

Union Camp-meeting, Bloemfontein, MARCH 26--APRIL 4, 1937

A MONG the most potent forces that go to build up the spiritual life and aggressiveness of Seventh-day

Adventists is the camp-meeting. It is one of those contributory factors to the peculiarity of Seventh-day Adventists the world around. The annual gatherings have brought new hope and courage to many a struggling, faltering member; they have afforded vigour and freshness to the experience of those who, though already staunch and unwavering, were climbing with difficulty the upward way.

The separation from the cares and worries of everyday life, the application of mind and heart to the things of God, and the association with others whose feet have been walking the self-same road, have been invaluable influences in preserving steadfastness and unity among the believers. A new appreciation of the privileges and blessings enjoyed by members of the advent family has invariably come to those who, despite the sacrifices, have determined to be present. There has also been awakened a new determination to discharge faithfully the responsibilities born of those privileges.

Thus the camp-meeting has, in all countries, been a power in holding together the scattered units of advent believers, and infusing new courage and enthusiasm into the hearts of the members. Especially has this been so in South Africa, where so many of the members are isolated from others of like faith, and where the smaller groups of believers so rarely enjoy the visit of a minister. To these, particularly, the camp-meeting has become an institution vitally affecting their spiritual life.

A. Floyd Tarr

The value of these meetings to all is clearly stated in the Spirit of prophecy as follows:

"Let all who possibly can, attend these yearly gatherings. All should feel that God requires this of them. If they do not avail themselves of the privileges which He has provided, that they may become strong in Him and in the power of His grace, they will grow weaker and weaker, and have less and less desire to consecrate all to God. Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will come up to the feast. He will be present, and He will do for you that which you most need to have done. Your farms should not be considered of greater value than the higher interests of the soul."—"Testimonies," Vol. II, page 575.

With this pertinent admonition before us, can a single Seventh-day Adventist safely afford to be absent from a camp-meeting? Especially at a time when the blessing and guidance of God, and the fellowship of His people, are as sorely needed as today.

With confidence that this will be a most blessed occasion for all, and that God's unbounded promises will be verified to His people, we invite our brethren and sisters throughout South Africa to be present at the Bloemfontein Camp-meeting, March 26 - April 4, 1937. Come to the meeting with a hungering and a thirsting after righteousness, and then on the campground find a foretaste of the joys that await you in that larger, grander, all-transcending gathering above.

Some Startling Facts

J. F. WRIGHT

For the past three years this Division has made a splendid showing in mission offerings as compared with the rest of the world-field. This has given us cause for much gratitude. However, we need to pause once in a while to check up on our *per capita* as church members and thus see where we stand. The following figures ought to stir our hearts anew to greater faithfulness in giving. I sincerely trust such will be the case. Now let us consider the figures.

While Brother Claude Conard, auditor for the General Conference, was with us recently he gave very careful study to many phases of our work. One thing he drew special attention to during his visit had reference to the position of our mission offerings. He certainly pointed out some very interesting, as well as some most startling facts. Feeling it would be helpful also to our people to learn what he discovered, we are passing the information on to you.

As you doubtless know there are two main sources from which we receive our mission funds here in South Africa: first, the Sabbath school, and other general mission offerings, and second, the Harvest Ingathering. The question naturally arises, therefore, which source furnishes the most money for our great missionary programme. Now a few figures from Brother Conard will suffice to tell the story. He deals with the period of time from 1927 to 1935. Let us take a look at what he found. Here it is.

In 1927 our total funds were made up in this way: £3,313-7-8 from Harvest Ingathering receipts, while £5,811-15-11 came through the offerings from our own mem-This means that 36.3% came bership. through the Harvest Ingathering whereas 63.7% came through the Sabbath school and other mission offerings from week to week. However, sad to say, a great change has come in the figures during the last few years. While the receipts from the Harvest Ingathering have been steadily on the increase, our own offerings have been on the decline. This you will note from the next comparison I shall give you. This comparison should not only interest you, but should deeply concern and stir the heart of every Sabbath keeper in Southern Africa. Here are the figures:

During 1935 the Harvest Ingathering receipts totalled $\pounds7,841-5-4$, while the church and Sabbath school offerings gave us the figure of $\pounds4,182-3-3$. This means that 65.2% came to us through the Harvest Ingathering, whereas only 34.8% came through the church and Sabbath school offerings. In other words the Ingathering from 1927 to 1935 increased from 36.3% to 65.2%, while our own gifts to missions decreased from 63.7% to the very, very

low figure of 34.8%. Certainly these are figures that relate a very sad situation, a situation which ought not to be!

Really my dear brethren and sisters, while I knew that our giving had fallen off somewhat during the recent years of depression, I did not realise the decline had been so much. To fall from 63.8% to the low ebb of 34.8% is a tremendous drop, and is a record of which we cannot feel wery proud. In fact I am sure that with me, you very greatly regret this terrible decline in our mission giving.

Well, the question is, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? Personally I feel this percentage in giving ought to be greatly changed for the better during the present year, don't you? I know you do! In fact it *must* be changed, for the needs and opportunities were never greater for doing aggressive work than NOW.

As we start the new year, let us unite in a mighty effort to bring our per capita giving to a more favourable showing in the eyes of the Lord. I earnestly appeal to you to help us achieve such an end. I feel confident that the figures which Brother Conard has given us cannot help but make a deep and lasting impression upon each heart and mind of our constituency here in Africa.

