

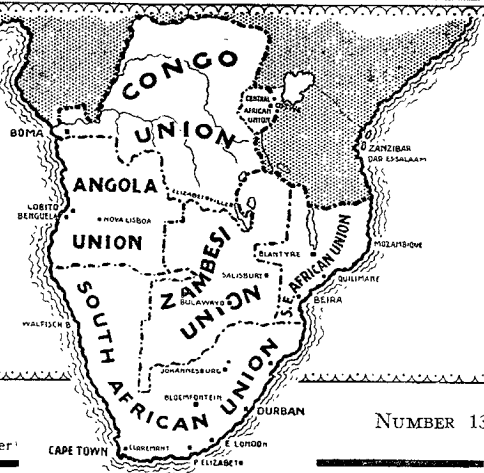
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The Spirit of Prophecy and the Spiritual Life

THE welfare of the whole church and the spiritual life of the individual members is inseparably bound up with believing and heeding the messages of instruction, admonition and reproof that God sends to the church through channels of His own choosing. The method chosen and used by God to communicate to His people as declared in His Word is, "If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make Myself known unto him in a vision and will speak unto him in a dream." Num. 12:6.

The Scriptures make clear the fact that "the gift of prophecy" is one of heaven's choicest gifts to the human family. The revelations that have come from the throne of God, through the prophetic gift, have been transmitted to men in all the ages. We may not be able to discern God's reasons for choosing human instruments to convey His messages to the church, but nevertheless He adopted this plan. It is through the gracious gift of the Spirit of prophecy that the infinite God speaks to His people. "For no prophecy ever came by the will of man but men spake from God being moved by the Holy Spirit." 2 Pet. 1:21, A. R. V.

A study of the subject of the Spirit of prophecy reveals that it embraces the entire plan of communication between God and the human family. The medium through whom God speaks is specified in the Bible as a prophet and the gift bestowed upon him was that of prophecy. The importation of this gift comes through the operation of the Spirit of God, hence the gift is called "the gift of prophecy." It is also called the "testimony of Jesus," which is clearly defined to be "the Spirit of prophecy." 1 Cor. 13:2; Rev. 12:17; 19:10.

Nothing in the world is so dear to God as His church. "He gave Himself for it." It is His purpose to "sanctify and cleanse it." In His own time and way He will "present it to Himself, a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, . . . holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:25-27. The

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secret of her advancement in spiritual life is found in cultivating a relish for truth and laying hold of every avenue of blessing and making wise use of all the means Providence has supplied.

The Bible is the greatest spiritualising agency, but O, how dull is human comprehension; sin in the life, and selfishness in the heart obscure the light, and the minds of men fail to grasp the noble truths of the Word. Therefore, God in His love and wisdom, established "spiritual gifts" in the church. They are "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Read 1 Cor. 12:1; Eph. 4:8-15.

Inasmuch as the gift of prophecy is bestowed by the holy Spirit, it may very properly be termed the "Spirit of prophecy," and through the years we as a people have firmly believed that the gift of prophecy was imparted and established in the remnant church when God's last message to the world came due in the year 1844. Through this agency a clear line of truth was presented, and the entire history of the remnant church from its beginning to its final triumph, was gradually unfolded. These messages are never to supercede the Bible, or the necessity of earnest study of the Word, but they are designed to help and guide the seeker after truth into a richer experience, a clearer spiritual vision, and a better understanding of the Holy Scriptures.

This is an age of perversion, darkness and corruption. The church needs the

Spirit of prophecy to guide her in the battle against error. Never before has she stood in greater need of the quickening of religious life and a revival of true godliness. The church needs this gift to help preserve in her mind the true idea of spirituality and heart preparation for heaven. In the Word we are exhorted to "covet earnestly the best gifts;" to "desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy." 1 Cor. 12:31; 14:1. God in His love established the gift of prophecy in the remnant church. The believers in the Advent message accept this gift. It is for us: through it God speaks to our hearts. "Prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe." 1 Cor. 14:22. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned. On this basis we can establish faith in the testimonies of the Spirit.

The illuminating, heaven-sent messages that have come to the remnant church through the "Testimonies" and all the writings of Mrs. E. G. White, reveal a marvellous harmony and wonderful range of thought. They challenge the reader earnestly to seek for the deep, rich treasures of truth that may be discovered in the Holy Scriptures, thus bringing men's hearts into communion with the mind of the Infinite. These writings are permeated with scriptural quotations, which cultivate faith and genuine love in the soul. They discover to us wherein the life is not in harmony with God's high demands. They point out the pitfalls which endanger the pathway of young and old. They offer comfort to the disconsolate and hope to the discouraged. The more they are studied, the clearer the broad vistas leading direct to the city of our God, the new Jerusalem.

Only those who recognise the manifold leadings of God in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, can form anything like a just appreciation of this priceless gift in the church. If we would grow in spiritual fervour and understand the truth and the

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holy requirements of a loving Father, it is needful that we study the messages that have come through this inestimable gift. We should know of its leadings, learn of its accomplishments, acquaint ourselves with its manifold operations and examine its fruits. There are thousands of souls that testify to the internal beauty and spiritual transformation of life as a result of accepting the teaching of the Spirit of prophecy. Aside from the Bible, nothing in literature has such a wonderful scope and depth of thought, or inspiration to holy living as these heart-searching messages. They are of the highest value. They were written for the spiritual uplift and admonition and unification of the entire church. And withal, there is such spiritual beauty and power in the instruction as to impress the heart with the deep conviction that these writings have a source higher than that of a human mind, and are absolutely reliable.

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Camp-meeting Pledges

It is earnestly requested that brethren and sisters having made camp-meeting pledges should send the money to the office at the very earliest date.

We are planning for our spring efforts. Funds are urgently needed and we are dependent on our brethren and sisters for the means to carry on our work. Be sure and mark them "Camp-meeting Pledge."

A. N. INGLE.

News Notes

WE are happy to send just a few words regarding the progress of the work in our Conference. The writer has spent the past five weeks doing Harvest Ingathering in Durban. Funds have come in better than last year, but still it takes steady plodding if we are to get the funds that are so much needed. The appeal for assistance in medical lines touches most people. One amusing experience came when appealing for an amount of £7-10-0 to assist one leper. Two Doctor brothers were being canvassed and one turned to the other and said, "Well, I guess we will pick one that is not quite so sick. Pick us out a leper at about £5-5-0." And that was the amount they donated.

