

A Call to Holiness

[This article from the pen of God's servant is worthy of most earnest, prayerful study at this time. The hour of probation is rapidly closing. Soon the decree will go forth, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." The counsel set forth in this message must be heeded, if we are to be counted among the righteous when Christ comes. It has made a profound impression upon my heart. I trust it will deeply touch yours.—J. F. Wright.]

THE attention of the people should be called to the momentous event so near at hand. The signs of the times should be kept fresh before their minds. While a large number professing present truth will deny their faith by their works, there will be some who will endure unto the end.

The same spirit of selfishness, of conformity to the practices of the world, exists in our day as in Noah's. Many who profess to be children of God, follow their worldly pursuits with an intensity that gives the lie to their profession.

My soul is burdened as I see the great want of spirituality among us. The fashions and customs of the world, pride, love of amusement, love of display, extravagance in dress,— these are robbing the treasury of God, turning to the gratification of self the means which should be used to send forth the light of truth to the world.

Souls are perishing for want of knowledge. Those who have had the light of present truth, and yet feel no spirit of labour to warn their fellow men of the coming judgment, must give an account to God for their neglect of duty. The blood of souls will be upon their garments.

As a people, we are not advancing in spirituality as we near the end. We do not realise the magnitude and importance of the work before us. There is a sad lack of

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men and women prepared to carry forward the increasing work for this time.

We are not doing one-twentieth part of what God requires us to do. Many feel that they have not time to watch for souls as they that must give account. And what excuse will they render for this neglect of the important work which was theirs to do?

Time is drawing to a close. Eternity is near. The great harvest is to be gathered. What are we doing to prepare for this work? Not one of us should dare to be off our guard for a moment; for "in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." It is only those who continue faithful in well-doing, that shall reap the reward. Much that has no part in Christ, is allowed a place among us.

"Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." These are the conditions upon which we may be acknowledged as the sons of God,— separation from the world, and renunciation of those things which delude, and fascinate, and ensnare.

If we comply with the conditions the Lord will fulfil to us His promises. But there is a work for us to do, which we should in no wise neglect. In the strength of Jesus, we can perform it aright. We may press ever onward and upward, constantly growing in grace and in a knowledge of the truth.

The Lord requires His people to maintain their integrity, touching not—that is, imitating not—the practices of the ungodly.

Christians will be in this world a peculiar people, an holy nation, showing forth the praises of Him who hath called them out of darkness into His marvellous light. This light is not to grow dim, but to shine brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. Christ's standard-bearers are never to be off duty. They have a viligant foe who is waiting and watching to take the fort.

The thrilling truth that has been sounding in our ears for many years, "The Lord is at hand, be ye also ready," is no less the truth today than when we first heard the message. The dearest interests of the church and people of God, and the destiny of an impenitent and ungodly world, for time and for eternity, are here involved. We are all judgment-bound. "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain [unto the coming of the Lord] shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Christ will then be revealed from heaven, "taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel."

These momentous events are nigh at hand, yet many who profess to believe the truth, are asleep. They will surely be numbered with the unfaithful servant, who saith in his heart, "My Lord delayeth His coming," if they remain in their present position of friendship with the world. It is only to those who are waiting in hope and faith, that Christ will appear, without sin unto salvation. Many have the theory of the truth, who know not the power of godliness. If the word of God dwelt in the heart, it would control the life. Faith, purity, and conformity to the will of God would testify to its sanctifying power.

A solemn responsibility rests upon the watchmen. "If the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come and take any person among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at My mouth, and warn them from Me."

The responsibility of the watchmen of today, is as much greater than in the days of the prophet, as our light is clearer, and our privileges and opportunities greater than theirs. It is the minister's duty to warn every man, to teach every man, in all meekness and wisdom. He is not to conform to the practices of the world, but, as God's servant, he must contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

The end of all things is at hand. My brethren, ministers and laymen, I have been shown you must work in a different manner from what you have been in the habit of working. Pride, envy, self-importance and unsanctified independence, have marred your labours. To what unmeasured humiliation did the Son of man descend, that He might elevate humanity! Workers for God, not the ministers only, but the people, need the meekness and lowliness of Christ, if they would benefit their fellow men. As God, our Saviour humbled Himself, when He took upon Him man's nature. But He went lower still. As a man, "He humbleth Himself unto death, even the death of the cross." Would that I could find language wherewith to present these thoughts before you. Would that the veil could be rent away, and you could see the cause of your spiritual weakness. Would that you could conceive of the rich supplies of grace and power awaiting your demand. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, will be filled. We must exercise greater faith in calling upon God for all needed blessings. We must strive, agonise, to enter in at the strait gate.

Says Christ, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." I testify to you, my dear brethren, ministers, and people, you have not yet learned this lesson. Christ endured shame and agony and death for us. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Bear reproach and abuse without retaliation, without a spirit of revenge. Jesus died, not only to make atonement for us, but to be our pattern. Oh, wondrous condescension! matchless love! As you look upon the Prince of Life upon the cross, can you cherish selfishness? Can you indulge hatred or revenge?

Let the proud spirit bow in humiliation. Let the hard heart be broken. No longer pet and pity and exalt self. Look, O look, upon Him whom our sins have pierced. See Him, descending step by step the path of humiliation, to lift us up; abasing Himself till He could go no lower, and all to save us who were fallen by sin! Why will we be so indifferent, so cold, so formal, so proud, so self-sufficient?

Who of us is faithfully following the Pattern? Who of us has instituted and continued the warfare against pride of heart? Who of us has, in good earnest, brought himself to wrestle with selfishness until it should no longer dwell in the heart, and be revealed in the life? Would to God the lessons given us, as we view the cross of Christ, and see the signs fulfilling which bring us near to the judgment, might be so impressed upon our hearts as to render us more humble, more self-denying, more kind to one another, less self-caring, less critical, and more willing to bear one another's burdens, than we are today.

