

Onward and Upward

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THE church of God is made up of vessels large and small. The Lord does not ask for anything unreasonable. He does not expect the smaller vessels to hold the contents of the larger ones. He looks for returns according to what a man has, not according to what he has not. Do your best, and God will accept your efforts. Take up the duty lying nearest you, and perform it with fidelity, and your work will be wholly acceptable to the Master. Do not, in your desire to do something great, overlook the smaller tasks awaiting you.

Beware how you neglect secret prayer and a study of God's Word. These are your weapons against him who is striving to hinder your progress heavenward. The first neglect of prayer and Bible study makes easier the second neglect. The first resistance to the Spirit's pleading prepares the way for the second resistance. Thus the heart is hardened, and the conscience seared. On the other hand, every resistance of temptation makes resistance more easy. Every denial of self makes self-denial easier. Every victory gained prepares the way for a fresh victory. Each resistance of temptation, each self-denial, each triumph over sin, is a seed sown unto eternal life. Every unselfish action gives new strength to spirituality. No one can try to be like Christ without growing more noble and more true.

DEVELOP CONFIDENCE

The Lord will recognise every effort you make to reach His ideal for you. When you make a failure, when you are betrayed into sin, do not feel that you cannot pray, that you are not worthy to come before the Lord. "My little children, these things I write unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." With outstretched arms He waits to welcome the prodigal. Go to Him, and tell Him about your mistakes and failures. Ask Him to strengthen you for fresh endeavour. He will never disappoint you, never abuse your confidence.

Trial will come to you. Thus the Lord polishes the roughness from your character. Do not murmur. You make the trial harder by repining. Honour God by cheerful submission. Patiently endure the pressure. Even though a wrong is done you, keep the love of God in the heart. "Keep thy tongue from evil, thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry."

Words cannot describe the peace and joy possessed by him who takes God at His word. Trials do not disturb him, slights do not vex him. Self is crucified. Day by day his duties may become more taxing, his temptations stronger, his trials more severe; but he does not falter; for he receives strength equal to his need.—"Messages to Young People," pp. 96-98.



No Time to Lose

L. L. MOFFITT

It has been reported that our work in some portions of Europe is being suppressed. This is a startling evidence that we are drawing very near to the times mentioned by the servant of the Lord in the following quotations:

"We have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now. We must look our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare. From the light given me of God I know that the powers of darkness are working with intense energy from beneath, and with stealthy tread Satan is advancing to take those who are now asleep, as a wolf taking his prey. We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do. But soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine."-"Testimonies," Vol. VI, page 22.

"We must give this message quickly, line upon line, precept upon precept. Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and it is our duty to see that they are given an opportunity to understand the truth, that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side. The Lord calls upon His people to labour — labour earnestly and wisely while probation lingers."— "Testimonies," Vol. IX, pages 126, 127.

"The work is fast closing up, and on every side wickedness is increasing. We have but a short time in which to work."

We never know when our work in South Africa may be hedged about with great difficulties. Now is our hour of opportunity of quickly finishing our task of evangelism.

The conference is planning a strong evangelistic advance in 1934. At our recent committee meeting, three additional workers have been taken on, and a definite plan for rural and small town evangelism has been inaugurated in addition to our city evangelistic work.

Now we are again sounding the rally call to all our people to support the Conference Evangelistic Fund in as liberal a way as possible.

January 27 has been set apart in the calendar of dates as Evangelistic Day. On that day in all our churches we are asking our pastors and church elders to hold before our people the urgency of the work of evangelism and to secure pledges from all our people in definite support of the conference evangelistic programme. We are also writing to all our isolated believers asking them to take their part in this urgent work.

We are suggesting a minimum pledge of one shilling per month per member. Many will be able to give more, but we want all to have a definite part in supporting the evangelistic work of the conference even though some can do no more than one shilling per month.

We know the evangelistic work will appeal to all our people and we look forward to a loyal support of this fund from all parts of the conference.

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News Notes

The South African Conference year-end committee meeting was held in Bloemfontein, December 17-21. Three additional workers were taken on to the conference pay roll for 1934: Elder J. J. Birkenstock, Elder E. M. Howard, and Brother A. J. Herholdt.

The conference committee has adopted the caravan plan for rural and small town evangelism. Two caravan companies have already been organised. Elder and Sister Hiten are operating in the rural section of the Western Cape Province, and Brother and Sister Venter will soon begin their work in the Transvaal. As rapidly as possible we hope to extend the caravan plan, till we have at least one caravan company operating in each province.

Four evangelistic efforts have been planned for the first half of 1934.

The committee voted to have another 50ft. by 70ft. evangelistic tent made for our 1934 evangelistic campaign. The order has been placed with the Gourock Ropework and Export Company in Johannesburg. This company made a very satisfactory tent for us last year, which was used by Elder W. L. Hyatt in his Johannesburg effort.

The municipality of Bethlehem has made a grant of land in a good section of the town for a Seventh-day Adventist church. A committee has been appointed to give consideration to the prospects of erecting a building on the plot within the next two years.

The conference committee has given consideration to the production of additional Afrikaans literature. One book composed of selections from the "Testimonies" dealing topically with thirty-five subjects of importance to our people, is now in process of translation.

Mrs. J. L. Milford is writing a book of about 120 pages dealing with the main points of Bible truth. The style of the book will be simple and direct in its treatment. Elder A. V. Edwards and Professor G. E. Shankel, of Helderberg College, have been recent visitors to Bloemfontein in the interest of Christian education.



