



“Be Ye Also Ready”

(Sermon preached by Elder W. A. Spicer at the Cape Conference session on Sabbath morning, April 25, 1925)

SURELY, it rejoices our hearts to see this great congregation here this morning, and I have found my heart rejoice all the way around this Union. Such evidence of growth, not only in members, but in strength, was seen in the Natal-Transvaal Conference. I saw it also in the Free State, contrasting present times with those of ten years ago. I saw it at Kimberley and Beaconsfield, where our work first started. And now here in this conference, I can see your growth. God is with you, brethren and sisters. He has set His hand for the enlarging of His work in South Africa and the work is speeding on. Why, my brethren, the work of God in your midst is going forward as we never thought to see it go a few years ago, and Christ is soon coming.

I take the text this morning from the first verse of the 13th chapter of St. John: “Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end.”

Jesus knew that the hour was at hand when He would leave this world and go back to the Father. He had had rather a hard and trying time in this world. He had been a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief—our griefs and our sorrows. The world had treated Him spitefully. He knew the hour was at hand when soon He would leave this world. He would go back to heaven. He would see the glory that He left when He came into this world. He would meet again the angels who had loved Him. He would see His Father face to face once again. And the time had come. Yet, as you read this verse, between the

lines you see that His thought is not so much in heaven. He is not thinking so much of meeting the angels, but what is He thinking of? He is thinking of His own down in this world: “Having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end.”

You can read between the lines that really if it had not been best for His own, He never would have left us. He would have remained among us right here in this world. He is always thinking of us. When He came, He came to die for us. When He went back to heaven, He said, “It is expedient for you that I go.” He was not trying to get out of this dark world and leave us here. He went back to heaven for us, and up in heaven for us He is praying, and He is making a place ready for us. And when He comes again, why is it He comes? For us. For He wants us to be with Him. When you love others, what is it you want to do? You want to be with them. And Jesus loved us so that He died for us, and He wants to be with us.

I am glad that there is One in heaven Who still loves His own in this world, for I am down in the world, and it does me, a sinner, good to know that there is a Saviour in heaven Who loves me down in this world. Here is where we need His care more than we shall need it in heaven, for here is where the flesh is sinful and weak. Down here is where the temptations and the troubles come. Up in heaven, there will be no sinful flesh. There will be no tempter, no troubles. It is down here that we need a Saviour’s love. Thank God, we have it—There is One in heaven Who loves His own in this world, and

He loved us even unto the end. And when He comes, He comes because He loves us. But, do you know, that Jesus is hastening the work in heaven, preparing to come.

I think there is just one thing that gives Him anxiety and care, even in heaven. Will He find His own ready? Will He find us ready when He comes? He is coming for us because He loves us; but if we are not ready, He cannot take us, and so He has sent to us a message. The 24th chapter of Matthew describes the last signs by which we are to know that Jesus is near, even at the door, and then speaking to us just there, He says in the forty-fourth verse: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

He is speaking to us, to Seventh-day Adventists, to those who are looking for the coming of the Lord, and He says, "Be ready, be careful, for I am nearer than you think. In such an hour as ye think not, I am coming. Be ready." He says in this chapter, a little later, that some of His servants will be saying in their hearts, "My Lord delayeth His coming." They do not say it with the lip, but in the heart. The thought is, "Well, it will be a long time yet." They are Adventists, they are talking about His coming, but they are thinking in their hearts, "It will be a long, long time yet," and Jesus says, "Be careful, for in such an hour as you, Seventh-day Adventists, think not, I am coming."

I find I have to fight against that impression. It is very easy for me to look over at the Eastern question and think, "Well, now, Turkey is struggling along. It will take some years yet for that power to come to its end." Naturally, I would say it will take a series of years. How do I know? When I look at the prophecy and stop to face the facts, I must recognize that everything that prophecy talks about may take place next year. What right have I to say five years, ten years? It may be, but it may not be; it may be next year. And Jesus says to me, "You be ready. Be ready, for it will come quicker than you think."

