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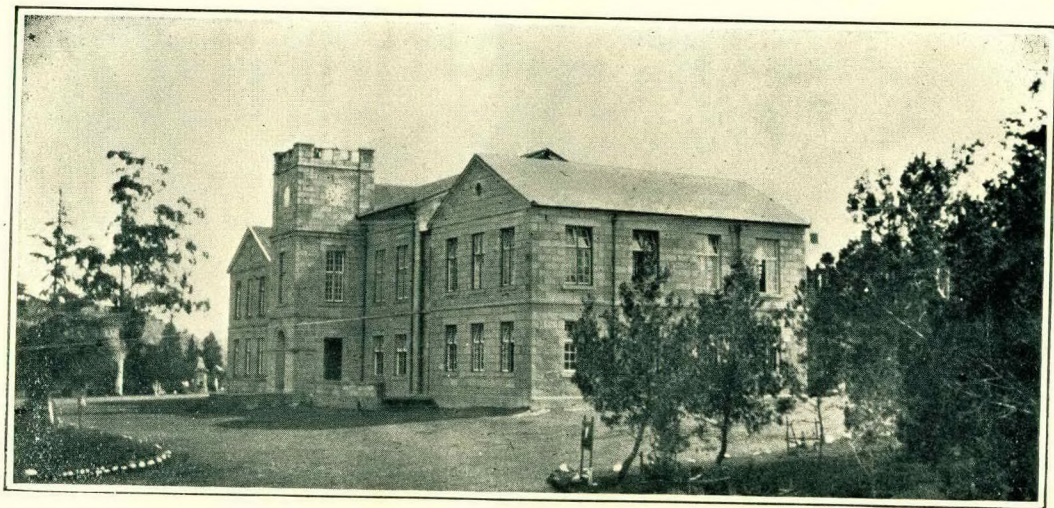


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The Principal's Report

The emblem of Lovedale shows the rising sun behind the hills, and in the foreground a flowering aloe bush, aflame with beauty in the morning light. Inscribed below it are the key words of a great Psalm : "*Nisi Dominus Frustra*"—"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." The emblem was chosen many years ago to be a symbol of all that Lovedale stands for, and of the faith that inspires all its work and gives meaning to all the courses of instruction provided and to all its varied activities. And it has been, we believe, in fidelity to these fundamental convictions that all the work of another year, the ninety-seventh in the long story of Lovedale, has been offered.

The sectional reports which follow will give some conception of the extent, the variety and the progress of that work. But they can only give a part of the story of the year's work. They cannot tell of the devotion and of the co-operation which has made all the work so happy and, as we believe, so fruitful in results. They cannot tell of the intimate personal contacts with students and apprentices, in the class rooms, and in practical work, on the sports ground and in the widely varied activities; and yet it is through all these that they are receiving the influences which are educating and training them for life. Whatever may be the best definition of the aims of education, our conviction stands unshaken that education, if it is to have any enduring value must touch the whole of life, and prepare for the whole of life.

There was again a large enrolment of students drawn from all parts of the Union and beyond its bounds: coming from different environments, from rural and from urban areas. It is one of the most hopeful signs of progress that, in spite of the utterly inadequate provision made for Native education, the standard is steadily rising, and that the age of admission after

Standard VI is steadily decreasing. This, as was noted more fully in the report for last year, is having a marked effect upon the courses of training selected. More and more are inevitably choosing the Secondary School course. Many of these will certainly turn to the Training School on the completion of the Junior Certificate course, and already the effect is being seen in the larger numbers taking the Primary Higher Teachers' Course. This will in turn gradually raise the whole standard throughout the country. Another fact of great significance is the steadily increasing number of girls entering the Secondary School, and the fact that so many of these now ask to take Domestic Science in this course. Many of the boys are now similarly asking for Agriculture. It may be possible, as has been suggested, that they are looking forward to teaching posts, but it is none the less significant of a new outlook that Agriculture is being chosen voluntarily and regarded as a subject fit to be included in a Secondary School syllabus. The Industrial Departments continue to attract a large number of youths and the great activity in the Carpentry and Building Departments has provided for them a wide experience both in the shops and in practical work outside. The Press also affords great opportunity for training; but the number of apprentices admitted has to be limited, keeping in view the possibilities of future employment. The Press report, however, gives a wonderful record of the increase in the preparation of literature, and of the issue of books which have been written, printed and bound by Africans. In the Victoria Hospital a great opportunity is given to girls who enter for training as nurses. There were fifty-five probationer nurses receiving this training, a number which must soon be increased when the new Tuberculosis Hospital is completed. At the Hospital also the Medical-aid students took their final clinical year before proceeding to Durban.

One seems justified, therefore, in referring to real progress and development. There has been an earnest effort to meet new needs, and to prepare students for new opportunities of service for their own people.

The year has not been without difficulty; but the difficulties have been redeemed by the spirit in which they have been

faced and overcome. They seemed to bring out the best both in students and in staff. One realized this in a peculiar degree when a shadow came over all our work in the illness of our Boarding Master, Major Geddes. The serious illness began during the winter vacation, and he was then removed to the Hospital at East London. A slight injury to his foot developed seriously, and amputation became necessary. For ten weeks he was away from Lovedale, and it was with great thankfulness that all received him back on 8th September. With great courage and cheerfulness he resumed his duties. During his absence most willing help was given by various members of the Staff, and the great body of students, with very few exceptions, responded loyally to his own appeal: "to play the game."

I have referred more fully elsewhere in the Report to the great work that has been done by the Carpentry and Building Departments, and to the extensions of the Victoria Hospital in connection with the new Tuberculosis Hospital. Towards the end of the year the foundations were also laid for the completion of the High School Building, and a special effort is being made to have at least one section completed by the end of March 1939. We had hoped to be able to carry out an extensive programme during the year for the improvement of the dormitory accommodation in the Boy's Boarding Department. It was not possible, however, to proceed with new buildings; but many of the old dormitories were renovated and greatly improved, and during the long vacation the sanitary system was transformed. Although it is not work that has been carried out by our own Institution, the completion of a new purified water scheme for the Municipality of Alice, including Lovedale, will be a great boon to the whole community.

Financially, the year has been satisfactory, after some very "lean years." Perhaps the most interesting item in the accounts is the sum of £11,417 contributed in fees. Perhaps no other single fact could more impressively indicate the deep desire of the Native people for education, or the great sacrifices which they are prepared to make to give their children a chance.

It was supremely fitting that the closing address to the students who were leaving at the end of the year was given by

a former student of Lovedale, Mr. Arthur Weir, now one of the highest respected citizens of King Williams Town, and until quite recently the Mayor.

Visitors.

It has again been our privilege to receive many visitors from many countries. Astonishingly few have been mere tourists who, having half an hour to spare, would like to see round a Native Institution. Even such visits have some value, but the great majority come with very deep interest in Native education and welfare, and for these there is always a warm welcome. If they learn something here, they are full of generosity in helping us with their own experience, meeting with members of the Staff and giving talks to our students.

