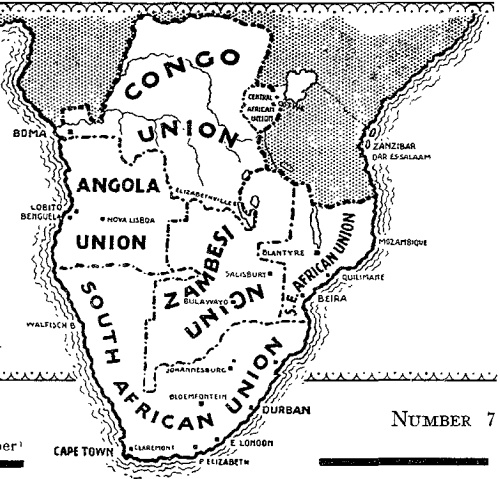


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TO THE DELEGATES AND VISITING BRETHREN
AND SISTERS ASSEMBLED:

Greetings.

It is in no formal way that we welcome you to this important meeting. The prayers that have ascended from conference and mission field offices, from churches and family altars, on behalf of this meeting, and the bonds of love that have bound our hearts together as we have been separated one from the other, cannot but make of this occasion a blessed and happy reunion of brethren and sisters who meet together with love in their hearts as one family. We have looked forward to this gathering with earnest longing, and we are confident that the One at whose invitation we have assembled will grace our assembly with His presence, and will bestow in bounteous measure the wisdom and love and grace and power that our hearts so earnestly crave. We are confident, too, that the fellowship one with another which we shall enjoy during the days of our encampment, will knit our hearts more closely together, and will remind us again of that grand and glad reunion when the saints shall meet in the kingdom of God.

We are particularly happy at this time to welcome Elder and Sister W. H. Branson and Elder Detwiler whom the General Conference have been kind to send as their representatives to this and other meetings in the Southern African Division. Elder Branson, senior vice-president of the General Conference, comes to us as an old friend and fellow-labourer, having served as the first president of the Southern African Division. Elder Detwiler, although on his first visit to Africa, seems somewhat related to us, for it is in his field that Elder J. W. MacNeil, a former president of this Union, is now labouring. We extend a cordial welcome also to Elder J. F. Wright, president of the Southern African Division, and to the other Division representatives. To all of these we shall look for special

counsel and guidance in the affairs of this conference.

The presence of these leaders is a further evidence of the close co-operation and unity which bind together into one great organisation all of the forces of the advent people. In consequence of this organisation and the world-wide task that it has set before itself, we in South Africa have been the recipients of large and liberal gifts. We would therefore at this time express through these representatives deep and heartfelt gratitude for the liberal appropriations so unstintingly given, and for the helpful counsel which has guided our committees in all of their planning.

As one looks over the congregation one misses the faces of some who have met with us on previous occasions but who for one reason or another have found it impossible to be present at this time. We think of these and pray that upon them as well as upon all of our absent brethren and sisters there may be bestowed a large measure of the blessing which we are claiming for ourselves. We think, too, of those whom death has removed since our last assembly. Among these we remember with affectionate regard, Elder W. S. Hyatt, the first president of this Union, and Elder W. C. Walston, old warriors in the service of their Master, of Sister D. F. Tarr, Sister S. G. Hiten, Sister Chas. Sparrow, Sister C. A. Dixie, of Elder L. E. Modise and Sister Molokomme. All of these died in certain hope of the first resurrection. To the relatives we extend our loving sympathy in their bereavement.

Four years ago, in opening the last session of this Conference, attention was drawn by the president to the "times of perplexity and uncertainty" then prevailing, and to the "hour of supreme need" to which the church had come. During the four years that have intervened since then the scenes have changed. The particular problem then confronting the world has,

in a measure, passed away, but only to give place to a situation far more serious, the mists of depression as it were, being displaced by dark and threatening clouds of war, for the world depression of four years ago has only lifted in consequence of the unparalleled traffic in armaments and death-dealing implements, and the colossal expenditure on enlarged armies, navies, and airforces, which have converted much of the civilised world into what is commonly spoken of as one vast armed camp. This condition must inevitably lead to an infinitely worse depression if ever the world survives the harrowing scenes of carnage and war for which the nations are apparently preparing.

The League of Nations, upon which men's hopes of peace were set, has, during the four years under review, palpably and repeatedly failed to accomplish its objective, and we find a spirit of suspicion, unrest, and uncontrolled hate abroad in the land. A situation giving occasion for infinitely more concern today than it did four years ago. And yet in that very situation there is to the Bible student abundant occasion for rejoicing, for he sees in it incontrovertible evidence of fulfilling prophecy and the nearness of the return of our Lord.

God's Care for His Work

In spite of these perplexing conditions our God has had a loving care for His work. Blessings both temporal and spiritual have been showered upon His people, and prosperity has attended the efforts to advance His cause. For these manifold blessings so freely bestowed we return gratitude to God, remembering that through them alone our work has been accomplished.

Changes

Probably no previous term has witnessed such changes in our local organisations and in the personnel of our committee and staff as has the present one. Not a conference president, union or local, not a mission field

superintendent, training school principal, or departmental secretary, union or local, except for our honorary medical secretary, now holds office who has not been appointed to such during the last two years; and most of these were newly appointed in 1936. These changes were, almost without exception, necessitated by financial conditions and calls for workers from other fields.

In the first place the South African Union was called upon to suffer a very severe loss in the appointment, by the General Conference of its president, Elder N. C. Wilson, to the presidency of the Southern Asia Division. Elder Wilson enjoyed the unqualified confidence of the entire field, and his helpful counsel and kindly attitude has been greatly missed. Financial conditions necessitated the amalgamation of certain departments within the Union, and Elders Staples and Clifford were invited by the South African Conference to re-enter evangelism. Elder Clifford has since rejoined us and is now carrying the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer departments. Elder Hanson was called to take the principalship of the Spion Kop Missionary Institution, and his place in the department of education has been filled by Brother W. T. Hodgson. Unfortunately for a period of nearly two years between Brother Hanson's departure and Brother Hodgson's arrival, the department was without a secretary, Brother Hanson being depended upon to foster certain important interests in addition to his work at Spion Kop.

The call of the General Conference for Brother Vixie to connect with the North European Division came as a great blow to us. The transfer of so many workers from this field has greatly depleted our forces, and for some inexplicable reason we seem unable to secure responses to our calls from other fields as readily as other fields are able to find and secure workers from our field. One of the matters that should occupy the attention of this session or of the committee that it shall elect, is the building up of a stronger force of experienced workers, especially along the line of evangelism.

Changes in Local Field Organisation

At the last session an amalgamation was effected of the Cape and Natal-Transvaal Conferences. Several months earlier the two native mission fields had been amalgamated. Both of these moves were occasioned by financial stringency, the mission fields being compelled to effect drastic economy due to decreased appropriation, and the conferences desiring to release what funds they could to save retrenchment in the mission fields.

After three years' trial it seemed the consensus of opinion that continued amalgamation was not desirable, and at Port Elizabeth in January, 1936, when the South African Conference Constituency and the South African Union Committee were in session, action was passed re-dividing both

the South African Conference and the South African Mission Field, so that the new territorial boundaries of each were much the same as before the amalgamation took place.

Prior to this division Elder L. L. Moffitt who had so efficiently served the Cape Conference and the amalgamated South African Conference, had responded to a call to take the Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer Departments of the Division. Elder A. N. Ingle was called to take his place as president of the South African Conference, and later when the division of the conference was effected he was called to the presidency of the Natal-Transvaal Conference, and Elder W. H. Hurlow was appointed president of the Cape Conference.

At about the same time that the division of the South African Mission Field was effected, an earnest appeal came to us from the Zambesi Union for Elder J. R. Campbell to be released to take the superintendency of the Southern Rhodesia Mission Field. It was with considerable regret that we took leave of Elder and Sister Campbell after their many years of faithful and efficient service in this Union. Elder L. S. Billes was appointed superintendent of the newly formed North Bantu Mission Field, and Elder G. S. Stevenson, who was called from Nyasaland, was appointed superintendent of the South Bantu Mission Field.

Membership

The number of persons added to the church by baptism during the quadrennial term was 1,843. It has been anticipated that the amalgamation of the conferences would result in greater evangelism, but these hopes did not appear to materialise, owing possibly to the fact that some of the experienced evangelists were absorbed into departmental work, and also to the fact that a portion of the savings effected by amalgamation were transferred to the mission field.

Our total membership four years ago was 4,159. Today it is 5,254, an increase of 1,095. It is a matter of concern that the percentage relationship of net additions to baptisms should be so low. Earnest study should be given during this session to ways and means of conserving our hardly won gains.

Tithe

The total tithe receipts for the quadrennial term amounted to £65,794-0-1 as compared with £51,573-13-6, during the previous term, or an increase of £14,215-6-7 or 28 per cent.

Mission Offerings

The total offerings to missions for the past four years were £42,219-11-1 as compared with £37,912-3-0 during the previous period, or an increase of £4,307-8-1 or a little over 11 per cent. As both periods included a portion of the depression years, this comparison does not afford a clear idea of the upward trend.

Unfortunately the percentage relationship of mission offerings to tithe has fallen from 73 per cent in the previous period to 64 per cent during the period under review. Evidently the increased income of our members has not been as liberally reflected in their offerings to missions as in their payment of tithe.

In making comparisons between this and other union conferences it is noticed in the last statement of the General Conference Treasury, that for the first ten months of 1936 the South African Union Conference still heads the list of union conferences all over the world in per capita offerings to missions, the next union at the present time being the Atlantic Union.

