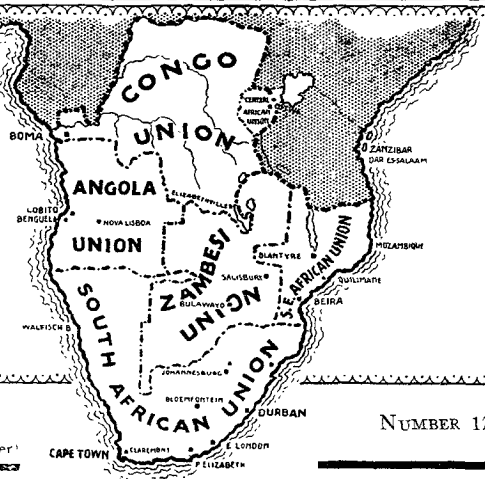


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Life Insurance *

[In response to several inquiries relative to the question of life insurance we publish here an article by Francis M. Wilcox, the editor of the *Review and Herald*.—Ed.]

I AM constantly receiving inquiries from readers of the *Review* as to the question of life insurance. Some want counsel as to whether they should enter upon insurance of this character. Others who have carried insurance for some years, wish to know if they should surrender their policies and lose what they have invested. I am asked if there is anything in the teachings of the Bible or the Spirit of prophecy regarding life insurance.

The question is a proper one, particularly in the complex conditions of our modern life. Judged merely from the standpoint of business investment, life insurance today is probably as safe as the large majority of investments which are made. It must be recognized, however, that in these days of lowered values and money depreciation, too much confidence cannot be placed even in the most stable securities. I recognise that it is necessary for many of our brethren who are engaged in carrying on various lines of trade to make investment of money in the operation of their business. Conditions in the world of finance should lead them to exercise great care in any and every investment, and to be particularly guarded against the spirit of unwise speculation which is entrapping thousands of unwary men and women. However, in settling the question of life insurance, there are other considerations than those of business investment which should be regarded,

*The denomination has never expressed itself officially relative to the question of life insurance. It has therefore never been made a test of church fellowship. It is only proper, however, that I should say in this connection that in order to determine, as far as is reasonably consistent, the denominational position regarding life insurance, I submitted the original draft of this statement to eighty-five representative brethren in various parts of North America and other sections of the world field. Over seventy-five indorsed the position taken and approved its publication in the *Review*.

and these considerations have shaped my own decision relative to this question.

Some years ago, when my age and physical condition permitted me to carry life insurance, I was offered a very special proposition in one of the strong life insurance companies, by a friend who was general agent for the company. While the proposition seemed an attractive one, there was one consideration which led me to decide the question negatively, and that was the statement made by the messenger of the Lord in "Testimonies for the Church," Volume 1, pages 549-551. For the benefit of our readers and for the purposes of this discussion, I quote several paragraphs from this statement:

"I was shown that Sabbath-keeping Adventists should not engage in life insurance. This is a commerce with the world which God does not approve. Those who engage in this enterprise are uniting with the world, while God calls His people to come out from among them and to be separate. Said the angel, 'Christ has purchased you by the sacrifice of His life. What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God; and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God; when Christ who is your life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.' Here is the only life insurance which Heaven sanctions.

"Life insurance is a worldly policy which leads our brethren who engage in it to depart from the simplicity and purity of the gospel. Every such departure weakens our faith and lessens our spirituality. Said the angel, 'But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.' As a people, we are in a special sense the Lord's. Christ has bought us. Angels that excel in strength surround us. Not a sparrow falls to the ground without the notice

of our heavenly Father. Even the hairs of our head are numbered. God has made provision for His people. He has a special care for them, and they should not distrust His providence by engaging in a policy with the world.

"God designs that we should preserve in simplicity and holiness our peculiarity as a people. Those who engage in this worldly policy invest means which belongs to God, which He has intrusted to them to use in His cause, to advance His work. But few will realise any returns from life insurance, and without God's blessing even these will prove an injury instead of a benefit."

In view of this instruction, I did not feel free forty years ago, nor have I felt free at any time since, to purchase life insurance.

Some have argued that inasmuch as life insurance is upon an entirely different and safer basis today than when this instruction was given, this instruction does not apply at the present time. I believe, however, that when one studies the principles laid down in the quotation given, he will see that these principles are applicable to every age,—as applicable today and in the days that are to come as they ever were in the history of the world. Read again these sentences:

"We are in a special sense the Lord's.

"Christ has bought us.

"Angels that excel in strength surround us.

"Not a sparrow falls to the ground without the notice of our heavenly Father.

"Even the hairs of our head are numbered.

"God has made provision for His people.

"He has a special care for them.

"They should not distrust His providence by engaging in a policy with the world."

And quoting the scripture found in Col. 3:3: "Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God," the messenger of the Lord says:

"Here is the only life insurance which Heaven sanctions."

If these assurances of divine protection are "the only life insurance which Heaven sanctions," then the question of safer investment today compared with that of fifty years ago, cannot be made a determining factor in solving the problem. These assurances of God's care and protection have been given His people in every age of this world's history, and they are given to the believers until the end of time. Even during the outpouring of the seven last plagues, we have assurance of divine protection, as recorded in the ninety-first psalm.

Some inquire as to the difference between life insurance and property insurance, and if one is justified, why not the other? While according to the cold logic of human reasoning there might appear no difference in these two forms of insurance, we must believe that God holds His children in a different regard than He does the perishable things of earth. The Master taught that the life is more than the meat, and the body than the raiment. One's property is a part of this world, and will perish in the fires of the last day; but the life dedicated to God belongs to the eternal ages, and will parallel through eternity the life of the Infinite One.

It is in our power to replace property destroyed by flood or by fire. We can rebuild our homes, purchase new furniture and furnishings, but it is not in the power of man to replace his life. This can be done only by God. We came into existence without our own will or volition. We cannot determine the span of life. He who gave life to His children permits that life to cease until in His great purpose He shall call it again into being at the coming of the Life-giver.

This fact too must be recognised, that while the messenger of the Lord spoke decidedly against engaging in life insurance, she never gave any such instruction relative to property insurance.

I recognise that in the complex conditions of modern life, and in the protection which the state seeks to give to employed labour, sometimes our church institutions and organisations and brethren giving employment to others are required to carry some form of insurance for their employees. Those who operate automobiles may be required to do this. I believe this *required* insurance should be considered on the same basis as the payment of taxes to the government. The citizen is in duty bound to render to the government its dues, in harmony with the instruction contained in Matthew 22:16-21 and the thirteenth chapter of Romans.

In reply to some who inquire as to whether they should abandon life insurance after having paid premiums on their policies for many years, I would say that in my judgment it would be proper for them to consider this question on the same basis as they would any other business investment. If the insurance I carried was soon to mature, and I could reap full bene-

fit on the same in a short time, I should be inclined to pay out on my policy and not lose my investment. If a mistake was made in purchasing life insurance, good judgment should be exercised in rectifying the mistake. Nearly all insurance policies have a cash surrender value, represented in paid-up insurance or loan privilege after the second year, so that almost any policy could be terminated immediately, and in many cases without great loss. At least there would be compensation for discontinuing the policy.

One cannot read carefully the message quoted above without recognising the call to complete consecration of both life and property to the work and service of God. This is indicated particularly in the statement, "Those who engage in this worldly policy invest means which belongs to God, which He has intrusted to them to use in His cause, to advance His work." It is not the question alone of investing money in life insurance, but of investing money which should be used to advance the work of God. This is the underlying principle in the instruction given. It was in this spirit of sacrificial service—placing all upon God's altar—that this movement with which we are connected was begun. We may well believe that it will require no less spirit of consecration and sacrifice to insure the victorious finishing of this message and the triumph of those who espouse it.

The conditions in the world around us, showing that we have reached the closing days of earth's history, constitute a clarion call to every advent believer to consecrate to God every possession, to be used at such time and manner for the advancement of His work as the Spirit by His leadings may indicate. And this spirit of complete surrender and sacrifice is the spirit and teaching of the gospel. Christ gave His all for us; can we do less than to give our all for Him? Read Matthew 6:20, 21; Mark 10:17-27; Luke 12:32-34; 1 Timothy 6:6-10, and kindred scriptures.

The measure of sacrifice each one should make, and the time and manner in which it should be made, rest with each disciple as he seeks God for wisdom and guidance. No one can determine the question for another.

I hope that the large number who have written regarding the question of life insurance will take this reply as the best answer I can give in view of all the circumstances involved. I have sought to deal only with the general principle. I recognise that there are various forms of insurance, and the question has many ramifications. These I cannot attempt to discuss either in the *Review* or by correspondence in their application to individual cases.

It is for each one in the fear of God to determine how he will relate himself to the instruction that has been given, in this the same as in every other question pertaining to Christian duty. And let each one decide the question for himself and not for his

brother. God is Judge, and it is not for us to climb up into the judgment seat and try to determine what some one else should do. If we will determine faithfully and conscientiously our own duty, and rigidly adhere to the right as we see it, it will go a long way in influencing our brother to our viewpoint. But in deciding the question for ourselves, let us be sure that our decision is of such a character that we can ask and expect the blessing of God upon our course.



Light that Shineth in a Dark Place

The Spirit of Prophecy

WHEN Jesus ascended to heaven, He "gave gifts unto men." Eph. 4:8. These gifts were distributed in abundant measure, not only on the Day of Pentecost, but during the years which followed, as the members of the Apostolic Church bore a faithful witness for the truth as it is in Jesus.

Quite a number of gifts are enumerated in Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. In the first epistle, and the 12th chapter, we read that the Spirit of God distributed these for definite service in building up the body of Christ. One of them was the gift of prophecy. (1 Cor. 12:10.) We read also in the apostle's Letter to the church at Ephesus that "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." Eph. 4:11. Hence it was the purpose of God that the gift of prophecy was to be seen in the ranks of the people of God.

As we come to the time of the gathering of the remnant church, we find that one of the distinguishing characteristics of God's people is, that they "have the Testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev. 12:17. This is interpreted in Rev. 19:10. There we read: "The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy."

In the reference to the spiritual gifts, as found in the Book of Ephesians, we find at least two things particularly emphasised:

1. *The Duration of the Gifts.*—We are assured that apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers are to be in the church "till we all come in the unity of the faith." Eph. 4:13. Until the church of God is united, until the prayer of Jesus that "they all may be one" is fulfilled, these gifts are to be seen among the people of God. They are to be there until we come "unto a perfect man," and "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

2. *The Purpose of the Gifts.*—God has bestowed these gifts for the benefit and blessing of His children. They are placed in the church "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Hence they are to strengthen the members of the church, and guide them in their growth and development, and lead them on to the perfection that is in Christ Jesus.

Let us think of at least four things that enter into God's purpose in the gift of the Spirit of prophecy:

a. *To lead to the study of the Bible.*—"The Word of God abounds in general principles for the formation of correct habits of living, and the Testimonies, general and personal, have been calculated to call their attention more especially to these principles."—*Vol. V, pp. 663-4.* "The written Testimonies are not to give new light, but to impress vividly upon the heart the truths of inspiration already revealed. . . . The Testimonies are not to belittle the Word of God, but to exalt it, and attract minds to it, that the beautiful simplicity of truth may impress all."—*Id., p. 665.*

b. *To maintain unity.*—"God designs that His people shall be a unit; that they shall see eye to eye, and be of the same mind and of the same judgment. This cannot be accomplished without a clear, pointed, living testimony in the church. The prayer of Christ was that His disciples might be one as He was one with His Father."—*Vol. III, p. 361.*

c. *To speak to His people.*—"In His providence the Lord has seen fit to teach and warn His people in various ways. By direct command, by the sacred writings, and by the Spirit of prophecy, has He made known unto them His will."—*Vol. IV, pp. 12, 13.* "In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles. In these days He speaks to them by the Testimonies of His Spirit. There was never a time when God instructed His people more earnestly than He instructs them now concerning His will, and the course that He would have them pursue. But will they profit by His teachings? Will they receive His reproofs and heed His warnings? God will accept of no partial obedience; He will sanction no compromise with self."—*Id., p. 148.*

d. *To give counsel.*—"As a people we can surely be grateful to God for the gift of the Spirit of prophecy which has been among this people since its beginning. The counsel which has come to us has been invaluable, and has meant much to the building up of the work of God in all the world.