Several important Commissions of Enquiry came during the year. In March the Commission of Enquiry into Tuberculosis and Malnutrition took evidence in Alice, and the members, Major Herbst, Dr. Wilmot, and Major Apthorp, visited Lovedale and the Hospital, where the most important visual evidence was probably the rows of beds with small children suffering from spinal tuberculosis, the result of malnutrition, "the saddest thing they had seen." In the following month the members of the University Commission in regard to Medical Training, Sir Edward Thornton, Dr. Malherbe, Dr. Bremer, and Dr. de Kock, after taking evidence at Fort Hare also visited the Hospital. In July it was a great pleasure to have a visit of several days from members of the Delegation of the Society of Friends, Mr. Brayshaw, of Manchester, Dr. Thomas Jones, President of Fisk University, and Lady Harris, who were visiting South Africa with a view to a fuller understanding of some of the great racial problems of this country. Their report, which has been published recently, is so balanced, so full of understanding and yet so frank in constructive criticisms that it cannot fail to do good. In August members of the Royal Commission appointed to report on the economic conditions of Rhodesia and Nyasaland paid a short visit. The Chairman, Lord Bledisloe, was unable to come, but the Commission was represented by Messrs. Ashly-Cowper, Fitzgerald

and Mainwaring. An all too short and hurried visit was received in April from Commissioners and Chiefs in the Protectorates, with representatives of our own Native Affairs Department, Mr. D. L. Smit and Mr. A. L. Barrett. Amongst the Chiefs and Councillors were former Lovedale students.

In July an important "Vacation Course" for African Studies was held at Fort Hare, when lectures were given for the benefit of former students by Professors C. M. Doke and I. Schapera, Mr. D. Hobart Houghton, Senator and Mrs. Rheinallt Jones. Dr. Doke was a guest in Lovedale. Our sole regret was that it was difficult for many in Lovedale to attend the morning lectures but all greatly valued the personal contacts which were otherwise possible. It would be impossible to name all those who paid more personal visits from "the four continents." We greatly valued the personal visits from old friends in Scotland and England, who have naturally special interest in the work of Lovedale. These included Rev. Hugh Elder, Mrs. Elder, and Miss Elder, Lord Maclay, and the Rev. Chalmers Lyon. From America: Dr. Rufus H. Jones, who gave a most inspiring address to our students; Miss Strout who was visiting South Africa in connection with the World's Temperance Alliance, and conducted several services and meetings here; and others. From the Hague: Mej. Lennan Drip, a member of the Society of Friends, deeply interested in Native Education. From Asia (Ceylon), the Rev. Percy and Mrs. Cash. Many come from all parts of the Union of South Africa and the Protectorates: Visits were also received from missionaries and others working in the Gold Coast, the Belgian Congo, Liberia, Tanganyika and Uganda. It is an inspiration to have such visitors from so many parts of the world, who have so deeply at heart the education and the welfare of the African people.

The Staff.

The Staff is now a large Community, with 126 members on the "official" roll, including some who gave very useful, but temporary service; six in the schools and fourteen for special work in the building departments. But our community includes also the "unofficial" members, the wives who take

such deep interest in the whole life of the Institution, and to whom we owe so much for their kindly sympathy and help. And the community would be incomplete and poorer without the little children in these homes of Lovedale. Our total community within its bounds is 250, and it is always our hope that it may more and more become not merely an aggregate of individuals, but a family witnessing to all that Lovedale stands for. The permanent staff is now almost equally divided between those of European and African descent.

New Appointments.

Reference is made in the reports of the schools to new appointments at the beginning of the year. Some of these were inevitably of a temporary character, and it is difficult, even for the permanent appointments, to secure teachers who have had any previous experience. For the High School, the appointment of Miss P. E. Ngozwana, B.A., with five years experience of Secondary School work in Natal and in King William's Town, was a great strength to the School. And in the Domestic Science Department we welcomed back to Lovedale Miss L. M. Moore, who was formerly on the Staff of the Practising School from 1927-1930 and again in 1932. She resigned for further training as specialist teacher in Domestic Science. Next year she will take over the work so long carried out by Miss Giles in the teaching of Sewing and Housecrafts to Training School students.

In the Training School, some temporary appointments were necessary, both at the beginning of and during the year. We are glad however to have two new appointments to the permanent Staff in Miss R. Pauw, B.A., and Miss Ruth Howard, M.A.

The appointment of the Rev. J. R. Jolobe, B.A., as tutor in the Bible School has made it possible to give effect to new planning of courses and of field work. Some of the Evangelists are now able to return for a second period of training to their great benefit, and the field work is more extensive. In the preparation of literature his help has been invaluable. There has also been possible much closer co-operation with the Hospital.

Special reference was made in last year's report to the retirement of Dr. Macvicar and Dr. and Mrs. Ross from the work of the Victoria Hospital. Dr. Guinness commenced duty on the first day of the year as the new Medical Superintendent. Mr. Cooper began duty about two weeks earlier. Dr. Ryan, who had given some months of temporary service during the previous year, joined the permanent staff as Lady Medical Officer. Under the leadership of Dr. Guinness, supported by these colleagues, the hospital has in a wonderful way won the confidence of the people. The great tradition of consecrated Christian medical service has been continued; and in the life of the Institution our new doctors have been a great strength.

Changes during the year.

At the end of April, Mr. M. L. Kabane, B.A., resigned as Head of the Practising School to accept work in a new High School in Bloemfontein. We deeply regretted this severance of a long connection with Lovedale, but we recognise the opportunity that this appointment will give for a full and rich service in the Free State where secondary education for the Bantu is just beginning its developments. One of the earliest graduates in Fort Hare, Mr. Kabane was appointed to the Staff of the High School in 1925 where he proved himself an outstanding teacher with a quiet and easy command of discipline, and with deep reserves of strength. His appointment in 1936 to the leadership of the Practising School is only one indication of the confidence reposed in him by his colleagues and by the Governing Council. He shared very fully in the life of the Institution; in its Societies and in its activities; and as a member of the Governing Council, of the Senate and of the *Outlook* Committee, and in many other ways rendered great service. For all this service we thank him.

As a result of this appointment, Mr. V. L. Nixon of the Training School was transferred to the Practising School as Acting-Principal; and a temporary appointment was made in the Training School to continue his work there.

