

# The 1936 Camp-meeting Season in Ruanda-Urundi

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Six chiefs and two former chiefs taking their stand for Christ with the remnant church, and this in the face of very determined and persistent opposition from the Catholic priests who exert a powerful influence over the chiefs and people, was one of the outstanding features of the large camp-meeting at Rwankeri Mission, Ruanda, July 24-26, 1936, which was attended by over 16,000 natives.

Prior to this date the priests had been to the paramount chief to insist that the chiefs and people be prohibited from attending the Rwankeri meeting. With a knowledge of this attempted interference fresh in our minds it was indeed gratifying to see the people coming by the thousands, streaming in from many directions over the hills, along the roads and footpaths to the mission.

They first assembled in groups from the various churches to conduct their separate Sabbath schools, and there were a good many acres of Sabbath schools, I can assure you. The General Conference Sabbath School Department does not make provision for counting Sabbath school membership by the acre, but when you have over 16,000 Sabbath school members from many different churches, each assembled in separate groups, and these then, at the proper time, divided into many small classes, it is not difficult to visualise them spread out over some acres of ground.

Following Sabbath school they began to file in, in more or less ordered ranks, toward the central arena for the eleven o'clock service. When about four to six thousand of them were seated the alarm was sounded that driver ants had occupied a considerable section of the centre of the arena. As there is no compromising with driver ants, Brother Monnier, the mission director, quickly taking in the situation, ordered the native teachers and pastors to reassemble their people at another spot about two hundred yards away. The organ and benches were taken from the covered

platform over to the next site. Ministers, missionaries' wives, and children as well as the native people—all of us—were out in the open in a real open-air meeting, reminiscent of the days of Whitefield, and Wesley and it was remarkable with what ease and quietness that vast multitude had become seated.

Close attention was given throughout the service, and as the call was made about three hundred came forward making their first public confession of Christ, among them the chiefs already mentioned. Our hearts were all made to rejoice that in spite of warning from the priests, threatening rain, and driver ants the Lord had thus wonderfully overruled to His glory.

At the baptism on Sunday eighty-nine candidates who had been in the Bible classes for two years were baptised. One remarkable feature of this baptism, and one that should be of interest to all our evangelists, and to our Home Missionary secretaries, was that every candidate had won at least one soul for Christ before he was baptised.

Although there is still opposition to our work, Brother Monnier told me that the situation had greatly changed for the better the last few years. A government investigation of our work has resulted in justice being dealt out to our mission. The judge in summing up the position, in a speech that lasted for over an hour, made the chiefs to understand that our people would have the same rights as others, and the right of our people to keep the Sabbath is recognised by the government.

Four other camp-meetings were held in Ruanda-Urundi. The next largest being at Gitwe, the union headquarters. About 15,000 attended the Gitwe meetings,—three in all—the brethren having experimented with district meetings for the first time and being well pleased with the results. The baptism at Gitwe was one of the most orderly and impressive native

baptisms I have ever witnessed. The 300 candidates were lined up in six rows of fifty each, on the wide bank of a small river and marched down into the water six at a time, and were thus baptised by six officiating elders.

Gitwe district has also had its Catholic opposition. One of the native teachers was accosted by a priest, and abused, while instructing a group of native people, and forbidden to teach on the hill where he was speaking. Our native brother said to the priest, very well I will go over to that other hill, and all the people who want to stay with you can stay and all who want to come to me on the other hill can do so. Only one old chief and a little boy stayed with the priest. All the others followed our brother over to the other hill. This abuse, however, was not passed by without notice. Brother Vail, the director of the Gitwe Mission, wrote to the bishop about it, and received in reply a fine letter and the assurance that it would not happen again. The brethren now report that in that district where our native worker was abused practically the whole country is turning to the message.

At Ngoma Mission, overlooking Lake Kevu, one of our newer stations, about 1,000 more people attended the campmeeting than last year, over 4,000 being present. Dr. Beckner and Nurse Spillman are building up a strong medical work at this station. Eighty-three were baptised at this meeting. And at the Buganda camp-meeting, where at present there is no European worker stationed, there was an attendance of 1,800 and a baptism of fifty-one. Two other camp-meetings which I did not attend were held over on the Congo side of the field.

Elder O. U. Giddings, the union superintendent, and his earnest and faithful corps of workers are of good courage, as they face the task of evangelising that great field with its teeming population.

# Testimonies of Healing in Answer to Prayer

SISTER SNYDER of Potgietersrust writes: "I was very sick for nine years and three doctors attended me and considered there was no chance of my recovery. About a year ago it came to me very plainly that Jesus could cleanse me of physical disease just as surely as he could cleanse me of sin in my spiritual life. I called in Elder Venter to have special prayer in accordance with the instruction of Mark 16:18. I thank God that He heard and answered prayer, and I give Him all the praise. Then I saw that the wonderful promise from God was not only for church elders, but for all who believe and are baptised and that God can and will work through them.

"My husband was very ill after a visit to Delagoa Bay. We prayed and laid hands on him and he was immediately better, though still terribly weak. We pleaded with God once again and immediately his strength returned and he is now able to attend to his regular work. Let us pray for greater faith."

SISTER RETIEF of Christiana writes:

"My little girl has had pneumonia four times during her early life and each time she has been healed through prayer alone. Yes, God alone has healed in a way that no one else could heal."

Sister J. R. Snyman of Vredendal writes:

"For over twenty years I have suffered from bad ears. I had the help of doctors but my ears did not improve. At the camp-meeting in Bloemfontein I asked Elders Hiten and Hyatt, Snr., to pray for me and lay their hands on me. They did so, but there seemed to be no improvement. I continued in earnest prayer for healing and suddenly my ears were completely restored. For over a year they have been absolutely well and I thank God for it. God at times works slowly, but continued prayer and faith accomplishes much."

Brother J. Landesman of Krugersdorp writes:

"I was engaged in the South African Medical Corps at Maitland. I contracted paratyphoid and pneumonia. I was placed on the danger list and all hope of recovery was abandoned. Special prayer was ofered for me in the Claremont church. While lying racked with pain and wondering how much longer this poor body of mine could endure it, suddenly I felt relief. It was 11:30 on Sabbath morning. At that time they had prayed for me and the response had come immediately. The Medical Board pronounced me as fit and I continued my duties to the end of the war."

BROTHER D. C. BLIGNAUT of Potchef-stroom writes:

"One of our sons was desperately ill at Louis Trichardt. The doctor was called and he pronounced the child as dead. We fell on our knees and pleaded with God for our child. The doctor told our neighbour to come in and see us as our child had just died. To his astonishment when he came in he found God had answered prayer and our child was sitting up in bed. I went to see the doctor again and he thought I had come for a death certificate, but when I told him the child was better, he could not believe it, but after coming to our home he said it was a miracle. Thank God it was and the age of miracles is still with us. May God give us increased faith through and in His Holy Spirit. I can tell you other instances of divine healing, but space does not permit."

ELDER INGLE writes:

"Brother Kitto of Mafeking had his little daughter desperately ill with pneumonia and colitis. The doctor stated he could do nothing more for her and said she would be gone in an hour. Brother Kitto asked for special prayer and anointing with oil. Brother and Sister Kitto, Brother Hipkin, Sister Gibbon and the writer were present. The instruction of James 5 was carried out and we had the marvellous privilege of seeing this little girl immediately restored to complete health. The doctor called a little later to give the usual death certificate and was astonished at what he found. He said it was a miracle. We believe it was."

"Sister Palmer of Inyazura Mission was seriously ill in the Salisbury hospital. She had been brought in 120 miles on a stretcher in the guard's van of a goods train. Daily she got worse. Brother Palmer, the writer and others praved many times each day for the Lord to intervene. About ten o'clock at night Sister Palmer asked for special prayer and anointing. We went up to the hospital at once. The screen had been drawn around Sister Palmer's bed for she was sinking rapidly. The instructions of James 5 were carried out. No change was seen that night. We continued to pray. The next morning a remarkable development had taken place in her condition and steady recovery set in and Sister Palmer returned in due course to the mission fully recovered. The age of miracles is yet with us."

"At the Port Elizabeth camp-meeting a request came in for special prayer for a sister bed-ridden and seriously ill. Elders Staples, Sparrow, and the writer went to the home, not far from the camp-meeting. There God was very earnestly sought for help. The instructions of James 5 were carried out and we left. No change took place immediately, but we have had the happy report that this sister has been fully restored to health."

More testimonies could be given of the working power of God among us. So little is said that many think God is not working for and among this people. I believe that we are not beginning to experience the power of God that He offers to us. The spirit of fear and fear of ridicule holds many back. We pray once and feel that is sufficient. God tells us to pray without ceasing. Sister White tells us that we let go too soon. Brethren let us wake up to our God-given privileges and look to Him in our needs for every promise He has given has been fulfilled in times past, and our God never changes.

