her quiet influence was greatly appreciated in the Boarding Department, and in 1939 she was appointed Vice-Superintendent of the Girls' Department after the retirement of Miss Rogers. For her long devoted service, Lovedale thanks her and wishes her much happiness in her retirement.

A great sorrow came to Lovedale when Major Geddes, our great-hearted Boarding Master passed away early on Sunday

morning, 14th September, at a Nursing Home in Port Elizabeth. A tribute to his great service to generations of students in Lovedale is given in a special section of this report, "In Remembrance," embodying the resolution adopted by the Governing Council in regard to his life and work.

Mrs. Geddes, who had been his companion throughout the whole period of his office as Boarding Master, continued her own great service as Boarding Mistress until the end of the session. In view of her retirement the Governing Council adopted the following resolution, giving expression in some measure—for words cannot express it adequately—to the esteem which all have had for her work, and to the affection with which she was regarded:—

"The Council records deep appreciation of the great help which Mrs. Geddes has given in so many different ways as Boarding Mistress; and of the kindness of her care for all connected with the Boys' Boarding Department. Reference is made in another minute to her care for the small boys, in whom she took a special interest. They will always remember with affection all that she has done for them. Her supervision of the work of servants, and her kindly personal interest in their welfare, has contributed greatly to the smooth working and happiness of the Boarding Department. Her thoughtfulness for the comfort of all members of the Staff, in some years a large company, greatly helped to create a friendly community. For these and all her many other varied services, the Council thanks her. In her retirement, wherever she may decide to make her home, the Council prays she that may find happiness and peace, with opportunities for long continued service."

The illness and the death of Major Geddes made many changes necessary, and we were deeply grateful for the willing help that was offered and given. Throughout the Centenary Celebrations Mr. George McGillivray took charge of the administration ably assisted by Mr. T. Atkinson as host in the Dining Hall, and by many others. To the end of the year, Mr. McGillivray acted as Boarding Master, and at the meeting of the Governing Council in November he was formally appointed Boarding Master in succession to Major Geddes, a post which



he accepted with great diffidence, but with the complete confidence of his friends. At the same time—at the beginning of the second session—Mr. A. D. McNab kindly consented to act as Accountant in the General Office, continuing to supervise the work of the Bookstore and the Publications Department of the Press. Lovedale owes a deep debt of gratitude to both Mr. McGillivray and Mr. McNab for the heavy burdens which they have carried so unselfishly and so efficiently.

In a special section of this report, we give tributes mainly from resolutions adopted by the Governing Council "In Remembrance" of former members of the staff and of others who had long association with Lovedale, who died during the year: John Lennox, James Chalmers, William Louis Geddes, Mrs. Grant (daughter of Dr. James Stewart) William Thurlbeck and Mary Munsie Brown, (M.M.B.)

"In Thy light we shall see light."

#### *Visitors.*

During the Centenary, many visitors came to Lovedale for the celebrations, from all parts of Africa. Their presence and their interest greatly inspired us all. A record of these visitors is given in the special Report of the Centenary Celebrations.

Their Excellencies, Sir Patrick Duncan, the Governor-General, and Lady Duncan, who had been unable to be present at the Centenary, honoured Lovedale by a visit on 18th August. All greatly appreciated their kind and gracious thought in paying this visit, at a time of special anxiety.

The War made it impossible for visitors from overseas to visit Lovedale throughout the year, but owing to the difficulty of travelling many missionaries came to South Africa for furlough and leave. We regarded it as a privilege and an honour to receive many as guests in Lovedale. We valued greatly this opportunity of renewing contact with many old friends and colleagues, and of making new contacts with other missionaries from all parts of Africa.

Missionary visitors from the Church of Scotland included: Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Rev. A. H. Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. Macdonald of the Calabar Mission, Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. Benzies, Miss

E. Bevoridge, Miss C. P. Moir, Miss C. Thomson, Gold Coast Mission ; Mrs. Adamson, Dr. and Mrs. Brown, Rev. W. C. Galbraith, Mr. and Mrs. Rankin (and children), of the Nyasa-Rhodesia Missions.

Missionaries of other Churches (and Educationists) included: Dr. and Mrs. McKelvie, C.M.S. Hospital, Onitsha, Nigeria ; Rev. R. W. Stopford and Miss Elliot, Achimota ; Mr. M. Hartley, of the Gold Coast ; Sister Susannah, Father Parsell, American Holy Cross Mission, Liberia ; Rev. H. W. Coxill, Secretary Council of Protestant Missions, Belgian Congo ; Miss D. Gayer, King's College, Budo ; Mr. J. de Boer (Nederlands' Consul), Kampala, Uganda ; Miss M. Koekemoer, Mkhoma, Nyasa, Rev. H. and Mrs. v. d. Merwe (and children), Rev. A. F. and Mrs. Louw (and children), of the Dutch Reformed Church Missions in Nyasa and S. Rhodesia ; Sister L. E. Page, Anglican Hospital, Bonda ; Rev. E. G. and Mrs. Nightingale, Methodist Mission, Southern Rhodesia ; Dr. Peter and Mrs. Shepherd, U.F. Church Hospital, Bechuanaland ; Dr. and Mrs. Hynd, Church of the Nazarenes Hospital, Swaziland ; Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, L.M.S., Taungs.

We valued also visits from many others from the Union of South Africa, giving evidence to the deep interest which is taken in wide circles in Missionary Educational work for the Bantu. In this connection the renewed visits of a party of students (European) from the Grahamstown Training College, and of children from the Convent School, King William's Town, were greatly appreciated.

#### *Conclusion.*

This is the last annual report that I shall present as Principal of Lovedale. In the preparation of it, the work and the fellowship in work of the last ten years have been constantly in remembrance. Conscious of so many shortcomings, my closing words can only be an expression of deep thankfulness to God for his "long-suffering and tender-mercies," and for his "grace and love" that are beyond all our understanding, and greater than all our "doing."

