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CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

PART I.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

President—BISHOP EBEN S. JONHSON, D.D.
Secretary—E. L. Sells, Mrewa
Statistician—R. F. Wagner, Old Umtali
Conference Treasurer—R. C. Gates, Nyadiri Mission, P. B. Salisbury
Registrar—R. C. Gates, Nyadiri Mission, P. B. Salisbury

PART II.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS and COMMITTEES

Board of Ministerial Training
H. I. James
W. Bourgaize
T. A. O'Farrell
R. C. Gates
M. J. Murphree
E. L. Sells
J. Chimbadzwa
C. Faku

Board of Stewards
(Term expiring 1933)
M. J. Murphree, David Mandisodza, Abraham Kawadza.
(Term expiring 1934)
Titus Marange, H. I. James, Paul Chiwanga.
(Term expiring 1935)

Board of Education
(Term expiring 1933)
Miss Lulu Tubbs, H. I. James, Miss Pearl Mullikin, C. Faku, R. F. Wagner and Amos Kapenzi.
(Term expiring 1934)
M. J. Murphree, W. Bourgaize, R. Ngonyama, Miss W. Shields, Miss B. Ramsey, and Miss J. Pfaff.
(Term expiring 1935)
R. C. Gates, G. A. Roberts and John Nduna.

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension: District Superintendents Ex. Officio
(Term expiring 1933)
W. Bourgaize, Phillip Chieza, Miss G. Clark and R. Ngonyama.

G. A. Roberts, Miss B. Reitz, Miss Sarah King, C. Faku, Miss Lulu Tubbs, I. Darikwa, J. Chimbadzwa.

Committee on Conference Relations
E. L. Sells
H. I. James
W. Bourgaize

Committee on the State of the Church. (To which is assigned the work of the Committee on Evangelism.)
M. J. Murphree
R. C. Gates
Miss S. King

Committee on Interdenominational Relations
E. S. Sells
W. Bourgaize
H. I. James

Committee on District Conference Records
Miss B. Ramsey
C. Faku

Committee on Resolutions
G. A. Roberts
Miss B. Reitz

Committee on Hospitals and Medical Work
H. I. James
Miss Irene Gugin

Committee on Publications
Finance Committee
Miss B. Reitz
E. H. Greeley

Committee on Conference Programme
Entertaining Pastor and District Superintendent
DAILY PROCEEDINGS
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OPENING.—The Rhodesia Annual Conference assembled for its second session at 8:30 A.M., Tuesday, September 27th, 1932, in the Church at Old Umtali, Bishop E. S. Johnson D.D. presiding.

Devotions.—Hymn No. 560 in the Methodism Hymnal was sung. The Bishop conducted the devotions and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to all present.

Roll Call.—On the request of the Bishop the Secretary of the last conference called the roll. The following were present.

Missionaries Full Members of Conference.
- W. Bourgaize
- R. C. Gates
- E. H. Greeley
- H. I. James
- M. J. Murphree
- G. A. Roberts
- E. L. Sells

Missionaries Preachers on Trial
None.

Missionaries, not Members of the Conference.
- Mrs. R. C. Gates
- Mrs. H. I. James
- Miss Pearl Mullikin
- Miss E. L. Sells

Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.
- Miss Grace Clark
- Miss Sarah King
- Miss Jessie Pfaff
- Miss F. Quinton
- Miss W. Shields
- Miss A. Whitney
- Miss B. Ramsey

Native Full Members of Conference.
- I. Darikwa
- J. Chimbadzwa
- B. Katsidzira
- D. Mandisodza
- S. Chieza
- J. Nduna
- T. Marange
- Titus Marange
- Z. Mukombiwa
- R. Ngonyama
- A. Kapenzi
- M. Mparutsa
- C. Faku
- I. Munjoma

Native Preachers on Trial.
- P. Chieza
- J. Rugavo
- E. Munjoma
- F. Machiri
- H. Katsidzira
- M. Katsidzira
- J. Maramba

Organization.—On motion of M. J. Murphree, E. L. Sells was elected Secretary. On motion of the Secretary, Miss W. T. Shields and C. Faku were elected Assistant Secretaries.

Statistician.—On motion of R. C. Gates, R. F. Wagner was elected Statistician and Mrs. R. F. Wagner was elected assistant.
Treasurer.—On motion of H. I. James, R. C. Gates was elected Conference Treasurer.

Announcement.—The Bishop announced that $125.00 had been received from the Board of Pensions and Relief.

Greetings.—The Bishop conveyed to the Conference the greetings from the South East Africa Conference. On motion greetings were sent to Mrs. G. A. Roberts who is ill in the Umtali Hospital.

Adjournment—On motion, the Conference voted to adjourn to meet at the call of the Bishop. The Conference stood adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Opening.—The Conference came to order at the call of the Bishop at 11:45 a.m.

Devotions.—Hymn No. 218 in the Chimanyika Hymnal was sung. Miss Pearl Mullikin led in prayer.

Standing Committees.—G. A. Roberts presented the report of the nominating Committee. On motion the following Committees and Boards were elected.

Committee on Publications.
  The Finance Committee
  E. H. Greeley, Miss B. Reitz

Committee on Resolutions.
  G. A. Roberts
  Miss B. Reitz

Committee on the State of the Church.
  M. J. Murphree
  R. C. Gates
  Miss S. King

Committee on Hospitals and Medical Work.
  H. I. James
  Miss I. Gugin

Committee on Conference Relations.
  E. L. Sells
  H. I. James
  W. Bourgaize

Committee on District Conference Records.
  Miss Bertha Ramsey
  C. Faku

Board of Education. (Term expiring 1935.)
  R. C. Gates
  G. A. Roberts

Board of Stewards. (Term expiring 1935.)
  R. C. Gates
  R. Ngonyama

Committee on Inter-denominational Relations.
  E. L. Sells
  W. Bourgaize
  H. I. James
  M. J. Murphree
  I. Munjoma
DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Auditing.— (To audit the Conference Treasurer’s books)
Conference Board of Stewards.

Board of Ministerial Training.—The Bishop announced the appointment of the Board of the Ministerial Training for the term of four years expiring 1936.

W. Bourgaize   M. J. Murphree
H. I. James     E. L. Sells
T. A. O’Farrell J. Chimbadzwa
R. C. Gates     C. Faku

Hours of Session.—On motion of H. I. James, the hours of the Conference session were designated as from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 with a recess at 10:30.

Conference Sermon.—On motion of H. I. James, Thursday evening was assigned for the delivering of the Conference Sermon by J. Chimbadzwa.

Adjournment.—After the announcements the Conference joined in singing the Doxology, the Bishop pronounced the Benediction and the Conference stood adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Second Day, September 28th, 1932

Opening.—The Conference was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Devotions.—The Rev. H. Carter, Acting Chairman of the Rhodesia District of the Methodist Church District was presented. He announced Hymn No. 499 and conducted the devotions.

On motion of R. C. Gates, H. I. James was asked to convey the sympathy of the Conference and hopes of speedy recovery to the Bishop who is ill and unable to be present.

Adjournment.—On motion, the Conference voted to adjourn to meet at the call of Bishop.

Closing.—After the announcements had been made, the Doxology was sung and the Benediction pronounced. The Conference stood adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Third Day, September 29th, 1932

Opening.—The Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 8:30 a.m.

Devotions.—Hymn No. 27 in the Chimanyika Hymnal was sung and C. Faku led in prayer. Bishop Johnson conducted the devotions.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the Sessions of Tuesday and Wednesday were read and approved.

Introductions.—The Bishop called forward the Rev. H. Carter and introduced him to the Conference. He was asked to sit on the platform during the session Mrs. Johnson was introduced to the Conference.

Question Eight.—“Who have been admitted into Full Membership”

The names of the following Preachers on Trial were called and their characters passed.

P. Chieza       J. Maramba
H. Katsidzira   E. Munjoma
M. Katsidzira   J. Rugayoe
P. Machiri
The Board of Ministerial Training reported that they had completed the studies of the second year. The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that they be received into full membership. On motion of their respective District Superintendents they were admitted into full membership, elected Deacons and advanced to the studies of the third year.

**Question Five.**—"Who have been received on Trial"

The names of Silas Kasambira and Maxin Mutambanengwe were presented by the Superintendent of the Old Umtali District, recommended by Old Umtali Quarterly Conference. The name of Obadiah Chimonyo was presented by the Superintendent of the Rusapi District recommended by the Mukahanana Quarterly Conference. The Board of Ministerial Training reported that they had completed the studies for Reception on Trial. The Committee on Conference Relations reported that they had signed the statements in regard to indebtedness and the use of tobacco and recommended that they be received on trial. On motion of their respective District Superintendents, they were received on trial, and placed in the studies of the first year.

**Question One.**—Was asked. Answer No.

**Questions.**—2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, were asked and answered none.

**Question Twenty-six.**—"Who are the Retired Ministers"

The name of Eddy H. Greeley was called and his character passed. On motion of his District Superintendent he was continued in the retired relation.

**Adjournment.**—On motion the Conference voted to adjourn to meet at 11:15. The Conference stood adjourn at 10:15 a.m.

**Opening.**—The Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 11:15, and Hymn No. 177 in the Chimanyika Hymnal was sung.

**Question Eleven.**—"What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study."

The names of R. F. Wagner, Samuel Chieza and and Moses Mparutsa were called and their characters passed. The Board of Ministerial Training reported that they had not completed their studies and on motion of their District Superintendents they were continued in the studies of the Fourth Year.

The names of Amos Kapenzi, Z. Mukombiwa and John Nduna were called and their characters passed. The Board of Ministerial Training reported that they had completed the studies of the Fourth Year. On motion of their respective District Superintendents they were graduated from the Conference Course of study and elected Elders.

**Question Twenty-eight.**—Was asked. "Who are the Triers of Appeal." On motion T. A. O'Farrell, H. I. James, M. J. Murphree, W. Bourgaize and R. C. Gates were elected the Triers of Appeal.

**Question Twenty-five.**—Was asked and answered none.

**Adjournment.**—On motion the Conference voted to adjourn.

**Remarks.**—On behalf of the Rhodesia District of the Methodist Church and as Superintendent of the Mission work, the Rev. H. Carter spoke to the Conference.

**Closing.**—After the announcements the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. H. Carter. The Conference stood adjourned at 11:40 a.m.
Friday, Fourth Day, September 30th, 1932.

Opening.—The Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 8:30 a.m.

Devotions.—Hymn No. 222 in the Methodist Hymnal was sung and Thomas Marange led in prayer. The Teacher Girls sang "Send the Light."

Admission of the Class into Full Membership.—After the Bishop had addressed the class to be admitted into Full membership each gave a personal testimony as to his experience and call to the ministry. The Bishop asked the Disciplinary Questions and admitted the class into Full membership. Hymn No. 228 in the Methodist Hymnal and Hymn No. 184 in Chimanyika were sung.

Minutes.—The minutes of the Session of Thursday were read and approved.

Question Fifteen.—"Was the character of each Preacher examined."
The name of R. C. Gates was called, his character passed and he read his report.

Introduction.—The Bishop introduced Miss Irene Gugin, a new missionary of the Womans' Foreign Missionary Society to the Conference.

Question Fifteen.—Was resumed.
The names of H. I. James and E. L. Sells were called. Their characters passed and they read their reports.
The names of J. R. Gates and T. A. O'Farrell were called and their characters passed.

Recess.—The Conference adjourned for recess at 10:30.

Reconvened.—The Conference reconvened at 11 o'clock. Hymns Nos. 161, 162 and 281 in the Chimanyika Hymnal were sung. The Native Ministers' Quartette sang, "I want to be a Christian" and "Jesu ndi Shamwari Wedu."

Question Fifteen.—Was resumed.
The name of G. A. Roberts, W. Bourgaize and M. J. Murphree were called, their characters passed and they read their reports. The names H. E. Taylor, F. G. Mauger, I. Darikwa, C. Faku, J. Chimbadzwa, B. Katsidzira, D. Maudisodza, Thomas Marange, I. Munjoma, R. Ngonyama were called and their characters passed.

Announcement.—The Bishop announced the transfer of F. G. Mauger to the Wyoming Conference.

Adjournment.—The Bishop led in prayer. After the announcements the Bishop pronounced the Benediction and the Conference stood adjourned at 12 o'clock.

Saturday, Fifth Day, October 1st, 1932.

Opening.—The Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 8:30 a.m.

Devotions.—Hymns Nos. 189, 187 in the Chimanyika Hymnal were sung.

Isaiah Darikwa and Samuel Chieza led in prayer. Bishop Johnson spoke upon the theme of "Going Forward." The Native Ministers' Quartette sang.

Minutes.—The minutes of the Session of Friday were read and approved.
Question Fifteen.—Was resumed.

Missionaries not members of Conference.—The Bishop called the names of the Missionaries who are not members of the Conference and their characters were passed.