Do not feel that every prayer for healing will be answered, for if that were so, there would never be a death, but it is not God's will that we should be sick. Old age should take us off to sleep, but let us be sure we are living up to the light God has given to us for the care of our bodies. "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee."

Further testimonies are asked for, that the faith of all may grow stronger as we hear of what God is doing. Let us pray for the outpouring and the infilling of the Holy Spirit, not in the dim and distant future but NOW, for it is now that God desires that we should have it.

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# Why I Do Not

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I thought first of entitling this "Why WE do not," but then it is possibly better for each one to speak for himself.

# Why I do not Attend the Theatre and the Pictures

It is not because I do not enjoy acting—it is not because I dislike pictures. Pictures can be educational and harmlessly thrilling. The main reason why I do not attend such places is because of associations and influence. The atmosphere of the pictures is not only apart from God, but it is definitely antagonistic to God. The atmosphere is not only created by what is shown there, but by the people who attend—ninety-five percent (if not more) of whom reject the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

What is the effect upon the actors? If the character to be acted is that of an impure woman then the pure woman who is to play the part must deliberately plan and think and feel and seem impure, or she will not be a successful actress. The charge against the pictures from the spectator's viewpoint is that the chief appeal of the pictures or the theatre is to the baser instincts of human nature. Here are two things that will convince most fair and pure-minded individuals.

First we have the immoral suggestiveness of nine-tenths of the present-day plays.

This is not a personal assertion but I quote the words of one of the leading theatrical managers who said, "The chief themes presented are now, as they ever have been, the passions of men—ambition and jealousy, leading to murder; lust leading to adultery and death."

Secondly the other thing that proves that the chief appeal is to the baser instincts of our natures is the indecent exposure of the human form. Crowds of girls are given the stage, immodestly exposed and if you ask the manager a reason for this intrusion, he will give you a wink of the eye for an answer.

# Why I do not Play Cards

Card games definitely lead on to and are associated with gambling. The one sweeping condemnation of the card table is that it is, and always has been, the Devil's chief tool for gambling. I do not say that men could not gamble over tennis, cricket or any other game, but the fact remains that they seldom or never do. Every gambler, every drunkard, every thief, every tramp, and the keeper of every brothel and every low down debauchee has a pack of cards in his possession. It is also a sad fact, but one which it is difficult to deny, that nine-tenths of all gamblers learn to play cards in the home. Some say they are going to allow the children to play in the home so they will not want to play away from home. Gambling is a passion and you might as well say I am going to give my boy a little whisky at home so that he will not want any outside of the home. John Quinn the converted gambler said that card playing is the kindergarten for the gambling saloon.

#### Why I do not Smoke and Dance

There are many reasons that could be given but here are just a few that may bear thought. Not because there are definite rigid laws against these specific things in the Bible. (1) Many people smoke at the expense of their homes. (2) Many smoke at the expense of their health. (3) Many smoke at the expense of their offerings to God. (4) All Christians smoke at the expense of their Christianity.

Reasons why I do not dance. (1) The release from the unnecessary company of non-Christians. (2) The release from that which causes an unnecessary expenditure of money. (3) The release from that which robs me of my spiritual desires. (4) The release from a very false atmosphere. (5) The release from associations which are recognised as causing the downfall of thousands of young men and women.

The dance room is a spiritual drug. It paints death with rainbow colours. It ruins serious thought. It is part of a Satanic system. It keeps men and women from the Lord Jesus Christ and keeps them from a victorious Christian experience.

It seems to me this is reason enough for any Christian to refrain from smoking or dancing. Many other reasons could be given. The main principle is expressed in 1 Cor. 6:12, "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient." Add to this Romans 14:20 and you will see why I don't. Romans 14:21 reads, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended or is made weak."

May God help us to stand true to the principles we profess and show our principles by example as well as by word of mouth.

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# The Marriage Arrangements

(Concluded from previous issue)

Sometimes parents are not so wise as they might be in connection with the wedding service of their young people. We have met some who plan far more elaborately than is proper for Adventist folk. On the other hand, our young people do well to heed the counsel of parents when such are good, true, and sensible in their relationship to these matters.

Keep down expense, young people. There is a better way for us to do than spend too heavily on our wedding service festivities.

We call to mind a young couple who spent seventy pounds in connection with marriage service, breakfast, and honeymoon, and two years later were in need of seventy shillings.

When the festival is over, and the bridal party is about to leave the friends, just here let us all hold ourselves in restraint. Give them a happy send-off, but never, never descend to horse-play and the overdoing of confetti-throwing. We have seen tears shed on several occasions, and, what is perhaps worse, anger displayed, because of the extremes to which young people, and sometimes older people, have gone in confetti-throwing. No one objects to a few rose petals, if roses are in season, or even a substitute, but always let us act in moderation. Some other things, such as practical joking, while so common in the world, should not be practised by Seventhday Adventists.

The planning for the home-to-be should be thought of before the wedding day. Happy indeed is that young couple who have saved up to buy the necessary furniture. The time-payment system on which so many purchase furniture is not the best way to buy. Those who do, pay at least ten per cent more than those who pay cash. Then while the payments are in progress, should any untoward condition develop and we be unable to meet our payments, we lose our furniture, our deposit, and all we have paid in instalments. We never know what a day may bring forth. This time-payment system is of recent years. Our parents got along without it, so can our young people today. Even if we cannot secure all we would like when setting up housekeeping, there is untold pleasure in planning and saving together and, when we have the money, buying, piece by piece, that which we still require. Our young women should not always expect to begin their own home experience by having a house full of furniture like that of their parent's home, which, in all probability, has taken years to accumulate.

It is said of God's children, "Ye are the light of the world." Then we should let our "light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Young Seventh-day Adventist Christians have much light. They have a better way in all that has to do with marriage than has the world. But while we are not of the world, we are still in it, and we should not fail to recognise that we are all the special objects of Satan's inducements. This great enemy of right standards is doing everything in his power to turn us away from them, or to have us lower the standards and unite with the world, breathe its miasma, and thus fail of our great Godgiven privileges. Let us "elevate the spiritual and the eternal."

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."—A. H. Piper, in Australasian Record," June 15, 1935.

# Sabbath School Department

L. L. Moffitt, Secretary

# Branch Sabbath Schools No. 1 Why Have Them?

ARCHA DART

CHRIST is soon coming. What we hope to do for our neighbours and friends must be done now or it may be forever too late. There are thousands of people who have never heard this last warning message that has been entrusted to us to give to the world. The ministers are working faithfully, but "the Lord has given to every man his work." To every disciple He sends the commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

What a golden opportunity the branch Sabbath school offers us. We live near our neighbours. We will not have to wait for the General Conference to send us to a distant field before we can work for the Lord. We know the language. Some of

our missionaries must spend months and even years studying the language of the people before they can begin their work. We have the message. This message is plain; no one need misunderstand it. It is positive; Jesus warns us, "Therefore be ye also ready." Never before in the history of this earth has a message been given that is more important than this one.

The Sabbath school lessons make it easy to give this message. "The Lord desires that those who are engaged in the Sabbath school work should be missionaries, able to go forth to the towns and villages that surround the church, and give the light of life to those who sit in darkness."—"Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," page 74.

#### What Others are Doing

One sister writes, "Before beginning our branch Sabbath school, I called at each home in our street and invited the childen. I took the picture roll that a friend had sent to me and explained to the parents that we were going to start a children's Bible class. After printing several children's songs on large sheets of paper, I was ready to begin. We elected one of the girls to be our secretary. After studying twelve lessons we had a general meeting at one of the homes of the children and called in the parents to hear the children review their lessons, sing their songs, and repeat their memory verses. How delighted the parents were to see what their children had learned. The precious seeds of truth are being sown in their hearts and my soul is being watered." This sister says she has had as many as twenty-two children in her class.

A very busy man finds time to conduct a branch Sabbath school every Sabbath. He writes, "There was one back-slidden member who was about to be dropped from the church. My wife and I visited him and asked if we could hold some meetings in his home. He consented. Others were invited to meet with us every Sabbath afternoon. Now he has been reclaimed and our branch Sabbath school is growing right along. We have about thirty members at the present time."

A new convert has this to add, "I have been visiting my neighbours for months carrying tracts, books, food, and clothing to them. A few weeks ago when I suggested that we have a little Sabbath school, one lady gladly opened her home for the school. I have always wanted to be a missionary, but thought that I would have to go far away. I thank the Lord for this wonderful work."

A colporteur tells us that in his work he found some people who were interested and began holding a branch Sabbath school with them. Another brother says that an isolated family formed the beginning of a branch Sabbath school. He now has sixteen members. A dear old sister who is unable to leave her room uses the telephone to invite some girls to her home for their Bible Story Hour. She has about

twelve every meeting. A brother who has made friends of all the children in his town has from forty to fifty every week in his Sunday school.