In closing, I would like to thank—from a full heart—all



colleagues who from the day that we came to Lovedale in 1932, and in increasing measure throughout the years, have made the way of a Principal easier. By their friendship and their co-operation in a common purpose, all work lost any sense of being a burden and has been made a joy. After all, it is only as a Community, in which each has a special work to do and a special contribution to make towards the common good, and as a Fellowship in the one Spirit, that there can be any full realisation amongst generation after generation of students of those great purposes for which Lovedale was founded, and for which alone it is continued. Principals may pass away, but the community remains !

It is to a very troubled and needy world that the students who have been trained recently in Lovedale have gone out. They have received here a training, the best that we can offer to prepare them for many different professions and trades. They will be continually in our remembrance, with the prayer that having learnt here in Lovedale something of the great spiritual realities, they may experience increasingly in their own lives the redeeming power of the Love of God. So may they all have some worthy share in the upbuilding of a new and better and more Christ-like world.

There is sadness in leaving a community where there has been so much happiness in work together for ten years, but the memories and the fellowship are enduring. And in demitting office as Principal, it is in the happy knowledge that the call of the Church is to the Rev. Robert Wishart Shepherd as the future Principal of Lovedale, to whom I owe more than words can ever express throughout the whole period of my own office.



The late Dr. J. Lennox



## In Remembrance.

689. *Rev. John Lennox.*

*Resolution adopted by the Governing Council in March, 1936, in view of his retirement.*

The Governing Council records with regret the retirement of Rev. John Lennox who for the long period of forty-four years has given front-rank service to the missionary cause in South Africa. Following a distinguished academic career, Mr. Lennox came to South Africa in 1892, and after a period as Acting-Principal of the Blythwood Institution began to assist in the training of theological students at Lovedale and also took charge of the Lovedale High School. For over twenty-five years he was intimately associated with the life and work of the Institution. The years of service at Lovedale were interrupted also by notable service with the South African Native Labour Contingent in the Great War. When in 1921 the theological classes were transferred from Lovedale to the South African Native College at Fort Hare, Mr. Lennox proceeded to Fort Hare where, in addition to his duties as theological tutor of Presbyterian and other students, he became Warden of the Hostel supported by the Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church of South Africa, and was also bursar of the College. Mr. Lennox's service, however, was not confined to the interests of Lovedale and Fort Hare. He has filled many prominent administrative posts in Church courts and other bodies, and at the time of his retirement is President of the General Missionary Conference of South Africa.

The Governing Council, of which Mr. Lennox has been a member since its inception, gives thanks to God for the outstanding service he has rendered, congratulates him on the honour to be conferred on him by his own University of Edinburgh, and wishes him every happiness in the coming years. It rejoices to know that his retirement is likely to be spent in South Africa so that his assistance will still be available for the land and the cause to which he has devoted his life.

911. *The late Rev. J. Lennox., O.B.E., DD.*

*Resolution adopted by the Governing Council in March, 1941.*

The Governing Council records with much regret the death of the Rev. Dr. J. Lennox, which took place on 10th February. At the time of his retirement in 1936 the Governing Council paid tribute to Dr. Lennox's long and distinguished service. To that minute, 689, it would refer. The Council gratefully records that throughout the years of his retirement Dr. Lennox was able to continue his devoted service to missionary and other causes in Africa and that for the whole period he was a member of this Council, being one of the representatives of the Mission Council of South Africa. Thus up to the last the Council had the benefit of his great and mature experience. It has been touched to know that the last act of his public life was one in the interests of the Lovedale Centenary Celebrations.

The Governing Council expresses heartfelt sympathy with his son and daughter and other relatives, while giving thanks to God for a life so rich in personality and service.

653. *Mr. James Chalmers.*

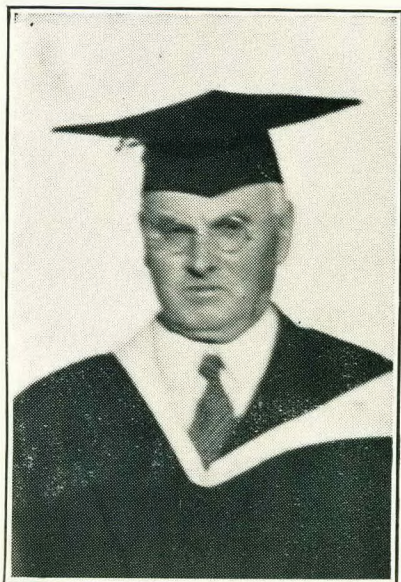
*Resolution adopted by the Governing Council in March, 1935.*

In view of the resignation of Mr. James Chalmers, to take place in June, the Governing Council records its deep appreciation of the service he has rendered to Lovedale and to the cause of Native Education generally. Mr. Chalmers joined the Lovedale Staff in 1913, and after three years in the Training School, was appointed Principal of the High School, which under his care has developed into a large, well staffed and well equipped school. Before he leaves, Mr. Chalmers will have the satisfaction of seeing it remove into a new building specially designed for its use.

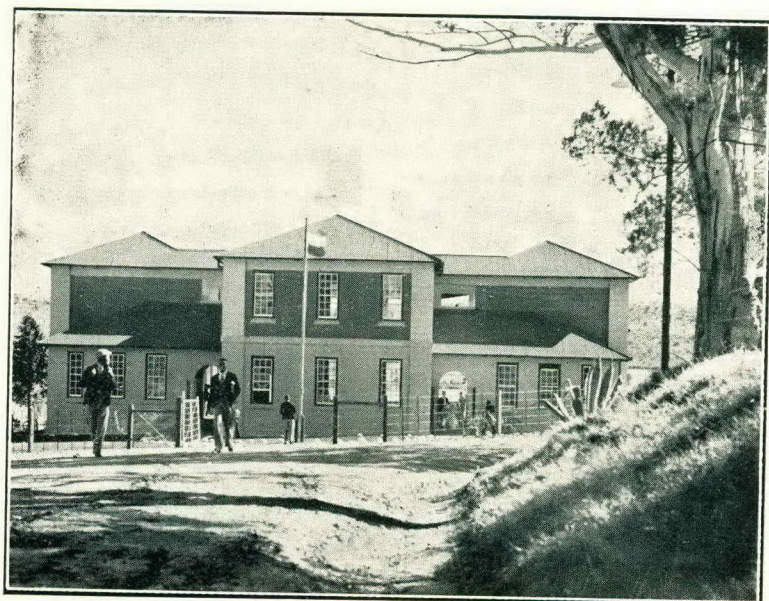
Mr. Chalmers' many gifts and practical experience have enabled him to give a wide and varied service in the Institution. He delighted many by his singing and by his skill in training and conducting choirs, large and small. He served for many years on the Victoria Hospital Board. He was one of the Senior members of the Kirk Session of the Lovedale Institution Church.