Our workers have all been giving of their best. It has meant plenty of hard work at the office in getting out the reports and it would be a great help if all would promptly report the work they are doing. Out in the field the experiences have been

many and varied. Brother M. Coetzee doing Harvest Ingathering work in some of the smaller Free State towns and using his motor-cycle was coming home without a headlamp and ran into an ox wagon. He is now nursing a broken collar bone and torn ligaments, but we are thankful to say he is making good progress.

In September we are planning for efforts in Orange Grove, Pretoria, Machadadorp, Messina, Germiston, Senekal, Ficksburg, and if our new worker arrives from overseas, we also hope for an effort in Durban. Remember these efforts and workers in your prayers.

REMEMBER Brother Eva in his work among the Indians in Durban. We are hoping for another series of meetings with them this coming spring. It is hard, trying, work, and this brother needs your prayers.

OUR appreciation is extended to all of our brethren and sisters for their continued interest and support in the work that is

of like faith. Remember the Lord's injunction in Heb. 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." It is a timely message for us today, for we are surely living in serious times.

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Dedication Service at Cradock

A NEAT, clean building, smelling of fresh paint and varnish, having on the floor a warm-coloured linoleum, greeted my view as I entered the new meeting place of our Cradock company on Sabbath evening, Friday, June 25. I was accompanied by Mrs. Hurlow and Miss Willmore, and had arrived to dedicate to the worship of God this new Sabbath home in Cradock.

The members have worked diligently and lovingly in their efforts to make this place of worship comfortable, neat and attractive. The hall is a hired one, but by taking a lease we have the sole right to use it.

As we outlined, from the Word of God, the Divine purpose in church organisation, and laid upon the members their God-given responsibilities in the fellowship of service, there was a heartfelt and sincere response, and all joined in consecrating not only the building but our hearts to the service of God.

On the Sabbath we gathered as a family, happy in each other's fellowship around the Lord's table.

We are looking forward to a healthy growth in this small company as a result of their earnest activity in the promulgation of the Message.

We appreciate the assistance of Brother Oosthuizen, of the South Bantu Mission Field, in interpreting the dedication service.

W. H. HURLOW.

Notice

If any of our church members have money to loan for use in the Cause, kindly communicate with the treasurer of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Grove Avenue, Claremont, Cape.

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being done. Remember that the little mites that come in from each one of our members, help to swell the means that are so much needed for the maintenance of the work.

BEGIN to bear in mind the camp-meeting that will be held in the Natal-Transvaal Conference in Johannesburg from January 7-15, 1938, and it may be that many could plan their year-end holidays so as to be able to attend those meetings. It is a time of real refreshing and a happy occasion also of meeting many old friends and fellow believers.

THE writer has just spent a week in visiting isolated members in Natal. The first time for over a year. Those of us who have the privilege of coming to church each week, little realise the loneliness of many out on the farms and far from others

Division Publishing Report

F. E. POTTER

THE report of the Publishing work in your Division for the past six years is one full of encouragement, although, admittedly, there is still room for much advancement, especially in the Native department.

The following is a comparative statement of the period under review and the previous six years:

	Sales 1925-1930			1931-1936		
Colporteurs	37			42		
Orders	£90,553	6	1	£93,581	1	11
Sales	£55,409	9	10	£59,143	18	7
% Sales on orders	61			63		

It will be noticed that the past six years showed an increase in actual sales of £3,734-8-9. This is not a large sum but, when it is remembered that that period included three of the worst of the depression years, you have cause for congratulation.

The peak year for sales in your Division was 1929, with a total of £12,309. Last year your total stood at £11,767, or only £542 below the peak year. You will see, therefore, that this department is in a healthy condition and showing appreciable progress.

It is worth noting that per capita sales in your Division stand very high on the world list—in fact the Australasian Union is the only field comparable with ours.

The balance of sales between medical and religious publications has always been kept in favour of the latter—the average over the past six years standing at 62%. The balance of sales between English and Afrikaans books for the past six years has been 54% in favour of the former.

Stocks

European.—The Sentinel Publishing Company has on its shelves slow-moving stock to the value (retail) of £5,384, comprising six large and three small subscription books. Most of the books have been reduced in price by as much as 75% in an effort to move stocks, but with little success. They have no less than 3,450 copies of "Our Changing World" published in the latter part of 1935, the slow sale of which is giving them much concern. A very earnest effort should be made to move this stock even at a sacrifice, otherwise it will soon be quite unsaleable.

Sales in 1936 were somewhat hampered by the absence of any large subscription books in Afrikaans. The translation of "Bible Readings" and "Home Physician" is now in hand, but, as they will not be off the press before early in 1938, sales will be hampered again this year. It is felt that we should have another small subscription book in Afrikaans, and "Our Wonderful Bible" has been suggested. It would seem unwise, however, to produce this book in Afrikaans until stocks of "Our Changing

World" have been very materially reduced.

Native Department.—In the Native department the variety and quantity of literature keeps pace with demands from the field.

Colporteurs

The wastage in colporteurs is always a matter of concern to field leaders. The constituency is small and the male portion especially meagre. It is therefore with great difficulty that recruits can be secured. Colportage today demands greater efficiency and perseverance than ever before, and the percentage of men able to meet the new standard required is pitifully weak. It is with some concern that we view the practice in some quarters of withdrawing successful colporteurs and putting them into other lines of work. If the value of this ministry as a soul-winning agency is as great as the Spirit of prophecy and our world leaders state it to be—which statement we believe 100%—then it ought to be the aim of all conference presidents and mission field superintendents to jealously conserve the colporteur force within their fields.

A fund known as "The Colporteur Temporary Relief Fund" was originated in 1935 for the purpose of providing financial aid for European colporteurs who become temporarily disabled through accident, or sickness. The fund also makes provision for colporteurs and their families to enjoy the same privileges regarding medical expense as is enjoyed by regular workers. We feel that this fund will prove helpful to our colporteurs in the future.

Student-colporteurs have played a worthy part in the literature ministry during the past six years, and twenty-six European and fourteen native scholarships have been earned.

Fruitage in Souls

It is most difficult to ascertain what fruitage is attached to the labours of our colporteurs. We do know, however, that thirteen European and seventy Native converts have been won as a direct result of colportage during the period under review.