A girl, living in the mountains, is conducting two schools every week. Sabbath morning she has her Sabbath school with her younger brothers and sisters; and Sunday morning she conducts the Sunday school in the community church. Although she never knows how much extra work she may have to do—such as, act as secertary, play the organ, lead the music, review the lesson, teach a class, etc.,—her school has grown from fourteen members to sixty.

A Sabbath school superintendent in one of our boarding schools informs us that their goal device includes their branch Sabbath school as well. This quarter their goal device is a large tree with as many limbs on it as there are classes in the school. Each time a certain amount is raised for missions, an apple is placed on the proper limb. Each time a member is perfect in attendance and daily study, a leaf is added to his class limb. In the corner of this device is a smaller tree that represents the branch Sabbath school. It too is bearing fruit.

"The Sabbath school is a missionary field, and very much more of the missionary spirit should be manifested in this important work than has been manifested in the past."—"Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," page 35.

# PUBLISHING

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# A Modern Jonah

F. E. POTTER

A SUCCESSFUL colporteur institute for the South Bantu Mission Field was held at East London from August 24 - 28. The writer enjoyed the assistance of Pastors Jakavula and Magalela in conducting the institute at which some interesting and encouraging testimonies were given. That of Sister Kwanini of Port Elizabeth savoured much of the experience of Jonah of old. so we pass it on for the benefit of Outlook readers.

"I felt called by the Lord to go and sell our books of truth to the native peoples in Port Elizabeth. For one year I laboured in the Korsten Location and had some good experiences. My husband, although an Adventist was not in the literature ministry. He was not interested in it and did not consider it of much importance. After the first year my husband took up work on a farm in the Maclear district,—a long distance away. Soon after, he called for me to come and join him and sent my railway

fare. I did not like the idea of going and leaving my work. I did not sleep at all the night before my departure; my conscience kept telling me I should stay and give the Lord's message to the people of Korsten, but as my husband had sent the money for my fare I decided to go.

"The journey to Maclear was like a bad dream to me. I felt distressed and fearful and prayed to the Lord to protect me. On arrival at Maclear I told my husband of my fears but he treated them lightly. Our stay at Maclear was an unfortunate one, for my husband's health began to fail and I became alarmed. All the time I was there I felt discouraged and my conscience told me it was because I had left my work. At last the doctor told my husband that he would have to leave Maclear as the place was against his health. My husband's employer kindly provided the money for our train fares and we went down to Stutterheim to his mother's home. I thought we would be all right there, but after a week's stay I still felt miserable and fearful. One night I had a vivid dream. I was in a large room sitting at a table with a book and pencil. A lot of people were in the room and they came to me one by one and pleaded with me to enter their names in the book. I did not know what they meant until a very dignified old man came to me and said, You are to go and give those people the message from God so that they can have their names entered on His book in heaven.

"I recounted the dream to my husband in the morning and he seemed impressed. We prayed that if it were God's will for us to return to Port Elizabeth He would open the way for us as we had no money at all. Two days later I received a letter from my mother in Port Elizabeth in which she enclosed money and asked me to come back to her. We went back and after settling down in a small house, I at once took up my work of selling books again. All my discouragement and fears left me and I felt peace and happiness again. My husband's health improved rapidly.

"This experience impressed my husband greatly and he changed his views about the value and importance of the literature ministry and decided to join me in the work. He is now labouring by my side and the Lord is blessing our work at Korsten. In two months we have sold 100 books valued about £31 and have several people interested in the truth."

This experience impressed Sister Kwanini's hearers and strengthened their determination to press on with new vigour in this great branch of the Lord's work. As the result of a lantern slide lecture in the local church on the literature ministry one native brother of long standing in the truth decided to give up his business and join us in spreading the message by means of the printed page.

Pastor Magalela regretted that there were not more colporteurs present at the institute and said that he felt he and his

fellow ministers had been somewhat remiss in not keeping the literature ministry more strongly and continuously before their church members, and urging some of them to join the literature ministry. In future he would lend his earnest and sustained support toward strengthening the ranks of the native colporteurs.

# Cape Conference

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# Young People's Activity in the Cape Conference

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The Spirit of God is working among our dear young people in the Cape Conference and giving them a vision of the world's need and a desire to reach out to help those who are tempest-tossed, so I felt that, for the encouragement of others I would give to our Outlook family a brief idea of what is being done in various centres.

Some time back I wrote in the Outlook about our Claremont society. Today I will write about our Port Elizabeth society first.

We have a new and live society under the capable leadership of Miss M. Heywood and Miss M. Ward. Not only is this society caring for the spiritual and social needs of the young people of the church, but it is a medium through which other young people, not of our faith, are brought, through the Missionary Volunteer meetings and other services, into contact with our truth. Last evening the writer enjoyed a very well-arranged, ably-rendered programme on "Honesty," and I am sure the thirty or forty persons present, including some strangers, were impressed and determined to see that this virtue would be a well-guarded part of their own experience.

The social side is not neglected at all for time is spent, and very profitably too, in good recreation and healthy instructional games which encourage a good, friendly spirit. Time is also set aside for the interest of those afar off, not of our faith. The society has ordered 100 Signs and Tekens, and these are sent to addresses in South West Africa. The adult members of our church are caring for those at our door and are posting hundreds of papers montly to Port Elizabeth addresses.

Real live working societies are found in the following churches: Cape Town, Claremont, East London, Aliwal North, Helderberg, Kingwilliamstown, Worcester, Langkloof, Taungs, Bloemfontein, and others. Bloemfontein is sending a very large bundle of Signs and Tekens every month to Government officials in Basutoland, while our other societies are caring for those in their own towns; and when I mention, in passing, that during the first half of this year our young people have distributed 9,500 of our truth-filled papers (this, of course, not counting the Harvest Ingathering magazines), one can readily realise the wonderful work the societies are doing.

Our newly-formed companies are not long in launching out in the Missionary Volunteer work. At Cradock several are studying for their Friend pins and almost every mail brings news of the progress of the Junior Missionary Volunteer societies in centres where we do not have a church. We appreciate very much indeed the fact that God is impressing the hearts of many of our church members to care for our junior young people by forming them into societies. May I suggest here that while you are reading this article, even if you are not able to enjoy church fellowship because of isolation, you stop for a moment, take a piece of paper and pencil and write down the names of juniors around your neighbourhood, and after you have got over the surprise of such a large number, make plans to form a society, as many others are doing. Write to the office for advice and help for we can give you some suggestions and recommend some cheap books of instruction, and I am sure you will wonder why you had not thought of it before. You will enjoy it; the children will be thrilled about it; we will appreciate it, and our heavenly Father will add His blessing to it.

Leaders — plan, pray, persevere and have patience and God will bless your earnest efforts and your reward will be seen in heaven.

Young People — co-operate, counsel, continue in the faith, control your tongue, temper and time, and use your talents.

One thing is certain: The best plans laid down by your leader will not amount to much unless translated into deeds in the local society.

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# A Campaign in the Cape Conference for the Saving of Souls

W. H. HURLOW

During the month of September four public efforts will be commenced in the territory of the Cape Conference. Elder Hyatt will lead a company in the Town Hall at Woodstock, Cape Town, Elder Le Butt with his company will use the Town Hall in George, Brother S. S. Hiten with the assistance of earnest new believers will commence meetings in Afrikaans in the Town Hall at Cradock, and the writer will lead a company in the Gaiety Theatre at Aliwal North.

As these companies take the field it is

with the deep consciousness that only by the Spirit of God can souls be won. They, therefore, earnestly request the sincere prayers of all our people that the Spirit of God may attend the preaching of the Word, sending home to honest hearts conviction of the truths for these days. May we appeal to our members to put aside some special time each day during these efforts in which to plead for a good fruitage of souls at the throne of grace.

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#### News Notes

MISS LILIAN BRADLEY has joined our conference workers' force as a Bible worker.

ELDER HYATT reports a successful week of prayer conducted recently at Helderberg College for the students.

SISTER ANDERSON'S Bible work in the Peninsula has met with success. She has a number of readers at present.

THE Port Elizabeth and East London churches greatly enjoyed recent visits from Brother F. E. Potter at which time he told of the General Conference Session and conditions in the world at this time.

From an out-of-the-way part of the Cape Conference territory comes the following word addressed to the secretary: "I am sending a small gift of four doilies which I would be glad if you would sell and use the money for the furthering of the Adventist teaching. Although I am not of the Seventh-day Adventist faith I am greatly interested in any movement made to make the Bible more plain to the people."

We have been glad to dispose of the goods sent and our Evangelistic Fund is receiving credit.