When it was decided to appoint a Vice-Principal, the choice



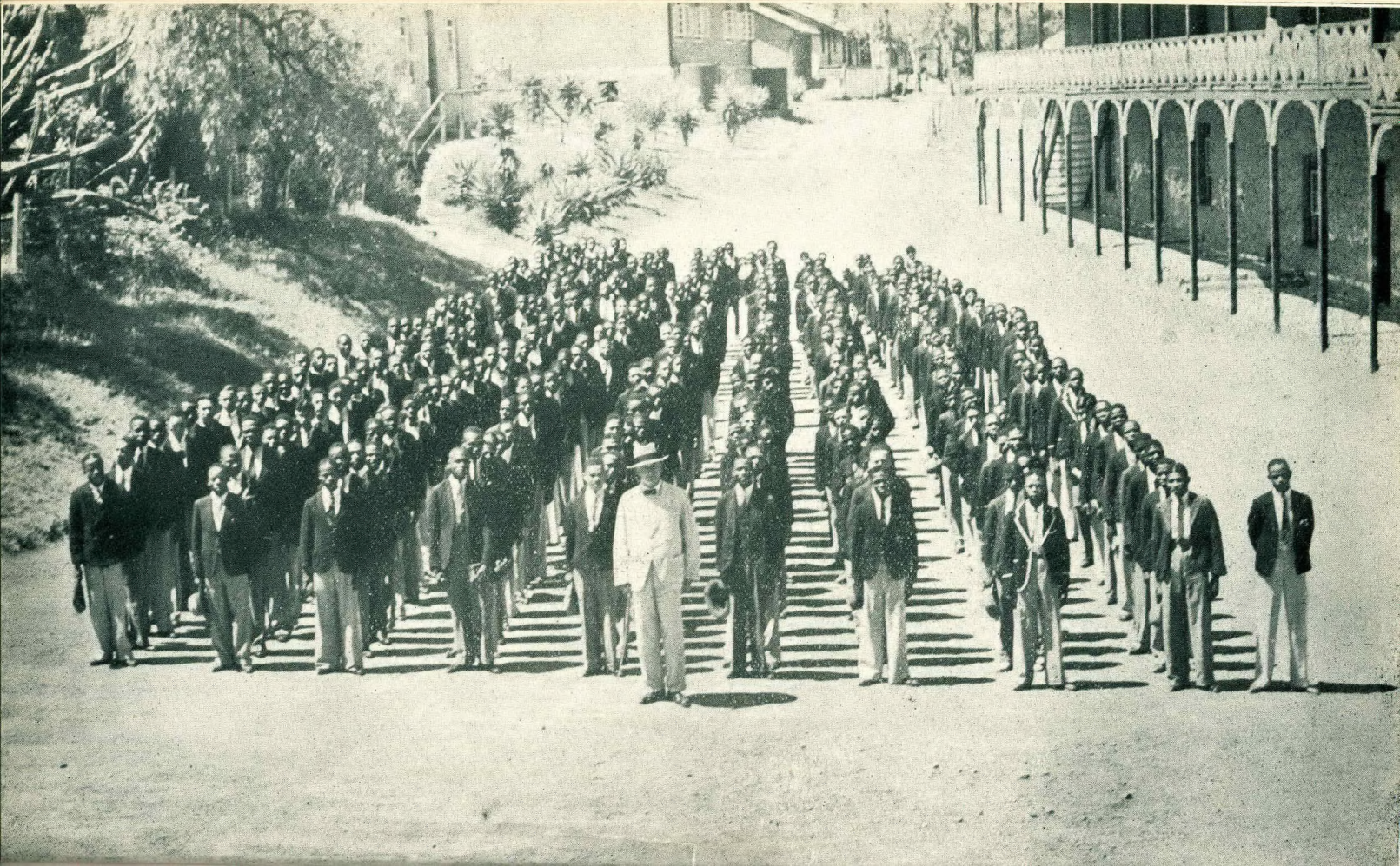


The late Mr. James Chalmers  
*(from a photograph taken at the  
opening of the New High School  
Building)*



The New High School







of the Governing Council fell unanimously upon him and he has filled the position with eminent success.

The Council makes special reference to Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers hospitable home. Many have enjoyed its simple and sincere friendship and will miss it. The Council prays that God's blessing may rest upon Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers in their retirement and assures them of their affection and esteem.

930. *The late Mr. James Chalmers, M.A., B.Sc.*

*Resolution adopted by the Governing Council in November, 1941.*

The Council records with deep regret the death of Mr. James Chalmers, which took place in Edinburgh, Scotland, on 23rd August. At the time of his retirement in 1935 the Governing Council paid tribute to Mr. Chalmers' outstanding service. To that minute, 653(5) it would refer. During the years of his retirement, Mr. Chalmers' interest in Lovedale's life and work continued unceasingly. He was appointed to the Foreign Mission Committee and by his knowledge and experience was able to render great service in its deliberations. He also offered to give help in deputation work, and Sunday by Sunday he went to congregations in all parts of Scotland, taking services and helping to further the work of the Church overseas. He greatly overtaxed his strength, but carried on until he was medically ordered to take rest.

The Council expresses deepest sympathy for Mrs. Chalmers, his constant companion throughout his life work.

929. *The late Major W. L. Geddes, O.B.E.*

*Resolution adopted by the Governing Council in November 1941.*

The Council records with deep regret that Major W. L. Geddes passed away on Sunday morning, 14th September, in St. Joseph's Nursing Home at Port Elizabeth.