Among the Churches

A. W. STAPLES

It was the writer's privilege to spend most of the *Signs* week in Pretoria. It is always an inspiration to meet with the believers in the capital city. Special meetings were conducted for the young people every evening but one. These were well attended and we trust brought a blessing to all.

From night to night reports were taken of the subscriptions received. A loyal band of young workers were hard at it. Personally I can testify that hard work gives victory and brings a blessing. The Lord gave thirty-seven subscriptions for their efforts. On Thursday night when we bade the church farewell, they had almost run the "victory flag" up. Just a few more subscriptions and their goal of one hundred and thirty subscriptions would be reached.

While at Pretoria, it was also the writer's privilege to baptise ten precious souls. Brother John Cooks, the church school teacher, had conducted Sunday night services through the year. These were followed up with personal work on his part and that of our colporteur-evangelist, Brother Van de Berg. Several of the other brethren also joined in this lay evangelism.

There was rejoicing in many hearts as these ten precious souls stepped forward to confess their crucified and risen Lord. We wish the Pretoria church much of the Lord's blessing as they continue the good work of lay evangelism.

The next week-end was spent at Parys. The Week of Prayer readings and other meetings brought blessing to all. On Saturday night an impressive Investiture service was held. A group of five "Companions" and seven "Friends" received their pins. As the young people took part in the programme, it was clear that each was speaking from the heart. The labours of Sister Lloyd in training and leading out have been appreciated and rewarded.

The next meetings were held at Potchefstroom where an Investiture service was held before a large audience. No fewer than nine "Companions" and twelve "Friends" took part, receiving their pins. This group of young people are earnestly striving to live for the Lord. Under the leadership and training of Sister Havenga, they are very active in the campaigns of the church.

News Notes

We are glad to welcome Brother Philip Mantell as a member of the staff of the Good Hope Training School. He is to be the Normal Director. Two graduates of the Good Hope Training School have been asked to teach in the primary department of the school. They are Brother William Thomas and Brother Gold Theunissen. The prospects for 1934 are brighter than for any previous year.

Interest in Christian education is being manifested in every part of the field. Two new church schools are being opened, one in Bloemfontein and one in Bethlehem. Maritzburg enquired about the possibility of opening a school there, but no teacher was available. Better luck in 1935, Maritzburg.

The church school teachers for 1934 are looking forward eagerly to the opening of school. Miss Anna Ficker is to teach in the new Bloemfontein church school. Mr. Duncan Eva is to teach the Bethlehem school. Miss Rose van Rooyen has been called to the Durban school and Miss Irene Smith to Johannesburg. Mr. Willem Marais is going to Pretoria. Mr. Victor Visser is continuing at Brakpan and Mr. Walter Hayter at Ermelo. Miss Hilda Holbrook is to teach the home school at Motkop and Miss Erna de Beer the school at Claremont. Miss Patience van der Westhuizen is to teach the home school at Cancele. Mrs. C. C. Marais, Miss Sheila Davies and Mrs. Bulgin are in charge of the church school at Helderberg College.

Helderberg College

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G. E. SHANKEL

HELDERBERG COLLECE is a busy place even during the holiday season. A number of important improvements are being effected at present. The curbing for the new walks has all been laid and the filling is now completed. The surfacing with asphalt and gravel will be done by the road machinery of the Municipality of Somerset West.

Branson Hall, Salisbury House and Mead House are all undergoing changes. The two latter are receiving a new coat of colourwash. In Branson Hall the new floors in the passages have now been laid and are ready for the sanding machines.

Helderberg College dairy products are in great demand. Not only does the dairy now supply all the milk and butter needed by the college but its products are being placed on the market as well. The milk room is being enlarged to care for the increased output. The college now owns one of the finest Jersey herds in the Western Province.

Mr. Macmillan, director of the Government Forest Plantations at Elgin, visited the college a few days ago and advised with the management as to the most suitable ornamental and forest trees to plant.

Elder and Mrs. Edwards and family, Elder and Mrs. J. V. Wilson and family, and Mrs. Garne and family are spending a well-earned two-weeks' holiday at the Strand. Miss Nell, the college stenographer, spent a few days at Bredasdorp, Mrs. Botes two weeks in Pondoland, and Mrs. Finn and family two weeks with the Boekhout family in Claremont. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tarr and baby returned on January 4 from a month's holiday.

Mr. Marais and Mr. Van Eck have returned from their summer evangelistic effort in Stellenbosch. They report a profitable effort, a number having taken their stand for this message.

Brother and Sister Long and daughter Dorothy, of Salisbury, visited the college on New Year's day. Dorothy will be a student this year.

The indications are for a capacity enrolment for 1934. Concession forms are being sent to students who attended in 1933 and who have already indicated their



The Ivied Door

ARTHUR NYREN

THERE is a picture, from the East, Which I do now recall:

An ivied door, that's closed fast, Whereon a light doth fall.

The light from lantern held by Him, Who meekly stands and knocks

Without that door, forbidding, grim-The door that ne'er unlocks!

I used to think, in childish ire, How cruel-hearted was

The keeper of that door; desire To plead the Stranger's cause.

But now, at last, it dawns on me Whose heart He stands before— This stranger, knocking, patiently,

Without the ivied door!

intention of enrolling for 1934. Students who were not enrolled in 1933 should apply for concession forms immediately in order to secure reduced railway fare.



