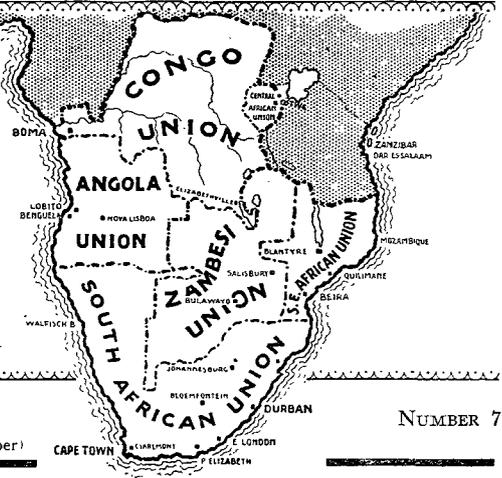


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THE high pressure of modern life, and its exacting effects upon the minds of our young people, are well discussed in an editorial in the February issue of the *Woman's Home Companion*:

"Are we filling the lives of our children too full? Dr. Neilson, president of Smith College, said recently that by the time girls arrive at college they have lost the 'capacity for solitude.' He urges that parents should make a time-table for their children which would leave them some time to be quite alone. 'With theatres, movies, dancing masters, radio, and parties, parties, parties, there is no time left when a child can possess its own soul.' Parents, not only in cities and suburbs but even in small towns, know this to be true. Boys as well as girls are caught up in a wild whirl of activity such as earlier generations never knew and could not have endured. It gets to be a habit. We remember wistfully our own childhood with its long hours of quiet reading, of absorption in mighty projects of sewing or carpentry, of golden daydreams, or of simple idling in the sunshine.

"We have no patience with the futile desire to turn back the clock, to revert to old ways. But neither have we patience with an easy yielding to all the social pressures of the present moment. The telephone keeps ringing. Motor-cars toot their horns at the curb. There are always new films at the movie house. The neighbours' daughters are doing this and the boys at school are doing that, and our children must not be left out. So activities pile up, by emulation, imitation, and persuasion, until children run on schedules as closely packed as those of statesmen. The wise parent cuts through and provides for periods of solitude."

Take Time For God

We approve of these statements; and we are interested in pointing out the disastrous effects of our current busy-ness upon the spiritual life. For there is one aspect of our daily doings which cannot be hurried—and that is religion. To build character, to strengthen the soul, takes time. To follow Jesus is more than mumbling prayers into a pillow at night, even if we have been running around on His errands all day.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills." Ps. 121:1. But who has any time to gaze

at the hills now? We have to keep our eyes on the road, or we'll hit something.

"Be still, and know that I am God." "The Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him." Ps. 46:10; Hab. 2:20. Keep silence? Why, that's the very thing this modern world can't do!

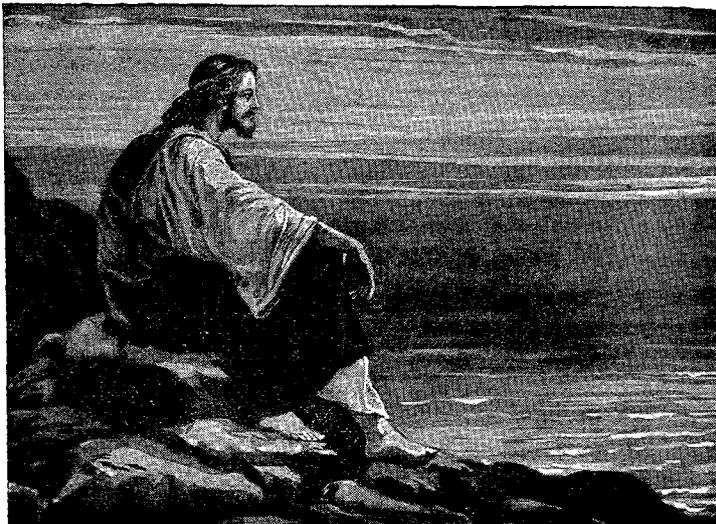
"I meditate on all Thy works; I muse on the work of Thy hands." "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." Ps. 143:5; 19:14. "Meditate," "meditation"—what an old-fashioned flavour those words have!