Harvest Ingathering

An interesting feature of the mission offerings is the growing Harvest Ingathering Fund. Intensified efforts have been put forth to increase the contributions from this source, and with a remarkable degree of success. Our members have rallied loyally, and the workers have, almost without exception, spent considerable time in personal solicitation. Each year during the four-year period the South African Union has considerably exceeded the goal for the entire Division. In 1936, with a Division goal of £5,100 the amount raised by the South African Union was £7,355-12-11. Further evidence of the faithful efforts on the part of workers and lay-members and of the success of those efforts, is evident from the fact that in 1936 the amount of Harvest Ingathering funds per capita in the South African Union practically doubled those of the United States and Canada. In this very condition, however, there is occasion for a degree of concern; for while the Harvest Ingathering funds are on the increase, there does not appear to be a corresponding emphasis upon personal giving. The reasons for this might profitably form the basis of study. It is recognised on the one hand that an increasing portion of the Harvest Ingathering funds may be coming from our own members, and on the other hand that the gradual increase in the earning power of our members following the depression would naturally reflect itself more immediately upon the tithe, while its influence upon mission offerings, which do not represent a direct proportion of one's income, would be more gradual.

Departmental

With the frequent changes that have been made in the leadership of the departments it is inevitable that progress has not been as satisfactory as might have been desired. In the case of the department of education, this has been particularly marked for the Union was without any secretary whatever for half of the term. Nevertheless progress has been made as will be revealed by the reports rendered by the secretaries. The colporteur work in the mission fields has been strengthened by the appointment

of European workers who are spending full time in fostering this line of work. The Union itself, since Brother Vixie's departure, has been without a Field Missionary Secretary. We appreciate the assistance that Brother F. E. Potter, secretary of this department for the Division, has given us.

Spion Kop Missionary Institution

In presenting his report at the last session of this conference Elder N. C. Wilson called attention to the decision to move the Native Training School from Spion Kop to one of our other mission stations. Mention was made by him of the various reasons that had influenced the commission and the committee in arriving at this decision.

Due to certain economies effected in the administration of the institution shortly after the union session, and to difficulties which were pointed out in connection with the mission sites suggested, the decision to move was not executed and the training school is still being maintained at Spion Kop. The financial problem has not, however, been solved, and consideration must be given at this session, or at an early meeting of the executive, to the placing of our training school on a more satisfactory basis financially and otherwise. The continuance of the institution on the present basis would hardly seem fair to the administration, or to the board, or to the field.

There are a number of encouraging features in connection with the school at Spion Kop. Since Brother Hanson took charge the enrolment has increased considerably. Last year the day school enrolment more than trebled, while the total enrolment showed an increase of 17 per cent over the previous year. Of this number more than 50 were in the training classes. The principal's report for 1936 called attention to the fact that more than 50 per cent of the students were from non-adventist homes, twelve different societies being represented. The fact that many of the students are from the Rand has added to the acuteness of a number of the problems, particularly discipline, food, standards of courtesy and indifference toward religion. Nevertheless the baptismal class had an enrolment of 50 last year, and 15 were baptised.

Good Hope Training School

Despite the meagre facilities, encouraging progress has been made at the Good Hope Training School. The enrolment for 1936 was more than double that of 1935. The small enrolment in the senior classes, however, still gives occasion for concern. As compared with 106 pupils in the primary department there were only 14 enrolled in the senior school. The hostel arrangements have been particularly unsatisfactory. An effort is being made at the present time to improve these conditions, but funds do not begin to permit of a satisfactory programme being carried out.

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Sabbath Night Watchmen

[For the benefit of those of our readers who do not receive the Review and Herald we publish here an extract from that paper.—Ed.]

SOME have referred to the practice of having night watchmen in our sanitariums and other institutions, and wondered if on the same principle they themselves might not act as night watchmen in some manufacturing or mercantile establishment during the Sabbath hours, minimising their work as far as possible. We believe that there is a clear distinction between these two lines of work. The priests of old performed twice as much work on the Sabbath as they did on the ordinary week day, and Christ approved of this service which they rendered. He declared that while they profaned the Sabbath day so far as the outward form was concerned, they were blameless.

And why blameless?—Because their work was for the Lord, in connection with His church. (Read Matt. 12: 1-8.) While the priests of old could slay animals and offer them as a sacrifice in the sanctuary service, this was entirely different than if they had slain these animals and offered them for sale in the pursuit of an everyday vocation.

I believe this principle applies to Sabbath work in church institutions in contrast to similar service in establishments of the world. I cannot see, therefore, how a Sabbath-keeper can consistently be a night watchman in any commercial establishment on the seventh day, even if in doing this he minimises his work compared with the labour of other days.

Sabbath Duty as Policeman or at Water Plant

While we appreciate the embarrassment which comes to one in giving up his position in order to keep the Sabbath, we cannot regard the suggestion to carry into the Sabbath hours any part of the week's work as other than the subtle philosophy of the enemy to lead him who does it to make no distinction between the holy and the profane, and to lower the high and holy standard of Sabbath observance to the plane of the ordinary holiday or work day.

In our modern world there are many commodities in daily use which seem essential to life. We refer to such things as water, gas, electricity, and other things of this character which are considered daily essentials, and are delivered daily to thousands of homes. Would it be permissible for Seventh-day Adventists to operate on the Sabbath an electric light plant, a gas factory, work in the city water plant, or fulfil the duties of a policeman?

Following the lead of these specious suggestions, we would soon break down all distinctions between the holy and the common, and could engage in almost any kind of labour on the Sabbath.

Gradually we would lose out of our

hearts the spirit of all Sabbath observance, and would forsake the Sabbath and the message of which it is a part.

Separation From the World

God has called us to act a distinctive part as His representatives in the closing days of earth's history. He has given us a message of reform relative to the Sabbath of the Lord. He has not laid upon us the burden of carrying on the world's work. Naturally and logically, of course, we may benefit, even on the Sabbath, from some of the great industries that the world carries forward.

In attending the services of the Lord's house we may utilise the street-car or the steam railway on the Sabbath. Our part in the matter would involve no secular aim or service, but only the work of God. But it would be quite another thing for us to take part in operating these public business utilities on the Sabbath day for those who are engaged in secular work. We may step to the faucet and turn on water for daily use on the Sabbath, but this is quite another thing than for us to engage in labour on the Sabbath in the city water works. We may burn in our furnaces the coal to keep us warm on a cold Sabbath day, but this is quite apart from engaging in coal mining on the Sabbath or in delivering coal on that day.

There is a work that the world will do and may do, but which is separate and distinct from that which the children of God may do. Christ recognised this principle in His teaching. He called a certain man to be His disciple. The man responded, "Suffer me first to go and bury my father."

But Christ answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God." Luke 9: 59, 60. The man's father was not dead in the sense that his body was awaiting burial. The request was, "Let me go and take care of my father until he dies; let me close up the family affairs, and then I will come and give my life to Thy service." Christ recognised that this was a work that others might do. It did not belong to the disciple whom He had called to His work. Therefore He replied, "Let the dead bury their dead." Let those whose interests are in things temporal attend to affairs of this kind.

Hence in my judgment no Sabbath-keeper could rightly be employed as a policeman, or work in any municipal plant or other commercial enterprise on the Sabbath of the Lord. And may I add, in all kindness, that no Sabbath-keeper understanding and possessing the spirit of true Sabbath observance, could in good conscience engage in such service on the day God made holy and sanctified.

A Call to Reform in Sabbath Observance

The fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah is a chapter relating to the closing days of earth's history. It opens with the command to the watchmen on the walls of Zion: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy

voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." And one of the special sins pointed out in this chapter is the violation of the Sabbath. The Lord pronounces His special blessing upon those who will honour His Sabbath in turning from their evil ways, and regarding the day in harmony with its sacred character.

If Satan today could switch Seventh-day Adventists away from Sabbath observance, or lead them to compromise the stand they have taken through all their history regarding the observance of this day, he would be well pleased. Let us resist his wily suggestions, and remain true to this sign of our order.—*Review and Herald*, Jan. 21, 1937.



Has It Ever Occured to You That —

DURING 1936 over 187,000 *Signs* and *Tekens* were sold and given away in the territory of the Southern African Division? Do you realise that these thousands of message-filled magazines preached at least 1,000,000 sermons last year? Surely, God's word will not return to him void, for souls will undoubtedly be saved as a result of the work of these silent messengers.

Only eighty-eight years ago, Seventh-day Adventists printed their first missionary periodical, "The Present Truth." This magazine was started as the result of a compelling testimony from Mrs. E. G. White. She said:

"You must begin to print a little paper and send it out to the people. Let it be small at first; but as the people read, they will send you means with which to print, and it will be a success from the first. From this small beginning it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear round the world."—*Life Sketches*, page 125.

Thank God for that encouraging testimony! Thank God for the marvellous fulfilment which the passing years have brought! From that small beginning eighty-eight years ago, our publishing work has developed till now we are printing our literature in 171 languages in 62 publishing houses the world around. Do we ask for greater proof than this that God and not man is leading this movement?

We have been told that "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelising ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, pages 61, 62.

But our books and periodicals cannot go out and distribute themselves. This is the work of the living messenger. To all those standing idle in the market place at this, the eleventh hour, the Master says: "Go work today in My vineyard." Mark this quotation:

"There are many who can help in the work of selling our periodicals. The Lord calls upon *all* to seek to save perishing

souls." All who have received a knowledge of this truth are expected to pass on that knowledge to others. In what better way can we do this, than through the distribution of the *Signs* and *Tekens*. Elder Watson, former president of the General Conference, says: "Of all the means that we have employed in our world field for the winning of souls, it is possible that none has contributed more successfully than the literature that has been circulated through the years."

The question comes, What are you doing to circulate our truth-laden magazines in your community? If you are not now getting a club of *Signs* or *Tekens* every month for missionary work, please place your order at once with your local church missionary secretary. The *Signs* costs only 1½d per copy when taken in clubs to your church address.

If we do our part faithfully now, when the Master of the harvest comes we shall hear His melodious voice saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant." I want to hear those words, don't you?

J. N. KRUM, *Circulation Manager*,
Signs of the Times and Herald of Health.



The Union Camp-meeting

THE Union camp-meeting has just closed with a shower of blessing. Truly the Lord has visited His people. The outpouring of His Spirit was evidenced in the memorable consecration scene witnessed at the last Sabbath morning service. First we gave our hearts, and then over £700 was freely offered and pledged as a thank offering for the extension of the work of God.

On the opening day our dear people poured into Bloemfontein from all parts of the Union. The Locating Committee struggled valiantly with a difficult problem. On the grounds some faces showed anxiety as preparations for the great gathering of God's people were pushed forward at top speed to get all ready for the opening service.