The counsel of the Testimonies is so varied. The minister can find helpful instruction not only as to his spiritual needs, but as to methods and plans of labour. The same is true with the physicians and also for the teachers in our educational institutions. The leaders in our publishing work can find helpful inspiration and counsel. In the Testimonies is to be found guidance for the domestic affairs, in caring

for the children, in matters of diet, and the general health of the family, the activities of the church, and the work of the conferences and union conferences, as well as the work in the far-flung mission fields. Helpful counsel on all these and other matters is to be found in the volumes of the Spirit of prophecy.

The following extracts will illustrate still further the varied character of the vital matters on which counsel is given in these wonderful volumes:

(1) *The Need of the Holy Spirit.*—"To us today, as verily as to the first disciples, the promise of the Spirit belongs. God will today endow men and women with power from above, as He endowed those who on the day of Pentecost heard the word of salvation. At this very hour His Spirit and His grace are for all who need them and will take Him at His word."

"Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, preach concerning it? . . . For the baptism of the Spirit every worker should be pleading with God. Companies should be gathered together to ask for special help, for heavenly wisdom, that they may know how to plan and to execute wisely. Especially should men pray that God will baptize His missionaries with the Holy Spirit."—*"Selections From the Testimonies," pages 19, 21.*

(2) *The Blessing of Bible Study.*—"Every provision has been made in the Word of God whereby all may have divine help in their endeavours to overcome. If they keep Jesus before them, they will become changed into His image."

"But however much one may advance in spiritual life, he will never come to a point where he will not need diligently to search the Scriptures; for therein are found the evidences of our faith. All points of doctrine, even though they have been accepted as truth, should be brought to the law and to the testimony; if they cannot stand this test, 'there is no light in them.'"

(3) *The Need of Family Worship.*—"In every family there should be a fixed time for morning and evening worship. How appropriate it is for parents to gather their children about them before the fast is broken, to thank the heavenly Father for His protection during the night, and to ask Him for His help and guidance and watch-care during the day. How fitting, also, when evening comes, for parents and children to gather once more before Him, and thank Him for the blessings of the day that is past!"

"Fathers and mothers, each morning and evening gather your children around you, and in humble supplication lift the heart to God for help."—*Id., pp. 30, 31.*

(4) *The Importance of the Colporteur Work.*—"The canvassing work is God's means of reaching many that would not otherwise be impressed with the truth."

"The canvassing work is more important than many have regarded it, and as much care and wisdom must be used in selecting

the workers as in selecting men for the ministry."—*Id., p. 97.*

(5) *The Value of Home Missionary Work.*—"We are living in a special period of this earth's history. A great work must be done in a very short time, and every Christian is to act a part in sustaining this work. God is calling for men who will consecrate themselves to the work of soul saving. When we begin to comprehend what a sacrifice Christ made in order to save a perishing world, there will be seen a mighty wrestling to save souls. Oh, that all our churches might see and realise the infinite sacrifice of Christ!"

"It is not the Lord's purpose that ministers should be left to do the greatest part of the work of sowing the seeds of truth. Men who are not called to the ministry are to labour for their Master according to their several ability."—*Id., pp. 99-102.*

(6) *The Observance of the Sabbath.*—"Far more sacredness is attached to the Sabbath than is given it by many professed Sabbath-keepers. The Lord has been greatly dishonoured by those who have not kept the Sabbath according to the commandment, either in the letter or in the spirit. He calls for a reform in the observance of the Sabbath."

"All through the week we are to have the Sabbath in mind, and be making preparation to keep it according to the commandment."

"When the Sabbath is thus remembered, the temporal will not be allowed to encroach upon the spiritual. No duty pertaining to the six working-days will be left for the Sabbath."—*Id., pp. 36, 37.*

(7) *The Value of the Testimonies.*—"The Word of God is sufficient to enlighten the most beclouded mind, and may be understood by those who have any desire to understand it."

"If you had made God's Word your study, with a desire to reach the Bible standard and attain to Christian perfection, you would not have needed the Testimonies. It is because you have neglected to acquaint yourselves with God's inspired Book that He has sought to reach you by simple, direct testimonies, calling your attention to the words of inspiration which you had neglected to obey, and urging you to fashion your lives in accordance with its pure and elevated teachings."

"The written testimonies are not to give new light, but to impress vividly upon the heart the truths of inspiration already revealed. . . . Additional truth is not brought out; but God has through the Testimonies simplified the great truths already given."—*Id., pp. 175-177.*

In view of this important counsel, the Testimonies should be in every family. The volumes of Spirit of prophecy, and also the Testimonies, should be introduced into every Sabbath-keeping family, and the brethren should know their value and be urged to read them. It was not the wisest plan to place these books at a low figure and have only one set in a church. They

should be in the library of every family, and read again and again. Let them be kept where they can be read by many, and let them be worn out in being read by all the neighbours."

"There should be evening readings, in which one should read aloud to those assembled at the winter fireside. There is but little interest manifested to make the most of the light given of God. Much of it is concerning family duties, and instruction is given to meet almost every case and circumstance. Money will be expended for tea, coffee, ribbons, ruffles and trimmings, and much time and labour spent in preparing the apparel, while the inward work of the heart is neglected. God has caused

precious light to be brought out in publications, and these should be owned and read by every family."—*Vol. IV, pp. 390, 391.*

Let us ever remember the counsel of the great apostle to the Gentiles: "Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." 1 Thess. 5:19-21. May we say with David, the sweet singer of Israel: "Thy testimonies are my meditation," (Ps. 119:91), "Thy testimonies . . . are my delight and my counsellors" (Ps. 119:24); ever remembering that "Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart" (Ps. 119:21).

W. E. READ.

Secretary's Report

For Sexennial Period Ending December 31, 1936

MILTON ROBISON

THIS is the first Division Council held by the "Southern African Division." Since we met six years ago in Bulawayo as the Council of the "African Division," we have not heard the blowing of the trumpet to call the leaders to gather in solemn assembly for a Division Council.

During the years since the last Council the world has experienced the perplexities and problems resulting from the great financial depression. Our own work has been severely tested but today we are, as it were, on the other side of the Red Sea, and we can sing with Miriam and the Lord's host the song of praise and thanksgiving as we see what God has wrought. I trust we will realise, however, that we still have before us a great unfinished task and I wish to bring before you a few items which should encourage us to go forward to finish this task, knowing that our God is Jehovah, the Great Commander who is leading us on to certain victory.

There are a number of our pioneer workers and other fellow-labourers who are not with us today to hear of the progress of the message for which they gave their lives in faithful service. They rest from their labours but truly their works do follow them.

Reverently we record their names and pray that God may help us to loyally take up the burdens they have laid down:

W. S. Hyatt, F. C. Ernst, W. C. Walston, T. J. Bulgin, Miss Ida Thomason, Miss Stella Nel, M. C. Sturdevant, S. J. Stevenson, H. J. Edmead, Miss Charlotte Dixie, W. B. Commin, Mrs. E. Bull, Mrs. S. G. Hiten, Mrs. D. F. Tarr, Mrs. C. E. Wheeler, Mrs. S. M. Konigmacher, Danie Ficker, P. J. Oosthuizen, Mr. Colbourn, F. Reed, Richard Moko, Lucas Modise, Frank Ndhlovu, M. D. Kalaka.

May I mention also, the names of some of our faithful fathers and mothers in

Israel who died in the faith, looking for the coming of the Life-giver:

Peter Wessels, F. W. Birkenstock, E. W. H. Jeffrey, W. H. Willmore, R. Bell, J. C. Baumann, G. J. van Druten, W. Hawla, Sr. E. E. Wilson, Sr. E. Haupt, Sr. S. Burger, J. L. and Olivier Kritzinger, C. R. Dubber, Mrs. C. Sparrow, Snr. W. Wild, H. E. Purdon, C. E. Tarr.

Now let us consider for a time a few items gleaned from the Statistical records of the Southern African Division. The Delegates at this Council represent a work that is assuming large proportions. In this field we had at the end of 1936, a total of 55,097 adherents, of whom 27,851 are baptised members of our churches. The remaining 27,246 are in Hearers' or Probationers' classes and preparing to unite fully with this people.

Our church membership has increased from 14,995 in 1930, to 27,851 at the end of 1936. This is a net increase of 12,856 or an average of nearly six per day. *This means that during these six years the increase has been equivalent to a new church of 41 members each week.*

In January 1931 there were in this Division—128 organised churches. By December 1936 these had increased to 170, an increase of 42 organised churches or an average of 7 each year. If all the new members had joined newly organised groups instead of the churches already formed, each new church would have a membership of 306.

At the beginning of this six-year period there were 71 church buildings valued at £36,406. At its close we have 102 church buildings valued at £43,633. Thirty-one new churches with an average value of £233 each.

Since the beginning of 1931 there have been 20,451 believers baptised and accepted into church fellowship. We rejoice when we

think that an average of nine precious souls per day have been won to the truth, but there is a side of the picture which must give us concern. While we have baptised on an average of nine each day, our net gain in membership is only about six each day. By deaths and apostasies we have lost a number equal to 37 per cent of the number added to our churches by baptism. We are glad that the percentage of losses is not greater, and that so many do remain faithful to this unpopular Truth, but what a challenge it would be to every worker to thoroughly indoctrinate new believers and to shepherd the flock so that these losses may be greatly decreased.

Workers, Southern African Division European

	1936	1930	Inc.	Dec.
Ordained ministers	62	62		
Licensed ministers	38	33	5	
Licensed miss.	204	149	55	
Evang. and Teach.	10	4	6	
Colporteurs	30	24	6	
Other workers	3	5		2
Totals	347	277	72	2

Native

	1936	1930	Inc.	Dec.
Ordained ministers	63	46	17	
Licensed ministers	41	51		10
Licensed miss.	35	7	28	
Evan. and Teach.	638	409	229	
Colporteurs	54	28	26	
Other workers	146	44	102	
Totals	977	585	402	10

Grand Total for 1936	1324
Grand Total for 1930	862

Net Increase (workers) 462

Comparing Two Six-year Periods

	1924	1930	1936
Organised churches	88	128	170
Members	5905	14995	27851
Adherents	10611	27995	55097
Ordained ministers	39	108	125
Total workers	459	862	1324
	1924	1930	1936
European membership	1549	2179	2986
Native membership	4355	12818	24865

For some time an earnest effort has been made to secure an accurate list of the languages in which literature is published, also the languages used by believers or in which denominational representatives are conducting work. According to our latest reports literature is published in 31 languages and work is being carried on in 84 languages and dialects.

Territory

No additional territory has been included in the Southern African Division during this sexennial period, but some changes have been made in respect to the distribution of

territory. South Congo and Bechuanaland Protectorate are now a part of the Zambesi Union, and British Bechuanaland is under the South African Union. Ruanda, Urundi and Kivu District have been included in the Congo Union, thus combining the Central African Union with the Congo Union.

Institutions

A Training School has been started at Songa Mission and training classes have been discontinued at Katanga.

Malamulo and Solusi Missions each have a Mission Press.

Hospitals have been opened at Lower Gwelo in Southern Rhodesia, and at Ngoma

in Ruanda. The new Nokuphila Hospital at Johannesburg and the Maun Hospital in Bechuanaland are both new institutions which are just getting under way. Six new dispensaries have been started and one has been closed.

We may thank God today for the progress that has been made and for the many openings we see on every hand. The Macedonian call is ringing in our ears. Indeed, the fields "are white already to harvest." As we realise the shortage of men and means, let us pray the Lord to send forth workers, and to give us an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that the work may go forward with a loud cry and speedily be finished in this great Division.

Resolutions and Recommendations Passed at Division Council

RESOLUTIONS OF GRATITUDE

1. To Our Heavenly Father

REALISING, that the multiplied blessings of God have been showered upon us in this Division during the past sexennial period, and that the protecting care of our Father in Heaven has been over us, we, the delegates assembled in this the Seventh Session of the Southern African Division Conference at Johannesburg, wish to render our thanks for His merciful kindnesses and Divine leadership during the past six years.

We thank Him for His guiding hand that has been over the Work. For making this period in our history so fruitful in the winning of Souls. We thank Him for lifting the years of depression and turning these into years of prosperity. We thank Him for the spirit of loyalty and liberality manifested by our workers and laity during the period under review. We thank Him for the spirit of unity that binds our hearts together and keeps us one in Christ Jesus.