Mrs. J. R. Gates  Miss Irene Gugin
Mrs. R. C. Gates  Miss Stella Hess
Miss Ruth Hansson  Miss Sarah King
Mrs. H. I James  Miss Ona Parmenter
Miss Pearl Mullikin  Miss Oril Penny
Mrs. M. J. Murphree  Miss Jessic Pfaff
Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell  Miss Frances Quinton
Mrs. G. A. Roberts  Miss Bertha Ramsey
Mrs. E. L. Sells  Miss Beulah Reitz
Mrs. H. E. Taylor  Miss Ila Scovill
Mrs. R. F. Wagner  Miss W T. Shields
Miss M. O. Benson  Miss Lulu Tubbs
Miss Grace Clark  Miss Alice Whitney

Committee on Interdenominational Relations.—M. J. Murphree read the report of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations and on motion it was adopted. See report.

Fraternal Delegate to the Methodist Synod.—On motion of W. Bourgaize, E. L. Sells was elected the Fraternal Delegate to the coming session of the Methodist Synod of Rhodesia.

Question Thirty.—Was asked. Answered None.

Question Thirty-one.—“What is the Statistical Report”
R. C. Gates read the Statistical Report. See reports.

Question Thirty-two.—“What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?”
The Treasurer presented his report. See reports.

Question Thirty-three.—“What is the Aggregate of Benevolent Collections

(a) Ordered by the General Conference £36-10-3

(b) Ordered by the Annual Conference £39-17-4

Question Thirty-four—Answer £1

Question Thirty-five.—“What has been received on these claims.”

(a) From the Book Concern £2-17-7
From the Pastoral charges £26-19-9
From the Board of Pensions and Relief £35

(b) How has it been applied?
Placed on Deposit and Invested in Government Loan Certificates.

Question Thirty-seven.—Answer none.

Committee on Nominations.—G. A. Roberts presented a report for the Committee on Nominations.

Board of Home Missions (Term expirings, 1935)
G. A. Roberts, Miss B. Reitz, J Chimbadzwa, Miss King, C. Faku, Miss L. Tubbs, I. Darikwa.
On motion they were elected.

Adjournment.—After the announcements and the Benediction the Conference adjourned at 10:30 to meet at the call of the Bishop.
Sixth Day, Monday, October 3rd, 1932.

Opening.—The Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 11 a.m.

Devotions.—Hymns No. 224 and 236 in the Chimanyika Hymnal were sung. Two Bible Women led in Prayer.

Minutes.—The minutes of the session of Saturday were read and approved. On motion of G. A. Roberts, the Secretary was elected to edit and publish the Journal and the printed record of the minutes was made the official Record of the Conference.

Native Christian Convention.—On motion of M. J. Murphree, the Conference approved of the following officers of the Native Christian Convention.

President—Isaiah Munjoma
Vice President—Titus Marange
Secretary—Amos Kapenzi
Treasurer—Moses Mparutsa

On nomination, E. L. Sells and Miss Grace Clark were elected the Missionary Advisory Members of the Convention.

Reports.—The reports of the following Committees were read and adopted. Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. The State of the Church and the Board of Stewards (Preliminary report) See reports.

Adjournment.—On motion of G. A. Roberts, the Conference voted to adjourn to meet at the call of the Bishop.

Closing.—After the announcements and the singing of the Doxology, M. J. Murphree pronounced the Benediction and the Conference stood adjourned at 12 o'clock.

Seventh Day, Tuesday, October 4th, 1932.

Opening.—The Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 8:30 a.m.

Devotions.—Hymn No. 148 in the Chimanyika Hymnal was sung. Bishop Johnson led in prayer and spoke upon the theme of “Growing in Experience and Service” taken from Second Peter.

Minutes.—The minutes of the Session of Monday were read and approved.

Reports.—The Reports of the following Boards were read and adopted.

The Board of Stewards
The Board of Education
The Board of Ministerial Training
See Reports.

Recommendation from the Women’s Conference.—Miss Sarah King presented a recommendation from the Women’s Conference which was adopted. See reports.

Question Thirty-nine.—“Where shall the next Conference be held?”

On invitation of H. I. James, the Conference voted to hold its next session at Old Umtili.
Report.—G. A. Roberts read the report of the Committee on Resolutions which was adopted. See reports.

Appointments.—After addressing the Conference Bishop J ohnson read the appointments.

Minutes.—The minutes of the morning session were approved.

Adjournment.—On motion of M. J. Murphree, the Conference voted to adjourn.

Closing.—After the Benediction the Conference stood adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Secretary's Certificate

This certifies that the foregoing is a correct report of the 1932 Session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference, and that the published Minutes constitute the Official Record.

[Signature]

Bishop.

[Signature]

Secretary.
DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

PART IV.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

The Rhodesia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia, September 27-October 4, 1932.

1. (a) Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?

No

(b) What Officers and Persons holding Moneys, Funds etc., are Bonded and in what Amount According to Requirement of the Discipline?

None.

2. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?

None.

3. Who have been Readmitted?

None.

4. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Church?

None.

5. Who have been Received on Trial?

(a) In Studies of First Year? Obadiah Chimonyo, Silas Kasambira Maxin Mutambanengwe.

(c) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule?

None.

(b) Exempt from Course of Study under the Seminary Rule.

None.

6. Who have been Continued on Trial?

(a) In Studies of First Year.

None.

(b) In Studies of Second Year.

None.

(c) In Studies of Third Year.

None.

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.

None.

7. What have been Discontinued?

None.

8. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year.

Philip Chieza, Hosea Katsidzira, Murashwa Katsidzira, Patrick Machiri, Johnson Maramba, Enoch Munjoma, Jackson Rugayo.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons Previously.

None.

(c) Elected to be ordained elsewhere.

None.

(d) Ordained Deacons, having been previously elected by Conference.

None.
9. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
   (a) Admitted into Full Membership this Year.
       Philip Chieza, Hosea Katsidzira, Murashwa Katsidzira, Patrick Machiri, Johnson Maramba, Enoch Munjoma, Jackson Rugayo.
   (b) Admitted into Full Membership Previously.
       None.

10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
    Samuel Chieza, R. F. Wagner, Moses Mparutsa.

11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
    (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year. Amos Kapenzi, Zachariah Mukombiwa, John Nduna.
        None.
    (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
        None.
    (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.
        None.
    (d) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.
        None.
    (e) Ordained Elders, having been previously Elected by.................. Conference.
        None.
    (f) Ordained Elders elsewhere under our Election.
        None.

12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
    (a) As Local Preachers.
        None.
    (b) Under the Missionary Rule.
        None.
    (c) Under the Seminary Rule.
        None.
    (d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
        None.

13. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
    (a) As Local Deacons.
        None.
    (b) Under Missionary Rule.
        None.
    (c) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
        None.

14. **Who have been left without Appointment to attend one of our Schools?**
    Obadiah Chimonyo, Silas Kasambira, Maxin Mutambanengwe.

15. **Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**
    Yes, This was strictly done, the name of each Preacher being called in open Conference.

16. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**
    Frank G. Mauger, Wyoming.

17. **Who have Died?**
    None.

18. **Who have been Located at their own Request?**
    None.
19. Who have been Located? None.

20. Who have Withdrawn?
(a) From the Ministry.
   None.
(b) From the Ministry and Membership of the Church.
   None.
(c) By Surrender of the Ministerial Office.
   None.

21. Who have been Deprived of the Ministerial Office? None.

22. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.

23. Who have been Expelled? None.

24. What other Personal Notation should be made? None.

25. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation? None.

26. Who are the Retired Ministers?
   Eddy H. Greeley.

27. Who have been granted Leave of Absence? None.

28. Who are the Tiers of Appeal?
   T. A. O'Farrell, H. I. James, M. J. Murphree, Wilfred Bourgaize, and R. C. Gates

29. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Mission and Church Extension?
   See Reports.

30. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions? None

31. What is the Statistical Report?
   See Reports.

32. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?
   See Report.

33. (a) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections Ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? £56-10-3

   (b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections Ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? £39-17-4

34. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds? £1.
35. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?

From the Book Concern: £2 17 7
From Annual Conference Investments
From the Chartered Fund
From the Pastoral Charges: £26 19 9
From the Board of Pensions and Relief: £35 0 0
From Other Sources

Total: £64 17 4

(b) How has it been Applied?

Placed on Deposit and Invested in Government Loan Certificates.

36. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?

6d for each £1 of Pastor's salary.

37. Is there a Conference Sustentation Fund Society, and what is its Report?

No.

38. Where are Preachers stationed?

See List of Appointments.

39. Where shall the Next Conference be held?

On the invitation of H. I. James the Conference voted to hold its next session at Old Umtali.
CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This certifies that on October 2nd, in the Assembly Hall at Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa, I ordained as Deacons: Phillip Chieza, Hosea Katsidzira, Patrick Machiri, Johnson Maramba, Enoch Munjoma, Jackson Rugafo and Murashwa Katsidzira.

At the same time and place, assisted by several Elders, I ordained as Elders: Amos Kapenzi Zachariah Mukombiwa and John Nduna.

All done in accordance with the Ritual and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

E.S. Johnson
Bishop.

Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia
October 3rd 1932.
MREWANS DISTRICT

E. L. Sells, Superintendent

Mrewa Mission
Howard Memorial Church
Associate Pastor
E. L. Sells
Mrs. E. L. Sells
Clifford Faku
Clifford Faku
Gibson Gondo
Edison Dzapasi
Ada Nyamurowa
Rebecca Makwehe
David Sakutombo
David Parirenyatwa
Saul Kuture

Principal of the School
Headteacher
Assistant

Community Work
Evangelist
Industrial Work

Headlands Circuit
Arnoldene
Chigudu
Dawara
Fusire
Magura
Manuhwa
Matibura
Mufunde
Mukombwe

Mangwendi Circuit
Chiguri
Chikono
Gumbanjera
Mrewa Kraal
Karumazondo
Mutiziri
Nyagwizoro

Mrewa Circuit
Chaanetsa
Chidakwa
Chingono
Chinyamashweswe
Choruwa
Dandara
Gomba
Hunda
Hokodzi
Jacobs
Kambarami
Rupange
Muchinjike
Nymatumbu

Salisbury

E. L. Sells
Clifford Faku
Gibson Gondo
Edison Dzapasi
Ada Nyamurowa
Rebecca Makwehe
David Sakutombo
David Parirenyatwa
Saul Kuture
Zachariah Mukumbiwa
Dixon Matlyukira
Cyprian Hurudza
To be supplied
James Mujeni
James Kaitano
Stephen Chikwana
William Chieza
Peter Mufunde
To be supplied
Hosea Katsidzira
To be supplied
William Mudede
Isaiah Tsopotso
Peter Kanokuhwa
To be supplied
Jefferson Siyamwaya
Peter Chitiyo

Isaiah Darikwa
Simeon Chiwara
Elijah Chitiyo
Isaac Kambaraami
David Sakutombo
Benjamin Huni
Joseph Chakonda
Peter Marhwa
Enoch Mrewa
Obadiah Musingwine
Jotham Risinamudzi
Edison Dzapasi
Luke Chieza
Silas Chitiyo
Samson Sora

Isaiah Munjoma
APPOINTMENTS

MTOKO DISTRICT

W. Bourgaize, Superintendent

South Circuit
Mtoko Center

Pastor

Assistant

Principal of School

Assistants

Mutsairi
Tsiga
Chimokopa
Chitekwe
Chifodlya
Nyatsine
Kakande
Nyakabau

Gurure
Nyamakope

Minister, Samuel Chieza

W. Bourgaize
Samuel Chieza
Julius Gezi
Gladman Faku
Samuel Tsomondo
Solomon Marungo
Paul Murunda
Matthew Chingwena
Elisha Mvududza
Jacob Samakande
Nathaniel Rinomoto
To be supplied
Gideon Kufakunesu
Jackson Kanovangwa
John Nhlyiwayo
Stephen Madzinga
To be supplied

North Circuit

Minister
Kowo
Nyamkoho
Chindoko
Karonga
Kawere
Mwenyi
Mazambe
Katona
Nechumbo
Nyamakosi
Chatisa
Makosa
Kastande
Musikanyi

Enoch Manjoma
Leonard Musandara
Thomas Zata
Shadrach Karimanzira
Davidson Matema
Isaac Msiswi
To be supplied
Moses Hnudizarira
To be supplied
To be supplied
Benson Manyenge
To be supplied
Elisha Tsiga
Solomon Pawiramanz (Evangelist)
Samuel Kapito
Gideon Gurupira

MUTAMBARA DISTRICT

G. A. Roberts, Superintendent

Mutambara Mission

Medical Work
Coeducational School
W. F. M. S.

