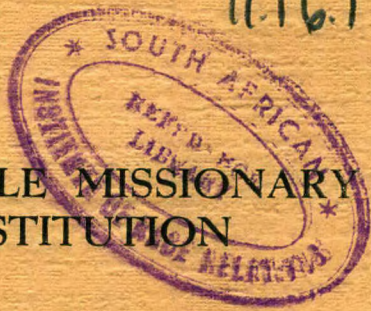


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The Principal's Report

An outstanding feature of our time is the increasing importance being given to religious education. The appalling happenings of recent years have demonstrated the mischief that may follow education which is devoid of religious content and purpose. Thus in different lands a new endeavour is being made to give the Bible a larger place in the schools and to make worship an integral part of daily activity. The most notable instance of this is found in England where a new education Bill is receiving nationwide attention : the main features of the Bill aim at making religious education more adequate and at giving a definite place to corporate worship in the schools. To this end schools under church auspices are being even more favourably regarded. A movement with similar aims and methods is stirring in South Africa.

These events are of particular interest to Lovedale because they are an indirect vindication of the policy for which the Institution has stood during more than a hundred years. Throughout that time Lovedale has wedded the Christian Faith to education. Worship has been a feature of daily life. The Bible has been more in evidence than any other book. The essentials that are now being so frequently emphasized as necessary if education is not to fail are the things Lovedale declared to be essential a century ago and which she has put in the forefront ever since.

The same faith and methods have marked the past year. Indeed special efforts have been made in 1943 to make our religious activities and scripture teaching doubly effective. A strong committee, in which we have had the co-operation of members of the staff of the South African Native College, Fort Hare, has been at work reviewing the whole situation. As a result we hope to give more time to Scripture teaching where this is called for, to plan and adopt even better syllabuses, to arrange for teachers in training being more thoroughly instructed in modern methods of teaching Scripture, and to make more adequate the equipment at the disposal of both teachers and students. These things we recognize to be means to the great end in view—the production of Christian character. It is also to fulfil part of the Church's function, which is to create the creators of a new civilisation.

The Congregation.

Mr. Macartney's period of service closed on 31st March. Pending the coming of Mr. Kilgour, Rev. R. and Mrs. Godfrey temporarily transferred their headquarters from King William's Town to Lovedale in May. As Chaplain Mr. Godfrey quickly endeared himself to staff and students alike. His sermons had qualities of thought and scholarship and yet withal of simplicity that made them peculiarly suitable to a congregation so diverse in Christian experience and knowledge. The Young Communicants Class, first under Mr. Godfrey and later under Mr. Kilgour, was, so far as known, the largest in the history of the Institution, the membership being well over one hundred. Mr. Kilgour reached

Lovedale on 11th September. His experience of congregational and youth work in Scotland, his previous experience of Lovedale itself, his qualities of sympathy and great good sense, and his companionable spirit make his appointment an ideal one, full of comfort in the present and of promise for the future. It is hoped that Mrs. Kilgour will be able to join him in the near future.

Owing to the numbers in the Boarding Departments it is not possible for all to be accommodated at worship in the Large Hall on Sundays, when the weather does not permit of service being held under the oaks. During the past year arrangements were made for the overflow—about sixty juniors—holding service in the Chapel at the Principal's house. This seems to have been greatly appreciated by the juniors. No trouble has been experienced in finding members of staff willing and able to conduct these services or to preside at the organ. To all who have assisted we are very grateful.

In reviewing the work of the Congregation it deserves to be noted that quite a number of our staff are active helpers in local congregations, both African and European. This is all to the good, for sectarianism can have no place in the life of Lovedale. To cause our own resources to overflow for the inspiration and help of others in our neighbourhood is but to do on the small scale what Lovedale seeks to effect over wide regions.

The Christian Council.

The Christian Council of South Africa was formed in 1936, but for several years it had a very chequered existence. At one time indeed it seemed as if its short career must be brought to a close. To-day the Christian Council is one of the most potent religious forces in the land. It is in the forefront of all Church and missionary and social movements. The change has come about largely through the able and devoted secretarial work of the Rev. E. W. Grant, the Head of the Lovedale Bible School. Through encouraging Mr. Grant to render this service and providing him with the time and opportunity to do so, and through consistent help and advocacy of the Council's interests in the pages of *The South African Outlook* and in other ways, Lovedale has again made a major contribution to the ecumenical movement and to the larger life of South Africa.

The Press.

All the indications are that the Lovedale Press had its most successful year in 1943. While the publication of new books presents a difficulty because the Controller of Paper insists that only urgent new publications can be issued, we have been little restricted in supplying reprints of books formerly published. No great difficulty has been experienced in obtaining paper in South Africa. The extent of the operations of the Press may be gauged from the fact that we printed and sold over 200,000 copies of books intended for use in African schools alone.

During the year a long-cherished plan was fulfilled. Reading books in English intended for African readers but produced overseas sometimes give little satisfaction to those into whose hands they come. Knowledge of the African background is often lacking and occasionally offensive text or pictures mar such books. The Lovedale Press has long planned to publish a series of English Readers in which these pitfalls would be

avoided, and 1943 saw the completion of the project. The series comprises seven books in all, ranging from the lowest standard to standard six. The Editor is Miss F. A. Greenland, a teacher of long experience among African children. The series has been named *The Govan English Readers* after the first Principal of Lovedale.

The popularity of the Lovedale Bookstore is evidenced by the fact that its turn-over for the year was £14,211. To this must be added £7,948 of the Publications Department as the work of this Department is also largely done by the Bookstore staff. That such a volume of business passes through the hands of so few is a tribute to their ability and their care for the interests entrusted to them.

The South African Outlook.

One of the saddest features of our time is the devotion to mere propaganda and the lack of reliance on the power of simple truth. In too many quarters a fair and objective statement of all the facts in a controversial matter is frowned upon: to besmirch as much as possible those with whom you differ and to push out of sight features unfavourable to your own side are favourite methods. Perhaps in no respect is the work of *The South African Outlook* more appreciated by many than by its studied endeavour to be scrupulously fair to all. There can be little doubt that the influence of the *Outlook* is what it is because many approve its fight on behalf of the under-dog but also because of the confidence felt in its even-handed justice. It is matter for gratification that, despite war conditions and claims, the circulation of the *Outlook* in 1943 was the highest for years.