For these and many other blessings we render to God our heartfelt thanks, and dedicate ourselves anew to His service in finishing His work for the salvation of mankind.

This resolution was adopted by standing vote of the congregation. After singing "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow," Brother Branson offered prayer.

2. To the General Conference

Resolved, that we express our sincere gratitude to the General Conference for the liberal appropriations made to this Division during the past six difficult years, thus making it possible for us to maintain and even extend our mission programmes. And we wish to express also to the General Conference Committee our heartfelt thanks for having sent to us, Pastor W. H. Branson and family, and Pastor H. J. Detwiler, whose presence and spiritual help have been a source of inspiration to us during this Council.

3. To the Natal-Transvaal Conference and Johannesburg Church

Resolved, that we express to the Natal-Transvaal Conference and the Johannesburg church our thanks for having granted us the use of the church building during the time of the Council.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

WHEREAS, during the past sexennial period the hand of death has removed from our midst a number of the veteran ministers and other workers in our Division, among whom we would mention the following:

- W. S. Hyatt, W. C. Walston, Mrs. D. F. Tarr, Mrs. S. M. Konigsmacher, W. B. Commin, Miss Charlotte Dixie, Mrs. S. G. Hiten, Mrs. W. H. Branson, Mrs. C. E. Wheeler, E. W. H. Jeffrey, F. C. Ernst, F.

The Treasurer's Report

C. W. BOZARTH

THE financial report that I am submitting at this time covers a period of six years,—1931 to 1936 inclusive. This has been a time of great stress throughout the world, when almost every financial structure has been shaken to its very foundation, and yet, through all the perplexities that have come to the world, the Lord has had His hand over His work here in Africa, and has not permitted it to suffer unduly.

The appropriation from the General Conference which stood at £64,313-2-0 in 1930 was cut each year until in 1935 it stood at £41,745-5-7. The tithe was also greatly decreased, but in face of this, it was not necessary to make any retrenchments in the mission fields of this Division; and all our work was maintained in a strong way and good gains were made in every line.

As we review the past years we can truly say with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." (Ps. 126:3.)

1936 Balance Sheet

The total Assets of the Division stood at £6,539-16-9 December 31, 1936. Of this amount £537-16-9 is invested in office furniture and equipment, while the balance is what we term *Current Assets*. This is made up of:

Cash	£580	0	0
Accounts Receivable	4222	4	3
Prepaid items	1199	15	9
	£6002	0	0

The total *Liabilities* amount to £4,993-1-11, with a Working Capital of £1,008-18-1. I must point out to the delegates assembled here that this *Working Capital* is far too small to meet the needs of an organisation carrying on as large a work as we are here in the Southern African Division. We should plan to build this fund up to at least £5,000, and maintain it at that figure from year to year.

Tithe

You will see from this report that the tithe showed some decrease for the years 1931 and 1932, but from that time onward there has been a steady increase. The period under consideration shows an increase of £19,939-17-4 over the previous six years, 1925-1930. I consider this to be very good indeed, when we know that the income of our church members, in most cases, has been greatly reduced owing to the years of depression. Surely the Lord will honour His children in returning to Him such a faithful tithe at this time.

Mission Offerings

The mission funds also show a substantial increase of £13,020-9-6 over the previous six-year period, but you will note this is almost entirely made up by the increase in Harvest Ingathering receipts. If we deduct the Harvest Ingathering receipts we find only £778-10-7 increase in the other offerings. This should concern each of us, and be studied carefully to ascertain why there has not been a larger increase in the Sabbath School, Week of Sacrifice, Big Week and Annual offerings, in view of the splendid increase in the tithe.

Harvest Ingathering

It is interesting to note the wonderful growth the Harvest Ingathering has made since its beginning here in Africa. The Ingathering for 1917 amounted to £9-1-0. From 1917-1930 there was gathered in through this avenue £37,592-7-5 and from 1931-1936 £38,656-9-6, or a grand total for *twenty* years of £76,248-16-11.

In closing this report I want to acknowledge the hand of God in all that has been accomplished. He has had His watch-care over the work, and has given wisdom in knowing how to meet the problems that have presented themselves, and to His name be all the glory and honour.

Reed, T. L. Bulgin, Mr. Freeman, Frank Ndhlovu, Mrs. L. S. Molokomme, Miss Stella Nel, S. J. Stevenson, Mrs. Rasmeni, Richard Moko, Lucas Modise, M. D. Kalaka.

Therefore *Resolved*, that we express to the relatives of these deceased workers our sincere sympathy in their bereavement, and that we associate ourselves with them in the blessed hope of the resurrection.

We likewise extend our sympathy to those of our laity who have been bereaved, and desire especially to mention the following:

P. J. D. Wessels, J. C. Baumann, G. J. van Druten, Robert Bell, Mrs. Charles Sparrow, Mrs. James Tarr of Tarsus.

After passing this resolution the audience stood with bowed heads while Elder Wright led in prayer, asking God to water the seed sown by these faithful workers and members, and to help us to remain faithful in our service.

CARE OF ORPHANS AND WIDOWS AND THE INFIRM

WHEREAS, the admonition of the Lord to us as a people through the Scriptures and the voice of the Spirit of prophecy is to care for the orphans, the widows and the infirm, and

WHEREAS, with our growing constituency there are those of our tried and faithful members who are in abject poverty and are the recipients of financial assistance from other churches and charitable organisations, and

WHEREAS, sensing our responsibility in this matter, we

Recommend, that each Union organisation and local Conference devise plans whereby the aged, infirm and orphans are to be taken care of in the homes of our people.

INSURANCE

Voted, to recommend that the Division Committee appoint a Commission to give careful study to the matter of securing a better rate of Insurance for Denominational owned properties and worker's motor-cars.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

WHEREAS, the Sabbath was given as one of God's greatest blessings to man, a day of "rest and gladness," a time of spiritual refreshing; and

WHEREAS, the Sabbath is not only a sign of God's love to man, but also a sign of man's loyalty to God, and that in true Sabbath observance is evidenced our fidelity to our Creator, our fellowship with our beloved Redeemed; therefore,

Be it Resolved, 1. That we earnestly heed the admonition of the Word of God to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," not doing our own work, nor finding our own pleasure on God's holy day.

2. That we dedicate the Sabbath to the worship of God and the uplift of our fellowmen by:

a. Faithfully attending the Sabbath school, the worship hour, and other divine services.

b. That we consider it good Sabbath keeping to spend some hours of the Sabbath in visiting the sick and afflicted, teaching the Word of God, the free distribution of our truth-filled literature, or otherwise ministering to sin-sick humanity.

c. Teaching our children the wonders of God's universe and His creative power by often "walking with them into the fields and groves," studying with them the lesson book of nature and telling them of God's wondrous love, thus leading them to consider the Sabbath a blessing rather than a burden.

3. That we pledge ourselves to renewed consecration in the observance of God's holy day by:

a. Sacredly guarding the beginning and the ending of the Sabbath, having all the preparations fully made before the setting of the sun as the Sabbath approaches.

b. Welcoming the blessed day of worship around the family altar and again at the setting of the sun at the close of the Sabbath rededicating ourselves and our children to the Lord.

c. Putting aside all secular papers, and refraining from the use of the radio except for proper religious programmes.

d. Refraining from unnecessary motor journeys and pleasure trips.

e. Not engaging in idle conversation, nor in "thinking our own thoughts," or in "speaking our own words."

4. That great carefulness be exercised in the manner of raising money and disposing of literature during our Sabbath services, so that we ever keep the spiritual purpose of the Sabbath before our churches.

5. That we consecrate ourselves and our children to God, seeking to enter into His

glorious rest of which the Sabbath is a type, thus giving to the world a testimony to the truth of the Sabbath in the lives of those who hallow it.

EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, our aim is the presentation of the Advent Message to the peoples within the territory of the Southern African Division, it follows that evangelism must continue to play a chief part in the finishing of our task. Therefore recommended:

1. That the responsible committees give earnest study to the supplying of adequate equipment to meet the needs of our evangelists for aggressive work.

2. That regular biennial ministerial institutes be held in each Union for the regular workers.

a. That as far as possible stewards and leaders of the churches be invited to attend.

b. That these Institutes be held over a period of at least two to three weeks.

c. That in our evangelistic campaigns, sufficient time be allotted for an adequate presentation of the fundamentals of our Truth. And further

3. That great care be exercised, and sufficient time be given for binding off the work and thoroughly establishing the new believers in the Message.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF LABOUR

Voted, to ask the Congo Union to release Elder O. U. Giddings for service in the Angola Union.

Voted, to ask the Zambesi Union to release Dr. E. Morel for medical work at Malamulo Mission.

Home Missionary Report

F. E. POTTER

THE report of missionary activity among the laity in this Division shows progress in every line of work, although the percentage of those engaged in missionary en-

deavour is regrettably small—about 49%.

I shall read the increase in the various lines of work during the period 1931-1936 over that of 1925-1930:

ITEMS	Increase		
	1925-1930	1931-1936	1931-1936
Number of Unions at the end of 1930	6		
Number of Unions at the end of 1936		5	
Number of Conferences at the end of 1930	3		
Number of Conferences at the end of 1936		3	
Number of Mission Fields at end of 1930	19		
Number of Mission Fields at end of 1936		9	
Average Membership	10,229	16,735	6,506
Average number of organised churches	101	152	51
Bible readings or gospel meetings	53,551	550,136	496,585
Missionary visits	130,401	861,614	731,213
Persons taken to Sab. School or services	9,527	393,747	384,220
Treatments given	62,032	258,642	196,610
Persons given needed help	99,291	493,481	394,190
Articles of clothing given away	26,946	112,619	85,673
Books, missionary periodicals, tracts dist.	792,798	1,143,182	350,384
Missionary letters written	39,680	88,460	48,780

The fruitage in converts is most difficult to ascertain with any degree of certainty, although it is known that more than 150 souls were won by our laity during the past six years. However, if the facts could be known, I feel sure that the number would be easily trebled.

In view of the constant change of Home Missionary secretaries in the various fields, the lack of regular Home Missionary institutes in the churches, and, generally, the feeble efforts made to organise and train our laity, it is surprising that so much missionary endeavour has been put forth. The time has come when very earnest and definite efforts must be made — even at considerable financial outlay — to press home upon the laity an abiding sense of their responsibility in lay-evangelism, to inspire them with a passion for soul-winning, and to educate them in a practical way for service.

This work cannot be left to a few secretaries of the Home Missionary Department. It must have the earnest, active and continuous support of every worker in the denomination. All must recognise it as a primary part of their duty to inspire, encourage, and lead the laity into service. Surely the following scripture supports this contention:

"And He Himself, appointed some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, some to be pastors and teachers, in order to fully equip His people for the work of serving." Eph. 4:11, 12. (Weymouth.)

The following are ways by which our laity can be organised and trained for service, and encouraged in that service:

1. That every evangelist recognise that his work in raising up a church is not completed until it has been properly organised for missionary service, and the responsibility of soul-winning laid upon its members.
2. That annual Home Missionary institutes be held in all churches as early in the year as possible.
3. That each church be provided annually with the necessary Home Missionary pamphlets on missionary organisation and activity.
4. That conference officials visiting churches make a point of studying with the church boards their missionary plans and progress, and do all in their power to stimulate a deeper interest in missionary endeavour.
5. That conferences urge their church leaders to hold to the plan of reserving the first Sabbath of each month for missionary service and that help be provided them in the preparation of an interesting and instructive programme.

6. That Conference Home Missionary secretaries use the columns of the *OUTLOOK* to keep the missionary programme before their constituencies by providing reports of progress, outstanding experiences in missionary endeavour, and short live articles on various phases of missionary activity.

It is sincerely believed that if the fore-

going suggestions are put into effect and regularly followed out we would see a far greater number in missionary service in our churches and, as a natural result, a much warmer spiritual experience being enjoyed by the laity.

Campaigns

Harvest Ingathering.—This campaign has enjoyed remarkable success through the years. In the past six years £12,542 more was raised than in the former six years. This means an annual increase of £2,090 over the past six years. When it is remembered that the whole of the recent severe financial depression occurred within the past six years, the performance of raising a surplus of £12,542 over the previous six years seems all the more wonderful.