G. A. Roberts
Miss Irene Gugin
Miss Bertha E. Ramsey
Miss Lulu Tubbs
Miss Grace Clark
Miss Bertha E. Ramsey
Native Assistants

Anios Kapswara
Remeredzo Nkomo
Harrison Marange
Agnes Muradzikwa
Miriam Sapita
Joyce Nyangombe
Helen Chimbadzwa
Miriam Mutambara
Sophie Katsidzira
Jacob Mashedze (Carpentry)
Mrs. G. A. Roberts

Mutambara Circuit

Jackson Rugayo, Native Minister
Thomas Kamusono
Tennyson Feri
To be supplied
Nelson Mukondo
Enoch Chiwadzwa
Paul Mahambe
Nathan Nduzdano

Zimunya Circuit

Thomas Marange, Native Minister
Johnson Sachiti
Shadrach Chiterera
Job Gondora
Paul Mabviza
Daniel Chitenderu
Gilbert Rakabopa
Frederick Chingwende
Timothy Femerepi
Silas Kuzefu
To be supplied

Nyadiri District

R. C. Gates, Superintendent

Nyadiri Mission

Pastor
R. C. Gates

Assistant Pastor
R. C. Gates

W. F. M. S. In Charge
Moses Mparutsa

Principal, co-educational School
Sarah King

Medical Department
Wilhelmina Shields

Womens’ Work
Alice Whitney

Native Assistants
Mrs. R. C. Gates

Dispensary Assistants
Robert Tsododo
Timothy Mutemi
Timothy Kanyowa
Annie Manyarara
Margaret Chifokoyo
Mattie Mutambara
Deborah Murigwa
Lois Zinyembe
Ida Tsiga
Lydia Pendele
Job Tsiga
Esther Zwisengwe
Susannah Marange
Della Mutambara
Nyadiri Circuit
Chidodo
Kangara
Kasambarare
Mango
Mugabe
Mupaya
Sori
Zanga

Murashwa Katsidzira
To be supplied
Alexander Nyakabao
Jonah Dangirhwa
Timothy Kambarami
Isaiah Chingwena
To be supplied
Eddie Kambarami

Uzumba Circuit
Chifunde
Chitimbe and Mudarikwa
Gadaga
Gotora
Kaseke
Katiyo
Machekeka
Mashambanaka
Zaranyika

To be supplied
David Mutare
To be supplied
Josiah Mrewa
Philemon Rasira
To be supplied
Allison Marange

OLD UMTALI DISTRICT

H. I. James, Superintendent

Old Umtali Mission
Old Umtali Church
Assistant Pastor

H. I. James
Josiah Chimbadzwa

Hartzell Training School
Principal
Theological Department
Literary Department

H. E. Taylor
H. I. James
H. E. Taylor
Jessie A. Pfaff
Pearl Mullikin
Ila Scovill
Mildred O. Benson
Josiah Chimbadzwa
John Nduna
Amos Kapenzi

Teacher Training Dept.
Assistant

Mrs. H. E. Taylor
David Mbambo

Agricultural & Animal
Husbandry Department

R. F. Wagner

Medical Work

N. E. Uys

Womens' Work

Mrs. H. I. James

Fairfield Girls' School (W. F. M. S.)

Francis Quinton
Jessie Pfaff
Ila Scovill
Mildred Benson
Assistants

Stella May Mbawa
Rebecca Zwisengwe
Ellen Chimonyo
Harriet Mandikutsi
Timothy Chieza
Janje Rusero

Old Umtali—Odzi Circuit
Missionary in Charge
Minister
Manyarara & Mandiambira
Penhalonga
Marara & Mundenda
Premier Estate
Odzi and Ghikanga
Chiremba
Katsidzura
Chikunda

H. E. Taylor
Philip Chieza
Stephen Chirewa
Mark Matanga
Jotham Mipindu
To be supplied
Nathan Mandisodza
Thomas Matara
Obadiah Marange
Dennis

Umtasa Circuit
Missionary in Charge
Minister

H. I. James
Benjamin Katsidzira

Nyakatsapa
Nunhama
Nyumukwarara
Wengo
Rupinda
Zinyembe
Sherukuru
Maguwa
Samanga
Vumbunu

(to be supplied)

Benjamin Katsidzira
Aaron Machiri
Isaac Chihoni
Jeffries Nyakunu
To be supplied
Philimon Mazaiwana
Samuel Matongo
Paul Mareya
To be supplied
Vincent Hamadziripi

Marange Circuit
Missionary in Charge
Minister

R. F. Wagner
Reginald Ngonyama

Chirinda
Gwawawa
Pastor
Teacher
Masaralikwa
Makomwe
Masassi
Maswauri
Matanda
Musiringofoa
Mutsofo
Shunduri
Nyika

Benjamin Nyambawaro
Simeon Machiri
Clifton Mukamba
Jonathan Tinowona
Reginald Ngonyama
Noah Sitole
Philip Fundo
James Ndiriwenyu
Philip Sitole
Lazarus Matambandze
Martin Nyagura
Francis Bangwayo
To be supplied
APPOINTMENTS

UMTALI—RUSAPI DISTRICT

M. J. Murphree, Superintendent.

Umtali
St. Andrews (European) Colored Church
Native Church School

M. J. Murphree
M. J. Murphree
David Mandisodza

{Albert Parhwehohisi
{Enoch Chieza

Native Girls' Hostel (W. F. M. S.)
Assistant
Beulah Reitz
Joseph Nyamurowa

Chiduku Circuit
Chinayadza
Chiduku
Chitenderano
Gurure
Manyora
Rukweza
Muziti
Sharara

Patrick Machiri
Wilson Mandisodza
Anderson Kachisi
Elisha Sauramba
Isaiah Madanyika
Johnson Chingamba
Patrick Machiri
Gibson Makaure
Jacob Mandizera
Silas Mutefa

Gandanzara Circuit
Gandanzara
Mapara
Ndingi
Tswikiro
Zuzi

Titus Marange
{Titus Marange
{Matthew Bomba
Daniel Muranda
Silas Chipakatira
Joshua Muttsago
Jonah Katuruza

Mukahanana Circuit
Mukahanana
Chikuruwo
Zimbani

Johnson Maramba
{Johnson Maramba
{Resin Kuwana
To be supplied
Isaac Masiya

Special Appointments

Rhodesia Mission Press
Editor Umbowo
Assistant
Editor S. S. Lessons
Assistant
Mission Correspondent

H. I. James
Beulah Reitz
Joseph Nyamurowa
Pearl Mullikin
Paul Malanga
H. I. James

Left without appointment to attend school,- Silas Kasambira, Maxin Mutambanengwe, Obadiah Chimonyo.

Bishop Johnson and Fellow-workers:

The Conference year of 1931-32 has found us at grips with the transfer of the responsibility for the support and work of the local church to its leaders and membership. Either the truly indigenous church must be born out of this crisis or we, as a branch of Methodism, have failed. We are happy over the response that has come from our leaders and membership and believe that there are indications that a bigger and better day is dawning for the Church in the matter of both self-support and evangelism.

The inspiration that the last session of our Conference brought to Mrewa gave the new year a fine start. With the reduced missionary staff it was necessary for us to re-organize the school work. By the middle of August we were able to get things into shape so that we could get away on our much needed mid-term vacation. Since Clifford Faku was unable to take his appointment at that time, Samuel Chieza remained during our absence and with the help of T. A. O'Farrell and the native staff carried on the work of the Mission in a fine way. Needless to say that the two and a half months rest by the sea-side brought us back to our work full of new plans and vigour. The two months following our return were filled with the rush of finishing up the year for the Boarding and Kraal schools and with Quarterly meetings.

With the school year finished we began preparations for Christmas. But much to our joy Christmas week was turned into a harvest of souls with the help of Miss Caffray. The services continued until the last Monday of the month. A large number were genuinely converted and many of the church members were firmly anchored in their experience.

After the January Finance Meeting and the going of T. A. O'Farrell on furlough, the Uzumba Circuit and the Salisbury Church were temporarily added for the remaining of the Conference year to the District responsibilities. This brought the total of the District Kraal Schools up to thirty-one and the number of churches to thirty six divided into six separate units of work.

During the Easter season evangelistic services were held twice each day and a Communion Service on Good Friday which was attended by two-hundred and fifty members. On Easter Sunday there were eight-hundred people present for the services. In May the staff felt that we should give more time to concentrated evangelism in Howard Memorial Church. A two weeks meeting with two services daily was conducted. These services were well attended, a large number were reached and the results have been lasting.

Quarterly Meetings have been faithfully held throughout the year and the District is in a good condition. Three visits have been made to each station since January. We will now mention a few of the outstanding facts concerning the different units of work within the District and those being cared for from Nyadiri District.

Mrewa Mission

After Conference the girls of the boarding department were transferred, as far as possible, to the W. F. M. S. schools. The boys boarding department has been carried on as usual. The enrollment in the Central Day
school has greatly increased. A larger emphasis has been placed upon the work for married women. The School for Married Women was re-organized at the beginning of the school year into Community Work with a full time teacher and nurse. This work consists of classroom instruction three hours a day and weekly visitation to several of the large villages within five miles of the Mission. It is centered around evangelism, health and home-making. We believe that this type of work is the key to the greatly neglected evangelization of the village women and girls. Mrs. Sells supervises this work in addition to her duties as Principal of the School.

Howard Memorial Church carries the evangelistic program already mentioned, to many distant places. There are twenty-four Lay Preachers or Exhorters connected with the church who fill regular Sunday preaching appointments. The Church has increased its giving from ten to fifteen pounds a quarter.

A report of Mrewa Mission would not be complete without mentioning the Medical work. Just after Conference last year a new hut was equipped for maternity work. The dispensary has given about three thousand five hundred treatments including thirty in-patients. Besides these the native assistants have made numberless visits to the villages ministering to the sick and helping them in soul and body.

Salisbury

My induction into the Salisbury work was a meeting of T. A. O'Farrell and myself with the Wesleyan Synod to discuss the position of our co-operative work. Certain resolutions were discussed and the matter was referred to this session of our Conference for consideration. Later, I met with the Acting chairman and the Superintendent of Epworth Mission and arrangements were made to continue with certain adjustments until it could be worked out. We feel that the difficulties there have been somewhat personal as with the change of Missionary personnel these troubles have disappeared. The past nine months have been times of the most cordial friendship and fellowship with the Wesleyans. Isaiah Munjoma has tried to keep from being denominational in the interests of a united Methodist work in Salisbury. The large number of our boys make our presence there indispensable. We must save and help them or they are lost to the church when they return to their homes. No other Church can do this work for us. We believe that our co-operative work should continue as it now is with whatever adjustments are necessary for the efficiency and harmony of the arrangement. For us to build and operate a separate church would be eternally destructive to the cause of Methodism in Rhodesia. Let us consider any actions that might be taken in this Conference in the spirit of Methodism as expressed in the last session of the Ecumenical Conference at Atlanta.

Circuits

Headlands

Zachariah Mukombiwa has remained at post, as the minister of the circuit in the face of many difficult conditions. The shifting of natives on the farms and the small reserve makes it very uncertain as to the permanency of our church sites and membership. Our people have remained loyal as is shown in three instances when they have been moved the church people have stayed together and have kept the church with them. Monthly meetings have been held with the pastor-teachers. There are ten churches and eight schools on the Circuit.
Mangwende and Mrewa-

These circuits have made greater progress in assuming responsibility and self-support than any other group of stations within the District. This has been made possible by the loyal group of pastor-teachers and stewards who have backed their minister Hosea Katsidzira and Evangelist Parirenyatwa in their work. Mangwende has eight churches and six schools. Mrewa Circuit has twelve churches and ten schools. The minister reports one-hundred and four conversions during the year.

Uzumba-

The circuit is under the leadership of Murashwa Katsidzira who has been faithful in visiting, preaching and helping the pastor-teachers. There are six Churches and six schools in this unit of work. The minister reports eighty-five conversions during the year.

SUMMARY

We will make a list in closing which will help to give a picture of the present condition of the work.

1. We are happy to hear from many Europeans concerning the character of our membership. They voluntarily testify that the majority of our people are conscientious, trustworthy and honest. One farmer has recently requested our people to move onto his farm as he said that the Methodists would not steal his crops. This shows one way in which Jesus Christ is changing human life and making "new men."

2. There is a new generation of Church leaders with consecrated young lives who are taking hold of the local churches. They are not of the mercenary kind as are many of the older people. It is in these younger men that the hope of the indigenous church is to be found.

3. We feel that there is a better feeling and understanding between the membership and leaders of the Church in regard to self-support and local responsibility. The average native is very slow to grasp the economic condition of the world. The support of the minister by the unit of work that he serves has increased the effectiveness of his work.

4. Although it is very difficult for our people to secure cash for their produce self-support has become easier. The Church is beginning to accept it as the final destination for supporting its work.