# Notice

WILL ALL of our members in the Cape Conference who still have in their possession Harvest Ingathering Solicitors' Cards, whether used or unused, kindly return same at once to the —

Cape Conference of S. D. A., P.O. Box, 508, Port Elziabeth, C. P.

# Helderberg College

# Consecration Meetings at Helderberg College

W. LEROY HYATT

It was my privilege to conduct a week of prayer at the college during the last days of August. When I arrived I was happy to find that both teachers and students felt that the time was ripe for a

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season of consecration and of drawing near to God. We conducted two public services and a meeting with the staff each day. The time between services was spent in personal interviews.

The Spirit of God came preciously near, and every student, both young and old, responded to the invitations that were given. Some unconverted ones gave their hearts to God for the first time. These will join the baptismal class conducted by Elder Edwards. Some who had been careless in their Christian life and had wandered away renewed their consecration and their vows to God. Some who had cherished sins in the life confessed these and asked for prayer that they might live the life of victory. Others were burdened for friends and earnestly sought God on their behalf. It was good to talk with a young man, to help him gain the victory in his own life, and then have him say, "I want you to speak to my friend. He needs help." It was a real inspiration to see a young lady bring her chum for counsel and assistance. We, ourselves, were encouraged as we talked and prayed with these dear young people.

The spirit at the college is good. In my many visits to the school I think I have never found it better. The young people seem to have a sense of the nearness of the end and they want to be ready.

A staff of consecrated men and women are bending every energy to help their students, not only in the lessons and the tasks of every day, but also in the things affecting their eternal welfare, and God is blessing their efforts. We found the student body to be a group of earnest young men and women who seem to be reaching out for a deeper experience in the things of God.

We had a truly blessed time on Sabbath, the last day of the meetings. Every member of the entire school family came forward and knelt around the altar in complete surrender. We do trust and pray that the resolutions then formed may not fail, that the prayers then breathed may be fully answered, and that this group of our dear young people, from all parts of South Africa, may remain true and faithful to the cause of God and that they may find full and complete satisfaction in His service.

# News Notes

Mr. Van Eck will be on leave of absence for further study next year. He will attend Stellenbosch University where he will take the major part of his work in Afrikaans.

A THREE-YEAR Commercial Course was approved by the board at its recent meeting. Beginning with Standard IX the course will lead to graduation with one year of College commercial work. The course is intended to develop secretarial talent in addition to shorthand-typistes.

BROTHER VIXIE'S final visit to the school was greatly enjoyed; his spiritual messages to the students were impressive.

SISTER MALLOCH and daughter Beth of Fort Victoria are visiting the college for a week or ten days. While here Beth is attending classes.

At the board meeting held recently it was voted to increase the flock of laying fowls to 2,000 in the near future. The care of such a flock will provide for some ten or twelve students to help earn their way through school.

ELDER W. L. HYATT held a series of special meetings at the college, August 26-30. The spiritual uplift has been greatly appreciated. Throughout the series of meetings a deep desire was manifest for a victorious Christian experience. When the call was given for surrender and reconsecration the response was practically one hundred per cent. We wish all the parents might have witnessed the scene of consecration.

Mr. AND Mrs. Horak of Nyasaland motored down to the Cape with their four children whom they are placing in school here. Appreciation of the work of the school reaches even to those not of our faith. Mr. and Mrs. Horak were greatly impressed with the type of work carried on by our school and chose Helderberg above any other school in the Union.

We also have pupils in attendance from some of the best homes in Somerset West. The parents recognise the fact that Helderberg does a type of work that the town school cannot do, and are willing to pay extra for transportation to the college each day.

# N. T. Conference

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# Dedication of Potchefstroom Church

A. N. INGLE

The writer had the happy privilege of attending church at Potchefstroom on Sabbath, August 22, on the occasion of the dedication of a new church building in that town. This building, has been made possible through the generosity of Brother J. S. Bletchley, of the Potchefstroom church, together with the funds raised by the local company, and a small amount of conference assistance.

Brother Hodgson, our union education secretary, had been able to visit with the church on Friday, also Brother Willmore, from the office, on Sabbath, and to our happy surprise Elder J. H. Raubenheimer returned from overseas in time to be present, and Brother B. P. de Beer was also present.

The church was filled with members and friends and a very happy dedication service was conducted on Sabbath afternoon at four o'clock by the writer. There was a whole-hearted response to the call for reconsecration, and we believe that the Spirit of God worked on the hearts of our loyal members in the Potchefstroom church.

We had the happy privilege of baptising six brethren and sisters on Sunday morning, and this service, we are sure, had even a larger attendance than the Sabbath afternoon service.

Brother Havenga, one of the local church elders, worked very hard supervising the buildings, and the church has been erected at a minimum cost and is a meeting place of which we can rightly be proud.

Our Potchefstroom believers feel the need of help from our workers, but are carrying on to the best of their ability and we hope that, before long, we may be able to place a worker in the Western Transvaal, who can also give them some muchneeded assistance from time to time.

# Z. U. Mission

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# Camp-meetings in Southern Rhodesia

A. C. LE BUTT

It was the writer's privilege to attend some of the native camp-meetings in Southern Rhodesia and I might say that these meetings were a source of inspiration to me and quite an education, for they not only opened my eyes to the many problems that face our European and native workers in particular, and our native believers in general, but they proved to me that in spite of these problems the blessed truth for these days is brightening the hearts of men and women, who were at one time steeped in darkest heathenism and superstition. As I heard the old hymns being sung so heartily and saw the expressions of joy and happiness upon the faces of our native believers, I wished that I could have carried that picture to our dear believers, not only in the Union, but all over the world, for this experience has been made possible because of the selfsacrificing spirit of our church members and friends everywhere.

I visited Inyazura Mission, Lower Gwelo Mission, Hanke Mission, Fort Victoria Mission, and Lower Shangani Mission and I could dwell upon each visit with profit for I was captivated by the splendid spirit and reverent atmosphere at every place, but time and space will not allow me to say all I would like to say, but I shall write in general, and each mission could claim this experience as its own.

A motor-car in which are Elder and Mrs. Campbell, Elder Clifford and the writer, is speeding along the country road about four or five miles from the mission. Companies of native people have been passed at various intervals walking in single file carrying their bundles on their headssinging as they go -- (some of these people have travelled for several days) a happy joyous throng, for are they not going to the biggest event of their lives - the camp-meeting? As we approach these companies they stop along the road and with hands raised and a chorus of shouts signal to us their joy. Believe me, brethren, I am not ashamed to say that it is difficult to keep back the tears as one. remembering the pit from which these dear people were dug, now sees the white teeth and bright eyes shining in an expression of gladness and hope that comes from a joyous heart filled with the same truth that we love. We arrive at the mission and find the director and his helpers busily putting the finishing touches to the large site set aside for the services (the church building being far too small) or erecting grass shelters for the visiting workers' comfort. After putting up our bed stretchers and helping in every way possible, we sit down to a delicious meal prepared by Sister Campbell who, besides taking the parents' services and children's services at each camp-meeting, found time to prepare three good meals a day to satisfy the hearty appetites of the European party, a by no means easy task under the circumstances, but one accomplished in a very capable way. I should mention here, however, that during our visit to Inyazura Mission, Brother and Sister Owen and Sister Holbrook, who, along with Robert, was visiting her daughter, cared for the comforts of the visiting missionaries in such a way that another invitation to that mission would be eagerly accepted.

The evening service is over. The country-side is brilliantly illuminated by the large fires around which are gathered the various companies of people and I am sure that for miles around the songs of praise can be heard, so heartily do our people sing. At 9:30 the large bell rings and at once silence settles over the camp and tired eyes rest in sleep.

It is Sabbath morning; the sun is just peeping over the hill; the bell rings again.—it is 5:30 a.m. At once the air is filled with song. The freshness of the morning makes one glad to be alive. The Rhodesian sun caps the trees with gold as the people make their way to early devotion,—"Lord, in the morning Thou shalt hear my voice ascending high" is the hymn to open the service and after an earnest talk from one

of our native brethren the service is thrown open for testimonies and, believe me, our brethren and sisters up north are ever ready to speak a word for Jesus and to tell of battles fought and victories won. The Sabbath school is a sight worth seeing. The brilliance of the scene would make a rainbow envious. The sisters sit on one side and the most wonderful colours, pale and dainty, flash in the sunlight. While the scene is brilliant, it is not gaudy, for the colours are chosen with natural taste and rare judgment. On the other side of the large company are the men, most of whom are dressed in spotless white shirts and trousers.

To one side of the rostrum is seated the mixed choir. The girls are all dressed in the same style and colour and the boys are also dressed alike. In some cases two choirs take their places. One of the outstanding features is the fine singing of the choirs. The music is beautifully rendered. The songs chosen represent good judgment and the way the well-balanced choirs sing testifies to hours of practice and to a large measure of patience and talent on the part of the various teachers.