I look at the map of the world, and I naturally say, "Oh, we need five or ten years to get over this world, five or ten years more." How do I know? I stop to think of it, then realize that the God of heaven has more angels than there are people on earth, that He could send an angel this morning to stand by every man, woman and child in the world, and so set them searching for the light. Why, I know that God can finish this work just any month or year when the hour strikes. What business have I to look at the map, talking about how many years we will need? Jesus says, "Be careful, you Seventh-day Adventists, I am coming quicker than you think." We say that it will be years yet, but if we are waiting to get ready then, we will not be ready when He comes. The Spirit of prophecy says:

"Great pains should be taken to keep this subject before the people. The solemn fact is to be kept not only before the people of the world, but before our own churches also, that the day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly. The fearful warning of the prophecy is addressed to every soul. Let no one feel that he is secure from the danger of being surprised. Let no one's interpretation of prophecy rob you of the

conviction of the knowledge of events which show that this great event is near at hand."—*Special Testimonies on Education*, p. 108.

"I am bidden to say to you that you know not how soon the crisis will come. It is stealing gradually upon us as a thief. . . . Men are pursuing their usual course. . . . But probation's hour is fast closing, and every case is about to be eternally decided."—*Counsels*, p. 413.

This is the message to our churches, "Everywhere be ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the day of the Lord will break." The day of the Lord begins with the close of probation. Jesus teaches us that in this very chapter. One of these days, the judgment will pass from the dead to the living, and our names will be called by the angels. Jesus says that then two women shall be grinding at the mill—working in the kitchen preparing the noonday meal—one will be taken, the other left. Two brethren will be in the field. Their names will be called, one will be found ready, the other unready. Two brethren, perhaps sitting in church in the same pew, their names are called above, one saved, the other lost. All Adventists, all expecting to be saved, but some ready, others not ready. And Jesus says to us, "Be ready! Be ready!" He does not say, "Get ready over yonder," but He says, "Be ready now."

Then He teaches us the parable of the ten virgins: "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom." This is a parable for Seventh-day Adventists. They all were Adventists, they all went forth to meet the Bridegroom, they were all sincere, they wanted to meet Him. They took their lamps and the lamps were all alike. You know what the lamp means. It means the form of the Truth, it means the right doctrine, and we know we have it for we can read it in the very words of God. We know we have the right doctrine,—the Sabbath, the coming of the Lord, and so forth. We have the Truth, and so in the parable they all had the Truth. They all had lamps, but we need more than the form of the Truth. We need the power of the Truth, too. They needed something more than the lamps, they needed oil in the lamps. The lamp was necessary, but the oil is the essential thing about a lamp, for it is the oil that gives the light. You know what the oil means. It means the grace of Jesus in the heart; it means the experience of the converting power of Christ within, the hope of glory. The form of the Truth is essential; but oh! we must have not only the form of the Truth, but the power of the Truth, its sanctifying power in heart and life. We must be converted men and women with Jesus abiding within, controlling our thoughts, controlling our voices, controlling our hands.

So in the parable they all went forth, all Adventists, all to meet the Bridegroom; and while they were waiting, they were all expecting to be ready when He came. Suddenly the cry came, "He is coming! Go out to meet Him!" They all arose, they were all sincere, honest in heart, but some found they did not have oil. They had had a little oil to begin with, but this had leaked out. They could not meet Him with an empty lamp; and, brethren and sisters, we cannot meet the judgment hour with a form of the Truth.

The essential thing then is to know that our sins are all forgiven, and that we are washed in the blood of the Lamb; that ye belong to Jesus, and that He has saved our souls.

And in the parable, those who were found without oil were very earnest. They said, "Give us oil quickly." But the others said, "No, you must get that yourselves." We cannot give one another a Christian experience. We may help one only to hold it, but each one must get it for himself. Each one must know the forgiveness of his own sins; and in the parable those who were without oil said, "We will get it quickly," and they went to get ready, and the tenth verse says: "And while they went to buy, the Bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage, and the door was shut." And later came those who were getting ready as fast as they could, and they found the door shut, eternally shut.