In March 1937, Miss Christine Roberts, of the Training School, was granted sick leave, which was extended from time

to time in the hope that with complete rest she might be able to resume work. The rest effected some improvement in health but it was not sufficient for resumption of teaching duties, and in March 1938 she was granted pension on the departmental conditions in the case of ill-health. Miss Roberts, who had spent many years of her life in Lovedale, was appointed to the Staff of the Training School in October 1913. During the war years she carried out peculiarly heavy duties, sometimes one fears overtaxing her strength. There was always in her work a quality of thoroughness which has left its mark on the students who were trained by her; and she took a keen personal interest in all her students. She made a close study of Native conditions and inherited something not only of her father's gift for teaching, but of his passionate desire for justice, always ready to stand up for the "under-dog." It was characteristic that she gave special help in connection with the Social Service Committee of the Senate, pleading for the feeding of the poor children attending the Practising School, and one of the ever-ready helpers in organising the Sports on the Annual Gala Day for the pupils in the rural day schools. Such work will always be remembered with appreciation, and it is the hope of all her friends that with continued rest, strength and health may be restored.

During the years 1937 and 1938 her place was filled in the school by various temporary appointments.

On July 31, the Senior Member of our Staff, Mr. David Hunter, retired from active duty, after forty-four years of service in Lovedale. The Governing Council at its meeting in November adopted the following minute recording deep appreciation of this great service:—

The Governing Council having received intimation of Mr. D. A. Hunter's retirement from active duty resolved to record its deep appreciation of all his service throughout the long period of forty-four years.

In 1893 Mr. Hunter retired from a successful business career to give his life to missionary service. During 1893-94 he made an extensive tour in Southern Africa, visiting Lovedale

at the request of Dr. Stewart. The survey he made convinced him of the great need for hospital and health services for the Native people and for effort in the direction of developing home industries. In 1894 he accepted appointment as an honorary lay worker in Lovedale. He then spent about two years in Scotland urging the claims for a hospital, which was approved by the General Assembly of the Church in May, 1895. He collected funds and secured the offer of service from Dr. McCash and Miss Wallace, both of whom were willing to give honorary service. Returning to South Africa in December, 1895, he made wide appeal for funds from Government and private friends and in September, 1896, the contract was signed for the first hospital building. In the same year he was formally appointed "Honorary Secretary, Victoria Hospital Board."

During the Anglo-Boer War the Hospital was closed, but reopened in October, 1902, when Dr. Neil Macvicar was appointed Medical Superintendent of the Hospital. Throughout the whole period of Dr. Macvicar's great service until his retirement at the end of 1937, Mr. Hunter continued as Honorary Secretary of the hospital. He was responsible for the financial and business administration of the Hospital; he collected funds towards its support and for its many extensions; and in many personal ways helped to create widespread interest in the service which it renders to the Native community.

In 1901 Mr. Hunter undertook temporarily the editorship of *The Christian Express*, and this service was continued until 1932. The name of the magazine was changed in 1922, at Mr. Hunter's suggestion, to *The South African Outlook*. During the years of Mr. Hunter's editorship event followed upon event so that a great variety of subjects presented themselves for comment. In all such comments the consistent aim of the editor was the presentation of the Gospel as the one hope for South Africa, for Black and White alike. The duty of frank criticism was not shirked, an attitude of entire aloofness from party politics was maintained, and at the same time there was welcomed every evidence of fair-mindedness and sympathy shown by political leaders in their dealing with Native questions. Moreover Mr. Hunter constantly urged the duty of unity among

the Christian forces and the need for strengthening the economic position of the European and non-European peoples.

In the course of the years Mr. Hunter has rendered noteworthy service as secretary of the Lovedale Education Board, of the Governing Council and of other bodies, and also as treasurer of numerous funds. His interest in and sacrifice for the Colportage caravan was only one of many schemes that received his active support.

In the work of the congregation Mr. Hunter rendered notable service: as preacher, as elder, but particularly as counsellor of generations of students he has served with great fidelity.

In all his labour he has had the support of Mrs. Hunter who by her gracious winsomeness and womanly sympathy, her unflinching kindness and hospitality has filled a place in Lovedale life that is all her own and endeared herself to multitudes.

The Governing Council is glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. Hunter will continue to dwell in Lovedale and wishes for them many happy years.

The Council received with gratification the announcement that with the approval of the Hospital Board it had been decided to name the new Nurses' Training School, "The David Hunter Training School for Nurses."

At the end of October, Mr. Balani Vena, who has given fifty-eight years service to the Institution in the Boarding Department, retired from active duty. It is a wonderful record of long and faithful service. It was only fitting that such a servant of the Institution should know how highly all in Lovedale appreciated the service of a lifetime. He was called to the Governing Council to receive their special thanks and their good wishes for his remaining years. In the name of the members of the Council, Mr. W. G. Bennie presented him with a purse, and a pension was granted.

Resignations at the end of the year.

At the end of the year Miss Giles retired on pension, after thirty-three years service as a teacher, twenty-six of which have

been spent at Lovedale. The following is the resolution adopted by the Governing Council:—

On the occasion of Miss Giles' retirement the Governing Council records its deep appreciation of her lengthy and devoted service to the Institution.

After some general teaching experience, Miss Giles entered Lovedale in 1913 as a specialist teacher of needlework and hand-work in the Training School; she is now retiring after twenty-six years of continuous service. Her work has at all times been characterised by unswerving thoroughness and efficiency and has always been closely adapted to the life and needs of her pupils. Right up to the end she has experimented with new methods and materials and her annual exhibitions of her pupils' work have been a prominent feature of the life of the Institution and a means of making known to a larger public the work of Lovedale.

The Governing Council thanks her for her services and offers her its sincere wishes for many happy and useful years of retirement.

Mr. M. M. Moerane who had been on the High School Staff since July 1929, resigned at the end of the year on appointment to the new High School at Maseru. Miss C. Nikani, B.A., also resigned for new work in Moroka High School, Thaba 'Nchu. She was appointed to the Staff in 1931, but she entered Lovedale as a student, first in the Training School where she qualified as a teacher at the very early age of just 15. Subsequently she took the Secondary Course before proceeding to the South African Native College. Both have given notable service, an appreciation of which is given by the Head of the School in his report.