Yet time to think is one of the prime requirements for the soul's drawing near to God. John Morley, the great literary critic, once offered an opinion of Macaulay, the English historian, in which he accused him of shallowness: "We can picture Macaulay talking, or making a speech in the House of Commons, or buried in a book, or scouring his library for references, or covering his blue foolscap with dashing periods, or accentuating his sentences and

barbing his phrases; but can anybody think of him as meditating, as modestly pondering and wondering, as possessed for so much as ten minutes by that spirit of inwardness, which has never been wholly wanting in any of those kings and princes of literature with whom it is good for men to sit in counsel?"

Now, if this "spirit of inwardness" is essential to literature, how much more is it essential to religion!

Parents who have laboured hard to rear their children, as the apostle advises, in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord," often are disappointed when their children, now grown, turn away in indifference from the faith which they have



"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed unto a solitary place, and there prayed."

been trained to cherish. The causes for such failure are various; yet we wonder if a partial reason may not be that the child has failed to cultivate, perhaps has never been encouraged to cultivate, that "spirit of inwardness." There has been much religion, but it has never gone in. It has been like a whitewash, which covers a fence but does not strengthen it. There have been church attendance and Bible lessons and Christian stories, and testifying in public meetings, and all manner of helpful spiritual exercises; but the power of the gospel of Christ has never reached the soul. The cry has never gone up, "God be merciful to me a sinner." The soul has never breathed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God."

This neglect to open the inner life to God does not come from any wickedness. It comes simply because we ourselves—and our children—are so extensively occupied with perfectly proper things. "Now it came to pass, as they went, that He entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him, and said, Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

"And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Luke 10:38-42.

There is such a thing as balance. The whole tendency of our modern world is toward speed and activity, often a kind of whirligig activity.

"He that lacks time to mourn, lacks time to mend.

Eternity mourns that 'tis an ill cure
For life's worst ills to have no time to
mend them."

We are told of our Saviour that "in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." Mark 1:35. Was not this one of the secrets of His power? He did not allow Himself to be rushed, therefore He was able to draw men to God.

We do not say that men should spend all night in prayer. But we think it would do us all good if we would spend a single hour in prayer,—in contemplating eternal things, as distinguished from transitory; in considering holy things, as contrasted with worldly; in weighing God's values, as different from human trivialities. If we would talk with our Father, and let Him talk with us, how much we might learn! what improvement we might make! what power we might receive!—*American Signs of the Times, Feb. 12, 1935.*

The Liberal Soul Shall be Made Fat

W. D. EVA

In these days of financial stress and increasing calls to sacrifice for the work of the Lord, our hearts sometimes tremble and we are unwilling to give so much of our hard-earned means to the cause of God. One of our brethren in Bethlehem has had a remarkable experience which I think should encourage all to trust Him who has promised that "the liberal soul shall be made fat."

Our brother has a progressive little business here. Recently, however, he has had a number of financial obligations to meet and money has been coming in very slowly. He came to our last Sunday evening meeting with just a florin to his name. He did not remember to change this. When the plate was passed around, he dropped in his last coin and whispered to his wife that the Lord would reward them the following day.

And the Lord did, in a remarkable way, show His power and love. During the Monday, our brother received no less than £30 in cash which until that time had been outstanding. He was able to meet his obligations and his faith in God was rewarded.



Neem Tyd vir God

Die hoë druk van die moderne lewe, en die uitwerking daarvan op die gemoedere van die jongmense, word deeglik bespreek in die Februarie uitgawe van die *Woman's Home Companion*.

