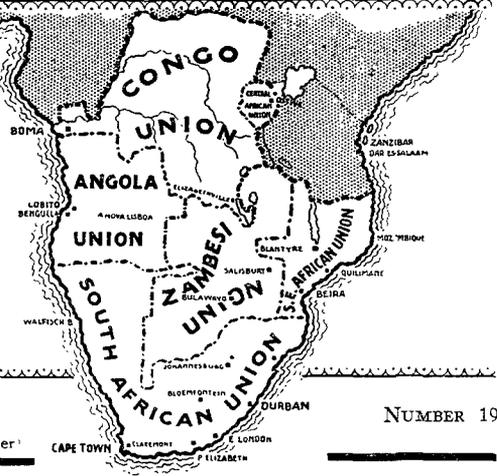


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“Great was the Company that Published It”



“The proper circulation and distribution of our publications is one of the MOST IMPORTANT branches of the present work. But little can be done without this.”

—Testimonies, Vol. I, p. 687.

Openings in the Literature Ministry

F. E. POTTER

Full-time Service

VACANCIES exist in every field for courageous souls of both sexes who will volunteer for permanent active service. Essential qualifications are a spirit of consecration, concentration, and continuation; a knowledge of salesmanship is advantageous but not essential. The Lord can make a gospel colporteur out of any man or woman who will do his best, learn, and persevere—and the field leaders will give sympathetic help and training to each recruit. Send your names in to your conference office NOW.

Part-time Service

Openings abound in every town, where we have a church, for members to engage in part-time work with our large and small subscription books. Besides this being a fine evangelistic effort, it also provides a welcome addition to the family income for those homes where, sometimes, the budget is difficult to balance. Your conference office will gladly provide further details about this line of work.

Scholarship Service

More Seventh-day Adventist youth should be at Helderberg College preparing for future service. Many would like to be there who cannot provide the means. The literature ministry presents the opportunity for securing a scholarship for 1937. Scores of young Seventh-day Adventists have availed themselves of this means of getting to Helderberg College and now rejoice in a place in the work. Write to your conference office NOW for an application form.

Periodical Work

(a) There are opportunities everywhere for earnest Christians to engage in evangelistic work by securing subscriptions to the *Signs* and *Tekens*. These two good periodicals are printed so that Seventh-day Adventists in every locality "may publish . . . and tell of God's wondrous works." The Psalmist says, "The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those that published it." The "company" just now is a pretty small one and so we invite our readers to come and swell its numbers. The conference office will be glad to have YOUR name. Send it in today.

(b) In several towns our young people, under adult supervision, are doing a great work selling the *Signs* on the streets each month. Every church should have such a band of youthful "publishers." Now, dear church leaders and missionary secretaries, here is your opportunity. Plan right away to have such a band in your church. Invite the young people individually and we feel sure many will respond gladly.

Tract Distribution

If we cannot all sell we can all give

away. Tract service is also fruitful evangelistic work. Get a supply of "Our Day" tracts and distribute them systematically in your neighbourhood. Give every neighbour a chance of learning the truth. That is the duty of every Seventh-day Adventist. You can post tracts out to people if you are unable to deliver them in person.

"The question of the circulation of our literature is one of the most vital questions that can engage the attention of the denomination."—*J. L. McElhany, President, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.*

What is your answer to this "vital question," dear believer? Will you not have some part in evangelising your neighbourhood with the printed page?



Extracts From Autumn Council Minutes

"WHEREAS, A multitude of signs thickening all about us fulfilling Bible prophecy, indicate that the appearance of Jesus in the clouds of heaven is even nearer than the most earnest and devoted among us realise; and,

"WHEREAS, In these troublous times, millions of people in the various nations of the world are longing for the light, comfort, and help which the everlasting gospel brings; and,

"WHEREAS, God has laid upon the people of this advent movement the obligation to carry this message of salvation to the world in this generation; and,

"WHEREAS, We have been told that 'the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory,' (Vol. 8, pp. 139, 140) is to a large degree to be accomplished through the circulation of our literature; therefore,

"Resolved, 1. That a mighty forward movement be inaugurated throughout the world for enlisting the entire church in the circulation of our Home Missionary literature.



Leaders' Testimonies to the Value of Our Literature

ELDER W. A. SPICER, President of the General Conference for eight years, says:

"THE Spirit of prophecy is a wonderful maker of phrases. It speaks so often in word pictures that we cannot forget. Picturing the spread of the truth-filled pages over all the lands the Spirit of prophecy says: 'The press is in need of men to use it to the best advantage, that the truth may be given wings to speed it to every nation, and tongue, and people.'—*Gospel Workers,*" page 505. What a picture of the truth winging its way over all the lands! May God greatly increase these aviation squadrons in all our fields. The time has come for the wings of our publishing work to spread for swifter, stronger,

further flight. Thank God for the force that can give wings to the books of truth. Set the wings, O men of the printed page! Spread them for the flight that shall never tire and never cease till every people, at home and abroad, shall have the message in their own tongue."

ELDER J. L. McELHANY, newly-elected General Conference president, 1936, says:

"A FEW years ago I was in Germany, in the city of Wittenburg, where Martin Luther carried on much of his work. I visited the university where he was one of the professors, and saw the place where he worked. But the place that interested me more than that was the room where the literature of the Reformation was displayed. I was much surprised to find the great variety of literature used at the time of the Reformation. I could understand, as I looked at that literature, what it had done for the work of the Reformation; and there came to me a new sense of gratitude for the literature that is being published today by this movement. That God has so wonderfully helped us with our literature work, is one of the miracles of modern times."

ELDER O. MONTGOMERY, Vice-president of the General Conference, says:

"My heart is stirred over the situation. I do not know of a single line of work where the signal blessing and leading of God, the power of the Holy Spirit and the protection of angels has been more clearly seen than in the experiences of our colporteurs and literature workers as they have gone from door to door. It is largely through the literature that the loud cry of the message is to be proclaimed. God is leading on in our literature work, and the importance of personal service in literature distribution should be laid upon the hearts of all our people."

ELDER C. H. WATSON, President of the General Conference, 1930-1936, says:

"THE publishing work has been and always will be the entering wedge for every line of work. When the publishing work is down, all other lines are down. Whenever you go, whatever you do, whatever you may say, if the publishing work does not increase in its largeness and in its power, every other line of work will be correspondingly lacking in these good things. It is not only to prosper but to enlarge and expand in its proportions.

"We must always keep before our eyes the importance of the work God has given us to do in our publishing work. Its only objective is to prepare the people to meet the Lord by the publications going out from our houses."

ELDER I. H. EVANS, Vice-president of the General Conference, says:

"MANY people annually find the Lord through the ministry of the consecrated

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The Latest Colporteur Experiences as Related at the General Conference

WINNING A CATHOLIC

As Brother McWilliam, acting as interpreter, steps briskly to the front of the room, followed by this elderly Portuguese gentleman from Porto Rico, one catches his breath, for the story of salvation is reflected in his kindly face, as he hesitatingly begins:

"I am glad to speak to you in my simple words and tell you how I came in contact with this message. In the year 1914 I was taken very sick—thought I was going to die. But I improved and as I was convalescing a colporteur passed my way, offering certain books for sale. I bought two of them. One was 'Coming King' and the other 'Crisis of the World.' I had a Bible and so began to read, but I could not understand it. When I began to read those books every chapter brought me to the Bible. Shortly after I started reading these books the war broke out, and as I continued reading I saw the horrors of war. I understood that we were in the end of this world. After I read the entire book I was convinced that the war would be the last one, and I knew if it wasn't the last one, it would lead to it.

"I was a good Catholic but I believed the message of those books. I found a paper (*El Centinela*) in a store where I went to trade. I looked over the paper and found some Bible texts. I asked the proprietor to lend it to me, and also tell me where he got it. He said he bought it in Panama from a man because he felt obligated to buy it. 'It is a Protestant paper,' he said. I told him, 'You keep it coming and I will pay for it each year.' I paid the price of it for that year, and the next year I went down to the office, as I had found the address in the back of the paper. I knew this message because I learned it through those books and the Bible. I went to the office because I didn't know any Adventists as yet. I told the men in the office my story and they said they would send a minister to instruct me a bit. In about eight days the minister came. He instructed me, or rather my family, and confirmed us in the faith. He was afraid to tell us exactly all we should do as he thought we didn't have enough faith. Just little by little he gave us the full message. Then I and all my family accepted the truth. For me it is certainly a joy that at the end of my days I come to know this wonderful message."

This brother, while the preacher was instructing him, erected a church on his property and gave £102 to build a church in a town nearby so this message could be preached. On Sabbaths this dear brother places a saddle on his mule and loads it with literature to distribute through the territory around his home. Finally he gave his oldest boy Felix to the colporteur

ministry. Felix is one of the best colporteurs they have in Porto Rico. He didn't want to lose his boy, but he felt the colporteur had done so much for his family there was nothing to do but send the boy into the work.