William Louis Geddes was born in the Boarding Department on 29th June, 1878 ; and was in a very special sense a child of Lovedale and belonged to Lovedale. He was the second son of Mr. Alexander Geddes and Mrs. Geddes, who came to Lovedale from Scotland a few months earlier in the same year. His

father was Boarding Master for thirty years. His mother was a true "mother" to all the students, and all greatly loved her : together they established a great tradition of what a Boarding Department could be and ought to be.

On the death of Alexander Geddes, the Education Board recorded the following Minute : "He was a tower of strength to the Institution. In his own department, good tone, perfect order, discipline and management was assured with him. The influence he exerted over the Natives was remarkable. Far and wide throughout South Africa his character was known and respected by them. They recognised in him the strength, insight and sympathy of one who had the fear of God always before his eyes, and they had the greatest confidence in him and in his treatment of the Native boys and young men who came under his superintendence." The minute is quoted at length, because without the alteration of a word it applies equally to the son, William Louis Geddes, throughout the whole period in which he was Boarding Master from 1920 to 1941.

His early life as a boy was spent in Lovedale, brought up under the full influence of his father, including the strict discipline of the Boarding Master. In Lovedale he received his school education, although he was also for a short period at Blythswood and for one year in Aberdeen.

After leaving school he was employed for three years in the Standard Bank in Alice. It was probably excellent as discipline but it must often have been to him uncongenial work. He obtained leave for service in the South African War, and was later given officer rank as Lieutenant. On the open veld, with men of action, and with horses, he was more in his "element" than in an office. At the end of the war, he went to the Transvaal and from then onwards all his work was connected in one way or another with the welfare of the Bantu whom he knew so intimately and so deeply respected. As superintendent of Hospital and Compound Manager in the Mines he gave proof of his great qualities of organisation and leadership. During the Great War this led to his appointment to the charge of a Native Labour Contingent in France. He was given the rank of Major, and in recognition of his fine service was awarded the



decoration of "O.B.E." After the war, he returned to the Rand and continued with conspicuous success his work as a Compound Manager. In 1920, he was invited to come to Lovedale as Boarding Master, "in the first instance for one year." On 16th August, 1920, he began that great service in Lovedale which was to be continued for twenty-one years, winning as his father before him the complete confidence and affection of the Bantu parents and their children.

He came back to Lovedale in a very difficult period of post-war unrest from which Lovedale had not escaped; but his influence was very quickly felt. He rapidly won the confidence of all the students and apprentices by his personal interest in all that concerned their welfare, in their general health, their food, their dormitories, their daily work, their games and sports. He won their confidence most of all because of his interest in themselves as individual persons, for he had a great gift of getting to know them one by one.

In all disciplinary matters he was strict, but a strictness that was touched with kindness and understanding. In this as in so many of the other deep concerns of life, he was very like his father.

It was the same combination of strictness, kindness and understanding which made the little army of servants who came under his supervision so devoted and so loyal to him. Nothing hurt him more deeply than to find that his trust had been mistaken, and such offenders feared rightly his indignation.

He was a strong man with a great tenderness of heart, and for all little children he had a great love. He was therefore happiest when the Boarding Department had a large number of "small boys" in residence. They were devoted to him and to Mrs. Geddes, and parents trusted them to their care with absolute confidence, knowing that in him they would have a real father and in Mrs. Geddes a mother.

His activities, however, were not limited to the Boarding Department. He was interested in everything that would benefit the whole community of Lovedale. He had many duties outside the Boarding Department, some self-imposed, occasionally to an embarrassing degree. He became responsible for the

upkeep of all the roads and grounds, the fencing of lands, the cleaning of all the general buildings, transport and innumerable other services. He had great organising ability and it pleased him to use it to the full and to make a success of big functions. Inside and outside Lovedale he was turned to for help, most willingly given but often in late years far beyond his strength. His interests went far beyond Lovedale, to the whole community in Alice and in the neighbourhood. All valued his friendship and advice. For many years he was an honoured member of the Municipal Council and for two years Mayor, an office accepted with diffidence but with the sole desire to serve the whole community.

The first serious illness of his life occurred in June, 1938. It came to him as a shock, but he faced with great courage the operation that was necessary, amputation of the right leg. He returned in September with the brave determination to carry on with all his former duties despite the great disability. They were beyond his strength, but for three years he gave himself unsparingly to the life and work of Lovedale.

He looked forward with intense pleasure to the Centenary Celebrations, and all his energy was given to help in the preparations. Everything was ready, when three days before the celebrations began, illness unexpectedly compelled him to remain in bed, and he was unable to be present at any of the ceremonies. On 28th July, a few days after the return of students from vacation, it was necessary to remove him to a Nursing Home for further operations.

For seven weeks he was in hospital. Even in his greatest weakness his thought was always turning to Lovedale, interested to hear of all that was going on and sending messages to his friends here and to all his "boys." His strength, however, was gradually failing, and the end of the long illness was just a quiet passing over into a fuller life.

The great crowds that gathered for his funeral on 16th September told of the universal esteem in which he was held.

To Mrs. Geddes, their daughter Mrs. Chapman, and to other relatives the Council offers its true deep sympathy.



912. *The late Mr. W. T. Thurlbeck.*

*Resolution adopted by the Governing Council in November 1941.*

The Council records with much regret the sudden passing on 5th March of Mr. W. T. Thurlbeck, formerly Principal Teacher of the Training School. At the time of Mr. Thurlbeck's appointment to the inspectorate the Council minuted its great appreciation of the work he had done as a member of the staff of the Institution. To that minute, 548, it would refer. Since Mr. Thurlbeck had lately been appointed Inspector of Schools for this area, a new form of co-operation between himself and Lovedale had begun, and it is deeply regretted that the hopes this appointment had inspired will not now be fulfilled.

The Council places on record its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Thurlbeck, their son, and other relatives.