As I leave the matter with you for your prayerful and serious consideration, it is with the hope that 1937 will witness an upward trend in our mission funds received from all of our churches. Surely the Lord would have it to be so! The demands of the cause loudly call that it should be so. All of this being true, I know we shall each unite with the other in a new devotion and determination to make it so. *May God help us to do our best!*



The First Sabbath of the New School Year at Helderberg College

J. F. WRIGHT

SABBATH, January 30, 1937, was a splendid day at the college. How I wish every parent who has a son or daughter there could have been present to enjoy the blessings which came to the student body assembled upon this first Sabbath of the new school year. It was indeed good to be there and to observe that nearly every seat in the chapel was taken; just over 150 students being present.

The first Sabbath school hour of a new year at the college is one always filled with interest. To the old students, it recalls many happy reflections of former days spent at this institution; on the other hand, to the new-comers, it is an hour which affords a delightful foretaste of what is to be enjoyed at Helderberg throughout the year. Truly the Sabbath school exercises conducted each week at this place cannot help but thrill and inspire the heart and soul. Likewise it affords an excellent opportunity to demonstrate what a power for good a well-organised school can be in the onward march of our large missions programme in every part of the field.

During the morning service, the writer chose to base his remarks upon that beautiful verse of Scripture found in Psalm 144:12, which reads: "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace."

It was pointed out that this text contains the ideal of heaven, the church and the home, for the student body now attending Helderberg College. Some very practical lessons were drawn, and the hope expressed that all present might be as tender, vigorous, plants in God's great garden, growing up to bear fruit to the glory and the praise of His name, also that each one might be polished after the character of Christ, the chief Corner Stone, reflecting the virtues of purity, integrity, and the righteousness of Him who hath called them from darkness into His marvellous light. Seemingly a very deep impression for good was made upon the entire congregation.

At the present writing just over 160 have been enrolled. Within the next few weeks, the principal and the business manager conservatively expect the enrolment to reach the 185 mark. Truly that will be a splendid record! If it is reached it will be the largest enrolment we have ever had at any one time at our college here in Africa. Let us unite in humble, sincere prayer that the present year may prove to be the most blessed of all ever experienced at our beloved school,— Helderberg College.

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Addresses Wanted

THE Cape Conference office would greatly appreciate receiving any information from any of our members who may know the present address of the following:

Name	Latest Address
A. F. Dreyer	Tarkastad
J. H. Vermeulen	Windhoek
C. J. Swartz	Upington
Mrs. C. H. Beukes	Touws River
Mrs. A. E. Mills	Klipdam
Mrs. W. W. Craig	Touws River
Mrs. J. du Toit	Muizenberg
Miss V. Brown	

GREAT GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE ----

Who's Who in the Literature Ministry



No. 8.- Brother J. D. Harcombe

WE are pleased to present to you in this issue the two newly appointed field missionary secretaries for the North and South Bantu Mission Fields respectively.

The selection of two European workers to promote and supervise the literature ministry in these two large mission fields is a new departure, and we firmly believe that this plan will considerably increase the scope of this ministry.

Brother Harcombe is a graduate of Helderberg College who has spent some time as a successful student-canvasser during the vacation periods. He has a deep interest in this branch of the Lord's work and believes that it can accomplish still greater things in soul-winning. This is his first appointment and we bespeak for him the earnest prayers of God's people.



No. 9.— Brother J. J. Oosthuizen

BROTHER J. J. OOSTHUIZEN entered the literature ministry in 1932, and did excellent work in Natal and the Transvaal. In 1935 he discontinued his services for six months to take advanced studies; on completion of his studies he again connected with the Natal-Transvaal Conference and, while labouring in that field, received a call to connect with the South Bantu Mission Field as field missionary secretary. Brother Oosthuizen's well-known optimism, zeal, and energy will stand him in good stead in his new appointment, and bespeaks, we feel sure, new progress in the literature ministry among the native peoples in the southern portion of the South African Union.



News Notes

SEVERAL evangelistic efforts are in progress at this time. Elders Raubenheimer and Staples, Brethren Stevenson, Combrinck, Worsley, and D. A. de Beer are presenting our message to interested audiences every night. The attendances generally, are good.

OUR president has just made a visit to the Natal section of the field. His counsel and help in Durban at this time was much appreciated. Visits to the sick in that town were timely, as many will testify. Now Elder Ingle is busy visiting the Free State and Eastern Transvaal.



South African Union Session and Camp-meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the seventeenth session of the South African Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene in Victoria Park, Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, March 26 to April 4, 1937.

Officers will be elected for the ensuing term and such other business transacted as may properly come before the conference.

The first service of the camp-meeting will be held Friday, March 26, at 7:30 P.M., and the first meeting of the session Sunday, March 28, at 10:00 A.M.

A. FLOYD TARR, Chairman, J. E. SYMONS, Secretary.

OUR hearts have been saddened by the deaths of Brethren Gorle, Harmse Snr., and Clark. These brethren all passed away in the space of a week in Durban during Elder Ingle's visit. Our deepest sympathies are extended to those bereaved of their loved ones.

WE would remind all of our members about the forthcoming Union Conference Camp-meeting to be held in Victoria Park, Bloemfontein, March 26 - April 4. This is to be a Spirit-filled meeting. Elder W. H. Branson, who spent so many years in our field as Division president, will be there, together with other General Conference help. It will be a big meeting. Be sure to be present.