5. In this day of uncertainty and crisis for the church there is a hunger in the hearts of our people for the deeper things of the spiritual life. The response to the Gospel message is encouraging and there is an increasing interest in voluntary lay evangelism.

6. We are glad for the loyalty on the part of the majority of the native ministers and workers.

7. The numerous requests for new churches and schools, with the knowledge that there must be self-support, shows the value being placed upon the church in the native way of thinking.

8. We are glad for the spirit of congeniality and fellowship that has been enjoyed in the Salisbury co-operative work. We hope that in the interest of the common cause of Methodism in Rhodesia that such cordiality will continue through the coming year.
Bishop Johnson and Fellow-Workers:

Once again we meet as an Annual Conference, with many difficulties overcome, many difficult problems solved and with many needs that have been provided for in a very providential way—for all of which we render sincere thanks to our Heavenly Father.

Short handed as regards missionaries, and short of funds as we all are; with many an unsolved problem still facing us, yet it has been a joy and delight to note the splendid manner in which the native ministers are responding to the task. The Rev. Samuel Chieza who came to us late in the year of 1931, has been an inspiration—and a veritable bulwark of strength, and his cheerful countenance and helpful spirit have done much to win and to hold the good-will and co-operation of the native chiefs and head-men. The Rev. Enoch Munjoma, though only coming to us early in 1932, is already making his influence felt. The Rev. Moses Mparutsa of the Nyadiri District has carried heavy responsibility like a Trojan and has shown remarkable initiative and excellent judgement upon several important occasions. It is a real joy to work with such men. May their numbers speedily increase.

MTOKO DISTRICT

Mtoko Center

The work at this Center has grown beyond all expectations. The attendance at the Sunday services— all voluntary—averages well over one hundred and fifty. The evangelistic note is often sounded and the altar has often been filled by many who did not come in vain. The Day-School has an enrollment of one hundred and forty—thus making necessary a morning as well as an afternoon session. All the teachers under the able leadership of the Julius Gezi are co-operating in a splendid way. The Boarding-School consisting of a dozen boys—just enough to carry on the necessary work—is showing real progress. There is still a big work to be done among the native messengers of the Native Department—none of whom are Christian. However, we are aware of this fact and the need is not being neglected.

Mtoko Out-stations

Right here and now I wish to express my deep gratitude and sincere appreciation to the Native Preacher Co. for their loyal support during these trying times. To retain this support and interest has entailed much correspondence; but it has all proved well worth while for we could not carry on without this help.

Self-support is being pushed as fast as is considered expedient—though here as elsewhere— the inability of the native people to secure cash for their crops is retarding this policy to some extent.

The number of out-stations is the same as reported last year. Two of the largest stations are urgently in need of strong, Christian leadership and the growth of these stations—spiritual and otherwise is being retarded.
for lack of same. The spiritual note is being sounded all along the line. Two campmeetings have been held this year with very gracious results- among other things raising the spiritual tone of the entire district. The work as a whole has been going through a period of transition. Through the whole of last year the smallness of the number of additions to the Church was almost dis-heartening. But we retained our faith that HIS word would not return to HIM void and our faith is now being rewarded. The ship is now bending before the breeze- the breeze of God's Holy Spirit. At our two last quarterly meetings held last week- eighty were received on probation and thirty were admitted into full membership. Furthermore, we have every reason to believe that this is only a beginning of the good things to come in the near future. We plead, not for anything for Mtoko, but for a stronger Old Umtali- that it may be able to furnish the out-stations with strong, well trained, spirit filled leaders- of which the out-stations are so urgently in need.

Just four miles out from Mtoko is located the Leper Camp with over four hundred patients in all stages of the disease. We have a nucleus there of a Christian community consisting of twelve full members and fifteen probationers. Some teacher or steward from Mtoko Center holds a service for these people on every Sabbath Day and Holy Communion has been administered once a quarter. How grateful these folk have been for whatever service we have been privileged to render them.

The site for the new Government Hospital has now been definitely settled to be located just outside of Mtoko. Nine thousand acres have been set aside as a site for this project and for a permanent Leper Camp. Building operations are to begin early in October. From this center a chain of dispensaries are to be placed throughout the district at strategic and central locations. The realization of this project will meet an urgent need that has been felt throughout this district for these past many years.

NYADIRI DISTRICT

Nyadiri Mission

In spite of the fact that there has been no resident Board missionary at this Center this year the work under the capable management of Miss King has more than held its own. Special evangelistic services were held in January with Miss Caffray as the evangelist. The time, though inopportune, owing to the majority of the students being still away on vacation was the only period that Miss Caffray could give us. Special meetings were held during Easter week and a camp meeting of a weeks duration was held in September at which the people of nine of the out-stations met with those of Nyadiri. These meetings have proved a blessing as many were very definitely helped resulting in the deepening of the spiritual life. This after all should be our main objective though with so much outside pressure upon the educational side of the work the main reason for our being here at all is at times inclined to recede into the background. It will be a most welcome day when the Gospel has the opportunity of spreading in its own power, unhampered and unbolstered by any special phase of the work.

The number of boys in the Boarding School is now eighty six. There has been marked increase in the number of small boys willing to pay cash tuition. Furthermore, there is an urgent need of a worker to give more time to special activities and the training of this large group of small boys.

The farm has been splendidly managed by Andrew Matlukira. The
cattle are in good condition. The farm yielded approximately two hundred and sixty bags of mealies. And the dairy continues to bring in some much needed funds. Dipping fees— which have never been charged or collected before and which took two months' appropriation had to be paid, due in the main to a change in the personnel of the Native Commissioner of the district.

Sixteen families are now residing in the location besides Jonathan Marange—our Jeanes Teacher. There is need and opportunity of intensive work among these families—but under existing financial circumstances it has not been considered expedient to attempt more than what is now being done. Materials for a chapel are being collected—bricks, grass and poles for same being already at hand.

A dining room and a kitchen of kimberly brick for the boys has been built at no cost to the Mission—thanks to Miss King. A mealie store with a driven thatch roof has been erected thus providing the opportunity of teaching the boys an excellent method of thatching.

The school, with—the efficient hand of Miss Shields at the helm is making splendid progress, The student body averages one hundred Boarding Girls, eighty Boarding Boys, eighty five village people—fifteen of whom are men living at the location. No tuition is charged the people who come from villages. Perhaps the greatest advance lies in the constantly increasing number of those who are desirous of spreading the Light of the Gospel among their own people—fifty having already signed pledge cards to do weekly kraal visitation. Classes of instruction for this splendid work have been formed. It is a joy to see these various groups wending their way on a Sabbath morning to the different villages—there to tell the story of what the Christ has done for them.

The W. F. M. S. work has gone on about as usual. Nearly thirty pounds has been contributed by the girls alone since last Conference. Four other workers tithe. There has been a large growth in the industrial part of the work. Sewing classes are held four days a week. All standard girls are taught laundry, garden and bark fibre work as well as basket making. Every teacher has co-operated splendidly in getting under the increased burden due to the shortage of missionaries.

Work in the medical department under the very able management of Miss Alice Whitney has increased to such an extent that the housing capacity of this department has been taxed to the utmost upon more than one occasion. One W. F. M. S. worker has been installed as night nurse. A three room brick building formerly used as a teacher's residence is now being used as a boarding girl's dispensary. A similar building is urgently needed for the sick boys. At present the kitchen of the Doctor's house is being used for this purpose. A class in Hygiene for the Location Women, formerly taught in the school, now meets at the Dispensary for instruction by Miss Whitney. Three days a week, classes for instruction in nursing and the dispensing of medicine are given. And best of all—many of the patients go away healed in soul as well as of body through the faithful teaching and the consistent life of the Nurse in Charge.

In January, the Rev. T. A. O'Farrell left for a much needed furlough as well as to represent us at the General Conference. The supervision of half his out stations was assigned to the missionary at Mrewa—the other half being assigned to the missionary at Mtoko. These out-stations under the able leadership of the Rev. Moses Mparutsa and the Rev. Murashwa Katsidzira are holding their own. Jonathan Marange—our Jeanes Teacher is now doing some very good work. These Jeanes men— if of the right type and spirit can be of tremendous value to our out-stations. They can do much of the work formerly done by the missionary thus leaving him
free for more essential work.

We are feeling the depression these days—here as well as elsewhere. But I am not at all sure that it is not a blessing in disguise, if through it and because of it—our people as well as ourselves are drawn closer to the great loving, throbbing heart of God.

"Things that hurt and things that mar
Shape the map for perfect praise;
Shock and strain and ruin are
Friendlier than smiling days"

REPORT OF R. C. GATES
Superintendent of the Old Umtali District

Bishop Johnson and Fellow-Workers:

General

Today we are grateful for our New School Building. It is a reality at last, now dedicated to God and being used in His service. As we moved into it in April, we have had time to appreciate the advantages of a unified school, the spacious well-lighted rooms, and the improved equipment, all of which make teaching and studying a more delightful task. We are grateful to those Christian friends in America who have given this building to our work in Rhodesia.

Since last Conference, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Miss Penney, and Miss Hansson have gone on furlough, and Mr. and Mrs. Murphree were transferred to Umtali. Mr. and Mrs. James, Miss Mullikin, and Sister Uys have joined our staff during the year. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner and Miss Hess are away on their three months mid-term. A number of changes have also occurred in our native staff.

There has been a high moral and spiritual tone at Old Umtali during the year. The pupils seem earnest and serious minded. I do not remember a year when there have been so few cases of discipline. Evangelism has characterized the church services. The altar has been filled many times by those seeking the forgiveness of their sins and the higher spiritual life. Early in the year 1932 the daily program was changed to allow every pupil a half-hour to keep the Morning Watch.

The evangelistic meetings held in January under the ministry of Miss Caffray were a divine benediction to natives and missionaries. God wonderfully moved through our whole institution. Sinners found forgiveness, those weak in the faith were re-inspired and newly strengthened. The Holy Ghost came to reclaim some who had lost this blessing. Others, including myself, for the first time came into the wonderful experience of being baptized with the Holy Ghost. We are humbled, and brought into a new unspeakable joy in the Lord Jesus. Our hearts were, and I trust always will be, filled with righteousness, joy, and peace in the Holy Ghost. The meetings held by Miss Caffray at Nyakatsapa were also greatly blessed by the Holy Spirit. Many of our native leaders were revived in the experience of holiness. The people hungered and thirsted after righteousness and God filled them. This has been a gracious, blessed year, and our hearts go out in love and gratitude to our Heavenly Father,
Hartzell Training School

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Of this number 205 are under the General Board and 111 under the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. At the close of 1931, 73 pupils took the Government Teacher Training examinations and 60 passed. During the year, 14 pupils went out as Teachers, 1 entered the Theological School, 1 girl entered nurse-training, and about 6 went to Domboshawa for further specialized training in industrial and agricultural lines.

Miss Mullikin and Mr. Chimbadzwa have taught Std. 4, Miss Hess and Miss Scovill Std. 5, and I Std. 6. Miss Pfaff has directed the Teacher Training, assisted by Mr. Mbambo and Mr. Nduna. Mrs. James has taught sewing to the women in Location, and had charge of the Post Office up to the time of its closing on the 31st of August. Native teachers taught all standards below Std. 4, and have given satisfactory services.

Among the items of work that have been done or are being done are the steady improvement of the campus under Mr. James' direction, removal of the unsightly old jail-cells, construction of a new direct road to Location, renovation of the Community Hall at Location, erection, under Mr. Wagner's direction, of a sanitary building at the New School, and the enthusiastic planting of 500 trees by staff and pupils on Arbor Day.

During the past three years, Hartzell Training School has cleared off all its financial debts, both outside and inside the Mission. During the year Mrs. Wagner has given valuable assistance in doing the book-keeping.

Agriculture Department

Mr. Wagner has written of this department as follow: It is our continuing conviction that the bringing about of better agriculture is one of the essential impacts of our mission program on the native life. The native population is still more than 90 per cent agricultural. Any single improvement toward better method in native tillage will react directly on this great mass of the people. The number affected through an improvement along this line will be far in excess of those touched by any improvement we might make in other lines of educational endeavour. It is admitted that all the people need lessons in hygiene and that their whole corporate life would be vitally affected thereby, but the point here made is that the people are already agricultural whereas they are not hygienic. To effect a change would therefore be much more speedy and more readily accomplished in the former than in the latter side of their life.

With better agriculture we should look for an improvement in the economic position of the people. Churches should be better supported; homes should be built better and be filled with more modern convenience; medicines and first aid appliances should become abundantly distributed in the homes where now they are conspicuous by their absence. Altogether we should expect to find an advance all along the line toward that more abundant life physically which can be of such great help in nurturing a wholesome Christian social order.
Toward this end Old Umtali has this year attempted to build upon the good work of the past and to keep high the ideals which have given a name and widespread recognition to this institution as one which is meeting the needs of the people in practical ways as well as pointing them to higher ideals.