Finance.

Financial difficulties have again been with us, but it is gratifying that when the accounts of the Institution in general and of the Press are taken in conjunction there is a credit balance on the working of 1943. The amount paid in interest on loans totals nearly a thousand pounds. While a burden of this kind is an annual charge on the Institution funds, there can be no real relief from financial care. Lovedale requires the wiping out of this loan indebtedness, which was incurred chiefly through the erection of buildings, and then the establishment of an endowment fund, in order to give it a measure of comfort for undertaking the multifarious activities to which its more than a century of history has led it.

Enrolment.

A marked feature of the enrolment in 1943 was the large increase in the number attending the High School. Through the whole of the salaries of High School teachers being now paid by Government the fee for board and education at the High School was reduced from £22-10/- to £16-10/-. This has brought post-primary education within the reach of a larger number of African people and the increase of about sixty in our High School is one of the consequences. Fortunately, the Education Department sanctioned the appointment of an additional teacher in this school.

The Model School.

During the year arrangements were made for the Model one-teacher school, which seeks to reproduce conditions commonly found in the

Native Territories, being located in the village of Ntselamanzi, close by Lovedale. This makes the school to be much more conveniently situated for young pupils, but it also means that the teacher will live among the people, an arrangement very desirable for a village of several hundred people who hitherto have had neither minister nor teacher living among them.

Municipal Service.

It is not always known to friends of Lovedale that the Institution grounds form the largest part of a ward of the Municipality of Alice. The Town Council of Alice consists of nine town councillors, three of whom represent the Lovedale ward. Membership of the Town Council involves our representatives in a great deal of labour for which we cannot be too grateful. During the past year Mr. A. D. MacNab was elected Mayor, a fitting recognition of years of outstanding service. In this new office he is worthily aided by Mrs. MacNab as Mayoress. Our other representatives have been Mr. W. A. Smith, whose expert service in public works and other projects is of special value to the Council, and Mr. W. W. Duncan who after years of efficient service retired from the Council during 1943. Mr. Duncan's place has been taken by Mr. T. Atkinson who is not new to Town Council work.

Staff.

For long it has been a feature of Lovedale that it has prepared younger members of its staff for posts of greater responsibility in other parts of South Africa. The changes in staff during the past year bear eloquent testimony to this. Among others who left us were the following :

Mr. Stanley Kayser was prominent in the Printing Office since 1921. When a final-year apprentice he won the gold medal given to the best apprentice of his year. He had a worthy share in the development of the Lovedale Press. Mr. Kayser left to set up business on his own in East London.

Mr. E. S. Moahloli, who gave seventeen years continuous service in the Practising School. Mr. Moahloli received an appointment to Bensonvale Secondary School. He had assisted with the *South African Health Magazine* and in other Lovedale activities. His wife was the first teacher of the "spinal" children at the Victoria Hospital.

Mr. Bishop Ntuli was for twelve years connected with the Wagon-making and Blacksmithing Department. He was known to hundreds of Lovedale students through his position as Bandmaster. He received a scholastic appointment in his own part of the country, the Northern Transvaal.

Others who should be mentioned are Mr. Quintin Whyte (with Mrs. Whyte) who left the High School to take an important post in the Race Relations Institute of South Africa ; Mr. Alfred Ngani of the Practising School who received an appointment as principal of a higher mission school ; Miss Alys Wells of the Girls Industrial School who was invited by the Basutoland Education Department to take over a new and onerous post in their service ; Mr. A. J. Raymer of the High School who left for a

scholastic appointment under the Colonial Office in Kenya ; and Mr. E. Manyuka, the Assistant Boarding Master, who resigned in order to take up the work of the ministry in the Methodist Church.

The departure of Dr. A. F. G. Guinness, Medical Superintendent, is referred to specially under the Report of the Hospitals.

The late Mr. Alexander Fowler.

On 23rd June one of Lovedale's most faithful members of staff, Mr. Alexander Fowler, passed away. He had reached the great age of eighty-five. One of the last appointments made by Dr. Stewart was when he asked Mr. Fowler to leave the highlands of Scotland to take charge of the Wagon-making Department of Lovedale. This was in 1904. Mr. Fowler was then forty-six years of age, but South Africa became in a real sense his home. He was in charge of the department mentioned till 1923. Then for ten years he gave service to the Institution in connection with repairs. His complete retirement came in 1933. When in charge of his own department he caused Lovedale-made wagons to be famous throughout the country. From first to last his service had the supreme quality of thoroughness. Even more impressive than Mr. Fowler's work was the man himself. His service to Lovedale was a rich one : in the workshop, as a representative of Lovedale on the Alice Town Council, as an elder for many years in our congregation, and in other ways. But even above all these was the influence of his personality and spirit. His quiet goodness, his unflinching charity, left an indelible impression on all who came to know him.

Visitors.

The past year was notable for the number of distinguished visitors who came to Lovedale. On Friday, 3rd September, Dr. Peter Allan, the Secretary for Public Health, opened the Mary Balmer Nurses Home at the Hospital. During his visit he repeatedly declared that he was deeply impressed by the work being done at the Victoria and Macvicar hospitals. On 22nd September Major P. V. G. van der Byl, the Minister of Native Affairs, arrived, accompanied by Mr. D. L. Smit, the Secretary for Native Affairs. The Minister in his first year of office set himself the task of meeting the Native people and those working with them, in all parts of the country, and he was much interested in the Institution. On 4th November the Administrator of the Cape Province, Major G. B. van Zyl, accompanied by Mrs. van Zyl, came to Lovedale, and left a delightful impression. They were intimate friends of the late Dr. Jane Waterson, the first Lady Superintendent of our Girls School, and were very interested to see the place where she began her missionary work in Africa.