931. *The late Mrs. Grant, Stellenbosch.*

*Resolution adopted by the Governing Council in November 1941.*

The Council records with much regret the death of Mrs. Grant, wife of General R. C. Grant, D.S.O., O.B.E., formerly officer commanding the C.M.R. and S.A.M.R. Mrs. Grant, who was a daughter of the late Dr. James Stewart, second Principal of Lovedale, and Mrs. Stewart, followed with deep interest the fortunes of the Institution with which so much of her early life was connected. She paid Lovedale occasional visits and through the *South African Outlook* and in other ways maintained her interest in its affairs. Mrs. Grant took a full share in public work. During the war of 1914-1918, when her husband was Commandant at Potchetstroom, she organized the work in the camp. For several years General and Mrs. Grant have lived in the Stellenbosch district, and Mrs. Grant was for years President of the Stellenbosch Girl Guide Local Association. She is survived by her husband, her son Major J. M. Grant, of the Seaforth Highlanders, who is a prisoner of war in Germany, and by her two daughters, Mrs. Lennox Gordon, wife of Dr. Lennox Gordon, of Newlands and Miss Marjorie Grant, who is in England engaged on war work. To General Grant and to all other relatives the Council tenders deep and heartfelt sympathy.

*Miss M. M. Brown.*

On 27th October, Miss Mary Munsie Brown, passed away in her ninetieth year, at St. Mungo's in the Tyumie valley. She was the daughter of the late Rev. George Brown who came to South Africa as a missionary nearly a hundred years ago. Her mother was a daughter of the Rev. William Chalmers who began his missionary career at Gwali in 1827. Although she herself had only a short official connection with Lovedale, she had always a great love for the Institution and a deep interest in its students. Out of her slender resources she often gave financial help to needy persons, a fact not known until after her death. After her retirement on pension from the Postal Service, she was on the temporary staff of Lovedale for a few months in 1920, acting as Matron of the Girls' School; and from 1927-1932 she gave service in connection with the Record Files of Former Students. Many of these cards are annotated in her characteristic manner. For many years "M.M.B." as she was known to hosts, was a familiar figure in Lovedale at all public functions. She was also a prolific writer to the Press—especially on historical subjects connected with the Tyumie Valley, not untouched by romance! She was a great "character," who will long be remembered.



# School and Departmental Reports.

## THE HIGH SCHOOL.

*Principal : Mr. C. A. Pilson, B.Sc.*

### *Numbers.*

The total enrolment has again risen and was the second highest on record. The number of new admissions, 108, is also the second highest. The lowest classes, Form Ia and Ib, were thus very large, with about forty pupils in each.

### *Staff.*

Mr. I. Oldjohn, B.A., left at the end of September to become Principal of the new Secondary School at Aliwal North. For nearly twelve years he had been on the teaching Staff of the High School, where he gave fine service.

Miss R. Hurcombe, B.Sc., the teacher of Biology, resigned at the end of the year to be nearer her family in Natal. It had been her intention to resign earlier, but postponed this in the interests of the school.

Mr. G. Mzamane, B.A., after a year's teaching, mainly of Physiology and Hygiene, resigned at the end of the year to take up a new post at Fort Hare, as Curator of the new Museum.

We shall miss them all for their enthusiasm and for their work, cheerfulness and comradeship.

For the whole of October no appointment could be made to take Mr. Oldjohn's place, but Mr. Gladstone Letele, M.A., and others from Fort Hare kindly gave help which was greatly appreciated.

In November, Mr. R. G. S. Makalima, B.A., an old student of Lovedale, joined the Staff as successor to Mr. Oldjohn. Although he has been busy working for the M.A. Degree he gave himself whole-heartedly to the work of the school.

### *Courses of Study.*

There was an expansion on the Commercial side, which is now adequately equipped with typewriters, and with aids to an understanding of the business world. More girls than before are taking Domestic Science; and throughout the school there is a higher proportion of pupils taking vocational subjects than in former years.

A special course in shorthand was given to a lad in the Northern Rhodesian Government Service. He made rapid progress.

The High School's contribution to the music of Lovedale has recently been slight. The appointment to the staff, for next year, of a keen musician is therefore greatly welcomed.

### *Departmental Examinations.*

In the Departmental examinations held in December sixteen passed the Senior Certificate, twelve with Matriculation exemption. Twenty-seven passed the Junior Certificate, five in the First Grade.

## THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

*Principal* : Mr. J. W. Macquarrie, B.A. (On military leave as from the 18th of September, 1940).

*Acting Principal* : Mr. W. J. Barker, B.A.

### *Enrolment.*

The average enrolment during 1941 fell short, by thirty or so, of that for 1940 and the year ended with a total of 247, made up of 81 men and 166 girls. The loss was almost wholly in the first year of the three-year Native Primary Lower Course and it seems to support the theory now being advanced that there is a growing tendency, especially among the men, to enter for the two-year Native Primary Higher Course after obtaining the Junior Certificate at a high school, and to ignore the Lower altogether.

### *Staff.*

With the appointment, to the permanent staff, of Miss E. J. Bartlett, B.A., and Mr. P. J. N. Myburgh, B.A., the staffing



has been fully adequate to meet all the calls upon it during the year and the work has proceeded along normal lines. While dealing with this matter, I wish to thank all the members of the staff, and, in particular, Miss M. A. Louw, M.Sc., who so promptly came to our aid when Miss J. A. Clarke, B.Sc., left us at very short notice to do military service, for their willing readiness to take over subjects not normally in their line—a devotion to duty which, of course, meant that they had to spend much more of their own free time in preparation.

#### *Health.*

This, in spite of a persistent outbreak of “Flu” throughout the land, has been very good all through the year.

#### *Tone.*

This has been good and the discipline has been “easy” except in the case of two or three irresponsible would-be trouble-makers, who were suitably and promptly dealt with at the time!

#### *Examination Results.*

In the external Departmental Examinations, twenty-seven (one First Grade) passed in the Native Primary Lower First Year; forty (two First Grade) in the Third Year; twenty in the Native Primary Higher; and nine in the Native Infant School Teachers’ Course.

The final results in the preceding year matched almost exactly those obtained in the seven subjects tested internally; and in the main this was also true of the results in the current year. This goes to prove that the standards set up and maintained by our teachers, are both adequate and satisfactory.

### **THE PRACTISING SCHOOL.**

*Principal : Mr. V. L. Nixon.*

#### *Enrolment.*

This year the Practising School has felt the full effect of the withdrawal of the Coloured pupils, and, to a lesser extent, the effect of the opening of new standard VI classes in schools not far from Lovedale. This is indicated by the fact that the average

enrolment has fallen from 485 to 465, and the average attendance from 417 to 390. The average percentage attendance was 84% which is just slightly lower than that for 1940.

