

## A Dreadful Sin.—Number 1

“HAD I been placed in the garden of Eden as were Adam and Eve, I should never have committed so great a sin as to have eaten of the forbidden fruit.”

Have we not often said this to ourselves? If we have never expressed it in words, we have, at least, frequently thought it, and we have said, “What a dreadful thing to take that which God has reserved for Himself!” Adam and Eve were surrounded with fruits of all kinds which God had permitted them to freely eat, but the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil He had reserved. Of it they were forbidden to eat, or even to touch. It stood as a reminder of God’s ownership. He owned all the trees of the garden. He had only given man the privilege of dressing and keeping them, and enjoying their luscious fruits. This one only, had He withheld so that they might not forget Him, and come to feel that all belonged to them. He would have His ownership thus recognised. To partake of this tree, then, meant to disregard God’s ownership, to assert man’s right to do as he would with God’s substance, to disobey His command and to rob God of that which belonged to Him. This was the sin that caused man to lose Eden and in the train of which have been brought all the misery and woe that we find in the world today. What a dreadful sin!

But, listen, dear reader! Many persons today, some of them in the remnant church, are committing the same sin! But, you say, we do not have the tree of knowledge of good and evil today, how then can we commit this same sin?

True, we do not have this tree, for it was taken up with the rest of the trees of the garden of Eden before the flood and transplanted in heaven, but we do have the tithing system. This took the place of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. It, too, is to give man a way of recognising God’s ownership. He gives us freely the use of nine-tenths of the fruit of the trees,

the seeds of grain, and every other temporal blessing about us, but He reserves one-tenth to Himself. He declares it to be “Holy unto the Lord.” He commands that man shall not use any portion of it for himself, but bring it *all* into the storehouse.

For a person, therefore, to use the tithe for himself means that in doing so he refuses to recognise God’s ownership, asserts his right to do as he pleases with God’s substance, to disobey God’s plain command, and to rob God of that which belongs to Him! What a dreadful sin! “Will a man rob God?” Mal. 3: 8.

And if this sin was so grievous as to cause man’s expulsion from the garden of Eden, think you that God can take into the Eden above those who still practise it?

W. H. BRANSON.



## That Inevitable Hour

“SOME months ago I stood by the bedside of a friend whose life was evidently near its close. He had been faithful many years in this Cause, but when facing the final account, his mind was acute in running over the past to see whether any duty had been neglected. He had paid tithes on his regular salary nearly all his life, but in those last hours he recalled that at a certain period he had received a little income outside his regular salary, and did not remember definitely whether those extras had been tithed. Therefore, in order to make certain on this point, involving not a large item, he directed that £4-0-0 from his savings in hand be paid immediately into the treasury to cover all possible delinquencies that might have occurred.

“I was very deeply impressed by this incident. It brings to our minds a great truth, namely, we may be careless during the days of health, but when we come face to face with the final reckoning, we feel the infinite importance of having all matters of this kind adjusted, so that they can be met without shame in the judgment day.”—*Selected.*

## A Letter From An Old Worker

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF THE  
AFRICAN DIVISION:

ONE year ago, my family located at Emmanuel Missionary College. How quickly the year has sped away, and how many changes have come! When we came, Elder Butler and family were here, hard at work in the college, and is now teaching Bible in the Cicero Academy in Indiana. Frank Ingle and Raymond Billes worked hard and completed their pre-medical courses and are now preparing to return to South Africa as full fledged doctors. Ernest Branson is at the Atlantic Union College, completing his studies. Elder Hubert Sparrow is still here and hopes to complete his course this college year and then to return to Africa to join in the work there.

Wilfred Tarr is still here at the college. He is doing well and enjoying his work. At the opening of college this year, Brother and Sister John Raub neimer arrived, and he is happy in his work.

As a family, we are well and enjoying ourselves. My daughters are working hard to complete their college courses this school year that they may get into the work of the Master again. During the summer, I assisted in a tent effort at South Bend, Indiana. This was a real privilege, after having been out of the country so many years. I find that the grand old Message is the same as it was forty years ago, and when proclaimed with the Spirit's power it wins souls to the Master.