Experimental gardens have been maintained along with systematic classroom teaching of Farm Crops and Soils; vegetable gardens have continued to furnish green food for the boarding department most of the time as part of the instruction in Elementary Agriculture to the lower standards; Animal Husbandry and dairying have been taught regularly and since January a course especially for the men who are to go out as teachers has been given in the Methods and Practice of Teaching Agriculture in Village Schools.

In general the farm work has gone along satisfactorily. Only small acreages of crops have been grown but these have yielded well. It has been the policy to bring back to a fertile condition some of the older lands nearer the mission. To this end about 100 acres of green manure in the form of Sunn Hemp have been turned in and it is hoped that soon the gardens of the married students can be located near their homes where they can be more easily managed.

Several thousand Eucalyptus trees have been planted in the form of an avenue along the main road approaching the Mission. A good beginning has been made in starting a fruit orchard. So far 50 mangoes, 30 guavas, and 30 pawpaws, in addition to bananas and a few Avocado pears have been planted and are doing nicely.

Industrial Department

This department has suffered through lack of close European supervision, yet it has done creditable carpentry work under the care of Mufundisi Sukuma. Besides the routine class work it has made tables and other needed equipment for the New School Building. Mufundisi Nembula has had small classes in bridge making, plastering, painting, etc. Without a European in charge of this large and important work it is not possible to carry out the program that a training center should provide.

Medical Department

Sister Uys reports: "There have been 311 in-patients, 6648 out-patients. Two young babies died of pneumonia. During the months of May and June we had an epidemic, similar to acute influenza, which affected both the boys and the girls of the school and the families in Location and district. Fortunately, all made good recoveries. As there is not a nurse at the Girls' Dispensary and Baby House, Miss Quinton wished me to visit them daily, which I have done. Dr. Jackson, Government Medical Officer, examined the pupils recently and remarked on the fine physique and good condition of the regular boarders.

The Maternity Home seems to be much appreciated and we have patients in from many of the outer parts of the district. There have been 43 mothers cared for this year.

Fairfield Girls' School

Miss Quinton writes as follows concerning the work of the Fairfield Girls' School: "Fairfield has tried this year as in other years to bring the student life nearer the Christian ideal. The day begins with half
an hour in which each girl has time for her own private devotions. This is faithfully used and has given a higher spiritual tone to the whole group. The girls have always responded cheerfully to any appeal for money, in so far as they were able. This year forty-six girls have signed the Tither’s Pledge. Fifty girls have signed the clean life pledge. It has been a help to them in overcoming many of the tendencies which they have and the temptations which they meet.

Many of the problems of the boarding department are settled by the prefects or group leaders in council with the native teachers. Advanced girls and teachers have been made to see the world’s needs and their opportunity and responsibility to their own people by the study of “A cloud of witnesses,” which tells what Bible women and Christian workers in other lands have done. To encourage and stimulate development along all these lines, the school has offered a small prize in the way of financial aid to the ten girls who prove themselves most worthy along these lines; duty toward God, duty toward others, attitude toward the school and what it stands for, study and classroom work and regard for honest labor; and efforts at self support.

The Wayfarer Movement, spoken of in last year’s letter, helps greatly by weaving together all these ideals which are emphasized in all phases of the girls’ school life.

**Old Umtali and Mtasa Circuits**

The Native Ministers, John Nduna and Isaiah Darikwa, and the Pastor-Teachers have been faithful in their tasks on the circuits. Inability of the people to get cash for their produce has hindered the collections. But the self-support plan is working fairly well, and it becomes increasingly evident that this plan will eventually be the means of keeping our out-station work from a complete collapse.

I wish to bring before the Conference for your prayerful consideration the work at Penhalonga. Here we have a great opportunity for presenting the Gospel to hundreds of natives, and the situation is most needy and acute. I hope that the least we can do is to send a Native minister to this sinful mining center.

**Marange Circuit**

The Marange Circuit report was written by the missionary-in-charge, Mr. Wagner, as follows: “Under the direct supervision of the capable Native Minister, Rev. Ngonyama; the work of the Marange Circuit has gone along steadily. At present there are eight authorized schools and three others with supply teachers. Rev. R. Ngonyama has been recognized as Deputy Superintendent of these schools and makes two of the quarterly visits to them each year. In a year of difficult financing the Circuit has not lagged behind. Great effort is many times needed to get all the collections in but Brother Ngonyama is ever ready with sound judgement and energy equal to the occasion and the results speak for themselves.

Since April of this year a special Evangelist, supported entirely by friends from a Women’s Association in Norway, has been holding revival meetings in all sections of the circuit. God has blessed these meetings with an outpouring of His Spirit and many souls have been
blessed. Brother Tichiwanhunyi is the Evangelist.

The qualifications of the Pastor-Teachers has steadily been improved by replacements and additional years of schooling. All men except two at the authorized schools have passed St. 4 or higher. Two St. 2. men still remain but it is hoped that they will be replaced at the end of the year. At that time also it is expected that our man Samson Zwi­noyira, who has gone for Jeannes Teacher Training, will be appointed to the Circuit.

Roads in the Circuit have ever been difficult of travel. Now we record with gratitude the proposal of the Native Department to build a new road into the Reserve from a point about ten miles from Umtali on the Melsetter road and crossing the Odzi river not far from our present station of Shundure. This route will give much quicker access to the heart of the Reserve.

Bible Institute

In July the Pastor-Teachers and Native Ministers of the Old Umtali and Mtasa Circuits met at Nyakatsapa for a two-weeks Bible Institute. The program included devotions Bible Study, memorizing Scripture, under Baba Greeley's instruction, the learning of hymns. It is hoped that each of the Pastor-Teachers who was present will now hold a Local Bible School in his village for those who do not attend the day school. In Korea, Bible Schools have contributed largely to the wonderful growth and strength of the Christian Church. I believe that we could profitably follow this system here in Rhodesia.

Conclusion

This report is long, but it is too short to do justice to the spirit of loyalty and cooperation that has characterized the missionaries and native workers of the District. A pearl of great price in missionary work is the friendship of one's fellow missionaries. Every worker has carried many more tasks than have been mentioned here. We can be thankful that it is God, not man, that keeps the books of life, and He gives full credit to all. I trust that the work of the year, under God’s guidance, has advanced His Kingdom in Africa. May the Lord make us to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, to the end He may establish our hearts, unblameable in holiness before God, and make us better fitted to proclaim the Good News of Salvation.

REPORT OF H. I JAMES
Superintendent of the Rusapi District

Bishop Johnson and Fellow Workers,

"And he said, So is the Kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seeds into the ground; and should sleep, and rise night and day and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how." Thus cometh the Kingdom of God in Rhodesia. Time after time during the past Conference year, this short parable of our Lord has come to my mind in the events of the work. For a number of years our missionaries have been growing less in number and funds from the Home Church growing less to an alarming extent, but the work goes on and the seed sown springs up and grows we know not how. After three years of economic depression acutely touching the members of our Church, I feel
confident in saying that the Native Church was never so strong as now. "What wonders God hath wrought." The Native Church has been established. It has its own ministry — twenty-one men with three others probably to be accepted at this Conference, all strong, verile Christian men, fitted and trained for leadership among their people.

The Rusapi District is comprised of four circuits with four ministers and twenty-one pastor-teachers. There are twenty-one stations with seventeen schools. The area is roughly a triangle, the sides of which are sixty, ninety and one hundred miles respectively. Good work has been done by all the Native Ministers in their respective circuits. No work has been closed during the year but rather it has been the desire of ministers to open work in three new places. This is the district that, in the face of cuts in the Board of F. Missions appropriations three years ago, it was proposed to reduce to two stations. We did not do this, however, and after three years of trying economic conditions we have twenty-one stations and a staff of twenty-five paid workers calling for £562. for the present year. Of this amount the district itself will raise £516. If the designated gifts for this district equals last year there will be an additional £209. which will leave a surplus of £163. for overhead expenses of the mission or to pay the workers of some other district where conditions are not so favorable. The goose that lays the golden egg was almost killed - or, perhaps it would be more correct to say that the shortsighted suggestion was made.

This brings us to the subject of self-support. All is not gold that glitters, neither are all black clouds bound to bring disaster. There is no doubt that the self-support of the Church in Rhodesia has risen faster on account of the lack of funds from the Home Church. Our aim of course is entire self-support at the earliest possible moment, but we have probably visualised that time as being further away than perhaps it need be. We might do well to remind ourselves by the words of the hymn:

"Ye fearful saints fresh courage take
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and will break
With blessings on your head."

If, out of conditions causing the depleted mission treasury, we cannot develop a self sustaining Church in Rhodesia, we shall have abundant reason to thank God for his wonderful leading.

The four ministers of the district are entirely supported by the local Church. The financial plan is so arranged that their support comes directly from the people without any aid from mission funds. Should there be any designated gifts for this purpose, an equal amount must be raised by the church or circuit supporting them to cover such gifts and which can be used for other work. Two things that must ever be kept in mind in the development of a self contained Church are, first that the people must be helped to realise that the Church is theirs and that they must support it; the second is that the Ministry must not advance in numbers and amount of support beyond what the people are able and willing to carry. Possibly the time is near when a strong committee of Native laymen and ministers should consult on this matter.

The work of the district has for the most part made progress during the year. The teachers have been faithful in their tasks in school and in assisting the ministers with the work of preaching the Gospel. The evangelistic work has been kept well to the fore by the ministers. Early in this month we held a Camp Meeting for ten days at Nyatande for about one half of the district and have planned for another soon after Conference for the other part of the district. It was a time of great
refreshing for the people and many came into the light for the first

time or were reclaimed. We were away from the beaten paths or

highways with nothing to interrupt, and there for over forty services

the congregation of a thousand people gathered in the rudely

constructed tabernacle. While there I thought "What an opportunity!"

In ten days more people than most ministers get in a whole year. I

was ably assisted by the four ministers of the district as well as the

students of the Theological School. One thing in the camp-meeting that

greatly impressed me was the number of old people who are Christians

with a vital experience. To mention just two incidents—One was an old

man with white hair. A few days before the meeting his house had

been burned down. It was clearly a case of arson and it seemed as

though he knew the person who had done it. When asked by his friends

if he was not going to put the matter into the hands of the law he said,

"Oh no, if it had happened to Jesus I do not think He would do so,

for He said we must forgive. Therefore I will not do that." The other

was an old woman, very old, who did personal work between meetings.

She had apparently been talking to another old woman who had been

a Christian but nearly lost her hold, for in one meeting the latter stood up

and said "I had nearly lost my way when that person, pointing to the

former, came and talked to me last night about my life and now I have

found my way back again. The way is long behind me and it is only short

before me (Meaning that she had lived most of her life) but from now on

I will never let go again."

There are many difficulties in the work here. One is caused by the

moving of the people. There may be a very strong station but in a very

little while the people may have moved away to such an extent that the

station becomes very weak or has to be closed altogether. On the Odzi

Circuit there are two such cases at the present time. In the one case,

however, the people are not scattering but going from one section to

another together. I may be possible to care for them from another

neighboring station. In another case, early in this year a delegation came

to me requesting a worker to establish a church and school with them.

They had already built a church but I explained that the year had started

and that there were no more funds available. They said they would

provide the funds necessary. I went to the farmer to get the necessary

permission, for the people were on a farm and not on the Native Reserve.

This permission was readily given, but within three months he had sold

the farm to another person who moved the whole village off his farm. So

within six months or so of the building of their Church they had to move

and will now have to build another Church building. But they will do it.

Work at Old Umtali

Old Umtali Church—From the surrounding farms many workers

worship with us in our Sunday service, but the church is composed chiefly

of the students in the Training School and their families. The work of

four preaching services on Sunday with three separate Sunday Schools

and nearly twenty class meetings during the week would be impossible

but for the assistance of the Rev. Josiah Chimbadzwa, the assistant pastor,

and the help of the missionaries and a band of class leaders. Early

in the year we were fortunate in having Miss Willia D. Caffray with us

for a week of special services. We shall not easily forget the blessing

that came to one and all and we should rejoice in the opportunity of

having her with us again at any future time. Many will date that time

as the beginning of new things in their lives. The week's special services

also during the Passion Week were helpful to us all in renewing and

strengthening our Spiritual lives.
The Theological School—There is only a class of three students at present taking the theological work. At the beginning of the year I wondered whether or not it was worth while continuing the training for such a small class, but I soon became very positive that it was well worth while. They are keen to learn and to do. For field work they have been on one tour of preaching and were for ten days at the Camp Meeting held at Nyatandi. On our return several class periods were taken up in discussion of the practical lessons learned in the meetings. I am confident that the course may be made for them just as profitable as the course at the Seminaries are to the men of the Home Church.