The number of pupils who sat the Standard VI examination was 57, twelve below the total for last year, and it is feared that there may be fewer still next year. This downward tendency is to be regretted at a time when more students are taking the Primary Higher Course and greater demands are likely to be made for increased facilities for teaching practice.

### *Staff.*

Two changes were made in the staff at the beginning of the year, Miss Mnyani replacing Miss Zondani and Mr. Ngani replacing Mr. Yako.

During the first session there was more sickness than usual among the staff, and various adjustments had to be made. Miss Nikani, a sub-standard teacher, was granted a month's sick leave, and soon after her return to duty, acting on medical advice, she resigned at short notice to take up a new appointment in the Free State.

Miss Matakani also resigned in June, and two temporary appointments had to be made. I am especially grateful to Mrs. Zulu for accepting one of these temporary appointments, and also for the very conscientious work she has done while she has been on the staff.

### *Miscellaneous.*

Very good work has been done in the Standard VI classes, and the teachers are to be congratulated on the excellent results obtained in the final examination. In all other classes, with one exception, the usual high standard of work has been maintained.

A large variety of handwork and woodwork articles have been made, and it has been pleasing to note that many of these have been bought by the pupils themselves. As usual the work of the Sub-standard B class was outstanding.

Some useful improvements have been carried out in the grounds of the school. The long and very arduous task of levelling a piece of ground for netball has at last been completed,



and next year the senior girls will be able to take up this game. Another large piece of ground in front of the school has been partially levelled, and this is meeting the long felt need for a suitable place for drill lessons. As soon as funds are available, the work of levelling this piece of ground will be continued.

In conclusion I wish again to thank the Social Service Committee for the milk supplied to the children in the Sub-standards and enjoyed so much by them.

### DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT.

*Principal : Miss A. M. Wood.*

Work has gone on much as usual. Though still below the standard we hope to attain, on the whole the general results this year were higher than in 1940.

The enrolment of eighteen for the three-year Industrial Course, with only four entrants to the first year was disappointing, and for the specialist course for Housecraft Teachers there were three in the first year course.

A most important service of this department has been the instruction given to all girls in the Training School, and to an increasing number in the High School, up to the Junior Certificate standard. In the Training School, Primary Lower and Primary Higher, 144 students received two hours instruction each week in ten different sections. In the High School, forty-seven received similar instruction in cookery, in four sections; in the lowest class, two hours each a week, and in the other four hours each week. Instruction was also given to forty-seven girls in Standard V and VI.

Reference to staff changes will be found elsewhere in the Reports, but special mention must be made of the great work done, in her own quiet unassuming way, by Miss R. I. Stuart, and of her untold influence over many generations of students. May she be spared to enjoy a long, well earned rest.

# Boys' Industrial Departments.

## (1) BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

*Instructor : Mr. W. A. Smith.*

The activities of the Building Departments have been wide and varied during the past year.

Major works undertaken have been complete renovations to buildings connected with the Boys' Boarding Department, including a new reinforced concrete verandah and frontage to one of the old, main dormitory blocks. A new block of dormitories was completed and formally opened during the Centenary Celebrations. Much work was also done in the lay-out of roads and the surroundings of the new and older buildings. Two cottages for the Lovedale Press Journeymen were also erected and completed ; and a new office erected at the Bible School.

The erection of the Library and Museum at Fort Hare was commenced during the year and will be completed early in 1942.

A high standard of work has been maintained throughout by both apprentices and journeymen. Four apprentices completed their course, two of whom have been offered good employment in the Transvaal.

The re-erection of one of the old wood and iron dormitories as a Store for the Building Department's plant and equipment is greatly appreciated and will prove a decided asset.

Once again, during a busy year, thanks are offered to all who have so willingly co-operated, to make the various jobs a pleasure, and it is hoped a success.

## (2) CARPENTRY DEPARTMENT.

*Instructor : Mr. W. W. Duncan.*

*Assistant-Instructor : Mr. T. Sopotela.*

The year has again been a very busy one ; the outstanding pieces of work being the new Library and Museum at the S.A. Native College, Fort Hare, and the new Dormitory Block at



Lovedale. The joinery for both buildings has been made entirely in our own workshop ; the joinery for the Library and Museum being of a fairly high order.

The two " temporary " wood and iron dormitories erected in 1894 were demolished after the new block was opened. One section has been re-erected as a storage shed for the Building Department ; a portion of the other section will be re-erected as a Store for the Boys Boarding Department.

In all the other buildings referred to above, the Carpentry Department had much work to do.

A great deal of furniture was made for the S.A. Native College, for Lovedale buildings and for the two Hospitals. A small amount of furniture is also being completed for the Frere Hospital, East London. It is a common saying locally that the Lovedale Carpentry Department " is awfu'dear," but when such a Hospital asks us to make some furniture—small as the order may be—" We canna be sae awfu' dear after a'."

The year ended with the following on the staff : Apprentices forty-two ; Journeymen fourteen (including six painters) and three labourers.

The large amount of work carried out during the year was only possible through the willing co-operation of every journeyman and, with very few exceptions, of the forty-two apprentices.

### (3) PRINTING AND BOOKBINDING DEPARTMENT. THE LOVEDALE PRESS.

*Director of Press and Editor " South African Outlook " :*

*Rev. R. H. W. Shepherd, M.A.*

*Manager : Publications' Department : Mr. A. D. McNab.*

*Works' Manager : Mr. T. Atkinson.*

*Bookbinding Instructor : Mr. R. White.*

The Press has had a year as busy as any previous one. We find that war circumstances are compelling missionary and other societies in Africa to have more printing done in this continent, and so new orders are coming to us particularly from the Rhode-

sias and Central Africa. We have been able to obtain all the paper required, but costs are considerably higher. We are also well provided for 1942, but it is clear that beyond next year serious difficulties may be encountered owing to paper shortage.