IN SPIKE OF PRISON AND STRIPES

"I SHALL never forget," said Brother A. Wicklein, Field Missionary Secretary, South German Union, "when I received the call to go as a missionary to Hungary. It was my first visit to a publishing house. In fact, it was the first one I had ever seen. When I saw how heavily the shelves were loaded with books I didn't know what to think. I had never seen so many books. I wondered how long it would take them to sell all those books. I prayed to the Lord and asked Him to help us move this literature. Well, to the honour of God, in four months those shelves were empty—all this literature had been sold and not one book was left in the publishing house.

"For two months we had to work with tracts until we were able to get a supply of books again. My goal was thirty colporteurs, and with the Lord's help in four weeks' time I had made my goal. The next month we had a gain of 300 per cent. In five years' time a 1,000 per cent gain. We know that where the work is difficult for us that is where the souls are waiting for our message, and these difficulties are an incentive for us to work all the harder for our goal, which is not only to sell books but to win souls for eternity and it gives us great zeal and enthusiasm for our work.

"I was often arrested as if I were a criminal. Many times I walked through the streets with a police in front and one at the back, marching me along. When I was brought before the police and judge I felt that the angels of the Lord stood at my side. Often they wanted to imprison me but the Lord always freed me. Many of our colporteurs go to prison. Two of them were so badly beaten they couldn't go about for six weeks. But these difficulties do not hold back the work of God. Not one soul is saved without some difficulty. Within ten years the Lord won 400 souls to Christ through the literature ministry in that field. Our ministers were not allowed to hold meetings and Bible studies, not even in the homes in many sections of our territory. So it was up to our colporteurs to open the way and to establish individual groups. Within ten years the Lord raised up through our colporteur force twenty-one companies."

CIRCUS CLOWN BECOMES COLPORTEUR

M. V. TUCKER, manager of the Buenos Aires Publishing House, acting as spokes-

man for the South American Division, told the following interesting experience:

"One of our colporteurs in the South American Division, before his conversion, was a clown in a show that travelled all around over Argentine. He seemed to have the ability to make people laugh. One day he received a copy of the *Watchman* and although a Christian he was not interested in spiritual things. The reading of that magazine interested him in the gospel. Now down in South America everybody is a Catholic and those not Catholic are not considered very good Christian men.

"This clown, after reading the *Watchman*, thought he ought to go to the priest and find out if it was literature that he should read because he had bought something he didn't understand. The priest said it was dangerous to read that magazine and if he wanted to go to perdition, to continue reading the *Watchman*. This answer didn't satisfy the clown, so he asked the priest for literature. I want to read something that will teach me the way to Christ. I have been going over this country for years and have not been religious but surely there is something beyond this life and I want to find out what it is. The priest said, 'Now you don't have to worry about it. You just believe in the Virgin Mary and the church and you will come out all right.' But the clown insisted he wanted something to read. The priest walked to his library and took down three books and told the clown to select whichever one he cared to read. Now among those three books was the one, 'The Bible Made Plain,' and this was the one the clown selected. He took it home and began to read it. At the bottom of each page he saw the words, Mat. 3:1, Luc: (the Spanish for Luke), Jno. 4:10, etc. He didn't know what it meant, so again he went to the priest and asked him what it meant. The priest looked and discovered he had handed an Adventist book to the clown. He had no idea that book was in his library. The young man said he liked the book and the priest told him not to read it any more. 'You believe in the Virgin Mary and the church and you will come out all right.' The young man left the priest but the message of that book stayed by.

"He thought about the book and began to look for the publishers of it. Finally he came in contact with an Adventist colporteur, purchased the literature and read himself into the truth. This young man is now one of our best colporteurs. We have 125 colporteurs in our territory working for the Buenos Aires Publishing House. The work is going forward with increasing success."

"In Uruguay eleven colporteurs brought 110 people into the truth. In that terri-

tory we have the southernmost Adventist church in the world—Puntia Arena. The backbone of that church is formed by people who have read themselves into the church and several colporteurs have gone out from that church. They are reaching out and gathering the people in.”

CONVERTING A MINISTER

ONE of our most consecrated colporteurs working in a small city in Japan one day passed a beautiful home. He was attracted by the sound of a hymn coming from that home. “I must go in,” he said. He knocked on the door and soon was invited in. A fine-looking young man met him and after introducing himself the colporteur produced his literature and the man purchased “Patriarchs and Prophets.” “Patriarchs” is readily purchased by the school men in Japan. It contains the endorsement of the Minister of Education in the back of it. “I will buy that book on the condition you come back tonight and we will have a Bible study.” This gentleman was the pastor of another church. He said he was going to show that bookseller something about the Bible. To the amazement of the pastor of this church the colporteur knew much more about the Bible than he did. He became very much interested and today this gentleman is one of the leading colporteurs in Japan. When he accepted the truth he gave to the Seventh-day Adventists between six and seven thousand yen in tithes, turned over his church that he had built for himself and which was still in his name, together with a nice little parsonage. He was willing to give up his worldly position to become a humble colporteur. He has sold hundreds of dollars worth of literature and today is one of our very successful field secretaries. He has brought the rest of his family into the truth, with the exception of one brother, who had not yet accepted the message, but is coming along nicely.

CLOSING A CATHOLIC PRIEST'S MOUTH

A YOUNG colporteur in Central Europe was greatly hindered by a Catholic priest. Every day the priest talked about him in an incriminating way. The colporteur worked and prayed and left his persecutors in the Lord's hands. During a meeting the priest was holding the Lord struck his tongue, paralyzing it, and he could no longer talk. A week later he died.

Before the end of the year ten souls were baptised in that place through the efforts of this young man. Next year another ten souls were won, and through the work of this brother we have the largest church in West Hungary. This young man today is one of our leading ministers.



THE greatest public benefactor is the man who sells good books.

Converting a Murderer

A. BOEKHOUT

AN elderly lady of Beaufort West, Mrs. Leisching, told me the following:

“Years ago I read in the daily newspaper the sad story of a man who in an evil moment murdered his wife and four little ones. He was condemned to death. I felt so sorry for him.

“Just then I was reading that beautiful little book, ‘Steps to Christ,’ and I felt impressed to send the copy to the condemned man, praying that in some way the Lord might use its message of mercy for this sinner.

“For years I did not hear anything further and I often wondered what effect the reading of ‘Steps to Christ’ had had upon this man's heart.

“After some time a new jailer came to Beaufort West and in a visit to his wife the conversation drifted to possible conversions among the prisoners. Some in the company greatly doubted whether there ever was such a case in our days. Then the jailer spoke: ‘Well, I have personally witnessed such a case. Years ago I was a warder in Johannesburg. We had a case there of a man who murdered his wife and four children. He was condemned to die. Someone, we could never find out who, sent him a little book entitled, ‘Steps to Christ.’ The condemned man used to sit with that booklet all day and read and reread it again. Every time we came to his cell, we would find him sitting with that little book in his hands, poring over its pages. And I must say, if ever I have seen a man die peacefully, it was he. There was no mistake about it, he found the Saviour before he died, and he experienced the joy of complete pardon and forgiveness of all his sins through reading that little book, ‘Steps to Christ.’ I often wondered who sent him that book.”

“So much for the jailer. I could not speak for joy, tears rolled down my cheeks as I told them my story. How good the Lord is to have answered my prayer and to have blessed the reading of that truly beautiful book, ‘Steps to Christ’ to the heart of one condemned to die.”

And at the remembrance of all this the old lady's face shone with a light not of this earth. How good it is to be the means of leading souls to the Saviour!



Methods of Transport

F. E. POTTER

If the brave colporteurs of Luther's day could take a trip round the world field they would be amazed at the resourcefulness of their twentieth century brothers in distributing the printed page. In Luther's day the only way they had of getting the literature from place to place was on men's or horses' backs and in animal-drawn vehicles. We use those methods today, of course, but we employ many others of a

far swifter nature. There is no method of modern transport that is not employed in the circulation of the printed page. In lands that have not yet felt the disturbing touch of civilisation's hand, transport methods are still primitive, the colporteur shoulders his bundle of books, and on his own two good bare feet takes them from one village to another or, if he does aspire to some more speedy vehicle, it is generally a humble donkey.

Up in the cold northlands, where often large tracts of ice and snow have to be negotiated, skis and snowshoes are the order of the day. To reach the villages adorning the banks of big rivers existing in some of our world divisions river steamers and canoes are employed. Camels—the ships of the desert—bear our colporteurs silently and swiftly over the big sand wastes with their messages of mercy and warning.

Motor-car and trailer is another widely-used method of doing a quick work in lands of wide open spaces. In this way the colporteur can carry a good supply of books with him and is independent of strangers for nightly accommodation.

Aeroplanes are now being used, and recently one of our colporteurs adopted this method of getting his supply of books into a rather inaccessible region.

Steamships, trains, motor-buses, motorcycles, ox wagons, push bicycles, trams, are all resorted to in an endeavour to get the blessed gospel message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people in quick time, for we realise that the message must go swiftly in these last days.