How quickly the time passed, but willing hearts and eager hands made all ready for the feast. Happy faces everywhere indicated joy and gladness as the Sabbath dawned, revealing the largest representative gathering of God's people ever assembled in camp-meeting session in the Union of South Africa. The crowded three-pole tent was packed for Sabbath school where the programme went forward harmoniously under the superintendency of Pastor L. L. Moffitt. The offering to missions for the two Sabbaths amounted to over £106.

A most encouraging feature of the session was the splendid attendance at all of the business meetings. Our dear people took a deep interest in the proceedings that indicated a healthy growth and bright future for the work of God. The report of the nominating Committee met with general approval, and confidence in leader-

ship was evidenced by the return to office of the retiring officers. Elder Tarr and his fellow-workers can be assured of the prayers of God's people as they seek to plan wisely and well for the extension of the work of God.

The helpful, inspiring sermons and studies given by our visiting overseas brethren were very deeply appreciated and brought large blessing and renewed courage to the hearts of our dear people. It really seemed like old times to hear Elder Branson lead us into the green pastures of God's Word. Elder H. J. Detwiler has found a large place in the hearts of our people by his cheery and uplifting messages. Elder J. F. Wright gave counsel and courage both in committee and to the congregation. Every night stirring, heart-searching evangelical messages, based upon the fundamentals of our faith were given to capacity audiences by our leading evangelists. Every meeting seemed full of interest and fraught with blessing, and heavy showers of rain only served to make the attendance more constant and consistent.

The tiny tots spent many happy and fruitful hours in their tent in charge of Mrs. Hermann Ficker. The Junior and Senior Missionary Volunteers were catered for according to their needs and almost every young person in attendance signed a covenant, either renewing their allegiance to Christ or else surrendering their lives to Him for the first time.

The remarks passed, as we waited to get a place at one of the many tables, indicated that Sister Honey had excelled herself in providing such healthful and appetising fare.

And now it is over. The hearty hand-claps and farewells are a thing of the past. Our people have gone, blessed of heaven and renewed in spirit, to homes and churches scattered through the length and breadth of our land. Camp-meeting is over but not forgotten. We look forward to another such gathering.

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Baptism at Beaufort West

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A THOROUGHLY enjoyable week-end was spent by the writer on a visit to Beaufort West in connection with the baptism of those who accepted the truth as the result of Brother Hermann Ficker's effort in that town.

Sabbath was spent in Beaufort West, and besides a real live Sabbath school, two preaching services were held on that day.

Early Sunday morning a lorry load of us drove out to a farm thirty-five miles out of town, where two services were held and where we conducted a baptism, and also celebrated the Lord's supper. It was a blessed time, and many voices were heard in testimony to the Lord Who had been so good.

Seven persons were baptised, five of whom came from the above-mentioned farm. It is interesting to notice how the truth came to these five.

Brother Ficker and his co-workers, Mrs. Stevenson and her daughter (now Mrs. Swanepoel, of Johannesburg) were having a very trying time in the town. Opposition was so cruel that these workers decided to get the addresses of all the farmers in the district and send to them the good little booklet "Error Exposed."

This was done and one was received at the farm "Platjiesrivier." Although these good people could hardly understand English, they studied the book and one of the men set off to town to find the sender. After making extensive inquiries and receiving many rebuffs, he found Brother Ficker. Studies were arranged, with the result that this family of five accepted the truth. They are in turn working for the farmers in their district and the truth is shining in those parts.

This Afrikaans family has been well supplied with literature in their mother-tongue. They are well founded in the advent faith and rejoice in the message for these days.

Let us pray that God will cause the light to spread in those parts that many others may rejoice in the truth and be saved finally.

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Matandani Calling

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We often wish that it were possible to send out wireless messages or receive them, as this title suggests. However, our chief method of sending out word is by our mail boy who takes three to four days to make the journey to Blantyre and back to Matandani.

So if it is an emergency or if any immediate reply is required you can readily see why it would certainly be nice if we could tune in, or send out word by wireless.

However, we are much more fortunate now than the ones who were stationed here in the earlier days, for we have an all-weather road that enables us to reach Blantyre within four hours. During pre-

vious rainy seasons we have at times been held up by the Shire River, but this year a large bridge has been built and now even if the river is in flood we will always be able to cross. When we consider the way the journey used to be made in the early days by machilla and bush cart, we can be thankful for modern means of travel.

Our station has progressed very nicely this year. It has been possible to complete the work that needed to be done in the interior of the church. For a long time the need has been felt for a boys' dining room, and this year a building has been erected that will serve this purpose and also give us a study-period room as well.

Another standard was added to our course here and now we have the students for a year longer from the time they come in to us from the central schools, and this gives us a chance to test and train them better before passing them on to the training school at Malamulo.

Our girls' school which we opened last year is developing nicely into a recognised and accepted part of our work by the native people, who, at first, were a little reticent in sending their daughters to a boarding school and away from home. We see a marked improvement in these girls as regards neatness, obedience, and willingness to generally improve themselves.

Another interesting phase of work being done for the African women has been the classes of instruction in home crafts and home nursing which is given once a week to the married women. Although to them such things seem almost novelty, yet, no doubt, in the course of time results will be seen. As a matter of fact, the most recent arrival at the mission has been started from the cradle (and mosquito net) along model lines of child welfare.

I think we have one of the best groups of students this year that we have had in a long time. The spirit is splendid. We are trying to give them a training in practical work as well as studies. Some of the students are becoming quite good masons and carpenters.

We have tried to open up prayer houses in the places where new interests have sprung up and converts have been won. Some of our old schools have been reopened.

Our canvasser is doing good work with his books, and always seems to have a ready welcome at the different places he visits.

Many perplexing, serious and trying cases, along with the ordinary complaints, have come into the dispensary this year. This work has been blessed and many have received help in their difficulties and needs.

There is much that we would have liked to have done this year, but we as a group of workers at Matandani, hope in the coming year, by the help, power and guidance of God, to do more than ever before in the furtherance of the gospel amongst this pleasant people with whom we associate and work.

Helderberg College

News Notes

ON Tuesday, March 29, Principal Shankel left on a brief visit to the camp-meeting at Bloemfontein where he had been asked to represent the college. During his absence Mr. C. C. Marais was acting-principal. Others of the college community at Bloemfontein were Mrs. W. F. Tarr and daughter, and Mrs. S. Glanz.

It was a pleasure to receive the annual visit of the inspection committee during the week March 26 to April 2. The group consisted of Professor Milton Robison, Division education secretary; Professor E. M. Cadwallader, M. A., education secretary of the Zambesi Union Mission Field; and Doctor F. T. Milne, principal of the Commercial High School, Johannesburg. A general and thorough survey was conducted not only in the classes, where students were examined, but in every department of the college. A report of the findings of this committee will appear in a later issue of the OUTLOOK.

CONSEQUENT upon the moving of the Normal Department from the basement of Branson Hall to the new building, the Science Department at present occupies two of the rooms thus vacated. The rapidly growing Commercial Department has now been able to spread out from its cramped quarters and include one more room in its suite. The partitioned compartment at the end of the hall, formerly used as a practice room, is reserved now for the use of student stenographers doing private work for the various college instructors; the former science laboratory is being used as the typewriting practice room.

PATRONS and friends of the college will doubtless be pleased to learn that another issue of the annual *Silver Leaf* will be published toward the close of this school year. Plans have already been laid to produce a magazine similar in size, but generally superior, to the one printed in 1935. So great was the demand for the former production that it will be necessary to print a larger edition this year. It is expected that the Sentinel Publishing Company, whose work on the previous issue was so highly praised, will be entrusted with the printing of this number.

It is planned to launch a subscription campaign shortly so that all may have the opportunity of sending in their half-crowns and thus secure a copy.

ON Sunday evening, April 4, the junior music pupils, under the direction of Mrs. Shankel, gave a splendid little recital in the college chapel. Besides the many piano

solos by these beginners, many of whom gave evidence of remarkable progress, there were a number of songs and recitations by the young boys and girls.

RECOGNISING that there has been a great deal of unnecessary noise created in the dining room by the waiters in an attempt to serve their respective tables promptly, the Kappa Nu Epsilon Brotherhood—the men's culture club—offered themselves as waiters in order to ameliorate the condition. The management of the catering department appreciated the offer and accepted it, and as a result a decided improvement can be seen—or heard—at present during meal time.

ON Sunday evening, April 25, ten of the male members of the college speech class, under the direction of Mr. W. F. Tarr, will present Tennyson's "Enoch Arden," in the school chapel. Since the presentation of this poem a few years ago, there have been many requests for a repeat performance, but until this year it has not been possible to present the poem again.

In addition to this presentation the college quartette will sing two of Tennyson's most beautiful lyrics, "Break, Break, Break" and "Crossing the Bar." Appropriate piano solos will introduce and conclude the programme.

THERE is perhaps no one in the Division better fitted to discuss missions and mission problems than our pioneer missionary, Elder W. H. Anderson; consequently it was both a privilege and pleasure to receive a visit from him recently. During his brief stay at the college, Elder Anderson addressed the students on three occasions,—at chapel, Friday vespers, and at the Sabbath service. Such matters were discussed as: suitable preparation for mission work, the general conduct of a mission, the guarding of the missionary's health, and the tact needed in dealing with the numerous questions put to one by the natives.



President's Report

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Office Headquarters

The Union office has twice changed its location during the term. We are now in our fifth premises since coming to Bloemfontein, and in our eighth since 1923. From time to time the executive has considered the advisability of owning its own office building, but as yet no definite move in this direction has been made.

Problems

The question of evangelism and the maintenance of a staff of workers adequate to meet the need is one of the particular

problems confronting the conferences and mission fields. In the mission fields, with the millions still untouched, the shortage of workers is pitifully acute. There is also a dire need for church buildings and worker's homes in various centres where our work has already been established. Some of the conditions under which our members are forced to meet are bringing our work into disrepute, and some of our workers' homes are veritable hovels.