"Vul ons die lewens van ons kinders te vol? Dr. Neilson, president van Smith College, het onlangs gesê dat meisies, by die tyd dat hulle op kollege kom, die 'vermoë tot stille oorpeinsing' verloor het. Hy dring daarop aan dat ouers 'n tydtafel moet optrek waarin daar voorsiening gemaak word vir tye wanneer die kinders heeltemal alleen kan wees. 'Die skouburg, bioskoop, dansonderwysers, draadloos, en partytjies laat geen tyd vir die kind om oor sy eie siel te beskik nie.' Ouers, nie alleen in die stede en voorstede nie, maar selfs in die klein dorpie, weet dat dit die waarheid is. Seuns, sowel as dogters, word in hierdie draaikolk van bedrywigheid gevang, soos vorige geslagte dit nie geken het en nooit sou kon uitgehou het nie. Dit het gewoonte geword. Ons dink terug aan ons eie jong dae met hul lang ure vir lees, houtwerk, of naaiwerk, en die ure wat ons somer luilekker in die son weggedroom het.

"Ons het geen simpatie met die vergeefse poging om terug te keer na die ou orde van sake nie; maar nog minder keur ons die neiging goed om maar toe te gee aan die maatskaplike druk van ons dae. Die telefoon hou aan met lui. Motorkarre blaas hul toeters voor die deur. Daar

word altyd 'n nuwe prent vertoon in die bioskoop. Die bure se dogters maak só, en die seuns by die skool het weer iets anders aan die gang, en ons kinders moenie uitgesluit word nie. En so is dit die een ding op die ander; ons wedywer en aap na totdat ons kinders net so'n vol program het as ons staatsmanne. Wyse ouers skakel party van hierdie dinge uit, sodat hul kinders tye van stilte mag hê."

Ons stem saam met bogemelde uitlatings, en ons wil graag wys op die noodlottige gevolge van sulke gejaagdheid op die geestelike lewe. Daar is een deel van ons doen en late waarmee ons nie kan haastig wees nie, n.l., ons godsdien. Om die karakter te ontwikkel en die siel te versterk neem tyd. Om Jesus te volg beteken meer as om gebede saans teen 'n kussing af te rammel, al was ons ook die heeldag besig in Sy diens.

"Ek slaan my oë op na die berge." Ps. 121:1. Maar wie het nou se dae tyd om na die berge te kyk? Ons moet voor ons kyk of ons ry vas teen iets.

"Laat staan en weet dat Ek God is." „Maar die Here is in Sy heilige tempel—swyg voor Hom, o ganse aarde!" Ps. 46:11; Hab. 2:20. Swyg? Dis juis die ding wat ons moderne wêreld nie kan doen nie! „Ek dink aan die dae uit die voortyd; ek peins oor al u dade." „Laat die woorde van my mond en die oordenking van my hart welbehaaglik wees voor U aangesig, o Here, my rots en my verlosser!" Ps. 145:5; Ps. 19:15. „Dink," „oorpeins"!—hoe ouderwets klink hierdie woorde nie!

En nogtans is tyd vir oordenking een van die vereistes om tot God te genaak. John Morley, die groot literêre kritikus, het Macaulay, die Engelse historikus, eenmaal beskuldig van oppervlakkigheid: „Ons kan ons voorstel hoe hy 'n toespraak in die Laer Huis hou, of in 'n boek verdiep is, of gegewens in die biblioteek naslaan, of taferel uit die geskiedenis neerskryf: maar wie kan hom voorstel dat Macaulay ooit iets bepeins het of daaroor nagedink het; 'n eienskap wat nooit heeltemal gemis word by enige van die konings en prinse van die letterkunde nie."

As hierdie gees van innerlike bepeinsing dan so onontbeerlik is by die letterkunde, hoeveel te meer nie by die godsdien nie!