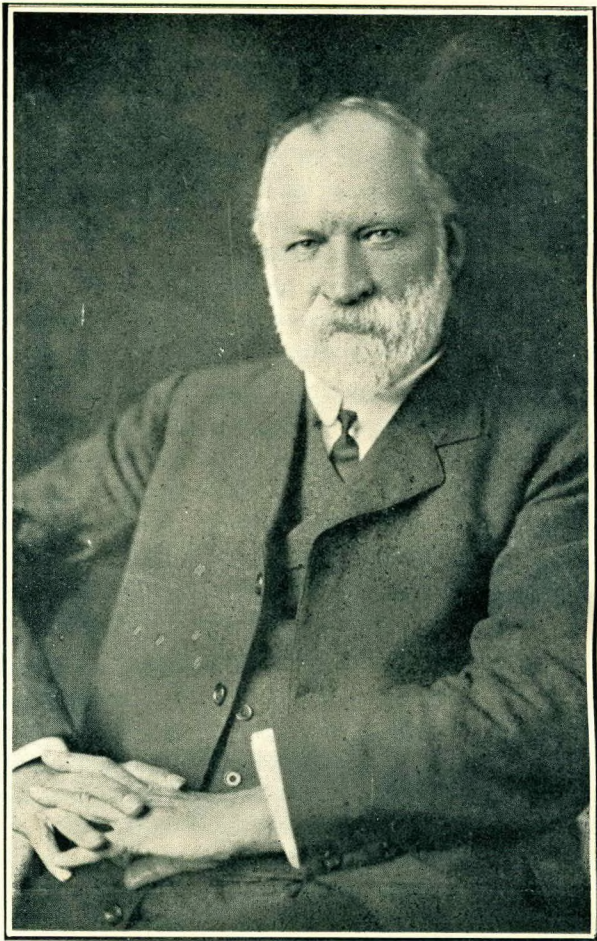
The rapid development in recent years of Native Secondary Education is significant of progress and full of hope for the future. It has one "drawback," experienced teachers are scarce, and it is inevitable that these new schools should look to the older Institutions for the Staff that is needed. At the end of 1935, two European members of our Staff were called to the Headship of new Secondary Schools, and this year three of our Native

Staff have been called to posts in other new Schools. It would be churlish to grudge them for work with great possibilities of service; but it has certainly not been without some embarrassment to our own staffing problem!

Miss E. H. Henderson, B.A., resigned from the High School in view of her marriage to Mr. T. Walsh of Durban. She came to Lovedale from Nyasaland with her parents when she was a very young child and received her education in Lovedale up to Junior Certificate stage. On the completion of the University Course, she returned in 1929 as a member of the High School Staff. Most of her life has therefore been within Lovedale, and she gave herself with wonderful unselfishness not only by teaching in classes but by entering into all that would help the students in the Institution. All her friends wish her great happiness.

There were two other resignations for marriage. Miss Mnyani, who came to Lovedale in 1928 as a student in the Training School, and was appointed in 1932 to the Victoria Hospital School, and to the Practising School in 1933, resigned for marriage to Mr. Moahloli, also of the Practising School. Miss Bishop, Sister in the Hospital, resigned for marriage to Mr. McAllister of the High School. These remain within our community, although in a new capacity.

With great regret we received also the resignation of Miss M. Saint, Matron of the Victoria Hospital. She came to Lovedale in February 1933 as Senior Sister and was appointed Matron in November of the same year. She has given outstanding service as Sister, as Matron, as administrator and as teacher. With great efficiency and with quiet courage she carried out the heavy responsibilities of the Matron during a period of rapid development. Only those most intimately associated with the work of the Hospital know how much is owed to her efficient administration, to her advice in the planning of the new buildings for the T. B. Hospital, and to her conception of establishing a preliminary Training School for Nurses. She has been called to a new work for which she is supremely fitted, as Matron of the new Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, where now—at last—a start is being made in the training of Coloured Nurses.



THE LATE DR. A. W. ROBERTS

Losses by Death.

On 27th January, 1938, there passed away after a long illness a great friend of the Native people, Dr. A. W. Roberts. He joined the Staff of Lovedale on 28 July 1883, and fifty years later, on 28th July 1933 a great gathering was held in Lovedale to mark his Jubilee, when tributes were paid by his old friends and by his old students to his great and varied services, and messages were received from the Prime Minister, the Astronomer Royal, the Education Departments and by a host of former students and others. For thirty-seven years as teacher in Lovedale, on several occasions acting as Principal, as Senator representing the Native people, and as senior member of the Native Affairs Commission and as a personal friend he rendered a unique service to South Africa. It was only fitting that at the simple funeral, his body was carried to the grave by former students, and that a simple tribute of thanksgiving was made on behalf of the Native people by Mr. D. D. T. Jabavu.

With deep regret all in Lovedale heard of the death of Mr. J. Weir, of King Williamstown, on 1st June, 1938. He had been in poor health for some time, but the end was quite unexpected, and he passed away during the night in sleep. The grandson of an early and honoured member of our Staff, he continued to take a deep interest in the welfare of Lovedale. One special service he rendered, in his quiet way, as a Trustee of the Andrew Smith Bursary Fund. With his father, he was one of the original Trustees named by Mr. Andrew Smith in his will; and he has given incalculable service by "nursing the funds" and making wise investments, which has made the Fund so valuable in aiding Native students to take secondary school courses.

On 12th August 1938, Mr. George McGillivray Senior passed away after a long illness bravely borne. He had long and intimate connection with Lovedale. His father, the first George McGillivray, came to Lovedale in 1871 to reorganise the work of the Carpentry Department, and for about forty years rendered a great service. There were four sons each of whom received part of their education in Lovedale. George McGillivray was the eldest, ten years old when his father came to Lovedale. He served his apprenticeship in Lovedale in connection with the

erection of the Main Educational Block and gave great help in the erection of the buildings. For many years he carried on business as Builder and Contractor, and was highly respected for the thoroughness of all work undertaken by him. His eldest son, George, has entered into a succession of service in Lovedale as Accountant and Head of the General Office. We honour greatly a family which through three generations has been giving service so faithful in Lovedale.

On 27th, August 1938, William Magalela Hall, Assistant Instructor and Senior Journeyman in the Carpentry Department, died in the Victoria Hospital. He was born on 10th October 1888 at Keiskama Hoek. After passing Standard VI in Pirie School, he came to Lovedale in 1908 as an apprentice in the Carpentry Department. All through his course he showed not only great efficiency in work, but fine qualities of character and influence which never changed. He continued as a Journeyman in Lovedale until 1917 when he went to Natal for some years and later worked nearer his own home. He was recalled in 1929 and to the end he had a wonderful, quiet influence for good over all with whom he worked. He was a skilled craftsman who put his heart into all his work and encouraged apprentices to give their best. At the week-ends he went home, riding on horseback over the hills; and during the Sundays he helped the Congregation there and went about the villages preaching and evangelising. He was loved and respected by all, and he is sorely missed, but one gives thanks to God for a life so simple, so loving and so strong.

School and Departmental Reports.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

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

The number of pupils again increased. There were no less than 114 new entrants, and the total enrolment was 265, although not all of the new entrants were able to stay to the end of the year. There was also a sudden increase in the numbers in Form IV, a class which has usually not more than twenty but had at one time this year forty-two.

Miss Henderson was granted a year's leave to enable her to accept the offer of a temporary post in the Girls' High School, Queenstown; her place was taken by Miss Carter, of Rhodes University College, who taught English and History. Towards the end of the year we learnt with mixed feelings that Miss Henderson would not be returning as she was to be married. She has done excellent work in the school since her appointment in 1929 and we shall miss her greatly.

Miss Ellen Ngozwana, a graduate of Fort Hare, who had gained experience in Natal and King William's Town, undertook the Biology of all the classes and the Geography of one class.