I have been shown that, as a people, we are departing from the simplicity of the faith, and from the purity of the gospel. Many are in great peril. Unless they change their course, they will be severed from the True Vine, as useless branches. Brethren and sisters, I have been shown that we are standing upon the threshold of the eternal world. We need now to gain victories at every step. Every good deed is as a seed sown, to bear fruit unto eternal life. Every success gained, places us on a higher round of the ladder of progress, and gives us spiritual strength for fresh victories. Every right action prepares the way for its repetition.

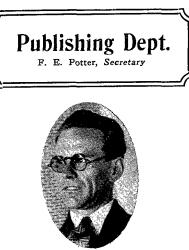
Some are closing their probation; and is it well with them? have they obtained a fitness for the future life? Will not their record show wasted opportunities, neglected privileges, a life of selfishness and worldliness, that has borne no fruit to the glory of God? And how much of the work which the Master has left for us to do, has been left undone. All around us are souls to be warned; but how often has the time been occupied in self-serving, and the record gone up to God of souls passing to their graves, unwarned and unsaved.

The Lord still has purposes of mercy toward us. There is room for repentance. We may become the beloved of God. I entreat you who have put far off the appearing of our Lord, commence now the work of redeeming the time. Study the Word of God. Let all at this meeting make a covenant with God, to put away light and trifling conversation, and frivolous, unimportant reading; and, for the coming year, diligently and prayerfully study the Bible, that you may be able to give to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is within you, with meekness and fear. Will you not, without delay, humble your hearts before God, and repent of your backslidings?

Within a few weeks past, standing face to face with death, I have had a near look into eternity. If the Lord is pleased to raise me from my present state of feebleness, I hope, in the grace and strength that comes from above, to speak with fidelity the words which He gives me to speak. All through my life, it has been terribly hard for me to hurt the feelings of any, or disturb their self-deception, as I deliver the testimonies given me of God. It is contrary to my nature. It costs me great pain, and many sleepless nights . . . I will take the words from the Lord, and speak them to the people. I do not expect that all will accept the reproof, and reform their lives; but I must discharge my duty all the same. I will walk in humility before God, doing my work for time and for eternity.

I feel more and more deeply the loss which our people have sustained by their failure to accept and obey the light which God has given them.

My brethren, heed the reproof and counsel of the True Witness, and God will work for you and with you. Your enemies may be strong and determined, but One mightier than they will be your helper. Let the light shine, and it will do its work. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.



Who's Who in the Literature Ministry

No. 11.- J. F. Jonker

IN 1927 Brother Jonker joined the ranks of the colporteur-evangelists and laboured in various parts of the Orange Free State and Transvaal with "Great Controversy," "Home Physician," "God's Answers to Man's Questions," and "Crisis Series" booklets. In all he placed well over one thousand books in both English and Afrikaans' homes.

In 1929 and 1930 Brother Jonker attended Helderberg College to improve his education, but returned to the literature ministry in 1931 and is now holding the torch of truth aloft in the Langkloof Valley.

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This Man Appreciates the Signs

NATHANIEL KRUM

THE following letter was received recently from a man to whom the Signs had been sent free. It is typical of many that have come to the publishers throughout the years. In this particular instance, the letter of appreciation is from the minister-in-charge of a non-Adventist native mission station in the Transvaal. This is a free translation:

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Kenilworth, Cape. "Dear Sirs:

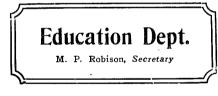
"I am simply forced to write to your office. I have been receiving the Signs of the Times for over six months, without having subscribed for it. Will you please reveal to me the kind friend who subscribed for me? Furthermore, will you please let me know when my subscription expires?

"This paper is indeed worth reading. I think that it outweighs all the leading papers in the world. It is really a true Christian magazine.

"Thanking you in anticipation,

"I am, yours faithfully,

Who knows what will result from this interest? If we sow the seed, God will water it with His Holy Spirit. Years ago Mrs. White declared that "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelising ministry of the word in our books and periodicals." The Signs of the Times is today reaching thousands of souls with the vital truths for this age. Soon the gospel will have been preached to all the world, probation will close, and the Master of the harvest will come to reap the golden grain. "The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls." -"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 63. Are we as members of the remnant church doing all we can to warn the world "through an evangelising ministry of the word in our books and periodicals?



Advanced Study for **Unprecedented** Issues

H. L. RUDY

(President, Alberta Conference, Canada) THE vast changes taking place in every phase of life about us have necessitated a forward movement in Seventh-day Adventist educational plans. Our senior colleges and other institutions of advanced education have raised their standards of scholarship. More strongly than ever they are taking the lead in certain fields of knowledge.

This advance move affects our theological departments in particular. The marvellous progress in Biblical science challenges our best scholarship. And it presents a need that can be met only by strengthening the instruction given in our theological departments. Recent events in religious history demand the giving of closer attention to the religious movements of the time. Postwar materialism and the sad failure of the Christian churches to rise to their sacred calling have permitted a paganistic generation to appear on the scene of action, and largely to dominate it. The fundamentals of true Christianity are being attacked on every hand. These attacks cannot be met without a more thorough preparation than most of our ministers and teachers have thus far obtained.

Then, too, Romanism is launching a campaign of evangelism, with amazing success. For the first time in modern history the Roman Catholic Church is offering the Holy Scriptures to the world, giving them the greatest possible publicity and circulation. Hence it has become a matter of primary importance that the educational system of Seventh-day Adventists include advanced learning, especially in theological lines, that will enable our ministry to

General Conference Religious

Liberty Secretary says: "I have said before and I say again, that if I had to prepare myself again for the gospel ministry, and the opportunity was given me to choose between four years of theoretical college studies, without practical field experience, and two years of theoretical college studies with two years of practical experience in the evangelistic colporteur work, I would choose every time, the latter course in preference to the former."

C. S. Longacre.

master the great issues at stake. Knowledge of the Word of God must be enlarged and deepened to include the truth that will stand in the face of present-day attacks.

For Such a Time as This

It is for such a time as this that the Advanced Bible School, now the Seventhday Adventist Theological Seminary, has been founded. This school gives opportunity for a restudy of the advent message in the light of the most recent events. It provides a new lead in the field of theology and fundamental Bible study. Here the best scholarship of the denomination is called upon to concentrate upon the revival of spiritual truth for the salvation of men and women.