The service following the Sabbath school is the consecration service at which time an invitation is made to non-Christians and backsliders to come to Jesus, an invitation which is not given in vain, for many at every camp-meeting would come to the front giving themselves for the first time or returning to the fold with new determination.

The afternoon service is the one at which the camp-meeting offering is taken, and I can truly say that if this meeting should be omitted our native believers would be most disappointed, for I never saw a people give so heartily and cheerfully.

The evening is thrown open to reports from the leaders of the Missionary Volunteer society and in every instance reports are made of from six to as many as twelve people accepting the truth during the year as a result of their efforts. Truly this is wonderful. One told of a witch doctor giving up his rain god and accepting the third angel's message and joining the baptismal class.

Sunday is a full day of services including the baptism. The candidates who have been in the baptismal class for at least two years and who have undergone a very thorough and careful individual examination on the camp ground, are taken to the river and baptised. This seems to be the grand finale of a most blessed time, and those newly baptised and those re-baptised by the Holy Spirit make their way back to their villages carrying with them the blessings they have received and imparting them to those with whom they come in contact by praising and glorifying our heavenly Father and His dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Saviour.

I feel our Outlook family will be in-

terested in the following statistics of each of the camp-meetings I attended.

# Inyazura Mission Attendance 800 Baptised 56 Camp-meeting offering £24 Lower Gwelo Mission Attendance 2000 Baptised 87

# Camp-meeting offering £48 Fort Victoria Mission Attendance 700 Baptised 66 Camp-meeting offering £17 Hanke Mission Attendance 750 Baptised 79 Camp-meeting offering £17 Lower Shangani Mission

# Attendance 520 Baptised 67 Camp-meeting offering £13

When one meditates over such gatherings and thinks of the joys experienced and the blessings gained and the happiness found in the soul as the result of sweet fellowship with those of like precious faith, one cannot help but exclaim — What will it be like when the King of kings shall return to gather together the elect? What a gathering that will be! Hasten on glad day. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

# Angola Union

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P. Stevenson \_\_\_\_ Secy.-Treas.

Bongo Mission, Lepi, Angola

#### Word from Lucusse Mission

O. O. BREDENKAMP

It is not long since I left the Cape to come back to the work here at Lucusse. I had a very pleasant voyage up to Lobito and after having a couple of days' wait there for a train I started my trip into the interior. As the train did not go as far as Vila Luzo, and as I wanted to see Brother Stevenson our secretary-treasurer, I stopped off at Nova Lisboa. Brother Stevenson took me down to our Bongo Training School in his car. Here I saw Brother and Sister Fields, Dr. and Sister Parsons, Miss Visser, and Miss Johnson. These workers all seem to be of good cheer and are enjoying their work.

While at Bongo I learned that the wife of one of our native teachers was there with their baby. The baby had infantile paralysis and she had brought it down to the doctor for help. As there was not much that the doctor could do for the child she went back with me to the mission.

On Thursday morning we took the train for Vila Luzo, arriving there on Friday morning. I managed to get all my business done that morning and get a car to take us out to the mission, arriving there just before sunset. I was glad to get back and everybody seemed to be glad to see me. Brother and Sister Oliveira invited me over to their place for meals until after the Sabbath

As the holidays were near Brother Oliveira thought that he would like to get out and do some village work during that time, so it was agreed that he and the native teacher take a trip along the motor road to Vila Luzo and stay at a place about twenty-five miles from the mission. They were away a week and reported a good interest. They had their bicycles with them so that they were able to visit a large number of villages in a day and return to their camp at night and hold meetings. While they were away I did what I could to strengthen the church members at the mission. I believe that the Lord came very near to us and that there were victories gained.

As soon after Brother Oliveira's return as I could I went out to our out-school and we had some good meetings there. The teacher has a small group in the Hearers' class and I hope that next year we will be able to baptise some of them. These people, as far as I know, are our first converts from among the Luchaze. The teacher tells of a village about thirty miles from here where they are calling for a school. I plan to visit them while out here. I also want to make a trip across the Lungue Bungue River and visit the villages over that way. I suppose that I shall be away from the mission for three weeks or a month.

This is one of the hardest places in which I have ever worked and so I ask that you will remember the work at Lucusse in a special way before the throne of grace.

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# Notice

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# Kampdienste Gedurende 1936 in Ruanda-Urundi

#### L. L. MOFFITT

EEN van die uitstaande kenmerke van die kampdienste op die Rwankeri Sendingstasie, Ruanda, 24-26 Julie 1936, was die feit dat ses kapteins en twee gewese kapteins uitgestaan het vir die waarheid—en dit in weerwil van heftige teenstand van die Katolieke priesters wat baie groot invloed het op die kapteins en die inboorlinge aldaar. Sestienduisend naturelle het die kampdienste bygewoon.

Voor hierdie datum het die priesters by die opperhoof aangedring om die kapteins en hul mense te belet om die Rwankeri dienste by te woon. Met dierdie bemoeiing van die priesters nog vars in ons geheue, was dit bemoedigend om te sien hoedat die mense by die duisende uit verskillende rigtings oor die berge, paaie en voetpaaie stroom na die sending.

Die groepe uit die verskillende kerke het eers hul afsonderlike Sabbatskole gehou, en ek kan u verseker dat daar 'n hele aantal akkers Sabbatskole was. Die Wêreldkonferensie Sabbatskooldepartement het geen voorsiening gemaak waardeur Sabbatskoollede by akkersgewyse getel kan word nie, maar as jy oor die 16,000 Sabbatskoollede uit verskillende kerke het, almal in afsonderlike groepe wat weer in klasse verdeel is, dan is dit nie moeilik om jou voor te stel dat hulle verskeie akkers beslaan nie.

Na die Sabbatskool verby was het hulle. in gelid, na die sentrale vergaderplek gekom vir die elfuurdiens. Toe sowat tussen vier- en sesduisend plaasgeneem het, was daar alarm gemaak dat die gevreesde "driver" miere 'n deel van die gronde ingeneem het. Broeder Monnier, die sendingdirekteur, het gou die toestand besef en hy het dadelik beveel dat die mense op 'n ander plek, omtrent tweehonderd tree daarvandaan, moes vergader. Die orrel en banke was na die nuwe plek gedra, en ons het toe almal 'n ware opelug diens gehou, wat ons herinner het aan die dae van Whitefield en Wesley. Dit was opvallend hoe stil en ordelik die groot skare plaasgeneem het.

Daar was goeie aandag gedurende die diens, en toe ons die beroep gedoen het, het sowat driehonderd na vore gekom om Christus vir die eerste maal in die openbaar te bely. Onder hulle was die kapteins waarvan reeds melding gemaak is. Ons harte was almal blygemaak dat die Here, ten spyte van priesters, dreigende onweer en miere, Sy Naam verheerlik het.

Op Sondag was daar agt-en-negentig kandidate gedoop wat twee jaar in die Bybelklas deurgebring het. Dit was opvallend dat elkeen van die kandidate ten minste een siel vir Christus gewin het voor hulle gedoop was; en dis iets wat van groot belang vir ons evangeliste en sendingsekretarisse behoort te wees.

Hoewel ons werk daar nog teenstand ondervind, het toestande oor die afgelope paar jaar baie verbeter. Na 'n ondersoek van ons werk deur die owerheid word ons nou regverdiger behandel. Die regter het in sy opsomming, wat meer as 'n uur in beslag geneem het, die kapteins laat verstaan dat ons mense dieselfde regte as ander moet geniet, en dat die regering die reg van ons mense erken om die Sabbat te vier.

Daar was kampdienste gehou op nog vier ander plekke in Ruanda-Urundi. Die volgende een was op Gitwe, die hoofkwartiere van die Unie. Omtrent 15,000 het die drie dienste op Gitwe bygewoon. Hierdie keer het die broeders geëksperimenteer met dienste in die distrik en hulle was heeltemal tevrede met die uitslag. Die doopdiens op Gitwe was een van die ordelikste en indrukwekkendste wat ek nog ooit gesien het. Die 300 kandidate het in ses rye van vyftig elk gestaan op die wal van 'n klein riviertjie; daar was ses op 'n keer gedoop deur die ses diensdoende predikante.