We are grateful to Miss Rogers and her staff for undertaking the Domestic Science of our girls, to Mr. H. Duncan of the Training School staff for giving instruction in Woodwork, and very specially to Mr. P. Germond, Fort Hare, who has for the past two years taken a group for ten or eleven periods in Agriculture, both theoretical and practical, at a merely nominal cost to the school.

We bid farewell this year to two of our staff who have served us long and faithfully:—Mr. Moerane, again most energetic and successful with our music, has accepted a post in the new High School at Maseru, Basutoland, where he will be among his

own people more than he could ever be in Lovedale ; and Miss C. Nikani who has been called to teach in the Moroka Secondary School, Thaba 'Nchu ; she has been courageously dissecting frogs in Physiology classes, and exercising a good influence with our younger girls.

It is most satisfactory to note that the majority of girls entering the school at Form I now ask for the General Course which includes Cookery, Housewifery and Laundry work. The A section of this form taking Latin and Mathematics is now the smaller of the two, although the reverse is true for all the other Forms in the school.

There is an increasing demand for Agriculture on the part of the boys. In addition to the class taken by Mr. Germond, a small party under Mr. Barry, our Latin master, has taken this subject for the Junior Certificate, and a beginning has been made by the same teacher in Form II.

Members of the staff direct scouting, rugby, cricket and soccer, and frequently join in these games. There has been a high standard in Athletic Sports, a gratifying number of pupils entering for the different events.

We are grateful to Mr. Shepherd and to Miss Grieve who have come, often at considerable personal inconvenience, to give Scripture lessons in the school throughout the year.

In the external examinations, eleven passed the Senior and forty-seven the Junior Certificate, five of the latter in the first grade. This is the highest total which the school has yet attained.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

Principal : Mr. J. W. Macquarrie, B.A.

Enrolment.

The enrolment has increased by seventeen over last year's. Though N.P.L. 1 and N.P.L. 3 are slightly smaller, the N.P.L. 2 class has increased from thirty-seven to sixty. Also N.P.H. 1 has grown by almost 50% from seventeen to twenty-five. The great increase in N.P.L. 2 is due to a large N.P.L. 1 class in 1937 and a high percentage of passes. The smaller N.P.L. 1 class is not due to fewer entrants, (there are actually more than usual)

but to a smaller number of " repeats " from the previous year. The proportion of boys in N.P.L. 1 has increased from 25% in 1937 to 33% in 1938, but still indicates that male students are tending to seek higher qualifications. In N.P.H. 1, the men form 70% of the class.

Changes of Staff.

The year has been one of the most trying in the school's history on account of changes of Staff. Early in the year, Miss Roberts was obliged, through illness, finally to relinquish her post and to retire on pension. She has given some twenty years of efficient and devoted service to the school, has borne willingly increasingly heavy burdens, and has trained many teachers of whom the Native people may well be proud. The school offers her its sincerest thanks and earnest wishes for recovery of health.

Mr. Mdledle returned to duty on the successful completion of his B.A. studies, a feat accomplished largely in his meagre spare time and to which reference was made in the last report.

Mr. Nixon was appointed at the end of April to the Principalship of the Practising School ; we congratulate him warmly on his well-merited promotion and thank him for his faithful and efficient service in this school.

Miss Greer's post, vacated at the end of 1937 on her marriage to Mr. Benyon, was taken by Miss R. M. Howard, M.A., Mr. Homann was replaced by Mr. B. J. Conradie, B.A., Mrs. Kingon who had been substituting temporarily for Miss Roberts was replaced by Miss R. Pauw, B.A. Mr. Nixon's post was filled first by the appointment for two months of a pensioned teacher, Mr. G. Millar, and for the second session by Mr. H. D. Sieborger, M.A. None of these new teachers have had any previous experience of Native education, and indeed except in the case of Mr. Sieborger and Mr. Millar, none have had any previous experience as teachers. When it is remembered (*a*) that it takes some two to five years experience of this or similar work to render a teacher's services fully effective, and (*b*) that 1936 and 1937 have seen similar large-scale changes in staff, it will be realized that the school is passing through a critical period.

The loyalty and zeal of the staff, however, the full measure of promise shown by the new members as a whole, and the strengthening of our personnel foreshadowed for 1939 augur well for the future and indicate that the years of famine are almost over.

At the end of the year Miss Giles retired on pension after over twenty-five years of service in the school. Right up to the end, she maintained a tradition of unswerving thoroughness and efficiency and her annual exhibitions of handwork and needlework were a feature which served to make known the activities of the Institution to a much larger public. She will be greatly missed and deserves our thanks and best wishes.

Mr. Harry Duncan, after an all too short period as Woodwork teacher, left to take up more varied work at Tigerkloof.

Part Time Teachers.

For some years, much of the regular Scripture teaching has been in the hands of the Chaplain, for the boys, and the Lady Superintendent, for the girls. This has made for greater effectiveness in the teaching and done much to raise the "tone" of the school. In addition, Miss Grieve, formerly a lecturer in geography at Glasgow University has helped in the teaching of this subject. Such services have been deeply appreciated.

Visual Education.

During the year, heavy blinds have been fitted in one of the classrooms and an epideiascope and screen installed, making it available for illustrating geography and other lessons.

The South African Native College has installed a talking picture apparatus and has very kindly arranged for our Final Year students to witness educational films once a month. Films such as : Diagnosing Errors in Arithmetic, The Project Method, The Life of Brahms, etc., have been shown and should be of great help in widening our students' horizons and in kindling interest.

Our library of pictures has been greatly extended throughout the year and numbers some 1200 items. In the students' handwork lessons, much apparatus for use in Primary Schools has been constructed.

Gardening.

We owe deep thanks to Mr. Nixon for continuing, after his transference to the Practising School, to look after the Training School poultry. His services have been invaluable. Mr. Coghill and his class have had a heavy but profitable year constructing a garden round the one-teacher school, have done much excavation of boulders and built up some very sturdy and imposing terraces. Mr. Rajuili's vegetable and field crops have again yielded considerable profit.

Examination Results.

The constant changes of Staff since 1935 have at last had their repercussions upon examination results. In spite of the most strenuous efforts—1938 will be remembered we hope as the most laborious year that we have ever experienced—the results were not up to our usual standards :—

	<i>1st Grade</i>	<i>2nd Grade</i>	<i>Total passed</i>	<i>% of passes</i>
N.P.L. 1	13	25	38	58%
N.P.L. 3	1	36	37	74%
N.P.H. 2	—	10	10	53%
N.H.T. 2	—	2	2	100%

In mitigation it should be remembered that the examinations now cover merely three out of some fourteen subjects, and that the relatively low percentages in N.P.L. 1 and N.P.H. 2 are due almost wholly to weakness in just one subject.

The Future.