"Signs" and "Tekens" Campaign.—There is ground for much improvement in this annual effort to circulate these two missionary papers. If this campaign were organised on the same plan as the Harvest Ingathering, and supported as earnestly by our workers and laity, the circulation could be greatly increased.

"Review and Herald" Campaign.—The number of subscriptions received during

He Drew Me Back

NATHANIEL KRUM

WHEN all was bright and well with me
And life seemed but a dream,
I turned my thoughts toward the world,
And drifted with the stream.

But God in mercy drew me back;
He sent calamity,
That I, who'd wandered far away,
Again His face might see.

each year for this paper is pitifully small. In the past six years less than two hundred new subscriptions have been received. It is felt that direct and earnest efforts on the part of conferences should be made to contact every English-speaking family, stressing the importance and value of the paper, and inviting them to subscribe to it.

Conclusion

In conclusion we repeat an oft-used quotation from the Spirit of prophecy: "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 117.*

At present, less than fifty per cent of the church membership is at work. We earnestly appeal to our conference and mission-field executives to plan for more definite and sustained efforts to rally the other fifty per cent of the laity to the work, and this department pledges itself whole-heartedly to support them in every possible way.

Education Dept.

M. P. Robison, Secretary

How David Livingstone Used the Fractions of Minutes

WHEN David Livingstone as a youth was working in a cotton mill, he had a certain number of machines to care for. He could not have a whole minute at a time to do something else, but there were fractions of minutes that he could so use, and he spent these minute portions of time in studying his Latin Grammar.

Today there are some hundreds of ambitious young people who are devoting not only fractions of minutes but whole minutes and sometimes hours to study under the guidance of the Home Study Institute, and by so doing they are qualifying themselves to fill positions of responsibility. Moreover, an increasing number of these young people are being taken into organised work and are making good.

There are also busy ministers, some of them presidents of conferences and unions, who are spending their leisure moments in the study of the New Testament Greek, that fascinating subject for all lovers of Paul's epistles. Others are taking courses in Church History, Modern European History, Journalism, Parliamentary Law, and various other subjects. These men find in their daily study period that which gives freshness of spirit and a larger understanding of the needs of their fellow men.

The Home Study Institute offers a goodly variety of courses carrying full credit in our schools and colleges. Our catalogue is at the disposal of all who are interested. It really should be in the home of every wide-awake Seventh-day Adventist.

M. E. OLSEN, President,

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

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"THE first pupils of Jesus were chosen from the ranks of the common people. They were humble, unlettered men, these fishers of Galilee; men unschooled in the learning and customs of the rabbis, but trained by the stern discipline of toil and hardship. They were men of native ability and of teachable spirit; men who could be instructed and moulded for the Saviour's work. In the common walks of life there is many a toiler patiently treading the round of his daily tasks, unconscious of latent powers, that roused to action, would place him among the world's great leaders. Such were the men who were called by the Saviour to be His co-labourers."—*"Education," page 85.*

The Youth's Page

For Help and Guidance

Conducted by the South African Union Conference Missionary Volunteer Department

What Do You Read?

Books are the staff of life. They offer to us the minds of great men, and little men, good men and bad men. They exert a tremendous influence in the formation of our thoughts, speech and character.

The Lord chose the medium of a book to convey His message to us. By that book our conduct will be evaluated and our future existence determined. Then how overwhelming may be the influence of a book!

Someone has said, "Choose your books as you would choose your friends." In these days books are more easily acquired than friends and so it is well to exercise double care. As we are on the threshold of life we need adequate preparation if our life is to be lived to the full. It is a poor preparation to meet reality by seeking to develop that which is unreal, fictitious or degrading. If anyone could afford the time to read that which amuses but does not edify; that stimulates but does not educate, it should be persons who have passed the age of usefulness and have lived the allotted span and who have time to waste and mentality to squander, but the reverse is generally true. Youth reads the trash, and age seeks after wisdom, frequently after it is too late to put it to practical account.

In selecting reading matter some such test as the following might well be applied: Is it true to life? Does it broaden my concepts of truth? Does it stimulate and strengthen mental activity? Does it beget a deeper desire for spiritual things? As Seventh-day Adventist youth we cannot afford to dissipate mental energy by dwelling on highly imaginative situations and problems that will leave us barren when it comes to facing life's issues.

In reading, the field is wide and productive, let us glean the best.

F. G. CLIFFORD.

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By the Way

Farewell

We all join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Ficker a very hearty "bon voyage" as they proceed overseas to become better fitted for service. Both of them have taken a very deep interest in Missionary Volunteer activities, and have done much

to foster the Junior side of our work wherever they have laboured.

Ingathering

HARVEST INGATHERING is well on its way. It is stimulating to see how faithfully and eagerly some of our Missionary Volunteers have been doing their part. This first week in July will provide a splendid opportunity for all of our societies to reach their goals. **DO NOT FAIL. WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU.**

Good News

Good news reaches us from Helderberg. There is a record number of students in the baptismal class. Large groups are engaged in studying the progressive class work offered by the Missionary Volunteer department, while an investiture service is planned for in the near future.

Covenant

DID you know that at the Bloemfontein camp-meeting this year over fifty of our senior youth signed a covenant card, indicating either a surrender of life for the first time, or of a rededication of their all to Jesus? We have heard from some who are rejoicing in the life of victory; others have been sorely tried, but they are fighting manfully. Let us pray one for another.

Alive

THE evidence of life is warmth. Blankets will never warm a dead body. When the life-blood ceases to flow the temperature drops. Some societies are almost dead for the want of life-giving leadership and warm-hearted service. A cold and dying society does not need blankets of programmes to smother it, but rather well-planned missionary endeavour to restore warmth and renew vigour. How is your society?

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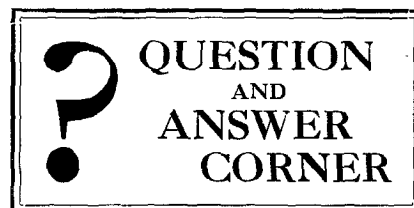
The Study and Service

THIS part of our Missionary Volunteer progressive class work is a course of study that will give our seniors the necessary preparation to do soul-winning work, as well as establishing them in the doctrines and history of God's message for this age. The knowledge gained will be a defence to us in the days that are to come.

The requirements are such that can be easily met by the average young person. The textbooks are few and inexpensive,

while properly conducted group study can be very enjoyable.

We are hoping that many of our societies will plan to arrange for a class so that a number of their members can qualify for the "Study and Service League Certificate." Apply to your conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary regarding the plan.



To Our Youth

IT is our purpose to devote one page of the *OUTLOOK* each month to serve your interests. We desire to make this page as helpful as possible in fostering all the endeavours and activities of the Missionary Volunteer Societies, as well as contributing, in a direct way, to individual spiritual growth.

Realising that there are many of you who do not have the privilege of obtaining help in meeting some of the problems that confront you, and that the situation you face may be identical to that faced by quite a number of your fellows, we feel that a "Question and Answer" corner might be helpful in meeting this need. We invite you to send your questions, whether they be along the lines of Missionary Volunteer organisation or activities, or dealing with personal and spiritual problems. If you write regarding personal problems, mark your envelope "PERSONAL" and your confidence will be fully respected. If the question is not of general interest we shall be pleased to reply personally through the post. It is our most earnest desire to help you. Address your questions to:

P. O. Box 468,

Bloemfontein, O. F. S.

Your sincere friend,

F. G. CLIFFORD.

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"MORAL excellence and fine mental qualities are not the result of accident."

Bladsy vir Jongmense

Vir Help en Heiding

Gereel deur die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie Konferensie Strewers Departement

Wat Lees Julle?

BOEKE is byna onontbeerlik vir die lewe. Hulle bring ons in aanraking met die gedagtes van allerlei soorte mense. Hulle oefen 'n ontsaglike invloed uit op die vorming van ons gedagtes, woorde en karakter.

Die Here het 'n boek gekies as middel om Sy boodskap aan ons te stuur. Deur daardie Boek sal ons karakter geoordeel en ons toekomstige lot beslis word. Hoe ontsaglik kan die invloed van 'n boek nie wees nie!

Iemand het gesê: „Kies jou boeke soos jy jou vriende sal kies.” In ons dae is boeke makliker verkrybaar as vriende, en dus behoort ons baie versigtiger te wees. As ons aan die begin van ons lewe staan, het ons voldoende voorbereiding nodig om die beste van ons lewe te maak. Dit is maar 'n treurige voorbereiding vir die werklikhede van die lewe as ons probeer om te ontwikkel op wat oneg, verdig, of verlagend is. As daar iemand is wat tyd kry om boeke te lees wat amuseer maar nie onderrig nie, wat prikkel maar nie onderwys nie, dan behoort dit eerder 'n persoon te wees wat al die nuttige jare agter sy rug het en al lank genoeg geleef het, sodat hy tyd het om te verkwis en geestesvermoë om te vermors. Maar in die werklikheid vind ons gewoonlik net die teenoorgestelde. Jongmense lees kaff, en ousense soek na wysheid gewoonlik wanneer dit al te laat is om daardeur nuttig en bruikbaar te word.

As ons leesstof uitkies, kan die volgende toets met goeie gevolge toegepas word: Is dit getrou aan die werklikhede van die lewe? Verryk dit my begrip van die waarheid? Oefen en ontwikkel dit my verstand? Gee dit my 'n inniger verlange na geestelike dinge? As Sewende-dag Adventis-Jongmense, kan ons nie bekostig om ons verstandelike vermoëns te verkwis deur dit aan denkbeeldige omstandighede en probleme te bestee nie, want dit sal ons onbekwaam laat om die werklikhede van die lewe te gemoet te gaan.

Aangesien daar so baie leesstof in die wêreld is, moet ons sorgdra om die beste uit te soek.



„As jy in geselskap is moet jy jou tong oppas, maar wanneer jy alleen is, moet jy jou hart bewaak.”

Die Studiebond

HIERDIE deel van ons Strewers progressiewe klaswerk is 'n kursus wat ons seniors die nodige opleiding verskaf om siel-redende werk te doen, sowel as om hulle 'n grondige kennis te gee van die leerstellings en geskiedenis van God se boodskap vir hierdie geslag. Die kennis hier opgedoen sal 'n beskerming wees vir die tyd wat nog voorlê.

Die benodighede is van so 'n aard dat die gewone jongmens dit maklik kan in die hande kry. Die boeke is min en goedkoop, terwyl reg-georganiseerde groep-studie baie aangenaam kan wees.

Ons hoop dat baie van ons verenigingsklasse sal organiseer sodat 'n aantal van hulle lede die Studiebond-Sertifikaat kan behaal. Doen aansoek by u Konferensie Strewersvereniging-Sekretaris aangaande die reëlings in hierdie verband.



Terloops

Vaarwel

NAMENS almal wens ons Mnr. en Mev. Hermann Ficker 'n aangename en voorspoedige reis toe met hulle vertrek na Amerika om verder opgelei te word vir diens. Hulle het altwee baie belanggestel in die werksaamhede van ons Strewersverenigings, en het orals waar hulle werksaam was baie moeite gedoen om die Juniors aan te moedig.

Insameling

DIE Oesinsameling het al ver gevorder. Dit is opbeurend om te sien hoe ywerig en getrou sommige van ons Strewers is om hulle deel te doen. Hierdie eerste week in Julie sal 'n gulde geleentheid wees vir al ons verenigings om hulle doele te bereik. Moenie ons in die steek laat nie. Ons reken op jou.

Goeie Nuus

ONS het goeie nuus ontvang van Helderberg. Daar is 'n rekord-getal studente in die doopklas. Groot groepe is besig om die klaswerk te studeer soos uitgegee deur die Strewersdepartement, en daar word planne beraam om in die nabye toekoms 'n Investiture diens te hou.

Verbond

WEET u dat daar tydens die Bloemfonteinse kampvergadering vanjaar meer as vyftig van ons Seniorlede 'n verbondskartaar geteken het om 'n oorgawe van hulle lewe òf

vir die eerste keer, òf opnuut, aan te dui. Ons het gehoor van sommige wat hulle verheug in 'n oorwinnende lewe, terwyl andere weer swaar beproef is maar nogtans dapper veg. Laat ons vir mekaar bid.