A Good Report from Angola

MRS. J. D. BAKER

For nearly three years friends in America have been supplying us with O Atalia, the Brazilian Watchman. It is a beautiful magazine and one we are proud to give to the people as a representative of our denominational literature. Two governors, two administrators, four secretaries, several chefes and other officials in the post office and other departments, besides the principal business men receive the paper regularly.

One official told us the paper helped him both physically and spiritually. There is always an article on health written by one of our doctors as well as answers to questions in each issue of the paper.

Another official asked us if we had any back numbers. He said he and his wife like the stories on the "Children's Page" for their children.

Recently it was necessary for Mr. Baker to take four teachers to Saurimo to secure their licences. Sometimes the teachers are given quite a stiff examination and our teachers were rather dreading the ordeal. We felt a bit anxious ourselves as some missionaries of another denomination had told us only a few days before of the difficulties they were having about teachers, some being dismissed by the government. My husband was surprised and very thankful when the Administrator asked him how many teachers he had. He then spoke to his secretary and told him to make out the licences. He then asked my husband if he had brought any more copies of O Atalia. He said he had seen one in Vila Luzo and would like very much to have the magazine. As soon as the secretary had made out the licences he also asked for the paper.

It is a pleasure to give out the *O* Atalia, the demand is greater than the supply. It is sad to think that we have no one in Angola who is doing anything for the Portuguese people.

Our work among the natives is progressing. Last Sabbath our school gave an interesting programme which was very much appreciated by the village natives. Thirty-one gave a day's work as an offering, quite a number were not church members.

At one out-school fourteen angolares

(nearly three shillings) worth of produce was given-tomatoes, mealies, onions and a cabbage. Considering the great shortage of food this was a very good offering.

Two years ago some natives came from the Congo with a report that the dead chiefs with their people were returning with trucks and automobiles and a great supply of food. They were returning as white men and were to live like white people.

The natives were told to kill all the black cattle, sheep, goats and chickens, and not to make any gardens as they would have better food than the manioca.

This created a great stir and government officials as well as missionaries did what they could to counteract this report. Nevertheless many animals were killed and natives all through the district refused to plant, some even tore up their gardens. It takes two years for the manioca to be ready for food and now the people are suffering because they believed that evil report. Some deaths have been reported.

The work goes forward. The great joy of this message is that it will go forward in spite of difficulties and depressions.

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Educational and Treasurers' Council in the Zambesi Union Mission

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Solusi Mission was the centre of interest in the Zambesi Union Mission from December 1 to 14. Nearly all the European and a number of the native workers gathered to study the educational plans and policies for that union.

Elder Wright, in the opening address, spoke of the need of a clearer vision as well as the aims and methods of Christian education. He stressed the importance of work for the women and girls and urged that special study be given to this phase of the work.

An hour each day was devoted to the work of the Treasurers' Council, and Elder A. E. Nelson and Brother D. A. Webster led out in the discussions of the treasurers' problems.

Brother E. M. Cadwallader, as educational secretary for the union, guided the council into the study of a large agenda. The entire educational policy was reviewed and brought up-to-date. Brother Cadwallader's leadership is greatly appreciated and a good spirit of co-operation is evident on the part of all the workers.

We were glad to have the help and counsel of Mr. Finkel, the Government Inspector of schools in the Solusi area. He spent one day with the council and expressed his approval of the strong educational programme which the Seventhday Adventists are putting on in Southern Rhodesia. He stated that the Government is pleased to assist in every way possible in helping the work forward.

Definite progress has been made in the educational work in the Zambesi Union Mission. Solusi is a strong central training school and plans were laid at the council to still further strengthen the work by the addition of a girl's industrial building, a normal building and a dispensary and hospital building.

Many calls are coming in for new schools and it is encouraging to see open doors on every hand. The call is for new consecration and sacrifice that every call may be answered, every open door entered, and many souls won to the kingdom.

The results of Christian education are evident as one considers how many of the workers in the Zambesi Union are former students or graduates of our own training school. Elder Boger stated that the new recruits this year will make a total of about thirty who received their training at Helderberg College.

TITHE BULLETIN, No. 9

Never More Important Time Than Now

"Never was there a more important time in the history of our work The message of the third chapter of Malachi comes than the present. to us, holding up before us the need of honesty in our relations to the Lord and His work. My brethren, the money that you use to buy and sell and get gain will be a curse to you if you withhold from the Lord that which is His. The means entrusted to you for the advancement of the Lord's work should be used in sending the gospel to all parts of the world."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 53.

WAT IS IT THAT MAKES MEN POOR?

"It is not returning to God His own that makes men poor, it is withholding that tends to poverty."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 449.

NOT AT LIBERTY TO BORROW TITHE

"Let no one, when brought into a strait place, take money consecrated to religious purposes, and use it for his advantage, soothing his conscience by saying that he will repay it at some future time. Far better cut down the expenses to correspond with the income, to restrict the wants, and live within the means, than to use the Lord's money for secular purposes. . . . God has given special direction as to the use of the tithe. . . . Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe, to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in an emergency, nor to apply it as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the Lord's work. . . . God desires all His stewards to be exact in following divine arrangements."-

"Testimonies," Vol. IX, pp. 247, 248. "It is a heaven-appointed plan that men should return to the Lord His own; and this is so plainly stated that men and women have no excuse for misunderstanding or evading the duties and responsibilities God has laid upon them."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 387.