Leaders' Testimonies

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colporteur. Thousands of believers are rejoicing in the truth through reading the printed page. It is generally our observation that when people come into the truth through reading, they have good staying qualities, and make good Christians. Having read themselves into the truth, they are well-founded in Bible doctrines. This counts for much in building up a membership that does not drift from the faith.”

ELDER A. G. DANIALLS, *President of the General Conference for twenty-one years*, says:

“You know, and we all know, that the revival of the canvassing work means the revival of other departments of our work. The work calls into service young men and women who would otherwise turn to the world. It gives them an experience that fits them to be sturdy workers in other departments of the cause. It brings into our churches a missionary spirit. It is the most economical line of work in the denomination. It is the most practical and personal work we are doing. Thousands are in this way brought into contact with the message who would not go to our meetings, either in the halls or tents.”

"The public mind must be agitated."

SIGNS OF THE TIMES AND HERALD OF HEALTH

"One of the principal agencies is the printed page."

SUPPLEMENT TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION OUTLOOK, OCT. 15, 1936.

Wanted! 2,500 Workers

F. E. POTTER

IN the Southern African Division there are vacancies just now for two thousand five hundred missionary workers. They are required to engage in a work which offers good dividends both in a pecuniary and a spiritual sense. No special talent is required and the work may be done in their own home town or neighbourhood.

From November 1 to 7 a concerted effort will be made to acquaint the public in this Division with our two good missionary papers—the *Signs of the Times* and *Die Tekens van die Tye*.

These two papers are doing a fine missionary work in making known God's special messages for this day, but they could do a far greater work if only they were better known to the public.

During the *Signs* campaign we want 2,500 Seventh-day Adventists to take yearly subscriptions for these two papers. This work offers a splendid opportunity of sowing seed for the harvest of souls our Saviour shortly expects to garner for His kingdom—that is the spiritual dividend such work offers to those who take it up in a true missionary spirit. Incidentally, it offers one shilling for every subscription taken—that is the pecuniary dividend. The solicitor retains the shilling for personal use, or it may be given to the church to swell its missionary funds—just as the individual solicitor decides.

See your church Missionary Secretary right way and get your special piece of territory as well as your books of subscription forms and supplies of the *Signs* or *Tekens*.

Then from November 1 to 6 go out and give the Lord an opportunity of working through you for the salvation of some souls living near you.

It is the *eleventh* hour, remember. The Master's call to service will not be heard much longer. When it ceases where will you be found—in the vineyard or in the market place?

"We are fast approaching the end. The printing and circulation of the books and papers that contain the truth for this time are to be our work."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VIII, page 89.

A Reading Age

A. F. TARR

OF all the facilities which modern invention has placed at man's disposal none has so influenced public thought or directed the minds of men into such definite channels of thinking as the printing press. The few men behind the scenes, whose ideas have, through its agency, been made available to the thousands, have usually been men who, for good or for ill, have been just a little ahead of their fellows; and where they have led the way the multitude has usually followed.

In consequence of its benefits, informative, elevating and pleasurable, an attitude of mind has been developed which looks to the press for a lead in matters affecting almost every issue of life. The purchases a man makes are influenced by some statement or advertisement he has read in the press. His amusements, his vocation, his political views, his ideas of right and wrong, all are directed in large measure by his reading. The printing press has, by a judicious use of its influence, produced a reading age. This is evident at all times and under all conditions.

In times of crisis, however, when opinions more positive and far-reaching must be formed, men look to the press more than ever for guidance. The receptivity of the mind is intensified by the degree of stress brought to bear upon it, and frantic efforts are made to secure such information as might have a bearing on the extraordinary situation presenting itself, and that might act as a guide to the stand that should be taken. It is in such stress that men find themselves today. And having been educated under normal conditions to be guided by that which they read, they now feel compelled, under the strain of a new and untried situation, to find in the same source an explanation of present problems and an idea of the relationship they should sustain towards them.

Conditions have prepared a receptivity of mind such as has not existed for many years. It would almost seem in the order of providence that this should be so. And those in possession of facts which throw light on present-day events would be recreant to their trust if they failed to use the agencies so providentially prepared for

placing those facts before the minds of men.

As Seventh-day Adventists we believe that we have those facts. And we believe that the world needs them more than anything else. Then why are we not utilising to a larger degree for their dissemination that superb agency, the printing press? Others are exploiting it in a universal way to serve their varied interests. Soldiers of the cross ought to be no less wise in the propagation of matters related to the kingdom of God.

In a sense Seventh-day Adventists are availing themselves of the possibilities of the press as no other people are. An abundant supply of literature is available. The trouble is not with the supply; it is the distribution that is lacking. And here it is that every member has a responsibility. Each is a connecting link between the printing press and the reading public. In the *Signs of the Times* we have the very kind of literature that is wanted, and in our neighbours we have people who are willing and anxious to read. Then ought we not to be doing a hundred times more than we are doing in strengthening those weak points, the links, and filling the homes of the people with our message?

Unprecedented Conditions

W. H. HURLOW

I WAS discussing with a fellow evangelist recently advertising matter for public evangelistic efforts. He drew my attention to some announcements of ten years ago in which reference was made to the condition of unrest and uncertainty which prevailed at that time. He remarked, "things were really tranquil and secure then in contrast with conditions today."

Truly the world horizon has never before been so dark and clouded. The affairs of men in every phase of the world's activity are crowded with tremendous problems and terrifying perplexities. Nations, not engaged in actual warfare, stand scowling across their national boundaries, nervous and ill-tempered. Their nationals are groaning under the weight of ruinous taxation imposed to support a piling up of armaments unexampled in magnitude and

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A Spirit of Questioning Abroad

J. F. WRIGHT

DURING the trip to and from the recent General Conference session it was my privilege to meet and talk with people in a number of countries. As I met with them by land and by sea, I was impressed with one outstanding fact,—that fact is: There is a spirit of questioning abroad. Everywhere I found men and women concerned as to the times in which we live and as to what may develop in the very near future. It was very evident that there is a feeling of fear creeping into the hearts of all, regardless of their race or country. Never has there been a time since the days of the World War when both statesmen and civilians in every country were so distressed and deeply concerned, as they are now. Daily the question is being revived, What do present conditions in the world mean? Truly there is a spirit of questioning abroad on every hand.

Such a spirit of questioning presents to Seventh-day Adventists a wonderful opportunity. As a people, we are entrusted with a message which will meet the need of the hour and will throw light upon present-day conditions. The Spirit of prophecy declares that we have been made watchmen. If this is so, then it is our duty to let our light shine and to give the warning regarding what is soon to take place in the world.

This leads us to the question as to how the warning can be promulgated. To this question, several answers may be given. Of course, the preacher must do his part, but all cannot be preachers. Next, the Bible worker must do her part, but all cannot be Bible workers. Then there is the colporteur, but all cannot be colporteurs. However, there is a more simple line of missionary work in which many can engage. It is that of circulating the *Signs*. It is concerning this kind of helpful missionary work that I wish to make special mention at this time.

Once more we are face to face with the special *Signs* campaign week. We are indeed very grateful for the welcome which the *Signs*, in its new form, has been given throughout the field. However, brethren and sisters, it is not achieving a hundredth part of what it might accomplish if it could be given a much wider circulation. Where there is one copy going into the field at present, there ought to be one hundred copies. This is not expecting too much, nor is it an impossible undertaking. Such a goal could be achieved if a much larger number of our dear people would do their part in helping to circulate this wonderful paper.

Listen, dear brethren and sisters. The day is coming when we may not be allowed to circulate our literature in Africa as freely as we are privileged to do at present. Already in certain countries in Europe a ban is being placed on the cir-

ulation of all religious literature. It is very possible for the day to come when such might be the case here in Africa. So, while we do have liberty to circulate our truth-filled literature, and while there is a real spirit of questioning abroad in the land, we ought to do all within our power to meet that need by a larger circulation of our missionary paper.

Therefore, today, I most earnestly appeal to our laity, both old and young, to take this matter to heart. I sincerely trust that our appeal for a much larger circulation of the *Signs* will not be in vain. Many will find their way into the kingdom through no other means than through the light found in our publications. This being true, will you not help us to make the *Signs* achieve more than ever as a light-bearer and a soul-winning agency? What will be your response?

Secular Literature no Panacea

F. C. CLIFFORD

A COMPARATIVELY recent development in the history of the production of literature is the appearance of an almost innumerable number of magazines. We live in the magazine age. This type of literature caters for all tastes, discusses all topics, and reaches all classes. It has the advantage of being fresh, vigorous, inexpensive, readily distributable, and admirably adapted to this age of rush and hurry.

We have our dailies, weeklies, fortnightlys, monthlies, quarterlies, and even annuals, serving particular groups, or the general public. Journals ranging from serious to humorous and social to comic, are displayed and purchased by a hungry army of readers.

The supply of this type of literature seems inadequate for the demand and each succeeding year sees a larger number and greater diversity of journals put into circulation. Our library tables are littered with them, our newspapers' counters are piled high with them, and we can be informed upon every topic or idea that can be brought under discussion for the mere reading.