And this is a parable for Seventh-day Adventists in this waiting time. How was it that the wise ones were ready when the bridegroom came? They were ready all the time, and they kept ready every moment. It did not matter when He should come, He would surely find them ready; and that is the lesson of the parable for us, Seventh-day Adventists. No use for me to say, "Oh, yes, before probation closes I must be ready. I must overcome these little things by that time." Jesus says, "Beware." He does not say, "Get ready then," He says, "Be ready now." How did it come that the wise virgins were ready? They were ready all the time; and my brother, my sister, the only safety for us Seventh-day Adventists is to know every day in our lives that we are ready by the grace of God, and that it is all right between our hearts and God.

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Schools and Sanitariums Together

In view of the plans to locate our new college and sanitarium together, the following statement from the Spirit of Prophecy is of special interest:

"It is well that our training schools for Christian workers should be established near to our health institutions, that the students may be educated in the principles of healthful living. Institutions that send forth workers who are able to give a reason for their faith, and who have a faith which works by love and purifies the soul, are of great value. I have clear instruction that, wherever it is possible, schools should be established near to our sanitariums, that each institution may be a help and strength to the other. He who created man has an interest in those who suffer. He has directed in the establishment of our sanitariums, and in the building up of our schools close to our sanitariums, that they may become efficient mediums in training men and women for the work of ministering to suffering humanity."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 178.



"If life is hard for you, try to make it easier for somebody else."

1925 Harvest Ingathering Campaign

THE Harvest Ingathering Campaign for this year has been in progress for two weeks, but as we go to press, we have not heard from the local conference offices, and are unable to place before our readers the success that has attended the efforts of those who have been out in the campaign.

We hear from many parts of the field that the effort started in a good, strong way on the first day, and that our churches have very faithfully taken hold of this year's campaign.

As was stated in our last issue, in order to make this campaign a successful one, the co-operation of every church member is needed. This is not a work which we should expect others to do, but which requires the co-operation of everyone. We should not only think of the financial returns that will come to the Cause from this effort, but expect good results also from the scattering of the magazines, thus placing before the public the real purpose and motive of our work for the heathen people.

We quote the following admonition to the church from the servant of the Lord: "God has need of wise men and women who will labour earnestly to accomplish the work committed to them. He will use them as His instruments in the conversion of souls. Some will sow, and some will reap the harvest of the seed sown. Let every one do his best to improve his talents, that God may use him either as a sower or a reaper."

We expect with our next issue to give a report to date, and which we feel sure will be an encouragement to all who have been out and which will assure us that without doubt the Division goal of £3,000 will be reached.

W. B. C.



MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CORNER

Missionary Volunteer Work of the Cape Town Church

It was the privilege of twelve of the young people of the Cape Town church to take charge of the 11 o'clock service on Sabbath, August 15. The church was beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers, and the aim and motto of the society hung on either side of the baptistry, overhanging which there was a large chart referring to the various sections of the theme of study. The subject chosen was the "Twelve Prophecies of the Bible." Each in turn unveiled a prophecy in a most clear and interesting manner, all pointing to the end of time.

On Friday evening, August 21, we were invited by the leader of the young people of the Wynberg society to render this same programme. This was a united gathering of all the young people's societies of the Cape Peninsula. We were glad to meet with so many of our young people. The hall was well filled, and a good interest was manifested by all present. As a

result of the message rendered that evening, ten unbelievers were led to learn of this wonderful message of the soon coming of Christ.

The readers of the *OUTLOOK* will no doubt be interested in the work that our society is doing. There is indisputable truth in the saying "Unity is Strength," and there can thus be no better plan among our young people than to organize into bands with set goals and fixed purposes. We have several bands working, such as prayer bands, literature band, visiting the sick band, correspondence band, Standard of Attainment band, etc.

As we look back over the past, we cannot help but say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." We are indeed thankful to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings we have enjoyed.

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A Meeting with the Young People

ON Friday evening, August 7, Brother E. M. Howard addressed the young people at Spion Kop. He spoke of the wonderful privilege of every young person to have a personal knowledge of Jesus, whom to know is life eternal. Jesus stands at the door of the heart, and knocks, seeking an entrance, that He might be better known.