A PLAIN DEFINITE MESSAGE

"A very plain, definite message has been given to me for our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects, which, though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said that the tithe should be applied. Those God will judge for these things. . . The tithe is sarred, reserved by God for Himself. It is to be brought into His treasury to be used to sustain the gospel labourers in their work."—"Gospel Workers," p. 226.

THE SOURCE OF BLESSING

"The system of tithes and offerings was intended to impress the minds of men with a great truth,- that God is the source of every blessing to of His creatures, and that to Him man's gratitude is due for the good gifts of His providence."—"Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 525.

SUPPORT OF MINISTERS, ETC.

"Instruction has been given me that there is a withholding of the tithe that should be faithfully brought into the Lord's treasury for the support of ministers and missionaries who are opening the Scriptures to the support and working from house to house."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 52. "There should be today in the field one hundred well qualified labourers where now there is but one."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 249.



Report of Ngoma Medical Mission Dispensary and Hospital

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"LET us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof." Gal. 6:9; Eccl. 7:8.

As we think of the obstacles, adversaries and difficulties we have to face as we go about the development of our work here, we have been comforted by the thoughts expressed in the above quotations. And yet while the past year has been full of work and disappointments we have many blessings to be thankful for, and we see that there has been real progress made in spite of the obstacles.

At the beginning of the year we were presented with a budget which provided nothing for supplies or equipment for our dispensary or hospital. It was the plan for us to collect enough money from our patients to care for all needs, repairs, equipment and supplies. In an isolated section of the country like this, money is not very plentiful among the natives; and consequently it meant either to turn away those who really needed help, or to go along and do without the things which we really needed to make tomorrow a better day than today.

Fortunately we had quite a good supply of medicines to begin with, but no equipment for our new ward. Near the middle of the year when our supply of medicines was beginning to get low, God in His providence answered our prayers giving me enough recognition with the government to come under the provincial provision for govermental aid to doctors and hospitals. This resulted in a grant of medicines to the value of 6,000 francs and at the end of the year a cash gift of 5,000 francs to the hospital.

We rejoice greatly in this gift as it seemed to save us from an undesirable situation. Until this grant of assistance came we felt obliged to make charges for medicines and services, but now we are forbidden to charge money for medicines supplied by the government.

One of the greatest scourges of this country is yaws. Nearly 95 per cent of the population here either have had or have the disease. The yaws is responsible for a large percentage of the huge leg ulcers we see so commonly all about us. The government is making a strenuous campaign against this disease and is spending large sums of money in an attempt to eradicate the disease from the country. The treatment is really quite successful and there is hope that it can be done in time with the united efforts of all medical men. Of the 23,302 patient visits during this ten months by far the largest percentage is for the yaws treatment.

But the poor lepers get very little attention. There are only two to three per cent of the population afflicted with leprosy. I have found that it is useless ot do much with the regular leper treatments until they are first rid of the intestinal parasites. I have found intestinal worms in nearly ever leper I have examined, and have also observed that they very quickly show beneficial results with the chaulmoogra oil, iodine and mecurochrome treatment after parasites are removed. During the past ten months I have treated ninety-nine lepers; some in the very early stages and some in the very far advanced. One came in at the commencement of the disease and ran a very malignant course, causing a considerable disfigurement of both hands and feet besides a very large perforating ulcer in her nose. All this came on within a very few weeks from the very first signs. She is now on the road to recovery but has a long, long way ahead of her before she is well again. I say this because she is one of the aristocracy who think that it is a great disgrace to be seen doing anything that even resembles manual labour. It seems to be a proven fact that a leper doing supervised work

every day in the open air and sunshine with proper food, makes his recovery much more rapidly than one who refuses to do labour.

Our hospital records show 1,139 days of hospitalization, so it is evident that our ward, even though not in good condition with equipment, has not been empty during the past year. We have cared for twelve major surgical patients, six fractures, three pneumonia patients, besides a variety of other patients such as those with huge leg ülcers and heart diseases, in our hospital ward. So far it has been very difficult to get the obstetrical work started, but I am going to make a strong effort to get these patients into the hospital.

Evangelistic work among the sick here must necessarily be verbal teaching from day to day, as only one in 500 is able to read. Services are held daily in the morning in the hospital ward by one of our workers, and twice a week (the days of our free yaws injections) we hold an outdoor meeting with the large crowd at the dispensary. It is not always easy for us to see the results of our teaching daily at the hospital, but we do have one who has expressed himself as wishing to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. He is learning the Adventist hymns and we hope to baptise him by the time he is able to walk again. He came in a very badly crippled up condition involving both knees due to extensive yaws which made it necessary for him to walk on his hands and feet in a squatting position. One leg is now straight and I have just operated

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Die Tyd Word Kort

L. L. MOFFITT

Ons hoor dat ons werk in seker dele van Europa onderdruk word. Dis seker 'n bewys dat ons die tyd nader waarvan die diensmaag van die Here gesê het:

"Ons het geen tyd om te verloor nie. Die end is naby. Die deurgang van plek tot plek om die waarheid te verkondig sal netnau met gevare aan die regter- en aan die linkerhand omring wees. Alles sal gedaan word om die boodskappers van die Here te hinder, sodat hulle nie sal kan doen wat hulle nou doen nie. Ons moet ons werk goed in oëskou neem en so vinnig as ons kan in agressiewe stryd vorentoe druk. Volgens die lig wat die Here vir my gee, weet ek dat die duistere magte met intensiewe krag besig is en Satan heimlik nader om die wat nou slaap, te oorval soos 'n wolf sy prooi oorval. Nou het ons waarskuwings wat ons kan gee, 'n werk wat ons nou doen. Maar netnou sal dit moeiliker word as wat ons ons kan indink."-"Testimonies." Vol. VI. bld. 22.