This year, the North and West Michigan Conferences were united, and now the West Michigan Conference has fully one hundred churches, thirty ministers, and fifteen Bible workers. The workers were organised into ten companies and sent out with as many tents into the field, and a large number have been added to our ranks as a result. This is remarkable for old Michigan, where the Message has been proclaimed for sixty years.

Since the tent season closed, I have been visiting churches in the northern part of our conference, where our people seldom see a missionary or a general worker. There I found many good, honest souls striving to live the Truth and scatter its rays amidst the highways and byways of that new country. During the five weeks spent in that section, I visited twelve churches and spoke thirty times.

As I read the OUTLOOK, I am led to rejoice with my South African brethren for the success they have had in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign this season. It is a wonderful thing to see our people all over the world engaged in this Ingathering effort. The General Conference appropriated nearly one million pounds to missions for 1927, and to raise this large sum every Seventh-day Adventist should put his neck into the Master's yoke and pull, in order that the money may be forth-coming.

It is evident that the great day of the Lord is near. "It is near, and hasteth greatly." The final crisis is rapidly approaching and what we do must be done quickly. In many places, our people are passing through troublous times.

Your brother and fellow-worker,

W. S. HYATT.

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## He Was Ready

I HAVE just returned from prayer meeting—one of the old fashioned kind where men and women pray and give their testimony to the goodness of God. Most of those present had been visiting their neighbours during the week, talking to them about Bible truths, handing out literature, and soliciting for the Harvest Ingathering work. Their faces fairly shone as they related these experiences, and they had something to tell which was worth listening to.

One brother had recently entered a drug store to buy the morning newspaper. After the usual casual greetings with the person in charge, conversation drifted to world conditions, and then our brother was asked as to what he thought of the state of the dead. In a conversational way, a real study was given on this subject. Customers came, telephone calls must be answered, but he was asked to wait and continue the talk, which he did for about an hour. Later on, the man visited the drug store again, and this man then told him how greatly he appreciated the previous talk, and how it had helped him understand the Bible.

Others told of experiences, showing that there are hungry souls all about us, and anxious inquiries are being made concerning our belief.

How about you, friend? Are you able to give an intelligent answer when such inquiries come unexpectedly? More and more, we may expect this. As the judgments of God come in the land, the people will look to us for help. Shall we disappoint them? We are told that just before the end, "Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. . . . On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the Truth." Also that, "Every truly converted soul will be intensely desirous to bring others from the darkness of error into the marvellous light of the righteousness of Jesus Christ."

As we thought of these things, and realised our unpreparedness, fifteen of those present felt their need of just such help as is being offered by the Fireside Correspondence School, in its course on "How to Prepare and Conduct Bible Readings." They enrolled, and plan to get together to study these lessons, and so better fit themselves to meet these emergencies, also to be of real practical, intelligent help to their pastor in their next tent effort.

"In addition to our schools, the church must become a training centre. From among its members, capable workers must be developed."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 140. Our Harvest Ingathering work is creating these demands, are we getting ready to meet them? What would it mean if every church had these little study circles? May we help you to organise? Individually and collectively, let us take hold of this work earnestly. Let us finish the work and go home.

LIZZIE M. GREGG,

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"We are to be wide-awake, energetic, earnest Christians, filled with a desire to give others the Truth."—"Gospel Workers," page 142.

## The Pathetic Appeal to Heathen Hearts

HUNDREDS and probably thousands of the native sons and daughters of Africa are today looking wistfully toward heaven for light and peace. Oftentimes their longing cries reach us, but it is to be feared that in many cases these appeals are unheard by mortal ears. These souls know not where to turn for help, nor where to go for the rest they need. Whilst they touch no responsive chord on earth, it is good to know that in heaven, the angels watch with tenderness and pity over these anxious hearts. And yet, all the while God is seeking to impress His people with their vital responsibility to carry the gospel tidings to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

What joy it must bring to the courts above when the messenger of salvation is near to speak the word of peace to these troubled minds, to make known the wondrous theme of a Saviour's love. All over the Dark continent, whether in the north, the south, the east, or the west, are to be found such hungry souls. Dissatisfied with the superstitions of the past and the impositions of the witch doctors, they have turned their attention to better things and are now groping their way towards the light. In many instances, they have disregarded their idols and broken away from the degrading practices of their heathen friends and neighbours.