Yet amid this wealth there is poverty. In the house of plenty there is want. Mankind is beginning to view the future with increasing foreboding. The complex problems that confront the race are the subject of keen speculation and enquiry. They are discussed from many angles, but their immensity, and complexity makes it impossible for us to gauge their consequences upon the future of the race. The multitude of suggestions with the complete absence of a solution indicates that we are too near these terrifying problems to get a proper perspective. Our view is distorted, our gaze is misdirected. Terrific pressure is upon us and there is no relief.

An illuminating picture of this confusion and distress is given by the prophet

Isaiah. "Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed: And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned." Isa. 29: 9-12.

An age of learning, but a dearth of wisdom; a world of books, but no satisfactory answer forthcoming. The wise are called upon to reveal from the Book the things concerning the future; but the only response is a confession of bewilderment and helplessness.

In despair an appeal is made to the ignorant, but still no answer is forthcoming. From wise and foolish; from learned and unlearned alike the message of the Book is hidden.

What a challenge to this people upon whose path the light of the ages has shone; to whom the revelation of God has been granted; to whom has been committed a clear, arresting, heartening message for the hour!

Is it possible to supply the answer from the Book in a manner that will calm a confused, fear-stricken humanity? Is it possible to respond to the challenge of a world in desperate need?

Unprecedented Conditions

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death-dealing potentiality. The science of producing annihilating warfare has developed to such an alarmingly successful degree that the extermination of the human race in this generation has become more than a possibility.

Like a never-dying volcano, industrial conditions, as they relate to master and man, cause perpetual anxiety. Ominous rumblings and violent outbursts constantly remind us that a dangerously potential source of destructive revolution is ever with us. The glaring inconsistencies to be seen in the presence of bursting granaries, alongside gnawing starvation; of towering fortunes, accentuating the abject poverty of the struggling masses; of wizard machinery turning out millions of articles of merchandise, while millions of men plead for work; these are the seeds which mature into that ferment of discontent which threatens the whole structure of industrialism with impending destruction.

Conditions in the social world can be described only as chaotic. Freedom is its slogan; freedom from the restraints of constituted authority; freedom to give unbridled expression to every carnal impulse; freedom to exploit every avenue of selfish

indulgence, indifferent to the rights and privileges of others; to scorn and trample upon the sanctity of sex relationships; in short, freedom to flaunt every ordinance devised for the preservation and security of civilised codes.

In the face of these distressing conditions modern religion stands impotent. Doubtful and uncertain, distrustful of her foundations, and betrayed by her leaders she stands confused and dismayed at her helplessness. That vision which caused her to see in the needs of the world her divinely appointed mission is rapidly fading, and what might have proved the world's salvation is proving its greatest snare.

Surely the unprecedented conditions which prevail in the world today warrant our belief that in them we see the fulfilment of that prophecy which states; "and there shall be a time of trouble; such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time." Numbed almost to indifference by the constant condition of war; bolstered by a blatant and selfish nationalism; deceived by degraded moral standards into a sense of false security; and drunken with the unsatisfying pleasures of the world, great masses of our fellow beings are hastening unheeding to their certain doom. There are others who are groping in the darkness, conscious of their plight, yet not knowing the way. Their dire need is a direct challenge to every child of God. Shall they die without the hand of love outstretched to save?

Take them the Signs

We are Called to Witness

J. B. COOKS

"YE are My witnesses, saith the Lord." No more solemn responsibility; no greater privilege could possibly have been granted mortal man. This truth is to ring in the ears of every loyal-hearted Seventh-day Adventist, ever prompting us to rally around the banner of our Master, and to lift the colours higher, until all people of the earth will have heard the joyful tidings of Jesus' soon return.

This is also a clarion call to greater spirituality, as we cannot be witnesses of things which we do not know. Of John the baptist we read, "There was a man sent from God; . . . The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men though him might believe." John was a type of the remnant church. He was a mighty witness for God; but his power was not a result of any ability he possessed; it came from God.

The urge to witness for Jesus results from a surrendered life, in which love for God holds supreme sway. Sincere love for God will be reflected to those about us, as naturally as the moon reflects the sun. An examination of our love as revealed by our witnessing may reveal some astounding facts. Will you not pause for a moment

to consider how great your love really is? No one who professes to be a child of the heavenly King can excuse himself from being, "The light of the world." Christ's commission to His disciples includes all followers down to the end of time. "You are dedicated to the work of making known the gospel of salvation."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 20. That "you" means just who it says. Again from the same book and page 26 we read, "Every believer, educated or uneducated can bear the message."

There seems to be a lesson, possibly a rebuke, to some of us in the experience of Robert Ngoma, a native of the Maswaka tribe. Were you to cast a hurried glance at him you would hardly recognise one of God's faithful witnesses. He is short of stature; his face is scarred with tribal marks; his jacket was not tailored for himself—it reaches nearly to his knees; his trousers are a series of varied patches upon what probably used to be khaki; one foot is wrapped in part of an old woollen garment; no school holds the honour of claiming him as one of its pupils; the little reading he is able to do is the result of assiduous study of a primer and catechism; he can carry his complete library under one arm without any trouble, for it comprises three small

DAAR is op die oomblik in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie openinge vir tweeduisend vyfthonderd werkers. Hulle is nodig om werk op te neem wat goeie dividende sal uitbetaal sowel in 'n geldelike as 'n geestelike sin. Daar is nie spesiale talente nodig nie, en die werk kan in hul eie tyd en buurt gedoen word.

Van 1 tot 7 November sal daar 'n gesamentlike poging aangewend word in hierdie Divisie met ons twee uitstekende sendingblaaië die *Signs of the Times* en *Die Tekens van die Tye*.

Hierdie twee blaaië doen goeie sendingwerk deur Gods spesiale hoodskappe vir hierdie dae te verkondig; maar hulle kan 'n baie groter werk doen, as hulle beter bekend gestel sou word by die publiek.

Gedurende die *Signs en Tekens* veldtog het ons 2,500 Sewende-dag Adventiste nodig om intekenaars te werf vir hierdie twee blaaië. Hierdie werk sal uitstekende geleentheid bied om die saad te saai vir die oes van siele wat ons Heiland binnekort sal kom insamel vir Sy koninkryk. Dit is die geestelike dividend wat diegene kan verwag wat die werk in 'n ware sendinggees opneem. Maar daar is ook 'n dividend van een sieling vir elke intekenaar wat gewerf word—dit is die geldelike dividend. Die werwer behou een sieling van elke subskripsie wat hy ontvang, of hy kan dit in die kerk se sendingfonds stort—dis vir hom om te kies.

Gevra 2,500 Werkers

F. E. POTTER

volumes. A catechism was probably the second book he owned. From it he learned the truth, which he immediately started to live and teach to those around him. Native police, who found him preaching, threatened to arrest him if he continued. His only reply was, "If you want to do that it is all right; but I cannot stop telling my people of the good things I have learned." Although not baptised himself, he has one hundred people in seven villages studying the truth. This year he came with five of his converts to be baptised. He had to walk thirty-five miles to camp-meeting, and one of his feet is half decayed. He had the same distance to walk home again. Only one who has seen his foot can imagine the agony he must experience in walking.

Although his face is scarred it radiates the joy of salvation. Robert is a living witness of God's redeeming power. He looks forward to the appearing of his Lord with confidence.

God through His servant informs us that, "All who would enter the city of God must during their earthly life set forth Christ in their dealings." Join the company of God's faithful witnesses, today, and circulate the message in your neighbourhood through the *Signs* and the *Tekens*.

Kry dadelik van die sendingsekreteraris van u kerk die terrein wat u moet bewerk, asook intekenvorms en 'n voorraad *Signs en Tekens*.

Gaan dan van 1 tot 6 November uit en gee die Here 'n kans om deur u te werk vir die redding van die siele in u buurt. Onthou dit is die elfde uur. Die Meester se oproep tot diens sal nie meer veel langer gehoor word nie. As die roepstem stil is, waar sal u gevind word, in die wingerd of op die mark?

Die Eeu van Lees

A. E. TARR

VAN al die geriewe wat in ons dae tot die beskikking van die mens gestel is, het niks die openbare mening so beïnvloed en die gedagtes van die mens in sulke definitiewe rigtings gestuur as die drukpers nie. Die paar manne agter die skerm, wat hul idees deur middel van die pers aan duisende gegee het, was gewoonlik manne wat ten goede of kwade, net 'n bietjie voor hul medemens was; hulle het die weg aangewys wat die skare gewoonlik gevolg het.

As gevolg van hierdie weldadige leerzaam, opheffend, en genotvol, was daar 'n gemoedstoestand geskep wat die mens na die pers laat opsien om leiding in byna alle sake van die alledaagse lewe. Die inkopies wat die mens maak geskied tot 'n sekere mate as gevolg van die een of ander advertensie wat hy gelees het. Sy vermake, sy beroep, sy politieke beskou-

ings, sy idees, reg of verkeerd, alles word meer of min beïnvloed deur wat hy gelees het. Die drukpers het deur sy verstandige invloed, wat mens kan noem die een van lees ingelei. Dit kan in alle tye en in alle toestande waargeneem word.