We are confronted with another situation in the native territories which is adversely affecting our work. In a recent Government Gazette there appeared a proclamation notifying natives resident in unsurveyed areas that their holdings could not be used for any other purpose than that of residence. Failure to comply rendered them subject to ejection. Shortly afterwards a native in one of the territories was served notice that unless our school and church on his property were closed within a specified period his right to remain on the property would be withdrawn. There was no option but to close the school and discontinue the use of the church. Other cases have since been brought to our notice. As schools and churches cannot be erected within five miles of other schools and churches, and as in most of the territories there is not an available site left, we are in a quandary to know what to do. The regulation goes so far as to prohibit the erection of a tent on private property. The only solution which has thus far presented itself is the purchase of sites on town commonages adjacent to thickly populated areas, and making use of same for churches, schools or tent sites. But this will be a costly procedure.

In reviewing the situation throughout the field one might dwell at length on our material needs, on our need for men and for funds. But great as these are, they do not constitute our greatest or most urgent need. In the stirring times to which we have come, we are constrained to acknowledge that our first and foremost need is to be imbued with a purpose and a power adequate to the task that stretches out before us. More and more do we realise that no matter how strong numerically our forces might be, nor how well-qualified from every external aspect, their efforts would still accomplish but little unless attended by the power of God. The plans which this conference might lay, and the execution of such plans, no matter how wisely or how carefully arranged, will fail of their objective unless controlling them in their purpose and intent, and directing them in their execution is the sanctifying, energising, all-pervading Spirit of the living God. For the presence of His Spirit in all of the deliberations of our conference and for His controlling power in the lives of our members we most earnestly pray.

A. FLOYD TARR.

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F. E. Potter, Secretary

Who's Who in the Literature Ministry



No. 12.—Mrs. I. Sergel

EIGHT souls won to this blessed message, a goodly number of large subscription books, a few hundred books of the Crisis series, and thousands of copies of the Signs sold, besides several hundred subscriptions taken for that paper, over a period of five years, is the record of a frail sister working only part time, and oftentimes in ill-health.

Sister Sergel's entry into the literature ministry came as a result of her desire to provide literature for the kindergarten and primary divisions of the little Sabbath school at Kingwilliamstown. To secure the needed funds Sister Sergel launched forth as a part-time colporteur in Queenstown, donating her profits to the funds of the Kingwilliamstown Sabbath school. Here it was that she experienced the blessed joy of winning her first soul for the kingdom.

Through the years following she laboured as much as her poor health would permit, watching carefully for any sign of interest in those to whom she sold books or papers. There is no count of the hours she has spent in Bible studies, except in heaven's records—nor have any eyes but the Master's seen the numberless times she engaged in anxious pleading for souls on the border line of conviction.

With a heaven-born love for souls, a living faith in God, and a firm trust in His all-wise guidance, she laboured on without thought of earthly recompense, content alone with the privilege of an actual part in the vineyard here, and the blessed hope of meeting the fruitage of her labours in the earth made new. Surely this is an example many others could follow!

Unie President se Rapport

AAN DIE AFGEVAARDIGDE EN BESOEKENDE
BROERS EN SUSTERS VERGADER:

Groete,

Dit is nie slegs uit blote vorm wat ons u verwelkom nie. Die gebede opgestuur deur konferensie en sendingveld kantore in behalwe van die vergadering, daarby die band van liefde wat ons harte samesmelt, hoewel van mekaar verwyder, kan geen ander uitwerking hê dan 'n gesênde en gelukkige samekoms van broeders en susters soos een groot familie. Ons het uitgesien na die vergadering met groot verlange, en ons is seker dat die Een op wie se uitnodiging ons saam gekom het, ons sal sien met Sy teenwoordigheid, en op besondere wyse op ons bestee Sy wysheid, liefde, genade, en krag waarna ons harte so verlang. Ons is ook seker dat ons omgang met mekaar gedurende die vergadering ons harte digter aan elkaar sal bind, en ons weer herinner aan die blye hereniging van die heiliges in Gods koninkryk.

In besonder verwelkom ons Leraar en Suster Branson en Leraar Detwiler, wat die Wêreldkonferensie ons gestuur het as hulle gesante na hierdie en ander vergaderings in die S. A. Divisie. Leraar Branson, senior visie-president van die Wêreldkonferensie kom na ons as 'n ou vriend en mederwerker. Hy het gedien as eerste president van die S. A. Divisie. Leraar Detwiler, hoewel dit sy eerste besoek is aan ons, is wel met ons verbonde, aangesien dit in sy veld is wat Leraar MacNeil, 'n vroeëre Unie-president werksaam is. Ook verwelkom ons Leraar Wright, president van die S. A. Divisie en ook die ander verteenwoordigers. Ons sien uit na hulle goeie raad in die verrigtinge van die konferensie.

Die teenwoordigheid van al hierdie leiers is verder bewys van die volkome samewerking en die noue verband tussen ons organisasies in die Advent-beweging. As gevolg van hierdie organisasie en ons wêreldwye taak het ons groot gifte ontvang. Met hierdie geleentheid wens ons deur hierdie verteenwoordigende ons innige dank uit te spreek vir die groot bydraë aan ons gegee, ook vir die goeie raad aan ons komitees verleen.

Terwyl ons oor die gehoor kyk, mis ons die gesigte van sommige wat altyd saam met ons was, maar deur een of ander rede verhinder is hierdie keer. Ons bede is dat hulle tesame met ons afwesige broeders en susters 'n groot mate van die seën mag ontvang waarop ons aanspraak maak. Ons dink ook aan diegene wat die dood van ons verwyder het. Met liefde gedink ons aan **Leraar W. S. Hyatt**, eerste president van die Unie, ook **Leraar W. C. Walston**, ou strydster in die Meester se diens, dan **Susters D. F. Tarr**, **S. G. Hiten**, **Chas Sparrow**, en **Leraar L. E. Modise** en Suster Molokomme. Almal rus in die sekere hoop

van die eerste opstanding. Ons innige simpatie gaan uit met die bloedverwante.

Vier jaar terug toe ons laaste sessie geopen is, het die president ons aandag gevestig op die "Ernstige en onseker tyd" wat daar toe was, ook die uur van "Ernstige Behoeft" wat die kerk bereik het. Die tussen-tydperk van toe af het sake baie verander. Die wêreld se besondere probleem van toe het na mate verbygegaan, maar vervang geword deur iets baie meer ernstigs. Die wolke van depressie is vervang deur dreigende oorlog. Die depressie van drie jaar terug is grootliks verlig deur die geweldige bewapening van nasies, die reuse koste vir groter magte en vlote. Die beskaafde wêreld is vandag 'n gewapende kamp. Hierdie toestand sal eendelig lei tot 'n groter depressie, as die wêreld ooit die verwagte bloedbad sou oorleef.

Die Volkebond waarop die menslike hoop gevestig was, het herhaaldelik misluk, en ons vind 'n gees van wantroue en uiterste haat onder die volke van die wêreld, 'n ernstiger toestand as vier jaar gelede. Te midde hiervan vind Gods kinders baie rede om verheuging deur die vervulling van profesie en die naderende einde.

God's Sorg vir Sy Werk

Onder dit alles het die Here in liefde vir Sy werk gesorg. Seëninge, beide geestelik en tydelik, is oor ons gestort, en voorspoed in die vooruitgang van die werk. Ons dank die Here vir al die seëninge, daar dit alleenlik deur Sy hulp is wat alles gedaan is.

Veranderinge

Altemit is daar in geen ander periode so baie veranderinge gemaak as in die teenwoordige nie. Nie 'n konferensie-president, Unie of lokaal, nie 'n sending superintendent, onderwyser of departementele sekretaris, behalwe ons mediese sekretaris wat nou die posisie beklee, is aangestel gedurende die laaste twee jaar nie. Die meeste is aangestel in 1936. Al die veranderinge was genoodsaak deur finansiële toestand en werkers groep deur ander velde.

In die eerste instansie moes die S. A. Unie Leraar Wilson toestaan om die beroep aan te neem na die Suid Asië Divisie. Leraar Wilson had die vertroue van ons almal en sy goeie raad was baie waardeer. Finansiële toestand het genoodsaak die amalgamasie van sekere departemente in ons Unie, gevolglik was Leraars Staples en Clifford versoek om weer evangelie-werk op te neem. Sinds die tyd het Leraar Clifford vereniging met ons Buurtsendingdepartement. Leraar Hanson was groep as prinsipaal van Spioenkop en sy plek is gevul in die departement van Opvoeding deur Broeder W. T. Hodgson. Die departement was vir byna twee jaar sonder 'n sekretaris. Die beroep deur die Wêreldkonferensie dat

Broeder Vixie homself verbind met die Noord Europese Divisie was ons 'n groot verlies. Die verlies van so baie werkers van ons veld word nie so maklik gevul as wat ander velde dit reg kry om ons werkers te beweeg om diens in hulle veld op te neem nie. 'n Saak waaraan ons ons besonder aandag moet verleen gedurende die sessie is die opbouing deur werkers van ondervinding veral in ons evangeliewerk.

Veranderinge in Plaaslike Veld Organisasie

Met die laaste sessie is die Kaap en N. T. Konferensie amalgameer. 'n Paar maande vantevore is die twee sendingvelde verenig. Beide besluite was genoodsaak deur finansiële toestand, en die konferensies se verlange om fondse te stort vir redding van ons sendingvelde.

Na 'n drie-jaar toets was dit gevoel dat 'n verdere amalgameer onnodig was. Gevolglik was daar in Port Elizabeth verlede jaar die ontbinding gedaan van die S. A. Konferensie en die S. A. Sendingveld. Die grense van elke veld is min of meer dieselfde soos voorheen.

Nog voor die verdeling was Leraar L. L. Moffitt, wat die Kaapse Konferensie en die saamgestelde S. A. Konferensie so getrou gedien het, groep om die Sabbatskool en die Sending Vrywilligersdepartemente van die Divisie waar te neem. Leraar Ingle het sy plek geneem, en met die verdeling weer na twee konferensies het hy die president geword van die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie, en Leraar Hurlow van die Kaap Konferensie.