Sometimes their calls for help filter through, sometimes a chief or a headman from a certain district will travel hundreds of miles to the mission station and plead earnestly for a teacher to instruct his people in the way of life. The missionary may have a teacher to send; but, more often than not, he has not one to spare, and he is obliged to tell the eager petitioner that he cannot grant his request. This is one of the hardest and most difficult things for the missionary to do, but very often the shortage of funds and workers means that this must be done. It is pathetic to see the old chief turn away, sick at heart, feeling that his last hope has gone. This is the sad experience which is repeated over and over again in many of our mission fields. Here are these lands, "white unto the harvest," where the golden grain is ready to be gathered in, and yet there is no one to do the reaping. Truly, "the labourers are few." How the church of Christ today needs to pray for consecrated workers and for a liberal supply of means, so that these urgent and insistent calls may be answered!

Not long ago in Northern Abyssinia, two native chiefs from a Moslem province travelled for twenty-eight days to our mission station. They were searching for the true God. In their anxiety to find rest for their souls, they left their homes, travelled miles and miles over mountains and through the dense forests, made their way through the territory of hostile tribes, thus braving dangers on every hand, and all for the purpose of finding, if possible, the Saviour of mankind. What a blessed quest! On arriving at the mission home, they made known their desires, and the missionary instructed them in the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. This continued for a few days, and ere they bade good-bye to the missionary, they had found the Saviour and were rejoicing in their new-found hope.

They marched all the way back again, and as they

came near to their villages, their people came out to meet them eagerly inquiring if they had been successful in their mission. What joy filled their hearts as they told of their experience and passed on to these souls the glad tidings that Jesus loved them! Some weeks rolled by, but it was not long before a special runner was sent to the missionary with an urgent plea for a teacher to be sent at once. The chiefs had done their best, but they felt they needed to know more themselves.

Not being able to go himself, and having no permanent teacher to spare, the missionary decided to send one of his most trusted native workers for a brief visit to this place. In company with one of his friends, he made the long journey and on his arrival found a large number of people who had accepted Jesus, who had given up their idols and heathen superstitions, and were calling for baptism. These chiefs had been real soul-winners; they had found the Christ themselves, and with hearts glowing with the Message, had gladly given of their little store to the eager and longing hearts of those who surrounded them.

But these people need instructing, they need to be built up in the Christian faith, but who shall do this work? There is no missionary and there is no native teacher. The nearest help is twenty-eight days' journey away. How can these souls be taught?

What we are seeing in Africa today is a remarkable fulfilment of the prophetic word. Centuries ago, the inspired Psalmist, looking down through the long vistas of time, saw the dusky sons and daughters of this great continent reaching up their hands to heaven for help. We read his words in Psalm 68: 31, "Ethiopia shall stretch forth eagerly her hands unto God." (Lesser's translation.) How true this is, and what an appeal it makes to the church to arise in the strength and power of her great Commander to carry the good tidings of salvation to earth's remotest bounds!

"From God's great ebony harp, His hand shall yet evoke the music from the skies, and the giant rivers of Africa are the strings that shall vibrate to His touch. The Nile shall carry the strain to the north, the Niger shall make vocal his praise to the south, the Zambesi shall bear the jubilant sound to the east, the Congo shall thrill with its melody on its way west to the wild Atlantic. And all the seas shall listen, and all the continents shall throb with rapture as they hear, the isles shall be glad, and heaven itself shall raise a full-throated 'Hallelujah' when Christ in Africa shall be its unchallenged King." W. E. READ.

### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPT.

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### Young People's Problems

In the Missionary Volunteer corner of the OUTLOOK, there will be conducted during 1927, a few studies on the problems that confront our young people in their Christian experiences, and some suggestions toward a correct solution of these problems. Our youth today

are facing organised vice, commercialised amusement, and manifold temptations as never before in the history of this world, and at such a time as this, should we not take a special interest in helping our young people to live Christian lives midst a world of sin?