What a wonderful opportunity this institution affords our ministry and teachers to lay aside the routine business of their vocations and dig into the hidden veins of divine truth. In the early years of the advent movement our pioneers had to leave the field of activity at times, go to their homes, and do nothing but search the Scriptures for extended periods, before they had the requisite strength to go on and again preach the truth. This same need has been felt by scores of ministers and teachers in recent years. The changed mentality confronting them in the world about, and the increased pressure of the work. have brought to their attention the necessity of closer communion with God and His Word. The Theological Seminary is surely God's appointed agency in the church to supply this great need. And as it is strengthened, it will also meet the scholastic needs of the time.

Importance of Theological Seminary

The great importance of the Theological Seminary in meeting the needs for more advanced knowledge of the truth of God and for providing spiritual strength for the time, is quickly recognised by the sincere observer. One glance at the earnest men and women from many parts of the world who are in attendance at the school, will convince any one that this is more than an ordinary institution of learning. These students have passed through some of the initial controversies with errors of the day, and have come determined to get the supplies necessary to make them truly effective soldiers of the cross.

The teachers of this school fill the classrooms with an atmosphere of determined search for truth. As teachers and students pursue truth as the pearl of great price, the Holy Spirit guides, and often moments of deep spiritual blessing grace the assembly. At the close of last summer's term, both teachers and students testified that they had experienced many such heavenly moments while they studied and prayed.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church can rejoice over the Theological Seminary and its leadership. The General Conference Committee has given its best thought to the upbuilding of this institution. Elder M. E. Kern, the president, and his staff have been greatly blessed in their work. Surely we have every reason to support this advance move in our educational programme. There should be hundreds of ministers and teachers in our ranks planning to attend the Theological Seminary as soon as possible. The time demands that of us, and we are in great need of all available help.

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HE who co-operates with the divine purpose in imparting to the youth a a knowledge of God, and moulding the character into harmony with His, does a high and noble work. As he awakens a desire to reach God's ideal, he presents an education that is as high as heaven and as broad as the universe; an education that can not be completed in this life, but that will be continued in the life to come; an education that secures to the successful student his passport from the preparatory school of earth to the higher grade, the school above.-""Education," page 19.

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Who's Who in the Industrial Department

Mrs. A. E. Shone

As the students gather around the tables each meal time a few moments of anxious waiting ensue. This period, however, is at length ended as the matron rings the bell as a signal. There we gain our first introduction to Mrs. Shone, who plays a most important part in both the physical and social life of the students.

Mrs. Shone was born in Kingwilliamstown — how many years ago she has not disclosed. Her parents, at that time, were not members of the Adventist community, but when our matron was seven years of age they became Seventh-day Adventists and were among the early believers in South Africa. Mrs. Shone had the honour of attending the very first Adventist church school opened in this country.

At the age of seventeen she entered the Bible work. This activity occupied her whole-hearted attention for over a decade, and brought happiness to many believers in South Africa.

Prior to and after her marriage to Mr. Arthur Shone in 1914, she filled various offices in the denominational work. She acted as matron at the Claremont Union College and was Sabbath School Secretary of the O. F. S. Conference for a number of years.

Previous to her coming to Helderberg College in 1935, Mrs. Shone spent most of her married life with her husband and children on their well-known farm in the Eastern Province.

The two years which our matron spent at Helderberg have been happy ones for herself, her children, and the students who patronise the dining department. Her pleasant disposition and her readiness to assist on all occasions — especially on school outings — lead every one to hope that her connection with the college will be extended over many years to come.

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Helderberg Investiture Service

DUE to some oversight a very important and well-represented investiture service held last year at Helderberg College was not reported to the Cape Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

At his request we are herewith giving belated recognition of this service through the columns of the OUTLOOK.

Nineteen Missionary Volunteers were invested and we extend to the successful candidates our congratulations. Those invested with their rank are as follows:

Fern Wilson — Master Comrade. Edna Shone — Comrade. Helen Wheeler --- Comrade. Dulcie Hankins-Comrade. Susan Loots -- Comrade. Ellen Chick -- Companion. Gladys Butcher - Companion. Cathrine Tucker - Friend. Nancy Hipkin --- Friend. Merle Wilson - Friend. Johan Theron - Friend. Patsy Stevenson - Friend. Shelah Edwards - Friend. Ivan Mason-Friend. Marie Solomon - Friend. Yvonne Lorens - Friend. Eugene Lategan - Friend. Stephen Palvie - Friend. Lois Marx - Friend.

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Helderberg College Students Respond

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Twelve students of Helderberg College have ordered regular clubs of Signs and Tekens for street sales in Somerset West, the Strand, and Stellenbosch throughout the present school year. They are: L. Robinson, Vivian A. Shone, H. Cilliers, H. Jacobsen, Rex Pearson, J. Knoetze, A. Sussens, Rose Nicola, A. M. Cloete, Leonard Clack, L. Mostert, and Eric Almer. The clubs, which vary in size from eight to fifty copies, total two hundred and seventytwo. Of the twelve students, three are young ladies and nine are young men. Some of these young people, notably Miss J. Knoetze and Mr. Leonard Clack, have previously sold Signs very successfully in Johannesburg.

Besides this club of magazines for street sales, the M. V. Society of the College is taking a large club of *Signs* which is mailed monthly to interested people.

The student body at Helderberg College is to be commended for the excellent support they are giving our Division missionary magazines, the *Signs* and the *Tekens*. Their example is surely worthy of emulation, and we wish them much of God's blessing as they circulate these truth-filled papers in their community.

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EVERY human being, created in the image of God, is endowed with a power akin to that of the Creator,—individuality, power to think and to do. Then men in whom this power is developed are the men who bear responsibilities, who are leaders in enterprise, and who influence character. It is the work of true education to develop this power; to train the youth to be thinkers, and not mere reflectors of other men's thought."—"Education," p. 17.