BROTHER P. W. WILLMORE has returned to the office after a month's holiday at the

coast and has taken up his place in the office once more.

AN Indian evangelistic effort is in progress in Mayville, Durban. Pray with us that the light of truth may pierce some darkened minds among these caste-ridden people.

STUDENT-CANVASSERS are preparing to return to Helderberg College immediately after their big deliveries. Despite adverse weather conditions, they have done nobly. We wish them God-speed as they return to college.

ALL requests for accommodation for the Union Camp-meeting in Bloemfontein must be made to ELDER. J. E. SYMONS, P.O. BOX 468, BLOEMFONTEIN. This is a UNION camp-meeting, and Elder Symons as Union secretary has the oversight of the arrangements.

THE beautiful new church building in the southern suburbs of Johannesburg is almost completed and we hope to have the opening ceremony in the course of the next fortnight. The church is truly a representative building in which this fine community of members can worship.



A Reverie of the Future

G. R. NASH, Principal

Malamulo Mission Training Institute

A FEW months ago I was requested to write an article for the OUTLOOK on the subject of "A Survey of Progress," but this time the subject assigned is just the opposite. Anticipation! A visionary ideal! A dream of the future! What a contrast or change from a retrospect of progress!

We are to attempt great things for the Lord and expect great things from Him. Our command is, "Launch out into the deep." Our promise is, "Lo, I am with you alway." Surely we have cause to face the coming year with confidence and zeal. It is not our work and we do not have to do it alone. We have every reason to have courage and enthusiasm as we think of the magnanimous generosity of the promises of God. During my ten years' stay at Malamulo I have never faced a new year that looked more hopeful.

Training Institute

At times during past years we have been incredibly under-staffed. At one time I was alone on the mission and had charge of all departments — the training school, office, farm, etc. At that time there was no doctor and only one nursing sister in the medical department.

What a different story now! We have a fully-qualified head master for the school and five full or part-time European teachers to assist him. Never before have we been able to say that one person has absolutely no other duties aside from school problems. We are sure that all attainments of the past will have to step aside for new records. Although we are determined to raise the standards educationally we are just as determined to keep the true balance and ever make first things first. We recognise that education is just a means to an end and that the end is the salvation of souls.

As we start this new year we have 114 picked students in the teachers' training classes all of whom are loyal Seventh-day Adventists. We also have an excellent staff of native teachers. So with God's rich blessings upon our efforts what can we not expect to accomplish?

Girls' Work

It was not until a few months ago that we could boast of a full-time girls' worker who was giving her full and undivided attention to girls' work and problems. With a full-time worker, who has had two years' experience, a new industrial building, and a well-trained native staff, visualise the possibilities that lie before us in this department, and then permit your imagination to sweep you off into the realms of accomplishment that, as yet, have not been experienced in our work in this part of the field.

Village Welfare Work

Again the prospects are amazingly attractive. Mrs. Robinson with all of her teaching and domestic experience is well qualified to continue the splendid work already begun.

Medical Department

The outlook in this department is good. It has been almost two years since Dr. Marcus left on furlough, but we hope that within a few weeks we will be fully staffed again. The native orderlies' class has had time to take shape and therefore a better and more efficient staff is ours for the future.

In the leper colony we have introduced the community garden plan and we trust that this will make it possible for us to take in more lepers at less expense.

Industries

The future for all industries is bright. The printing department has just received a $\pounds75$ gift to be used as a trust fund to purchase paper stocks. We have been able to purchase several pieces of equipment such as type, perforators, etc., during the past year.

All of the other industries are running in full swing and are doing commendable work. Our dairy is proud of its new threeroomed building. The basketry is finding an outlet in Salisbury for a large amount of its productions. It gives every promise of a successful future.

New Homes

It has been voted to build two new dwellings for Europeans. When Elder H. T. Elliott visited Africa, you will remember in his reports he mentioned the fact that Malamulo buildings were not too imposing. For a long time we have wanted to remove the old tumbled-down coffee barns and put up decent dwellings. Now — 1937 is our time to start. Two houses will be built this year. Soon the old landmarks will be gone.

Our Dreams

I cannot close this reverie without mentioning some of our needs.

"Malamulo is no health resort" is an old expression. One reason is because of its abominable water supply. Soon, we hope, a decent water supply will be available and that we will have piped water throughout the institution.

Every night approximately twenty-five petrol and paraffin lamps are cleaned and lit to give their dim flickering light to European workers' houses and to the medical and educational departments. Some day we hope to have electric lights, not as a luxury, but as an economical necessity.

We need funds to complete our new church, for another dwelling for Europeans, to build isolation wards at the native hospital, for permanent brick huts for patients' friends and relatives who are visiting here, approximately fifty pounds for a model home to be a part of the girls' compound, beds for the girl's homes, desks for the school, and many more things.

Conclusion

During the past two years a score or more visionary ideals have materialised and, therefore, as we face this new year with the brightest of prospects we take renewed courage and have increased confidence and are sure that our hopes will be realised.

We pledge ourselves again to the task that lies before us. We ask you to remember us in your prayers, asking God's blessing to be upon us, as we endeavour to do our part in warning this part of the world field that has been trusted into our hands.

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Gardener Wanted

PERMANENT employment offered to reliable Seventh-day Adventist gardener. Must have knowledge of fruit, flower, and vegetable gardening. Free board and accommodation. Wages £6 per month. Single man preferred. Apply: Matron, Wheatfield Nursing Home, Mowbray, C. P.