"Ons moet hierdie boodskap vinnig gee, 'gebod op gebod, reël op reël, reël op reël, hier 'n bietjie, daar 'n bietjie.' Die mense sal netnou verplig word om gewigtige be"Die werk sal gou afgesluit word, en aan elke kant neem die boosheid toe. Ons het net 'n korte tydjie om die werk te doen."

Ons kannie weet wanneer ons werk in Suid-Afrika met die grootste moeilikhede sal te kampe hê nie. Nou is dit ons kans om ons evangeliewerk vinnig klaar te maak.

Die konferensie maak plan vir 'n sterke, evangelistiese voorwaartse beweging in 1934. Op ons jongste komiteevergadering het ons weer drie werkers aangeneem en begin gemaak met 'n bepaalde plan om die buiteplase en klein dorpe te bewerk, apart van ons evangelistiese pogings in die dorpe.

Ons doen nou weer 'n oproep aan al ons mense om ons Evangelistiese Fonds milddadig te ondersteun. Die 27ste Januarie is op ons kalender afgesonder as 'n Evange¹istiese Dag. Op daardie dag verwag ons dat ons predikers en ouderlinge in al ons gemeentes ons mense sal wys op die dringende behoefte van die evangeliewerk, en hulle van al ons mense beloftes sal vra om die evangelistiese program van die konferensie bepaaldelik te ondersteun. Ons gaan ook aan al ons afgesonderde gelowiges skryf om hulle te vra om hierdie dringende werk te ondersteun.

Ons stel voor 'n minimum van een sieling per maand per lid. Baie sal natuurlik meer kan gee, maar ons wil dat algar 'n bepaalde aandeel sal hê in die ondersteuning van die evangelistiese werk van die konferensie, ook al kan party nie meer gee as een sieling per maand nie.

Ons weet dat al ons mense in die evangelistiese werk belangstel en ons verwag dat van al die kante van die konferensie die geld vir hierdie fonds sal inkom.

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Die komiteevergadering van die Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie het van 17 tot 21 Desember in Bloemfontein bymekaargekom. Vir 1934 is daar weer drie werkers op die loonlys van die konferensie gesit: Ouderling J. J. Birkenstock, Ouderling E.

M. Howard, en Broeder A. J. Herholdt.

Die konferensie-komitee het die idee van 'n karavaan vir die evangelisasie van die buiteplase en die klein dorpe aangeneem en alreeds twee karavaangeselskappe georganiseer. Ouderling en Suster Hiten gaan die buiteplase in die Westelike Provinsie besoek, en Broeder en Suster Venter sal netnou met hul werk in die Transvaal begin. So vinnig as ons kan, hoop ons die karavaanplan uit te brei, totdat ons minstens een karavaangeselskap in elke provinsie het.

Vir die eerste ses maande van 1934 gaan ons vier evangelistiese pogings hou.

Die komitee het die maak van 'n nuwe 50 vt. x 70 vt. evangelistiese tent vir ons evangelistiese pogings vir 1934 goedgekeur. Ons het die tent by Gourock Ropework and Export Company te Johannesburg bestel. Hierdie firma het verlede jaar ook 'n baie goeie tent vir ons gemaak. Ouderling W. L. Hyatt het hom in sy poging te Johannesburg gebruik.

Die munisipaliteit van Bethlehem het ons 'n stuk grond in 'n goeie deel van die dorp gegee vir die bou van 'n Sewendedag Adventistiese kerk. 'n Boukomitee is benoem om die oprigting van 'n gebou op daardie grond binne die eerste twee jare te oorweeg.

Die konferensie komitee het die uitgawe van verder Afrikaanse leesstof oorweeg. Een boek met uittreksels uit die Getuienisse wat handel oor vyf-en-dertig onderwerpe van belang vir ons mense, word nou vertaal.

Mevr. J. L. Milford is besig om 'n boek van ongeveer 120 bld. te skryf. Dit behandel die vernaamste punte van Bybelwaarheid. Die styl van die boek sal eenvoudig wees en die behandeling direk.

Ouderling A. V. Edwards en Prof. G. E. Shankel van Helderberg Kollege was onlangs in Bloemfontein in belang van die Christelike opvoeding.

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Onder die Gemeentes

A. W. STAPLES

SKRYWER het die voorreg gehad om die week vir die *Tekens* meesal in Pretoria te wees. Dit gee mens altyd besieling om met die gelowiges in die hoofstad saam te kom. Elke aand op een na het ons spesiale dienste vir die jongmense gehou. Daar was 'n goeie opkoms en ons vertrou dit was 'n seën vir algar.

Elke aand het ons gevra hoeveel subskripsies hulle gekry het. 'n Getroue groep werkers het fluks gearbei. Persoonlik kan ek getuig dat aanhoudende arbeid sukses bring en 'n seën is. Die Here het ons sewe-en-dertig subskripsies gegee. Donderdagaand het ons afskeid geneem van die gemeente, hul "oorwinningsvlag" was toe amper bo aan. Net nou 'n paar subskripsies en hul doel van een honderd en dertig name is bereik.