Ouers wat hul kinders opgevoed het in die „tug en vermaning van die Here" soos die apostel sê, is dikwels teleurgestel as hul kinders afwyk van die geloof waarin hulle opgevoed was. Daar is verskillende redes hiervoor; dog ons wonder of dit nie miskien gedeeltelik toe te skrywe is aan die feit dat die kind nagelaat het, of nooit miskien aangemoedig was om na te dink nie. Daar was baie godsdien, maar dit het nooit deurgedring nie. Dit was soos kalk wat die muur witmaak maar nie sterker maak nie. Daar was baie kerktog-gaan en Bybellesse en verhale, getuënis-aflê in vergaderings, en baie ander geestelike oefeninge; maar die krag van die

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SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION

Statement of Mission Offerings for Year Ended December 31, 1934

CONFERENCE OR MISSION	PER WEEK GOAL	MEMBER. END 1933	GOAL FOR YEAR	AMOUNT RAISED	AMOUNT OVER	AMOUNT SHORT	AVERAGE P.W.P.M.
South African Conference	1/8	2361	£10231 0 0	7749 15 2		2481 4 10	1/3
South African Mission Field	1/8	27	117 0 0	652 1 0	535 1 0		9/4
Bechuanaland Mission Field	1/8		13 0 0	36 12 6	23 12 6		*4/8
Total European	1/8	2388	£10361 0 0	8438 8 8	558 13 6	2481 4 10	1/4
South African Mission Field	2d.	1507	£653 0 8	779 2 11	126 2 3		2 1/3d
Bechuanaland Mission Field	½d.		15 3 4	14 15 10		7 6	*½
Cape Field	9d.	407	793 13 0	615 4 8		178 8 4	7
Total Missions		1914	£1461 17 0	1409 3 5	126 2 3	178 15 10	
SOUTH AFRICAN UNION		4302	£11822 17 0	9847 12 1		1975 4 11	
South Congo Mission Field	1/8	not known		275 9 2			
N. Rhodesia Mission Field	1/8	14	£60 13 4	141 4 1	80 10 9		3/10
S. Rhodesia Mission Field	1/8	17	73 13 4	233 0 5	159 7 1		5/3
Bechuanaland Mission Field	1/8	6	13 0 0	10 7 4		2 12 8	*8
N. E. Rhodesia Mission Field	1/8	3	13 0 0	7 2 2		5 17 10	11
Rhodesia - Bechuana. Conference	1/8	207	897 0 0	859 3 9		37 16 3	1/7
Total European	1/8	247	£1057 6 8	1526 6 11	239 17 10	46 6 9	1/11
South Congo Mission Field		not known		33 10 11			
N. Rhodesia Mission Field	½d.	2619	£283 14 6	78 14 9		204 19 9	1/7d
S. Rhodesia Mission Field	½d.	4224	457 12 0	253 17 0		203 15 0	7/26d
Bechuanaland Mission Field	½d.	280	15 3 4	11 13 8		3 9 8	*5/13d
N. E. Rhodesia Mission Field	½d.	394	42 13 8	2 4 5		40 9 3	1/39d
Total Native	½d.	7517	£799 3 6	380 0 9		452 13 8	½
ZAMBESI UNION		7764	£1856 10 2	1906 7 8	49 17 6		
S. Nyasa Mission Field	1/8	21	£91 0 0	221 18 2	130 18 2		4/1
Unattached Mission	1/8	6	26 0 0	103 11 10	77 11 10		6/8
Total European	1/8	27	£117 0 0	325 10 0	208 10 0		4/8
S. Nyasa Mission Field	½d.	5409	£585 19 6	197 15 7		388 3 11	3/17d
Unattached Missions	½d.	1058	114 12 4	40 17 4		73 15 0	9/52d
Total Native	½d.	6467	£700 11 10	238 12 11		461 18 11	9/52d
S. EAST AFRICAN UNION		6494	£817 11 10	564 2 11		253 8 11	
European	1/8	18	£78 0 0	290 4 9	212 4 9		6/2
Native	½d.	581	62 18 10	36 9 2		26 9 8	5/17d
ANGOLA UNION		599	£140 18 10	326 13 11	185 15 1		
European	1/8	36	£156 0 0	599 10 2	443 10 2		6/5
Native	½d.	1945	105 7 1	217 1 5	111 14 4		27/52d
CONGO UNION		1981	£261 7 1	816 11 7	555 4 6		