The future seems brighter than for some years. A fair measure of stability seems now to have been secured in the Staff and some very promising recruits obtained. A new Course has been sanctioned by the Education Department for 1939—a special course for past-N.P.L. 3 girl students who will receive training for one year in the teaching of the sub-standard classes. A very interesting curriculum and an attractive salary scale should help to secure a good type of student. The extension of the High School building and the consequent release of all the classrooms in the older building for Training School use should be of benefit to both schools. The promise of a financial grant for physical education in the Institution made by the Education

Department should help to foster a further important development.

I should like in conclusion to place on record our deep appreciation of the help, consideration and encouragement shown by the Circuit Inspector, an Old Lovedalian and the doyen of the Inspectorate, in what might otherwise have been a most trying year.

THE PRACTISING SCHOOL.

Principal Mr. M. L. Kabane, (to 30 April).

Acting-Principal : Mr. V. L. Nixon, (from 1 May).

Enrolment.

The number of pupils on the roll rose from 398 at the beginning of the first session to 507 in September. During the last quarter a decline took place, and the year ended with a total of 455 on the roll. The average enrolment for the whole year was 475, an increase of twenty-five on that of 1937.

The actual attendance varied very greatly, falling very low in cold and wet weather and rising again in warm, sunny weather. The highest weekly percentage attendance was 92.5% and the lowest 69%. The average for the year was 392 pupils or 82.5%. The average percentage attendance of the Standards alone was 89%.

Staff.

The year began with one change only in the staff, Mrs. Goduka filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Zondani in December, 1937.

Two changes took place during the first session. Miss Mashologu resigned at the end of the first quarter, and Miss Chaga, a newly certificated teacher, was appointed in her place. Mr. Kabane resigned on April 30th to take up a post in Bloemfontein, and, to fill the vacancy so caused, the present principal was seconded from the Training School.

At the end of the year two more teachers are leaving. Mr. Hela has resigned to take up a new post in the Training School, and Miss Mnyani to be married. Both these teachers have

done good work in the school for many years, and it is with great regret that we part with them. We wish Mr. Hela every success in the new work he is undertaking, and Miss Mnyani great happiness and prosperity in her married life.

Feeding of Necessitous Children.

At the beginning of the second session arrangements were made by the Social Service Committee to supply the school with four gallons of fresh milk daily in place of the bread and tea formerly supplied, and in consequence a number of children have been given half a pint of milk per day. This has been enjoyed by the children who are better for the small but regular supply which they have received.

We are grateful to the Social Service Committee for the interest shown in the health of the pupils, and we look forward to the day when more money will be available to make it possible to supply a much larger number of children with free milk.

Savings Bank.

On investigation it was discovered that no deposits had been made in the Savings Bank for two or three years, and so efforts were made to induce the children to start saving again. The number of children now on the books is forty-two of whom more than half are new members. The total amount deposited is £2 14s. 8d., and of this £1 7s. 9d. has been paid in since June.

General.

During the year the boys of Stds. V and VI have levelled a piece of ground behind the Infants' School, and two tennikoit courts have been completed. Various repairs have also been carried out by the boys, such as the replacing of broken window panes, painting the handwork room and tool shed and mending the swings.

Some very good handwork has been done, particularly by the Sub-Standard B children under the able supervision of Mrs. Goduka. The demand for the articles made has far exceeded the supply, and more than £2 has already been made by the sale of table mats alone. In the Standards many interesting and useful articles have been made from bone and horn.

To increase the interest of the children in handwork it is

proposed to put aside a percentage of the money obtained by the sale of the articles made, this money to be used by the pupils to help towards paying for the books they need.

This has been a good year for gardening and excellent crops have been obtained from the school gardens. Vegetables have been given to the children for their own consumption, and in addition £2 odd has been raised by the sale of produce.

The school has been granted a large piece of ground near the Training School gardens and in close proximity to the furrow, and in the future gardening will be carried on on a much larger scale than in the past.

In the Standard VI examinations 74% of the pupils passed. This is the best result obtained for a year or two and reflects great credit on the teachers responsible for the Standard VI classes.

In conclusion I should like to express my gratitude to all the members of the staff for the help given to me on my appointment to the principalship of the school. In particular I must thank Mr. Hela for the valuable help he has given and for the many useful suggestions he has made.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT.

Principal : Miss J. L. Rogers.

This year we have had a welcome increase in numbers. A varied lot of girls from many different districts form a big first year class.

In the second session it has been interesting to note the improvement in some who were very rough diamonds to begin with, but disappointing at the end of session to find the lack of improvement in others.

General work has gone on happily with the usual varying results.

School gardens have had more attention and interest though invasions of horses and turkeys sometimes caused tears.

The finishing girls were specially proud of cakes iced in different and original ways, and in the upholstery class splendidly upholstered chairs were a special feature.

The short course has again had keen women from far away districts. It is interesting to hear how they are able to help in their own villages even after so short a time of learning.

Staff changes are inevitable.

Miss Moore has put in a strenuous year at cookery and we are sorry she cannot continue but wish her success in her new position. We had to say goodbye to Mrs. Mjambi in June for her home required her, but were fortunate to have Mrs. Oldjohn acting temporarily, and enjoyed having her on the staff again.

The session finished by a "thrift" afternoon given to a group attending the Bible School. In these varied ways we are in touch with homes and villages far and near and we trust that better homes will help to make a better and happier country.

BOYS' INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENTS. CARPENTRY AND BUILDING SECTIONS.

<i>Building Instructor :</i>	<i>Mr. W. A. Smith.</i>
<i>Carpentry Instructors :</i>	<i>Mr. W. W. Duncan.</i>
"	<i>Mr. H. W. Duncan.</i>
<i>Assistant Instructor :</i>	<i>Mr. Sopotela.</i>

The Carpentry and Building Department has been working at high pressure throughout the year. For the Heads of the Department it has been almost dangerously high pressure, with no pause from work except for little more than a week at Christmas.

During the first three months an effort was made to carry out the usual annual repairs to the Institutional Buildings. The Chapel at the Bible School was also completed and formally opened with a Dedication Service on 17th March.

Thereafter the major, but not the exclusive, work was in connection with large extensions at the Victoria Hospital. Towards the end of March, the Union Health Department finally approved the plans for the new "Macvicar Hospital for Tuberculosis," and made payment of the first instalment of the grant voted by Parliament. On 4th April excavation was commenced for the main building. The main building is in

two storeys, with wings for the larger wards. The size of the building may be visualized by stating that the length of the building is about 254 feet, and the internal corridor between the smaller wards, etc., is 225 feet in length. In addition to the main building, the new scheme includes necessary extension to the Sisters' Quarters, a large extension to the Nurses' Quarters: also Laundry, etc.

The Provincial Government also approved the plans for the new "David Hunter Training School for Nurses;" and with this is incorporated provision for the teaching of Medical Aids for whom a small temporary structure was erected in the early part of the year.