Maar dié gedurende 'n krisis, wanneer daar belangrike besluite geneem moet word, dat die mens, meer as op enige ander tyd, na die pers opsien om leiding.

Die vatbaarheid van die verstand word verskerp deur die mate van druk wat daarop uitgeoefen word, in die grootste pogings word aangewend om alle informasie in te win wat betrekking het op die vraagstuk van die oomblik, sodat die regte standpunt ingeneem kan word. Die mens beleef vandag benoude dae; en aangesien hy onder normale omstandighede geleer het om te handel volgens wat hy gelees het, voel hy nou, onder dié spanning van die nuwe toestande genoop om hom na dieselfde bron te wend om 'n verduideliking van die vraagstukke, en om leiding in verband met die houding wat hy moet inneem teenoor sulke vraagstukke.

Die huidige toestande het die verstand vatbaarder gemaak as wat dit nog ooit in die verlede was. Dit wil amper voorkom of dit 'n bestiering is, en diegene wat in besit is van feite wat lig kan werp op die toestande van vandag, sal ontrou wees as hulle nalaat om die middels te gebruik wat deur die voorsienigheid daargestel is om die feite openbaar te maak.

Ons, as Sewende-dag Adventiste glo dat ons in besit is van daardie feite. En ons glo ook dat die wêreld hierdie feite meer as enigiets anders nodig het. Waarom dan maak ons nie groter gebruik van daardie voortreflike middel — die drukpers — om dit te versprei nie? Die pers word alomdeur ander gebruik om hul verskillende belange te dien. Die gesante van die kruis behoort nie agter te staan om die dinge aangaande die koninkryk van God te verkondig nie.

In 'n sekere opsig maak Sewende-dag Adventiste meer gebruik van die drukpers as enige ander groep mense. Daar is 'n groot voorraad leesstof beskikbaar. Die moeilikheid is nie met die voorraad nie; dit is by die verspreiding daarvan waar ons kortskiet. En hier kom die verantwoordelikheid van elke lid in die besonder in. Elkeen is 'n skakel tussen die drukpers en die lesende publiek. In die *Signs of the Times* en *Die Tekens van die Tye* het ons juis die soort leesstof wat nodig is, en in ons bure het ons die mense wat gewillig en gretig is om te lees. Behoort ons dan nie 'n honderdmaal meer te doen om hierdie swakplekke te versterk nie — hierdie skakels — sodat ons die woenings van die mense kan vul met ons boodskap nie?

Ongegewenaarde Toestande

W. H. HURLOW

ONLANGS het ek en 'n mede-evangelis die reklame materiaal vir ons openbare evangelistiese pogings bespreek. Hy het my

aandag gevestig op strooibiljette wat ons tien jaar gelede laat druk het oor die onrus en onsekerheid wat destyds geheers het, en hy het opgemerk: „Tye was toe baie vreedsaam en rustig vergeleke met huidige toestande?”

Waarlik, die gesigseiner was nog nooit so donker en bewolk as vandag nie. Menslike sake, in alle sferes van die lewe, was nog nooit so raaiselagtig en benoud as vandag nie. Daar is gedurig in die een of ander deel van die wêreld 'n oorlog; aart die gang. Volke wat nie in oorlog gewikkel is nie, kyk mekaar stuurs aan oor die nasionale grense, senuweeagtig en ongeduldig. Die burgers van die verskillende lande gaan gebuk onder die swaar belasting ten einde nog beter te bewapen en die verskriklikste moordtue te vervaardig. Die wetenskap in verband met die vervaardiging van die dodelikste oorlogstuig het met sulke rasse skrede ontwikkel dat dit nie langer onmoontlik is om die mensdom nog in hierdie geslag uit te delg nie. Op sosiale gebied kan toestande nie anders as chaoties beskryf word nie. Die leuse is vryheid! Vryheid van alle gesag; vryheid om die vlees te laat botvier; vryheid om self te bevredig, ongeag die regte van ander; in kort, vryheid om elke wet van die beskawing te verbreek.

Te midde van hierdie haglike toestande staan die moderne godsdienis magteloos. Wankelagtig, onseker van sy grondveste, en verrai deur sy leiers, staan die godsdienis verslae oor sy magteloosheid. Die gesig wat hy getoë het van sy roeping in die wêreld het verdof, en wat eers 'n seën vir die wêreld kon gewees het, het nou 'n strik geword.

Die weergalose toestande in die wêreld vandag, noop ons om te glo dat ons tans die vervulling van die profesie beleef wat sê: „En dit sal 'n tyd van benoudheid wees soos daar nie gewees het vandat 'n volk bestaan het tot op dié tyd nie.” Tam van die voortdurende toestand van oorlog, aangeblaas deur 'n selfsugtige nasionalisme; bedrieg deur 'n verlaagde sedelike peil, en dronk van die plesier van die wêreld, is daar duisende van ons medemenses op weg na 'n gewisse ondergang. Ander wat hul toestand beseft tas in die duister rond omdat hulle nie die weg weet nie. Hul groot behoefte is 'n aanroep tot elke kind van God. Moet hulle sterf sonder dat die arm van liefde uitgestrek word om hulle te red?

Gee aan hulle die *Signs* en *Tekens*.

Daar is Vandag 'n Gees van Onderzoek

J. F. WRIGHT

GEDURENDE my reis, heen en terug, in verband met die onlangse Wêreldkonferensie, het ek in aanraking gekom met mense in baie lande. In my gesprekke met hulle het een ding my opgeval — n.l., dié feit dat daar 'n gees van ondersoek te

bespeur is. Orals het ek manne en vroue aangetref wat besorgd was oor huidige toestande en oor wat die toekoms mag baar. In die harte van almal afgesien van land of ras, was daar vrees. Nog nooit sedert die Wêreldoorlog was daar 'n tyd waarin sowel staatsmanne as die gewone man op straat so benoud en bekommerd was as nou nie. Elke dag hoor ons dieselfde vraag: Wat beteken die huidige wêreldtoestande? Daar is gewis 'n ondersoekende gees.

Hierdie gees van ondersoek bied aan Sewende-dag Adventiste 'n skitterende geleentheid. As 'n volk is daar 'n boodskap aan ons toevertrou wat in die behoefte van ons dae sal voorsien en wat lig sal werp op die huidige toestande. Die Gees van profesie sê dat ons aangestel is as dié wagters. As dit waar is, dan is dit ons plig om ons lig te laat skyn, en om die mense te waarsku aangaande die dinge wat haas moet gebeur.

Dit bring ons voor die vraag hoe ons dié waarskuwing kan gee. Op hierdie vraag kan daar verskillende antwoorde gegee word. Natuurlik moet die predikant sy deel doen; maar almal kan nie predikante wees nie. Die Bybelwerkster moet haar deel doen, maar almal kan nie Bybelwerksters wees nie. Dan is daar die kolporteurs, maar almal kan nie kolporteurs wees nie. Daar is egter 'n eenvoudiger manier waarop almal sendingwerk kan doen, en dit is deur die verspreiding van die *Signs* en *Tekens*.

Andermaal staan ons weer voor 'n *Signs* en *Tekens* veldtog. Ons is baie dankbaar oor die hartlike ontvangs wat die nuwe *Signs* en *Tekens* in die veld gehad het. Maar broeders en susters, dit bereik nie 'n honderdste deel van wat dit kan bereik as dit 'n wyer sirkulasie gehad het nie. Waar daar vandag een blad uitgestuur word, behoort daar 'n honderd te wees. Dit is nie te veel om te verwag nie, en dit is ook nie onmoontlik nie. Ons kan hierdie doelwit maklik bereik as meer van ons mense sou help om die blad te versprei.

Ons moet onthou dat die dag ook in Suid-Afrika mag aanbreek wanneer ons nie ons leesstof so vry sal kan sirkuleer as vandag nie. In sekere dele van Europa word die verspreiding van godsdienstige lektuur reeds belet. Dit is heel moontlik dat daar ook in Afrika so 'n tyd mag aanbreek. Terwyl ons dus die vryheid geniet om ons leesstof te versprei, en terwyl daar 'n gees van ondersoek is, behoort ons alles in ons vermoë te doen om die sirkulasie van ons sendingblad grootliks uit te brei.

Ons doen dus vandag 'n ernstige beroep op ons leke, oud en jonk, om die werk aan te pak. Ek hoop van harte dat ons oproep tot 'n wyer sirkulasie van die *Signs* en *Tekens* nie tevergeefs sal wees nie. Baie sal in die koninkryk kom alleen as gevolg van die lig wat tot hulle deur middel van ons lektuur gekom het. Aangesien dit waar is, sal u ons nie help om die *Signs* en *Tekens* nog 'n doeltreffender middel te maak in die wins van siele nie? Wat is u antwoord?