Ons werk in die Gitwe distrik moes ook teenstand van die Katolieke verduur. Een van ons naturelle onderwysers was deur 'n priester aangespreek en beledig terwyl hy besig was om 'n groep naturelle te onderrig, en hy was belet om op daardie heuwel die mense te leer. Daarop het die naturelle broeder aan die priester gesê: goed, ek sal na daardie ander heuwel gaan; al die mense wat by jou wil bly kan bly, en almal wat my wil volg na die ander heuwel kan so maak. Net een ou kaptein en 'n klein kaffertjie het by die priester agter gebly. Al die ander is saam met ons naturelle broeder na die volgende heuwel. Hierdie belediging was egter nie daargelaat nie. Broeder Vail, die direkteur van Gitwe Sending, het die voorval aan die biskop gerapporteer, en het later 'n mooi brief ontvang met die versekering dat dit nie weer sou gebeur nie. Die broeders berig nou dat byna al die mense in die distrik waar die belediging plaasgevind het die boodskap aangeneem het.

Op Ngoma Sending, by die Kevu meer, een van ons jongste stasies, het omtrent 4,000 mense die kampdienste bygewoon, teenoor omtrent 'n 1,000 verlede jaar. Dr. Beckner en verpleegster Spillman is besig om 'n sterk mediese werk op te bou by hierdie stasie. Drie-en-tagtig was hier gedoop. By die Buganda kampdienste, waar daar op die oomblik nie 'n Europese werker is nie, was daar 1,800 mense, en daar was een-en-vyftig gedoop. Daar was nog twee ander kampdienste gehou, in die Kongose afdeling van hierdie veld, maar

ek het hulle nie bygewoon nie.

Leraar O. U. Giddings, die Unie superintendent, en sy getroue korps werkers is vol moed in hul taak om hierdie groot veld te evangeliseer.

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# Getuienisse in Verband met Genesing in Antwoord op Gebed

SUSTER SNYDER van Potgietersrust skryf: "Ek was vir nege jaar siek, en die drie dokters wat my behandel het, het geen hoop gehad dat ek weer sou gesond word nie. Omtrent 'n jaar gelede het ek duidelik onder die indruk gekom dat Tesus my liggaam kon gesondmaak net so seker as wat Hy my van sonde kon reinig in my geestelike lewe. Ek het Leraar Venter ingeroep om vir my te bid ooreenkomstig die opdrag in Markus 16:18. Ek dank die Here dat Hy die gebed verhoor het, en ek gee Hom al die eer. Ek het toe besef dat die belofte van God nie net aan die ouderlinge gegee was nie, maar dat God ook sal werk deur almal wat geloof, en gedoop is.

"My eggenoot het siek geword na 'n besoek aan Delagoabaai. Ons het gebid en die hande op hom gelê en hy het dadelik beter geword, hoewel hy nog baie swak was. Ons het weer tot God gebid en dadelik het hy sterk geword, sodat hy sy gewone werk kon behartig. Laat ons bid om groter geloof."

Suster Retief van Christiana skryf:

"My dogtertjie het viermaal longontsteking gehad, en elke keer was sy alleen deur gebed genees. Ja, die Here het gesond gemaak soos niemand anders kan nie."

Suster J. R. Snyman van Vredendal skrvf:

"Vir meer as twintig jaar het ek aan my ore gely. Ek het dokters ingeroep maar my ore het nie beter geword nie. By die kampdienste op Bloemfontein het ek Leraars Hiten en Hyatt (Senior) versoek om gebed en die oplegging van hande. Hulle het dit gedoen, maar dit het geskyn of daar geen beterskap gekom het nie. Ek het ernstig aangehou bid om genesing en skielik het my ore heeltemal gesond geword. Dit is meer as 'n jaar nou dat hulle gesond is, en ek dank die Here daarvoor. Soms werk die Here stadig, maar aanhoudende gebed en geloof kan baie doen."

Broeder D. C. Blignaut van Potchefstroom skryf:

"Een van ons seuns was baie siek op Louis Trichardt. Die dokter was ingeroep en het gesê dat die kind dood was. Ons het op ons knieë geval en God gesmeek om ons kind. Die dokter het aan een van ons bure meegedeel dat die kind dood was. Toe dié by ons kom was hy verbaas om te sien dat God ons gebed verhoor het en dat ons kind regop gesit het in die bed. Ek het weer die dokter gaan sien; hy het gedog dat ek om die doodsertifikaat gekom het, maar toe ek hom meedeel dat die kind beter was wou hy my nie glo nie;

dog toe hy dit met sy eie oë gesien het, het hy gesê dat dit 'n wonderwerk was. Dank die Here dit was; en die tyd van wonderwerke is nog nie verby nie. Mag die Here, deur die Heilige Gees ons geloof versterk.

LERAAR INGLE skryf:

"Broeder Kitto van Mafeking se dogtertertije was ernstig siek aan longontsteking en kolitis. Die dokter het gesê dat ky niks meer kon doen nie en dat sy binne 'n uur sou sterf. Broeder Kitto het versoek dat ons haar moet salf en vir haar moet bid. Broeder en Suster Kitto, Broeder Hipkin, Suster Gibbon en ek was teenwoordig. Ons het volgens Jakobus 5 gehandel, en het die voorreg gehad om te sien hoedat die dogtertjie onmiddellik gesond word. Die dokter het 'n rukkie later weer gekom om die doodsertifikaat uit te reik en hy was verbaas oor wat hy gevind het. Hy het verklaar dat dit 'n wonderwerk was, en ons glo dit wel."

"Suster Palmer van die Inyazura sendingstasie was vry ernstig siek in die Salisbury hospitaal. Sy was 120 myl ver gebring in die kondukteurswa van 'n goederetrein. Sy het met die dag erger geword. Broeder Palmer en ek en nog ander het verskeiemaal daeliks gebid dat die Here moes tussenbei kom. Omtrent tienuur een aand het Suster Palmer versoek dat ons haar moes salf en vir haar bid. Ons het dadelik na die hospitaal gegaan. Die skerm was reeds om haar bed getrek omdat die dood vinnig genader het. Ons het die opdrag in Jakobus 5 nagekom, maar daardie aand was daar geen beterskap nie. Ons het aangehou bid. Die volgende more was daar 'n groot verandering; daar was 'n stadige beterskap en Suster Palmer is eindelik terug na die sendingstasie, heeltemal herstel. Die tyd van wonderwerke is nog nie verby nie."

"Gedurende die Port Elizabethse kampdienste het daar 'n versoek gekom vir spesiale gebed van 'n suster wat bedlêend en ernstig siek was. Leraars Staples, Sparrow en ek het haar besoek, en ons het die Here vurig gesmeek om hulp. Ons het volgens Jakobus 5 gehandel en is toe daar weg. Daar het nie onmiddellik 'n verandering gekom nie, maar later het die berig gekom dat die Suster volkome gesond geword het."

Meer getuienis kon gegee word van die krag van God onder ons, maar so min word daarvan gesê dat baie dink dat God nie Sy krag in ons midde openbaar nie. Ek glo dat ons nog nie eers begin raak het aan die krag wat die Here tot ons beskikking gestel het nie. Vreesagtigheid, en vrees dat hulle sal bespot word hou baie terug. Ons bid eenmaal en voel dan dat dit genoeg is, maar die Here beveel ons om te bid sonder ophou. Suster White sê dat ons te gou opgee. Broeders laat ons gebruik maak van die voorregte wat God ons skenk, en laat ons tot Hom opsien in tve van nood, want die beloftes wat Hv ons gee was reeds in die verlede vervul en die Here verander nooit.

Moenie reken dat elke gebed om gesondmaking verhoor sal word nie, want as dit
die geval sou wees sou daar nooit sterfgevalle wees nie; maar dit is nie die Here se
wil dat ons sal siek wees nie. Ons behoort
weens ouderdom aan die slaap te val, maar
laat ons egter seker maak dat ons volgens
die lig leef in verband met die versorging
van ons liggame. "As jy getrou na die
stem van die Here jou God luister en doen
wat reg is in sy oë, en luister na Sy gebooie en al Sy insettinge hou, dan sal Ek
geeneen van die siektes op jou lê wat Ek
op Egipteland gelê het nie; want Ek is
die Here wat jou gesond maak."

Ons vra om verdere getuienisse sodat die geloof van almal sterker kan word waar hulle hoor van wat die Here onder ons doen. Laat ons bid om die uitstorting van, en die vervulling met die Heilige Gees—nie in die newelagtige toekoms nie, maar NOU, want dit is die wil van God dat ons dit nou sal hê.

# S. S. Departement

L. L. Moffitt, Sekretaris

# Waarom Tak-Sabbatskole? No. 1

ARCHA DART

Christus sal eerlank kom. Wat ons van plan is om vir ons bure en vriende te doen moet ons gou doen voordat dit vir ewig te laat is. Daar is duisende mense wat nog nie die laaste waarskuwende boodskap gehoor het wat aan ons toevertrou is om aan die wêreld te gee nie. Die predikante doen hul werk getrou, maar die Here het "aan elkeen sy werk" gegee. Die opdrag kom tot elke dissipel, "Gaan in die gehele wêreld en onderwys alle nasies."