It was inspiring to listen to the testimonies of the young people during the service that followed. A longing was expressed for a better acquaintance with their personal Saviour.

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At Songa Mission

As we were en route from the Congo to Angola, the writer and Elder E. C. Boger spent three pleasant days with Brother R. P. Robinson and family at the Songa mission. The out-school teachers had rolled up with several of the people from the surrounding villages, and on the Sabbath morning we spoke to these and the mission family. The little school house that has thus far served as a church as well, proved too small to accommodate the people, and it was decided to transfer the service to a large cattle shed that had just been erected and had not as yet been used. This made a comfortable meeting place, and easily held the people. At the close of this service, Brother R. P. Robinson was ordained to the ministry, and in the afternoon the Ordinances were celebrated.

It was a great pleasure to see the growth of this mission, our first station in the Congo, and to join the workers in planning for further development of the work here. It would seem that this station is destined to become one of our largest and most important stations in Central Africa. It is centrally situated, within two miles of the motor highway, only a few miles from the new Bukama-Kasai railway and in the midst of a fairly dense population. It is ex-

pected that a doctor will join the force here before many months have passed, and bricks have already been burned with which to erect a hospital and a home for himself and family. This should greatly add to the influence of the mission and help to rapidly advance the work.

The mission farm consists of some seven or eight hundred acres of splendid land and has a most beautiful flowing spring which furnishes all the water needed by the mission families, and makes it possible to irrigate the gardens and orchards which are in a flourishing condition. We were pleased to find that the workers have a splendid supply of all kinds of tropical fruits, such as pineapples, oranges, lemons, bananas, plantains, pawpaws, tomatoes, etc., as well as fresh vegetables which can be grown at all seasons of the year. The station is practically free from mosquitoes, and consequently the workers here are troubled very little with malaria.

The first baptism on this station took place some months ago at which time a church of twenty members was organized, and we believe that this marked the beginning of a great work which is to be done at this place. We found the workers of good courage and desirous of pushing the work forward with all possible rapidity.

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An Exciting Experience

(FOR the interest of our readers, we take the liberty to copy from a personal letter from Brother Wheeler, of the Musofu mission, to Brother F. E. Thompson.)

"ON August 7, Mrs. Wheeler had an exciting time, which was almost too much for her nerves. A leopard, which had been wounded in one front foot so that it could not catch its usual prey, took up its abode just back of the church and began to feast on fowls. The boys saw it a time or two, and on this day, Jack, our cook, saw it and gave chase with a dish cloth in his hand. Our young dog went with him and tackled the leopard. Jack ran back to the house and Mrs. Wheeler gave him my shot gun and four cartridges. The dog kept worrying the leopard so it did not get away, and Jack, who does not know very well how to shoot, used up the four cartridges without killing the leopard. It then came at him and he clubbed it with the shot gun. When he had finished, the £20 gun was 'dead' and the pieces scattered about, and the leopard was supposed to be dead too. Mrs. Wheeler and Helen Eva and the school boys went to see the leopard, and Jack went for his own gun. It was found that the leopard was not dead, so Mrs. Wheeler hurried back to the house with Helen Eva. Almost as soon as she got back, the school boys came running saying that the leopard had killed Jack, that they were afraid and had run away and left him to his fate. It was a cowardly thing to do, for some of them are grown young men, and were carrying spears. In a little while Jack came along like a man raised from the dead, but dripping with blood. The leopard had bitten one arm

and knocked him down and grabbed for his throat, but Jack had had the presence of mind to guard his throat with his other hand, which was badly bitten. Then the dog rushed in and drove the leopard off and the two of them got away. The dog had a bad gash on the throat, but the big collar that we got for him in Cape Town saved him. Mrs. Wheeler began to dress the wounds, and Jack, although he was almost fainting away, sent a boy to the village for help. The villagers turned out promptly with all their guns and spears and soon tracked and killed the leopard, just as it was beginning to maul one of their party, who was clawed in the back and side, but not seriously.