Lewendig

DIE bewys van lewe is warmte. Komberse sal nooit 'n dooie liggaam warm maak nie. Sodra die lewensbloed ophou om te vloei, daal die temperatuur. Sommige verenigings is byna dood weens gebrek aan lewe-gewende leierskap en warmhartige diens. 'n Koue en sterwende vereniging het nie komberse van programme nodig om hom te versmoor nie, maar liever goed-gereëde sendingpogings om hom hernude krag en warmte te gee. Hoe gaan dit met u vereniging?



Aan Ons Jongmense

ONS is voornemens om een bladsy van die OUTLOOK elke maand aan julle belange te wy. Ons is begerig om hierdie bladsy so hulpvaardig as moontlik te maak vir al die werksaamhede en pogings van die Strewersverenigings, sowel as om direk by te dra tot persoonlike geestelike opwassing.

Aangesien ons besef dat baie van julle nie die voorreg het om andere te raadpleeg in verband met die probleme waarvoor julle dikwels te staan kom nie, gevoel ons dat 'n kolom vir vrae en antwoorde die beste oplossing sal wees. Ons nodig u dus uit om u vrae te stuur, of hulle nou met Strewersvereniging-organisasies of werksaamhede te doen het, of met persoonlike en geestelike probleme. As julle skryf in verband met persoonlike sake, merk dan die koevert „persoonlik,” en ons sal u geheime respekteer. As die vraag nie van algemene belang is nie, sal dit ons genoë doen om u persoonlik deur die pos te antwoord. Dit is ons innigste begeerte om u te help. Adresseer u vrae aan:

Postbus 468,

Bloemfontein, O. V. S.

U toegeneë vriend,

F. G. CLIFFORD.

Lewensversekering

[In antwoord op verskeie navrae in verband met die kwessie van lewensversekering, publiseer ons hier 'n artikel deur Francis M. Wilcox, die Editeur van die *Review and Herald*.—Ed.]

Ek ontvang gedurig navrae van lesers van die *Review* in verband met die vraagstuk van lewensversekering. Sommige vra advies aangaande die wenslikheid van sulke polisse. Andere wat al jarelank verassureer is, wil weet of hulle die polisse moet laat verval en alles verloor wat hulle al betaal het. Hulle wil weet of daar iets in die leerstellings van die Bybel of die Gees van profesie is in verband hiermee.

Die vraag is van pas, veral in die ingewikkelde omstandighede van ons moderne lewe. As 'n blote geldelike belegging beskou, is lewensversekering vandag net so veilig as enige ander belegging. Ons moet altyd onthou, egter, dat 'n mens in hierdie dae van onbestendige wisselkoerse op geen sekuriteit te veel kan vertrou nie. Ek erken dat dit nodig is vir baie van ons broeders wat verskillende soorte handel dryf om hulle geld op een of ander manier te belê. Die finansiële toestand van die wêreld behoort hulle altyd te laat sorgdra om dit op die beste manier te doen, en om veral op te pas vir die dwase spekulasië-gees, waarmee duisende mense vandag meegesleep word. In die geval van lewensversekering is egter ander sake wat ook in aanmerking moet geneem word, en dit is hierdie sake wat my tot my besluit gebring het in verband met assurances.

Etlke jare gelede, toe my ouderdom en liggaamlike toestand my toegelaat het om verassureer te word, is 'n spesiale aanbod aan my gemaak deur 'n vriend wat 'n agent van een van die sterk lewensversekeringsmaatskappye was. Hoewel die aanbod baie aantreklik gelyk het, was daar een ding wat my laat besluit het om dit van die hand te wys, en dit was die woorde van die diensmaag van die Here in *Testimonies for the Church*, Deel I, bls. 549-551. Om hierdie bespreking op te helder en die lesers tot hulp te kom, haal ek 'n paar paragrawe uit hierdie verklaring aan:

„Dit is my getoon dat Sabbat-vierende Adventiste nie aan lewensassurances moet deelneem nie. Dit is 'n handel met die wêreld wat God nie goedkeur nie. Diegene wat aan hierdie onderneming deelneem verenig met die wêreld, terwyl God Sy volk roep om uit te kom en apart te wees. Die Engel het gesê: „Christus het u gekoop met die offerande van Sy lewe. Wat! Weet julle nie dat julle liggaam 'n tempel is van

*Die denominasie het nog nie tevore sy offisiële standpunt ten opsigte van lewensversekering verduidelik nie, en derhalwe is dit nie 'n toets van lidmaatskap in die kerk nie. Ek wil egter in hierdie verband sê dat ek, ten einde die mening van die denominasie oor hierdie vraagstuk te verkry, die inhoud van voorgaande artikel aan vyf-en-tagtig van die vooraanstaande broeders in verskillende dele van Noord-Amerika, asook ander dele van die wêreldveld, voorgelê het; meer as vyf-en-sewentig persent van hulle het hulle goedkeuring gegee aan die standpunt wat ingeneem is, en hulle toestemming gegee vir die publikasie van die artikel in die *Review*.

die Heilige Gees wat in julle is, wat julle van God het, en dat julle nie aan julle-self behoort nie? Want julle is duur gekoop. Verheerlik God dan in julle liggaam en in julle gees wat aan God behoort. Want julle het gesterwe, en julle lewe is saam met Christus verborge in God; Wanneer Christus wat ons lewe is geopenbaar word, dan sal julle ook saam met Hom in heerlijkheid geopenbaar word.' Dit is die enigste lewensversekering wat deur die hemel goedgekeur word.

„Lewensversekering is 'n wêreldse beleid wat ons broeders wat deel neem daaraan, die reinheid en eenvoud van die evangelie sal laat verlaat. Iedere sulke afwyking verswak ons geloof en verminder ons geselligheid. Die Engel het gesê: „Julle is 'n uitverkore geslag, 'n koninklike priestertdom, 'n heilige volk, 'n volk as eiendom verkry, om te verkondig die deugde van Hom wat julle uit die duisternis geroep het tot Sy wonderbare lig.' As 'n volk behoort ons spesiaal aan die Here. Christus het ons gekoop. Magtige engele bewaak ons. Geen mossie val op die grond sonder dat ons Hemelse Vader dit weet nie. Sels die hare van ons hoof is almal getel. God het voorsiening gemaak vir Sy kinders. Hy sorg vir hulle, en hulle moenie twyfel aan Hom bewys deur 'n ooreenkoms met die wêreld nie.

„God wil hê dat ons die eenvoud en heiligheid wat ons as Sy volk kenmerk, moet bewaar. Diegene wat hulle lewes laat verassureer belê geld wat aan God behoort, en wat Hy aan hulle toevertrou het om vir Sy werk te gebruik en in Sy saak te belê. Maar daar is min wat sal voordeel trek uit lewensassurances, en sonder die seën van God sal dit hulle meer kwaad as goed doen.”

Met die oog op hierdie onderwysing, het ek veertig jaar gelede myself nie vry gevoel om 'n lewensversekerings-polis te koop nie, en tot vandag toe het ek nog nooit daarvoor kans gesien nie.

Sommige mense argumenteer dat, daar lewensversekering vandag heeltemal anders is en op 'n veiliger basis berus as toe hierdie advies gegee is, hierdie raad nie betrekking het op ons tyd nie. Ek is egter van mening dat die beginsels wat in die aanhaling neergelê is, aan iedere eeu kan toegepas word en net so geskik is vir vandag en die toekoms as wat dit nog ooit gewees het. Lees nogeens hierdie sinne:

„Ons behoort spesiaal aan die Here.”

„Christus het ons gekoop.”

„God het voorsiening gemaak vir Sy kinders.”

„Hy sorg vir hulle.”

„Hulle moenie twyfel aan Hom bewys deur 'n ooreenkoms met die wêreld nie.”

Waar die diensmaag van die Here die teks aanhaal wat opgeteken is in Kol. 3:3: „Julle het gesterwe, en julle lewe is saam met Christus verborge in God,” sê sy:

„Dit is die enigste lewensversekering wat deur die Hemel goedgekeur word.”

As hierdie versekerings van goddelike beskerming „die enigste lewensversekering is

wat deur die Hemel goedgekeur word,” dan kan die argument dat die belegging vandag veiliger is as vyftig-jare gelede, die saak nie verander nie. Hierdie versekerings van die sorg van God vir Sy kinders is aan Sy volk gegee van elke geslag, en behoort aan die gelowiges tot die einde van die wêreld. Ons het die versekering van goddelike beskerming sels gedurende die uitstorting van die sewe laaste plaes, soos opgeteken in Psalm 91.

Party mense wil weer weet wat die onderskeid is tussen lewensversekering en die versekering van besittings, en waarom die een afgekeur en die ander goedgekeur word. Hoewel daar volgens die koue logika van die wêreld geen verskil bestaan tussen hierdie twee soorte assurances nie, moet ons erken dat die kinders van God baie belangriker in Sy oë is as die verganklike goed van die wêreld. Die Meester leer ons dat die lewe meer as die voedsel en die liggaam as die klere is. 'n Mens se eiendom is 'n deel van hierdie wêreld en sal vergaan in die vuur van die laaste dag; maar die lewe wat aan God oorgegee is, behoort aan die ewigheid, en sal net so ewigdurend wees as die Ewige God.

Dit is in ons mag om eiendom wat deur vloed of deur vuur vernietig is, met ander te vervang. Ons kan ons huise herbou, nuwe huisraad koop, maar dit is nie in die mag van 'n mens om sy lewe te vervang nie. Dit kan alleen deur God gedoen word. Ons het in die wêreld gekom sonder dat ons eie wil of daad daar iets mee te doen gehad het. Ons kan nie die lengte van ons lewe bepaal nie. Hy wat die lewe aan Sy kinders gegee het, laat daardie lewe ophou totdat Hy hulle weer lewendig maak by Sy koms.

Ons moet hierdie feit onthou, dat hoewel die diensmaag van die Here lewensversekering streng afkeur, sy nooit soiets gesê het omtrent die versekering van eiendomme nie.

Ek is bewus daarvan dat, onder die ingewikkelde omstandighede van ons moderne lewe, waar die staat probeer om sy arbeiders te beskerm, ons kerklke organisasies en inrigtings wat werknemers het, verplig is om assurances van een of ander aard te dra. Diegene wat motorkarre het sal miskien ook nodig hê om dit te doen. Ek geloof dat hierdie soort assurance moet beskou word in dieselfde lig as belastings aan die regering. Dit is die burger se plig om sy skuld aan die regering te betaal, soos ons geleer word in Matt. 22:16-21, en in die dertiende hoofstuk van Romeine.

In antwoord op die vraag van sommige wat wil weet of hulle 'n polis moet laat verval na hulle vir 'n aantal jare gereëld betaal het, sou ek sê dat hulle die saak uit 'n bloot besigheidsoogpunt moet beskou. As die polis byna opbetaal is, sou ek dit maar aanhou totdat dit verjaar, sodat ek nie my belegging verloor nie. As ek in die eerste instansie 'n fout begaan het om die polis uit te neem, moet ek my gesonde verstand gebruik om die fout weer reg te maak. Byna alle polisse het 'n sekere afkoop-

waarde, na die tweede jaar, wat mens in staat stel om die polis te laat verval sonder groot verlies — d.w.s. mens sal nie alles skade ly nie.

Mens kan nie die boodskap wat reeds aangehaal is lees sonder om onder die indruk te kom van die roepstem om beide lewe en goed aan die diens van God toe te wy nie. Dit kom veral uit in die woorde, „Diegene wat hierdie wêreldse beleid volg, belê geld wat aan God behoort, en wat Hy aan hulle toevertrou het om in Sy werk te gebruik.” Die beginsel wat op die spel is waar geld aan lewensversekering bestee word, is nie soseer dat daar geld in die saak gestee word nie, maar dat dit geld is wat gebruik behoort te word vir die bevordering van die saak van God. Hierdie beweging waaraan ons vandag behoort, is begin deur mense wat besiel was met die gees van opoffering, en wat alles op die altaar gelê het. En ons kan daarvan seker wees dat daar aan die kant van diegene wat vandag die boodskap aanhang, net so 'n gees van toewyding en opoffering nodig sal wees om dit te voleindig en te laat seëvier.