Future Prospects

In the European department we feel that sales cannot increase much more than 25% above our peak year total of £12,309 owing to the market limitations. In the Native department there is room for much expansion, for we have only as yet touched the fringe of our market. We are encouraged by the appointment in the South African Mission Field of European Field Missionary secretaries, and we believe that in a short while they will be able to build up a large force of colporteurs. By 1939 we should witness a great increase in native sales in that territory.

To the north sales are limited by the illiteracy and the low-earning capacity of the populace. Good work is being done in the Zambesi Union, and to a lesser degree also in the South East African Union, but in the Congo and Angola Unions little literature is being sold among the natives. In the Congo Union, at least, we believe more could be done, and your secretary hopes it will be possible for him to visit that field next year to investigate the possibilities there. It should be mentioned that the Angola Union has been visited by two European colporteurs from Portugal, and quite a quantity of literature has been sold to the Portuguese residents in Angola.

In closing, we earnestly plead for the hearty support of our workers in building up a strong force of European, Coloured and Native colporteurs for the distribution of our literature which, we all know, is doing so much throughout the world to hasten on the work of God in the earth.

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Publishing Department Recommendations

Full-time and Part-time Colporteurs

WHEREAS, at present there is no clear understanding as to the definition of full-time and part-time colporteurs (European);

Resolved, that in future a regular colporteur be considered as one who has served a probationary period of six months, and who works an average of not less than 120 hours per month throughout the year—institutes, camp-meetings and holiday time excluded.

And that those who shall work an average of not less than ten hours per week throughout the year, be considered as part-time colporteurs.

Colportage in Schools

WHEREAS, there is an ever-increasing need of strong leaders in the Publishing Department to man our fields,

We Recommend, That an appeal be made to our educational leaders to keep before our young people the importance, the dignity and the soul-winning value of the literature ministry and the splendid opportunities it presents for life service both in its colporteur ranks, and in field leadership.

In pursuance of this objective, it is further recommended,

a. That Colporteur Bands be organised in our College not later than the beginning of the second semester.

b. That wherever possible a course in Colporteur Evangelism be included in the curriculum.

c. That the colporteur scholarship plan be regularly presented to the students as an excellent means of training for future leadership in the literature ministry as well as a financial aid to a college education.

Discounts and Allowances to Book Depositories

WHEREAS, The local Conference Book Depositories are required to accept full re-

sponsibility on debts and losses incurred in the sale of their stock of literature, whether to canvassers or churches, and

WHEREAS, There is not sufficient margin allowed on prices to enable the depositories to operate on a self-supporting basis, and

WHEREAS, The Depositories are not receiving the margin of discounts from the Publishing House on certain classes of publications either on purchases or cash settlements as is recommended for North America in the General Conference Publishing Department policies,

We Recommend, That the Division be requested to give careful consideration to the revision of trade discounts and cash settlements granted to the Depositories by the Sentinel Publishing Company.

Colporteur Trading Licences

WHEREAS, It has been found that a number of colporteurs are carrying on their work of selling books without being in possession of the necessary trading licence required by law, we

Recommend, That all conference and mission field executives adopt the practice of requiring all colporteurs to conform to the requirements of the law concerning trading licences as it shall affect them in their respective territories; and to make sure that each colporteur holds the required licence.

European Colporteur Temporary Relief Fund

Recommended, That the following amendments and additions be made to the European Colporteur Relief Fund Policy:

1. That paragraph 1, subsection (c) which reads as follows:

"That all regular colporteurs who desire to participate in the benefit of this fund be required to pay into the fund one per cent of their net income, and that they authorise the Religious Book Depository to collect this amount through their monthly account," be amended to read as follows:

"That all regular colporteurs be required to pay into this fund one per cent of their net income, and that the Religious Book Depository collect same through their monthly account."

2. That the following be included as subsection (f) under section 1:

"In the case of a colporteur whose account with the Depository is not in balance (stock in the colporteur's possession to be included) such colporteur shall not be entitled to any benefit from the fund."

3. That under paragraph 2, section (c), the words "or immediate family" be inserted between the words "colporteurs" and "medical expense."

Colporteur Rent Allowance

WHEREAS, The rental of houses in our larger towns is very high, and

WHEREAS, Many of our faithful colporteurs are unable to bear the entire cost of such rental,

We Recommend, That in the case of recognised regular colporteurs who, over a period of six months, have averaged 120 hours' time per month in canvassing and sold books to a retail value of £20, per month, they be granted a rent allowance on the same basis as granted to conference employees.

Helderberg College

Helderberg College News

Coleridge-Taylor Quartette

ONE of the most pleasant and entertaining evenings enjoyed by the College community, for some time, was the occasion of the recent visit of the Coleridge-Taylor Male Quartette, sponsored by the K. N. E. Under the leadership of Dr. Francis Gow, the quartette sang a number of negro spirituals and old plantation songs, outstanding among which were "Go Down Moses," "Steal Away to Jesus," and "Massa's in de Cold, Cold Ground." The numbers were made more interesting and appreciable after Dr. Gow had, in a ten-minute lecture, explained the origin and history of the spirituals and had told of the trying circumstances under which many of them were composed.

One of the best-liked items in the concert was a solo by S. T. M'Lombo, a South African Native, the first tenor of the quartette. In a clear, powerful yet beautiful voice he rendered the song "Take This Rose."

The quartette was assisted by Mr. Williams whose various recitations were greatly appreciated.

Principal's Birthday

As a surprise to Pastor G. E. Shankel, the members of the College Staff recently prepared a little dinner to celebrate his birthday. Following the meal, which had been prepared by some of the ladies, Mr. C. C. Marais presented the Principal with a copy of "Desire of Ages," referring in his humorous speech to the esteem in which Mr. Shankel was held by all the members of the Staff.



The Silver Leaf

THE campaign for raising subscriptions for the "Silver Leaf" has commenced, and you have probably been solicited for your halfcrown; but if not take this opportunity to send that little sum to one of the students you know or to the Circulation Manager. You will receive the annual early in October. The campaign closes August 2, *so do it now*.

The Growth of the Library

SINCE the beginning of the current school year, over two hundred and fifty new books have been placed on the library shelves. Three sets of very valuable reference books have also been acquired. Two of these sets, bound in full leather, are a mine of information for the Bible and history students. These volumes are a gift from a patron of the school. The third set is the fourteenth, or latest edition of the "Encyclopedia Britannica."