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A Request

THE Potchefstroom church wishes to solicit books on the Advent Movement and especially those of the Spirit of prophecy, for the church library. Such gifts will assuredly find a wide circle of appreciative readers. Books may be sent direct to B. J. Willemse, P.O. Mooibank, Potchefstroom, Tvl.

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Pentecostal Experiences in Nigeria

W. MC CLEMENTS

OUR recent camp-meetings in Ibo country have been excellent. A spirit of courageous enthusiasm pervaded the gatherings. Our two Yoruba pastors returned to their own field much encouraged. It was a new experience for them to attend a camp-meeting with five thousand believers present. Today a new record of the acts of the Holy Spirit is being written. Perhaps a few experiences may be of interest.

Africans generally indulge in long sermons, but our worker told how he had preached a "short but scaring sermon" which resulted in the conversion of several fetish worshippers. Another related the story of a young woman who had been possessed of evil spirits for a long time. Tortured by these spirits she had no peace and lived mostly in the forest. Finally she came into contact with our teacher, and through earnest prayer was delivered from the evil spirits and converted to the third angel's message. Now her mother, sisters and others have joined our church.

A poor woman had been seriously ill for nineteen years. She had spent large sums of money paying fetish doctors and making expensive offerings to the displeased gods. Still the disease continued unabated until Teacher Marcus told her of the Great Physician. Prayer was offered and a remarkable cure took place. The Lord is honouring the strong faith of these simple people. Answers to prayer are widely spoken of throughout the surrounding villages, and are followed by the conversion of many.

Two years ago I reported the conversion of a notorious medicine man. He burned his idols publicly, gave up seventeen wives, built a prayer house, and has given himself to lay evangelism. This has resulted in many of his former colleagues consigning their idols to the flames. Teacher Ukebu said: "One man burned his big 'juju' and sent one of his two wives away. She was unwilling and proceeded to take out a summons against him, but he said he could not keep two wives any longer, so took her by the hand and led her home to her parents."

The message exerts a strong influence on our young people. Boys go without food for days rather than partake of food offered to idols. This is a test, for African boys are generally ready for a meal, and food prepared for an idol feast is of a choice kind. However, these young people stood firm.

Stephen Obonna told us that fifty people were won to the message in his district as

a direct result of the Ingathering work. B. I. Tikili, an African pastor, said,

"Budo was a man-eating country not long ago, but now we have twenty believers there. The truth has been carried by some of our faithful members who had gone to that village to trade in fish." Following the camp-meetings, when over a hundred people were baptised, we visited Budo and had the privilege of immersing three souls. These people wanted to keep us over night, but we were pressed for time.

Brother Edmonds recently had a chief and some men come to see him. These told of a company of forty Sabbath keepers who were wanting an Adventist missionary. Pastor Tikili has just visited the village and reports over eighty observing the Sabbath. For a long time they did not know that there were any other people keeping the Sabbath other than the few at Budo.

We would ask God's people to pray for our workers and believers, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and prepared to do their part in finishing the work in Nigeria.

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No One Needs to be Disappointed

I HOPE that our friends everywhere will understand that our catalogue is to be had at any time merely for the asking. It really ought to be in every home where there are young people and others willing to grow intellectually. The winter evenings are never entirely happy unless given in part to the pursuit of studies suited to one's individual needs. The Home Study Institute is a real friend to ambitious young people the world over. In many different countries, often under difficult circumstances, it is helping these young people to prepare for greater usefulness.

M. E. OLSEN, Home Study Institute, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Kampdienste en Sitting van die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie

KENNIS word hiermee gegee dat die sewentiende sitting van die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie Konferensie van Sewende-dag Adventiste in die Victoria-park te Bloemfontein, O. V. S., gehou sal word van 26 Maart tot 4 April 1937.

Ampsdraers vir die komende termvn sal gekies word en ander sake wat tereg voor die konferensie mag kom, sal afgehandel word

Die eerste kampdiens vind op Vrydag, 26 Maart, om 7:30 n.m. plaas en die eerste sitting van die konferensie op Sondag, 28 Maart, om 10:00 v.m.

- A. FLOYD TARR, Voorsitter,
- J. E. SYMONS, Sekretaris.

Unie-Kampvergadering, Bloemfontein

26 MAART-4 APRIL 1937

A. FLOYD TARR

EEN van die magtigste invloede op die geestelike lewe en die werksaamhede van Sewende-dag Adventiste is die kampdienste. Dis ook een van die dinge wat daartoe bydra om Sewende-dag Adventiste oor die rondte van die aarde 'n eienaardige volk te maak. Die jaarlikse byeenkomste het aan menige struikelende en moedelose lid weer nuwe hoop en moed gebring; vir diegene wat standvastig en getrou gelewe het maar tog die paadjie moeilik bevind het, het die dienste weer hernude en verfriste Christelike lewe geskenk.

Die geleentheid om die daaglikse kommer en sorg te vergeet, ons hart en verstand weer opnuut aan Hoër dinge toe te wy, en die samesyn met medegelowiges wat dieselfde weg bewandel, is almal dinge wat ons gelowiges aanmoedig om standvastig en eensgesind te wees. Diegene wat ten spyte van opofferings beslis was om teenwoordig te wees, het sonder uitsondering opnuut besef watter groot voorregte en seëninge aan hulle as lede van die Adventboodskap geskenk word. Hulle het dan opnuut besluit om getrou hulle verantwoordelikhede na te kom.