Such an experience will make me think some long thoughts as to the safety of my family when I am away on trips after this."

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The Bethel Training School

ON August 16, a meeting of the board members of the native training school was held at Bethel mission, Butterworth. Plans were considered for the future work of the institution, and actions were taken which we believe will result in greater progress being made.

For several years, the Bethel mission has functioned as the training school for native workers in the South African Union Conference. Boys and girls from all parts of the country have entered the school to receive a preparation to go out and become workers among their own people. A number of students are already in the field and are doing faithful work. The training which it has been possible to give, however, has been lacking in one important respect—opportunity has not been afforded for practical evangelistic work as an aid to the training which the school has provided. Not only has this been a loss to the students themselves, but many of the native villages, some of which are within a short distance from the school, have, as a consequence, had little opportunity of hearing the gospel. At the Division Council in June, Brother A. P. Tarr was invited to connect with the mission. With a second European family, it will now be possible for very much more to be done. The work at the station will be so arranged that during the week-ends, at least, companies of boys can go out, who, under the leadership of a European teacher, can have practical experience in learning to preach. This training, combined as it will be with their studies in school, will give to these future workers a broader vision of the work for which they are preparing, and will better qualify them for efficient service.

The Sabbath meetings during the visit of the committee were greatly enjoyed. On Friday evening the service was taken by Brother A. P. Tarr, who spoke in Xosa to a most interested gathering. Elders J. N. de Beer and E. M. Howard took the morning and afternoon services on Sabbath, and on Sunday afternoon Elder J. F. Wright met with the students to-

gether with the church members who came in from the district.

In the audience at all of the services was a native woman, who each Sabbath walks many miles to attend the meetings. Frequently she is met on her return by her husband, who beats her severely; but somehow her courage always prevails, and the following Sabbath finds her back in her accustomed place.

One of the interesting features to the visitors was the Sabbath school, conducted by Teacher Erico Msusen. For his missionary text, the superintendent had chosen Matthew 4: 16: "The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." "We are the people who sat in darkness," said Brother Erico, "and now we see great light. Once we sat in the region and shadow of death, and to us the light has come." It was inspiring to listen as the speaker continued to tell of the blessings which the gospel had brought, and the obligations which its acceptance imposed upon his people.

In front of the Sabbath school were placed two large maps—one of South America and the other of Africa. Connecting these maps was a cord, with a boat attached. Each week as the offering goal is reached, the boat is moved one stage nearer to the country where the offering is going. Speaking of the heathen in the Inca Union Mission, the superintendent remarked: "We cannot all go to preach to these people, but we have something which can reach them all the same, and so we are sending our boat." The interest in the offerings was as great as is found in our European schools, and one felt that there was a deeper spirit of gratitude and responsibility in the giving of offerings than is often shown by many of us, whose benefits are so great. Altogether there seemed to be a spirit of earnestness and devotion among the students, which, we believe, will tell immeasurably both on their training in school and on their labours as they go out to work for their people.

There are at present sixty-three students in attendance at the school, representation from the various provinces being as follows: Cape 34, Transvaal 16, Orange Free State 6, Bechuanaland 3, Basutoland 3, Swaziland 1.

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New Church at Alexandra Township

THE opening of the new church at Alexandra was the occasion of great rejoicing for the company of believers at this township.

As funds were low and most of the members were otherwise employed, the task of bricklaying fell largely to Brother Robert Langa, who undertook this work despite many difficulties.

Several times the bricks were washed away by the excessive rains before they could be dried; but, undaunted, he renewed his task with the same zeal and courage, and we now have a comfortable church.

As the date of the dedication of the church coin-

cided with the workers' institute, Elder Heald, Elder Mace and about twenty-five other conference workers were present for the occasion. Our numbers in the Rand district have increased of late, and it has been possible to organize the two companies meeting at Alexandra and Johannesburg into churches, each with a full complement of officers.

This has been a great encouragement to our people, and one and all are heart and soul in the great work of bringing others to a knowledge of the Truth.