With Our Girls at the Malamulo Training School

MISS R. CURTIS

CLANG! Clang! Clang! Yes, it is time to get up even though it is still dark. Oh, for a chance to turn over for just one more nap. But that cannot be as the worship bell will ring in fifteen minutes. Then at five o'clock it will be time to go to the school building. Arrived there the sweeping and dusting begins. Not until that is finished may they take their beloved knitting. Sweaters, scarfs, and babies' caps are being made on bamboo needles. The younger girls take up their regular school work while the more advanced group go to the hospital for practical work. Their class last Friday was about taking temperatures, pulses and respirations. This morning they will do this work in the wards. The hospital boys generally lend them their pulsometers and then the work begins. Here is a patient with a temperature of 102.6°. There is a little child who has been very sick with pneumonia and has a bad heart as a result. The sister-in-charge lets them listen to the child's heart through the stethoscope. After all of the patients have had their temperatures taken the girls are ready for recess.

What will they have for housewifery today? The class begins with a discussion of the things to be looked for when a new village site is to be selected. Three new villages are being built on the mission so the girls go to find out why they are being laid out on these particular sites. They find the first one on a rise of ground with good drainage thus assured, with gardens near by, and with bananas growing at one side. As the houses are in process of construction the students and workers have to live in their old houses or kitchens until the new are ready. This does not make for a pleasing appearance at present but the girls are able to see beyond to the finished village with its straight street and with its attractive yards. After a friendly criticism of the site and the village the girls decide that the choice was a wise one.

Shall they go on to the next student line or would they prefer to visit the new servant's village. The majority vote for the latter; they have seen the line at other times. It is a long walk for they must go past the hospital, cross the stream that runs by the cattle kraal and then on through garden land to the bush beyond. But the reward is worth the trip. The location is perhaps the finest on the mission. Again the friendly criticism of this village site. April 1, 1937

As yet there are only three houses but the plan is already made for others. This is a new village so there is none of the unsightliness of old buildings waiting to be torn down. There is the tree to pound under and in the shade of which the children may play. At last it is time to go. The call sounds for all to come and reluctantly they leave their wild fruit gathering to return to the school. It is too late for anything else so the girls go to their houses to eat. But at eleven all return and the food is soon served. The serving consists in putting the food on a community plate or perhaps a flat basket. The girls sit down around this and help themselves with their fingers, which, it is to be hoped, have been thoroughly washed. They have been in theory, at least, but there may be grave doubt as to the practice. Eating takes very little time when done in this manner.

Drill and the first three periods in the afternoon are at the central school. Very few are tempted to miss this part of their school as it is co-educational. But three o'clock finds them down at their own building again ready for cooking class. In this they are joined by the boys from the hospital nurses' class. There is the fire to start, the water to bring, and then they are ready to study about vitamins; why they are essential, and where to be found. The question is raised as to how this knowledge is gained and a very brief description of the experimental work on rats is given. Then it is time for the actual cooking. In this class the work is not general cooking but only that for children and invalids. This day it is for children. The day before in their child welfare class they had studied about formulas. And so the making of formulas is the basis of their practical work today. This time their making is demonstrated but they are told to be prepared to make them up for any age next week. One of the boys objects that this is work for the girls only. But he is told that while the girls should of course know how, he as a hospital boy should be especially well versed in this.

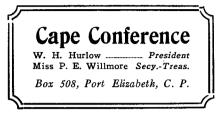
Class over there is a general plea for passes to go to the hospital. In some way it has a fascination for the native. Others go to choir practice. But all must be in the compound before dark for then the gates close.

Their beds consist of their bedclothes with their blanket wrapped around them. Many do not have this luxury. They wrap their cloth around them and try to think that they are warm. Perhaps they are not to be blamed too much if they do not open the window. It gets really cold at night. But they can share the warmth of each other for they sleep eight or more on the floor of one room. But blanket or no blanket the last girl is soon asleep and another day is done.

Some of them are ready to make an improvement over the home in which they grew up - all we hope. But if they are married too young they are soon worn out

and discouraged with the hard work and the frequent childbearing, and so perhaps they forget many things they have learned at school. But above all we hope that they will take out into the communities into which they go the spirit of Christian helpfulness and spirit of service to others.

And so we bid them good-night.



Home Missionary Conventions in the Cape Conference

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FOUR full weeks have been profitably spent in conducting Home Missionary Conventions in the Cape Town, Claremont, Port Elizabeth, East London, Bloemfontein and Kimberley churches; a week-end being spent at each church.

It was encouraging to notice the wonderful spirit of co-operation in every one of the churches visited during this campaign. The spirit of earnestness and enthusiasm manifested must radiate from the churches to those who live in the neighbourhood and cannot be confined to the four walls of any one church. Many of the members at each church personally mentioned the great help that had been received, and that they now had a better understanding of their responsibilities towards those not of our faith.

A leader was appointed for each of the bands organised in the various churches. We believe that under God's blessing the work will go forward in a more systematic way in the churches, and bring good results.

Between conventions we had the pleasure of holding services at the George, Grahamstown, Rokeby Park and Kingwilliamstown churches. We were glad to find that all our brethren and sisters were of good courage.

The Cape Conference Home Missionary Department wishes to thank Brother Potter, our Division Home Missionary Secretary, and Brother Clifford, the Union Home Missionary Secretary, for the valuable help they gave to the churches; and also the church officers for their willing co-operation and church members for their enthusiasm.

May God bless you all and give you the spirit of Christ, which is the spirit of service, that we may hear the "well done" when the Master Missionary comes to receive His own.

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"MEEKNESS and lowliness are the conditions of success and victory."

'n Oproep tot Heiligheid

MEV. E. G. WHITE

[Hierdie artikel is ons ernstige aandag en ondersoek wêrd. Die genade tyd gaan vinnig verby. Eerlank sal die volgende bevel gehoor word: "Wie vuil is, laat hom nog vuiler word; . . . en laat die heilige nog heiliger word." As ons onder die regverdiges wil gereken word wanneer Jesus kom, moet ons agslaan op hierdie boodskap. Dit het 'n diepe indruk op my gemaak, en ek vertrou dat dit met u ook die geval sal wees.—J. F. Wright.]