The library is the workshop of the school. As Helderberg College has enlarged its field of activity and usefulness, so has the library increased its facilities. During the past three years, over twelve hundred books have been added to the library, and the total number on the shelves by the end of this year, will have reached the four thousand mark. Many of the more recent arrivals are books of a general nature, books which may be thoroughly enjoyed during a leisure hour. "Forty Years for Labrador," by Sir Wilfred Grenfell; "In the Steps of the Master," by H. V. Morton; "Along Cape Roads," by Dorothea Fairbridge; "The South Africans," by Sarah Millin; and "Mathematics for the Million," by Lancelot Hogben, are only a few of the books which have become very popular with the students. The two-volume Afrikaans dictionary (Bosman) is another recent acquisition.

Two of the attractive features in the library are the bulletin board and the blackboard. The bulletin board serves the purpose of school newspaper. From week to week, it is posted with short newspaper articles of current and general interest. One corner is always devoted to topics of inspirational and spiritual value. This bulletin has interested particularly those students who do not wish to take time to read the daily newspapers. On the blackboard are placed, from day to day, quotations in Afrikaans and English.

Since a large number of the juvenile books have been taken over to the new primary school building, the children are able to enjoy their own small library. One of the favourite books, a recent addition also, is "Our Princesses and Their Dogs." All the primary children are working for Missionary Volunteer Reading Course certificates.

The steady and material growth of the school library during the past few years is a source of satisfaction and pleasure to the students and teachers at Helderberg College.



Bible Workers' Institute

There will be only one Institute held, and that will be at Bloemfontein as announced on the back page of this issue. The Institute for Johannesburg has been cancelled in favour of the one in Bloemfontein.

Home Commission Report

MRS. J. F. WRIGHT

THE Home Commission was instituted in 1919, but has actually been in operation since 1922 — when definite steps were taken at the General Conference session in San Francisco, for its promotion.

The work of the Home Commission as expressed at that time is, "first, the co-ordination of work in behalf of the home already being promoted by General Conference departments; and second, the filling of such needs as remain unserved by other agencies, especially the field of the early home life, through correspondence, literature, institutes, and such local organisation and study as may seem advisable."

Most valuable and helpful literature has since been provided for definite courses of study dealing with the science of child training and home-making. Local societies in the churches have been formed in many places under the name of "Parents' Meetings," "Mothers' Societies," "Home and School Associations," etc. This work was begun among the white churches as were all other departments of our organisation, but today the native peoples are very desirous of having help along this line.

In China, we understand, the Home Commission Secretary of the Division, aided by other workers, has furnished studies in the vernacular periodicals, and also a small book has been produced, dealing with the making of the Christian home and the training of children. Their near neighbour, the Philippine Islands, has also caught the spirit, and a good work is being carried on there by the organisation of parents' societies, furnished with lessons especially prepared by their Division Home Commission secretary and others.

In the Southern African Division, the field in which we are most definitely interested, there has been more or less done in the past for the native girls and women depending largely upon the burden felt for this kind of work by the wives of the missionaries on the various stations. And I might add that much of it has been self-supporting work.

Some of our training schools, however, are leading out in a very strong way, and many of the smaller stations are eager to strengthen this phase of their work.

With the thought in mind of building up and improving the home life of our people by uplifting the native women and girls, the Division Committee a little more than a year ago, passed a recommendation for the maintaining and promoting of the Home Commission in the missions department. A ready response has been received from the workers in the local fields, as well as from the natives themselves. The organ of contact being used at present is, "The Home Commission Exchange," with which most of you are acquainted. Most of our train-

ing schools are giving definite courses to the girls in domestic training and instruction in home-making, and in some places some of these subjects are being taught to the boys also. We feel that the young men as well as the young women should have the ideals of a Christian home held up before them while in school before their own home is established, and we hope to see more accomplished along this line in the future.

The *Zambesi Union Missionary* is running through its columns the article on, "The Restoration of the Home" in order to help its readers to better understand some of the fundamentals of proper home-making.

The children are by no means the least important part of the home, although they are small in size, and the South East African Union is showing its interest in the lambs of the flock by inserting special lessons for the children in the quarterlies provided for the adult members.

The work of the Home Commission is intended to help every member of the family, and in the home should be taught and practiced such virtues as, obedience, reverence, loyalty, self-control, honesty, truthfulness, love, purity and prayer.

The work of the church and the work of the home are reciprocal. Each helps the other. While the church inspires its members to righteous living and the making of better homes, the home makers in turn provide better church members, for the home produces the substance out of which the church is made: therefore, in order to have better churches, we must have better homes, and in order to have better homes, parents must be trained for this important work. It is not good enough to say to parents: "You must be good; and teach your children to be good." This will not help them very much. They must be given some definite instruction and training. Sister White says in "Education," page 276, "Never will education accomplish all that it might and should accomplish until the importance of the parents' work is fully recognised, and they receive a training for its sacred responsibility."

"The work of parents underlies every other." "There is no more important field of effort than that committed to the founders and guardians of the home."—*"Ministry of Healing,"* pages 349, 351.

The doctors tell us that one of the most common diseases today is heart disease. Is not the church suffering from this disease also? The wise man gives this admonition: "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23. In commenting upon this text the servant of the Lord says, "The heart of the community, of the church and of the nation is

the household."—*"Ministry of Healing,"* page 349. Then, it is the duty of the church to give diligence in the care and keeping of its heart, which is the home. I looked up the word, "diligence" to see just what definition was given in the dictionary, and it said, "Assiduous application." Then, I looked up "assiduous," and it said, "devoted, or constant; unremitting." Then, if we are going to be diligent in guarding the interests of the home, which is the heart of the church, we must be unremitting in our efforts.

We are all agreed that this is true, this is what we should do, and this is what we want to do: but the question invariably arises, where is the time for anything more? Everyone is so pressed for time! Who is going to be able to promote the Home Commission in the local fields? It is for this Council to give suggestions and to work out some answers to these questions.

We have five Training Schools in the Division. At the Gitwe Mission in Ruanda, Sister Giddings has charge of the girls' work, with 24 girls in the dormitory.

In Angola, Miss R. Visser at Bongo has 42 girls in the dormitory. She is devoting half time to this work and half her time to the teaching of the European children on the mission.

In Nyasaland, Miss Rena Curtis is giving full time to girls' work having 92 in the compound. Mrs. Virgil Robinson is devoting her time to the Women's work at the same place.

At Solusi, Miss E. Wright is a full time girls' worker, and has 56 girls in the dormitory.