So was die kampvergaderings in alle lande 'n mag wat die verspreide Adventiste vaster aanmekaar bind en hulle met nuwe moed en entoesiasme besiel. Hier in Suid-Afrika waar ons gelowiges baie verspreid lewe en waar die kleiner groepies baie selde deur 'n predikant besoek word, is dit veral die geval. Vir hulle veral was die kampdienste 'n inrigting wat hulle geestelike lewe baie versterk het.

In die Gees van die Profesie word die waarde van die dienste duidelik voorgestel:

"Laat almal wat dit enigsens moontlik vind, hierdie jaarlikse byeenkomste bywoon. Almal behoort te voel dat die Here dit van hulle vereis. Maak hulle geen gebruik van die voorregte wat Hy aan hulle gegee het om in Hom en in die mag van Sy genade sterker te word nie, sal hulle swakker en swakker word en minder lus kry om hulle ten volste aan God toe te wy. Kom dan na die heilige byeenkomste, broeders en susters, om Jesus te vind. Hy sal na die fees toe opkom. Hy sal teenwoordig wees en vir u doen wat u graag aan u gedaan wil hê. Moenie u plase hoër ag as u siele nie."—"Testimonies," Deel II, bls. 575.

Met die uitdruklike vermaning voor ons. kan één Sewende-dag Adventis dit nog waag om weg te bly van 'n kampvergadering? Vandag veral het die lede die seën en leiding van God, en die gemeenskap van Sy volk so nodig.

Met die vaste vertroue dat dit 'n baie geseënde tyd vir almal sal wees en dat Gods oneindige beloftes aan Sy volk waargemaak sal word, nooi ons al ons broeders en susters in Suid-Afrika uit om teenwoordig te wees met die Bloemfonteinse Kampvergadering, 26 Maart tot 4 April 1937.

Kom met die honger en dors na geregtigheid, en dan sal u op die kampterrein 'n voorsmaak kry van die vreugde wat u in die groter, voortrefliker hiernamals wag.

'n Paar Sorgwekkende Feite

J. F. WRIGHT

GEDURENDE die afgelope drie jaar het Divisie in vergelyking met die res van die wêreld-veld baie goed gedoen met sendingoffergawes. Dit gee ons baie stof tot dankbaarheid. Laat ons egter sien hoeveel offergawes per persoon ingekom het.

Soos u weet, het ons hier in Suid-Afrika twee bronne van inkomste vir ons sendingwerk: die eerste, die Sabbatskool en algemene sendingoffergawes, en die tweede, die Oesinsameling.

In 1927 was ons fondse: £3,313-7-8 vir Oesinsameling en £5,811-15-11 deur ons lede byeengebring; d.w.s. die Oesinsameling het 36.3 persent opgelewer en 63.7 persent is deur die Sabbatskool en sendingoffergawes inbetaal. Ongelukkig, egter, het dinge baie verander gedurende die tussenliggende paar jaar. Terwyl die Oesinsameling-fondse jaar na jaar toegeneem het, het ons eie offergawes aansienlik verminder.

In 1935 het die Oesinsameling £7.841-5-4

beloop terwyl die kerk en Sabbatskool--offergawes maar net £4,182-2-3 was. Dit beteken dat die Oesinsameling in daardie jaar 65.2 persent was vergeleke met 34.8 persent wat deur die Sabbatskool en ander offergawes ingebring is. Met ander woorde, die Oesinsameling fondse het tussen 1927 en 1935 gestyg van 36.3 na 65.2 persent, terwyl Ons Eie Sendingoffergawes Gedaal Het Van 63.7 Na 34.8 persent. Die syfers toon ons 'n treurige toestand, 'n toestand wat nie behoort te bestaan nie!

Al het ek geweet dat ons offergawes tydens die depressie verminder het, het ek nie besef dat dit so veel was nie. Om van 63.7 na 34.8 persent te daal is seker gladnie prysenswaardig nie! Daar is by my nie die minste twyfel dat u, saam met my, hieroor teleurgestel sal voel nie.

Nou kom die vraag: Wat Gaan Ons Daaraan Doen? Persoonlik reken ek dat die toestand in die komende jaar baie sal verbeter; dink u nie ook so nie? Ek weet u dink so! Die toestand *moet* verbeter want behoeftes en geleenthede is *nou* groter as ooit tevore.

Terwyl ons die nuwe jaar ingaan, laat ons saamwerk om ons gawes per persoon gunstiger voor die Here te maak. Met die doel voor oë doen ek 'n dringende beroep op u.

Ek laat die saak aan u ernstige en biddende oorweging oor en met die hoop dat 1937 'n styging in die sendingfondse in al ons kerke sal meebring. Die Here verlang dit tog seker; die behoefte in die werk roep daarvoor. Ek weet dat ons dit sal besef en nuwe toewyding aan die dag sal ls om al die verwagtinge bewaarheid te sien. Mag God Ons Help Om Ons Bes te Doen.



Wie is Wie in die Leesstof-Bediening

No. 8.- Broeder J. D. Harcombe

Dir doen ons groot genoë om u in die uitgawe bekend te stel met die nuwe veldsekretarisse vir die Noordelike en Suidelike Bantoe-Sendingvelde.

Deur twee blanke arbeiders aan te stel om die leesstofbediening in die twee groot sendingvelde te bevorder, wyk ons af van die gewone, maar ons glo vas dat die nuwe afwyking die werk in die opsig doeltreffender sal maak.