Met die verdeling van die S. A. Sendingveld het 'n beroep gekom van die Sambesie Unie vir Leraar Campbell as superintendent van die Suid-Rhodesiese Veld. Ons was jammer om Broeder en Suster Campbell te verloor na so vele jare diens in ons midde. Leraar L. S. Billes was aangestel as superintendent van die nuwe Noord Bantu Sendingveld en Leraar Stevenson as superintendent van die Suid Bantu Sendingveld.

Ledetal

Gedurende die vier-jaar tydperk is 1,843 persone gedoop. Die verwagting was dat die amalgameer van die twee konferensies sou lei tot groter evangelisasie, maar dit het nie so uitgewerk nie, moontlik deurdat sommige van die geëfende evangeliste departementele werk moes opneem, en ook omdat, wat gespaar was, deur die amalgameer daarvan, moes gaan na die sendingveld.

Ons ledetal vier jaar terug was 4,159. Vandag is dit 5,254, 'n vermeerdering van 1,095. Gedurende die sessie behoort ernstige studie gegee te word aan die beste wyse om ons gewonne winste te behou.

Tiende

Tiendes vir die vier jaar tydperk was £65794-0-1 in vergelyking met £51,573-13-6 vir die vorige tydperk, 'n vermeerdering van £14,215-6-7 of 28%.

Sending Offerande

Die offerande vir sending werk vir die laaste vier jaar is £42,219-11-1 in vergelyking met £37,912-3-0 vir die vorige tydperk, 'n vermeerdering van £4,307-8-1 of weinig meer as 11%. Terwyl beide periodes 'n deel uitmaak van die depressie tydperk gee dit ons dus nie 'n goeie idee van ons vooruitgang nie.

Ongelukkig het die vergelyking van sending offerande met tiende geval van 73% in die vorige tydperk tot 64% vir die tydperk onder hersiening. Waarskynlik met die vermeerdering van ons nuwe lede was die hydrae aan ons sendingwerk nie so gunstig as aan tiendes nie.

In vergelyking met hierdie en ander Uniekonferensies toon die statistieke van die Wêreldkonferensie, dat vir die eerste tien maande van 1936 die S. A. Unie al die uniekonferensies in die wêreld voor was sover as die offerande per persoon uitgewerk het. Die naaste aan ons is die Atlantiese Unie.

Oesinsameling

'n Interessante deel van ons sending offerande is die vooruitgang van ons Oesinsamelingswerk. Sukses het ons pogings gekroon vir die vergroting van fondse. Ons lede het getrou bygestaan. Ons werkers het ook baie tyd bestee aan kollekteer. Elke jaar gedurende die laaste vier jaar het die S. A. Unie die doel oortref van die hele Divisie. In 1936 met 'n Divisie doel van £5,100 was die bedrag ontvang deur die S. A. Unie £7,355-12-11, verder bewys van die getroue pogings van werkers en lede. Die S. A. Unie per kapita het die van Amerika en Kanada verdubbel vir die jaar 1936 in Oesinsameling. 'n Groot deel van ons Oesinsamelingsfondse skyn te kom van ons eie lede, hoewel aan die ander kant daar ons lede nou meer mag verdien dan gedurende die depressie, mag die tiendes dit toon, terwyl die uitwerking op sendingofferande nie 'n juiste deel van een se inkomste wys nie.

Departementeel

Met die baie veranderinge in die leierskap van ons departemente kan verwag word dat die vooruitsig, wat verlang sou word, nie gemaak kan word nie. In die geval van onderwys was dit veral opmerklik, daar die Unie Onderwys Departement vir die helfte van die jaar sonder 'n sekretaris was. Nogtans is vordering gemaak. Die kolporteurwerk in die sendingveld is versterk deur die aanstelling van blanke werkers, wat hulle volle tyd bestee in die opbou van die werk. Sinds Broeder Vixie ons verlaat het is die Unie nog sonder 'n Veld Sendingsektaris. Ons waardeer die hulp verleen deur Broeder F. E. Potter, sekretaris van die Divisie vir hierdie departement.

Spioenkop Sendinginrigting

Toe Leraar Wilson sy rapport met die laaste sessie gegee het, het hy die aandag bepaal by die besluit om die Naturelle Opleidingskool te verplaas na 'n ander sendingstasie. Hy het die rede genoem waarom die komitee tot die besluit gekom het.

As gevolg van besparing in die administrasie van die inrigting, en na moeikhede wat aangetoon is in verband met die ligging van die sendingstasies, wat voorgestel was, is dit besluit om Spioenkop nie te verwyder nie. Die finansiële probleem is nog nie opgelos nie, en daar moet aandag verleen word aan hierdie sessie, of seer spoedig, om ons opleidingskool op 'n gesonde finansiële basis te stel. Om die inrigting aan te hou op die teenwoordige stelsel sou onbillik wees teenoor die administrasie, die raad, en die veld.

Daar is 'n paar aanmoedigende gevalle in verband met Spioenkop. Vandat Broeder Hanson oorgeneem het, is daar meer leerlinge. Verlede jaar was die, wat dagskool bygewoon het, driemaal soveel, en die getal leerlinge het vermeerder met 17%. Van die getal was meer as 50 in die oefeningsklasse. Die prinsipaal se rapport vir 1936 het getoon dat meer as 50% van die leerlinge van nie-Adventiste huise kom terwyl 12 verskillende genootskappe verteenwoordig was. Baie van die skoliere is van die Rand, en dit het dit moeiliker gemaak veral in dissipline, kos, en onverskilligheid teenoor godsdiens. Nogtans is 15 laaste jaar gedoopt.

Goeie Hoop Inrigting

Tenspyte van ons geringe voorsiening is aanmoedigende vooruitgang gemaak te Goeie Hoop. Daar was meer as tweemaal soveel studente in 1936 as die vorige jaar. Die geringe getal nog in die seniorklas behoort vermeerder te word. In vergelyking met 106 as beginners was daar maar 14 in die seniorskool. Die inwoningsvoorsiening is nog nie bevredigend nie, en gebrek aan fondse verbied ons om die gewenste program uit te voer.

Kantoor Hoofkwartiere

Die Uniekantoor is tweemaal verplaas gedurende die periode. Ons is nou in ons vyfde woning sinds ons na Bloemfontein gekom het, en die agste sinds 1923. Van tyd tot tyd het die Uitvoerende Raad in oorweging geneem om haar eie kantoorgebou te besit, maar tot dusver het dit nog nie gebeur nie.

Probleme

Evangelisasie en die onderhou van 'n staf van werkers, bekwaam om die behoefte te voorsien van beide konferensies en sendingvelde is ons groot probleem. In die sendingveld is daar te min werkers om die miljoene te waarsku. Behoeftes is daar ook aan wonings en kerkgeboue waar ons werk reeds gevestig is.

In ons Naturelle werk is daar 'n ander toestand wat ons affekteer. Onlangs het die regering 'n proklamasie uitgevaardig,

dat naturelle, wat in dele woon, wat nie afgemeet is nie, dit alleenlik kan gebruik vir bewoningsdoeleindes. Die wat nie hieraan voldoen nie, sal verwyder word. Kort daarna het 'n naturel wat in een van die terreine woon, waar ons 'n kerk en 'n skool het, gelas dat as beide nie gesluit word nie, sy voorreg om daar te woon, hom ontnem sou word. Daar was geen opsie hiervoor gemaak nie, ons het ook ander gevalle. Aangesien kerke en skole nie nader as vyf myl van mekaar mag opgerig word nie, en ook geen opening meer oop is nie, weet ons nie wat ons moet doen nie. Die regulasie verbied ook die opslaan van 'n tent op privaate eiendom. Die enigste oplossing sover skyn om eiendom te koop op dorpsgronde naby dig-bewoonde dele en dit vir skole en kerke te gebruik, maar dit sal baie kos.

Terwyl ons omstandighede hersien, mag ons goed nadink oor ons behoeftes in tydelike dinge. Groot soos die is, tog is dit nog nie ons grootste behoefte nie. In hierdie ernstige tyd gevoel ons dat ons eerste behoefte behoort te wees om besied te wees met die doel en die krag vir die taak wat voor ons is. Meer en meer gevoel ons dat hoe sterk ons ook in getal mag wees, ons kragteloos is sonder Gods krag. Die planne wat die konferensie mag hê, en ook die uitvoering daarvan, sal nie slaag tensy ons gelei word in doel en daad om dit uit te voer in die heiligmaking van die alom teenwoordigheid van die Gees van die lewende God. Vir die teenwoordigheid van Sy Gees in al die werkinge van die konferensie en vir Sy bestuur in die lewens van al ons lede is ons bede.

A. FLOYD TARR.



Het dit al Ooit by U Opgekom dat —

DAAR gedurende 1936 meer as 187,000 *Signs* en *Tekens* verkoop en weggegee is in die afdeling van die Suid-Afrikaanse Divisie? Beseu u dat hierdie duisende boodskap-gevalde tydskrifte tenminste 1,000,000 preke gelewer het verlede jaar? Waarlik, Gods Woord sal nie ledig tot Hom wederkeer nie, want daar sal ongetwyfeld siele gered word as gevolg van die werk van hierdie boodskappers.

Slegs agt-en-tagtig jaar gelede het Sewendags Adventiste hulle eerste sendingblad gedruk, *The Present Truth*. Hierdie tydskrif is begin as gevolg van 'n dringende getuigenis van Mev. E. G. White. Sy het gesê:

„Julle moet 'n begin maak om 'n blad te druk en uit te stuur na die mense. Hy kan maar eers klein wees, maar as die mense lees sal hulle u van die nodige middele vir die drukpers voorsien, en dit sal van die staanspoor af suksesvol wees. Dit is my getoon dat van hierdie klein begin daar nog strale van lig oor die hele wêreld sal skyn.”—*Life Sketches*,” bls. 125.

Dank God vir daardie bemoedigende getuigenis! Dank God vir die wonderbar

vervulling wat die verbygaande jare gebring het. Van daardie klein begin agt-en-tagtig jaar gelede het ons drukpers uitgebrei totdat ons vandag leesstof verskaf in 171 tale in 62 drukkerie oor die hele wêreld. Het ons groter bewys as dit nodig, dat God, en nie 'n mens, hierdie beweging lei nie?