Spion Kop is not yet giving a regular course in Domestic science, but I am told they hope to start such a course in the near future.

At Rusangu, N. Rhodesia, although not a training school, we have a full time girls' worker, who has about 50 girls under her charge.

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Home Commission Recommendations

Girls' Boarding Establishments

WHEREAS, in the education of Native girls, it is desirable to habituate them to improved practices in home life, and essential to guard their morals,

We Recommend, that the following be included in our policy for the operation of girls' homes:

1. Girls Compounds should be enclosed by a fence of such a nature as to prevent anyone entering except by the gate at the front, which should be locked at night. The Native preceptress' quarters should be approximate to the gate.

2. It is desirable to house girls in model home-units, as a family, rather than in single rooms, barracks, or dormitories. This unit should be of the type best suited

to the needs of the people of a given union, but it is suggested that if we are to develop Christian home-life and improve hygienic conditions, it will be well to have these model home-units consist of a rectangular three-room house, an outside kitchen and a latrine.

3. Each unit is to house a "family" of about ten girls of varying ages, with one of the older, more advanced girls acting as "house mother" or prefect.

4. To train girls more effectively in the care of a home, table etiquette, etc., arrangements should be made for each "family" to eat at a table in its own quarters. The food would be secured at a common kitchen, but serving, clean-up, and dish-washing would be done by the "family."

Home Commission Promotion

1. WHEREAS, "The restoration and up-lifting of humanity begins in the home," and the success of the church depends upon home influences, and

WHEREAS, The work of the Home Commission is promotive rather than administrative,

We Recommend, (a) That the various departments make use of all opportunities for promoting their work in and through the home, thus strengthening the foundations of the church.

(b) That each Union appoint someone to work in conjunction with the Division Home Commission Secretary in providing literature and helping to foster the work of the Home Commission in the local field.

Helderberg College Courses

2. WHEREAS, There is an increasing need for workers who are trained to work for Native women,

We Recommend, That the Helderberg College board give consideration to the more definite adaptation of existing syllabi, or the introduction of additional electives leading to a preparation for this type of work.

Training for Girls' and Women's Work

3. WHEREAS, A nation will not rise any higher than its womanhood, and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that work be conducted for the women on our Native-operated stations as well as on the main stations,

We Recommend, (a) That we endeavour to place a full time European worker in charge of the girls' and women's work on each main station.

(b) That each Union Training School offer a course of training especially designed to prepare native girls for Women's work in the field.

(c) That the following subjects be taught wherever possible:

1. Housewifery.
2. Elementary Sick Nursing.
3. Cooking.
4. Mothercraft.
5. Needlework.
6. Handcrafts.

7. Bible Worker's Training.

8. Laundry.

9. Hygiene.

10. Infant Welfare.

11. Christian Home Making.

(d) That great care be exercised in conducting girls' and women's work so that the instruction given be of a practical type and of such a nature that it will help the natives to live better in their own environment, and that we endeavour to avoid the prevailing tendency to Europeanise them.

Budget for Girls' and Women's Work

4. WHEREAS, The promotion of the work for girls and women necessitates some expenditures, and

WHEREAS, In many instances no provision has been made for this expenditure,

We Recommend, that the Committees which distribute the budget for the year set aside a specified amount for girls' and women's work.

Aids to Missionaries' Wives in Women's Work

5. WHEREAS, Many of our sisters have expressed a desire to receive further instruction for girls' and women's work,

We Recommend, (a) The building up of a circulating library in each Union to aid those engaged in girls' and women's work; and

(b) That arrangements be made from time to time by the respective Union Committees whereby the women missionaries can meet together for counsel and study of the problems relating to their work; and

(c) That institutes be conducted for native women workers and wives of workers, where definite instruction can be given them along particular lines pertaining to the home, the family, the community, or for those teaching in this work.

Parents' and Children's Meetings at Camp-meeting

6. WHEREAS, we are told in the Spirit of prophecy that at the time of Camp-meeting, "We need to meet together and receive the Divine Touch, that we may understand our work in the home,"

We Recommend, That a definite time be set apart in the Camp-meeting programme for parents and children's meetings, and that this principle be applied in the conferences as well.

Baby Clinics and Model Villages

7. WHEREAS, The infant mortality is so high among the Africans,

We Recommend, (1) That baby clinics be held wherever possible where mothers may be taught how to care for their babies and be given spiritual instruction along with the practical; and

(2) That the village work for the women in the vicinity of the mission be thoroughly organised, and that a definite place be given for such work in the mission programme; and

(3) That wherever practical, in connection with the mission station there be maintained a model village conforming to the conditions of the country; and that the construction and maintenance of these villages be at no financial expense to the mission.

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Progress at Mwami

G. PEARSON

THE early part of 1937 seems to give us a hopeful outlook on the rest of the year. Progress is being made in all lines of the work, especially on the station. We now have a girl's boarding school which is a credit to any mission. It fills a long-felt need, for until this year we have been unable to take in any girls as boarders. The progress made by these raw village girls is creditable. Sewing, knitting, cooking, caring for the home and personal hygiene, compares very favourably with other girls of their class.

We have also completed a boys' dining room with brick seats and a cement table. This too has been a need of long standing. The last inspection of the school on March 5, an "A" grade was given, which speaks well for the work that is being done in the class rooms.

Sabbath attendance has improved, for in spite of the holidays and most of the students being away, our average attendance is just over eighty.

The rains seem to be over earlier than usual this year, so we are busy building our new church. When it is finished, it will be a means of drawing many new people. We expect to hold an evangelistic effort in it as soon as it is ready.

An open-air baptistry has also been completed. This is filled by a stream of running water, and will be an attraction to many people.

Our medical work has also been a "means to an end" in saving souls. The leper camp is now full to overflowing. We only have accommodation for fifty, but there are seventy-eight in the colony. Many of these lepers have come from other centres where they have heard of the treatment given here, and of the cases which have been arrested from the disease. A good number of these lepers have accepted the truth and become staunch members of the church.

Calls have come from great distances for us to send teachers and preachers to tell them of the truth. These interests have been created by the students returning to

their homes during the holidays, as well as cured lepers, and those who have been treated in the hospital.

During the two holiday seasons each worker goes out into the villages to hold meetings of several weeks' duration. While we do not have great numbers converted, yet we believe we shall see many turn to the message before it is too late. We plan to go even farther afield this year.

We are happy to have a part in this work, and as we see the lepers being healed, the sick being raised, and the poor being helped, we take courage and thank God that progress is being made at Mwami.