Camp-meetings in the South-East African Union

A. W. STAPLES

NYASALAND has been rightly termed "Darkest Africa in fairest mood." It is a country of lofty mountain ranges and fertile valleys, of forested highlands and cultivated lowlands, of rushing rivers and babbling brooks. Nyasaland produces abundant crops of grain, fruit, and vegetables, thus making lavish provision for the food needs of its millions of native peoples. But sin has cast its long dark shadows over the land and its peoples are scourged by many a loathsome and cruel disease.

Seventh-day Adventist missions in Nyasaland are an unanswerable argument that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth in this our day. Your sacrificial giving, your heroic Harvest Ingathering, your intercessory prayers, have all been used of God, through the labours of a devoted missionary band to kindle a burning and shining light in Nyasaland. What a privilege it would be for your eyes to see what mine have seen of the transformation of thousands of natives from heathenism to a living experience in Christ Jesus.

Generally speaking the natives of this fair land are the unspoiled children of nature. They hold the white man in high esteem, and the missionary with an almost reverent devotion; they are devoted and efficient servants. Seventh-day Adventist missions among these people may be divided into two general groups: those under European and those under native administration. A truly spiritual and efficient native ministry has been raised up with a burden for its own people. These native pastors, evangelists, and teachers love this message and are loyal to its ideals, sharing the burden of evangelising their people with the white missionary. Their efforts are being honoured of God and their soul-winning evangelism is bringing thousands to Jesus Christ.

Pastor and Mrs. H. M. Sparrow live at the mission headquarters in Blantyre: associated with them in the administration of the field is Miss G. Fortner. These workers are loved throughout the field and the entire staff impresses one as being a large family—"A good family to belong to," as Elder Spicer would say.

The first camp-meeting the writer was privileged to attend was at Chileka, our native-directed mission, eleven miles from Blantyre. This mission is the centre of a large work and the Sabbath attendance reached 3,600 and many responded for the first time and came forward to consecrate their lives to the Lord Jesus.

Our next camp-meeting was held at Matandani Mission, where Elder and Sister Eugene Jewell are in charge of the work. This mission, seventy miles from Blantyre, is situated in the solitudes of frontier

mountain ranges. Our faithful missionaries labour for an appreciative people. The Sabbath attendance reached 2,000. Many precious victories were gained on the camp-ground; new souls took their stand, and Christians reconsecrated their lives and many were baptised.

The following week-end witnessed the gathering of immense crowds at Chinyama, our native-directed mission, about sixty miles from Blantyre in another direction. The writer, beholding the throngs—conservatively estimated at 12,000—was carried back in spirit to the scenes and throngs on the shores of old Galilee while Jesus, Himself, was among men. How that multitude thrilled the writer's soul as he endeavoured by every power of the being to encompass them all with the message of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus. It was a wonderful meeting cut short by rain on Sunday following the baptism of a large group of candidates.

The scenes change to the north. Elder Sparrow, Elder and Sister Jewell and the writer travelled by car to Mwami Mission, North-East Rhodesia. Here we were welcomed by Elder and Mrs. Gordon Pearson and family, also the Sisters Southgate. Mwami Mission is encircled by other missions and the workers face prejudice and opposition, but are determined to press on in soul-saving evangelism. On this station a neat leper colony has been established. Here the lepers are treated by Nurse Southgate and many have been dismissed as completely arrested cases. Over 400 gathered at this meeting. At the Sabbath service the first to come forward to give his heart to Jesus was a Mohammedan. Then lepers responded and surrendered their all to Jesus.

From Mwami we travelled north-east into Nyasaland to our native-directed stations at Mombera and Henga, also our European-directed station at Luwazi, near n'Kata Bay, on Lake Nyasa. Here we found Elder and Sister Davy laying aggressive plans for the development of the work in north Nyasaland. You will doubtless remember that this work was established among the Seventh-day Baptists some years ago. Luwazi Mission is beautiful for situation and is the centre of a growing work in the north. Our Sabbath attendance reached about 6,000. The Spirit of God was manifestly present at these northern meetings and we all left fully assured that God would bless His work and workers and greatly encourage our soul-winning work in the far north.

Bidding missionary Davy and family good-bye we turned again for the south, taking time to inspect the site for the new Lake View Mission where one of our aggressive native pastors is already developing the work. Bricks were being made and

souls being won, and soon another light will be shining by the side of the great Nyasaland road.

Thekerani Mission lies the farthest south overlooking the Shire Valley. Here we found Elder and Sister Lyndon Tarr of good courage. A large work has been built up around this mission which is literally a light set upon a hill. The people thronged to the meetings till our Sabbath services were attended by over 10,000 souls. At the same time over 11,000 were attending the camp-meeting at Malamulo Mission only twenty-two miles away. It was a rare privilege for the writer to share in the blessings of both of these meetings. I was thrilled through and through. What a privilege for a preacher of the gospel to address such vast audiences of earnest seekers and worshippers! Many souls surrendered to the Lord for the first time while multitudes were revived again.

Old Malamulo is a large mission under the direction of Elder Nash. It is our training centre for the entire field. A European as well as a native hospital is established there. There is also the never-to-be-forgotten leper colony with its 250 stricken patients. Thank God for the missionary heart that takes these outcasts in and ministers to their physical and spiritual needs. Associated with Elder Nash are his wife, Brother Ivan Ansley, Sisters Rena Curtis, Melvill and Piatt. The mission is under staffed, yet its heart-beat is felt throughout Nyasaland.

The camp-meetings usually begin Thursday night and continue till Sunday night. The natives bring their own food and live in grass huts especially constructed for the meeting. About fifty per cent of those in attendance are either members or adherents, while the rest are interested folk gathered in by their Adventist friends. The native is a lover of music and the special music—part songs—was ever a source of delight to the audiences, and I think to the writer as well. One is impressed by the earnest spirit of the vast majority at the camp-meetings. They come for a blessing and find deliverance from sin.

In 1936 it was planned to conduct sixteen separate camp-meetings in the comparatively small area covered by our work. Already the indications are that 1,000 will be baptised at these meetings this year. Our baptised membership now stands at about 10,000, while many more are in the Bible classes preparing for full fellowship.

Our people have caught the spirit of the third angel's message. The writer left Nyasaland impressed that the "loud cry" of the message has already begun to sound forth. Shall we not continue to sacrifice and work and pray for the work in Nyasaland?

Openinge in die Leesstof-bediening

F. E. POTTER

Voltydse Diens

In die verskillende velde is daar openinge vir vrywilligers van albei geslagte vir permanente diens. Die nodige kwalifikasies is toewyding en volharding; 'n kennis van die verkoopkuns is voordelig maar nie onontbeerlik nie. Die Here kan 'n kolporteur maak van enige man of vrou wat gewillig is om te leer, sy bes doen, en volhard; en die veldleiers sal alle hulp verleen om die rekrute op te lei. Stuur dadelik u naam aan die konferensiekantoor.

Deeltydse Diens

Op elke dorp waar ons 'n kerk het is daar geleentheid vir lede om deeltydse diens te verrig met ons groot of kleiner boeke. Afgesien daarvan dat mens hierdeur goeie evangeliewerk doen, sal dit ook die inkomste van gesinne aanvul waar geld maar skraps is. U konferensiekantoor sal gewilliglik verdere besonderhede verstrek in verband met hierdie werk.

Beurse

Daar behoort meer Adventiste jongmense op Helderberg te wees, wat voorberei vir diens in die toekoms. Daar is baie wat graag die kollege wil bywoon, maar hulle kan dit nie bekostig nie. Deur die leesstofbediening het u kans om vir 1937 'n beurs te win. Talle van jongmense is langs hierdie weg in staat gestel om na Helderberg Kollege te gaan, en hulle is nou in die werk. Skryf sonder versuim aan u konferensiekantoor om 'n applikasievorm.

Werk Met Tydskrifte

(a) Daar is orals openinge vir ernstige Christene om evangeliewerk te doen deur tekenars te werf vir die *Signs* en *Tekens*. Hierdie twee tydskrifte word uitgegee sodat Sewende-dag Adventiste orals „die wonders van God kan verkondig.” Die psalmis sê: „Die Here het die woord gegee — die vroue wat die goeie tyding gebring het, was 'n groot skare.” Die „skare” is op die oomblik maar baie klein, en ons nooi ons lesers uit om dit te kom aanvul. Stuur u naam vandag aan die konferensiekantoor.

(b) In verskillende dorpe is daar jongmense wat onder toesig, goeie werk doen met die verkoop van tydskrifte op straat. Elke kerk behoort so 'n groep jongmense te hê. Geagte kerkleiers en sendingsekreтары, hier is nou u kans. Maak dadelik planne om so 'n groep in u kerk te stig. Nooi elke jong persoon persoonlik uit en ons is seker dat hulle gehoor sal gee.

Uitstrooiing van Traktate

As almal nie iets kan verkoop nie, kan almal tog seker iets weggee. Traktate uitgee is 'n baie vrugbare soort evangeliewerk. Bestel 'n voorraad „Our Day” traktate en gee hulle op 'n stelselmatige manier in u buurt uit. Gee elkeen van u bure 'n kans om die waarheid te leer. Dit is

tog die plig van elke Sewende-dag Adventiste. As u nie 'n traktaat persoonlik kan aflewer nie, kan u dit maar oor die pos stuur.