Broeder Harcombe is 'n ou-student van Helderberg Kollege wat gedurende 'n hele paar van sy skoolvakansies met sukses gekolporteer het. Hy stel groot belang in dié deel van die Here se werk en glo dat dit nog meer siele kan win. Dit is sy eerste aanstelling en ons vra dat Gods volk hom in die gebed moet opdra.

No. 9.— Broeder J. Oosthuizen

BROEDER J. J. OOSTHUIZEN het in 1932 by die leesstofbediening aangesluit en goeie werk gedoen in Natal en die Transvaal.

In 1935 het hy hom vir ses maande aan die werk onttrek om verder te studeer. Daarna het hy weer by die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie aangesluit en hiervandaan het hy 'n beroep ontvang om die Suidelike Bantoe Sendingveld as Veldsekretaris by te staan. Broeder Oosthuizen se welbekende optimisme, lewenslus en ywer sal hom in sy nuwe werk goed te pas kom. Ons voel ook seker dat dit nuwe vooruitgang sal beteken vir die leesstofbediening onder die naturelle in die suidelike deel van die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie.

Welkom — Welkom — Welkom

Aangrypende preke deur alombekende Leraar W. H. Branson; nuwe beroepe deur Leraar H. J. Detwiler, President van die Columbia Unie-Konferensie; opwekkende studies deur Leraar J. F. Wright, ons Divisie-president; behulpsame preke en opwekkingsdienste verskaf die geleentheid om al ons plaaslike werkers te hoor; 'n program wat die kleinstes, die Juniors, die Seniors en die volwassenes sal aanhelp; oral vriendelike glimlaggies en hartlike handdrukke, goeie raad en geestelike aanmoediging, boekuitstallings, departementele vertonings, mediese behandeling —

U kan al die voorregte, en nog baie meer, geniet as u kampvergadering-toe kom. Dit word veral vir U gehou. Daar wag ryke seëninge. Onthou die datum, 26 Maart -4 April en nogmaals ons drievoudige

WELKOM.

Die Nag van Sonde

WALTER COOKS

VERLATE op die aard alleen, Oor duistre toekoms moet ons ween, Geen ster beskyn die donkre nag, O Here, gee U kinders krag!

Die sondestryd moet ons dan stry, U kinders Heer, U sal ons lei. Die nag van sonde om ons heen, Die bose magte staan ons teen.

Verlos U kinders dan, O Heer, Deur sonde is hul hart verweer, Hoe lank moet ons alleen dan wag, In die duistre donkre nag?

Die Eerste Sabbat van die Nuwe Skooljaar op Helderberg Kollege

J. F. WRIGHT

SABBAT, 30 Januarie, 1937 was 'n heuglike dag by die kollege. Hoe graag sou ek elke ouer van 'n seun of dogter op kollege daar teenwoordig gesien het op die eerste Sabbat van die nuwe skooljaar. Dit het my hart goed gedoen om daar te wees en die 150 studente byna elke beskikbare sitplek in die kapel te sien vul.

Die eerste Sabbatskool van 'n nuwe jaar op kollege is altyd hoogs interessant. Vir die gereëlde studente roep die toneel wellig baie aangename beelde van vergange skooldae voor oë; vir die nuwelinge, weer, gee dit 'n aangename voorsmaak van die genotvolle jaar wat hulle op kollege voorlê.

'n Mens se hart en siel kan nie anders as om opgewek en aangemoedig te voel by die weeklikse Sabbatskool nie. Ook toon dit op kenlike wyse watter mag ten goede 'n goedgeorganiseerde skool kan wees vir die uitbreiding van ons sendingwerk oor die hele veld.

Gedurende die oggenddiens het skrywer hiervan ter aanleiding van Ps. 144:12 gepreek. Die teksvers lui: "Sodat ons seuns soos plante mag wees wat opgekweek is in hulle jeug, ons dogters soos hoekpilare wat uitgebeitel is na die boustyl van 'n paleis."

Die teks bevat vir dié jaar se studente die ideaal van die hemel, die kerk en die huis. Baie leersame lesse is voorgedra. Die wens is uitgespreek dat al die teenwoordiges soos tere plante mag opwas en vrugte ter ere Gods voortbring en ook dat almal soos Christus, die uiterste Hoeksteen, in karakter mag uitblink deur Sy reinheid, eerlikheid en geregtigheid te weerkaats want Hy het ons uit die duisternis na Sy wonderbare lig getrek. Skynbaar het die gehoor ook onder 'n indruk ten goede verkeer.

Tans het oor die 160 studente ingeskryf. Gedurende die volgende paar weke, verwag die prinsipaal en die bestuurder definitief om 185 te hê. 'n Pragtige prestasie! Dit sal die grootste getal wees wat nog ooit in een jaar in Afrika by ons kollege ingeskryf het. Laat ons ons in ootmoedige en ernstige gebed verenig dat dié skooljaar die mees geseënde mag wees vir ons geliefde skool — Helderberg Kollege.

Unie-Konferensie Kampdienste

DATUM —

26 Maart - 4 April 1937.

PLEK —

Victoriapark, Bloemfontein.

REISFASILITEITE —

Paasekskursies verkrybaar oor die Suid-Afrikaanse Spoorweë. Heenreis mag enige dag tussen 19 en 29 Maart begin. Terugreis moet voor 28 April voltooi wees.