The Rhodesia Mission Press takes a considerable amount of supervision. Five native workers are kept constantly busy in meeting the needs of the Conference.

The Power plant and grinding mill—The power plant which generates electricity for the use of the whole mission's needs in light and power and the mill which grinds about two hundred tons of meal per year needs constant care. We cannot say that we keep one eye on them, for that would be too great a proportion of the total number of eyes we have, but they do need at least several glances occasionally. Surely the real missionary who could rust out has not yet been born.

For strength in the work, happiness in the task and fruit in the labor I thank God.

REPORT OF M. J. MURPHREE
Superintendent of the Umtali District

Bishop Johnson and Fellow Workers:

The first four months of the Conference year were spent at Old Umtali as instructor in the Theological School bringing to completion the first three years course given in this school. The five students who had completed the three years course all went out to take up the work of their appointments at the beginning of this year. The other two who had not completed the course remained to continue their studies. I shall always look back to those three years with much pleasure, and rejoice in the labours and successes of those whom I was permitted to help.

The task to which I was assigned by past Conference appointment and which I began on Nov. 15th., was for the most part new to me. I have now gotten to know and to love the people of the Umtali District, and find that there as elsewhere, the "Fields are white unto harvest."

St. Andrew's Church. The work in St. Andrew's Church presents difficulties many and great but labours for Christ in the midst of these have brought unspeakable joys. In February, a series of special meetings were held in which Rev. D. Willia Caffray did the preaching. Her messages were plain and simple and attended with Spiritual power. They brought conviction to sinners and showed Christians their need of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. On several occasions the altar and front seats were crowded with seekers, many of whom found definite experiences of pardon and cleansing.
Five class periods each week are given to the teaching of the Scriptures in the Umtali High Schools. There are four classes numbering 14, 17, 34, and 43, and ranging in ages from 8 to 18. The task of teaching the Scriptures to 108 young Europeans presents one of the greatest opportunities connected with the pastorate of St. Andrews Church. Many of these children and young people come from homes that are indifferent to religion. Their knowledge of the Scriptures is very limited, and with the majority of them, the only religious instruction they have is in these weekly class periods.

In May a class of eleven was received from Preparatory membership into Full Membership, and a new class of Preparatory members was formed consisting of seventeen members. There is also a class of three preparatory members in the Colored Church. A number of our Colored people and Indians attended the revival services in February and received much Spiritual help. We wish it were possible to do more for these neglected peoples.

Native Girls' Hostel. The Native Girls' Hostel is steadily growing, both in the numbers which it serves and in the confidence of the people, white and black. During the year ending August 1st, 1932, 389 transients were accommodated, spending 593 nights there. 62 positions were found for girls seeking work, some of which were known to be temporary places only. At present 31 of our girls are working in Umtali. All of these but one come from our own schools. Most of the girls have been quite happy in their work, and have given satisfaction. Two class meetings are held weekly at the Hostel and these girls attend regularly. The happiest side of the Hostel work is the visible spiritual growth in the lives of a number of the girls. It is our aim for each girl to go home from the town stronger in Christ than when she came, and for none of them to succumb to the evils of the town.

Rebecca Nyamurowa is sadly missed. In the few months she was at the Hostel she filled to the utmost satisfaction every function required of the matron's assistant. She made the Hostel a home instead of a boarding house, and she watched jealously over the welfare of the girls, not only those living at the Hostel but also those living and working elsewhere in the town, and the transients passing through. Her cheery face was known and welcomed everywhere, and many of the employers have said that whenever Rebecca came around, the girls were cheered and inspired. The girls loved her and both black and white honoured her. Joseph has been just as faithful and efficient in his work as Rebecca was in hers; and since her home-going he has tried to carry the double load. It has been some easier for all at the Hostel since the coming of Joseph's mother, a fine consecrated spirit who cares for the girls at the Hostel.

The Native Church in Umtali continues to minister to the spiritual needs of more than four hundred of our native people, most of whom are house servants and labourers in the town. In addition to this central church, there are eight other preaching places in other parts of Umtali and near-by villages. A day school and an evening school are conducted at the central church, in which 88 pupils are receiving instruction.

Zimunya Circuit. In June, a beautiful new church was dedicated at Murari Station. Mukozhwa, which was closed in 1932, was re-opened in March of this year. The people there are gathering materials for the erection of a new stone church. A new circuit parsonage has been
erected at Muradzikwa for the circuit Minister; and the work of constructing a new stone church there is being carried forward at the present time. A ten days camp meeting was conducted the first ten days of September on the Odzi River between the Zimunya and Marange Reserves, the stations of the Marange and Zimunya Circuits participating. Much of the seed sown during this ten day period fell on good ground. Many renounced the devil and all his works and entered upon a new life. Many who had grown cold were restored to the joys of salvation. For the church this ten days was a period of tarrying and many realized the fulfillment of the promised of our Lord "I will not leave you comfortless I will come to you".

In conclusion I wish to record my appreciation for the splendid cooperation of all my fellow workers, and my deepest gratitude to Almighty God for all that has been accomplished this year. Without Him we can do nothing. He has been with us, and if we may, we shall be glad to serve another year in the glorious work of redemption for Africa.

REPORT OF GEORGE A. ROBERTS
Superintendent of the Mutambara District

Bishop Johnson and Fellow-Workers:

It is a pleasure to report an unusually pleasant, fruitful and profitable year's work for Mutambara District. It would be difficult to say which has been the most interesting or the best work done for it seems there is nothing that can be left out and still have a well rounded program. All workers, both native and European, have worked in harmony and love and with faith in each other and in the Lord Jesus. Let Him be praised for a conference year of joyful service.

The coming of Miss Caffray to Mutambara was a blessing to everybody. During the Evangelist's stay the other projects were mostly abandoned. A quickening of the spiritual life was witnessed. Mutambara center became a little better place in which to live and the teachers from the out-stations with their village pupils returned to their homes the better prepared to carry on the fight for righteousness. There have been very few cases where the church rules and teaching have been disregarded by the church people regarding the use of tobacco, "doro," and the forcing of daughters into unwelcome marriages. Let us again praise the Father that these forms of wrong-doing are being put out of the code of life of the church people and from all I can gather, the native people are glad.

Soon after conference Sister Uys, now at Old Umtali, left for a trip to England after having given eight months of valuable service in the dispensary. Sister Helliwell was employed but stayed for only one month when she left for a more lucrative position where she could be near her own family. During the interim between the leaving of Sister Helliwell and the coming of Miss Gugin, an interval of two months, Miss Ramsey did the dispensary work but was glad to hand the task over to the trained nurse. During the year a great variety of cases have been cared for, ranging from broken bones to enteric fever. Although the nurse's attention has been mainly directed to the native work we were all thankful
for a trained nurse on several occasions when the European neighbors were in great need of help. In one household Miss Gugin has been the main helper with three cases of enteric. When Mrs. Roberts fractured her knee the nurse gave such skillful first aid that she reached Umtali in comfort. The hundreds of native cases cared for, with each one getting some enlightenment on what to do in emergency, makes a pretty big and important part of the dispensary service. The performing of these Christian acts is even greater when Christianity is in the balance in the minds of the native people.

The academic work has a big part in the program at Mutambara Mission. Under the guiding hand of Miss Ramsey the literary department has made a fine showing. Standard III has been added to the school although the staff is the same in number that it has been for several years. It is to be hoped that some will enter Hartzell Training School next year. There are as many pupils in both the boys' and the girls' boarding departments as can be housed and we feel that the rooms are overcrowded. The large school of day pupils added to the number of boarders makes an enrollment of more than three hundred, which is enough for the teaching force.

The six out-station schools are doing good work although they do not give adequate opportunity for a great proportion of the boys and girls of school age to attend. There are many other places that should have schools. We wish our teachers were of higher standard. Two of them have Standard III rating while the others are lower. However poor we may feel the stations are, a new faith, greater ambition and better moral standards are replacing the old habits and customs of these centers. The guiding hand of my wife as school supervisor has done much toward making effective schools. She has visited them regularly. They still need books, slates and other equipment can be supplied only as heathenism loses its grip and fathers and mothers see that children must be given a chance for a greater life. The agricultural instruction given in most of these schools is gratifying for it means that a better and more regular food supplied is assured.

Just beyond the borders of our work to the southwest the people of a great section of country will be hungry in another month with five months ahead of them before the next crop will be harvested. They have had scant food supply for two years. Those people have not had the gospel message to change them nor have the young men and women had agricultural enlightenment to improve their methods of food production. There has been great improvement wherever the mission has worked. The people have advanced spiritually and in general living conditions. Again let us thank the Father for a church of broad vision.

At Mutambara Center boys and girls are given industrial training. Each pupil has garden plots and also field plots according to season. The boys also put on some demonstrations for people outside the training school. They are given instruction in animal and poultry husbandry and in dairying. The girls, under the direction of Miss Clark, are given industrial work, with laundry, sewing and housework having special attention. I do not believe any backward people could be expected to make more rapid advancement than the Mutambara people have the last 15 years.
It has been a gratifying experience the past year to see the way in which the native workers have stood by the work even after reduction of wages. With the coming of a native minister, Jackson Rugayo, who has given much time to the visitation of the people, there is a greater attendance at church services throughout the district. At Mutambara Center we are now compelled to consider what we will do to have room for the people regularly in attendance at the Sunday services. The alterations which were considered and recommended by the architect of the Board of Foreign Missions in New York a few years ago are no longer adequate. The church must be made larger and have more of the appearance of a church.

With thank to God for past blessings and asking for greater wisdom and strength for the coming year.

(b) COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Board of Education

The Board of Education recommends the following:-

1. That through all our work we take steps to use the new orthography in our teaching and publications as soon as possible.

2. That the pupils of kraal schools be required to pay one shilling each at the beginning of each school year but that this fee be paid by no more than three children of any one father and that suitable consideration be given to those known to be unable to pay. These funds are to be used for support of Pastor teachers and Native Ministers.

3. We record our high appreciation of the work done by Miss Oril Penney in preparing a Syllabus for teaching Hygiene. We recommend the adoption of this Syllabus in our center schools

John Nduna

Report of Board of Home Missions.

We emphasize the importance of the item in the report of last year which urges the taking of Christmas offerings.

We are thankful for the message from our Bishop regarding tithing and call the attention of all of our ministers and other workers to the importance of presenting the subject to our people and securing tithers.

G. Clark

Report of the Board of Ministerial Training.

We recommend that a special training course for all our Native Ministers be held at the Theological School at Old Umtali for a period of two or three weeks, the time to be determined later by the men missionaries at Old Umtali, the course to be under the direction of the missionary in charge of the Theological School.

H. I. James
R. C. Gates
Report of the Board of Stewards.

1. The Board Stewards recommends that the sum of £1-0-0 be paid to Abraham Tsoka from the Pastor-Teachers' Relief Fund provided his District Superintendent considers this help is necessary.

2. That the apportionment for the coming year to be raised by the stations for the Conference Claimants and Local Preachers' Relief be the same as last year, sixpence for every pound of the wages of the Pastor-Teachers and Native Ministers.

R. C. Gates
Titus Marange

Report of Committee on Interdenominational Relations.

( Co-operative work with the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Salisbury)

As a branch of the Methodist Church working Rhodesia we consider that our Co-operative work with the Wesleyan Methodist Church united in one church building in Salisbury is of the greatest importance to the cause of Methodism in Rhodesia and that a division would be a reproach upon the movement started by our common Church Father, John Wesley, who said, "The World is my Parish." We take that to mean that the world is the parish of the united branches of Methodism and not that of one branch set over against another. If the spirit and hopes of the recent Methodist Ecumenical Conference is to be more than words, the various branches of Methodism in the Mission Fields must not be distant friends but congenial, brotherly, and co-operative in every possible way. In Rhodesia the two branches of Methodism are hardly acquainted with each other. It seems that the only meeting point that we have is in Salisbury. The ten or more years behind our efforts together there have been times of fellowship for the missionaries and members of both churches. We regret that personal prejudices have at time marred the joy of our co-operation and caused determined divisions between us. We feel that the greater interests of the "Kingdom" in the cause of Methodism should come before that of either branch in the Salisbury work; and that if there is a brotherly desire to co-operate on the part of both Churches concerned (both being willing to give and take) that our work together in one church building is not only feasible but a joyous privilege.

We do not desire in any way to encroach upon the Mission territory of the Wesleyan Methodist Church but for the reasons given below believe that our presence in Salisbury, the industrial center of Southern Rhodesia is indispensable.

1. That there is no other way of caring for the large number of our boys who are continually coming and going for work. There are between seven and nine hundred boys of our church working in Salisbury. In addition to those there are hundreds who spend one week to a month visiting in Salisbury and they must be cared for.

2. That Salisbury is a great source of leakage from our membership and in many instances these boys come back destructive forces against the church from which they go and to which they return.