As in other recent years we have had many missionary visitors. War conditions have prevented numbers from taking furlough in their home lands and so they have come to South Africa to recuperate. Among them have been a number of our own Church of Scotland missionaries. Missionaries (of various societies) have come to us from the following places : Gold Coast, Belgian Congo, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Northern Nigeria, French Congo, Southern Sudan, Togoland, Nyasaland, Southern Rhodesia, French Cameroons, and Bechuanaland.

Educational Films

It seems fitting to make reference to what has now become a feature of educational work at Lovedale. In 1940 the Institution purchased a 16 mm. sound projector which has since been in constant use. The main use is for the showing of educational films which are obtained from the National Film Bureau of the Union Education Department. Unfortunately our Lovedale schools are not equipped with the necessary dark rooms, and thus the films shown are chosen for their general educational value to large audiences in the Assembly Hall. The life of people in various countries features prominently among the films obtained and these are generally greatly appreciated. Other films shown include those dealing with industries, e.g., farming, mining, manufacturing, etc., and films of current world events. They are shown fortnightly, and although attendance is not compulsory the Large Hall is usually packed almost to capacity. The Hall is unfortunately not very good for the production of perfect sound. The students also have been rather slow to learn that silence should be maintained during the showing of sound films.

In this aspect of our work we are greatly indebted to Mr. P. Gilowey of the High School staff, who often at great inconvenience to himself makes all arrangements.

The War and its Effects.

Throughout the whole year the work of Lovedale was carried on with an all-pervading sense of a world at war. Though the fortunes of the Allied Nations greatly brightened as the year proceeded, the difficulties created by war were neither few nor slight. These difficulties manifested themselves particularly in the matter of food and equipment, and that they were not greater was again largely due to the helpful and successful work of Mr. George McGillivray, the Boarding Master. They showed themselves also in matters of finance, for the income from fees is not equal to the increased cost of food and services in war-time, though in this connection we have been greatly aided by Mr. McNab's self-denying work on the financial side, aided by efficient staffs in the General Office and Book store. War-time difficulties also have been experienced in staffing, though here again we have been fortunate in the substitutes we have found for the various members—and they are not a few—who have joined the forces. Our thoughts are continually with those who are on service, and especially with our prisoners of war, all of whom have been transferred from Italy to Germany. I would like to pay special tribute to Mrs. Macquarrie, the Principal's Secretary, who amid anxiety for her husband's welfare and the care of her family has rendered invaluable help.

When one thinks of the Staff of Lovedale one sees individual after individual who should receive special mention in a report like this. The Institution is fortunate in having so many who perform with fidelity their daily duties and who are ever mindful that in a missionary institution duty cannot be bounded in a narrow way. To one and all for their great loyalty and willing service I offer warm-hearted thanks.

R. H. W. SHEPHERD.

The Lovedale Congregation

Rev. R. L. Kilgour reports :

Three Chaplains within one year might prove disastrous to the progress of any ordinary Congregation, but the work has gone on throughout the last twelve months. During the "vacancy" Dr. Shepherd had the willing assistance of the Rev. R. Godfrey, who, with Mrs. Godfrey carried on the Congregational activities and thus relieved the Principal of this part of his duties.

For the Sunday Services we have, as usual, called upon many preachers both inside and outside the Institution. The Staff Prayer Meeting has been held regularly on Tuesday evenings.

It was very heartening for the new Chaplain to find such a large Young Communicants Class and this speaks well for the spiritual influence which exists in the Schools, Workshops and Boarding Departments. The number finally passed and admitted in October was the record one of 104.

We have undertaken to conduct the funeral services of hospital patients whose own Ministers are unable to be present. This has sometimes involved calling upon members of the staff, who have responded willingly.

Ward Services have been held in the Hospitals on Sunday mornings.

The Nativity Play was reverently presented in the Large Hall by a group of our students. The children in the Victoria Hospital also gave a touching rendering in their ward, first before the convalescent patients and later to an audience necessarily restricted by the lack of accommodation. The children of the Vernacular Sunday School included scenes from the Nativity in a demonstration which was largely attended by Lovedale pupils.

The Choir continues its good work under Mr. Arosi and led a Christmas Praise service on the last Sunday of the session.

Scripture Instruction in the High School and Training School has been carried out by the Lady Superintendent and the Chaplain. An examination, asked for by some of the students, has furnished useful data for future plans. The whole matter of Religious Education in Schools, Bible Classes and Students' Societies, has been under review by a Committee of the Governing Council. Scripture classes, taken by the teachers in the Practising School and Hospital were visited.

The Henderson Memorial Church Fund stands at £1318 3s. 11d.

The thanks to our Organists, and other members of Staff who have helped during the year takes the form of *Unga dinwa nangomso*. "We hope to receive more tomorrow." A Congregation, like any other body with life in it, must always be reaching out to the "Regions beyond."

The Lovedale Bible School

Head : Rev. E. W. Grant.

Tutor : Rev. J. J. R. Jobbe, B.A.

Mr. Grant reports :

1. Training Courses.

A record number of students passed through the eleventh annual *Evangelists' Course* of five months which closed on 22nd June. The group of twenty-eight men completely filled the available accommodation which has since been slightly increased. It is probable, however, that this number represents the limit of our capacity, in view of the fact that each group presents the widest possible varieties of age and general educational attainments, demanding almost individual attention. There has been a marked lowering of average age, and an equally notable raising of educational standard, during recent years. The men came from six different Churches. They included two blind students who did exceptionally good work. Attention in morning classes was concentrated on Old and New Testament Introduction, History and Exposition. Evening classes in preaching preparation and weekly discussions on doctrine, ethical principles, and the care of the devotional life, were full of interest. Men with lesser educational equipment received help in reading and writing and the keeping of simple accounts. The purely academic was never allowed to obscure the need for personal spiritual reinforcement ; and this was reflected in a fellowship which denominational distinctions were never allowed to weaken. Directed practical evangelism and Sunday School work in neighbouring villages were carried on effectively Sunday by Sunday.