Die toestande wat daar tans in die wêreld heers, is bewys dat ons in die laaste dae lewe, en dit behoort 'n duidelike roepstem aan elke adventgelowige te wees om al sy besittings aan die werk van die Here toe te wy, soos die Heilige Gees hom mag lei. En hierdie gees van volkome oorgawe en opoffering is ook die gees van die evangelie. Christus het alles opgeoffer vir ons; en sal ons minder vir Hom doen? Lees die volgende skrifgedeeltes: Matt. 6: 20, 21; Markus 10: 17-27; Lukas 12: 32-34; 1 Tim. 6: 6-10, en dergelike gedeeltes.

Die mate van opoffering wat elkeen behoort te maak, en die tyd wanneer dit moet geskied, moet deur elke dissipel op sy knieë beslis word. Die een kan nie vir die ander voorskryf nie.

Ek vertrou dat die groot aantal wat om inligting in verband met die vraag van lewensversekering gevra het, hierdie antwoord sal neem as die beste onder die omstandighede. Ek het getrag om slegs algemene leiding te gee. Ek besef dat dit 'n uiteenlopende vraagstuk is wat nie in die *Review* of selfs deur middel van korrespondensie in al sy fases soos dit verskillende persone raak, kan bespreek word nie.

Elke persoon moet maar self, in die vrees van die Here, en met die gegewe voorligting as leidraad, self besluit wat sy plig is, net soos hy enige ander saak wat betref die Christelike lewe sal beslis. En laat elkeen vir homself besluit, en nie die een vir die ander nie. God is die Regter, en dit betaam nie een van ons om die registerstoel te bestyg en te besluit wat iemand anders sal doen nie. As ons opreg sal soek wat ons self te doen staan, en ons aan die kant van regskaar, dan sal dit ook ons broeders help om die regte besluit te neem. Maar terwyl ons die saak vir onself uitmaak, laat ons seker daarvan maak dat ons besluit van so 'n aard is dat Gods seën daarop kan rus.

Rapport van die Sekretaris

Vir die Sesjarige Tydperk Eindigende
31 Desember, 1936

MILTON ROBISON

Dit is die eerste Divisieraad-sitting gehou deur die „Suidelike-Afrikaanse Divisie.” Sedert ons byeenkoms te Bulawayo ses jaar gelede onder die naam van die „Afrikaanse Divisie,” het die trompet nie weer geblaas om ons byeen te roep vir 'n Divisieraad-sitting nie.

Gedurende die jare sedert die laaste sitting het die wêreld te kampe gehad met die moeilikhede en vraagstukke van die groot finansiële depressie. Met ons eie werk het dit baie swaar gegaan, maar vandag bevind ons ons, as het ware, aan die anderkant van die Rooi See, waar ons soos Miriam en die volk van God liedere van prys en danksegging kan ophef as ons aanskou wat die Here gedoen het. Ek vertrou, egter, dat ons sal besef dat daar nog 'n ontsaglike werk voor ons lê, en om u aan te moedig wil ek u aandag vestig op 'n paar punte wat u sal laat besef dat onse God Jehova is, die groot Bevelvoerder wat ons tot oorwinning sal lei.

'n Aantal van ons pioniers en ander mede-werkers is vandag nie hier om van die vooruitgang van die boodskap te vernem nie, daar hulle hulle lewes gegee het vir die boodskap. Hulle rus nou van hulle arbeid, maar hulle werk bestaan nog.

Eerbiedig noem ons hulle name met die gebed dat God ons mag help om die taak te hervat wat hulle neergelê het:

W. S. Hyatt, W. C. Ernst, M. C. Sturdevant, H. J. Edmed, W. B. Commin, Danie Ficker, P. J. Oosthuizen, Mnr. Colbourn, F. Reed, F. C. Ernst, T. L. Bulgin, S. J. Stevenson, Richard Moko, Lucas Modise, Frank Ndhlovu, M. D. Kalaka, Mej. Ida Thomason, Mev. S. G. Hiten, Mev. C. E. Wheeler, Mej. Stella Nel, Mej. Charlotte Dixie, Mev. E. Bull, Mev. D. F. Tarr, Mev. S. M. Konigmacher.

Verder wil ek ook die name noem van party van ons getroue vaders en moeders in Israel, wat in die geloof ontslaap het met die hoop om deur die Lewe-gewer opgewek te word:

Pieter Wessels, F. W. Birkenstock, E. W. H. Jeffrey, W. H. Willmore, R. Bell, J. C. Baumann, G. S. van Druten, W. Hawla, Sr. E. E. Wilson, Sr. E. Haupt, Sr. S. Burger, Sr. C. Sparrow, Snr., J. L. Kritzinger, Olivier Kritzinger, C. R. Dubber, W. Wild, H. E. Purdon, C. E. Tarr.

Laat ons nou vir 'n oomblikkie stilstaan by 'n paar feite verkry uit die statistieke van die Suidelike-Afrikaanse Divisie. Die afevaardigdes na hierdie raadsitting verteenwoordig 'n baie groot werk. Aan die einde van 1936 het ons 55,097 aanhangers gehad, waarvan 27, 851 gedoopte lede van ons kerke is. Die orige 27,246 is in die Voorbereidingsklasse en word opgelei vir volle lidmaatskap.

Ons lidmaatskap het vermeerder van 14,995 in 1930, tot 27,851 aan die einde

van 1936. Dit is 'n nettovermeerdering van 12,856 of gemiddeld 6 per dag. Dit beteken dat die vermeerdering gedurende hierdie ses jaar gelykstaan met 'n nuwe kerk van 41 lidmate per week.

In Januarie 1931 was daar in hierdie Divisie 128 georganiseerde kerke. Teen Desember 1936 was hulle vermeerder tot 170—'n vermeerdering van 42 georganiseerde kerke, of gemiddeld 7 elke jaar. As al die nuwe lidmate nuwe georganiseerde groepe gevorm het instede van aan te sluit by die alreeds bestaande kerke, sou elke nuwe kerk 'n lidmaatskap van 306 hê.

Aan die begin van hierdie sesjarige tydperk was daar 71 kerkgeboue ter waarde van £36,406. Aan die einde het ons 102 kerkgeboue ter waarde van £43,633, d.w.s. 31 nuwe kerke met 'n gemiddelde waarde van £233 elk.

Sedert die begin van 1931, is daar 20,451 siele gedoop en aangeneem as lidmate van die kerk. Ons verheug ons om daaraan te dink dat daar gemiddeld nege kosbare siele per dag gered is, maar die anderkant van die saak behoort ons te ontstel. Hoewel ons gemiddeld nege per dag gedoop het, is ons suiwer wins in ledetal slegs ses per dag. Ongeveer 37 persent van die getal wat gedoop is, het doodgegaan of afvallig geword. Ons is dankbaar dat die persentasie van verliese nie groter is nie, en dat daar so baie is wat getrou bly aan hierdie onpopulêre waarheid, maar terselfdertyd is dit 'n waarskuwing aan elke werker om sorg te dra dat nuwe gelowiges stewig gegrond word en gelei word. Dan sal daar nie so baie afval nie.

Werkers van die Suidelike-Afrikaanse Divisie

	BLANKES		Ver- meer.	Ver- min.
	1936	1930		
Predikante	62	62		
Geord. Predikante	62	62		
Gelisen. Predikante	38	33	5	
Gelisen. Sendelinge	204	149	55	
Evangel., Onderwys.	10	4	6	
Kolporteurs	30	24	6	
Ander Werkers	3	5		2
Totale	347	277	72	2

	NATURELLE		Ver- meer.	Ver- min.
	1936	1930		
Geord. Predikante	63	46	17	
Gelisen. Predikante	41	51		10
Gelisen. Sendelinge	35	7	28	
Evangel., Onderwys.	638	409	229	
Kolporteurs	54	28	26	
Ander Werkers	146	44	102	
Totale	977	585	402	10

Groot Totaal vir 1936	1,324
Groot Totaal vir 1930	862
Netto-vermeer. (werkers)	462

Vergelyking van Twee Sesjarige Periodes

	1924	1930	1936
Georganiseerde Kerke	88	128	170
Lidmate	5905	14995	27851
Aanhangers	10611	27995	55097
Geordineerde Predikante	39	108	125
Totaal Werkers	459	862	1324
	1924	1930	1936
Europese Lidmaatskap	1549	2179	2986
Naturelle Lidmaatskap	4355	12818	14865

Vir 'n tydperk is daar al ernstige pogings aangewend om 'n akkurate lys in die hande te kry van die tale waarin leesstof uitgegee word, asook van die tale gebesig deur gelowiges, of waarin verteenwoordigers van ons denominasie werk verrig. Volgens ons laaste berigte word leesstof uitgegee in 31 tale, en word daar gearbei in 84 tale en dialekte.

Terrein

Daar is geen nuwe gebiede bygevoeg by die terrein van die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie gedurende hierdie sesjarige tydperk nie, maar 'n paar veranderings is gemaak in die verdeling van terreine. Suid-Kongo en die Betsjoeanaland Protektoraat maak nou 'n deel van die Sambesi Unie uit, en Brits-Betsjoeanaland is onder die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie. Ruanda, Urundi, en Kivu val nou onder die Kongo-Unie, sodat die Sentraal-Afrikaanse Unie aan die Kongo-Unie verbind is.

Inrigtings

'n Opleidingskool is te Songa in die lewe groep, terwyl opleidingsklasse op Katanga stop gesit is.

Malamulo en Solusi het elkeen 'n sending-pers.

Daar is hospitale geopen te Onder Gwelo in Suidelike-Rhodesië, en te Ngoma in Ruanda. Die nuwe Nokuphila Hospitaal in Johannesburg en die Maun Hospitaal in Betsjoeanaland is albei nuwe inrigtings wat goed aangaan. Ses nuwe apteke is begin en een gesluit.

Ons is God vandag dankbaar vir die vooruitgang wat gemaak is, en vir die baie openinge wat ons aan alle kante sien. Die Masedoniese roepstemme klink in ons ore. Inderdaad, die lande wag om geoes te word. Terwyl ons die tekort aan mense en middele besef, laat ons die Here vra om werkers uit te stuur, en om Sy Heilige Gees op ons uit te stort sodat die werk met rasse skrede kan vooruitgaan en spoedig voltooi wees in hierdie Divisie.



Verslag van die Tesourier

C. W. BOZARTH

Die finansiële verslag wat ek by hierdie geleentheid indien, dek 'n periode van ses jaar—1931-1936. Dit was 'n baie moeilike periode oor die hele wêreld, toe alles op finansiële gebied ontwrig was; maar ten

spyte van dit alles het die Here Sy hand gehou oor die werk in Afrika en het ons nie te swaar laat kry nie.

Die jaarlikse bedrag wat ons van die Wêreldkonferensie ontvang, het in 1930 op £64,313-2-0 gestaan, maar dit is jaarliks verminder totdat dit in 1935 op £41,745-5-7 gestaan het. Daar was ook 'n groot vermindering in die tiendes, dog ten spyte daarvan was dit nie nodig om werkers in die sendingvelde af te dank nie. Ons werk is aan die gang gehou en daar is goeie vordering gemaak.

Waar ons die werk oor die afgelope jare in oorsig neem, kan ons ook saam met die psalmis uitroep: „Die Here het groot dinge aan ons gedoen: ons was bly.”

Balansstaat—1936

Op 31 Desember 1936 het die totale bate van die Divisie op £6,539-16-9 gestaan. £537-16-9 van hierdie bedrag is belê in kantoormeubels en uitrusting, en die res is as volg ingedeel:

Kontante Geld	£580 0 0
Vorderbare Rekenings	4,222 4 3
Vooruitbetaalde Rekenings	1,199 15 9
	£6,002 0 0

Die totale laste beloop £4,993-1-11, met 'n werkende kapitaal van £1,008-18-1. Ek wil by hierdie geleentheid daarop wys dat die werkende kapitaal veels te laag is vir die behoeftes van 'n organisasie soos hierdie. Ons behoort stappe te doen om hierdie bedrag te vermeerder tot ten minste £5,000 en dit dan daar te hou.

Tiendes

Uit hierdie verslag sal u sien dat die tiendes gedurende die jare 1931 en 1932 gedaal het, maar na 1932 het dit weer stadig begin styg. Die afgelope sesjarige tydperk toon 'n vermeerdering van £19,939-17-4 die vorige tydperk. Ek beskou dit as 'n uitstekende prestasie, veral as ons daaraan dink dat die meeste van ons lede dit maar opdraand gehad het gedurende die depressie-jare.