DIE aandag van Gods volk moet gevestig word op die groot gebeurtenis wat voor die deur is. Hulle moet gedurig gewys word op die tekens van die tye. Hoewel 'n groot menigte wat voorgee om die waarheid te glo, hul geloof sal verloën deur hul werke, sal daar nogtans diegene wees wat sal volhard tot die einde toe.

In ons dae heers dieselfde gees van selfsugtigheid en wêreldsgesindheid as in die dae van Noag. Baie wat voorgee om kinders van God te wees, is so in beslag geneem deur wêreldse dinge, dat hul belydenis daardeur geloënstraf word.

My hart voel beswaar as ek die gebrek aan geestelikheid onder ons sien. Die modes en gewoontes van die wêreld, hoogmoed, liefde vir plesier, liefde vir mooi klere, en die geld wat daaraan bestee word — hierdie dinge beroof die skatkis van God, en die middele wat moet gebruik word om die lig en waarheid in die wêreld te versprei, word aan self bestee.

Daar gaan siele verlore as gevolg van gebrek aan kennis. Diegene wat die lig van die waarheid ontvang het, maar wat geen lus het om hul medemens te waarsku aangaande die aanstaande oordeel nie, sal rekenskap aan God moet gee vir hul nalatigheid. Die bloed van daardie siele sal op hulle wees.

As 'n volk maak ons geen geestelike vordering namate ons die einde nader nie. Ons besef nie die omvang en belangrikheid van die werk wat voor ons is nie. Daar is groot gebrek aan manne en vroue wat voorberei is om die werk vir hierdie tyd te doen.

Ons doen nie een-tiende deel van die werk wat God van ons verwag nie. Daar is vele wat voel dat hulle geen tyd het om te waak oor siele soos diegene wat sal moet rekenskap gee nie. En watter verskoning sal hulle aanbied vir hul nalatigheid in verband met hierdie belangrike werk wat hulle moes gedoen het?

Die tyd gaan spoedig verby, en ons staan op die randjie van die ewigheid. Die groot oes moet ingesamel word. Wat doen ons ter voorbereiding van hierdie werk? Nie een van ons kan dit waag om net vir een oomblik nie wakende te wees nie; want "die Seun van die mens kom in 'n uur dat julle nie verwag nie." Dit is slegs diegene wat volhard in goeie werke wat die loon sal ontvang. Baie dinge wat nie by Christene tuis hoort nie, word onder ons aangetref. "Gaan onder hulle uit en sonder julle af, spreek die Here; en raak nie aan wat onrein is nie, en Ek sal julle aanneem; en Ek sal vir julle 'n Vader wees, en julle sal vir My seuns en dogters wees, spreek die Here, die Almagtige." Dit is die voorwaardes waarop ons sal aangeneem word as seuns en dogters van God, naamlik; afsondering van die wêreld, en 'n versaking van die dinge wat aanlok, verblind en verlei.

As ons die voorwaardes nakom, sal die Here Sy beloftes aan ons waar maak. Maar daar is werk vir ons om te doen wat ons onder geen omstandighede moet nalaat nie. In die krag van Jesus kan ons dit op die regte manier doen. Dit is moontlik vir ons om steeds voorwaarts en opwaarts te gaan, en om gedurig toe te neem in genade en op te was in die kennis van die waarheid.

Die Here verwag van Sy volk dat hulle hul opregtheid sal handhaaf — naamlik, dat hulle die werke van die goddelose nie sal aanraak of na-aap nie.

Christene sal in hierdie wêreld 'n afgesonderde, 'n heilige volk wees, om te verkondig die deugde van Hom wat hulle uit die duisternis geroep het tot Sy wonderbare lig. Hierdie lig moet nooit verdof nie, maar moet steeds helderder skyn tot die volle dag toe. Die vaandeldraers van Christus is nooit vry van diens nie. Hulle het te doen met 'n wakker vyand, wat gedurig sy kans afwag om die vesting in te neem.

Die belangrike waarheid wat al vir soveel jare in ons ore klink, "Julle met gereed wees, die Here kom," is vandag nog net so waar as toe ons dit die eerste maal gehoor het. Die dierbaarste belange van die kerk en die volk van God, sowel as die ewige lot van 'n onboetvaardige wêreld, is hier op die spel. Ons moet almal voor die regterstoel verskyn. "Die Here self sal van die hemel neerdaal met 'n geroep, met die stem van 'n aartsengel en met geklank van die basuin van God; en die wat in Christus gesterf het, sal eerste opstaan. Daarna sal ons wat in die lewe oorbly (wanneer die Here kom) saam met hulle in die wolke weggevoer word die Here tegemoet in die lug, en so sal ons altyd by die Here wees." Dan sal Christus uit die hemel verskyn "om wraak uit te oefen op die wat God nie ken nie, en op die wat aan die evangelie van onse Here Jesus nie gehoorsaam is nie."

Hierdie belangrike gebeurtenisse is op hande, en nogtans is baie wat voorgee om die waarheid te glo, aan die slaap. Hulle sal sekerlik in die lot deel van daardie ontroue slaaf wat gesê het: "My heer talm om te kom," as hulle volhard in hul huidige toestand van vriendskap met die wêreld. Dit is slegs aan diegene wat wag in geloof en hoop, dat Christus sonder sonde sal verskyn. Vele het 'n teoretiese kennis van die waarheid, maar hulle is onbekend met die krag van die godsaligheid. As die woord van God in hul harte gewoon het, sou dit hul lewe beheers het. Geloof, reinheid, en gelykvormigheid aan die wil van God, sal getuig van die heiligende krag van die woord.

Op elke wagter rus daar 'n plegtige verantwoordelikheid. "As Ek vir die goddelose sê: Jy sal sekerlik sterwe — en jy waarsku hom nie en spreek nie om die goddelose vir sy goddelose weg te waarsku om hom in die lewe te hou nie, dan sal hy, die goddelose, deur sy ongeregtigheid sterwe; maar sy bloed sal ek van jou hand eis. Mensekind, Ek het jou as wag vir die huis van Israel aangestel, en as jy 'n woord uit My mond hoor, moet jy hulle van My kant waarsku."