„Die vraagstuk in verband met die verspreiding van ons leesstof is een van die belangrikste vraagstukke waaraan die denominasie sy aandag kan bestee.”—*J. L. McElhany*.

Wat is u houding teenoor hierdie „allerbelangrikste vraagstuk,” geagte leser? Sal u nie iets doen om u huurt met ons leesstof te evangeliseer nie?—

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Ondervindings van Kolporteurs

Hoe 'n Katoliek Gewin Was

TOE Broeder McWilliam, die tolk, vorentoe tree, gevolg deur 'n ouerige Portugese heer, het laasgenoemde dadelik aandag getrek, want sy goedige gesig het gestraal van die vreugde van verlossing toe hy so half stotterig begin met die volgende verhaal:

„Dit is met genoëe dat ek u in eenvoudige woorde kan vertel hoe ek in aanraking met hierdie boodskap gekom het. In die jaar 1914 het ek vry ernstig siek geword, en het gedog dat ek sou sterwe. Maar daar het beterskap gekom en terwyl ek aan herstel was, het daar 'n kolporteur gekom met sekere boeke wat hy wou verkoop. Ek het twee daarvan gekoop. Die een was getitel „Coming King,” en die ander een „Crisis of the World.” Ek het 'n Bybel gehad en begin lees, maar ek kon dit nie verstaan nie. Toe ek daardie boeke begin lees, het elke hoofstuk my na die Bybel verwys. Kort nadat ek hierdie boeke begin lees het, het die oorlog uitgebreek, en terwyl ek aangehou het met lees het ek die verskrikings van oorlog gesien. Ek het besef dat ons die einde van die wêreld bereik het. Na ek die hele boek deurgelees het, was ek oortuig dat die oorlog wat toe gewoed het die laaste sou wees, of indien nie die laaste nie, sou dit lei na die laaste.

„Ek was 'n goeie Katoliek, maar ek het ook die boodskap van daardie boeke geglo. Ek het by die winkel waar ek gehandel het 'n tydskrif getitel *El Centinela* in hande gekry. Ek het daarin geblaai en sekere Bybeltekste gevind. Ek het die eienaar van die winkel gevra om my die blad te leen en om my mee te deel waar hy dit gekry het. Hy het vertel dat hy dit van 'n man in Panama gekoop het omdat hy gevoel het dat hy moes. „Dit is 'n Protestantse blad,” het hy gesê. Ek het hom toe gevra om die blad maar te laat kom en gesê dat ek elke jaar daarvoor sou betaal. Ek het vir daardie jaar betaal, en die volgende jaar is ek na die kantoor toe, want ek het die adres daarvan op die agterkant van die blad gevind. Ek het die boodskap geken, want ek het dit in die boeke gelees en ook in die Bybel. Ek het na die kantoor gegaan omdat ek toe nog nie in aanraking met Adventiste

gekem het nie. Ek het my storie aan die manne op kantoor vertel, en hulle het belowe om 'n predikant te stuur om my te kom onderrig. Na omtrent agt dae het die predikant gekom. Hy het my en my gesin onderrig en in die geloof bevestig. Hy was bang om ons dadelik alles te vertel wat ons moes doen, want hy was bevrees dat ons nog nie genoeg geloof gehad het nie. Bietjiesgewys het hy die volle boodskap aan ons verkondig. Toe het ek en my hele gesin die waarheid aangeneem. Vir my is dit regtig 'n groot vreugde dat ek op my ou dag die waarheid leer ken het.”

Terwyl die predikant nog besig was om hierdie broeder te onderrig, het hy 'n kerk op sy eie grond opgerig, en nog £102 gegee om 'n kerkie op die naaste dorp te bou, sodat die boodskap daar kon verkondig word. Op Sabbatdae saal hierdie broeder sy muil op en laai hom vol leesstof wat hy dan in sy buurt uitgee. Eindelik het hy sy oudse seun, Felix, aan die leesstofbediening gegee. Felix is een van die beste kolporteurs op Porto Rico. Hy wou nie graag van sy seun geskei wees nie, maar hy het gevoel dat die kolporteurs soveel vir hom en sy gesin gedoen het dat daar vir hom geen ander uitweg was as om sy seun aan die werk te gee nie.

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Geloofsgenesing

ONS haal die volgende aan uit 'n brief van Broeder Kitto van Salisbury, aan die OUTLOOK:

„Ek wil graag die getuienis van Leraar Ingle aangaande die wonderbaarlike genesing van ons dogtertjie bevestig. Ek was self besig om 'n verslag hiervan te skryf, want dit was en is 'n mylpaal in die Christelike lewe van die gelowiges op Salisbury, maar Leraar Ingle was my voor. Ek het egter nog 'n ondervinding om mee te deel, en ek hoop dit sal ook ander bemoedig om te getuig van die krag en liefde van God.

„Vir byna ses weke het ek gely aan heupjig. Die vriende wat my kom besoek het, het baie raatte gegee; ek het alles probeer, maar tevergeefs. Ek het elektriese behandeling ondergaan, en my ook laat masseer, maar dit het nie gehelp nie. Eindelik, nadat ek alle aardse raatte probeer het, het ek die ouderlinge van die kerk laat roep. Ons het eers ons harte ondersoek — iets wat myns insiens onontbeerlik is onder sulke omstandighede. Broeder Hipkin, die plaaslike ouderling van die Salisbury kerk het gebid en terwyl ons nog op ons knieë was het die vreeslike pyn my verlaat. Dit was inderwaarheid 'n wonderwerk!

„Vir etlike dae daarna het die duiwel die pyn vir 'n oomblik laat terugkom, maar ek het die voorskrifte van Suster White nagekom wat lui: „Plaas die hand op die plek waar die pyn is en sê, „Die Here straf jou, Satan,” Dit het die gewenste uitwerking gehad. Ek is bly dat ek van die krag van God kan getuig.”

'n Moordenaar kom tot Beking

A. BOEKHOUT

'N BEJAARDE dame van Beaufort Wes, Mev. Leisching het my die volgende verhaal vertel:

„Jare gelede het ek in die koerant gelees van die treurige geval waar 'n man sy vrou en vier kindertjies vermoor het. Hy was tot die dood veroordeel, en ek was baie jammer vir hom.

„Ek was destyds net besig om 'n mooi klein boekie, „Steps to Christ,” te lees, en het gevoel dat ek 'n eksemplaar aan die veroordeelde moes stuur. Ek het gebid dat die Here op die een of ander manier die boodskap van genade aan hierdie sondaar moet bring.

„Jare het verbygegaan sonder dat ek iets verder gehoor het, en ek het dikwels gewonder watter uitwerking die lees van die boekie op hierdie man se hart gehad het.

„Na verloop van tyd het daar 'n nuwe sipier na Beaufort Wes gekom, en eendag toe ek op besoek by sy vrou was, het die gesprek geloop oor moontlike bekerings onder die gevangenes. Sommige in die geselskap het dit sterk betwyfel of daar in ons dae sulke gevalle was. Daarop het die sipier gesê: „Wel, ek het persoonlik kennis van een geval. Jare gelede was ek 'n tronkbewaarder op Johannesburg. Ons het daar 'n man gehad wat sy vrou en vier kinders vermoor het. Hy was tot die dood veroordeel. Iemand, ons kon nooit uitvind wie nie, het aan hom 'n klein boekie gestuur, getitel, „Steps to Christ.” Die veroordeelde het die hele dag met daardie boekie gesit; hy het dit gelees en weer gelees. Elke keer wanneer ons sy sel besoek het, was hy maar besig om die boekie te lees. En ek moet sê dat as daar ooit 'n man was wat met vrede in sy hart gesterf het dan was dit daardie man. Dit was nie te betwyfel nie dat hy die Here gevind het voor hy tereggestel was, en hy het die vreugde gesmaak van die volkome vergifnis van al sy sonde deur die boekie „Steps to Christ” te lees. Ek het dikwels gewonder wie hom die boekie gestuur het.”

„Ek kon byna nie praat van blydschap nie, en daar het trane oor my wange gerol toe ek my storie vertel het. Hoe goed was die Here om my gebed te verhoor en die boeke „Steps to Christ” tot seën te maak vir die veroordeelde man.”

En terwyl die ou dame die verhaal aan my vertel het, het haar gesig gestraal met 'n lig nie van hierdie wêreld nie. Hoe geseënd is dit om die middel te wees waardeur siele tot die Heiland gebring word.

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Helderberg Junior-koshuis

J. F. WRIGHT

IN die laaste uitgawe van die OUTLOOK het ons melding gemaak van die plan om met die aanvang van die nuwe skooljaar in 1937 die junior-koshuis by die kollege

gereed te hê. Ons is nou in staat om die fooie bekend te maak.

Na sorgvuldige oorweging het ons besluit om die fooie as volg vas te stel:

Standerds 1-4, £7-0-0 per kwartaal.