Terwyl ons in Pretoria was, het ons ook die voorreg gehad om tien dierbaar siele te doop. Broeder John Cooks, die kerkskoolonderwyser, het die hele jaar deur Sondagaanddienste gehou, opgevolg deur persoonlike arbeid van homself en ons kolporteur-evangelis, Broeder Van de Berg. Verskeie van die lekebroeders het ook in hierdie evangelisasiewerk gehelp.

Baie harte was bly toe hierdie tien siele vorentoe gekom het om hul gekruisigde en opgestane Heer te bely. Ons wens die gemeente van Pretoria veel van die seën van die Here waar hulle die goeie werk van die leke-evangelisasie voortsit.

Die volgende naweek was ons in Parys. Die Week van Gebed en ander vergaderings was 'n seën vir algar. Saterdagaand was daar 'n indrukwekkende Investituurdiens. Vyf "Metgeselle" en sewe "Vriende" het hul borspelde ontvang. Mens kon sien dat die jongmense uit hul hart praat. Die arbeid van Suster Lloyd vir die opleiding van hierdie jongmense word baie waardeer en beloon.

Die volgende vergaderings was te Potchefstroom, waaronder eenselfde Investituurdiens voor 'n groot gehoor. Nie minder as nege "Metgeselle" en twaalf "Vriende" het deelgeneem en hul borsspelde gekry. Hierdie jongmense doen hul bes om vir die Here te leef. Onder leiding van Suster Havenga neem hulle deel aan die veldtogte van die gemeente.

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Ons verwelkom Broeder Philip Mantell as 'n lid van die staf van die Good Hope Training School. Hy gaan die Normaalonderwyser wees. Twee gegradueerdes van die Good Hope Training School, Broeder William Thomas en Broeder Gold Theunissen, is gevra om in die primêre afdeling van die skool onderwys te gee. Die vooruitsigte vir 1934 is beter as in enige vorige iaar.

Oor die hele veld is die belangstelling in die Christelike. opvoeding opgewek. Twee nuwe kerkskole word nou geopen: een te Bloemfontein, en een te Bethlehem. Maritzburg het aanvraag vir 'n skool gedoen, maar daar was geen onderwyser beskikbaar nie. Beter kans in 1934, Maritzburg!

Die kerkskoolonderwysers vir 1934 sien verlangend uit na die opening van die skole. Mej. Anna Ficker gaan die nuwe kerkskool in Bloemfontein onderwys, Menr. Duncan Eva die kerkskool te Bethlehem, Mej. Rose van Rooyen gaan na Durban en Mei. Irene Smith na Johannesburg, Menr. Willem Marais na Pretoria, Menr. Victor Visser bly te Brakpan en Menr. Walter Hayter te Ermelo; Mej. Hilda Holbrook leer die kinders te Motkop en Mej. Erna de Beer kom na die kerkskool van Claremont, Mej. Patience van der Westhuizen gaan die kinders op Cancele leer en Mevr. C. C. Marais, Mej. Sheila Davies en Mevr. E. Bulgin sorg vir die kerkskool van Helderberg Kollege.

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G. E. SHANKEL

HELDERBERG KOLLEGE is 'n besige plek selfs gedurende die vakansiedae. 'n Aantal belangrike verbeterings is nou aangebring. Die rande vir die nuwe voetpaaie is nou algar afgewerk en die paaie opgevul. Die padmasjienerie van die munisipaliteit van Somerset Wes gaan die gruis en die asfaltbedekking doen.

Branson Saal, Salisbury Huis en Mead Huis ondergaan algar veranderings. Die laaste twee kry 'n nuwe verflaag. In Branson Saal is die nuwe v¹oer in die gange gelê en klaar vir die skuurmasjiene.

Daar is groot aanvraag vir die melkprodukte van Helderberg Kollege. Nie alleen voorsien die melkery die kollege van al die melk en botter wat hulle kan gebruik, maar die produkte word selfs marktoe gebring. Die melkkamer word vergroot om die vermeerderde opbrings te kan bêre. Die kollege het nou een van die beste Tersev kuddes in die Westelike Provinsie

'n Paar dae gelede het Menr. Macmillan, opsigter van die Goewerment se Bosplantasies te Elgin, die kollege besoek en die skoolbestuur raad gegee omtrent die plant van die mees geskikte sierbome en boshome

Ouderling en Mevr. Edwards, Ouderling en Mevr, I. V. Wilson en Mevr, Garne en hul families is vir 'n paar weke aan die Strand. Mei. Nell die stenograaf van die kollege, is 'n paar dae na Bredasdorp, Mevr. Botes vir veertien dae na Pondoland en Mevr. Finn vertoef met haar dogters hy die familie Boekhout te Claremont. Menr. en Meyr. Edward Tarr en babetjie het op 4 Tan, van hul vakansie teruggekeer.

Menr. C. C. Marais en P. J. van Eck is terug van hul evangelistiese poging te Stellenbosch. Hulle rapporteer 'n goeie poging, 'n aantal mense het die boodskap aangeneem

Op Nujaarsdag het Broeder en Suster Long en hul dogter Dorothy, van Salisbury, die kollege besoek. Dorothy gaan hierdie jaar 'n student wees.