Die verantwoordelikheid van die wagters van vandag, is baie groter as in die dae van die profeet, want ons het meer lig, en ons voorregte en geleenthede is groter as hulle s'n. Dit is die plig van die predikant om elke man te waarsku, en in alle nederigheid en wysheid te leer. Hy moenie deelneem aan die praktyke van die wêreld nie, maar as Gods dienskneg moet hy stry vir die geloof wat eenmaal aan die heiliges oorgelewer is.

Die einde van alle dinge is op hande. My broeders, predikante sowel as leke, daar was aan my getoon dat julle op 'n gans ander manier te werk moet gaan as voorheen. Hoogmoed, jaloesie, eiewaan, en 'n onheilige onafhanklikheid, het tot dus ver jul werk bederf. Hoe het die Seun van die mens hom verneder om die mensheid op te hef! Werkers van God, nie net predikante nie, maar ook die leke, het die nederigheid en sagmoedigheid van Christus nodig as hulle hul medemens wil help. As God, het ons Heiland Homself verneder toe Hy die menslike natuur aangeneem het. Maar Hy het Homself nog dieper verneder. As mens het Hy Homself verneder "deur gehoorsaam te word tot die dood toe, ja die dood van die kruis." O, dat ek maar woorde kon vind om hierdie gedagtes aan u te verduidelik. Ek wens dat die gordyn op sy geskuif kon word, sodat u die oorsaak van u geestelike swakheid kan sien. O dat u die oneindige genade en krag kon sien wat daar vir u wag. Diegene wat honger en dors na geregtigheid sal versadig word. Ons moet groter geloof aan die dag lê waar ons God bid vir die nodige seëninge. Ons moet stry en worstel om by die enge poort in te gaan.

Christus sê: "Kom na My toe, almal wat vermoeid en belas is, en Ek sal julle rus gee. Neem My juk op julle en leer van My, want Ek is sagmoedig en nederig van hart; en julle sal rus vind vir julle siele." Ek getuig vir julle, geagte broeders, predikante en leke, dat julle nog nie hierdie les geleer het nie. Christus het skande, en lyding en die dood vir ons verduur. "Hierdie gesindheid moet in julle wees, wat ook in Christus Jesus was." Verdra verwyte en belediging, sonder weerwraak en sonder 'n wraaksugtige gees. Jesus het nie slegs gesterf om vir ons versoening te doen nie, maar ook as ons voorbeeld. O, die weergalose liefde! Kan u nog selfsug koester as u die Vors van die Lewe aan die kruis sien hang? Kan u nog 'n gees van wraaksug koester?

(Word vervolg)

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Gesondheidsprogram Deur die Wêreldkonferensie Aangeneem

Ons, die afgevaardigdes na die Wêreldkonferensie van Sewende-dag Adventiste, aanvaar die hieropvolgende verklaring, wat die grondbeginsels van gesondheid en matigheid verteenwoordig wat ons as genootskap huldig en verkondig:

Ons erken dat dit God alleen is in Wie ons lewe, beweeg en is; dat die mens nie aan homself behoort nie maar deur die skepping en die verlossing aan God behoort; dat die liggaam deur die Here opgeëis word vir die inwoning van Sy Heilige Gees, en dat die mens se liggaamlike en geestelike vermoëns gewy moet word aan Christelike diens.

Ons glo dat ",wat die mens saai, hy ook sal maai," en dat as ons die natuurlike wet verontagsaam en oortree, ons sekerlik die straf en gevolge daarvan sal ontvang; dat die meeste kwale waaraan die mens ly, voorkom kan word deur gehoorsaamheid aan die gesondheidswette; en dat ons as Christene dit aan God en ons medemens verskuldig is om die wette so stip as moontlik na te kom.

Ons glo dat die moeilike en ernstige tye waarin ons ons bevind buitengewone eise vir liggaam en gees stel; dat goeie gesondheid veral noodsaaklik is om die versoekings te weerstaan; en om onse gesondheid te behou, moet ons die wette wat ons liggaamlike welsyn bevorder, verstaan en gehoorsaam.

Ons glo dat die Here aan Sy volk 'n spesiale boodskap vir die tyd toevertrou het om hulle in die komende krisis staande te hou en te laat seëvier in Sy koninkryk. 'n Noodsaaklike deel van daardie boodska p is onderrig omtrent die versorging van die liggaam. As die onderrig aanvaar word, sal dit gesondheid, nuwe lewenskrag en -lus vir Sy diens voortbring.

Ons glo dat die lig van die egte wetenskap, in die Bybel en in die Gees van die Profesie, ons tot nut sal wees alleen as ons daarop agslaan, en dat al ons gelowiges met vrymoedigheid die waarheid omtrent gesondheidsleer sal aanneem en die grondbeginsels in ons huise sal uitlewe.

Ons glo dat die grondbeginsels van gesondheidshervorming van ons vereis die algehele onthouding van alle bedwelmende dranke soos bier, wyn en alkoholiese dranke, tabak in enige vorm, tee en koffie, en prikkelende speserye en kruie.

Ons glo aan genoegsame en gepaste cefening en aan 'n behoorlike en voldoende aantal ure vir slaap en ontspanning.

Ons glo aan die behoorlike kleding van die liggaam met die oog op warmte, beskerming, eenvoud en beskeidenheid.

Ons glo dat die persoon en woning skoon

en rein gehou moet word om teen siektekieme beskerm te wees.

Ons glo dat ons altyd ons uiterste moet doen om die liggaam van voedsame voedsel te voorsien wat eenvoudig en behoorlik voorberei is.

Ons glo dat die mens se beste dieët die oorspronklike is: graansoorte, vrugte, neute, en groente, waarby ons eiers en suiwelprodukte kan voeg as hulle onder gesonde toestande bewerk was.