3. That a Church that is a stranger to these boys cannot reach them or even learn as to their whereabouts. This has been and is the experience of all churches working in industrial centers.

4. That there is an important economic problem involved. Salisbury is the large industrial center to which the Methodist Episcopal Church
must look for its income in developing a self-supporting church. When our boys return to their home churches they bring considerable money for their local church. To break the connection with their church would prove a check and in many cases stop this income.

5. That there must be a responsible minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Salisbury who can get into touch with these boys and visitors, with the aid of the various units of our work, and be a clearing worker for our transient membership there.

4. We do not favour the erection of a separate church building in Salisbury as it would only make a sharp division between the members of both churches, set up competitive organizations and encourage religious bigotry among the natives. It would make an unrepairable breach in the Methodism of Rhodesia and be out of line with the united desire for a world Methodism.

There is no desire on our part to set up a competitive organization over against the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Our only desire is to care for our boys (which is our duty) and thus conserve the work from which these boys come. We are not even in Salisbury for the purpose of evangelism except as it can be carried on through the actual organization of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and is directed by it. We cannot reach our boys unless we have a little freedom in doing it. In the matter of public worship and church activities there need be no division between the churches. In the arrangement as it now exists the only way that you could discover that there are members of two Methodist Churches worshipping in one building is in the matter of class meetings and tickets. If the hearts of native peoples are united these two things are but a trivial matter. We would also call attention to the fact that when these boys return to their homes after a period of work of six months or less that they go back to the Methodist Episcopal Church from which they went.

We rejoice in the fellowship of the past nine months which is a conclusive proof that the Salisbury co-operative work can continue. Troubles, if there have been any, have been ironed out in brotherly consideration and at the present there is not the least ill feeling between the missionaries or church members.

In order that there might be an understanding and a definite basis for co-operation we approve of the following in regard to Services and Meetings, the work of our minister, etc.

SERVICES AND MEETINGS.

1. That the Class Meetings for the members of our Church be arranged for by our Superintendent and native Minister at a time that does not conflict with the meetings of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

2. That outside of Class Meetings and Quarterly business meetings, ALL THE SERVICES OF THE CHURCH be arranged for and under the direction of the Wesleyan Methodist Superintendent.

3. That all preaching appointments be arranged for by the Wesleyan Methodist Superintendent as previously, making an appointment for our Superintendent at least once a quarter at a time that he shall indicate before the plan is made out,
The work of our Minister.

1. That in the matter of preaching appointments he shall follow the plan of the Wesleyan Methodist Church on which his name appears. We desire that he take appointments on Epworth Circuit as many of our members are to be found at these preaching points.

2. That we do not care for our minister to teach in the Day or Night Schools except for the purpose of religious instruction.

3. That outside of preaching appointments and class meetings we desire that our minister give his time to shepherding our members in Salisbury.

OFFERINGS AND SUPPORT

1. That the amount of the ticket money (£2- & £1-) asked for from the membership of both churches be the same and that there be no change unless agreed upon by both churches concerned.

2. That the issue of tickets by our Church be uniform with that of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

3. That each Church continue to collect its own ticket money and care for the support of its minister.

4. That the Sunday offerings go to the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

5. That we encourage our members to join the Harvest Offering of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

6. We urge our members to support the united concerts and other social activities of the Church.

ITEMS OF CURRENT EXPENSE

1. The quarterly expenses of water, sanitation and lighting be divided one-third to us and two-thirds to the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

2. That we pay the cost of any repairs or upkeep on the house occupied by our minister.

3. That the cost of any needed repairs on the Church building be paid by both churches proportionately.

4. That if there is a deficit at the end of the year in the expenses of the school we will bear one-third of the same.

MEMBERSHIP

1. That we have a separate membership roll and ask our Superintendent to receive members twice a year, namely in the months of March and September.

2. That new members received by both churches shall come from one of their respective churches areas.
OTHER ITEMS

1. That all marriages shall be brought to the attention of the Wesleyan Methodist Superintendent.

2. That we request the Wesleyan Methodist Church to provide, as far as possible, preaching points for the regular licenced Local Preachers of our Church who are working in Salisbury or are in school at Domboshawa.

3. That we urge our members to take Holy Communion with the Wesleyan Methodist Church at the preaching points on the Epworth Circuit.

4. That in accordance with the custom of the Wesleyan Methodist Church we ask that only the full members of our Church residing in Salisbury receive the Holy Communion.

(The above were agreed to by the Superintendent of Epworth Mission and the Rev. H. Carter.)

E. L. Sells
M. J. Murphree
H. I. James
W. Bourgaize
I. Munjoma

Report of The Committee on Resolutions

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Johnson to our midst this year and hope we shall often have her with us. We pray that in this, the last quadrenium of Bishop Johnson's supervision, he may be greatly blessed and be an inspiration to those with whom he labours.

We rejoice with Old Umtali on the completion of their new school building. We wish to express our appreciation for the help given us through the Board of Foreign Missions and for the splendid piece of work done by those who have superintended the erection of the building. Especially do we appreciate Mr. Mauger's contribution and deeply regret that he was not here for the opening. We trust that Mr. and Mrs. Mauger may some day return to our ranks and continue work in the Rhodesia Annual Conference. It was an honour to have with us The Honourable, The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Leggate. May his advice to our youth remain with them and inspire them increasingly to nobler living.

It is with pleasure that we receive news of the likelihood of the return of Rev. H. E. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor. Both have been valuable workers in the and we shall look to them for greater things upon their return to Rhodesia.

We rejoice in the reception of the largest class of native men that has ever been taken into full membership of the Conference in a single year. The work of God will be strengthened through their ministry.

We deeply regret the absence of Mrs. Roberts from the Conference sessions and hope that she will speedily and completely recover from the injury which prevents her attendance.

We welcome heartily to the Conference Miss Irene Gugin, our nurse at Mutambara.
We offer hearty thanks to the missionaries and workers of Old Umtali who have provided so bountifully for our comfort and pleasure during the 2nd Session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference.

Special appreciation is due the members of the Womans’ Foreign Missionary Society at Nyadiri for the efficient way in which they have carried the responsibility of the boys and mens’ work at that Center during Mr. O'Farrells’ absence.

G. A. Roberts
B. H. Reitz
J. M. Chimbadzwa

Report of the Committee on the state of the Church

Spiritual Growth: We rejoice in the deepening of the spiritual life of our missionaries and native people. We believe that our people have grown in grace. The Camp Meetings have opened the eyes of the people, turned them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. We note with gladness the reports from all over our field of altars filled with penitents, and of the joy and peace of those who have found the forgiveness of their sins. We believe that our first work is to “preach Christ crucified.” We hope that evangelism will continue to be the keynote in our pulpits. We repeat to our Ministers the words of Paul to Timothy, “Do the work of an evangelist.”

The ministry of Miss Caffray was used of God to bring before us the need and precious privilege of Christians to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. We praise God for the gracious outpouring of His Holy Spirit. We urge more preaching and teaching that will lead our people into this blessed Pentecostal experience, “that they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith” in Christ Jesus.

Bible Schools: We recommend the holding of Bible Institutes for our native leaders and Local Bible Schools in the villages for those who do not receive Bible instruction in the day school. We suggest that one of the subjects of instruction be the teaching of the Articles of Religion as recommended by the Native Convention.

Camp Meetings: We rejoice in the splendid results of many of the camp meetings held in different parts of the Conference during the year, and request that where possible the calendar of the schools at the centers be so arranged that missionaries and native workers can be free to assist in the meetings. We also warn against the dangers arising when they are improperly supervised, and recommend that they be held only at times and places where careful supervision is possible.

Caffray Evangelistic Fund: We call attention to the Caffray Evangelistic Fund, established through a donation from Miss Caffray. This fund is to be used to assist in bringing an evangelist out from America, or, if this is not feasible, it is to be used in other evangelistic work on the field. We recommend that the fund be turned over to the Conference Treasurer.

Mabunha or Mabondwe: In accord with a resolution adopted by the Native Christian Convention, we would call attention to the prevalence of the heathen tribal custom of owning Mabunha or Mabondwe, and call upon our Christian leaders everywhere to do all in their power to discourage the practice of this evil custom.
Tithing: We rejoice to see the progress that is being made in the matter of tithing. We feel however that many of our people do not understand the subject, and would recommend the adoption of a resolution from the Native Christian Convention on this subject. i.e. that the subject of tithing including stewardship be well taught to our Church members and that Tithing Bands should be formed in every station.

M. J. Murphree
Sarah King

Recommendation from the Women's Conference

We recommend that Christian parents be encouraged to teach their children the great sinfulness of immorality and strive to prevent loose living among them. In this connection we urge the use of the Clean Life Pledge.

Sarah King

Report of the Conference Treasurer

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Of these funds, £600. 12. 6 is invested in Rhodesia Loan Certificates, Bank balance £6. 13. 1 and the remainder, £8. 15. 9 in cash.

H. I. James
Conference Treasurer
### Part VIII.
#### ROLL OF THE DEAD

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"

(a) **Members of Conference**

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**MEMOIRS**

(b) **Windows of Deceased Members; Wives of Members: None.**

(c) **Other Workers:**

- Miss Sadie Rexrode, W. F. M. S., aged 38, died January 22, 1921, after three years service in S. Rhodesia; buried at Old Umtali.
- Mr. Charles F. Taylor, aged 67, missionary to China, died in the Umtali Hospital, August 14, 1927, and was buried at Old Umtali.
- Miss E.E. Bjorklund aged 63, died Nov. 19 1930 after fifteen years Service in S. Rhodesia; and was buried at Old Umtali.
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Part IX

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(b) Former Members and Probationers

R. E. Beetham 1901-1905 S. D. Coffin 1905-1913
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E. H. Richards 1901-1913 G. A. Stockdale 1907-1913
M. W. Ehnes 1901-1905 Tizore Nevass 1907-1913
J. M. Springer 1901-1919; 1921-1924 H. N. Howard 1909-1924
R. Wodehouse 1901-1910 P. W. Keys 1909-1915
F. D. Wolf 1901-1907 F. Conquer 1909-1912
Samuel Gurney 1902-1919; 1909-1924 C. H. Runfeldt 1909-1910
J. A. Baldwin 1903-1905 Muthickebele 1909-1913
J. H. Dinnitt 1903-1905 C. A. Kent 1913-1916
D. A. Carson 1908-1903 J. D. Pointer 1912-1915
A. L. Buchwalter 1905-1917 J. G. Brass 1921-1923
J. E. Ferris 1905-1911 L. E. Tull 1921-1928
                                 F. G. Mauger 1923-1932

(c) CONFERENCE SESSIONS

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RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE

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1924, Aug. 13 .. Old Umtali .. Shepard .. ...James
1925, June 23 .. Old Umtali .. Johnson .. ...Gurney
1926, Nov. 4 .. Nyadiri .. Johnson .. ...Wagner
1927, June 14 .. Old Umtali .. Johnson .. ...R. C. Gates
1928, Sept. 10 .. Old Umtali .. Johnson .. ...Murphree
1929, July 3 .. Old Umtali .. Johnson .. ...Murphree
1930, July 9 .. Mutaunabara .. Johnson .. ...Murphree

RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1931, July 8 .. Mrewa .. Johnson .. ...Murphree
1932, Sept. 28 .. Old Umtali .. Johnson .. ...Sells

(d) Missionaries 1898—1932

List of Missionaries sent to the Rhodesian Work by the Board at New York, beginning with the opening of the work in 1898, with dates of entering and leaving the work.

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Miss Sarah King ..........1923-
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R. F. Wagner ..........1924-1927
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Miss Wilhelmina Shields ..........1930-
Miss Alice Whitney ..........1931-
Miss Irene Gugin ..........1932-

The following additional workers were hired here on the field:

Rev. M. H. Reid, 1898; Mrs. R. St. Tulloch, 1902; Mr. M. B. Spears, 1905; Mrs. H. Brown, 1903; Miss M. Brown, 1903; Miss Cuff, 1903; Mrs. T. Stratton, 1905; Miss E. Bennett, 1905; Rev. C. H. Beagley, 1906; Mr. W. H. Robson, 1906; Miss A. F. Gray, 1906; Rev. G. A. Stockdale, 1907; Mr. W. Garner, 1907; Mrs. W. Garner, 1907; Miss Blezzard, 1907; Mr. C. S. Till, 1910; Mrs. C. S. Till 1910; Mrs. L. Carson, 1911; Mr. R. Mackenzie, 1912; Rev. R. B. Wallace, 1913; Mrs. R. B. Wallace, 1913; Mr. J. G. Palsley, 1912; Rev. William Garner, 1912; Mr. William Hodgson, 1917; Mrs. William Hodgson 1918; Mr. S. C. Searle, 1918-1921; Mrs. S. C. Searle, 1918-1921; Mr. C. S. Till, 1920; B. J. E. Pretorius 1924; Mr. G. Pretorius 1925-1930; Miss J. McMorran 1928-1930; Mrs. Uys, 1930-1932.
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Courses of Study for the Rhodesia Annual Conference

TRAVELLING MINISTRY

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

EXAMINATION.