The first *Training Course for Bible Women*, which covered the three months September to November, opened a new and significant chapter in the history of the School. Twenty-one women attended, nearly all of them being sent by the European Women's Auxiliary of the Methodist Church, which has for a long time employed numbers of such women, and has now financed this first experiment in training them. In addition to the classes conducted by the staff of the School, invaluable help was freely given by four qualified African women who are members of the Hospital staff, and who lectured on First Aid, Ante-natal work, Home Nursing, and the Nursing of Children. The high point in the course was reached when eight of those present were dedicated to the work of Bible Women in a memorable service in the School Chapel. The success of this experimental course exceeded all expectations, and has opened up new possibilities in the training of African Women which will be dealt with in a separate report. It is probable that the next course of this nature will be provided in 1945.

Travelling difficulties have made it impossible to hold the gatherings of the *African Women's Fellowship* and the *African Ministers' Fellowship*.

In the case of the women, however, contact has been maintained by means of quarterly bulletins issued by Mrs. Grant.

2. *Field Work.*

The period available for work in the field was considerably shortened by the introduction of the Bible Women's Course. Nevertheless, short courses for lay preachers, Sunday School teachers, etc., were held, one at King William's Town and three in the Herschel district. At the request of the Bechuanaland Education authorities we shared in a vacation course for teachers, held at Serowe, by providing a Course of lectures on religious teaching in schools, with lectures on home-making and allied subjects to the women teachers.

3. *Publications.*

Preacher's Help. This monthly paper is printed in the following vernaculars of the Union of South Africa:—Xhosa, Zulu, Sotho, Tswana. A complete issue of 650 in Chizezuru is supplied to Missions in Southern Rhodesia. During recent years the issue in English has risen rapidly to over 900 per month. The great majority of these go to missions of many Churches working in other parts of Africa. They include missions on the Gold Coast, in Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Southern Sudan, Togoland, Cameroun, Lagos, Uganda, Kenya, Tanganyika, Angola, Belgian Congo, Nyasaland, N. and S. Rhodesia, and Portuguese East Africa. One copy goes to a Danish Mission in Southern Arabia. In some cases translations are made into local vernaculars.

The two published volumes of our *Isikokelo Sabashumayeli* (the Preacher's Guide) continue to circulate widely. More than 1,300 copies have now been sold of our English book, *The Bible: its Meaning and Purpose*. Our Sunday School Lesson Notes, *The African Sunday School*, continue to meet a manifest need.

4. *General.*

During the year a sum of more than £300 has been expended in necessary repairs, including the re-thatching of the dormitory rondavels. This expenditure will be completely met from personal gifts.

Boarding arrangements have made heavier demands than in any previous year. Mrs. Grant has continued to be responsible for this department.

Throughout the year Mr. Jolobe has officiated as chaplain to the Victoria and Macvicar Hospitals, and the Bible School has in many ways been closely associated with the work of those institutions.

School Reports

THE HIGH SCHOOL

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

Mr. Pilson reports :

Numbers.

We expected an increase in High School enrolment accompanied by a drop in that of the Training School, as a result of the substantial reduction in High School fees, but the event exceeded our expectations, for the number in the Training School was well maintained, while the new entrants to the High School totalled 140, about 50 more than the normal, and as some 200 of the old pupils came back, the school was uncomfortably full. To start with Form I had 116 pupils in the classes, but, with strong support from the circuit Inspector, we were soon able to obtain a grant for a new teacher from the Education Department, and the Biology laboratory had to be used as a class room for the rest of the year.

Staff.

We were fortunate to begin the year without changes but this was too good to last and at the end of the year we had to bid farewell to no less than three of our teachers, far too high a proportion of our small group.

Mr. Quintin Whyte has accepted a post with the Institute of Race Relations in Johannesburg, and this means a double loss to the school for with him goes Mrs. Whyte ; the two of them have been responsible for senior English and History for the past four years, and they have worked untiringly, and, which is more, they have caused their pupils to produce a steady and considerable output of work regardless of the immense effort by themselves entailed in its correction.

Mr. Raymer, who has taught Latin in all five Forms, as well as Ancient History, has been asked to join the Educational Service of the Colonial Office and is to proceed to Nairobi to begin teaching in that neighbourhood early in the New Year. He was a good schoolmaster of the English boarding-school type with his own views on how Latin should be taught and the feeling that the Cape syllabus should be recast.

We shall miss all three greatly : they did much to make the staff of the school the exceptionally fine one that it has been in the last few years.

Day Pupils.

It has long been urged upon us that we should admit more day scholars to our classes. This year we have increased their number to 20, but while we wish to help bright children of parents in the district who are not too well-off, we must warn those concerned that the school cannot do everything, and that unless parents see that their children come regularly and punctually to school, a whole year may be wasted.

Pupils' Future.

We are often asked "What becomes of them all? Do they all find work?" In reply we would say, that many leaving at the J.C. or S.C. stage go on to further training at the hospitals, training schools for teachers and the Universities. One who left a few years ago has graduated in Law; another is about to be trained as an optician and in many directions new avenues of employment are opening.

Departmental Examination Results. In the Examinations held in December.

22 passed the Senior Certificate, 11 with Matriculation Exemption.
43 passed the Junior Certificate, 5 in the First Grade.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

*Principal: Mr. J. W. Macquarrie, B.A. (Prisoner-of-War in Germany).
Acting Principal: Mr. W. J. Barker, B.A.*

Mr. Barker reports:

1943 has been, in some ways, uneventful (in so far as changes go) in the Training School.

There were no Staff changes and the division of the students among the classes was almost normal, viz:—

- (a) Native Primary Lower, First Year—three classes, two for girls and one for boys.
- (b) Native Primary Lower, Second Year—two classes, one girls', one mixed.
- (c) Native Primary Lower, Third Year—one mixed. (It was here the only departure from normality occurred. In previous years, and as will be the case again in 1944, two classes are usual.)
- (d) Native Primary Higher, First Year—one mixed class.
- (e) Native Primary Higher, Second Year—one mixed class.
- (f) Native Infant School Teachers'—one class of 11 girls.
- (g) House-Craft Teachers', First Year—one class of 2 girls.
- (h) House-Craft Teachers', Second Year—one class of 1 girl.