Sendingoffergawes

Hierdie pos toon 'n vermeerdering van £13,020-9-6 oor die vorige sesjarige tydperk, maar u sal merk dat die vermeerdering byna heeltemal opgemaak is deur Oesinsamelingsfondse. As ons die Oesinsamelingsfondse aftrek, vind ons dat daar wat die ander offergawes betref slegs 'n vermeerdering van £778-10-7 is. Ons behoort op die saak in te gaan met die doel om uit te vind waarom so 'n geringe styging onder hierdie pos getoon is, aangesien daar so 'n aansienlike vermeerdering van tiendes was.

Oesinsamelingsfondse

Dit is interessant om op te merk watter vordering daar in hierdie verband gemaak is sedert die eerste veldtog in Afrika. In die jaar 1917 is daar £9-1-0 ingesamel. Van 1917 tot 1930 is daar onder hierdie hoof £37,592-7-5 ingesamel, en van 1931 tot 1936 £38,656-9-6, of altesame, oor die twintig jaar, 'n bedrag van £76,248-16-11.

Aan die einde van hierdie rapport, wil Ek die hand van God erken in alles wat uitgevoer is. Hy het gesorg vir die werk, en wysheid verleen om die probleme wat opgedoem het, op te los. Dus gee ons al die eer en heerlikheid aan Sy naam.



Besluite Geneem en Voorstelle Aangeneem by die Divisie Raadsitting

MOSIES VAN DANK

1. Aan Ons Hemelse Vader

Die volgende mosies is aangeneem:

Onder 'n besef van die menigvuldige seënninge van die Here gedurende die afgelope sesjarige tydperk, en van die beskermende hand van ons Hemelse Vader oor ons, wil ons, die afgevaardigdes op hierdie konferensie, ons dank aan God betuig vir „Sy genade en Goddelike leiding oor die verstreke tydperk.

Ons dank Hom vir Sy leiding in ons werk en omdat Hy hierdie tydperk in ons geskiedenis so vrugbaar gemaak het wat die wins van siele betref. Ons dank Hom dat die depressie-jare verby is en dat ons tans sulke voorspoedige jare beleef. Ons dank Hom vir die gees van getrouheid en mildadigheid wat deur ons werkers en leke geopenbaar is oor die afgelope ses jaar. Ons dank Hom vir die gees van eensgesindheid wat ons harte saamsnoer en wat ons eenhed bewaar in Christus Jesus.

Vir hierdie en vele ander seënninge betuig ons ons opregte dankbaarheid aan God, en ons wy onself weer by vernuwung toe aan Sy diens tot volending van Sy werk op aarde en die redding van die mensheid.

Hierdie mosie is staande en eenparig deur die afgevaardigdes aangeneem. Na ons gesing het „Dat Des Heren Zegen op U Daal,” het Leraar Branson ons in gebed voorgestaan.

2. Aan die Wêreldkonferensie

Ons betuig ons opregte dank aan die Wêreldkonferensie vir die mildelike toekennings van fondse aan hierdie Divisie oor die moeilike sesjarige periode wat so pas verstreke is, en wat dit moontlik gemaak het vir ons om ons werk in stand te hou en selfs uit te brei. Ook betuig ons ons dank aan die Wêreldkonferensie Komitee omdat hulle Leraar Branson en sy gesin en Leraar H. J. Detwiler vir 'n tyd aan ons afgestaan het, en wie se teenwoordigheid onder ons, asook hulle geestelike hulp, 'n bron van besieling was tydens hierdie konferensie.

3. Aan die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie en die Johannesburgse Kerk

Ons betuig ons dank aan die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie en aan die Johannesburgse kerk omdat hulle so goedgunstiglik die kerkgebou aan ons afgestaan het gedurende die konferensiesitting.

MOSIE VAN ROUBEKLAG

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Betuig ons aan die agterblywende familiebetrekkinge ons innige deelname en medelye in hulle groot verlies, en ons wil ons saam met hulle verbly in die salige hoop op die opstanding.

Insgelyks getuig ons ons deelname met die familiebetrekking van die volgende leke broeders wat ons deur die dood ontval het: P. J. D. Wessels, G. J. van Druten, Robert Bell, J. C. Baumann, Mrs. Charles Sparrow, Mrs. James Tarr.

Hierdie mosies is staande aangeneem, waarna Leraar J. F. Wright in die gebed voorgegaan het.

VERSORGING VAN WEDUWEES, WESE EN SIEKES

AANGESIEN ons in die Skrifte, asook deur die Gees van profesie vermaan word om om te sien na weduwees, wese en siekes, en

AANGESIEN daar onder ons kerke getroue lede is wat in die grootste armoede verkeer en hulp ontvang van ander kerke en liefdadigheidsorganisasies, en

DAAR ons ons verantwoordelikheid in hierdie saak besef,

Beveel ons aan dat die Unie en plaaslike konferensies planne sal beraam waardeur hulpbehoewende persons en die wese onder ons, behoorlike versorging kan geniet.

VERSEKERING VAN GEBOUE EN MOTORS

'n *Mosie* is aangeneem waarin die Divisie-komitee versoek word om 'n kommissie aan te stel om op hierdie saak in te gaan met die doel om die eiendom van die denominasie en die motors van werkers teen laer premies te laat verseker.

DIE HEILIGING VAN DIE SABBAT

AANGESIEN die Sabbat een van die grootste seëninge van God aan die mens is — naamlik 'n dag van „rus en vreugde,” asook 'n tyd van geestelike verkwikking, en

AANGESIEN die Sabbat nie slegs 'n teken van Gods liefde vir die mens is nie, maar ook 'n teken van die mens se getrouheid aan God; en ons deur ware Sabbatsviering bewys gee van ons getrouheid aan ons Skepper en ons gemeenskap met ons Verlosser; daarom

Besluit ons 1. Dat ons in alle erns die gebod van die Here sal nakom om die Sabbatdag „te gedink en te heilig,” en nie ons werk op daardie dag te doen en ons plesier op Gods heilige dag te soek nie.

2. Om die Sabbatdag te bestee aan die diens van God en die opheffing van ons medemens, deur:

(a) Getrou die Sabbatskool en die ander dienste op daardie dag by te woon.

(b) Deel van ons Sabbatviering te bestee aan siekebesoek, die verkondiging van die Woord, die verspreiding van Christelike lektuur en ander dienste aan die deur sonde beoedelde mensheid.

(c) Die aandag van ons kinders te vestig op die wondere van Gods skepping deur hulle dikwels „in die vrye natuur uit te neem” en hulle uit die boek van die natuur te leer van die liefde van God, sodat hulle daartoe gebring kan word om die Sabbat as 'n seën en nie as 'n las te beskou nie.

3. Dat ons ons by vernuwung sal toewy aan die viering van Gods heilige dag deur:

(a) Die begin sowel as die einde van die Sabbatdag te heilig deur alle voorbereiding vir die dag klaar te maak vóór die Sabbat aanbreek.

(b) Die dag by die huisaltaar welkom te heet, en om weer teen sonder, aan die einde van die dag, saam te vergader om onself en ons kinders by vernuwung aan die Here toe te wy.

(c) Alle wêreldse blaaië en tydskrifte opsy te sit en ook die radio af te slaan, behalwe wanneer daar 'n preek uitgesaai word.

(d) Ons te onthou van onnodige motorritte en plesierritte op die Sabbatdag.

(e) Nie aan ligsinnige praatjies deel te neem nie, en nie ons „eie gedagtes te dink” en „ons eie woorde te spreek nie.”

4. Om baie versigtig te wees hoe ons geld ingesamel en leesstof van die hand gesit word gedurende die Sabbatdienste, en om steeds die godsdienstige sy van die Sabbat aan ons gemeentes voor te hou.

5. Dat ons ons sal toewy aan die Here en soek om in Sy heerlike rus in te gaan, waarvan die Sabbat 'n tipe is, sodoende aan die wêreld te getuig wat die Sabbatdag is vir diegene wat dit in hulle lewens heilig.

EVANGELISASIE

AANGESIEN dit ons oogmerk is om die Adventboodskap te verkondig aan die bevolking van die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie, is dit voor die hand liggend dat evangelisasie die hoofrol moet speel in die volëindiging van ons taak, en daarom beveel ons aan:

1. Dat die verantwoordelike komitees hulle ernstige aandag daaraan sal skenk om die nodige uitrusting te verskaf om in die behoeftes van ons evangeliste te voorsien vir aggressiewe werk.

2. Dat daar binne elke Unie gereëld tweejaarlikse predikantskonvensies gehou sal word vir die werkers.

(a) Dat alles leiers van kerke sover moontlik uitgenooi sal word om die konvensies by te woon.

(b) Dat hierdie konvensies vir 'n tydperk van ten minste twee of drie weke sal aanhou.

(c) Dat daar aan evangeliste gedurende pogings genoeg tyd toegestaan sal word om

die grondwaarhede van ons genootskap te verkondig, en verder.

3. Dat daar groot sorg gedra moet word dat genoeg tyd bestee word aan die onderlig van nuwe gelowiges sodat hulle behoorlik in die waarheid kan bevestig word.

VERPLASING VAN WERKERS

Daar is besluit om die Kongo Unie te vra om Leraar O. U. Giddings af te staan vir diens in die Angola Unie, en dat die Samesie Unie versoek word om Dr. E. Morel af te staan vir mediese werk op die Malamulo Sendingstasie.

S. A. Unie-Konf.

A. F. Tarr *President*

J. E. Symons *Sekr.-Tes.*

Bus 468, Bloemfontein, O. V. S.

Laat Nuusberigte

PARTY van ons besige leiers en oorwerkte evangeliste het hierdie keer al rekordoes geslaan in die Oesinsameling.

HOEWEL hulle twee weke later begin het as verlede jaar, lyk dit asof die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie vanjaar 'n rekord gaan slaan. Sal U help om dit te bewerkstellig?

'N GEBREKLIKE suster het meer as haar doelwit gekry deur die pos. As ons sulke gevalle teëkom, voel ons werklik dat ons geen ekskuus het om nie aan die Oesinsameling deel te neem nie.

'N SUSTER wat vyf-en-sewentig jaar oud is, het al £6 wat sy van huis tot huis gekollekteer het. Dit was natuurlik 'n swaar werk, maar ons suster was vasberade, en die Here het haar die nodige krag gegee!

TWEE broeders het £250 ingesamel in 'n terrein wat verlede jaar slegs £212 opgelewer het. Dergelike rapporte kom van verskillende dele van die veld. Geld is vanjaar volop. Ons moet maar net gaan vra.

TWEE besige huisvrouens in Johannesburg het uitgevind dat hulle baie suksesvol is as hulle saam gaan insamel. Hulle het meer as £50 ingesamel in drie weke. Ons behoort 'n honderd sulke pare in die veld te hê. Daar is nog tyd om vir u 'n maat te kies.

ONS laatste berig op 23 Junie van die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie Konferensie rapporteer 'n Insamelingstotaal van £5,251. Dit is uiters bemoedigend, maar daar moet nog baie gedoen word teneinde die doelwit te bereik en verlede jaar se totaal van £7,350 te oortref. En ons moet dit oortref. Ons sal dit maklik regkry, as iedereen net sy bes doen!

ONS moet ons klaarmaak vir die beste week van die veldtog. Sommige kon nie, of het nie, die eerste week in Junie begin nie, en daar hulle nie graag hulle saak wou belemmer deur laat in die maand te gaan kollekteer nie, moet ons nou almal instaan hierdie week. Laat ons as leuse hê: „Almal tesame, hierdie hele week, orals.”

DIE spreukwoord sê: „Al doende leer ons.” Dit is interessant om te sien hoe bekwaam sommige van ons Insamelaars wat jaar na jaar hierdie werk doen, word. Daar is baie manne en vroue wat vandag hulle onderskei hoewel hulle jare gelede gesê het dat hulle gladnie in staat was om in te samel nie. Dit is slegs 'n bewys dat 'n mens nooit weet wat jy kan doen voor jy probeer nie.