Ons is vermaan dat „Die wêreld moet die lig van die waarheid ontvang deur 'n evangeliserende bediening van die Woord in ons boeke en tydskrifte.”—*„Testimonies,” Deel IX, blss. 61, 62.*

Maar ons boeke en tydskrifte kan nie self uitgaan en hulle onder die mense versprei nie. Dit is die werk van die lewende boodskapper. Vir almal wat nou, op hierdie elfde uur, ledig op die markplein staan, sê die Meester: „Gaan werk vandag in my wingerd.” Let op hierdie aanhaling:

„Daar is baie wat kan help om ons tydskrifte te verkoop. Die Here roep *almal* om te probeer om verloregeande siele te red.” Almal wat die kennis van hierdie waarheid ontvang het, word verwag om daardie kennis aan andere mee te deel. Daar is geen beter manier om dit te doen as om die *Signs* en *Tekens* te versprei nie. Ouderling Watson, vroeër president van die Algemene Konferensie, sê: „Van al die middele wat ons in ons wêreldafdeling gebruik het om siele te win, is dit moontlik dat niks ander soveel sukses bygedra het, as die leesstof wat gedurende die jare uitgegee is nie.”

Nou kom die vraag, wat doen u om ons waarheidvolle tydskrifte in ons omgewing te versprei? As u nog nie gereeld elke maand 'n bundel *Signs* of *Tekens* vir sendingdoeleindes kry nie, plaas dan asseblief dadelik u bestelling by u plaaslike kerk se sendingsekretaris. Die *Tekens* kos maar net 1½d per kopie as dit in klompe na u kerkadres gestuur word.

As ons nou ons plig getrou betrag, sal ons die welluidende stem van die Meester van die oes, as Hy kom, hoor sê: „Mooi so, goeie en getroue slaaf.” Ek wil daardie woorde hoor, en u?

J. N. KRUM, *Sirkulasie Bestuurder, Tekens van die Tye en Gesondheidsbode.*



'n Oproep tot Heiligheid

MEV. E. G. WHITE

(Vervolg)

Laat die trotse gees hom in ootmoed nêrby. Laat die verharde hart verbreek word. Moenie langer vir self jammer wees nie. Aanskou Hom wat vir ons sondes deurbour was. Aanskou Hom hoedat Hy Homself stap vir stap verneder het, sodat Hy ons kon ophef; Hy het Homself verneder totdat Hy nie verder kon nie, en dit alles net om ons wat in die sonde geval het te red! Hoekom wil ons dan so gevoelloos, so koud, so vol vormdiens, so hoogmoedig, en so selfvoldaan wees?

Wie van ons volg in die voetstaptes van ons Voorbeeld? Wie van ons het die stryd teen die hoogmoed in ons hart aangeknop?

Wie is daar van ons wat in alle erns worstel met die selfsugtigheid in ons hart totdat ons dit uitgedryf het, sodat dit nie meer in die lewe geopenbaar word nie? Mag die Here dit so beskik dat die lesse wat ons geleer het terwyl ons die kruis van Christus aanskou het, so op ons harte mag ingebrand word dat daar groter nederigheid, meer selfverloëning, meer vriendelikheid teenoor mekaar, minder selfsug, minder kritiek, en groter gewilligheid om mekaar se laste te dra, by ons sal aangekweek word as wat daar vandag is.

Daar was aan my getoon dat ons, as 'n volk, afdwaal van die eenvoud van die geloof en die reinheid van die evangelie. Vele verkeer in groot gevaar. As hulle nie tot inkeer kom nie, sal hulle van die Ware Wynstok afgesny word, as nuttelose ranke. Broeders en susters, daar is aan my gewys dat ons op die randjie van die ewigheid staan. By elke stap moet daar oorwinnings behaal word. Elke goeie daad is 'n saadjie wat gesaai is om vrugte tot die ewige lewe voort te bring. Elk sukses wat behaal word, plaas ons op 'n hoër sport van die leer van vooruitgang, en besorg aan ons geestelike krag vir verdere oorwinnings. Elke regte handeling berei die weg voor vir nog meer sulke dade.

Die genadetyd van sommige word afgesluit; en is alles wel met hulle? Is hulle voorberei vir die lewe hiernamaals? Sal die boeke in hulle geval nie miskien verspeelde kansse en verwaarloosde voorregte en 'n lewe van selfsug en wêreldgesindheid openbaar nie, en 'n lewe wat geen vrugte tot verheerliking van God afgewerp het nie? En hoeveel van die werk wat die Meester aan ons toevertrou het, is nog onverrig? Orals rondom ons is daar siele wat moet gewaarsku word; maar hoe dikwels was die tyd nie aan self bestee nie, en is siele die ewigheid in, ongewaarsku en ongered?

Die Here koester nog genade teenoor ons. Daar is nog kans vir berou en bekering. Ons mag nog die geliefdes van God word. Ek versoek julle wat die koms van die Here vertraag het, om dadelik te begin om die tyd uit te koop. Ondersoek die woord van God. Laat almal 'n gelofte aan die Here maak om ydele praatjies, alle ydele en nuttelose boeke weg te doen; en om gedurende die volgende jaar die Bybel ernstig en biddend te ondersoek sodat hulle in staat sal wees om in ootmoed en vrees rekenenskap te gee van die hoop wat in hulle is. Sal u nie, sonder verwyl, u harte voor die aangesig van God verootmoedig, en u bekeer van u afvalligheid nie?

Maar net 'n paar weke gelede was ek op die randjie van die dood, en was ek amper die ewigheid in. As dit die Here behaag om my weer te herstel van my huidige swakke toestand, hoop ek om, in die genade en krag wat van omhoog kom, met alle getrouheid die woorde te spreek wat Hy aan my gee om te openbaar. My ganse lewe deur was dit nog altyd baie swaar vir my om die gevoelens van enigen seer te maak, of deur die getuïnisse wat

God aan my gee, te wys op die selfbedrog wat daar heers. Dit druis teen my natuur in. Dit veroorsaak baie pyn en slapelose nagte. . . . Ek sal die woorde van die Here neem en aan die volk oordra. Ek verwag nie dat almal die teregwydings sal aanneem en hul lewens sal hervorm nie; maar ek moet desnietemin my pligte vervul. Ek sal nederig voor God wandel, en my werk doen vir die tyd en die ewigheid.

Al meer en meer voel ek die groot verlies wat ons mense ly deur die lig te verwerp wat God aan hulle gee.

My broeders slaan ag op die bestraffing en die raad van die waagagtige Getuie, en God sal vir u en met u werk. U vyande mag sterk en vasberade wees, maar iemand wat magtiger is, is u helper. Laat die lig skyn, en dit sal sy werk doen. Die Here van die Leërskaie is met ons; die God van Jakob is ons toevlug.

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Matandani Roep

E. B. JEWELL

DIKWELS wens ons dat ons radio boodskappe kon uitsaai en opvang. Die enigste manier egter waardeur ons boodskappe kan stuur, is deur middel van ons posjong. Dit neem hom vier dae om die reis tussen Blantyre en Matandani af te lê.

In gevalle van nood, of waar ons dadelik 'n antwoord wil hê, sou dit baie lekker wees, soos u kan sien, as ons kon inluister of uitsaai.

Maar ons is darem baie beter af as voorheen in die begin, want ons het nou 'n pad wat in alle soorte weer kan gebruik word, en ons kan Blantyre binne vier uur bereik. In vorige jare was ons baie keer deur die Shire Rivier voorgekeer, maar hierdie jaar is daar 'n brug gebou, en al is die rivier ook vol kan ons maklik deur. As ons dink aan die vervoermiddels van die ou dae, dan is ons baie dankbaar vir ons moderne vervoermiddels.

Ons stasie het hierdie jaar mooi vordering gemaak. Die werk in die binnekant van die kerk is nou klaar. Vir geruime tyd was daar behoefte aan 'n eetkamer vir die jong kaffertjies, en hierdie jaar het ons 'n gebou vir daardie doel opgerig, en ons sal dit ook gedurende die studie-uur gebruik.

Ons skoolkursus het hierdie jaar 'n standaard bygekry, en ons sal die leerlinge nou 'n jaar langer hou voordat ons hulle na die opleidingsinrigting op Malamulo stuur.

Ons skool vir meidjies wat verlede jaar gestig is, het mooi gevorder, en dit word nou gereedlik deur die natuurlike aanvaar as 'n deel van ons gereëde werk; eers was hulle bra huiwerig om die meidjies na 'n

koskool, weg van die huis af te stuur. Mens kan groot verbeterings by die meidjies bespeur wat betref netheid, gehoorsaamheid, en 'n algemene bereidwilligheid om hulleself te verbeter.

'n Ander belangrike fase van ons werk, is die werk onder die naturelle vrouens, wat bestaan in huishoud en tuisverpleging klasse eenmaal per week. Hoewel dit vir hulle 'n nuwigheid is, sal ons ongetwyfeld later die goeie gevolge daarvan sien. Die nuutste aankomeling op die stasie is 'n baba, wat ons goeie geleentheid aanbied vir onderrig in die kindersynklas.

Ek meen ons het hierdie jaar een van die beste groepe studente wat ons nog ooit gehad het. Daar is 'n baie goeie gees onder hulle. Ons trag om hulle ook 'n praktiese opleiding te gee, en sommige van hulle kan al goed messel- en houtwerk doen.

Ons het probeer om gebedshuise te stig op plekke waar daar belangstelling en nuwe bekeerlinge is. Ons het ook sommige van die ou statskole heropen.

Ons kolporteur is baie suksesvol met sy boeke. Hy skyn welkom te wees orals waar hy gaan.

By ons apteek kry ons te doen met moeilike en ernstige gevalle, behalwe nog die gewone siektes. Die Here het ook hierdie werk ryklik geseën, en baie het hulp ontvang.

Daar is nog baie wat ons hierdie jaar wou doen, maar as 'n groep werkers hoop ons om aanstaande jaar op Matandani, met die krag en hulp van God, nog meer as ooit tevore te doen ter uitbreiding van die evangelie onder hierdie aangename volk onder wie ons arbeid.