From January, 1944, the House-Craft Teachers' will be a One-Year Course only.

The present single mixed class, for the N.P.L. 3., is the outcome of one of those unaccountable happenings or disappointing sequences which, fortunately, occur somewhat rarely in Boarding Schools. This group began in 1941 with an enrolment of approximately 90 and, from the beginning, was, most of it, the despair of its teachers. In December, 1941, a little over one-third passed the Official External Examination, so we had, in 1942, only one N.P.L. 2 class instead of the usual two. Again, with much travail on the part of these students and equally as much long-suffering patience on the part of the Staff teaching them, these survivors managed to gain "border-line" promotion from N.P.L. 2 to N.P.L. 3 and continue their desert wandering. And now, in December, 1943, we are saying Goodbye to them with, I am sorry to admit, a sigh of happy relief. There are, I must gladly say, in fairness to the seven or so really

good enthusiastic students, some who should pass well and go on in their mission schools to do and to serve with credit to themselves and with benefit to their supporting communities; but, I fear, the remaining twenty-five or so are likely to be a disappointment to themselves and to us when the final results are declared early in 1944.

As I have already said there were no changes of Staff during 1943; but, I regret to say, two, at least, are pending for 1944. One, Miss Sheila Gordon, will be missing from our happy family as from January, 1944. She steps over to our sister school—the Lovedale High—to a permanent post on its Staff. For more than three years now she has rendered us efficient and willing service as an acting-teacher in place of one of our Staff now serving in the Army. To her I say, “Thank you. And wish you as great and successful a time in your new sphere of service as you have with had us in our Training School for so many years.”

There has been one change for the better in the curriculum for 1943. A bias towards the N.I.S.T. course was given to that of the N.P.L. 2 and N.P.L. 3 classes. This is all to the good in view of the fact that the successful students in the N.P.L. course are mainly destined to deal with children in the Sub-Standards and Standards I to III in our Native Mission Schools. And this change is more pertinent, still, since, from January 1944, no more boys are to be enrolled for the N.P.L. Course of Training in Lovedale.

There is no future for boys taking only the N.P.L. Course. What they need, if their vocation is teaching, is the Native Primary Higher Certificate—that, or anything more advanced than that, is the only certificate that offers them a hope of a satisfactory and fruitful future.

For taking our Scripture Knowledge classes, I wish to thank the Rev. W. M. Macartney who carried on until March; then the Rev. R. Godfrey, who came to Lovedale on the 19th of May to give us a helping hand until the newly appointed Chaplain could arrive from Scotland; and the Rev. R. L. Kilgour, the Chaplain himself, whom we are glad to welcome as a permanent part-time member of our Staff. In the girls' classes Miss Moore-Anderson gave valuable help throughout the year.

We have a large coloured relief map of the World built into a large cement-tray out-of-doors and shaded against sun, wind, and weather by a rustic thatched shelter in keeping with its surroundings. This was designed and made by Mr. P. Myburgh, our expert in Geography, assisted by four volunteers from the N.P.H. 2 class—Simon Cagwe, Brian Macingwane, Goldman Makiwane and Given Ntlebi—and we thank them for it and the enthusiasm shown during the many days the work was being carried through.

To the members of the Training Staff, who are continuing their work through 1944, I offer my thanks, also, for efficient help and service, carried out willingly, at times at some self-sacrifice, and with much patience during the year now ended.

And there is one great thing to add. During the Second Session, we were honoured, greatly, by the visit of the Minister of Native Affairs, Major F. V. G. van der Byl, and later by the visit of the Administrator of the Cape Province, Major G. B. van Zyl. These visits were a high light

during the year and were the more appreciated because they were accompanied by a gift that only those in high places are privileged to make—a full day's holiday! I wonder if our worthy Principal could manage, in some way best known to himself, to have a few more honourable Ministers and Administrators to visit us during 1944!

THE PRACTISING SCHOOL

Principal: Mr. V. L. Nixon.

Mr. Nixon reports:

Enrolment and Attendance.

This year the enrolment did not vary as much as it had done in previous years, and it was particularly steady during the last quarter. The average for the year was 442 which is 28 more than the average for 1942. The average attendance rose from 347 to 386, and the average percentage attendance reached the record figure of 87%.

Staff.

The year started off without any changes in the staff, and the school soon settled down to work. Unfortunately, this pleasant state of affairs did not last long; for early in the first quarter one very promising teacher left without giving any notice and Mrs. Zulu had to be called upon to take her place. This proved to be the first of many sudden changes, and on each occasion difficulty was experienced in obtaining suitable substitutes to carry on the work of the school.

Mr. Ngani and Mr. Moahloli were released at the end of March, the former to become the principal of a higher mission school and the latter to take up a post in a secondary school. Two newly trained teachers were appointed in their places, and one of these, Mr. Matyila, was later added to the permanent staff. The other, Mr. Ngxwana, left at the end of June, and he was replaced by Mr. Ndamase, a teacher of many years experience, who we hoped would remain with us many years. However, this was not to be; for in December Mr. Ndamase was offered a post in a secondary school and in consequence he asked to be released at the end of the session.

Early in the second quarter Mr. Nyoka had a serious breakdown in health, and was ordered by the doctor to take three months sick leave. During his absence his class was taught by Miss Gqokoma, a newly trained teacher whose home is in this district.

Mrs. Goduka had planned to retire at the end of June, but on hearing that there was no suitable person to take her place, she very kindly consented to remain until the end of the year. During the whole of her stay in Lovedale, Mrs. Goduka has done very good work in all subjects and her handwork, especially, has been outstanding. She had the gift of obtaining the best from her pupils and of sustaining their interest, and hence it was with the greatest regret that we said goodbye to her. Needless to say the good wishes of the staff and pupils go with her and we hope that she will have a very long and happy retirement.

We are also grateful to Mrs. Zulu who, as on previous occasions, did not spare herself in the conscientious performance of any duties assigned

to her, and thus set an example that the coming teachers would do well to copy.

Model School.