WM. HODGSON.



Baptism at Mahamba

THE readers of the OUTLOOK, I believe, will be pleased to hear of the work done on this long-expected day which came at last. Just before this occasion, arrangements had been made for a series of meetings. Elder Wm. Hodgson conducted these meetings. They were well attended and each time the house was full. Appreciation was shown by many who were present.

On Sabbath, a good number of people invited came from all parts to hear the words of truth. Both the sermon in the morning on "God's Holy Law" and the words spoken at the river, left an impression on the people which will long be remembered. The nature of the service at the river was a good and live witness to the people of Mahamba. Ten sisters followed their Lord in baptism.

After this occasion, we met for the Ordinances of the Lord's Supper. Indeed all our hearts were filled with joy because of the presence of the Spirit of God.

The following day, another meeting was held at the chief's village. A good many people attended.

Dear readers, I am in need of your sincere and earnest prayers for the success of the message in Swaziland, among the people who are yet in darkness to become jewels of the Lord's Kingdom.

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God Renews His Last Call

THIRTY-EIGHT years ago, the remnant church received a mighty clarion call to seek for a fuller, deeper, spiritual experience. It was a summons from Him who bears no false warnings. In this message, entitled, "The Church's Great Need," presented to the body of believers at that time, we note a most striking statement:

"A REVIVAL of true godliness among us is the GREATEST and MOST URGENT of all our needs. To seek this, should be our FIRST WORK."

Here is set forth a very clear and positive requisite. If those to whom it is directed shall fail to hear and heed, dire loss will result. Therefore, inasmuch as this is a divine communication, borne in these last days to the church of which we are members, shall we not carefully and prayerfully consider it?

First, "A REVIVAL of true godliness," is greatly needed. What does this indicate? It must undoubtedly reveal, that today there is too much form of godliness and very little of the true, the genuine. The kind that heaven accepts is evidently lacking. Wherein is it lacking, you ask? AMONG US and IN US, the members of the remnant church. Only a few, scattered here and there, are really sharing and enjoying the blessedness of a real, true Christian experience. Many have a name to live and yet they are spiritually dead. Hence the Lord in His mercy sends this call to come up to a higher plane, to a life of full surrender, a life of daily victory, a life of entire consecration, to "live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world," as we press onward, looking for that blessed hope and the soon return of our Saviour.

Again, in order to make this call all the more impressive, He adds that this "true godliness" is the "greatest and most urgent of all our needs." No mistaking the truth here set forth! God is speaking! He removes the covering and makes bare the situation. He reveals what He considers the most vital and paramount of every need in the church today. He puts this need FIRST. Dare we place any less value upon this question than He? Nay, verily! It is true just now, that the cause of God most emphatically needs men, means, correct organization, well-devised plans and methods for the carrying of the gospel to every nation, kindred and tongue; yet that which is vital above every need, is to be in possession of a true, genuine, Christian experience, a life that will rightly represent the blessed Lord Jesus to a doomed world.

Now, for fear that we may fail to see the significance, the express meaning of this call to a more complete experience in Him, and the need of most earnestly seeking this noble life, God does very forcefully add, "To seek this, should be OUR FIRST WORK." Then, there can be no more important question for us to consider and ponder at this hour. True, we face the serious, tremendous task of giving this three-fold message to all the world in our generation. This is a problem far-reaching in its scope. Many times, the vastness of the undertaking staggers the faith of men. As we behold the dire need of a lost, perishing race, the heart is often mightily stirred. And this world-need is so vital that it calls for our whole-hearted consideration. However, God says, "Our GREATEST need and our FIRST work," is to seek Him for this revival of "true godliness," the right personal relationship with God, right thinking, acting and doing. Surely this is a theme of very grave concern, and deserving of the most careful attention. Shall we not give it this?