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A Message En Route, No. 2

"Hawaii Maru,"

May 10, 1937.

DEAR FRIENDS,

We posted our last letters in Mombasa — such a handful of them. Mr. Boger thought it to be something worth remembering that our postage account there was over 7/-.

One of the ancient landmarks at this Island is the Fort built by the Portuguese in the fourteenth century, whose mossy rocks bear the name of Fort Jesus. It is used as a prison now, but there is some consideration being entertained toward its later being turned into a museum; a public notice at the place informs one that it has been preserved through the ordinance which protects "ancient landmarks." We took several pictures there and elsewhere about the town. We both felt the effects of the tropical sun and of our walk. But we are thankful that tired, delirious nerves are getting rested.

We sailed gently out of that lovely harbour about midday, or shortly after, as lunch was served first and then all were able to watch the voyage out to the open sea.

Truly the prayers offered up for our pleasant voyage have been answered, for if ever we realised His "Peace be Still" "o'er wind and wave," we have on this voyage. Sometimes the sea seems like a placid lake. Sabbath last, May 8, was over such a sea. In fact it seemed as though our good ship glided along over fields strewn with wisteria blooms, so lovely were the varied tints of blue: here and there silvery flying-fish like a butterfly, emerged from its depths to fleck the dew with its tiny wings making a deeper shade for a short way across its surface, only to dip again beneath.

We read that day such blessed things

from the Spirit of prophecy — "nothing is apparently more helpless, yet really more invincible, than the soul that feels its nothingness, and relies wholly on the merits of the Saviour. God would send every angel in heaven to the aid of such a one, rather than to allow him to be overcome."—*Vol. VII, page 17.* And from "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work" there was such a gem on page 46. "From heart-felt-devotion, joyousness, freshness and continual growth will spring!" Surely that would seem to be the fountain of eternal youth which has been through all man's pilgrimage, so earnestly sought for. May each of us come daily to this fountain to draw.

We have had another proof of our Father's love and care exercised in my accident last evening. Mr. Boger and I had been on deck, and were now on our way down to our state room. In coming down the steep little stairs of some twelve steps, I caught my heel in the hem of my dress near the top step and fell heavily all the way landing in the dining room feeling more crushed than whole. Every aid was graciously given and soon, through "first-aid" and heating compresses applied to bruised spots, I passed the night, and though very sore in spots, am thankful for no bones broken and for being able to walk, though lamely, today. Moral—Be sure, when descending steep staircases to grasp the railing firmly, it may save you mortification lengthy and deep!

Such glorious sunsets we enjoy. The evening after Sabbath was one we shall long see again in memory. The sun seemed like a silver ball edged with gold, casting golden hues onto a sky background — and out, out onto the slightly waving blue waters tints of gold atop the crests! We shall soon be at Singapore if all is well and post this back to you dear friends.

With Christian love,

MRS. BOGER.

News Notes

ELDER W. H. ANDERSON, writing from Northern Rhodesia, says:

"We started here at Fula last night with the Native Institute. Most of the men have not arrived yet, but we expect them in today, and tonight we will start in earnest. There are twenty-nine villages within six miles of this place and we plan to place this message in every one of them this month. We want to show these native workers just how they ought to conduct an effort. During the day we will have classes and then go to the villages each evening for services.

"The natives say there are seven lions roaming about. I hope they go on and do not come our way. We have two nice grass huts to live in and there is plenty of wood so we are very comfortable. We have made a table of Kaffir Corn stalks and it is doing

good service. I am writing on it now and it is all right.

"We will spend two hours each day making bricks and laying them up as fast as they dry, for we want to get Pastor Malinke's house built by the time we are finished here. We may not get the roof on, but we hope to see the walls completed.

"Elder Mote will spend the Sabbath with us and then Brother Hiten and I will carry on alone after that. We have a good supply of food with us so we will fare all right I am sure, for Brother Hiten is a pretty good cook."

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Two Churches, Two Men, Two Plans

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winner filled with holy boldness. From the man who denied his Lord in the High Priest's palace, he was transformed into the man who confessed his Lord in the very presence of the High Priest and his counsellors.

The church is operating two plans for its advancement. In some places the minister is the soul-winner and feeder of the flock. The laity do not grow or develop for they have not been trained or expected to exercise their spiritual powers. They are silent but not very effective witnesses for their Master. They feel that they are incapable of winning souls for the kingdom. They think that both their work and reward await them in the new earth. Under such a plan the laity become more and more dependent upon the ministry and in spite of appeal after appeal they are unable to release their minister for evangelistic work in unentered territory. If the minister should be taken away, they wither and die, because the water of life within them is stagnant, and within a few years the minister must return to raise up another company of believers.

The other plan is for every member to act some part in a soul-winning programme that is an integral part of the church organisation. The evangelist who brought the members to a knowledge of the Truth, also instructed them in spiritual service, that every man and woman might be "thoroughly furnished unto all good works," and "ready for every good work." The officers are all interested in it. They meet regularly to study the needs of the missionary field around them. Bands for aggressive labour in many lines of endeavour are organised and a place of service is provided for all who are willing to work for the Master. Such a church is self-sustaining and self-propagating. It scarcely needs a minister, and its healthy growth will testify to its spiritual tone and strength.

The church, the individual, the organisation, can find sweetness, stamina, strength, and spirituality as they follow their Lord in service for others.

F. G. CLIFFORD.

The Layman's Page

FOR STRENGTH AND SERVICE

Conducted by the South African Union Conference Home Missionary Department

THIS MONTH'S GREAT THOUGHT.—Soul-winning—the panacea for all spiritual ills.

Why This Page?

FROM month to month we expect to devote this page to the soul-saving and soul-winning endeavours among our laity. We verily believe that as our lay-members develop into soul-winners, that great spiritual enlargement and blessing will come into their hearts and lives. We invite those interested in soul-winning to correspond with their conference Home Missionary Secretary. If you have enjoyed the blessing of heaven in your labours for the Master, let us have your experience that we may pass it on to others. If you need help, or have doubts regarding plans or duties that pertain to your office or work in the church, we shall be happy to serve you.

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Seasonable Activities

F. E. POTTER

WE have been signally blessed this year with financial success in Harvest Ingathering, now let us turn our activities to the soul-winning side of the work. Surely you found some interested donors this year. Now is the time to foster that interest. A flame dies unless fed with fuel, so get to work *now*.