### A New Heart

"KEEP thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4: 23.

Of all the proverbs ever penned by Solomon, this is one of the most memorable and important. The devil artfully has set his snares to entrap every child of God. We are counseled to, "Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established." Prov. 4: 24. The heart, mouth, lips, eyes and feet need to be carefully guarded, but it is pre-eminently necessary to guard the first, hence he says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence." That is to say, give especial care to the custody of thy heart; and he adds a good reason: "for out of it are the issues of life." Our character, our influence, and our life work are to an enormous extent determined by the condition of our hearts.

But one will say that, "my sin polluted heart is not worth keeping." That may be true. God has been very plain in telling us that no good thing can come out of these corrupt, degenerate hearts, so the very best thing such a person could do is to get a new heart at once. God's message to you is, "A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you. I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh." Remember, though, that He does not promise to patch up or repair our old hearts, but His promise is to give us a new one. "Ye must be born again."

So, as young people, I would plead with you not to go stumbling along in your Christian experience year after year, all because you did not start right. Every sinner, who is to be saved, must start at the foot of Calvary's Cross. It is there alone that, not only the burden of the heart may be rolled away, but in surrender of all to Him, the wonderful transaction by which you will receive a new heart may be yours.

Then "keep it with all diligence." Make it your chief business. Remember that a heart filled with the love of Christ is a power in the world. Better than intellectual acquirements, or elevated tastes, is a new heart charged with zeal for the Master.

J. I. ROBISON.

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### Pretoria Effort Closed

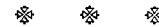
TWENTY-TWO were baptised at the close of the Pretoria Effort, Sunday evening, December 26. The interest was intense to the last night, when a climax audience gathered at the Bible tent. At the close of the evening sermon on "Christ the Divine One," the campaigners all filed on to the platform from the rear and sang "Meet Me at the Throne of Grace." The

audience was touched with the solemnity of the occasion.

There is still a great interest in the city and it has been planned for the writer to remain in Pretoria for some time to follow up the work. Brother and Sister Le Butt and Miss De Beer will remain in Pretoria, and it is planned to continue a series of meetings in the New Trades Hall every Sunday night. We anticipate a full attendance, and have organised another baptismal class. The health propaganda carried on by Mrs. Heald has received considerable newspaper publicity. Demonstrations in scientific, healthful cookery were carried on at the tent on Wednesdays. Varieties of soups, South African salads, and fruit drinks were served to hundreds of representative ladies. Health recipes were given away.

The workers in Pretoria earnestly solicit the continued prayers of our people in behalf of the Cause in the Capital city. We must, by God's grace, establish a strong work in this city, and to this we dedicate our all.

B. M. HEALD.



### Week of Prayer Johannesburg Church

It has been the writer's privilege to attend many blessed Week of Prayer seasons, but the recent Week of Prayer held in the Johannesburg church stands out prominently as the best.

Meetings were held each evening in the church, and were well attended, and we are confident that all received a new view of the importance of laying all upon the altar. The readings proved very helpful. The nearness of the end, and the importance of having a thorough preparation for the coming of our blessed Redeemer, were constantly kept before the church. Elder Hyatt laboured faithfully to impress hearts with the necessity of thorough soul-saving work. It was apparent from the very first meeting that angels were also co-operating. The respectful attention given by the members, and their inquiring attitude indicated that impressions were made.

It was an inspiration to listen to the number of petitions that were presented to the Throne of Grace each evening. It seemed that the entire church was praying for victory.

There is power in the gospel of the Third Angel's Message to change lives and bring us to the foot of the cross. The testimonies borne were live ones. The shout of victory went up from many hearts.

It was indeed good to listen to the testimonies of praise and thanks given by the large number who have recently accepted this blessed Truth, through the effort recently held in this city.

The last great day of the feast will long be remembered. A deep solemnity pervaded God's sanctuary. Almost the entire congregation offered itself in a new consecration to God for the finishing of the work in the mission fields, and in their own lives. A very liberal offering for missions was given as an appreciation of God's goodness.

May God bless us as we go forward, and may yet other souls be led to identify themselves fully with the Saviour, and be ready to meet Him in peace.