„LAAT ons leer om tevrede te wees met wat ons het—'n gelukkige huisie, 'n paar goeie boeke, 'n paar goeie vriende wat ons liefhet en wat wêrd is om ons liefde en vertroue te geniet; 'n honderd onskuldige vermake wat geen pyn of verdriet kan meebring nie; 'n toegewydheid aan die reg wat nooit sal wankel nie; 'n eenvoudige godsdiens wat geen vooroordeel ken nie, maar vol vertroue en hoop en liefde is. So 'n filosofie sal ons gelukkiger maak as al die oppervlakkige plesier van die wêreld.”

Ons Boodskap aan Goewermentsamptenare

EEN van ons susters in D— het hierdie jaar die *Signs of the Times* aan een van die vooraanstaande goewermentsamptenare in Suid-Afrika gestuur, en daar hierdie subskripsie met die volgende uitgawe sou ten einde loop, is die suster kennis gegee om die subskripsie te vernu vir nog 'n jaar. In 'n brief pas ontvang van hierdie suster skryf sy, „Ek is so dankbaar dat u my daaraan herinner het dat die subskripsie van Admiraal — vir die *Signs of the Times* nou betaalbaar is. Ek sluit die bedrag in, asook 'n ander subskripsie wat moet betaal word en wat my ontgaan was. Ek sien dat — se subskripsie ook hierdie maand vervel. Indien moontlik sal ek hierdie geld hierdie week stuur, en as ek dit kan regkry, sal ek die intekengeld vir die *Signs* stuur om vir 'n jaar na — gestuur te word. Hierdie mense spandeer al hulle tyd aan ons belange, en ek gevoel dat ons hulle behoort te onthou. Ons is in besit van so 'n heerlike waarheid, en sou nie graag daarsonder wil wees nie. Dit is dus ons plig en behoort ons plesier te doen om dit aan andere mee te deel.”

Waarom volg meer van ons nie die voorbeeld van hierdie suster nie? Dit is 'n goeie plan om in te teken op die *Signs of Tekens* vir Goewermentsamptenare en

andere wat self nooit sal inteken nie, en dit op hierdie manier vir hulle moontlik te maak om ons boodskap te hoor en in aanraking te kom met ons werk om andere te vertel van die tekens van die koms van Christus en van Sy liefde vir die mensdom. Ons vertrou dat al ons lesers hierdie saak ernstig sal oorweeg, en dat hulle gevolglik baie sukskripsies sal instuur vir die *Signs* en die *Tekens*.

SENTINEL UITGEWERSMAATSKAPPY.

Belangrike Aankondiging

'n Bybelwerksters Kursus

DAAR die belangrikheid van die werk van die Bybelwerksters in ons evangeliese werk, en die behoefte aan meer Bybelwerksters in ons Europese evangelistiese pogings besef word, is die volgende besluit geneem by die onlangse Kampvergadering gehou in Bloemfontein:

„*Besluit*, (1) Dat verdere aandag gewy word aan die skreiende behoefte aan 'n groter aantal opgeleide Bybelwerksters, deur 'n kursus te organiseer vir Augustusmaand, 1937.

„(2) Dat hierdie kursus in Bloemfontein gehou word onder toesig van geoefende evangelistiese werkers.

„(3) Dat iedere Bybelwerkster in die Unie uitgenodig word om aldaar teenwoordig te wees, en

„(4) Dat spesiale pogings aangewend word om nuwe veelbelowende werkers op te lei in hierdie intensiewe skool vir aktiewe diens.”

Die doel is om diegene wat alreeds besig is met Bybelwerk beter toe te rus, en om ander belangstellendes in hierdie werk op te lei. Ons gevoel dat daar baie is wat graag van hierdie geleentheid sal wil gebruik maak. Die kursus sal vir 'n tydperk van drie weke gehou word gedurende Augustusmaand.

Hoewel Bloemfontein aangegee word in die *Besluit* as die vergaderplek, sal die uiteindelige besluit in verband hiermee afhang van die aantal aplikasies wat uit verskillende oorde ontvang word.

Nuttige lesings sal gehou word deur bekwaame persone. Spesiale aandag sal gewy word aan die volgende:

Bybelse Leerstellings,
Sekulêre Geskiedenis,
Kerkgeskiedenis,
Die Geskiedenis van die Denominasie,
Kerklike Organisasie,
Kerkbeamptes en hulle pligte,
Besware Teen die Leerstellings,
Metodes.

Almal wat begerig is om hierdie klasse by te woon, moet sonder versuim hulle name instuur aan hulle onderskeidelike konferensie-presidente, wie hulle verdere inligting kan verskaf.

Ons hoop dat daar baie is wat van hierdie uitstekende geleentheid sal gebruik maak.
J. E. SYMONS.

Important Announcement

A Bible Workers' Institute

RECOGNISING the importance of the Bible worker's part in our evangelistic work, and the need of a stronger force of Bible workers in our European evangelistic efforts, there was passed at the South African Union Constituency and Camp-meeting Session held at Bloemfontein, recently, the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, (1) That further study be given to the crying need of developing a large number of trained Bible workers, by organising a workers' convention during the month of August, 1937.

“(2) That such convention be conducted at Bloemfontein under the direction of experienced evangelistic workers.

“(3) That every lady Bible worker in the Union be invited to attend, and

“(4) That special efforts be made to enlist and recruit new workers of promise to be trained in this intensive school for active service.”

The plan is to help those who are already engaged in Bible work and to train others who are interested in this line of endeavour. It is felt that there are many who will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity of getting this instruction. The Institute will be held for a period of three weeks during the month of August.

Although Bloemfontein is mentioned in the resolution as the place of meeting, yet the ultimate decision in regard to this will depend on the number of applications received from the various parts of the field.

Helpful courses of study will be offered and leading evangelistic workers will be in charge of the institute. Special attention will be given to the following:

Bible Doctrines,
Secular History,
Church History,
Denominational History,
Church Organisation,
Church Officers and Their Duties,
Meeting Objections,
Methods.

All who wish to join this class for special instruction should send in their names without delay, to their respective conference presidents from whom further information may be obtained.

We sincerely hope that many will avail themselves of this unique offer.

J. E. SYMONS.

Gardener Wanted

YOUNG man who has knowledge and ability to look after vegetable and flower garden, attend to the milking of cows, and supervising of natives in this type of work. Apply Dr. W. H. Haupt, Nongoma, Zululand, Natal.

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By J. HUDSON STOCKIL

with a personal foreword by

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(Minister of Education, Mines Labour and Social Welfare)

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Obituaries

PURCHASE.—Susanne Jacobus Purchase was born at George, March 22, 1861 and fell asleep in Jesus, June 3, 1937 at the home of her son George at Macheke, Southern Rhodesia.

Sister Purchase came to visit her son some twelve months ago from Lindley, O. F. S., where she heard the third angel's message on the farm “Wilgehoek” in 1907 under the labours of Brother Williams. She accepted the Truth and was baptised in 1908 by the late Brother J. M. Freeman. Sister Purchase had internal trouble causing severe pains at times, which coupled with her age, was the cause of her death. Through all her suffering she was so patient and never a word of complaint came from her lips. She walked very close to her Saviour and lived a Christian life through all her trials.

Although Sister Purchase had only been in this district a short time, her sweet Christ-like life had endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact, as witnessed by the large gathering at the funeral, including the M. P. for the district and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. V. Crawley. The writer, after conducting a service at the home, pointing out from the Word of God that our dear sister was just resting, awaiting the call of the Life-giver, and ad-

monished all to be ready and watching, led the way to the graveside. Here Mr. Shortt of the “Church of Christ” spoke words of comfort, and offered the closing prayer. Also Mr. Erasmus of the “Dutch Reformed Church” gave a timely message in Afrikaans.

Her favourite hymn, “Abide with Me,” which she always sang as the sun went down Sabbath evenings, was this time sung around her grave as we laid her to rest Friday afternoon near sunset. Her last words were “Come Lord Jesus, come quickly.”

Our dear sister leaves to mourn their loss, five sons and four daughters and many other relatives, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. A. F. STEVENS.

HANSEN.—Sister Carrie Lawrence was born in Tromso, Norway, May 7, 1853, and came to America with her family in 1868, locating in Chicago, Ill. Sister Hansen accepted Present Truth under the preaching of Elder J. C. Mattison, and became a member of the first Danish-Norwegian church on Erie St., Chicago. She was married on May 14, 1877 to Wm. C. Hansen, who shared her religious faith and zeal, and together they devoted themselves to the work of the message, selling our literature. To them were born six children, four of whom survive, namely: Mrs. H. J. Williams of Los Angeles, Mrs. W. C. Dunscomb of Ensanada, Porto Rico,

Florence and Margaret Hansen of Glendale. Brother Hansen was laid to rest in 1910, and shortly thereafter Sister Hansen and her daughter, Florence, joined the other daughters in South Africa, where they were engaged in Medical Missionary work in connection with the Cape Sanitarium. They remained in Africa for eleven years, and the influence of her life and labours were much appreciated. Returning to America in 1922, she spent two years with her daughters at the New England Sanitarium, and then came to California, where she has been a beloved member of the White Memorial church and later of the Glendale Sanitarium church.

She passed to her final rest May 11, 1937, and we laid her away in beautiful Forest Lawn Cemetery, to await the coming of the Life-giver, for whose coming she had long been hoping. Funeral services were conducted by Elders H. M. Blundon and the writer. R. W. PARMELE.

“BUT I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. . . . For 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.” 1 Thess. 4: 13-16.

Our Message to Government Officials

ONE of our sisters in D—— has been sending the *Signs of the Times* to one of the leading Government officials in South Africa for this year, and since this subscription was due to expire with the coming issue, a notice was sent out to this sister so that she might renew same for another year. In a letter just received from this sister she writes: "I am so thankful to you for reminding me that the subscription for Admiral —— to the *Signs of the Times* is due. I enclose the order and also another subscription that is due and which I have overlooked by mistake. I see that ——'s subscription is due to expire this month also. If possible you shall have the money for this subscription this week, and if I can manage it I will send in a subscription for the *Signs* to be sent for one year to —— . These men put in all their time for our benefit, and I feel we should remember them. We have such a wonderful truth and we would not like to be without it. It is our duty and pleasure to impart it to others."

Why not others follow the suggestion of this sister, by sending in subscriptions to the *Signs* or *Tekens* for Government officials and others who perhaps would never subscribe to our good papers, making it possible for them in this way to get our message and come in contact with the work that we are doing as a people in telling others of the signs of Christ's coming and His love for mankind. We sincerely trust that this suggestion will be taken seriously by our OUTLOOK readers, and that many subscriptions will be sent in for the *Signs* and *Tekens*.

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Stop Press News

All Records Broken! South African Union Conference Reports £1,004 More Ingathering Funds in Three Weeks This Year Than in Four Weeks Last Year.

There is Still Time for YOU to Help.

INGATHERING RECORD TO JUNE 23

Natal-Transvaal Conference	£3,200
Cape Conference	£1,430
Cape Coloured Field	£202
North Bantu Mission Field	£357
South Bantu Mission Field	£62
Union Total	£5,251

SOME of our busy leaders and over-worked evangelists have been making records in the Ingathering this year.

ALTHOUGH late in starting by almost two weeks, it looks as though the South African Union will break last year's record. Will YOU help to help us do it?

A SISTER, seventy-five years of age, has over £6 to her credit, and it has all been raised by the house to house method. A big job, yes, but our sister was determined and the Lord gave strength!

A CRIPPLED sister has obtained more than her goal through the post. Meeting such experiences makes one feel that there is little excuse left for not taking part in the Ingathering.

As we go to press on June 23, the South African Union Conference reports an Ingathering total of £5,251-0-0. This is most encouraging, but there is much to be done in order to reach and go beyond last

year's total of £7,350. And go beyond, we must, and we can, if we all do our best!

Two brethren gathered £250 in territory that yielded £212 last year. Like reports come from various parts of the field. Money is plentiful this year. It is ours for the asking.

Two busy housewives in Johannesburg, find the method of working in company, very successful. They have gathered over £50 in three weeks. We should have one hundred such combinations in the field. There is yet time to chose a partner.

Now for the best week of the campaign. Some did not, or were not able to start the first week in June, and they felt they might spoil their territory by trying to collect later in the month. Why not stage an ALL IN week. Let our motto be—All at it, all together, all this week, everywhere.