Progress with the main building has been substantial. The brick work of the ground floor is now completed, and several of the rooms have been plastered. The whole of the concrete flooring covering this area is also completed; and the brickwork is well advanced in sections of the upper storey. The extension to the European Sisters' Quarters was practically completed at the end of the year and will be ready for occupation shortly thereafter. Negotiations are proceeding for the various installations in connection with all the buildings and it is hoped to have the whole work well under way early in the coming year.

The Preliminary Training School was also begun, although progress has been somewhat slowed owing to the difficulty of keeping the supply of bricks up to requirements without seriously handicapping the larger works.

Extensions to the Shed accommodation at the Brickyard has enabled an increase of output, but throughout the year it has been difficult to keep pace with the needs. It is hoped that with the purchase of a Brickmaking Machine, for which negotiations are proceeding, the difficulties experienced during this year will be eliminated.

Throughout the year, the Carpentry and the Building Sections have been working together in the closest co-operation, to co-ordinate all the work in connection with these important buildings, and it has been through this co-operation that the work of the year has been so successful.



THE BOOKSTORE

During the Christmas (summer) vacation the Department cheerfully undertook specially heavy work. The Building Section has carried out a complete renewal of the Sanitation at the Boys' Boarding Department, and has made an excellent beginning to the extension to the High School building. The Carpentry Department created a record in erecting an excellent cottage for a Native Staff teacher in two weeks, by working overtime in the holidays ; and during the same holidays extensive repairs were made to the dormitories in the Boys' Department, and considerable improvements made to other buildings.

It has been necessary to engage extra help for all this extensive programme of work, and both Mr. Smith and Mr. Duncan refer with gratitude to the help given one to the other, and to the happy co-operation between all members of their staff. Mr. Smith thanks specially " Mr. Pollock whose smiling, willing and honest help has been invaluable ; and to the apprentices what more can one say than that their efforts stand as a monument to their labours. They are thanked one and all."

THE LOVEDALE PRESS.

Director of Press and Editor " S.A. Outlook " : Rev. R. H. W. Shepherd, M.A.

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

Works Manager : Mr. T. Atkinson.

The Press has had an extremely busy year so that despite the new bookbinding block and other increased facilities, difficulty has been experienced in coping with all the work offered. To meet growing requirements we purchased in July a new automatic printing machine (costing £1,300). It has further been arranged that in the new year we shall add women book-binding assistants to the staff. To relieve Mr. Atkinson of his steadily increasing duties with correspondence and proofs we appointed in March last Miss Annie Atkinson who had had previous experience of such work. It may be noted that in addition to the recently established Pension Fund, we increased before the close of the year the wages of almost all the journey-

men employed. The cost of paper fluctuated during 1938 ; the average price of the papers we use most is 25% higher than two years ago. So far we have not allowed this to affect our scale of charges but the position requires careful watching.

All the prospects are that the demands on the Press are to go on increasing and it is clear that only by getting a complete new set of buildings, housing all activities in one area, shall we with comfort and satisfaction meet the future.

In addition to reprints of many books, the following new books were financed and published by the Press during the past year :

Bushmen of the Southern Kalahari (For Johannesburg University. 18/-).

The Bantu in the City, by Dr. Ray E. Philips. (A large and important book. 10/-).

Pioneers in Pondoland, by Rev. G. Callaway, S.S.J.E. (Missionary History. 5/-).

Native Vocational Training, by A. D. Dodd. (History of Vocational Training. 2/6).

Teaching of English in Native Schools—a new book.

Ibali Lamagqunukhwebe (History of a Xhosa tribe. 10d.)

Iintsomi—Bantu Folk Stories, by Miss Agar-O'Connell (A Diglot in English and Xhosa illustrated by a Native artist. 2/-).

A Handbook of Tswana Law and Custom, by Professor Schapera. (Tswana Vernacular. 5/-).

U-Jujuju, by Miss Futshane (A Xhosa Story).

Isiduko Zama-Hlubi, by H. M. Ndawo. (Praise-songs of Native Chiefs.)

Books formerly published but now issued in new Xhosa orthography :

Ityala Lama Wele, by S. E. K. Mqhayi.

Uhambo lo Mhambi, by Tiyo Soga.

Umzali Wolahleko, by Guybon Sinxo.

Kupilwa Phi, by Benjamin Bangeni.

Printed in 1938 for other publishers :

- Ila Readers*— Kafue Bookroom
Mukuni Primers " "
First Mukuni Readers " "
Mukuni Hymnals " "
Nyakuza Land Rights—Rhodes-Livingstone Institute, N.
Rhodesia.
*Some Economic Problems of the Bantu in the Union of South
Africa*—Houghton, Race Relations Institute.
Xhosa Bible Readings—Miss Sprigg.
Xhosa Daily Texts—Oosthuysen.
Xhosa Hymnbooks—Private Circulation.
Syllabus of Religious Instruction—Methodist Church.
All Africa Convention Reports.
Juliuse Kesara, by Sol. Plaatje (Translation of Shakespeare'
play in Tswana).

Reports :

- Lovedale Missionary Institution
St. Matthew's Missionary Institution
Tiger Kloof Missionary Institution
Institute of Race Relations
Fort Hare Calendar
Bantu Presbyterian Church Assembly

Periodicals :

- The South African Outlook* (Monthly)
The Preacher's Help—Five languages (Monthly)
Bantu Studies (Quarterly for Witwatersrand University
Johannesburg).
Teacher's Vision (Quarterly).
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).

We were also the publishers of the new *Christian Handbook
of South Africa* but it was financed by the World Dominion
Press.

Active steps have been taken for the Press entering new fields. A series of *Stewart Zulu Readers* similar to the *Stewart Xhosa Readers* is passing through the Press. A series of English Readers for Native Schools has been accepted by the Education Department and Lovedale is to act as publisher. This will meet a long felt want. The Tswana area has long been deficient in vernacular literature. A long standing controversy was recently settled and so the time is ripe for a forward movement in literature for both church and school. As the year closes, we publish what will be the first book in the new Tswana orthography and others are planned for next year.

Rev. R. Godfrey is actively engaged on a revision of the standard *Kropf-Godfrey Xhosa Dictionary*. Towards the reduction of the price of this large work, we have received grants amounting to £350 from two Native Councils and the Inter-University Committee on African Studies.

Experiments are being made with a view to opening a stencils department for the publication of MSS., particularly by Native authors which, while considered worthy of publication, might from their technical or other nature not command a large sale.

It is worth recording that recent bibliographies published by the International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa show that more publications now exist in Xhosa, in which we particularly specialize, than in any other African language except Swahili. This is gratifying although the accuracy of the bibliographies is being challenged and the fact of a large number of publications does not give any indication of their intrinsic value.

I would like again to pay tribute to the excellent work being done by the staff of the Press.

THE DAIRY FARM.

Manager : Mr. D. Emslie.

Farming conditions were better this year and there was quite a good rainfall.