The personal touch is always the most effective, you know. Literature is impersonal and likely to be pigeon-holed and then—well, the flame of interest you lit dies out. A personal visit with some suitable piece of literature is a token of your interest in the person visited and people respond readily to such friendly overtures. Moreover, it paves the way for more informal talks which may easily be developed into a connected series of Bible studies.

Where the interested contacts are too numerous to be handled personally let the Literature Band undertake the work. Mail out a connected series of tracts at fortnightly intervals for three months. Follow up with a questionnaire to discover persons whose interest is sufficiently developed to accept the offer of Bible studies in the home. Then effect the personal touch through the medium of a lay Bible worker.

Harvest Ingathering campaigns the world

around have proved fruitful in soul-winning—but, it means action—organised, earnest, sustained, prayerful action to get the fruit. Have you tried the plan in your church yet?

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Books for Soul-Winners.

THOSE who desire helpful material and fruitful suggestions for soul-winning, will find what they are looking for, in the following books:

“LAY PREACHERS’ MANUAL.”—Written especially for those who have not had the opportunity of going to college, but who feel the call of God to preach the gospel where they are. Plans and principles are discussed, before a number of suggestive sermon outlines are given covering the great lines of Bible truth. The price is 3/6.

“HOW TO GIVE BIBLE READINGS.”—A book that is true to its name. In addition to a study of methods, it contains a large number of model Bible studies, that will serve as a splendid guide to the beginner. The price is 2/6.

“FISHERS OF MEN.”—A one hundred and twenty page book dealing with the art of soul-winning from a number of angles. Technique and methods are ably discussed and presented. The price is 2/6.

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Lay Preaching

THE summer will soon be with us, and with it the evangelistic season. There is place and opportunity for many of our capable laymen to engage in small evangelistic campaigns that can save many souls for the kingdom.

As we measure the opportunities that present themselves, by the number of evangelistic labourers employed by the fields in our territory, we can only say that they do not begin to fill the need. If sufficient men were available to answer the calls, the fields would be unable to provide the needed funds. It is to our laymen that we must turn to assist in finishing the great work of God. It is to their training and

preparation that our workers of experience must address themselves. If, as a layman, you feel the urging of the Holy Spirit to assist in this work of evangelism, it will be a pleasure for the Home Missionary Department to do all in its power to assist you.

F. G. CLIFFORD.

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Two Churches, Two Men, Two Plans

I VISITED two churches recently. It was Ingathering time. One was active. The goal had been reached and a large overflow was being gathered up. The fifteen minute missionary service was enjoyable. No one went out, for almost everyone had something to report. This was a warm church. The atmosphere was inviting. It was a pleasure to worship and minister to such people. Their faces and handclaps were refreshing.

The other church had only reached half of their goal. Only a few members were working. Numbers trooped out during the fifteen minute service. The report was very thin and patchy. I shivered in my seat, the church seemed cold. It was almost embarrassing to preach, for there seemed to be so many gloomy faces.

Prayer meeting night came, the warm working church had 30% of its membership in attendance. The cold inactive church had 5% of its members at prayer meeting.

It was to a tempestuous, fickle, Peter that the Lord addressed Himself, calling him with others to be made “fishers of men.” But the character of Peter while with Jesus was marked by pride, self-sufficiency, indecision and cowardice. He was an unprofitable servant, for even after the resurrection he led a number of others to go back to the fishing boats again. It was at this time that the second call came to Peter from his Master. This time to “follow Me” and “feed my sheep.” The response to this call to service changed Peter. He became humble, teachable, diligent, and a mighty soul-

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Bladsy vir Leke

VIR KRAG EN DIENS

Onder die bestuur van die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie Konferensie Buurtsending Departement

GEDAGTE VIR HIERDIE MAAND.—Siel-redding — die geneesmiddel vir alle geestelike kwale.

Waarom Hierdie Bladsy?

ONS is voornemens om hierdie bladsy maand na maand aan die sielreddende pogings van ons leke te wy. Ons geloof voorwaar dat, as ons leke eers sielwenners word, daar groot geestelike verryking en seën hulle harte en lewes sal binnestroom. Ons nodig hiermee almal uit wat belangstel in die redding van siele om in verbinding te tree met hulle Konferensie Buurtsending-Sekretaris. As u die seën van die Hemel geniet het in u arbeid vir die Meester, vertel ons u ondervinding, sodat ons dit aan ander kan oorhandig. As u hulp nodig het, of in twyfel verkeer in verband met planne of pligte aangaande u amp of werk in die kerk, sal dit ons plesier doen om u tot diens te wees.

Geleë Werksaamhede

F. E. POTTER

DAAR ons hierdie keer grootliks geseën was sover dit die finansiële kant van die oesinsameling betref, kan ons nou ons aandag wy aan die siel-reddende sy van die werk. U het tog seker 'n paar belangstellende gewers vanjaar aangetref. Dan is dit nou u kans om daardie belangstelling aan te kweek. 'n Vuur gaan dood as hy nie gevoer word met hout nie. Dus moet u besig bly.

Die persoonlike aanraking is altyd die doeltreffendste, soos u weet. Leesstof is onpersoonlik en kan heel moontlik ongelees bly lê, en op die manier kan die vlammetjie weer doodgaan. As u egter 'n persoonlike besoek aflê en 'n bietjie leesstof saamneem, sal dit baie meer waardeur word. Dit sal ook die weg baan vir 'n reeks Bybelstudies.

Waar daar te veel belangstellendes is om persoonlik te behandel, kan die Leesstofbediening maar die werk onderneem. Stuur 'n samehangende reeks traktate elke twee weke uit vir drie maande. Probeer dan om uit te vind of daar van die persone is wat genoeg belangstel om u aanbod aan te neem om in hulle huise Bybellesings te hou. Dan kan die persoonlike aanraking teweeggebring word deur 'n leke-Bybelwerker te stuur.

Oesinsamelingsveldtogte oor die hele wêreld het al vrugte van siel-redding voortgebring — maar, dit kos werk — georgani-

seerde, ernstige, volhardende, biddende pogings om die vrugte in te samel. Het u dit al ooit in u kerk probeer?