Ons glo dat vleis op sy beste maar 'n noodhulp is; al het dit voedingswaarde, is dit terselfdertyd 'n vergiftigde afvalproduk wat die diereweefsels bevat; en dat ons onder normale omstandighede ons gesondheid benadeel deur daarvan te gebruik.

Ons glo dat die gebruik van vleis steeds gevaarliker word namate die siektes toeneem onder die diere; dat ons gehoor moet gee aan die dringende onderrig en ywerige pogings moet aanwend om die voedsaamste etes vir ons gesondheid ontwil voor te berei.

(Word vervolg)



Buurtsending Konvensies in die Kaapse Konferensie

A. C. LE BUTT

Ons het vier volle weke bestee aan Buurtsending konvensies by die volgende kerke: Kaapstad, Claremont, Port Elizabeth, Oos Londen, Bloemfontein en Kimberley. By elke kerk het ons 'n naweek deurgebring.

Die gees van samewerking wat ons in elke gemeente bespeur het wat ons besoek het, was vir ons 'n aanmoediging. Die gees van erns en toegewydheid sal gewis in die buurt gevoel word, en kannie net tot die vier mure van die kerk beperk bly nie. Baie van die verskillende kerklede het gepraat van die hulp wat hulle ontvang het tydens die konvensies, en gesê dat hulle nou 'n beter besef het van hul verantwoordelikhede teenoor andersgesindes.

Daar was 'n leier aangestel vir die verskillende groepe wat in die lewe geroep was. Ons voel dat die werk, met Gods seën, tans op 'n sistematiese wyse sal voortgaan,en dat daar beter resultate sal wees.

Tussen-in kon ons ook dienste hou op George, Grahamstown, Rokeby Park en Kingwilliamstown. Die broeders en susters op hierdie plekke is nog almal vol moed.

Die Buurtsending Departement van die Kaapse Konferensie is Broeder Potter van die Divisie, en Broeder Clifford van die Unie Konferensie baie dankbaar vir hul gewaardeerde hulp aan die kerke; en ons is ook dank verskuldig aan die verskillende kerkbeamptes en kerklede vir hul welwillende samewerking en entoesiasme.

Mag die Here u seën en vervul met die Gees van Christus, d.i. die gees van diensbaarheid, sodat u die goedkeuring sal kan geniet van die Meester-Sendeling wanneer Hy die Syne kom haal.



Wie is Wie in die Leesstofbediening

No. 11.- J. F. Jonker

BROEDER JONKER het in 1927 by die geledere van die kolporteurs aangesluit, en hy het in verskillende dele van die Transvaal en Vrystaat gewerk met "The Great Controversy," "Die Huisdokter," en "God se Antwoorde op die Mens se Vrae," en ook met ons boekies van die krisisreeks. Altesame het hy meer as 'n duisend boeke in Engels en Afrikaans van die hand gesit.

Gedurende 1929 en 1930 het Broeder Jonker Helderberg Kollege bygewoon vir verdere opvoeding, maar in 1931 het hy weer by die leesstofbediening aangesluit, en hy is tans in Langkloof besig.

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Benodig — Tydskrif-Verkopers

Ongeëwenaarde voorspoed heers tans in Suid-Afrika. Die tyd is nou vir u geleë om die Signs en Tekens te verkoop op die strate van die groot stede of van huis tot huis in die dunner bevolkte distrikte. Die nuwe Signs is goed geredigeer en pragtig gedruk. Die tydige en interessante artikels wat daarin verskyn en die geringe prys van 3d per eksemplaar, sal sekerlik die gewone mens se belangstelling opwek.

Maar, al is die blad ook hoe aantreklik, sal die Signs hom nie self verkoop nie. Dit kos lewendige manne en vroue om dit te doen. En dit is presies wat vandag nodig is —'n skare vaste of deeltydse werkers wat maandeliks klubs van 50 tot 500 Signs kan verkoop. Dan het ons ook werkers nodig wat voltyd of net 'n deel van hulle tyd bestee om intekenaars op die blad te verwerf. Vir diegene wat ywerig en ernstig is, is daar goeie geldelike en geestelike beloning aan die verkoop van Signs verbonde. Ons raai u ten sterkste aan om dadelik 'n klub Signs of Tekens deur u plaaslike Buurtsendingsekretaris te bestel. As u 'n vaste Tekens en Signs verkoper in u omgewing wil word, skrywe om volle besonderhede aan die Sirkulasie-Bestuurder, "Tekens van die Tye en Gesondheidsbode," Posbus 6, Claremont, K. P. Vandag moet ons handelend optree! More mag dit te laat wees!

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Hierdie Man Waardeer die Signs

NATHANIEL KRUM

DIE volgende brief was onlangs ontvang van 'n man aan wie die *Signs* kosteloos gestuur was. Dit is tipies van baie briewe wat die uitgewers gedurende die jare ontvang. In hierdie geval is dit 'n betuiging van waardering van die leraar in bevel van 'n nie-Adventiste sending in die noordelike Transvaal. Ons gee 'n vertaling van die brief.

"Sentinel Uitgewers-Maatskappy,

Kenilworth, Kaap.

"Waarde Here:

"Ek voel verplig om aan u kantoor te skryf. Vir die afgelope ses maande het ek die *Signs of the Times* ontvang sonder dat ek daarop ingeteken het. Sal u asseblief die naam van die vriend aan my stuur wat namens my ingeteken het? En sal u my ook asseblief laat weet wanneer die intekeningstydperk verstryk?

"Die blad is gewis die moeite wêrd om te lees. Ek dink dat dit ver bokant al die ander godsdienstige blaaie van die wêreld staan. Dit is inderwaarheid 'n Christelike tydskrif.