A. W. TICKTON.

## 'N Getuigenis van Ondervinding

Broeders, Susters, Jesus wil ons nie begeef. Solank ons vir Hem wil leef, solank ons op Hem vertrou het ons op geen sand gebou. Wat ons ook hier vir Sy Woord mag ly of stry, Jesus bly ons altyd naby. Solank as ons biddend op ons knieë bly, maak Jesus van die las ons vry. Die oog wat op Hem gelowig siet maak Hy ook vry van verdriet, en maak ons tot Sy diens bereid en vorm ons tot saligheid, en wil ons ook hier op aarde vreugde geef, solank as ons vir Hem wil leef, gee Sy Woord ons ook moed en krag en is in ons hand die pelgrims staf.

S. ULRICH.



## Thirteenth Sabbath, Johannesburg

ON December 25, 1926 the Johannesburg church was filled to overflowing as the Thirteenth Sabbath programme was rendered. Those present received a deeper longing to be loyal to this Message, and to give more liberally of their means.

The Thirteenth Sabbath offering amounted to £33-12-11, and one could not help but be impressed when looking upon the little children as they brought their gifts to Jesus, as did the wise men of old.

God has abundantly prospered the Johannesburg Sabbath school this year, and as the new officers commence their duties, we pray that the Lord will greatly bless them in their work for Him, and in the great gathering day that they may come bearing precious sheaves for the heavenly garner.

YVONNE RENOU.



## News Notes

ELDER HEALD and family have recently moved temporarily to Pretoria, where Elder Heald will be in close touch with his evangelistic work.

A CALL has recently come from the Cape Conference for Elder M. W. Carey. Elder Carey has accepted this call, and we trust that the Lord will attend him in his labours in his new field as He has blessed him during his five years in the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

WE still have a small supply of Home Missionary calendars, which sell for 2/- each, also a small supply of Morning Watch calendars, both in plain and deluxe. The plain calendars are 3d each and the deluxe 9d each. Send your order to the Religious Book Depository (Johannesburg) at P. O. Box 6154, Johannesburg.

BROTHER BLENNERHASSETT has been assisting the student colporteurs, and we are pleased to report that especially Miss Naude and Brother Moolman have been doing well. Brother and Sister F. E. Potter have recently come to Johannesburg, where they intend to labour. Brother Blennerhassett and Brother Potter have been visiting the homes of the people in connection with our literature, and we are pleased to know that they have had splendid success. We cordially welcome Brother and Sister Potter to Johannesburg, and trust the Lord will greatly bless them in their endeavours to spread the Truth.

A. E. NELSON.

## Wanted

A Seventh-day Adventist lady teacher to teach two children first and second standard and two kindergarten. Free board and lodging and £2 a month. Apply J. H. van Pittius, Welgedaan, P. O. Britten Station, Transvaal.

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## Blessed Hunger

"BLESSED are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." A great and glorious infilling of the Spirit and power of the Lord is coming to God's people today. There is a hungering and thirsting after the righteousness of Christ manifest in our churches that is the unquestioned forerunner of this mighty and blessed experience. As true as God is God, they that hunger shall be filled. His Word is unchangeable. Already many of God's people are experiencing the beginnings of this infilling. Their lives are kindling with a new and holy joy, their testimonies ring with life and gladness, their service is becoming enamoured with the love of Christ. Darkness, doubt and dread are giving way to the light, the faith and the courage of a new experience. There is more, much more ahead.

A work of genuine revival is sweeping through the ranks of the remnant church. The Lord is preparing His people for the "Loud Cry" of the Third Angel's Message, and the closing scenes of earth. In one of the latest published testimonies of the servant of the Lord, we read: "I have been deeply impressed by scenes that have recently passed before me in the night season. There seemed to be a great movement—a work of revival—going forward in many places. Our people were moving into line, responding to God's call. My brethren, the Lord is speaking to us. Shall we not heed His voice? Shall we not trim our lamps, and act like men who look for their Lord to come?" —"Testimonies to Ministers," page 515.

