Departments: On Sunday August 7th, the people of Valdezia bade farewell to their most distinguished visitor Mrs. E. Berthoud who is returning to Switzerland. Having spent four months in the Southern Transvaal, she was one of the first to come to South Africa, she has been here before with her husband the late Rev. Henri Berthoud. They are the pioneers of Mission work among the Shangaans in the Northern Transvaal; that was in 1881. After the death of Rev. Berthoud in December, 1934, she and her daughter left the farm near Jonpou in Switzerland where she stayed with her son, Dr. Francis Berthoud. This year Mrs. Berthoud, through the kindness of her son, managed to visit South Africa to see her children and the Work. She was pleased to find that Valdezia Mission Station, the mission that she and her husband had founded, was now a big Village with a large school building and many children. During the time that she was still Missionary at Valdezia there were no trees and the whole country looked rough and bare, but now Valdezia was now under shady gum-trees and other wild trees that had been so wisely nursed by their successors, the late Reverend F. Hesse. During her time travelling was done under many difficulties, roads were bad and there were no fast vehicles to carry people from one place to another. The only means of travelling was either on slow ox-wagon or on scotch-cart, or on shanks'pony. But now people are running on lorries, mile-carts and the well-to-do are moving on sedan! There are now many good roads that are kept by the Government of the country. Speaking to one of her black sons she said: "I have seen, in this short space of time, a great deal of the country, more than I saw in my lifetime. I cannot reveal that I spent as a missionary in this country! Indeed, Mrs. Berthoud had not seen the country beyond Kuruleni (about 20 miles west of Valdezia)."

Another thing that struck Mrs. Berthoud was the improvement made at Mlima Hospital, Mlima Mission, and Language Training Institution with regard to buildings. All with the exception of part of the Hospital were new to her. We thank God who has spared her and who has enabled her to come and see the fruit of her labours. Mrs. Berthoud is selling on the Warwick Castle at the end of September, and with her is going Miss Edeline Berthoud, her daughter, who has for six years served as a lady missionary at Valdezia Mission Station (1926-32). The first prize at the Inter-school Annual Show, this was partly due to her excellent teaching of needle-work to the girls. The Valdezia Wayfarers’ Club was started by her and she started it on very sound lines, so much so that now this group may be ranked with some of the best troops in the Transvaal. To both mother and daughter we say: "Bon voyage" at "Ye vendre!"

The Bulletin wishes to welcome Miss F. Knepper who has just started work at Valdezia in place of Miss Berthoud. Miss Knepper had been to Europe on furlough and has come back full of zeal and enthusiasm. We are glad that the Mission is sending us such people who do not come merely to satisfy those that employ them but are eager to uplift the Bantu in ALL RESPECTS. To her we say: "Royez les bienvenues!"

Language Training Institution Examination Results: As yet we have not heard of the Third Year’s results, but we have heard of the results of Ist and 2nd years which are, in the case of the first year class, very disappointing.


1st Year: F. Dinati, J. Malibe, R. Miyanzi, P. Mofolo, M. Mabulana, F. Chipungo, G. Shandile, O. Stofele, C. Mvunya, J. Mhlongo, B. Mphela, P. Satcher, G. Mphela, C. Mafela, and G. Mofana (those whose names we have underlined have been pupils at the Valdezia school).

Many pupils have not yet returned from their holidays, at present there are 26 young men and 16 young women in 1st year, and 2 in 2nd year, and 10 and 2 in Third Year. Total number 70, but by now the number has exceeded 70.

3rd Intermediate Examinations: This year’s results are very satisfactory especially at the Valdezia School. 21 out of the 21 regular scholars went up the external candidate failed. Naturally these successful pupils are very pleased with their results and each one of them is desirous of going higher in education, but sad to say, only one out of the 21 has means to go to College. The rest are struggling under adverse circumstances, either the parents are poor or do not like to send them to schools. We are very sorry for these boys and for them we pray. At four in the morning, they are up with a joyous lot. We are doing a joyous job for the line of work in education. Neither of them is suited with the desire to go to town. They all want to go on with education or to get employment here at home. What is going to happen? Goodness only knows! May the readers of this Bulletin pray for these young lives who wish to start life as it should be started and who have no support of any kind!

The results of the new examinations are very good. 23 out of 34 went through, 4 are at Langone, and one has gone for Agriculture at Port Carol Cape. The name of this young man is Frederick Magoza. May success crown his endeavours!
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The townsite was released to the town of Valdez. The townsite was located on the east side of the Kenai Peninsula, about 25 miles from the town of Seward. The townsite was named in honor of Alexander Wilkes, a Scottish navigator who first charted the area in 1794.

The townsite was surveyed in 1932 and the first lots were sold in 1934. The townsite was officially incorporated in 1939.

The townsite was almost completely developed by the early 1950s. The townsite was home to a significant number of people, including many of the town's early settlers.

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