At this juncture then, we come face to face with the very solemn and important question, How shall we go about seeking this experience? What shall we do to reach the desired end? Listen, quietly and earnestly! Our kind heavenly Father does not leave us alone to wander around and find our own way out, but He comes directly to the point in this same message and reveals what we are to do. Let us read further:

"There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow

His blessing upon us, but because WE ARE UNPREPARED TO RECEIVE IT. Our heavenly Father is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. BUT IT IS OUR FIRST WORK, BY CONFESSION, HUMILIATION, REPENTANCE and EARNEST PRAYER, to fulfil the conditions upon which God has promised to grant His blessing."—*Mrs. E. G. White, Review and Herald, March, 1887.*

Nor does God leave us in doubt as to what we should confess, or as to what we shall do to clear the way for the Saviour to come and dwell in our hearts, to live His life out in us. As we seek to know duty, we hear Him speak through His servant again:

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with Me.' I saw that many have so much rubbish piled up at the door of their heart, that they cannot get the door open. Some have difficulties between themselves and their brethren to remove. Others have evil tempers, selfish covetousness to remove before they can open the door. Others have rolled the world before the door of their heart, which bars the door. ALL THIS RUBBISH MUST BE TAKEN AWAY, AND THEN THEY CAN OPEN THE DOOR AND WELCOME THE SAVIOUR IN."—*Vol. I, page 143.*

Herein God does most definitely and very positively outline the work which must be done in order that the heart may be made a fit vessel for the indwelling of His presence and His Spirit. This call to a revival and reformation is a call to put away sin by confession. God reveals the trouble and shows us the remedy. This work is before us. Both the Bible and the "Testimonies" clearly point to it. Will we hear, heed and do? That is the question!

May God help us to harken to this admonition which so fully sets forth our GREAT NEED and our FIRST NEED in this grave hour of the world's history.

J. F. WRIGHT.



Special Meetings with the Peninsula Churches

SUNDAY afternoon, September, 6, Elder Wright left Cape Town for Port Elizabeth after spending two very profitable weeks in the Peninsula. His visit was greatly appreciated by our churches here.

Elder Wright conducted a series of very important services for the Wynberg and Claremont churches. From a study of the prophecy of Joel, it was seen that we have reached the time when a revival and reformation is due in the church of Christ. Solemn and soul-stirring messages were read from the Spirit of Prophecy, which clearly indicate that just before the end there is to be a return to true godliness and true Christian living among the people of God. This is our greatest need today, and it was the keynote of each one of the services.

We are living in the time of the latter rain, and under God's providence it is being poured out upon individuals today. A great heart preparation is needed, and we should earnestly pray, study the Bible, and seek God for this preparation. Emphasis was laid upon the Laodicean message. It describes the church

today, and we should heed the counsel that is given to the remnant church in that message.

There was a good attendance at each meeting, and we believe that our people have laid hold anew upon God and His power to save. W. L. HYATT.



Jesus, Thou Hast Promised

(WORDS composed by Brother A. G. Koën, of Uitenhage, to be sung to the tune of hymn, No. 319, in "Christ in Song," and suggested for use by our Sabbath schools on next thirteenth Sabbath.)

THE Inca Union Mission,
Of all our help has need;
Oh! will we not be faithful,
And help them plant the seed?
The Indians need the Message,
And let us give it them,
And help them find that Jesus
Is but the truest Friend.

The Incas are Thy children,
And our brothers too;
And, oh! our blessed Master,
Help us to be true;
And grant, dear loving Saviour,
That we may do our best,
And claim Thy blessed promise,
That Thou would'st do the rest.

And, oh! at last in Heaven,
May we see them all there,
Whom Thou hast bought with Thy life,
In answer to our prayer.
For Jesus Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory,
There shall Thy servants be.

SPION KOP COLLEGE

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An Acknowledgment

THE students and teachers of Spion Kop College desire to acknowledge the receipt of a much appreciated donation from Mrs. J. L. Shaw of Washington, U.S.A.

For some time past, we have wished that our dining room might be made more pleasant, and among the needed improvements was that of better cutlery. When Mrs. Honey took up her work as matron at the beginning of this year, she set about to endeavour to improve our service in this way and expressed her desire in a letter to her old friend, Mrs. Shaw.