#### *Working Conditions.*

The National Industrial Council of the Printing Industry, which has legislative powers, has decreed that from 1st January, 1942, certain conditions will be attached to the employment and training of Native journeymen and apprentices (to be known as "Trainees") in the industry. The Council has commented very favourably on the Lovedale standards and in the case of journeymen and women employees has practically taken our conditions as their own. The chief changes proposed are in connection with "trainees." The Governing Council has rightly accepted all the new conditions, which improve the lot of the workers and put the industry on a better legal footing. But rightly also it has been laid down that we shall seek a higher educational qualification from those seeking to enter on a period of training.

#### *Staff.*

The staff have given the usual fine service. Mr. McNab has borne additional burdens, as he has also been head of the General Office for a large part of the year. Mrs. Bauer, who before her marriage gave long and faithful service in the Book Store, has returned to help. And Miss A. Atkinson has in the latter part of the year acted as secretary to the Director, since Miss Joan E. Matthews, after almost nine years of excellent service, has been seconded for a year to the Race Relations Institute in Johannesburg, so that she may obtain wider experience. Miss Josephine Guinness has been on war service.

#### *Publications.*

Almost half the work undertaken during the year consisted of reprints of our own publications, but amongst the new works put through were the following :



*Lovedale Press Publications.*  
*English.*

*Govan English Readers for African Schools.*  
Standard III Reader—F. A. Greenland.  
Standard IV Reader—F. A. Greenland.

*Concerning Christian Prayer*—Father Shropshire.  
*Native Women Under the Natal Code*—Father Shropshire.

*Tswana and English.*

*How to Use Govan English Readers.*  
*Lokwalo kwa go Tshela Sentle*—Drs. N. Macvicar and P. Shepherd.

*Xhosa.*

*Don Jadu*—New orthography.  
*Ityala lama Wele* (complete), new orthography.

*Zulu.*

Standard Four Reader—W. G. Bennie.

*For other Publishers.*

*Witwatersrand University Press.*  
*English. Birdlore*—R. Godfrey.  
*Zulu. Ngubudele Numazimuzimu*—N. N. T. Ndebele.

*Rhodes Livingstone Institute.*

*Economics of Detribalisation in N. Rhodesia*—G. Wilson.  
*Economics of Detribalisation in N. Rhodesia* (Part 2)—G. Wilson.  
*Economy of the Central Barotse Plain*—M. Gluckman.

*D. R. Church Missions.*

*Tswana—Buko ya go Buisa.*

*African Literature Committee, N. Rhodesia.*

*Lozi—More Stories of Famous Africans.*  
*Lozi—Famous Africans.*  
*Lozi—Stories of Ancient Times.*  
*Bemba—Stories of old Times.*

*American Board Mission.*

*Zulu—Pastors' Manuals.*

*Order of Ethiopia.*

*Yomsi wasi Tiyopiya.*

*Christian Council of South Africa.*

*Booklets and Leaflets.*

*I. O. T. T.*

*Sutho-Ritual Handbooks.*

*University Mission to Central Africa.*

*Lala—Inyendwa—History Reader.*

*The Methodist Bookroom.*

*Xhosa Catechisms*

*Church of the Province.*

*Xhosa Prayer Books.*

*Church Book Shop, Johannesburg.*

*Tswana—Care of Babies.*

*Hospital Chitambo, Congo Belge.*

*100 Lessons for Hospital Orderlies*—P. Dixon.

*Reports.*

Lovedale Missionary Institution.

St. Matthew's Institution.

Tiger Kloof Missionary Institution.

Fort Hare Calendar.

Bantu Presbyterian Church Assembly.

Several Hospital Reports.

*Periodicals.*

*The South African Outlook* (Monthly).

*The Preacher's Help* (Monthly in seven languages).

*Bantu Studies* (Quarterly for Witwatersrand University,  
Johannesburg).

*Umkutazi* (Periodical in Xhosa and Afrikaans for Dutch  
Reformed Church Mission).

*The Health Magazine* (Quarterly in three languages).

*The Sanc* (Fort Hare College Magazine).

*The Emblem* (Lovedale Students' Magazine).

The end of the year finds us with numerous orders on hand from other Missionary bodies for Hymnbooks, School Readers, etc.



## THE LOVEDALE COLPORTAGE COMMITTEE.

The year under review has been no less difficult than the previous one but the Committee has pleasure in being able to report that a tremendous amount of real Colportage work has been done. Hawkers' licences were obtained to work in the rural areas of Albany, Bathurst and Alexandria and in the urban areas of Grahamstown and Alexandria.

Throughout these areas meetings were held among English and Afrikaans-speaking people and among the Bantu, the latter particularly through the Native assistant. A great deal of visiting of outlying farms was carried through. Access also was obtained to country schools and the children addressed. At various places men, women and young people gave themselves to Christ and His Kingdom.

Difficulties have been experienced in getting stocks of Afrikaans Bibles and other literature printed overseas. There have also been difficulties with the van which is in need of replacement by a better vehicle.

In summing up the position the Committee feels that the sale of 444 Bibles, 169 Testaments and nine Portions *to individuals*, represents no mean achievement and has necessitated many miles of travel over indifferent roads in a very uncomfortable vehicle. When to this is added the inestimable value of the work of Evangelisation which has been accomplished among the European and Native peoples of the lonely farms, the committee has no hesitation in placing on record its heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Kidwell and his Native assistants for their year's work in the extension of the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men.

## THE DAIRY FARM.

*Manager : Mr. D. Emslie.*

I have made up my mind not to say anything about the drought in this report. (N.B. It was one of the longest on record for many years). We have, therefore, had to purchase large stocks of feed for our dairy herd, and the milk production was higher than in former years. A number of the Shorthorn

herd have been sold and replaced by Frieslands. Cattle losses have been slight except for the loss of four nice heifers on the Hogsback where we had hired grazing.

The insects used by Government for the destruction of cactus have now started on our spineless plantations; and we shall not be able to depend on spineless cactus for feed as formerly. There is a great need for silos so that we can stand up to droughts, and we need them soon.

During the year there was one case of T.B. amongst the cattle, so we have had to start over again with the T.B. tests.