Arrangements have now been completed for the transference of the Model School to the Ntselamanzi location. Miss Lupuwana has been appointed to take charge of this school and she will commence duty in February 1944.

General.

There were more boarders than usual in the Standard VI Boys' Class, and many of the new pupils came from the Transvaal and British Bechuanaland. Seven of these pupils wished to take Tswana, and we are greatly indebted to Mr. Pilson who permitted these boys to join one of the High School Tswana classes. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Barker who gave similar facilities to another pupil who wished to take Sotho. In the Departmental Examinations 38 pupils passed out of 48 (79%) and the Practising School obtained third place in the circuit. Of the ten pupils who failed, eight were new this year, one had been here two years and one only had passed through our lower classes.

In the other classes in the school with the exception of two, the work was very satisfactory, and very few pupils were kept back because of bad attendance.

More trees were planted again this year, but unfortunately many have died because of the poor nature of the soil. Various crops were again grown in the school gardens but the yield was small due to the droughty weather experienced.

Health.

Once again the school is deeply indebted to the Social Service Committee which continues to do all possible to improve the health of the pupils. Early in the year the Committee agreed to supply the school with eight loaves of bread daily in addition to the six gallons of milk that the children were already receiving. Then in the second session oranges were also supplied by the Committee until the coming into force of the Government Citrus Scheme under which the school received 44 pockets of oranges weekly. Although no great increases were noticed in the weights of the pupils, yet the supply of bread and oranges had much to do with the record average percentage attendance attained this year, and this in turn indicated an improvement in the health of the children. The supply of oranges also resulted in the virtual disappearance of unpunctuality during the whole of the period that the fruit was available!

GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Principal: Miss A. M. Wood.

Miss Wood reports:

This year, for the first time I believe, girls (five) who had taken domestic science for J.C. wished to take it as a major subject for Senior Certificate and we have been able to arrange for this. In 1945 the new one-year Housecraft Teachers Course will be started. I feel that this will fulfil a useful purpose and only regret that it could not have been started sooner.

Despite the general scarcity of Housecraft teachers we had been very fortunate in this respect, but this year were unable to find anyone to fill Miss Dulaney's place and are grateful to Mrs. Oldjohn for coming to our aid for the first session. Owing to an accident and later resignation Miss Wells was with us only about six weeks of the second session. We wish her success and happiness in the wider sphere of work in Basutoland. Best wishes too to Miss Carter who resigns at the end of the year but who will still be in Lovedale. I should like to thank the staff for the willing, cheerful manner they undertook the extra work involved. It is hoped there will be a full staff—six—at the beginning of the year.

All materials for cookery classes are drawn from the Boarding Departments and we are indebted to them, particularly to the Boarding Master, for the way we have been kept supplied.

During the year Miss Barbour paid several visits and in November she and Miss Rowe completed the examinations.

The Industrial Departments

(1) BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Instructor : Mr. W. A. Smith.

Mr. Smith reports :

The Department, during the year under review, completed the "Mary Balmer Nurses' Home" which now completes the immediate requirements of the Macvicar Hospital. Unfortunately, for this building, the Department had to contend with rising prices and a more rigid control of materials which would have been avoided had not instructions to proceed with its erection been so long delayed. It fills a long needed want for the comfort of the Nurses at the Victoria and Macvicar Hospitals.

Toward the end of September the contract for the Physiology Block at the South African Native College was signed. Progress with this job is proceeding apace and it is hoped the foundations will be completed before Xmas despite the weather and a still more rigid control of materials. The Departments are managing to keep ahead of the job's requirements, by ordering materials well in advance. This entails capital outlay, and, as we are bound to a time limit, I think this is all to the ultimate good.

One useful job of work completed during the year was the extension to the Victoria Hospital effluent lines, thereby enabling the waste waters to be used for irrigation purposes on the Farm lands with, I believe, satisfactory results.

Repairs have been kept down to a minimum.

During the year the Department has very largely concentrated on preparing materials for the larger jobs especially making bricks and quarrying stone. Apprentices were given the opportunity of making bricks, packing and burning kilns. This is all to the good as these boys will, in their future careers, have the added advantage of being able to make bricks for any job they may undertake.

The number of apprentices employed has been more or less constant, namely 20, two of whom are completors. All have done good work and

they have had every opportunity of gaining a wide experience which will in the future be invaluable to each of them.

(2) CARPENTRY DEPARTMENT

Instructor : Mr. W. W. Duncan.

Assistant-Instructor : Mr. T. Sopotela.

Mr. Duncan reports.

The number of apprentices, Journeymen and Labourers is as follows : Apprentices 30, Journeymen 4, Labourers 2.

Work has been very much slacker than for many years, due to the difficulties in obtaining timber and corrugated iron, and it appears that 1944 will be even worse.

The principal jobs done during the year were the finishing of the Nurses Quarters at the Victoria Hospital with a number of articles of furniture for same. Joinery for the new Physiology Block at the S.A.N.C. has also been started. Painting and repairs to a number of the Institution Buildings have also been carried out.

Six Carpentry Apprentices completed their training and without exception they have done very well.

(3) PRINTING AND BOOKBINDING DEPARTMENT THE LOVEDALE PRESS.

Director of Press and Editor "South African Outlook" :

Rev. R. H. W. Shepherd, M.A., D.Litt.

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

Works Manager : Mr. T. Atkinson.

Bookbinding Instructor : Mr. R. White.

The main problem of 1943 has been one of making our programme of work fit in with the Regulations of the Paper Control. The control regulations involve much extra clerical work and correspondence but other than this are reasonable and have resulted in all printers and publishers, prosperous and poor, having some paper to use. The quotas, however, being for amounts less than used in pre-war days, allow the Lovedale Press as publishers little margin for new work whereas we specialise in a field which before and during the war has been rapidly developing. We are the youth who has outgrown all his clothes. By using thinner paper, smaller type and crowded pages we have somehow managed to produce as much literature as in pre-war days but of new books we have been able to publish scarcely any. Great arrears of work are accumulating for the post-war years. Nevertheless we gratefully record that no regular periodical of the many we handle has fallen through, while, due to the granting of special permits by the Controller of Paper, we have again been able to undertake a considerable amount of work for several missionary and educational bodies.