This work of revival is due in South Africa just as much as in any place in the world, and this is doubtless one of the "many places" where the servant of the Lord saw the movement of revival progressing. And God's people in South Africa are being stirred by the spirit and power of this revival, as well as the brethren and sisters of Europe and America and other parts of the world. The revival is on in South Africa. The Lord is kindling anew the flame of holy fire in many hearts. The spirit of earnest prayer, heart searching, and surrender to the leadership of the Holy Spirit is actuating many a life.

Let every soul cherish every pang of soul hunger. The Lord is renewing your appetite for the heavenly manna. He will fill your soul with the bread of heaven. Rejoice that you still thirst for the living springs. It is a divine thirst. The Lord is leading you away from the brackish waters of the world to the everlasting wells of salvation.

L. L. MOFFITT.

## News Notes

ELDER E. M. HOWARD conducted the services at East London on January 8 and 9 in the absence of Elder J. W. MacNeil, who spent the week-end with his family, who are visiting at Lady Grey.

ELDER J. J. BIRKENSTOCK left Worcester, January 2, for Lichtenburg, Transvaal. Elder Birkenstock is responding to a call to conduct a short tent effort on the diamond diggings near Lichtenburg. His family is remaining at Worcester.

THURSDAY, January 6, Elder Moffitt left Port Elizabeth for Nieuweplaats to spend the week-end with the Long Kloof church, and to conduct the quarterly service and administer baptism to a number of candidates, besides holding other meetings.

FRIDAY morning, January 7, Brother L. A. Vixie arrived at Port Elizabeth. Brother Vixie plans to spend some time in the Eastern Province with the colporteurs. Now that the holidays are past, the colporteurs should make even better records.

ELDER A. V. EDWARDS begins his tent effort for the coloured people of the Peninsula at Athlone on Sunday night, January 16. We wish Elder Edwards and his company of co-workers the rich blessing of the Lord in this series of meetings.

WE understand that Elder A. Willard Staples and family are taking a much needed rest at the Wilderness, near George. Elder Staples and his wife have spent a faithful and successful year at George, and the company there is in a growing and prosperous condition. L. L. MOFFITT.



## Work Offered

REQUIRED European or coloured single man to work on shares with wood-cutting and gardening, near Cape Town. Apply: P. W. B. Wessels, Center Park, Post Ottery Road, via Wynberg, Cape.

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## Kimberley and Beaconsfield Churches

THE Week of Prayer was a season of blessing to members of the above churches, and all have started into the new year with good courage, to do some real aggressive work for the Master. On Christmas afternoon, two brethren and five sisters went forward to follow the Lord in baptism, five to become members of the Beaconsfield church and two of the Kimberley church. We were happy to witness this solemn service. May the Lord bless these dear ones, and help others who may still be in the valley of decision. On the first Sabbath of 1927, the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated, the writer meeting in the morning with the Beaconsfield believers and with the

Kimberley church in the afternoon. All felt that this was the best way to commence the first page of our New Year's record. The blessing of the Lord rested upon His people as we met in this sacred ordinance.

I am pleased to report that the courage of all our believers is good, and now that every branch of the work has been organised, we expect to see advancement made during the year.

We regret to report that some of our members are in hospital at the present time. Sister Patience Ansley has undergone an operation, also Brother and Sister Le Roux, of Kuruman, have their little son here in hospital. We are thankful to God that both these cases are on the road to recovery.

The Kimberley and Beaconsfield churches send greetings to all sister churches. S. G. HITEN.



## Signs of the Times Campaign

FEBRUARY 12 to 19 has been set as the date for our 1927 *Signs of the Times* Campaign.

The *Signs* is our African missionary paper, and it is constantly bringing people into the Truth. We recently heard of twenty families in one locality in the mission field who had accepted the Message through the influence of this splendid paper. Surely, that is work worth while. Why should not this experience be repeated in scores of other places?

But what is the SPECIAL campaign for? It is to be an effort to greatly increase the circulation of our paper. Our present subscription list is entirely too small. We are printing only about 10,000 papers each month; this should be many times more. Every home in South Africa should receive the *Signs* with its burning message of truth.