Sister Shaw had no sooner learned of Sister Honey's desire, than she solicited help from her Washington friends and secured cutlery for thirteen tables of eight each. The cutlery is of plain design in American silver. The gift includes knives, forks, teaspoons, dessert spoons and serving spoons, there being 528 pieces in all. Sister Shaw tells us that this cutlery is exactly the same kind as is used in our large sanitarium at Washington.

We feel greatly indebted to Sister Shaw and her friends for this beautiful and useful gift, as well as to Sister Honey for her efforts in securing this much needed improvement in our school.

E. D. DICK.

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General News Notes

BROTHER E. M. HOWARD is visiting the churches in the Peninsula in the interests of the young people's work.

WEEK before last, Brother Graham Howard sailed from Cape Town on his way to America. Brother Howard is taking up studies at the Pacific Union College.

RECENTLY Brother Virgil Gibson had the misfortune, while out on an out-school trip, to shoot himself through the foot. He is now in hospital, and we hope that the accident will not prove serious.

ON the morning of September 7, Brother O. U. Giddings, wife and daughter, arrived in Cape Town. After spending a few days in the Peninsula, Brother Giddings left for the Congo, his new field of labour.

DURING the first week of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, the Division office and the Publishing House closed for one day, and the workers spent the time soliciting funds for mission work.

WE are glad to receive word from Nyasaland to the effect that as a result of a three weeks' effort on the part of the teachers of the Malamulo training school during vacation time, 280 new converts were added to the baptismal classes.

RECENTLY, Mrs. Stearns, normal director of the Spion Kop College, spent about a week in the Peninsula visiting the church schools. The advice given by Mrs. Stearns regarding the conduct of our schools was greatly appreciated, and will, we feel confident, give strength to our church school work.

BROTHER S. M. KONIGMACHER writes that he had just returned to the mission after being away for twenty-five days, during which time he preached the gospel to the wild Bushmen of the interior. As far as Brother Konigmacher knows, this is the first time that those heathen people ever heard of the gospel. Brother Konigmacher has been experiencing some difficulty with lions near the mission, for they have come very near to his home.

Missionaries' Rest Homes

FOR some time, the Division Committee has recognized the need of providing homes for our missionaries while on furlough at the coast. Some years back, the South African Union Conference, who then had charge of the work throughout the field, accepted contributions from several of our missionaries, and to the amounts received the Union added its donation and bought some ground at Plumstead, near the Cape Sanitarium. That ground cost £179-10-0, and recently when the Cape Sanitarium was sold it was decided to sell that plot of ground as well, with the idea of providing missionaries' rest homes at another site.

We were successful in disposing of the ground at Plumstead for £375. This now gives us a little fund as a beginning on the proposition of providing homes for our missionaries while on furlough, and the Division committee recently appointed a sub-committee to make investigations as to the possibility of securing a suitable site for this purpose. W. B. COMMUN.



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For further particulars, write: Miss F. Kruger, 6 Alfred Avenue, Off Berea Road, Durban.

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Notice

OCCASIONALLY there are some of our young people in this country who decide to go to America to take further studies. For the benefit of those who may be planning this way, we take this opportunity to report on a notice received recently that would affect persons going over to America to attend school.

In one of the clauses under the Government regulations respecting students in America from overseas, it is required that a student can qualify for enrollment in a school in America only if he is in possession of sufficient funds to defray all his expenses during his stay in the United States, or that payment thereof is properly secured, and that he will be able to devote his time solely to study.

Another clause points out that if a student fails on any one of the points outlined under the regulations of "Status of Students under the Immigration Act," that he will be deported.

If there are any who are interested and would like to have a copy of the regulations governing students in America from abroad, we would be glad to provide a copy. W. B. COMMUN.

ON Monday night, the 7th inst., the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Medhurst, of Newlands, passed away, after an illness of several weeks. We express to the parents our sincere sympathy, and pray that our Heavenly Father may bring comfort to the home thus bereaved.

WATCH OUR NEXT ISSUE FOR HARVEST INGATHERING RESULTS