Watter gulde geleentheid bied die taksabbatskole ons! Ons woon naby ons bure. Ons hoef nie te wag totdat die Wêreldkonferensie ons na afgeleë sendingvelde stuur alvorens ons vir die Here kan werk nie. Ons ken die taal. Sommige van ons sendelinge moet maande, en soms jare neem om die taal van die mense aan te leer voordat hulle hul werk kan begin. Ons het die boodskap. Die boodskap is duidelik; almal kan dit verstaan. Dis 'n positiewe boodskap; Jesus het gesê, "Daarom moet julle ook gereed wees." Nog nooit tevore in die geskiedenis van die wêreld was daar 'n boodskap gegee wat belangriker is as hierdie een nie.

Die Sabbatskoollesse maak dit baie maklik om die boodskap te verkondig. "Die Here verlang dat diegene wat met Sabbatskoolwerk besig is, sendelinge sal wees wat na die dorpe sal gaan wat naby die kerk is, om die lig van die lewe te bring aan diegene wat in duisternis sit." —, Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," bls. 74.

#### Wat Ander Doen

Een suster skrywe, "Voordat ons ons tak-sabbatskool begin het, het ek al die huise in ons straat besoek en die kinders uitgenooi. Ek het die prenterol geneem wat 'n vriend my gestuur het en aan die ouers verduidelik dat ons 'n Bybelklas vir kinders gaan begin. Na ons 'n aantal kinderliedere op groot stukke papier laat druk het, was ons gereed om te begin. Ons het een van die meisies gekies as sekretaresse. Nadat ons die twaalf lesse deurgewerk het, het ons 'n algemene vergadering belê by die huis van een van die kinders, en ons het die ouers uitgenooi om te kom hoor hoedat die lesse hiersien word, hoe die kinders hul tekste opsê en sing. Hoe bly was die ouers om te sien wat die kinders geleer het. Die kosbare saad van die waarheid word in hul harte gesaai en my eie siel word benat." Hierdie suster sê dat sy soms tot twee-en-twintig kinders in haar klas het.

'n Baie besige man vind tyd om Sabbatdae 'n tak-sabbatskool te hou. Hy skrywe: "Daar was een afgedwaalde lid wat ons van die kerkboeke wou skrap. My vrou en ek het hom gaan besoek en gevra of ons dienste in sy huis kon hou. Hy het ingestem. Ons het ook ander uitgenooi na die dienste op Sabbatmiddae. Hy is nou weer teruggewin en ons tak-sabbatskool brei steeds uit. Daar is op die oomblik omtrent dertig lede."

'n Nuwe bekeerling vertel die volgende: "Vir maande al besoek ek my bure met traktate, boeke, voedsel en klere. Toe ek 'n paar weke gelede Sabbatskooldienste voorgestel het, het een dame met blydskap haar huis vir die doel aangebied. Ek wou altyd graag 'n sendeling wees, maar het gedag dat ek na 'n afgeleë plek sou moes gaan. Ek dank die Here vir hierdie goeie werk."

'n Kolporteur vertel dat hy in die loop van sy werk mense teëgekom het wat belang gestel het, as gevolg waarvan hy 'n tak-sabbatskool gestig het. 'n Ander broeder skryf dat hy 'n tak-sabbatskool hou met 'n afgeleë huisgesin. Hy het nou sestien lede. 'n Liewe ou suster wat nie haar kamer kan verlaat nie, gebruik die telefoon om van die meisies uit te nooi na haar Bybelstorie-uur. Sy het elke keer min of meer twaalf lede. 'n Broeder wat vriende gemaak het van al die kinders in sy dorp het elke week van veertig tot vyftig in sy Sondagskool.

'n Jong dame wat in die berge woon hou elke week twee skole aan die gang. Sabbatmores gaan sy die les oor met haar jonger broers en susters; en Sondagmores neem sy 'n klas in die kerk daar in die buurt. Soms moet sy ook as sekretaresse optree, die orrel bespeel, die les hersien, en 'n klas neem, maar ten spyte daarvan het die ledetal vermeerder van veertien tot sestig lede.

'n Sabbatskool superintendent van een van ons kosskole berig dat die toestel vir hul doelwitte ook die tak-sabbatskool insluit. Hierdie kwaartaal het hulle 'n toestel wat 'n boom voorstel, met net soveel takke as wat daar klasse is. Elke keer as 'n sekere som gegee word vir die sending kry die betrokke tak 'n appel. Elke keer as 'n lid sewemaal gestudeer het, kry die tak 'n blaar. Op die hoek van die kaart is nog 'n boom wat die tak-sabbatskool voorstel, en hierdie boom dra ook vrugte.

"Die Sabbatskool is 'n sendingveld, en daar behoort baie meer van die sendinggees aan die dag gelê te word in hierdie belangrike werk as wat in die verlede die geval was."—"Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," bls. 35.

# Uitgewers Dept.

F. E. Potter, Sekretaris

# 'n Moderne Jona

F. E. POTTER

Daar was van 24 tot 28 Augustus, op Oos Londen, 'n geslaagde kolporteurkonvensie gehou vir die Suidelike Bantoe Sendingveld. Ek was bygestaan deur Leraars Jakavula en Magalela, en daar was 'n aantal interessante en bemoedigende getuienisse gegee. Dié van Suster Kwanini van Port Elizabeth het baie ooreengekom met die ondervinding van Jona vanouds, en ons wil dit graag aan die Outlook lesers meedeel.

"Ek het gevoel dat die Here my roep om ons boeke te verkoop aan die naturelle van Port Elizabeth. Vir 'n jaar het ek in die Korsten lokasie gewerk en het goeie ondervindings opgedoen. My man, hoewel hy 'n Adventis was, was nie 'n kolporteur nie. Hy het nie daarin belang gestel, of dit van veel waarde geag nie. Na die eerste jaar het my man op 'n plaas in die Maclear distrik gaan werk, en nie lank daarna nie het hy my reisgeld gestuur om ook te kom. Ek het nie daarvan gehou om my werk op te gee nie, en die nag voor my vertrek het ek byna niks geslaap nie; ek het gevoel dat ek moes bly om die boodskap van die Here aan die mense van Korsten te gee, dog aangesien hy die geld gestuur het, het ek besluit om maar te gaan.

"Die reis na Maclear was vir my soos 'n nagmerrie. Ek het benoud en bang gevoel, en die Here gebid om my te beskerm. Met my aankoms op Maclear het ek my man van my vrees vertel, maar hy het dit nie ernstig opgeneem nie. Ons verblyf op Maclear was baie ongelukkig, want my man se gesondheid het ingegee en ek het begin bang word. Al die tyd wat ek daar was, was ek mismoedig, en ek het gevoel dat dit veroorsaak was omdat ek my werk laat staan het. Eindelik het die dokter my man aangeraai om Maclear te verlaat omdat die klimaat nie goed was vir sy gesondheid nie. Sy werkgewer was so goed

om ons treingeld te betaal na Stutterheim waar sy moeder gewoon het. Ek het gedag dat dit daar sou goedgaan, maar na verloop van 'n week het ek nog bang en ongelukkig gevoel. Een nag het ek 'n baie indrukwekkende droom gehad. Ek was in 'n groot kamer by 'n tafel, met 'n boek en 'n potlood. Daar was baie mense in die kamer en hulle het een vir een na my gekom en my gesmeek om hul name in die boek op te skryf. Ek het nie besef wat hulle bedoel het nie totdat 'n baie waardige ou man na my gekom het en gesê het, Jy moet aan hierdie mense die boodskap van God gee sodat hul name in Sy boek in die hemel kan opgeskryf word.

"Die volgende more het ek die droom aan my man vertel en dit het 'n indruk op hom gemaak. Ons het toe gebid dat die Here, as dit Sy wil was dat ons na Port Elizabeth sou terugkeer, die weg vir ons moes open, want ons het geen geld gehad nie. Twee dae later het ek 'n brief van my moeder uit Port Elizabeth ontvang, waarin sy geld ingesluit het en my gevra het om na haar toe te kom. Ons het teruggegaan en ek het dadelik weer my kolporteerwerk begin. Al my vrees het verdwyn en ek het weer vrede en geluk gesmaak.

"My man het vinnig beter geword. Dit het hom van sienswyse in verband met die kolporteerwerk laat verander, en hy het besluit om ook te kolporteer. Ons werk nou saam op Korsten en die Here seën ons werk. Binne twee maande het ons 'n honderd boeke, ter waarde van £31 verkoop, en ons het verskeie persone wat belang stel in die waarheid."

Hierdie verhaal het diegene wat dit gehoor het nog vasberader gemaak om vol te hou in hierdie belangrike tak van die werk. As gevolg van 'n kalklig vertoning in die plaaslike kerk het een naturelle broeder wat reeds lank in die waarheid is, besluit om aan te sluit by die kolporteurs en die boodskap deur middel van leesstof te versprei.