Wie is Wie in die Leesstofbediening

No. 12.—Mev. I. Sergel

AGT siele gewin vir hierdie geseënde boodskap, 'n aansienlike getal groot subskripsie boeke, 'n paar honderd boeke van die Krisisreeks, en duisende eksemplare van die *Tekens* verkoop, sowel as etlike honderde intekenare verwerf vir daardie blad, is die rekord van 'n tengerige suster, wat maar net in haar spaartyd werk en dikwels in siekte, vir 'n tydperk van vyf jaar.

Suster Sergel se werk in die leesstofbediening het begin as gevolg van haar begeerte om leesstof te verskaf vir die kindergarten en primêre afdelings van die Sabbatskooltjie in Kingwilliamstown. Om die nodige fondse te verkry, het Suster Sergel begin as 'n spaar-tyd kolporteur in Queens-town, en haar profyt aan die Kingwilliamstown Sabbatskoolfondse toegeken. Hier het sy die geseënde vreugde gesmaak om haar eerste siel vir die koninkryk te red.

GEDURENDE die volgende jare het sy soveel gewerk as haar swakke gezondheid haar toegelaat het, en altyd noukeurig waggehou om enige teken van belangstelling te bespeur in diegene aan wie sy boeke of blaie verkoop het. Die ure wat sy in

Bybelbesprekinge deurgebring het is ontelbaar, behalwe in die hemel se verslagboek — en geen oë behalwe die van die Meester, het gesien hoeveel maal sy ernstig gepleit het vir siele op die grens van bekering.

Met 'n liefde vir siele afkomstig van die hemel, 'n lewende geloof in God en 'n vaste vertroue in Sy alwyse leiding, het sy voortgewerk sonder gedagte aan aardse beloning, tevrede alleen met die voorreg om 'n werklike deel in die wingerd hier te hê, en die geseende hoop om eendag die vrug van haar arbeid in die nuutgemaakte aarde te ontmoet. Werklik, dit is 'n voorbeeld wat baie van ons kan volg!



Gesondheidsprogram Deur die Wêreldkonferensie Aangeneem

(Vervolg)

Besluite van die Herfsvergadering
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„Wanneer die derde-engel-boodskap in al sy volheid aanvaar word, sal gesondheidshervorming sy regmatige plek inneem in die konferensies, in die werk van die kerk, tuis, aan tafel, en in al die huislike aangeleenthede.”—*Testimonies to the Church*, Deel. VI, bls. 227.

Ons voel oortuig dat daar sommige is wat in die verlede nie aan die onderrig gehoor gegee het nie. Ons waardeer die trou wat aan die onderrig bewys is deur baie van ons getroue broeders en susters. Ook weet ons dat die meerderheid van ons werkers aan die beginsels getrou is. Met leedwese verneem ons egter, dat party nog nie ten volle hulle verantwoordelikheid as leiers en voorbeelde in die kerk besef het in verband met die gesondheidsbeginsels nie. Ons glo dat die tyd nou aanbreek het om die gesondheidsbeginsels toe te pas in elke leier en kerklidmaat se lewe — soos die Here verlang.

Daarom het ons, die afgevaardigdes van die Sewende-dag Adventiste Kerk na hierdie Herfskonferensie, die hoogste agting vir die gesondheidsbeginsels wat aan dié kerk gegee is. Ons beveel aan dat ons leiers en gelowiges oor die hele wêreld hierdie beginsels van harte ondersteun en goedkeur.

Dit sou natuurlik onmoontlik wees om op al die besonderhede in te gaan, want dit handel oor die voedsel wat ons eet, die lug wat ons inasem, oor rus en oefening, oor die gebruik van water om te drink en in te bad en siektes mee te behandel, oor ons kleredrag, ons huise en omgewing, oor die gebruik van verdowingsmiddelle, oor die voorbereiding van die voedsel en 'n gebalanseerde diëet, oor die gemoedstoestand en sy invloed op die liggaam, en oor details te veel om hier op te noem.

Ons glo dat die diëet-vraagstuk belangrik is en vanweë die gevaar aan vleis

verbonde, raai ons ons werkers ten sterkste aan om waar doenlik en veral waar 'n nie-vlees diëet verkrygbaar is, hulle voedsel uit die nie-vlees voedingstowwe te kies. Net in uitsonderlike gevalle kan vlees gebruik word as 'n noodhulp.

Ons werkers behoort ons gesondheidsbeginsels net so sterk soos enige ander fase van die teenwoordige waarheid aan die kerk van Christus voor te dra. Deur hulle eie voorbeeld moet hulle die lidmate van die kerk kan trek om gewillige gehoorsaamheid te skenk aan die onderrig wat ons ontvang het. Elke individu behoort die beginsels in sy eie Christelike lewe getrou na te kom en hulle dan met 'n grootmoedige gees in sy broeders te bejeën. Ons doen 'n beroep op elke werker in die wêreld om hom te vereenselwig met die hoë en heilige doel.



'n Paar Indrukke van die Bloemfonteinse Kampvergadering

„Hoe mooi is jou tente, o Jakob,
jou wonings, o Israel!”

AL was dit nie ons voorreg om al die vergaderings by te woon nie, het die paar wat ons wel bygewoon het ons siele so verkwik, dat die bo-staande woorde onwillekeurig in ons gedagte opkom.

Dit was baie aangenaam om weer ons broeders en susters te ontmoet en nog eens die gesigte te sien wat so dierbaar is; om weer die stem van Ouderling W. H. Branson 'n kragtige evangelieboodskap van redding in Christus te hoor gee; om die duidelike waarheidsboodskappe in die woorde van Ouderlinge Wright, Detwiler en andere te hoor.

Die Heer het waarlik hierdie Adventboodskap geseën met sterke leierskap; manne en vroue wat die respek van die wêreld afdwing. Selfs vreemdelinge wat terloops die kamp besoek het, het dit opgemerk.

Ek skryf dit nie om hulle te vlei nie, daar ek nie tuis is in vleitaaal nie; maar om hulle aan te moedig, en almal nuwe moed te gee om te staan by die boodskap en sy leiers. Van die duisende wat Gideon gretig gevolg het, was slegs drie honderd betroubare volgelinge van sy leierskap. Mag die Heer ons help om netso getrou as Gideon en sy volgelinge te wees.

Ons jeug, veral, sal voor moeilikhede en versoekinge te staan kom soos ons ouers nooit van gedroom het nie. En wat is beter in staat om hulle te help om die oorwinning te behaal as die opregte toewyding en gemeenskap bewys op die gronde van die kampvergadering in Bloemfontein?

Selfs die weer, wat vir 'n paar dae ongunstig was, kon nie die mense wat daar kom aanbied het, neerslagtig maak nie. Hulle het krag vir hulle siele gevind. Die groot tent wat, soos ek verneem het, sewe honderd mense hou, was vol, en elke vergadering was goed bygewoon.

'n Spesiale woordjie van waardering kom die verversingsafdeling toe. Niteenstaande die reën en ander hindernisse het Mev. Honey en haar helpers ons goed bedien.

Waarlik, dit was aangenaam om daar te wees. Ons het skoorvoetend daarvandaan vertrek.

Voor ons vertrek na Europa, bied ons al ons broeders en susters vaarwel, en ons bede is dat die goeie hand van die Here oor hulle en ons mag wees, solank as ons van mekaar geskei is.

oud. en mev. A. BOEKHOUT.



Die Uniekampvergadering

Die Unie kampvergadering is nou net gesluit met 'n stroom van seënninge. Waarlik, die Here het Sy volk besoek met die uitstorting van Sy Heilige Gees in die onvergeetlike toewydingsdiens tydens die laaste Sabbatmôre. Eers het ons ons harte gegee, en toe £700 gegee of beloop as 'n dankoffer vir die uitbreiding van Sy werk.

Op die openingsdag het ons mense van alle dele van die Unie in Bloemfontein ingestroom. Die Plekbesprekingskomitee het 'n swaar probleem gehad om mee te sukkel. Op die gronde was daar sommige aangesigte wat besorgd gelyk het terwyl die volk van God hulle bes gedoen het om in alle haas die voorbereidings vir die vergadering te voltooi.

Hoe het die tyd nie gevlieg nie, maar gewillige harte en ywerige hande het alles klaargemaak vir die fees. Gelukkige gesigte het oral gestraal van vreugde en plesier toe die Sabbat van God aangebreek het, met watter geleentheid die grootste byeenkoms gesien was, wat nog ooit 'n kampvergadering in die Unie van Suid-Afrika gekenmerk het.

Die drie-paal tent was propvol vir Sabbatskool, waar die program pragtig afgehandel is onder leiding van Leraar L. L. Moffitt. Die sendingofferandes vir twee Sabbatte het meer as £106 bedra.

'n Bemoedigende kenmerk van hierdie sessie was die uitstekende bywoning van al die besigheidsvergaderinge. Ons liewe mense het so 'n innige belang in die verrigtinge gestel, dat daar 'n gesonde uitbreiding en 'n heldere toekoms vir die werk van God kan verwag word. Die rapport van die benoemingskomitee het algemene goedkeuring weggedra, en algemene vertroue in die leierskap is aan die dag gelê, daar die aftredende offisiere herkies is.

Ouderling Tarr en sy mede-arbeiders kan verseker wees van die gebede van Gods volk in hulle tragting om wyslik en goed die werk van God uit te brei.

Die hulpvaardige, inspirerende preke, en onderhandelinge deur ons oorsese broeders gelewer is hoogs waardeer, en het grote seënninge en hernude krag aan die harte van ons dierbare mense besorg. Dit het waarlik soos die goeie outyd gelyk toe Ouderling Branson ons langs die grasige weide van Gods Woord gelei het. Ouderling H. J. Detwiler het 'n groot plek in

ons harte gekry deur sy opbeurende en opheffende boodskappe. Ouderling J. F. Wright het raad en moed gebring vir die komitees sowel as die gemeente. Iedere aand is daar roerende, hart-ondersoekende boodskappe gelewer, gebaseer op die grondbeginsels van ons geloof aan groot gehore deur ons grootste evangeliste. Elke vergadering was deurtrek van belangstelling, en die kwaai reënbuie het slegs daartoe bygedra om die byeenkomste gereëlder en beter bygwoon te maak.