Daar is tekens van 'n volle inskrywing vir 1934. Ons het alreeds konsessievorme uitgestuur vir studente wat in 1933 die skool besoek het en wat nou weer vir 1934 wil inskryf. Studente wat nie in 1933 ingeskryf het nie, moet tog a.u.b. dadelik vir konsessievorme aansoek doen, sodat hulle van die verlaagde reiskoste kan gebruik maak.



'n Goeie Rapport van Angola

MEVR. J. D. BAKER

DRIE jaar lank het vriende in Amerika ons voorsien van O Atalia, die Brasiliaanse Tekens. Dis 'n mooie blad en ons voel hoogmoedig om die mense dit as 'n staaltjie van ons leesstof te gee. Twee goewerneurs, twee administrateurs, vier sekretarisse, verskeie voormanne, en beamptes in die poskantoor en ander departemente, en die vernaamste besigheidsmense kry die blad gereeld.

Een beampte het ons laat weet dat die blad hom liggaamlik en geestelik tot seën was. Daar is altyd 'n stuk oor gesondheid deur een van ons dokters, en ook die vraebus in elke uitgawe. 'n Ander beampte het ons gevra of ons nog ou blaaie had. Hy en sy vrou wou graag die verhaaltjies op die "Children's Page" aan hul kinders voorlees.

Onlangs moes Menr. Baker met vier

onderwysers na Saurimo gaan om hul lisensies uit te neem. Partykeer is daar 'n taamlik swaar eksame en ons onderwysers was bang vir die toets. Ons was self 'n bietjie ongerus, want die sendelinge van 'n ander genootskap het 'n paar dae van tevore ons vertel watter moeite hulle gehad

het en hoe die goewerment party van hulle laat loop het. My man was glad verwonderd en dankbaar toe die Administrateur hom vra hoeveel onderwysers hy het, en hy vir sy sekretaris sê om die lisensies uit te skrvf. Hy vra toe of ons nog meer

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Nooit was daar 'n meer Belangrike Tyd as Vandag nie

"Nooit was daar 'n meer belangrike tyd in die geskiedenis van ons werk as die teenswoordige nie. Die boodskap van die derde hoofstuk van Malea-gi kom tot ons, laat ons die noodsaaklikheid insien om eerlik te wees in ons verhoudings tot die Here en Sy werk. Broeders, die geld wat julle gebruik om te koop en te verkoop en wins te maak, sal 'n vloek vir julle wees, as julle van die Here agterhou wat Hom toekom. Die middele wat aan julle toevertrou is tot bevordering van die werk van die Here, moet "Testimonies," Vol. IX, bld. 53.

WAT MAAK DIE MENS ARM?

"Dis nie om aan die Here te gee wat Hom toekom, wat die mense arm maak nie, maar een wat terughou meer as wat reg is, maar tot sy gebrek.' Spreuke 11: 24."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, bld. 449.

GEEN VRYHEID OM DIE TIENDE TE LEEN NIE

"Laat niemand as hy in moeilikheid verkeer, die geld wat vir godsdienstige doeleindes geheilig is, vat en dit vir sy voordeel gebruik, en dan sy gewete sus deur te sê dat hy dit in die toekoms sal terugbetaal nie. Dis veel beter om die uitgawes ooreenkomstig die inkomste te besnoei, die behoeftes te beperk, en binne die inkomste te leef, dan die Here se geld vir wêreldse doeleindes te gebruik ... Die Here het spesiaal bevel gegee aangaande die gebruik van die tiende... Laat niemand vry voel om die tiende agter te hou om dit dan volgens sy eie oordeel te gebruik nie. Hulle moenie dit vir hulself in tyd van nood gebruik nie, ook nie dit aanwend soos hulle goeddink nie, selfs in wat hulle beskou as die werk van die Here nie. . . Die Here wil dat al Sy rentmeesters presies sal wees in die uitvoering van die goddelike beskikkings."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, bld.

247, 248. "Dis 'n plan wat die hemel ingestel het, dat die mense aan die Here sou gee wat Hom toekom, en dit word so duidelik aangegee dat manne en vroue geen ekskuus het nie om dit verkeerd te verstaan of hul pligte en verantwoordelikhede wat die Here hulle opgelê het, te probeer ontloop." — "Testimonies," Vol. VI, bld. 387.

'N DUIDELIKE BEPAALDE BOODSKAP

"n Baie duidelike, bepaalde boodskap is my vir ons mense gegee. Ek moet hulle sê dat hulle 'n fout maak, as hulle die tiende vir verskillende doeleindes gebruik,-doeleindes wat wel goed is, maar wat nie die doel is waartoe die Here gesê het dat die tiende behoor aangewend te word nie. Die wat die tiende op die manier gebruik, wyk af van die beskikkings van die Here. Die Here sal hulle vir hierdie dinge oordeel. . . Die tiende is heilig, deur die Here vir Homself apart gesit. Dit moet in Sy skatkamer gebring word om gebruik te word om die evangeliewerkers in hul arbeid te ondersteun."—"Gospel Workers," bld. 226.

DIE BRON VAN SEËN

"Die tiende- en offerandesisteem het tot doel gehad om die harte van die mense onder die indruk van die groot waarheid te bring dat God die bron van elke seën vir Sy skepsele is, en dat die mens Hom dankbaarheid verskuldig is vir die goeie gawes van Sy voorsienigheid."—"Patriarchs and Prophets," bld. 525.