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Zambesi Union	1/8	247	1057 6 8	1526 6 11	193 11 1		1/11
S. East African Union	1/8	27	117 0 0	325 10 0	208 10 0		4/8
Angola Union	1/8	18	78 0 0	290 4 9	212 4 9		6/2
Congo Union	1/8	36	156 0 0	599 10 2	443 10 2		6/5
TOTAL EUROPEAN	1/8	2716	£11769 6 8	11180 0 6		589 6 2	1/7
South African Union	9d.	407	£793 13 0	615 4 8		178 8 4	7
TOTAL COLOURED	9d.	407	£793 13 0	615 4 8		178 8 4	7
South African Union	2d.	1507	£668 4 0	793 18 9	125 14 9		2 1/3d
Zambesi Union	½d.	7517	799 3 6	380 0 9		452 13 8	½
S. East African Union	½d.	6467	700 11 10	238 12 11		461 18 11	9/52d
Angola Union	½d.	581	62 18 10	36 9 2		26 9 8	5/17d
Congo Union	½d.	1945	105 7 1	217 1 5	111 14 4		27/52d
TOTAL NATIVE		18017	£2336 5 3	1666 3 0		670 2 3	
DIVISION							
European	1/8	2716	£11769 6 8	11180 0 6		864 15 4	1/7
Coloured	9d.	407	793 13 0	615 4 8		178 8 4	7
Native		18017	2336 5 3	1666 3 0		703 13 2	
TOTAL DIVISION		21140	£14899 4 11	13461 8 2		1746 16 10	

*Six months.

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Helderberg New Notes

A NEW Howard piano was purchased recently and placed in the music studio.

DOCTOR PARSONS and family spent a week at the school recently. The doctor conducted a thorough examination of all the students.

ELDER AND MRS. EDWARDS and the Principal returned on the 8th from camp-meeting. They report a very excellent gathering in Bloemfontein.

BROTHER AND SISTER W. L. DAVY spent a day or two at the school while waiting for their boat to England. We are glad for the visits which parents are able to make at the school.

ARE YOU interested in the college? If so, is your name on the mailing list for the *College News Letter*. Students who are looking forward to attending in the near future, why not become acquainted with your college in advance by reading the *News Letter*?

THE students thoroughly enjoyed the two holidays April 8 and 9.

Favoured by perfect weather, parties of students went to the mountains and the sea and some to Cape Town. All the girls went to the beach on Monday and came back with an application of sunburn and tan.



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Neem Tyd vir God

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evangelie van Christus het nooit die siel geraak nie. Die kreet, „Here wees my sondaar genadig,” het nooit uit die hart tot God opgestyg nie. Die siel het nog nooit gebed nie, „Skep vir my 'n rein hart, o God!”

Nalatigheid om die innerlike lewe vir God oop te maak is nie noodwendig die gevolg van boosheid nie. Dit ontstaan eenvoudig omdat ons en ons kinders te geheelal in beslag geneem word deur geoorloofde dinge. „En op hulle reis het Hy in 'n sekere dorp gekom, en 'n vrou met die naam van Martha het Hom in haar huis ontvang. En sy het 'n suster gehad met die naam van Maria; dié het aan die voete van Jesus gesit en na Sy woord geluister. Maar Martha was baie besig om alles klaar te maak. Sy kom toe daar staan en sê: Here, gee U nie om dat my suster my alleen laat bedien nie? Sê dan vir haar om my te help. Maar Jesus antwoord en sê vir haar: Martha, Martha, jy is besorg en verontrus oor baie dinge; Maar een ding is nodig; en Maria het die goeie deel uitgekies wat van haar nie sal weggeneem word nie.” Lukas 10:38-42.