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# Inwyding van die Potchefstroomse Kerk

A. N. INGLE

Or Sabbat, 22 Augustus, het ek die voorreg gehad om die inwydingsplegtigheid van die nuwe kerk op Potchefstroom by te woon. Dit was grotendeels deur die mildadigheid van Broeder J. S. Bletchley, aangevul deur bydraes van die gemeentelede en die konferensie, dat ons die gebou kon oprig.

Broeder Hodgson, opvoedingsekretaris van die S. A. Unie Konferensie, het die gemeente die Vrydag besoek, en Broeder P. W. Willmore van die konferensie kantoor was die Sabbat daar. Ons was ook aangenaam verras toe Leraar Raubenheimer daar opgedaag het—hy het net in tyd van sy besoek oorsee teruggekom. Broeder B. P. de Beer was ook teenwoordig.

Lede en vriende het die kerk gevul daardie Sabbatnamiddag om vieruur toe ek die toewydingsdiens waargeneem het. Almal het gehoor gegee aan 'n oproep tot nuwe toewyding, en ons glo dat die Gees van die Here die harte van die Potchefstroomse lede aangeraak het.

Sondagmore het ons die voorreg gehad om ses nuwe lede te doop, en hierdie diens was nog beter bygewoon as die Sabbatmiddagdiens,

Broeder Havenga, een van die plaaslike ouderlinge van die kerk, het homself baie moeite getroos om toesig te hou oor die bouery. Die koste was so laag moontlik gehou, en dis 'n gebou waarop ons tereg kan trots wees.

Die Potchefstroomse gelowiges voel die behoefte aan hulp van ons werkers, dog hulle sukkel voort so goed as hulle kan. Ons hoop om eerlank 'n werker na die Westelike Transvaal te stuur, wat ook dan van tyd tot tyd die Potchefstroomse gemeente sal bystaan.

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# Kennisgewing

DIE "Seventh-day Adventist Community of Africa, Incorporated," is bereid om lenings te ontvang van ons lede teen 'n billike rentekoers. Sal diegene wat fondse het om uit te leen asseblief in verbinding tree met: Die Tesourier, "Seventh-day Adventist Community of Africa, (Incorporated), Grove Laan, Claremont, K. P.

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# Vedtog vir die Redding van Siele in die Kaapse Konferensie

W. H. HURLOW

GEDURENDE September sal ons vier openbare pogings begin in die terrein van die Kaapse Konferensie. Leraar Hyatt en sy helpers sal in die Woodstockse stadsaal, Kaapstad begin, Leraar Le Butt en sy helpers in d'e stadsaal, George, Broeder S. S. Hiten bygestaan deur 'n aantal nuwe gelowiges, sal Afrikaanse dienste begin in die Staadsaal, Cradock, en ek sal 'n reeks dienste hou in die Gaiety Teater op Aliwal Noord.

Waar hierdie groepe uitgaan, is dit onder 'n diepe besef dat dit alleen deur die Gees van God is dat siele gewin kan word. Derhalwe versoek hulle ons mense ernstig om vir hulle te bid dat die Gees van God die prediking van die Woord mag bekragtig en opregte harte mag oortuig van die waarheid vir hierdie dae. Mag ons ons lede vra om 'n spesiale tyd elke dag af te sonder om die Here te bid vir 'n goeie insameling van siele.

# Versoek

SAL alle lede van die Kaapse Konferensie wat nog kollektelyste het in verband met die Oesinsameling, of hulle dit gebruik het of nie, dit asseblief dadelik terugstuur aan: Die Kaapse Konferensie van Sewende-dag Adventiste, P.K. Bus 508, Port Elizabeth, K. P.

# Helderberg Kollege

# Toewydingsdiens op Helderberg Kollege

W. LEROY HYATT

Drt was my voorreg om gedurende Augustus die Week van Gebed te lei. Met my aankoms was ek bly om te verneem dat sowel onderwysers as studente gevoel het dat die tyd vir spesiale toewyding en oorgawe aan God ryp is. Ons het daeliks twee openbare dienste, en 'n diens vir die staf gehou. Die tyd tussen die dienste was bestee aan persoonlike onderhoude.

Die Gees van die Here was kenlik teenwoordig, en al die studente het gehoor gegee aan die oproepe wat daar gemaak was. Daar was onbekeerdes wat hul harte vir die eerste maal aan die Here gegee het. Hulle sal almal by Leraar Edwards se doopklas aansluit. Ander wat onverskillig geword het en afgedwaal het, het hulleself opnuut aan die Here toegewy. Diegene wat sonde in hul hart gekoester het, het dit bely en gevra om voorbidding ten einde 'n oorwinningslewe te kan ly. Sommige het 'n las op die hart gehad vir hul vriende vir wie hulle vurig gebid het. Dit het my goedgedoen om byvoorbeeld met 'n jong man te praat en hom te help om die oorwinning te behaal, en hom dan te hoor sê: "Ek wil graag hê dat u met my vriend moet praat - hy het hulp nodig." Dit was 'n ware besieling om te sien hoedat 'n jong dame haar vriendin vir hulp en raad gebring het. Waar ons so met hierdie jongmense gepraat en saam gebid het, het ons self weer nuwe moed geskep.

Daar is 'n goeie gees by die kollege. Met al my besoeke glo ek nie dat ek ooit 'n beter gees aangetref het nie. Dit skyn asof die jongmense die nabyheid van die einde besef, en hulle wil graag gereed wees.

'n Toegewyde staf doen alles in hul vermoë om d'e studente te help, nie slegs met hul lesse en daelikse pligte nie, maar ook in verband met die dinge wat hul ewige welsyn raak, en die Here seën hul pogings. Die groep studente bestaan uit ernstige jong manne en vroue, wat streef na 'n dieper geestelike lewe.

Ons het inderwaarheid 'n geseënde tyd gehad op die laaste Sabbat van die dienste. Die hele skool het na vore gekom en in volkome oorgawe om die altaar neergekniel. Ons hoop en bid dat die besluite wat geneem is, stand sal hou, dat die gebede wat opgestyg het verhoor sal word, en dat hierdie groep jongmense uit alle dele van Suid-Arfika getrou sal bly aan die saak van die Here, en dat hulle volkome voldoening sal vind in sy diens.

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# Nuusitems — Helderberg

Broeder Vixie se laaste besoek aan die skool was baie geniet. Sy geestelike boodskappe het 'n diep indruk op die studente gemaak.

MNR. VAN ECK sal aanstaande jaar op studieverlof gaan. Hy sal by die Universiteit van Stellenbosch inskryf en die grootste gedeelte van sy vakke deur Afrikaanse medium neem.

Op 'n onlange skoolraadvergadering was daar besluit om die trop pluimvee in die nabye toekoms te vermeerder tot 2,000 leghenne. Die versorging van so 'n trop sal werk verskaf aan sowat tien of twaalf seuns. Dit sal hulle baie help in verband met hul skoolonkoste.

Die skoolraad het ook sy goedkeuring geheg aan 'n driejarige handelskursus. Beginnende met Standerd IX sal dit drie jaar neem om in handelsvakke te gradueer. Die doel van die kursus is om studente, behalwe in tikskrif en snelskrif, ook in die sekretariële praktyk op te lei.

Ons het tans studente uit die vooraanstaande gesinne van Somerset Wes. Die ouers besef die feit dat Helderberg 'n soort opvoeding verskaf wat nie in die dorpskole te kry is nie, en hulle is gewillig om hulleself die ekstra onkoste te getroos om die kinders daeliks heen en weer te vervoer

MNR. EN MEVR. HORAK van Nyasaland het by die kollege gearriveer met hul vier kinders wat hulle hier in die skool wil sit. Selfs diegene wat nie ons belydenis toegedaan is nie waardeer ons skool. Mnr. en Mev. Horak was diep getref deur ons onderwysmetodes, en hulle het Helderberg Kollege bo alle ander skole in die Unie verkies.

Leraar W. L. Hyatt het van 26 tot 30 Augustus 'n reeks spesiale dienste by die kollege gehou. Die geestelike opheffing was baie gewaardeer. Deur al die dienste was daar 'n groot begeerte geopenbaar vir 'n oorwinnende Christelike lewe. Toe daar 'n beroep gedoen was vir oorgawe en 'n nuwe toewyding het so-te-sê almal gehoor gegee. Ons wens dat al die ouers die toneel kon aanskou het.

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"Goddens bring vrede in die gemoed. Dit skenk ons die nodige krag om slegte gewoontes te verwerp en om goeies aan te kweek. In tye van teenspoed vervul dit die hart met hoop."

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# "The Impending Conflict"

J. F. WRIGHT

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