ONDERHOUD VAN PREDIKERS, ENS.

"Aan my is te kenne gegee dat daar is wat die tiende terughou, tiende wat getrou in die skatkamer van die Here behoor in te kom tot onderhoud van predikers en sendelinge wat die Skrif vir die mens duidelik maak en van huis tot huis gaan."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, bld. 52. "Daar behoor vandag een honderd goed onderlegde werkers in die veld te wees waar daar nou net een is."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, bld. 249.

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Another Union Passes H. I. Goal

WORD has been received that the Congo Union has passed its Harvest Ingathering goal for 1933. This is the fourth union to go over the top, all having reached their goals now except Angola and the final reports from this field are not yet in.

Elder D. E. Delhove did splendid work in the South Congo and was instrumental in raising a large portion of the union goal.

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Warning

OUR people are hereby warned against a man claiming to have been converted in the Pretoria prison, who, under the guise of a Seventh-day Adventist, has been taking advantage of our members. This man is most plausible and pious in his tale, and has already imposed on several of our members. Hence this warning.

Obituary

GRAINGER.—The Songa Mission family were deeply shocked and made sad by the sudden death of our native foreign missionary Brother Grainger, who was struck by lightning in his house on Friday afternoon, October 27, while he was ironing some clothes. He was preparing to return in a few days to his home in Nyasaland on furlough, after some years of service in the Congo.

Brother Pratt, the union builder, made a nice coffin, and on Sabbath morning a special funeral service in the church was held. Doctor Morel, Brother Pratt, and Evangelist Zakaria officiated. Our dear Brother Grainger was laid to rest in the Songa cemetery to await the Lord's call at the first resurrection. To his dear companion, Alice, to his brother Belson, and to all the relatives we send our most heartfelt sympathies. We will long remember the faithful work that our late brother did in the Congo for his Master, and pray that we all may be faithful to meet him at the last day. D. E. Delhove.

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Messages of Grace

IF you are down hearted, read Psalm 27. If you are in trouble regarding money matters, read Psalm 37.

If you are feeling lonely and unprotected, read Psalm 91.

If you find yourself losing confidence in your fellow men, read 1 Corinthians 13.

If people speak ill of you, read John 15.

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Report of Ngoma Hospital

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on the other one, but must repeat the operation in order to complete the correction of the deformity. His name is Nhuzumwimye, which means, "without a house to live in." He adopted this name when his people pushed him out on account of his being crippled and unable to work.

I would not feel that this report is complete without giving a few words relative to our present needs. Equipment such as beds, mattresses and bed linen are necessities as we are now using very unsanitary grass beds in the hospital. We need blankets and gowns for the patients, wash basins, pitchers, bandages and bed-pans. A nurse with surgical training is another absolute necessity. In order to keep the place looking respectable and neat it must be painted over at least once every four months, and as much of our woodwork has not even been painted once, the need of paint is readily apparent. These things do not require a lot of money, but it is all just that much more than we have to spend to make things presentable.

While sometimes things seem almost discouraging, yet I am determined not to weary in well doing, because I know that God's work will prosper and that the end of the thing will be better than this beginning. I am hoping to see greater work done the coming year and more souls led to accept Christ as their Saviour as a result of what they have learned from teaching and example at our dispensary and hospital. I very strongly realise that this new field is a field of great opportunities, and I am asking that you all may remember the needs in this field, and pray the Lord of the harvest that reapers and means may be sent to help us here, and that we as labourers may be faithful to the end.

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eksemplare van O Atalia het. Hy het een in Vila Luzo gesien en sou graag die blad wil hê. Sodra die sekretaris die lisensies uitgeskryf het, het hy vir die blad gevra. Die aanvraag vir die O Atalia is groter as die voorraad. Dis jammer dat ons niemand in Angola het nie wat onder die Portugese kan arbei.

Ons werk onder die inboorlinge gaan vorentoe. Laaste Sabbat het ons skool 'n interessante program gegee; die naturelle van die dorp het dit baie geniet. Eenen-dertig van hulle het 'n dag se werk gegee as 'n offerande; heel wat van hulle was nie lede van die gemeente nie.

In een buiteskool het hulle veertien angolares (onogeveer 3/-) aan tamaties, mielies, uie en kool gegee. As mens dink hoe skaars die kos is, was dit 'n baie goeie offerande.

Twee jaar gelede het naturelle uit die Kongo die rapport gebring dat die afgestorwe opperhoofde met hul mense sou terugkom in trokke en motorkarre en met 'n groot voorraad kos. Hulle sou weerkom soos witmense en leef soos witmense. Die naturelle moes net al hul swart beeste, skape, bokke en hoenders doodmaak en gladnie tuinmaak nie, want hulle sou beter kos kry as die manioca. Dit het toe 'n opskudding afgegee en die goewernementsbeamptes en die sendelinge het hul bes gedoen om die rapport teen te werk. Maar baie beeste is geslag, en deur die hele distrik het die naturelle geweier om te plant; party het selfs hul tuine verniel. En die manioca vat twee jaar eer hy eetbaar is, sodat die mense nou hongerly, omdat hulle daardie verkeerde nuus geglo het. Party sterfgevalle word gerapporteer.

Die werk gaan vorentoe. Ondanks al die moeilikhede en depressie bly die boodskap vorentoe gaan. Dis die groot vreugde van hierdie boodskap.