At the November meeting of the Lovedale Governing Council a report on post-war plans for the Lovedale Press was submitted and approved. We plan to go ahead as soon as the war is over and restrictions are lifted.

At the close of the year Mr. Stanley Kayser, who served his apprenticeship with us and who for several years past had been composing and machine-room overseer, left us to take over a business in East London. He was always keen and industrious and always helpful with the trainees. We wish him well in his new enterprise.

Native parents have been slow to take advantage of the new conditions of training for printing trainees but towards the end of the year many applications came in from students who had reached the J.C. stage. The small trainee group as a whole did very well in 1943.

On surveying all our Press activities 1943 seems to have been a difficult year but also one which we can look back on with some satisfaction.

THE BOOKSTORE

This department continues to work under increasingly difficult conditions. Increasingly difficult because the volume of business transacted in that very small space is still on the up-grade, the turnover having advanced from £13,000 in 1942 to £14,100 in 1943, compared with £4,100 in 1930.

Difficulties of stock-keeping and staff accommodation are acute and although the business is in need of at least one more clerk, the floor-space does not permit of one more chair. The stock housed in the room now amounts to over £4,500 and the same room bore the appearance of a well-filled Bookroom with less than £1,600 worth of goods in 1930.

The short supply of Bibles in all languages continues. The price of a school Bible for our students, which was 1/- in 1939 is now 2/9. Supplies of Xhosa Bibles fall far short of the demand.

Ase-Rabe Hymn Books, words and sol-fa editions, continue to dribble in in inadequate quantities, involving much correspondence on a hard-pressed staff with the public. A few imported prescribed books have gone out of print and efforts are being made to buy out from any source in the Union.

A hand-to-mouth supply of exercise books has been maintained but penholders and rubbers are almost unprocurable.

The work of Mrs. G. Bauer and her two assistants, the Misses Harber, is beyond all praise and has revealed devotion to duty of a very high order.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN OUTLOOK

Interest in Native and Missionary affairs seems to grow with each passing year. Many newspapers and magazines now devote space to Native interests and today it is not unusual to find liberal and even advanced views in a variety of publications. The Native newspapers have also made great advances in recent years. These developments are mainly to the good and yet we believe they have enhanced the value of the *Outlook* in the circles for which it caters. Our mailbag brings in frequent letters of appreciation from many quarters.

Questions very much to the fore in 1943 have been Native health, malnutrition, housing, education (including religious education), wages and industrial conditions. Many thorny problems and sordid incidents have been faced up to and dealt with, but the brighter and more hopeful side and the humorous view of Native life and relationships have not been neglected, for such are essential to the balanced view. The many important and interesting activities of the South African Christian Council have also received much attention in the *Outlook's* pages in the past year.

The *Outlook's* editorial board and its readers owe much to a small group of experienced and far-seeing writers whose sole object is the furtherance in South Africa of truth and goodness. Our thanks go to them for all that they contributed in 1943.

THE DAIRY FARM

Manager : Mr. D. Emslie.

Mr. Emslie reports :

The past year gave us a couple of bad dry spells, and now at the end of the year we have had wonderful rains for grass, so wonderful that those farmers who have good straw crops are having great difficulty in harvesting and all the farmers are being held up with maize planting on account of its being too wet. The maize crop was very poor. For the first time in Lovedale a good quantity of maize stalks were made into ensilage; although made in rather a crude way it was a great help in feeding the milk cows.

Unfortunately a lot of lucerne and hay had to be purchased, this was of a very poor quality and was very expensive.

About twelve acres were put down to young lucerne during the year which with the exception of one small field looks very well. This we hope will do away with the necessity to buy during the winter months.

Most of the oats and barley crops were as usual fed to the dairy herd. The change over from Shorthorn cattle to Frieslands is gradually proving to have been correct.

A number of pigs were handled during the year and fetched very fair prices. The pumpkin crop was fair and was disposed of in record time.

We are sorry to say Mr. Coetzer, who has been our farm foreman for the past twelve years, has decided to leave us at the end of this year. We thank him for faithful service.

The Boarding Departments

BOYS' BOARDING DEPARTMENT

Boarding Master : Mr. George McGillivray.

Mr. McGillivray reports :

During the first session 414 students and apprentices were enrolled, and the average number in residence during the year was 387.

At the beginning of the year we experienced difficulty in securing permits for units of maize products to meet our requirements, but with the help of the Secretary for Native Affairs and the Native Commissioner at Alice we received the required number of units. However we are still faced with the difficulty of obtaining equipment for the dining halls.

The conduct of the boys has been satisfactory but the seniors do not seem to realise that it is up to them to set the standard for the juniors to follow.

The health of the boys on the whole has been good. There was however the usual outbreak of influenza but this year it came at the end of the session. The appendicitis cases, some of which needed immediate attention, were all successfully treated at the Victoria Hospital.

The interest in sport has been good and we have had a very successful year especially in rugby and athletics.

The prefects have done good work, but theirs is a difficult task, because if they discharge their duties well they find themselves in disfavour with the students. Mr. E. N. Manyuka has resigned his post as my assistant to take up duties as a minister of the Methodist Church at Middelburgh, C.P. My thanks are due to him for his able assistance during the year.

GIRLS' BOARDING DEPARTMENT

Miss M. E. Moore-Anderson reports :

For some years past we have had to accept the necessity for crowding this department to its capacity at the beginning of the first session. A few girls are unable for various reasons to complete their year's work, so that we had an enrolment of 276 in the second session. With this enrolment I find it possible to get to know almost all newcomers by the end of their first year.

The health of the students was good on the whole, although a few had long spells of illness. We were very glad to welcome back two girls who had spent a year in the Macvicar Hospital and are now continuing their training in school.

There was a happy spirit of co-operation among the prefects, and of good will towards them on the part of the school as a whole.

The elimination of the £22 table in the dining hall reduced work in the kitchen and was accomplished without difficulty because the numbers affected were very small.