Die ou kleintjies het baie aangename en leersame ure deurgebring in hulle tent onder toesig van Mev. Hermann Ficker. Die Junior- en Seniorstrewersvereniginge is behandel volgens hulle behoeftes, en elke jongmens het 'n ooreenkoms geteken om ôf hulle oorgawe aan God te bevestig ôf hulle harte vir die eerste keer aan Hom oor te gee.

Volgens die opmerkinge wat ons gehoor het terwyl ons gewag het om 'n plek by een van die baie tafels te kry, skyn dit of Suster Honey haarself oortref het in die voorbereiding van heerlike gesondheidsvoedsel.

En nou is alles verby. Die hartlike handdrukke en vaarwelle is dinge van die verlede. Ons mense is terug, geseën deur God en vernu in gees, na hulle huise en kerke oor die lengte en breedte van die land versprei. Die kampvergadering is verby maar nie vergete nie. Ons sien met verlange uit na die volgende. F. G. CLIFFORD, *Victoria Park, Bloemfontein.*

Doodsberig

WALLIS.—Met grote droefheid en leed moet ons die afsterwing van ons vriend en broeder Christiaan Ludolf Wallis, bekend maak. Hy was slegs 37 jaar en 11 maande oud, en so in die fleur van sy dae is die lewe afgesny.

Hy was Sersant in die S. A. Polisie, en had 'twintig jaar van on-besproke diens. Sy offisiere wat oor hom was, en die manskappe wat onder hom gedien het, spreek grote lof van sy gedrag, en Christelike houding wat hy getoon het gedurende die lang dienstryd.

Dit is duidelik dat daar vir hom 'n hoë roeping was, want daadlik toe hy God's laaste boodskap verneem het, onder die bearbeiding van Broeder D. A. de Beer, het hy nie geaarsel om hom daarmee te vereenselwig nie. Die wat met hom persoonlik bekend was het uitgesien na die dag, wanneer hy as 'n skynende lig sy lewe sou toewy aan die diens van sy Here en Meester.

Ons verstaan nie waarom sy lewe juis hier moes afgesny word nie, maar die Here self het gesê, "Wat Ek doen, begryp julle nou nie maar julle sal dit hierna verstaan." Maar daar is groot troos in die woorde, „Kostelik is in die oë van die Here die dood van Sy gunsgenote.”

Hy laat na 'n weduwe en vier jong kin-

dertjies, om sy heengaan te betreur. Die familiebetrekkings, en ons almal, treur saam met hulle, maar nie soos die wat geen hoop het nie. (1 Thess. 4: 13-18.)

By die graf is 'n groot skaar van belangstellendes wat hulle laaste eer aan die oorledene betoon het, deur die skrywer toespreek. Daar is klem gelê op die gedagte van 'n weersien, en ons pligte teenoor mekaar terwyl ons nog in hierdie tyd is. Mnr. Scott die vader van Suster Wallis, het getuig van die oorledene se voorbeeldige lewe, en Ds. Pienaar, het op die noodsaaklikheid daarvan gewys om die Christen se wapenrusting aan te doen.

Ons verseker ons suster van onse innige simpatie, in hierdie tyd van sware beproewing, en ons sal haar voor die genadetroon in onse gebede opdra.

P. A. VENTER.

Obituary

TARR.—Martha Ann Tarr (nee Purdon) was born in the Bathurst district of the Cape Province on August 12, 1845, and fell asleep in Jesus, March 22, 1937, at the ripe age of 91 years.

She was united in marriage in 1862 to the late James Henry Tarr, and this union was blessed with sixteen children, of whom ten survive to mourn the passing of their aged and well-loved mother. Our late sister, with her husband and family, accepted present truth in 1887, under the labours of Elders D. F. Tarr and I. J. Hankins and continued true to her decision until she fell asleep.

Her life was one of singular sweetness and purity, and it was a privilege to come under its influence. The testimony of her life was largely instrumental in influencing her children for Christ and the truth. It was felt by many lives outside of her own family circle. She was truly a mother in Israel, and her passing has left another gap in the thinning ranks of our South African pioneer believers.

Her last illness lasted for two months, and its tedium was lightened by the tender and loving ministrations of her daughters, daughters-in-law and grand-daughter. She was sustained by her bright faith in the Lord and the hope of His soon coming. Of her we may truly say that she died in the love of the truth and with the sure and certain hope of a part in the first resurrection.

Her loss is mourned by her ten surviving children, twenty-one grand-children and nine great-grand-children, as well as by many relatives and friends. A goodly number of the residents of Cathcart district were present to pay their last respects to the deceased, and to manifest sympathy with the mourners. It was my privilege to speak words of comfort and hope to those assembled on this occasion, and to point them to the day of Jesus' return.

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Doopdiens te Beaufort Wes

A. C. LE BUTT

Die skrywer het 'n uiters genotvolle naweek op Beaufort Wes deurgebring in verband met die doop van diegene wat die waarheid aangeneem het as gevolg van Broeder Hermann Ficker se poging in daardie dorp.

Die Sabbat is in Beaufort Wes deurgebring, en buite 'n waarlik lewendige Sabbatskool, is daar nog twee preekdienste op dieselfde dag gehou.

Vroeg Sondagmore het 'n hele lorrievrag van ons na 'n plaas vyf-en-dertig myl van die dorp, gery, waar twee dienste gehou is, en waar ons 'n doopsbediening waargeneem het en ook die Avondmaal van die Heer gevier het. Dit was 'n geseënde tyd, en die stemme van baie is gehoor in getuienis vir die Here Wie so goed gewees het.

Sewe persone is gedoop, waarvan vyf van die bogenoemde plaas afkomstig was. Dit is interessant om te hoor op hoe 'n manier hierdie vyf die waarheid gehoor het.

Broeder Ficker en sy mede-werksters, Mev. Stevenson en haar dogter (nou Mev. Swanepoel van Johannesburg) het 'n moeilike tyd in die dorp deurgemaak. Die teenstand was so gruwelik, dat hierdie werkers besluit het om die adresse van al die boere in die distrik te verkry en die goeie boekie „Error Exposed” vir hulle te stuur.

Dit het hulle gedoen, en een van hierdie boekies het op die plaas „Platjiesrivier” aangeland. Hoewel hierdie goeie mense amper nie kon Engels verstaan nie, het hulle die boek bestudeer, en eef van hulle het dorptoe gegaan om die sender op te spoor. Nadat hy baie navraaggedoen, en baie afjakke gekry het, het hy eindelijk by

Broeder Ficker gekom. Besprekings is gereel, met die gevolg dat hierdie familie van vyf die waarheid aangeneem het. Op hulle beurt arbei hulle onder die mense in hulle distrik, en die waarheid skyn in daardie deel.

Hierdie Afrikaanse gesin is goed voorsien met leesstof in hulle moedertaal. Hulle is goed gegroond in die Advent geloof en verheug hulle in die boodskap vir hierdie dae.

Laat ons die Heer vra om die lig te laat uitbrei in daardie ongewing sodat baie ander ook mag gereed word en hulle in die waarheid mag verby.

Some Impressions From the Bloemfontein Camp-meeting

“How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob!
and thy tabernacles, O Israel!”

ALTHOUGH it was not our privilege to attend all the meetings, yet the few we did attend so satisfied our souls that involuntarily the above words came to mind.

It was good to meet with our brethren and sisters and to see again faces that are dear; to hear once more the voice of Elder W. H. Branson giving out a strong gospel message of salvation in Christ; to listen to the clearly defined messages of truth from the lips of Elders Wright, Detwiler, and others.

Surely the Lord has blessed this advent church with strong leadership; men and women who command respect in the world. Even strangers who casually visited the camp remarked upon this.

I do not write this by way of flattery, which is foreign to me, but by way of encouragement, so that we may all take heart and stand by the message and its leadership. Of the thousands that eagerly followed Gideon, only three hundred were dependable followers of his leadership. May the Lord help us to be as faithful as Gideon and his followers.

Our youth, especially, will face difficulties and trials such as we older ones never dreamed of. And what could lead them on to victory better than the true devotion and fellowship manifested on the grounds of the camp-meeting in Bloemfontein?

Even the weather, which for a few days was adverse, could not dampen the spirit of those who had come to worship. They found strength for their souls. The big tent which, I was told, holds seven hundred people was filled and every meeting well attended.

A special word of appreciation is due to the catering department. Notwithstanding the rain and other obstacles Mrs. Honey and her helpers served us well.

Surely it was good to be there. We came away with great reluctance.

Before sailing for Europe, we bid all of our brethren and friends farewell, praying that the good hand of the Lord may be over them and us while we are absent one from the other.

ELDER AND MRS. A. BOEKHOUT

General News Notes

WORD comes from Johannesburg to the effect that Elder Ingle's daughter is very ill in hospital. Let us remember Patsy in our prayers before the throne of grace.

OUR heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dickson of Bethlehem in the tragic death of their ten-year-old daughter. May the Lord comfort the bereaved.

DOCTOR ELTON MOREL and family and Brother H. L. Ferguson and his family are booked to sail on the S. S. “Duilio” leaving Cape Town on April 23. These workers are proceeding to the States on well-earned furloughs.

ON April 10 Elder and Mrs. A. Boekhout sailed for Holland on the S. S. “Bloemfontein.” After spending several months in Europe they plan to return to sunny South Africa. We wish them the Lord's blessing and trust that this trip will be beneficial to them in every way.

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.

Word of Thanks

I DESIRE to thank all brethren and sisters in the church, also all kind friends, for their sympathetic expressions and kindnesses to me during the trying hours following the decease of my late sister, Miss Charlotte Dixie. It has been a comfort to know that others “feel” with us in the cloudy days of life. Especially do I desire to thank Dr. A. N. Tonge, Elder A. W. Staples, and Brother P. W. Willmore for their help and support through this time. May God bless you all and keep you faithful to the end.

M. J. DIXIE.

Wanted Urgently

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