Why should we not increase, during this campaign, the monthly circulation to at least 15,000. This can only be accomplished if we all co-operate in the effort to do it. It will mean that all those who can must visit neighbours and friends and solicit their subscriptions. It will also mean that we must increase our present church and individual clubs for free distribution.

There is no easier or cheaper way of doing real missionary work than by using the *Signs*. Let us then use it far more freely than we have in the past.

W. H. BRANSON.



## Dialogue

### Two Missionary Volunteers

RUTH.—“Oh dear, I hear they are going to have another campaign next week in church. I think I'll stay at home. They are always wanting one to subscribe money, or some time, or something to these campaigns.”

MARY.—“Yes, I believe the *Signs* Campaign begins next week, but I hadn't thought of it being a burden. I think their slogan is 'More *Signs*, More Souls,' and surely if we can win souls by helping in these campaigns, it is no burden. For you know, Ruth, in our Missionary Volunteer pledge we promised 'to take an active part' in helping 'to finish the work of the gospel

in all the world.' I was just reading it last evening and wondering if I was really doing anything *active*."

RUTH.—"Oh yes, I signed that pledge too; but I think that means to take an active part in the Missionary Volunteer society meetings, and not in all these church campaigns that they have every few weeks. I suppose they will want some more money, and I haven't any to spare, so I think I will not go. I do so hate not to give anything when they make a call."

MARY.—"But, Ruth, I think that the Missionary Volunteer society is planning to take up this *Signs* Campaign in their next meeting too. You know the Missionary Volunteers are really part of the church, and we should help out in all the campaigns of the church. But besides that, the *Signs of the Times* is such a splendid missionary paper, that if our society could take a club of 100 or 200 papers every month and mail them out to interested people and then write them letters, I think that would be good missionary work in which we all could help."

RUTH.—"Well, Mary, I wouldn't object to doing something if the Missionary Volunteer society takes it up. In fact, I wish our society did more missionary work, in which we all could take part, and I would like to help in mailing out the *Signs* every month, and I suppose I could write a few letters too, if they told us what to say. But, Mary, it will take money whoever does it, and as I said before, I haven't a penny to spare."

MARY.—"I understand that the *Signs* Campaign gives one a chance to earn some money if you want to. Sister Jones, the Home Missionary secretary, told me the other day that those who wished to take subscriptions for the *Signs* could earn one shilling on every subscription they take, and, really, I don't think it would be hard to take a year's subscription for the *Signs* for only two shillings and six pence. Then if we Missionary Volunteers earned part of the money ourselves for say a club of 100, I think the church would help out in paying for them and for the expense of mailing."

RUTH.—"You certainly are enthusiastic, Mary, and I will promise to do something when it comes up in the Missionary Volunteer society. I suppose I could take a few subscriptions also, for I helped out in the Harvest Ingathering and really enjoyed it after I got started. I hope our society does get a good club, for I would rather have more missionary work and not so many programmes, wouldn't you?"

MARY.—"Yes, I think that missionary work is the life of the society, and I believe the *Signs* Campaign will give us a real good chance to arouse a new missionary spirit in our society." J. I. ROBISON.



## The Great Controversy Ended

In the city of God "there shall be no night." None will need or desire repose. There will be no weariness in doing the will of God and offering praise to His name. We shall ever feel the freshness of the morning, and shall ever be far from its close. "And they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light." . . .

There the redeemed shall "know, even as also they are known." The loves and sympathies which God Himself has planted in the soul, shall there find truest and sweetest exercise. The pure communion with holy beings, the harmonious social life with the blessed angels and with the faithful ones of all ages, who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, the sacred ties that bind together "the whole family in heaven and earth,"—these help to constitute the happiness of the redeemed.

There, immortal minds will contemplate with never-failing delight the wonders of creative power, the mysteries of redeeming love. There will be no cruel, deceiving foe to tempt to forgetfulness of God. Every faculty will be developed, every capacity increased. The acquirement of knowledge will not weary the mind or exhaust the energies. There the grandest enterprises may be carried forward, the loftiest aspirations reached, the highest ambitions realised; and still there will arise new heights to surmount, new wonders to admire, new truths to comprehend, fresh objects to call forth the powers of mind and soul and body.