Standerds 5 en 6, £8-0-0 per kwartaal.

Die fooie sluit die volgende dienste in: Skoolgeld, kamerhuur, kos en wasgoed. Die fooie sal egter nie al die onkoste van die kollege dek nie, en die Divisie was dus gevra om £12-10-0 per kind per jaar te stort ten einde alle onkoste te dek. U sal dus dadelik merk dat ons getrag het om die fooie so redelik moontlik te maak vir die ouers. Dit is nou moontlik vir diegene wat dit verlang, om hul kinders 'n Christelike opleiding te gee. Ons voel dat die fooie so laag is dat dit vir ouers goedkoper sal wees om hul kinders na die kollege te stuur as om hulle tuis te hou.

Na ons die vraag van die aanstelling van 'n huismoeder vir die nuwe junior-koshuis sorgvuldig oorweeg het, en met die oog op die begeerte van verskillende ouers wat met ons gepraat het dat 'n ervare persoon moet aangestel word, is dit met genoë dat ons kan bekendmaak dat Mnr. en Mev. C. F. Clarke by die koshuis sal inwoon, en dat Mev. Clarke as huismoeder sal optree. Mev. Clarke het reeds etlike jare ondervinding gehad as huismoeder, en sy verstaan baie goed hoe om met jong kinders om te gaan. Ons is dus baie bly dat sy haar die aanstelling vir 1937 laat valgeval het.

Ons hoop dat 'n groot aantal leke en sendelinge wat op die oomblik geen geleentheid het om hul kinders na kerkkole te stuur nie, hul kinders aanstaande jaar na die kollege sal stuur. Ons vertrou derhalwe dat die maatreëls wat ons nou getref het in 'n groot behoefte in die Divisie sal voorsien, en dat daar 'n goeie klomp aanstaande jaar in die koshuis sal wees.

Om verdere informasie mag u skrywe aan: Mnr. J. V. Wilson, P. K. Mont Clair, via Somerset Wes, K. P.

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Versoek om Voorbidding

P. F. BASTIAANS

Ek wil graag deur middel van die OUTLOOK die broeders en susters bedank wat my so vriendelik gedenk het in hul gebede.

Ek wil u verseker dat die gedagte baie keer by my opgekóm het, terwyl ek hier lê, Wel, daar is mense wat vir my bid, en dat daar veral Sabbatdae en Woensdag aande baie gebede vir my opstyg tot die genadetroon. Ek glo nog dat die Here my kan gesondmaak, maar ek onthou ook om te sê: „U wil geskied.” Ek versoek u verder om aan te hou bid vir my, en nie alleen vir my nie, maar ook vir my eggenote wat al vir die afgelope vier en 'n half jaar swaar ly.

As dit die wil van die Here is om ons weg te neem, dan kan ek maar net sê: „Totsiens! tot tyd en wyl ons weer in die Nuwe Jerusalem ontmoet.”

Cape Conference

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Nuusitems

DAAR is baie goeie belangstelling in Woodstock opgewek. Leraar Hyatt en sy helpers is druk besig. Die dienste het begin met 'n opkoms van sowat 600, en 'n aantal begin reeds die Roelandstraatse kerk bywoon. Mej. Fleming van Durban is gevra om op Woodstock te kom help—haar hulp is baie nodig.

DIE aand toe Broeder S. S. Hiten op Cradock begin het, was dit bitter koud, maar ten spyte hiervan het omtrent 'n honderd mense die diens bygewoon. Saterdag het die opkomste verbeter. Die poging word in Afrikaans gehou.

LERAAR LE BUTT en sy helpers het heftige teenstand ondervind op George, dog daar was nietemin omtrent 200 teenwoordig die eerste aand in die stadsaal op George.

OP weg na Aliwal Noord, waar Leraar Hurlow sy dienste gaan hou, het hy dienste gehou op Sevenfountains, Rokeby Park, en Peddie waar hy 'n aantal belangstellendes toegesprek het. 'n Later berig uit Aliwal Noord lui dat daar die eerste aand tussen twee- en driehonderd mense teenwoordig was.

Bid daeliks vir die dienste.

SUSTER F. BROWN van Bo-Blinkwater berig dat Broeders Geyer en Fouche van Oos-Londen goeie dienste op Blinkwater gehou het. Omtrent vyftig mense, kinders ingeslote, het baie belang gestel in die waarhede wat verkondig was. Ons is bly dat die genoemde twee broeders dienste kon gaan hou in daardie deel van die veld. Mag die gevolg 'n aantal siele in die koninkryk wees.

DIE nakoming van die beloftes wat ons lede gemaak het tydens die kampdienste, word baie op prys gestel. Dit het ons in staat gestel om die verskillende pogings aan die gang te sit. Ons vertrou dat almal voor die einde van die jaar hul beloftes sal nakom.

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Cape Conference Campaign News

A KEEN interest is being manifested in the Woodstock effort. Elder Hyatt and his staff find themselves very busy. The meetings commenced with an attendance of 600 and a number have already begun to attend the Roeland Street church. Miss Fleming, of Durban, has been asked to connect with the working force at Woodstock. Her help is much needed.

THE opening night of the effort in Cradock, under Brother S. S. Hiten, proved to be a bitterly cold, wintry one. Notwithstanding this, one hundred came out to the meeting, and since then the attendance has increased. This effort is being conducted in Afrikaans.

ELDER LE BUTT and his staff of workers have met with strong, organised opposition in George. Nevertheless, 200 were present at his opening meeting in the George Town Hall, Sunday night, September 20.

ON his way to Aliwal North, where the effort opened, September 27, Elder Hurlow held services at Sevenfountains, Rokeby Park and Peddie, where interested persons gathered to hear the message. Word comes from Aliwal North that on September 27,

the opening meeting of Elder Hurlow's effort, between two and three hundred were present.

Pray daily for the evangelistic efforts.

News Notes

SISTER F. BROWN, of Upper Blinkwater, reports very good meetings held in that community recently by Brethren Geyer and Fouche, of East London. A deep interest in the truths presented was manifested by about fifty persons, including children. Brethren Geyer and Fouche, as lay-members, found it possible to visit that section of the conference and hold services. May the result be souls won for the coming kingdom!

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SEVERAL of our churches report good interests as a result of home missionary endeavour.

THE redemption of pledges made by our people at camp-meeting and towards evangelism has been much appreciated for this has enabled us to go forward in planning our evangelistic work. We trust that by the close of the year all will have completed the payment of their pledges.

Request for Prayer

I WOULD like to take the opportunity, through the OUTLOOK, of thanking God's people who have so kindly remembered me in their prayers.

I want to assure you that I have often lain here and thought to myself, Well, someone is praying for my soul, and that on Sabbaths, and on Wednesday nights especially, many prayers were ascending to the throne of mercy. I still have faith that God can cure me, and I will also remember to say, "Thy will be done." I want further to ask you to continue in earnest prayer, not alone for myself, but for my dear wife, who, as many of you know, has been suffering terribly for the last four and a half years.

If it be God's will that He should lay

us aside, then I can only say, Good-bye until we meet again in the New Jerusalem.

Helderberg Junior Hostel

J. F. WRIGHT

IN the last issue of the OUTLOOK mention was made of the fact that we are planning to open a junior hostel at the college beginning with the opening of the new school year in 1937. In accordance with our promise we are now prepared to pass on herewith information to the field relative to the charges to be made per student.

After giving very careful study to the needs of the field and the earnest desire expressed to us by a number who wish to have their children under Christian influences, we have set the fees as low as possible. They are as follows:

Standards 1-4, £7-0-0 per quarter.

Standards 5, 6, £8-0-0 per quarter.

These rates include tuition, room, board, and laundry. They do not, however, cover the entire cost to the college, hence the Division has been asked to appropriate to the college the amount of £12-10-0 per child, per year, so as to cover the expense to the college which the foregoing fees do not entirely cover. So you will see at once that we have endeavoured to make the fees, paid by parents, as reasonable as we can, thus making it possible for those who desire to do so to bring their children under the influence of Christian training. We feel that the rates have been placed at such a low figure, that it makes it possible to keep a child at the college more cheaply than it would be to keep him at home.

After giving thought and study to the matter of who should be placed in charge of this new home, and recognising the desire of a number of families who have spoken to some of us about it that a person of experience should be chosen for the hostel, if at all possible, we are pleased to announce that Professor and Mrs. C. F. Clarke will live in the hostel, and Mrs. Clarke will act as head of the home. Mrs. Clarke has had several years of experience as a preceptress and well understands the handling of junior children. We are pleased that she has been willing to accept the appointment of junior preceptress for 1937.

We trust a large number of lay-members and missionaries, who do not at present have the opportunity of sending their children to a church school, will find it possible to send them to the junior hostel next year. We therefore trust the provision we are now making for the juniors will fill a long-felt need here in the Division and that the first year the hostel is placed in operation will see a splendid enrolment. You may write to Elder J. V. Wilson, business manager of the college, P. O. Mont Clair, via Somerset West, C. P., for further information.