AKKOMMODASIE ----

Die komitee wat daarmee belas is, sal vir u akkommodasie sorg, en sal op die stasie wees om mense af te haal by alle treine wat op Bloemfontein aankom 25, 26 en 27 Maart. U moet reëlings tref as hulle u op 'n ander dag moet inwag. Skryf aan Leraar J. E. Symons, Bus 468, Bloemfontein.

KOSVERSORGING -

Gedurende die kampdienste sal 'n eetkamertent u teen billike pryse van al die maaltye voorsien op die Kafetariastelsel.



Nuus

BROEDER P. W. WILLMORE het na die kantoor teruggekeer nadat hy 'n maand lank vakansie by die see deurgebring het.

VERSOEKE vir akkommodasie ten tyde van die Unie-Kampdienste te Bloemfontein, moet gerig word aan LERAAR J. E. SYMONS, BUS 468, BLOEMFONTEIN.

IN Mayville, Durban, is 'n evangelistiese poging aan die gang vir Indiërs. Bid met ons dat die lig van die waarheid tot die verduisterde siele mag deurdring.

BINNE die volgende twee weke sal ons die pragtige nuwe kerkie in die suidelike voorstede van Johannesburg inwy. Dis waarlik 'n verteenwoordigende gebou waar die toegewyde gemeente die Here in kan dien.

Ons president het pas besoek afgelê aan die Natalse gemeentes. Sy raad en bystand is in Durban baie op prys gestel. Vele kan getuig van sy tydige besoeke aan die sieke. Nou is Leraar Ingle weer op reis in die Vrystaat en die Oostelike Transvaal.

VERSKEIE evangelistiese pogings is nou aan die gang. Leraars Raubenheimer en Staples, broeders Stevenson, Combrinck, Worsley en D. A. de Beer bring die boodskap van aand tot aand aan belangstellende gehore. Oor die algemeen is die opkomste goed.

Ons betreur die skielike afsterwe van broeders Gorle, Clark en Harmse (Sr.). Die broeders is almal in een week heengegaan tydens Leraar Ingle se besoek aan Durban. Ons dra ons innige meegevoel en simpatie op aan die agterblywendes wat hulle dierbares deur die dood verloor het.

VICTORIAPARK met sy pragtige bome, groen gras en welkome koelte; Bloemfonten sentraal geleë; heerlike klimaat, gasvryheid; Paastyd met vakansievoorregte en -ekskursies; groot vergadertent en huislike woontente; smaaklike en gesonde, vegetariese kosse vir almal teen geringe koste.

DIE Potchefstroomse gemeente vra vir enige boeke oor die Advent-beweging en veral die van die Gees van die Profesie, vir die kerk se biblioteek. Sulke geskenke sal baie op prys gestel word deur 'n wye leserskring. Boeke kan regstreeks gestuur word aan B. J. Willemse, P. K. Mooibank, Potchefstroom, Tvl. Dre Studente-kolporteurs begin nou terugkeer na Helderberg Kollege so gou as hulle groot aflewerings verby is. In weerwil van slegte weerstoestande, het hulle goeie sake gemaak. Ons wens hulle alle heil en seën toe, met hulle terugkeer na kollege.

GRAAG wil ons lede herinner aan die komende Unie-Konferensie-Kampvergadering wat in die Victoriapark te Bloemfontein sal gehou word 26 Maart tot 4 April. Leraar W. H. Branson wat dié veld soveel jare as Divisie president gedien het, en ook ander hulp van die Wêreldkonferensie, sal teenwoordig wees. Dit sal 'n groot vergadering wees en die Gees van die Here sal kenlik naby wees. Sorg dat u teenwoordig is.

Obituaries

BEZUIDENHOUT.— Elizabeth Bezuidenhout was born at Prince Albert, C. P., eighty-four years ago and died at Turffontein, Johannesburg. Several months before her death Sister Bezuidenhout came from Bloemhof to live with her daughter, Nurse Van de Watt.

Sister Bezuidenhout embraced present truth fourteen years ago at Bloemhof where she lived as a faithful Seventh-day Adventist. She leaves many relatives to mourn their loss.

Services were conducted by the writer at the home and at the graveside.

A. W. STAPLES.

BOTHOMLEY.—On January 14 there passed away, at Kimberley, old Brother Sam Bothomley at the ripe old age of seventynine years.

Brother Bothomley suffered for some considerable time from stomach trouble, which finally put him to bed a month before he passed into the peaceful sleep of death.

Brother Bothomley, together with Sister Bothomley, accepted this blessed truth in 1920 under the labours of Elder D. F. Tarr and was baptised in 1925 by Elder S. G. Hiten.

Our brother always took as active a part as possible, considering his infirmity, in telling others of the salvation offered, and we feel confident he made his peace with God and is resting in the blessed hope of the first resurrection.

Owing to the indisposition of Elder D. F. Tarr, Elder Clifford read the burial service, both at the house and the graveside, and his address made a deep impression on many present.

Brother Bothomley leaves a wife, three daughters, (one of whom is Sister S. Palvie of Taungs) and a son to mourn their loss, and the sympathy of all God's children go out to them at this sad time, with the fervent prayer that soon there will be a reunion from which there will be no more parting. S. C. PALVIE, Taungs. DIXTE.— Charlotte Anne was born at Bedford, C. P., June 22, 1872, and passed away on January 14, 1937, at Orange Grove, Johannesburg, Tvl.

Sister Charlotte Dixie was the first of the Dixie family to embrace the message in the early days of the work in Johannesburg.