All the treasures of the universe will be open to the study of God's redeemed. Unfettered by mortality, they wing their tireless flight to worlds afar,—worlds that thrilled with sorrow at the spectacle of human woe, and rang with songs of gladness at the tidings of a ransomed soul. With unutterable delight the children of earth enter into the joy and the wisdom of unfallen beings. They share the treasures of knowledge and understanding gained through ages upon ages in contemplation of God's handiwork. With undimmed vision they gaze upon the glory of creation,—suns and stars and systems, all in their appointed order circling the throne of Deity. Upon all things, from the least to the greatest, the Creator's name is written, and in all are the riches of His power displayed.

And the years of eternity, as they roll, will bring richer and still more glorious revelations of God and of Christ. As knowledge is progressive, so will love, reverence and happiness increase. The more men learn of God, the greater will be their admiration of His character. As Jesus opens before them the riches of redemption, and the amazing achievements in the great controversy with Satan, the hearts of the ransomed thrill with more fervent devotion, and with more raptuous joy they sweep the harps of gold; and ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of voices unite to swell the mighty chorus of praise.

"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever."

The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love.—*"The Great Controversy,"* pages 676-678.

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### General News Notes

MISS P. E. WILLMORE, of the Division office is spending her holidays at home in the Eastern Province.

MISS VERA SMAILES, who has been visiting at the Cape for the past few weeks, has returned to Port Elizabeth.

MRS. C. R. SPARROW of Rhodesia is enjoying a visit with her son at the new school farm at Somerset West.

ELDER BOGER reports a profitable and interesting meeting of the Congo Union Mission committee, held recently at Elisabethville.

SPION KOP has had some thunderstorms and showers, and although the weather has been very hot, the veld is looking fresh and green.

BROTHER A. N. INGLE and wife have sailed from Durban on the S. S. Baradene for England. These friends are on their way to America to attend the Washington Missionary College.

WE much regret to learn that both Brother and Sister Cadwallader have been ill, but we trust that the attack of fever has been broken, and that these workers are well again.

IN response to a call from the Congo Union Mission, Brother J. V. Wilson and family left the Cape a few weeks ago and are now located at the Katanga mission, Elisabethville.

MRS. ELLINGWORTH, of Nyasaland, writes: "We have had good rains, and crops are all in and up, and everybody is smiling in spite of the malaria that is so prevalent just now."

BROTHER R. VA., who has been stationed at the Katanga mission, near Elisabethville, accompanied Brethren Anderson and French on their trip to the North with a view to finding a suitable site for a mission station near Stanleyville.

## Christian Education

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"The science of salvation, the science of true godliness, the knowledge which has been revealed from eternity, which enters into the purpose of God, expresses His mind, and reveals His purposes,—this heaven deems all-important.

If our youth obtain this knowledge, they will be able to gain all else that is essential; but if not, all the knowledge they acquire from the world will not place them in the ranks of the Lord."—"Counsels to Teachers," p. 14.

Parents, what shall be the training of our children? The essential, or the non-essential? What shall they receive, the all-important, or the non-important?—Which shall it be?

Spion Kop College,  
 Ladysmith, Natal.

### Warning or Winning?

"LET us stop talking about warning, and talk more about winning," said the pastor as he spoke to the little flock gathered at the mid-week prayer meeting. For fifty years, we have been talking about "giving the warning," and it surely is time we changed our view point, and got the vision of WINNING.

It is a noticeable fact that the missionaries coming in from heathen fields do not talk much about "warning" but they do tell us a good deal about "winning" souls to the Master. Coming down to the last days of probation, this gospel message is to go to all nations, kindreds, tongues and peoples, and it is to be a WINNING message for Christ is soon coming for His people.

"He that WINNETH souls is wise," the Word tells us. Is it because we do not have that *wisdom* that we feel more free to *warn* than to *win*? If so, would it not be well to see where the real trouble lies and find a remedy? The gospel seed has been sown, and now the harvest time is here. Where are the labourers who really can bring in the fruits and gather in the sheaves? Let us catch the vision of WINNING and prepare for it. Perhaps the Fireside can help you. Let us hear from those who want to study how to WIN souls for the Master.

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