Our indebtedness to Mr. McGillivray was greater than ever this year, especially in the matter of supplies, but also for help so willingly given in very many other ways.

Lovedale Hospital Board

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1943

On 18th November Dr. A. F. G. Guinness resigned from the post of Medical Superintendent of the Victoria and Macvicar Hospitals. Dr. Guinness was appointed in succession to Dr. Neil Macvicar when the latter retired at the end of 1937. In February, 1942, Dr. Guinness was granted military leave and since then the duties of Acting Medical Superintendent have been performed by Mr. W. C. J. Cooper. During his time as Medical Superintendent Dr. Guinness showed much devotion to the interests of the two hospitals. It was a very formative period when much new organisation had to be set in operation, and in this work he was eminently successful. His co-operation in the work of the Institution as a whole was much valued. Lovedale's best wishes follow him, Mrs. Guinness and family to their new sphere in Northern Rhodesia.

At its meeting in December, 1943, the Hospital Board unanimously appointed Mr. W. C. J. Cooper to be Medical Superintendent. Mr. Cooper has had a distinguished career as a surgeon and has shown administrative capacity during his term as Medical Superintendent. The future of the hospitals is felt to be assured in his hands.

THE WORK OF THE VICTORIA AND MACVICAR HOSPITALS

During 1943, 1,104 patients were admitted to the wards of the Victoria Hospital, which is 21 more than in 1942. The Maternity Department has been fairly busy and from January 1st, 1944, the Midwifery Training School has been reopened with two pupil midwives.

The hope expressed in the Report for 1942 that the "fairly severe outbreak of typhus seemed to be well under control" has not been realised. In 1943, 59 cases of Typhus were admitted to hospital from the immediate neighbourhood, 13 of which were fatal, but many scores of cases from a little further afield were treated in their own huts. Reports reaching us from reliable sources indicate that this very serious epidemic has not been treated with the vigour and thoroughness which a disease as formidable as Typhus demands. As a result there are still cases in this area, consequently many are still being exposed to infection and lives are being needlessly lost. All this would almost certainly have been avoided had the original outbreak been dealt with in a manner demanded by a disease as dangerous as Typhus.

Only 16 cases of Enteric Fever have been admitted, the lowest number for several years.

The Macvicar Hospital has also been filled for most of the time. Cases are tending to come rather earlier with a corresponding increase in the number of cures obtained. Many find the prolonged stay rather irksome but the great majority are prepared to wait until they are pronounced fit to return home.

We take pleasure in again drawing attention to the cordial relations existing between the Board of these Hospitals and the Cape Provincial Administration and the Public Health Department.

ORTHOPAEDIC WORK

Again these wards have been filled to capacity with many waiting for admission. We have now raised a sum of £10,000 towards building an Orthopaedic Block. Last year we recorded with gratitude donations of £2,000 from the Nuffield Trust and £3,000 from the Chamber of Mines. This year we received £100 from an anonymous donor and £4,900 from the Native Affairs Department to bring the total up to £10,000. The Board is grateful for this generous help, but a sum considerably in excess of £10,000 will be required to erect a building capable of dealing with the number of cases which seek admission. Any further contributions towards this vitally necessary work would be gratefully received.

TRAINING OF NURSES

The extensions to the Nurses' Home provided by the Public Health Department were opened by Dr. Allan, Secretary of Public Health on September 3rd. We would take this opportunity of expressing to the Public Health Department the deep appreciation of the Board and the Nursing Staff for this very handsome and useful building.

During the year 22 nurses have passed the Preliminary State examination and 16 have passed the Final State examination. Great credit is due to all concerned in the teaching of the nurses.

MISSIONARY WORK

Of our two Chaplains, the Rev. W. M. Macartney and the Rev. J. J. R. Jolobe, the former resigned last March. We are fortunate that the Rev. R. L. Kilgour has agreed to accept the vacancy. The Medical Staff, Nursing Staff and Patients are most grateful for all the help the Chaplains have so ungrudgingly given.

We also wish to express our thanks for the assistance given by the Evangelists of the Bible School in the visiting of patients and the conducting of services.

The numbers of Staff and Patients attending the Sunday Services and Morning Prayers is indicative of the great longing for the Word of God. It is our hope that these Hospitals will always seek to follow in the steps of the Great Physician by striving to heal both soul and body.

The Library and Cultural Societies

CUTHBERT MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Rev. R. L. Kilgour reports :

Students Section.

An examination of the records of books lent shows a decrease of 1400 over the year in comparison with 1942, when the record number of 5445 books were taken out. During the second half of 1943 the weekly average was 96 as compared with 142 in the first half of the year and 213 in February to June 1942.

The falling off appears to be mostly among the apprentices and, to a lesser extent, students in the Training School.

The class "Fiction" remains steadily in greatest demand at 66%. The next figures to it are Bantu Literature at 7.2% and Biography at 7%.

Staff Section.

This remains at about the previous years figure of 900 volumes for the year. The proportion of Fiction has increased by 10% of the total to 67%. History at 10% and Literature at 8% are the next most popular.

Organization. The weekly record sheets entered up by the Assistant Librarian make the work of classification comparatively simple. The system of filing and cataloguing appears to meet the demands made upon it. The purchase of new books continues amid war-time difficulties. A greater proportion of volumes is being ordered through South African agencies.

The discipline among readers has improved considerably and the loss of books is almost negligible.

Finance shows a slightly increased credit balance.

During the year outside painting and repairs to the electric wiring were carried out.

The Staff and Students owe a debt to Mr. R. Senyama, the Assistant Librarian, whose faithful service contributes much to the smooth working of the Library.

Mr. A. J. Raymer who has been Honorary Librarian for several years left for Kenya in the closing weeks of 1943. To him we are indebted for unremitting attention to Library affairs during his period of office.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

President : Mr. Quintin Whyte.

Mr. Whyte reports :

This society had another successful year. The membership increased so considerably that the committee decided to restrict most meetings to members only. Apart from debates in which the standard of speaking was fairly high, the programme for the year was varied. Mrs. Godfrey Wilson (Monica Hunter) gave a brilliant paper on the "Primitive Peoples

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