In 1903 Nurse Webster and Miss Keats came to Johannesburg to do Bible work and in the providence of God secured lodging in the Dixie home. Sister Charlotte Dixie soon embraced the message and attended a conference session at Newcastle, Natal, where she was baptised by Elder Edmed. She immediately entered the work as a colporteur-evangelist and after several years entered the Bible work. In this capacity she served the cause for many years — a veteran soul-winner — standing by the side of our evangelists and studying the message for these days with hundreds in their homes.

Sister Dixie was esteemed by all as a true Christian, and for her unselfish devotion to the work. For several years she suffered from arthritis contracted while doing Harvest Ingathering work. Yet she laboured on for souls and at the time of her relapse and death was doing more than her strength warranted as a teacher in the Sabbath school and in giving Bible readings. The end came suddenly and peacefully.

Sister Dixie leaves three sisters and one brother to mourn their loss, also a multitude whose lives have been uplifted by her influence and ministry.

Largely attended services were conducted at the Johannesburg church and at the graveside. Associated with the writer in these services were Pastor J. H. Raubenheimer and the church choir.

Of our sister and fellow-labourer it can truly be said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. A. W. STAPLES.

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Bloemfontein Camp-meeting

For Those Attending the Camp-meeting

Delegates' Concession Certificates are not required as the camp-meeting is being held during the Easter Excursions. Return tickets at single fare may be purchased at any station within the Union of South Africa from March 19-29, and the return journey need not be completed before April 28.

A limited number of family tents will be available, and these will be allocated in the order in which requests are received. There will also be space in the park for the erection of tents which members may themselves wish to bring.

Comfortably furnished rooms can be secured within easy walking distance of the camp. The cost of a single room will be approximately 20/- to 30/- for the time of the meeting.

A dining tent under the experienced direction of Pastor P. A. Venter, Mrs. R. C. Honey and Pastor B. P. de Beer will be operated throughout the meetings. Meals will be served at reasonable rates, and members, whether camping in the park or occupying rooms nearby, will be able to spend the full day on the grounds.

Application for rooms and tents, together with any requests for information pertaining to the campmeeting, should be made early to Pastor J. E. Symons, P. O. Box 468, Bloemfontein, O. F. S.

Union Conference Camp-meeting

DATE ----

March 26 - April 4, 1937.

PLACE —

Victoria Park, Bloemfontein. O.F.S.

TRAVELLING FACILITIES -

Easter Excursions are available on the South African Railways. Forward journey may be commenced any time between March 19-29; return journey must be completed by April 28.

ACCOMMODATION ---

The locating committee will be happy to arrange for your accommodation, and will meet all trains arriving at Bloemfontein, March 25, 26, and 27. Other trains will be met by arrangement. Write to Pastor J. E. Symons, P. O. Box 468, Bloemfontein, O. F. S.

CATERING -

A dining tent operated on the cafeteria plan will serve all meals throughout the meeting, at reasonable rates.

A HEARTY WELCOME AWAITS YOU

Vir Diegene wat Kampvergadering-toe wil Gaan

Aangesien die kampdienste met die Paasvakansies saamval en Paasekskursies dan verkrygbaar is, sal geen Konsessie-sertifikate vir Afgevaardigdes nodig wees nie. Retoer kaartijies teen enkelpryse kan by enige stasie in die Unie van Suid-Afrika verkry word vanaf 19 tot 29 Maart; die terugreis hoef nie voltooi te word voor 28 April nie.

Die aantal familietente is beperk en sal toegeken word volgens die versoeke inkom. Lede wat hulle eie tente bring, sal daarvoor plek kry op die terrein.

Gerieflike, gemeubileerde kamers, wat naby genoeg is sodat u die kamp te voet kan bereik, kos tussen 20/en 30/- vir 'n enkelkamer terwyl die kampdienste aan die gang is.

Die eetkamertent staan onder die bekwame beheer van Leraars P. A. Venter, B. P. de Beer en mev. R. C. Honey en sal in die eetbehoeftes voorsien solank die kampvergadering duur. Maaltye sal teen billike pryse verskaf word en lede wat uitkamp of kamers daar naby het, sal die hele dag op die terrein kan deurbring.

Aansoeke om kamers en tente, asook navrae oor die kampdienste, moet vroegtydig gerig word aan Leraar J. E. Symons, Bus 468, Bloemfontein, O. V. S.

WELCOME - WELCOME - WELCOME

Victoria Park with its noble trees, green grass and welcome shade; Bloemfontein with its central position, beautiful climate, hospitable spirit; Easter time with holiday privileges and excursion facilities; large assembly pavilions and homely living tents; palatable health-giving vegetarian food provided at a cost within the reach of all;

Stirring sermons by Elder W. H. Branson, whom we all know so well; new appeals by Elder H. J. Detwiler, President of the Columbia Union Conference; inspiring studies by Elder J. F. Wright, the president of our own Division; helpful discourses and inspiring services, providing an opportunity to hear all of our local workers;

A programme especially adapted to meet the needs of the tiny tots, the juniors, the seniors, and the adults; Friendly smiles and hearty hand-clasps on all sides, helpful counsel and spiritual encouragement;

Book displays; departmental displays; medical service — all these and many other enjoyable experiences can be yours when you come to camp-meeting. It is being held especially for YOU. There are large blessings in store. Remember the date, March 26 - April 4, and again we say thrice WELCOME.