"U by voorbaat denkende, bly ek, "Getrou die uwe,

Wie weet wat die gevolg van hierdie belangstelling sal wees? As ons die saad saai, sal die Here dit met Sy Heilige Gees benat. Jare gelede het Mev. White gesê: "Die wêreld moet die lig ontvang deur middel van die evangeliese woord in ons boeke en tydskrifte." Die Signs of the Times bereik vandag duisende siele met die belangrike waarhede vir hierdie dae. Eerlank sal die evangelie aan die hele wêreld verkondig wees, die genadetyd sal afgesluit word, en die Here van die oes sal kom om die oes in te samel."-,,Testimonies," Deel IX, bls. 63. Doen ons, as lede van die laaste kerk, alles wat ons kan om die wêreld te waarsku deur middel van ons boeke en tydskrifte?

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"OP elke plek is die oë van die Here, en hulle beskou opmerksaam die slegtes en die goeies."

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General News Notes

WE are glad to announce that Elder W. H. Branson and family arrived at Durban, March 24, on the S. S. "Takliwa."

BRETHREN F. T. MILNE, E. M. CAD-WALLADER AND MILTON ROBISON will spend the first week in April conducting an inspection at Helderberg College.

WORD has been received from Dr. E. G. Marcus that he arrived safely at the Maun Medical Mission Hospital in Bechuanaland. Dr. Marcus went by plane from Livingstone to Maun because of the roads being impassable on account of floods.

Up to the time of going to press we have received no word regarding the progress of the Bloemfontein camp-meetings. We hope, however, that something of general interest will appear in the next issue.

THE delegates to the Division Council are beginning to make their way towards Johannesburg, where the council is to convene.

A FEW days ago Doctor Parsons and Brother and Sister Peter Stevenson arrived at the Cape from Angola on their way to Johannesburg.

DOCTOR PARSONS spoke in the Claremont church at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting.

BROTHER C. W. BOZARTH, our Division treasurer, is leaving for Johannesburg on Saturday evening, April 3. Brother Milton Robison, our Division secretary, plans to leave at a later date, as also several members of the office staff.

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Wanted

A SEVENTH-DAY Adventist blacksmith, by a widow in Bechuanaland. Apply immediately to S. C. Palvie, Taungs, C. P.

Van de Merwe Heads Seniors at Pacific Union College

(Excerpts from the Pacific Union College journal "Campus Chronicle," Feb. 11, 1937.)

THE largest class of college seniors in the history of Pacific Union College, 38 in number, bids fair to be unique in many respects. It showed its individuality by presenting on the nominating ballot a large list of nominees for the important office of president. The second ballot gave Elder Johannes van de Merwe a strong majority which was immediately made unanimous by a rising vote. A friendly spirit was manifested throughout the entire meeting.

President Takes Chair

The opening remarks of President Smith, who presided at the beginning of the meeting were timely and much appreciated. After the new president was elected, President Smith relinquished the chair and Elder van de Merwe was called upon for a speech as he took charge of the remainder of the meeting. Van de Merwe expressed his deep appreciation for the honour placed upon him and for the expression of their confidence in him.

Comes From Africa

Elder Johannes van de Merwe, the newly-elected president of the senior class came to Pacific Union College at the beginning of last school year. Born in South Africa of Dutch parentage, he received his academic training and first two years of the college course at Spion Kop College, finishing there in 1926. For the next four years he served as evangelist and school inspector and the last four and a half years of his service he was the superintendent and treasurer of the Bechuanaland Mission. Upon completion of his work here he will return to Africa for evangelistic work.

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Concession Tickets

Division Council, Johannesburg

CONCESSION tickets will be issued to persons attending the Division Council at Johannesburg. Write to the Division Office, Grove Avenue, Claremont, Cape, for concession certificate, giving the name of the station from which you will commence the forward journey, and the date when you plan to leave from such station.

The Railway Administration informs us that "the Concession tickets will be issued to enable the delegates to arrive at Johannesburg not earlier than April 10 and will be valid for completion of journey by midnight on May 4, 1937. The journey may not be broken in either the forward or return journey."

MILTON ROBISON, Secretary.

Van de Merwe aan die Hoof van Seniorklas by Pacific Union College

(Uittreksels uit die kollegeblad van Pacific Union College, 11 Feb. 1937.)

Drt skyn of die seniorklas by Pacific Union College hierdie jaar in baie opsigte uniek gaan wees — daar is altesame agten-dertig studente in die klas. Vir die betrekking van president was daar 'n hele aantal aspirante, en eindelik was Leraar Johannes van de Merwe met 'n groot meerderheid gekies. Daar het deurgaans 'n aangename gees geheers.

Die openingsrede van Mnr. Smith, wat tydelik die voorsitterstoel beklee het, was baie tydig en tewens ook baie op prys gestel. Na hy verkose verklaar is, was Leraar v. d. Merwe versoek om die voorsitterstoel in te neem, en om sy klasgenote toe te spreek. Onder ander het Mnr. v. d. Merwe sy waardering uitgespreek vir die eer aan hom bewys, en die vertroue wat in hom gestel is.

Leraar v. d. Merwe het verlede jaar by Pacific Union College ingeskryf. Hy is in Suid-Afrika, uit Afrikaanse ouers gebore, en het sy opleiding aan die Spioenkop Kollege ontvang, wat hy in 1926 voltooi het. Die daaropvolgende vier jaar het hy as evangelis en inspekteur van sendingskole onder die inboorlinge deurgebring, en die laaste vier en 'n half jaar, as superintendent en tesourier van die Betsjoeanaland Sendingveld. Na hy sy studies aan Pacific Union College voltooi het, sal hy na Suid-Afrika terugkeer vir evangelistiese werk.

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Situation Vacant

By Seventh-day Adventist young man, 23 years of age, as hairdresser. He has had over five years practical experience. Apply: J. P. Fourie, Klipplaat, C. P.

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Wanted

A STRONG Adventist girl for doctor's home in Durban. Must be willing to do anything in the home and be able to speak good English. There are children in the family. Apply: Doctor, 350 Windermere Road, Durban, Natal.

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Situation Wanted

By Seventh-day Adventist (married), many years motor and garage experience. Understands all makes of cars, lorries and tractors. Excellent testimonial from garage owner where last employed. Would also consider a partnership in a good, paying garage in a country town. Can invest small capital. Apply: L. V. Shone, P.O. Buxton, Cape.