Most of the fields of barley and oats were fed green to the dairy herd ; most of them being grazed off and quite a number of acres of barley being cut green and fed to the cows in the

byre. The crops that ripened were good except for a field of late oats which was badly rusted ; the 158 bags threshed will be very useful as a concentrate feed for the milk cows during 1939.

I am very pleased to report that sickness amongst the cattle has not been very bad. We lost four cows and several young stock ; one of the four cows was struck and killed by lightning close to the byre during milking time, the shock caused quite a bit of excitement amongst both cows and Native boys in the byre.

The mangel crop was again a great asset as a feed for cows and pigs. A big crop of pumpkins was grown from which the Boarding Departments were supplied ; the surrounding Natives also bought several waggon loads. The maize crop was smaller than in the previous year.

A number of pigs were sold, and prices were fair.

BOYS' BOARDING DEPARTMENT.

Boarding Master : Major W. L. Geddes, O.B.E.

The largest number in residence in the Boys' Boarding Department was Staff seventeen and Boys 381 in the first session and in the second session Staff thirteen and Boys 375.

During my absence in hospital in the second session through illness the work was very ably carried by Messrs. Atkinson, McGillivray and Zulu, and to them I beg to tender my sincere thanks.

The general conduct of the boys was on the whole quite satisfactory, but in some cases severe disciplinary action had to be taken. In some of the evening classes the behaviour was not all that one desired, and in one or two cases this occurred in a Senior class, indicating the need of great care in the appointment of monitors.

The health of the boys was on the whole good, but there were several cases of appendicitis, a new thing this year ; but those who were operated on did well and are now quite fit. The number of boys complaining of their eyes is increasing, and it would be advisable for them to have their eyes tested and fixed up when at home ; a number of them seem to think that

this and operations and medicine three times a day are all included in the 10/- which they pay.

I am very happy to say that the Governing Council has approved the renovation of the old dormitories, the building of a new block of dormitories and the reconstruction of the sanitation system and the lavatories.

On the whole I think we can look forward to a good year in 1939.

THE BAND.

The Band continues to render "sweet music" at our Sports and Gala Days; and they seem to be very keen. They are greatly in need of some new instruments and some kind of cheap and serviceable uniform; perhaps some kind donor would like to help us.

The Band goes out occasionally with the Missionary Companies on Sunday mornings, and draws large crowds.

The Band-master, Mr. Bishop Ntuli, is very keen on his work and always willing to help.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Superintendent : Miss E. M. Grieve, B.Sc.

During the first session 249 girls were in residence. This number, the highest for some years, put a great strain on the Dormitory accommodation, which was only slightly eased in the second session, when the number was 243. The reduction in numbers was due in part to the inability of some to pay fees, and to the smaller number in the House Management Course.

There has been very little sickness among the girls this year, and this has been due in some measure to the fact that a number of girls who had unhealthy tonsils had them removed. One girl returned from her mid-term holiday suffering from pneumonia, and was seriously ill for a few days; but expert attention in our hospital soon restored her to health.

In games, sports and Wayfarer-Guides, because of the resignation of those who had been in charge for many years, the

work connected with these activities devolved largely on the younger and less experienced members of the staff. That they carried out these extra duties well, along with new teaching work, is a matter deserving of deep gratitude, and to them and also to those who, as in the past, also helped, we offer our sincere thanks.

Mrs. Ballinger, M.P., has very kindly presented a silver cup for competition in the Girls' section of the Inter-Institutional sports. We thank her for a gift which will be very much appreciated, and which will stimulate interest and enthusiasm in athletics.

The members of the Missionary Companies have been able to visit the villages regularly this year. At first the medicine-box proved more popular than the meetings, so it was decided to dispense medicines after the meetings. The meetings were consequently better attended, most villagers came in the expectation of getting free medicines, but those in charge feel that many became genuinely interested in the short services.

We are very sorry that Miss Cecilia Nikani and Miss Mnyani are leaving us. They have both given willing and friendly help to the girls under their care. We wish them every happiness in their new spheres.

Our thanks are also due to those senior girls who help with the supervision of the younger girls. It is a valuable piece of work they do, and a task which is not always easy.

Sports and Athletics.

ATHLETICS

The general standard of Athletics throughout the Institutions was very high in 1938, and the performances of our athletes, individually and as a team, reflected the healthy tone in this section of their sport.

The season started early in the year in preparation for the annual competition, and the response of the students to the rather exacting demands made upon them was very gratifying and encouraging. The success achieved at St. Matthew's was ample reward for months of concentrated training.

The Inter-house sports brought much new material to light and in 1939 we feel that it would be advisable to hold these sports before the Inter-Institution fixture.

The general response and spirit displayed reflected keen interest and consciousness on the part of the athletes of their obligations to themselves, their Houses and the Institution. We hope this spirit will spread.

The Annual Cross-Country Race against Healdtown, in which we hope all Institutions will participate later, was held over our course and was won by Healdtown after an exciting race.

We are grateful to Major Geddes for his work on the Oval, and to the Institution authorities for their generous response to our appeal. The Oval is now free of debt and all branches of sport will undoubtedly receive an impetus.

J.P.B.

RUGBY.

Of this section of the sport I can say no more than that the standard of previous years was maintained. There was no advance, and I attribute this to the casual attitude of some who nullified the efforts of the enthusiasts. Too many only think of the responsibility of training seriously if there is an "away" trip on hand.

Generally, however, the "A" Division responded well and the eagerness of the captain and the committee pulled the game up. For the first time for some years we defeated Fort Hare, but although we drew with Healdrown the first match, they were the better team in the second match. The matches against St. Matthew's, King William's Town and Grahamstown all ended in our favour.

We hope that in 1939 more opportunities will be given to the younger students to derive benefit from this very healthy game, that the traditional spirit of sportsmanship and fairness which are the first points of Rugby will be upheld by those whose responsibility it will soon become.

J.P.B.

SOCCER.

Many of the defects and disappointments which showed up in soccer in the first session were absent in the second session. We had a keener spirit amongst us and were therefore a happier family. One result of this was a very successful session for the Lovedale teams, for the first team beat "all-comers," including Fort Hare and Healdtown, to which places we lost badly in the first session. We finished up with two fine teams and a fine lot of sportsmen, and as most of these players should be in Lovedale in 1939 we end the year with assets to hand on to the future.

The House Competitions were not completed as we were unable to make up for the many matches cancelled in the first session. It is to be hoped that next year all fixtures arranged will be fulfilled. But the season has given many proofs that our House system is very sick and needs putting in hospital for drastic treatment. We also need a system of discipline or elimination for slackers and poor sportsmen, and one which will give more help and encouragement to the enthusiasts and good sportsmen, of whom we always have plenty.

A word of praise is due to M. Molapo, Soccer Captain for 1938, who has played the game, on and off the field, in a manner which has been an inspiration to many of his comrades.

T.A.

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