Daar is soiets as ewewig. Die hele neiging van ons moderne lewe is tot spoed, bedrywigheid, en dikwels 'n soort van dulle gejaagdheid.

Ons lees van die Heiland, „En vroeg in die more, nog diep in die nag, het Hy opgestaan en uitgegaan en na 'n eensame plek vertrek en daar gebed.” Mark 1:35. Is dit nie een van die geheime van Sy krag nie? Hy was nie gedurig haastig nie, en daarom kon Hy siele tot God trek.

Ons sê nie dat mense nagte in gebed moet deurbring nie. Maar ek dink dit sal ons almal goed doen as ons maar 'n enkele uur in gebed sou deurbring,—om oor ewige dinge te dink; om heilige dinge te bepeins in teenstelling met die wêreldse; om sake op te weeg volgens die waarde wat God daaraan heg in teenstelling met menslike nietigheid. As ons met ons Vader sou praat, en Hom toelaat om met ons te praat, hoeveel mag ons dan nie leer nie! Watter verbetering mag ons nie aanbring nie! en watter krag mag ons nie ontvang nie!—*Signs of the Times (Amerikaanse)*, 12 Februarie 1935.



AN hour a day profitably employed would make an ignorant man well-informed in ten years.—*Marden*.



Investiture Service

Seven Missionary Volunteers
Receive Insignia

SOME time ago, an investiture service was held in the Bulawayo church. It was held at the eleven o'clock hour, as the work of the Progressive Classes was new

to many of the church members. A class of seven had been conducted by Brother J. B. Cooks, who had also arranged the programme of the day in which each candidate for insignia took part.

Seven young women received their Friend's pin, their names being: Zenobia Panell, Dorothy Bennett, Phyllis Von Blerk, Ione Mattheys, Viola Mattheys, Hope Ueckermann, and Ellen Chick.

E. M. Cadwallader, Union M. V. Secretary, presented the pins and gave the charge to the new Friends, after receiving evidence that they had completed the requirements and would make worthy members of the world class of Friends. E. M. C.



The Death of Mrs. Branson

WE regret to announce to readers of the OUTLOOK the death of Sister Branson, wife of Elder W. H. Branson. For ten years Elder Branson was president of the Southern African Division. During this time we learned to love Sister Branson who with her quiet, unselfish, and loving way endeared herself to us all. Our deep sympathy, and kind consolation is extended to Elder Branson, Lois, and Ernest in their great loss and sad bereavement. An obituary will appear in the OUTLOOK at a later date. A. E. NELSON.

Obituary

BOWIE.—It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. John Hill Bowie, husband of Sister Bowie who has been for many years a prominent member of the Grahamstown church.

For thirty years Mr. Bowie was the accountant for the Eastern Province Guardian Company, and he held this position until 1929, when, due to failing health, he retired on pension.

Last December, in company with Mrs. Bowie, he came to Maritzburg to visit his son, Mr. Keith Bowie, and within a few days of his arrival, passed away suddenly.

The late Mr. Bowie though not a Seventh-day Adventist, was a firm believer in the second coming of Christ, and lived a consistent, Christian life. He was a great friend to the ministers and workers of our church, and his home was always open to them.

It was my privilege to enjoy the kind hospitality of this home on several occasions and the restful, quiet, Christian influence of those visits are reverently remembered.

Mr. Bowie was a devoted husband and father, and was loved and respected by a large circle of friends.

Sister Bowie, and her son and daughter-in-law, who mourn the loss of their loved one, are assured of the prayerful sympathy of the Advent family in this Union.

E. M. HOWARD.