1. Discipline: Articles of Religion.  
3. Life of Wesley - Telford or Hinchester.  
4. The Moffats - Hubbard.  
5. Bible Biographies:
   a. Life of Christ - St. Mark.  
   b. Life of Paul - Acts  
   c. Life of Moses - Exodus.  
6. Written Sermon.

FIRST YEAR.

EXAMINATION.

1. Discipline. Parts I to VI.  
2. History of Methodism - Faulkner  
3. Plain Account of Christian Perfection - Wesley.  
4. Translation to Vernacular, Articles of Religion.  

COLLATERAL READING:

1. Pilgrim's Progress - Bunyan.  
2. David Livingstone - J. J. Ellis  

SECOND YEAR.

EXAMINATION.

2. A People's Life of Christ - Smyth  

COLLATERAL READING:

1. The Tongue of Fire - Arthur  
2. Life of Khama.  
3. Selections from the Writings of John Wesley - Welch.  

Examiner

E. L. Sells  
J. Chimbadzwa  
H. I. James  
M. J. Murphree  
R. C. Gates
THIRD YEAR

EXAMINATION.

1. History of the Christian Church - Grant.  
3. The Moslem World - Zwemer.  
4. Life and Times of Jesus - Gratne.  

Examiner

J. Chimbadzwa  
W. Bourgaize  
H. I. James  
M. J. Murphree  

COLLATERAL READING:

1. The Soul-Winner's Secret - Brengle.  

Fourth Year

EXAMINATION.

2. Lives of Eminent Africans - Gollock.  
4. The Worker and His Bible - Eiseley and Barclay. 

Examiner

E. L. Sells  
W. Bourgaize  
H. I. James  
M. J. Murphree

COLLATERAL READING

1. a. Preacher and Prayer - Bounds.  
   b. Purity os Heart - General Booth.  
   2. The Indwelling Spirit - Davidson.  
   3. a. Romanism.  

Substitutes

1. The Bible - Dods  
2. Digest of Methodist Law - Merrill;  
3. Life of Paul - Stalker;  
4. Bible History - Blatkie;  
5. The Peacher, His life and work - Jowett;  
7. The Land of Israel - Stewart;  
8. 1000. Questions on Methodism Wheeler and  
9. How to study the Bible - Clifford Moule;  
10. The Christian Faith - Curtis;  
11. Short History of the Christian Church - Hurst;  
14. Life of Luther - McGiffert;  
15. Christianity in Doctrine and Experience - Buck;  
16. Religious Education in the Home - Folsom;  
17. Short Chapters of African History Weatherhead  

(50 Books in all)
(b) Conference Rules of Order

None

(c) Supplies and Local Preachers

None

(d) Lay Associations

None

(e) MISSION ROLL AND DIRECTORY

Missionaries, Full Members of Conference
(Add to each address, S. Rhodesia, Africa)

Bourgaize, Wilfred
Gates, J. R.
Gates, R. C.
*Greeley, E. H.
James, H. I.
Murphree, M. J.
O'Farrell, T. A.
Roberts, G. A.
Sells, E. L.
Taylor, H. E.
Wagner, R. F.

Mtoko, via Salisbury
(On furlough)
Nyadiri, Mission P B. Salisbury
Old Umtali
P. O. Box 55, Umtali
(On furlough)
Mutambara, P. B. Umtali
Old Umtali

Missionaries, Preachers on Trial

None

Missionaries, Not Members of Conference
(Add to each address, S. Rhodesia, Africa)

Gates, Mrs. J. R.
Gates, Mrs. R. C.
Hansson, Miss Ruth E.
James, Mrs. H. I.
Mullikin, Miss Pearl
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O'Farrell, Mrs. T. A.
Roberts, Mrs. G. A.
Sells, Mrs. E. L.
Taylor, Mrs. H. E.
Wagner, Mrs. R. F.

(On furlough)
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Old Umtali
P. O. Box 55, Umtali
(On furlough)
Mutambara, P. B. Umtali
Mrewa
Old Umtali

*Retired
Buchwalter, Mrs. R. L.  Monrovia, California- U.S.A.
### Missionaries of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society

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and Elder); 1921 Un-tasa, Gandanzara and Headlands Circuits; 1922-24
Mtoko and Uzumba Circuits, 1925-26 Mtoko Circuit; 1927-28 Superintend­
ent Mtoko District; 1929 On furlough; 1930-32 Superintendent, Mtoko Dis­
trict.

Chicza, Phillip:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1927; 1927-29
Muziti; 1930-31 Chiduku Circuit; 1932 Odzi Circuit.

Chicza, Samuel:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1927; Deacon
1930; 1927-31 Mrewa; 1931-32 Mtoko.

Darikwa, Isaiah:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924; Deacon
1926; Elder 1930; 1924 Rupinda; 1925-32 Nyakatsapa Circuit; 1932
Mrewa Circuit.

Faku, Clifford:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924; Deacon
1926; Elder 1929; 1924 Old Umtali Circuit; 1925 Penhalonga; 1926-29
Assistant, Literary Department Old Umtali; 1929-31 Mtoko; 1931-32
Mrewa.

Gates, John R:—On trial Rock River Conference 1905; Deacon and Elder
1906; 1906 Chicago, Edison Park; 1907 Transferred to East Central Africa
Mission Conference; 1907 Umtali, St. Andrews; 1908 Ndanga District;
1909-11 District Superintendent and Old Umtali; 1912-13 on furlough;
1914-15 Vermont Conference, Northfield; 1916-20 Rhodesia, District
Superintendent; 1921-22 On furlough; 1923 Umtali District and St.
Andrews; 1924 Old Umtali District and St. Andrews; 1925-26 Old Umtali
and Mutambara District and Old Umtali; 1927-28 Umtali District and
St. Andrews; 1929-1932 on furlough.

Gates, Robert C:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1923; Deacon
1923; Elder 1927; 1923-27 Literary and Normal Department, Hartzell
Training School; 1923 Old Umtali Circuit; 1924 Old Umtali Church; 1925
Old Umtali Church and Circuit; 1926 Mission Correspondent; 1927
Superintendent, Old Umtali District; 1928 On furlough; 1929-32 Super­
intendent, Old Umtali District and Principal Hartzell Training School;
1932 Superintendent, Nyadiri District.

Greeley, Eddey H:—On trial, East Central Africa Mission Conference
1907; Deacon 1909, Elder 1910; 1888 Cape Palmas Seminary, Liberia,
West Africa; 1890 On furlough; 1894-95 White Plains Seminary, Liberia,
West Africa; 1896 St. Paul's River Industrial School; 1897 On furlough;
1900-05 Old Umtali; 1906-10 Makomwe; 1911 On furlough; 1912-14 Old
Umtali; 1915-16 Mrewa; 1917 Mtoko; 1918-20 Mission Press, Old Umtali;
1921-22 On furlough; 1923 Chiduku Circuit; 1924 Director of Language
and Translations; 1925-26 Manager Rhodesia Mission Press and Editor
Native Literature; 1927-32 Retired.
James, Henry I.:—On trial West Wisconsin Conference 1907; Deacon 1910; Elder 1913 1907 Birchwood; Transferred Wisconsin Conference 1908; 1908-09 Algoma; 1910-12 Oconto; Transferred, East Central Africa Mission Conference 1913; 1913-14 St. Paul's, Penhalonga; 1915 Principal Hartzell Training School; 1916-19 Mission Treasurer; 1916 Bible Department Training School, Rhodesia Mission Press; 1917-18 Old Umtali Circuit, Principal Central Training School; 1919 On furlough; 1920-22 Superintendent, Umtali District and St. Andrew's Church; 1920-24 Mission Treasurer and Correspondent; 1923-24 Superintendent Mrewa District; 1925-26 On furlough; 1927-28 Superintendent Mrewa District; 1929-31 Superintendent Umtali District and St. Andrew's Church; 1932 Superintendent Old Umtali District, Theological School, Old Umtali and Mission Press. 1930-1932 Mission Treasurer and Correspondent.

Katsidzira, Benjamin:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924; Deacon 1926, Elder 1930; 1924-25 Nyamukwarara; 1926 Gandanzara; 1927-31 Gandanzara Circuit; 1932 Nyakatsapa Circuit.

Katsidzira, Hosea:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; 1930-31 in school; 1932 Mangwendi Circuit.

Katsidzira, Murashwa:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; 1930-31 in school; 1932 Nyakatsapa Circuit.

Kapenzl, Amos:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1928; Deacon 1930, Elder 1932; 1928 Assistant, Hartzell Training School (Literary Department.)

Machiri, Patrick:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; 1930-31 in school; 1932 Chiduzu Circuit.

Maramba, Johnson:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; 1930 Assistant, Hartzell Training School; 1931-32 Mukahamana Circuit.

Marange, Thomas:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1923; Deacon 1926, Elder 1928; 1923 Umtali Native Church; 1924-25 Mutambara Circuit; 1926-32 Zimunya Circuit.


Mparutsa, Moses:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1928; Deacon 1930; 1928-29 Umtali Native Church; 1930-32 Nyadiri.

Mukombiwa, Zachariah:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1926; Deacon 1929; Elder 1932; 1926 Assistant Agriculture Dept. Old Umtali; 1927-28 Penhalonga; 1929-32 Headlands Circuit.

Munjoma, Enoch:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; 1930-31 in school; 1932 Mtoko.

Munjoma, Isaiah:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1923; Deacon 1926, Elder 1930; 1923 Umtasa Circuit; 1924 Nyakatsapa; 1925 Umtali Native Church; 1926-28 Old Umtali Circuit; 1929-32 Salisbury.

Murphree, Marshall J.:—On trial Nebraska Conference 1917; Deacon 1919, Elder 1920; Transferred Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; 1921-23 Principal Hartzell Training School, Superintendent Old Umtali
District; 1924 Superintendent Mutambara District; 1925 On furlough; 1926-31 Theological Department, Old Umtali; 1926 Gandanzara Circuit; 1927 Superintendent Rusapi District; 1928 Superintendent Old Umtali-Rusapi Districts, Rhodesia Mission Press; 1929 Rhodesia Mission Press; 1930-31 Superintendent Rusapi District, Mission Press; 1932 Superintendent Umtali-Rusapi District, St. Andrew's Church.

Mandisodza, David:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; Deacon 1921; Elder 1929; 1921, Salisbury; 1922-29, Headlands Circuit. 1930-32 Umtali.

Chimbadzwa, Josiah:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1926; Deacon 1929; Elder 1930; 1926-30 Assistant Theological School, Old Umtali; 1931-32 Assistant Pastor Old Umtali and teacher in Hartzell Training School.

Nduna, John:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1928; Deacon 1930, Elder 1932; Assistant, Hartzell Training School (Literary Department,) Old Umtali Circuit 1928-31; 1932 Teacher in Hartzell Training School Old Umtali.

Ngonyama, Reginald:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1925; Deacon 1927; Elder 1929; 1925-26 Assistant, Mutambara Mission; 1927-28 Mutambara Circuit and Mutambara Mission; 1929-32 Marange Circuit.


Roberts, George A.:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; Deacon and Elder 1921; 1907-1908 Old Umtali, Assistant Agriculture Department; 1909-10 Old Umtali Industries. 1911 Old Umtali Agriculture and Sunday School Missionary; 1912-13 Old Umtali Agriculture Department; 1914 On furlough; 1915-18 Old Umtali Agriculture and Animal Husbandry; 1919-20 Mutambara Circuit; 1921 On furlough; 1922-23 Old Umtali Department of Agriculture and Gandanzara Circuit; 1924 Principal Hartzell Training School and Gandanzara Circuit; 1925-28 Principal Hartzell Training School and Department of Agriculture; 1929-30 On furlough; 1931-32 Superintendent Mutambara District.

Rugayo, Jackson:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; 1930-31 in school; 1932 Mutambara Circuit.


Taylor, H. Erne:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; Deacon and Elder 1921; 1921 Old Umtali Church and Department of Agriculture; 1922-23 Mutambara, Department of Agriculture and Boys School; 1924 On furlough; 1925-28 Mutambara, Mission; 1929-30 Old Umtali, Dept. of Agriculture and Industrial Department; 1931 On furlough; 1933 Principal Hartzell Training School.

Wagner, Rush F.:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1925; Deacon and Elder 1925; 1925 Nyadiri Mission; 1926- Leave of Absence; 1927-28 Supernumerary; 1929-30 Superintendent Mutambara District; 1931-32 Old Umtali, Department of Agriculture, Marange Circuit.
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