A fairly good acreage was sown with oats and barley. All except one field of oats was used green for the milking herd. Pumpkins were grown for cattle and pigs; and quite a number were sold to Natives.

The price of pigs rose during the year, and we received quite a good price for some sold locally.

A big field of lucerne was sown in the autumn, and came on splendidly. The great trouble about making lucerne hay is that so often a large percentage of the crops are spoilt by rain.

#### **BOYS' BOARDING DEPARTMENT.**

*Boarding Master : Major W. L. Geddes, O.B.E.*  
(Died 14 September, 1941).

*Acting Boarding Master : Mr. G. McGillivray.*

In view of the death of Major Geddes and the necessary changes in administration, no departmental report is given. Full reference to the work of the Boarding Department is made in the Principal's Report.

#### **GIRLS' BOARDING DEPARTMENT.**

*Superintendent : Miss M. E. Moore-Anderson.*

The Girls' Boarding Department has once again been filled to capacity, the number at the beginning of the year being 280.

The health of the students has been very good. Our sympathy goes out to three girls who have had to enter the Macvicar Hospital for Tuberculosis for treatment.



We would thank those students who have been untiring in their efforts towards good tone and discipline throughout the year.

Our students, as a whole are to be congratulated on the cheerful spirit in which they faced the disappointment of a week's delay in getting home for their holidays at the end of the year. The help of the European Staff during that difficult week cannot be estimated, nor can our thanks be adequately expressed in words. Mrs. Mosese and Miss Vuba gave loyal and willing service at that time and throughout the year, for which we thank them.

Fuller reference will be made elsewhere to the retirement of Miss Stuart. She will be greatly missed in the Boarding Department.

# Societies and Other Activities.

## SPORTS AND ATHLETICS.

### *Athletic Union : Men's Section.*

Many student-sportsmen began the year determined to celebrate the Centenary year in a manner that would be worthy of honourable mention when other anniversaries are celebrated in the distant future. The Athletic Team for the third year in succession won the Inter-College Athletic Competition. The team members trained well and were very happy under the splendid captaincy of Cronje Mampunye, who once again proved himself a great runner. There was plenty of talent to choose from and plenty of the right spirit for enjoyable athletics.

The Cricketers also fielded a very good team and excepting for one friendly match they were too good for their opponents. R. Sulupha as captain was a real success and the other players gladly gave him their very best.

Rugby after a sorry start made a great recovery and experienced a most successful season. The teams were in great demand in outside centres and in many quarters earned high praise for their style of play and for the spirit in which they played the game. B. Division also played some matches with outside teams but this group gathered no laurels.

The Institution 1st and 2nd Soccer teams were again up to a high standard and gave some fine displays in inter-college matches. The House Competition matches were not played off, one reason for this being that many Soccer players were keen spectators at the Rugby matches.

Much tennis was played by many players but these did not take the election of officials seriously at the beginning of the year so the game suffered as a natural consequence.

Soccer and athletics provided some sport for the small boys but something more was needed. A revival of Pathfinding would greatly benefit this group.

Sincere thanks are due to many staff members and neigh-



bouring friends and also to many senior student-sportsmen for much good work done on the playing fields in a memorable year.

*Athletic Union : (2) Girls' Section.*

The Annual Inter-Institutional competition was held at Fort Beaufort on 26th April. The team, coached by the staff, worked well in preparation, but failed to hold the "Ballinger Cup" won last year. This was deservedly won by Healdtown with a very strong team, closely contested by St. Matthew's. Our team was much weaker, but they made a good sporting effort.

The usual sports and games were continued throughout the year and we were greatly indebted to all those who gave so willingly of their leisure time to coach the teams.

Net-Ball seems, perhaps, to be the most generally popular of the games, with four teams. Matches with outside teams were greatly enjoyed. Tennis was also played with enthusiasm by the teams throughout the year ; greater help is needed for the coaching and help of new teams by the more experienced players. The Tennikoits teams also played with enthusiasm, but too few outside the "teams" made use of this game. Rounders has also been popular ; an interesting effort was the teaching of this game to Sheshegu School, and it is hoped that it will be possible to develop matches with other teams.

While the various teams were keen and played in a fine sporting spirit it was disappointing that so many of the girls showed a lack of interest in Sports and Games.

## **WAYFARER-GUIDE COMPANIES.**

*Captain : Miss M. E. Moore-Anderson.*

There have been two detachments of Wayfarer Guides in Lovedale this year, one Senior and one Junior. The Seniors numbered thirty-eight of whom eleven were enrolled during the year. The attendance at weekly meetings was excellent, the majority showing keen interest. The Junior detachment, under Miss S. Moss, has made a good beginning. Its purpose is to provide for girls beyond Sunbeam age who are at the same time too young for training in leadership.

The Wayfarers and Sunbeams are very grateful to Miss J. Matthews for all the work she did as Treasurer.

## THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

*President : Mr. D. A. Coghill.*

More addresses than usual were given at the meetings of the Association, and addresses by new speakers to our Association were greatly appreciated.

An address by Mr. Grant was followed up by a most interesting experiment : a week-end course at the Bible School on the "Teaching of Religious Instruction." Thirty-six girls from the Training School attended the course ; and their interest in it prompts the hope that similar courses may be held in the future.

At a Conference of Ciskei branches at Fort Hare in September various topics were discussed under the headings, "The S.C.A. and the Individual" and "The S.C.A. and the Community," and the Conference concluded with a Service of Dedication. Addresses given by students and others were published in the Newsletter. Discussion was confined almost entirely to the delegates from Fort Hare and perhaps the others found it difficult to grasp the problems set before them. But there was a real quickening of interest.

A tendency to turn our own S.C.A. meetings into "debates," thus missing the primary purpose of the S.C.A., was regrettable.

A much larger number of new members than usual were admitted from the Junior classes. Student representation on the General Committee has been increased to include Assistant Secretaries and a member of the Missionary Companies' Section.

The Missionary Companies have shown keenness in their work and have been anxious to make their work more effective. The Kirk-Session generously provided a set of seventy-two large Bible Pictures for their use. These have been pasted on sheets of kraft papers, by the members, who are very grateful for this gift.



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