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Boeke vir Sielwenners

DIEGENE wat graag leesstof wil hê met leerryke voorbeelde van sielredding, sal die volgende boeke waardeur:

„LAY PREACHERS' MANUAL.”— Geskryf veral vir diegene wat nie die kans gehad het om kollege-toe te gaan nie, maar hulle nogtans geroepe voel om die evangelie te verkondig waar hulle is. Planne en beginsels word bespreek, voordat 'n aantal modelsketspreke aangegee word wat oor al die vernaamste Bybelwaarhede handel. Die prys is 3/6.

„HOW TO GIVE BIBLE READINGS.”— 'n Boek wat aan sy naam beantwoord. Behalwe 'n uiteensetting van metodes, bevat hy nog 'n klomp model-Bybellesings, wat as 'n uitstekende gids vir die beginner sal dien. Die prys is 2/6.

„FISHERS OF MEN.”— 'n Boek van honderd-en-twintig bladsye oor die kuns om siele te wen. Die saak word van alle kante beskou. Tegniek en metodes word op 'n bekwame wyse bespreek en voorgelê. Die prys is 2/6.

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Leke-Prediking

DIE somer sal binnekort hier wees, en saam met hom die evangelistiese seisoen. Daar is plek en geleentheid vir baie van ons bekwame leke om klein evangeliese veldtogte te onderneem wat baie siele vir die koninkryk kan red.

As ons die baie kanse wat daar is, vergelyk met die paar evangeliste wat in ons veld arbeid, kan ons slegs sê dat daar nog 'n skreiende behoefte aan werkers is. As daar genoeg werkers verkrybaar was, sou die veld nie instaat gewees het om hulle te onderhou nie. Ons moet ons dus tot ons leke wend vir die voltooiing van die werk van God, en dit is aan hulle opleiding en voorbereiding dat ons geoeffende werkers hulle aandag moet wy. As u dus deur die Heilige Gees aangespoor word om in hierdie werk van evangelisasie deel te neem, sal dit 'n plesier wees vir die Buurtsending-

Departement om alles in sy vermoë te doen om u te help.

F. G. CLIFFORD.

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Twee Kerke, Twee Manne, Twee Planne

ONLANGS het ek twee kerke besoek. Dit was die tyd van die Oesinsameling. Die een was 'n werkende kerk. Hulle was al by hulle doel verby, en was besig om die oorfloed in te samel. Dit was aangenaam om die sendingdiens van 'n kwartier by te woon. Niemand het uitgegaan nie, want byna almal het iets gehad om te rapporteer. Hierdie kerk was warm. Die atmosfeer was aanloklik. Dit was 'n plesier om saam met sulke mense te aanbid. Hulle gesigte en handdrukke was verkwikkend.

Die ander kerk was nog maar by die helfte van sy doel. Daar was net 'n paar werkende lede. Hulle het sommer so uitgestroom gedurende die kwartierdiens. Die rapport was maar skraal. Ek het gebeef in my sitplek, en die hele kerk was koud. Die klomp bedroefde aangesigte het 'n mens so verleë gemaak dat jy nie kon preek nie.

Toe die biduur-aand gekom het, het die warm kerk 30% van sy ledetal teenwoordig gehad, terwyl die ander kerk maar 5% van sy ledetal opgelewer het.

Dit was 'n voortvarende, veranderlike Petrus vir wie die Here geroep het om 'n visser van mense te word. Maar die karakter van Petrus toe hy by Jesus was, was gekenmerk deur hoogmoed, self-voldaanheid, besluiteloosheid en lafhartigheid. Hy was 'n nuttelose dienskneg, want selfs na die opstanding het hy 'n aantal van die ander verlei om weer na die visserskuite terug te gaan. Dit was op hierdie tydstip dat sy Meester hom vir die tweede keer geroep het. Hierdie keer was dit: „Volg My” en „pas my skape op.” Die gehoorsaamheid aan hierdie oproep tot diens het Petrus verander. Hy het nederig, leerbaar, en hardwerkend geword, en ontwikkel tot 'n magtige sielwenner vervul met heilige stoutmoedigheid. Van 'n man wat sy Heer verloën het in die hoëpriester se paleis, het hy verander in 'n man wat sy Heer in die teenwoordigheid van die hoëpriester en sy raadslede bely het.

Daar is twee metodes wat gevolg word

in die kerk. Op sommige plekke is die predikant die sielwenner en die oppasser van die kudde. Die leke groei of ontwikkel nie, daar hulle nie geleer of ver wag word om hulle geestelike vermoëns te gebruik nie. Hulle is stille maar baie ondoeltreffende getuies vir hulle Meester. Hulle gevoel hulle self onbekwaam om siele te red vir die koninkryk. Hulle is van mening dat hulle werk sowel as hulle beloning hulle af wag in die nuwe aarde. Onder so 'n stelsel word die gemeentelede al hoe afhankliker van die predikant, en tenspyte van al die roepstemme sien hulle nie kans om hulle predikant af te staan vir evangelistiese werk nie. Sodra die predikant weggeenem word, sal hulle verwelk en doodgaan, omdat die lewende water binnekant in hulle stilstaan. Dan sal die predikant na 'n paar jaar weer moet terugkom om nuwe gelowiges te werf.

Die ander metode is om elke lidmaat te laat deelneem aan 'n sielreddende program wat 'n deel van die kerklike organisasie uitmaak. Die evangelis wat die mense met die waarheid bekendmaak, onderrig hulle ook hoe om te arbeid, sodat elke man en elke vrou kan volkome toeberei wees vir elke goeie werk, en gereed om enigiets te doen. Die amptenare stel almal belang daarin. Hulle kom gereëld bymekaar om die behoeftes van die veld rondom hulle te bespreek. Groepe word georganiseer vir aggressiewe werk in baie rigtings, en daar word 'n plek gevind vir iedereen wat gewillig is om vir die Meester te werk. So 'n kerk is self-opbouend en werkend. Hy het amper nie 'n predikant nodig nie, en sy vooruitgang sal getuig van sy geestelike toon en sterkte.

Die kerk, die individu, die organisasie, kan krag en prag verkry deur hierdie soort werk vir hulle Meester en vir andere.

F. G. CLIFFORD.

Kaapse Konferensie

W. H. Hurlow President
Mej. P. E. Willmore, Sek.-Tes.
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Inwydingsdiens te Cradock

TOE ek aan die aand van die Sabbat, Vrydag, 25 Junie, die nuwe kerkgebou van ons gelowiges te Cradock binnegestap het, was ek in 'n netjiese, skoon gebou wat na nat verf geruik het, en op die vloer 'n warme gekleurde linoleum gehad het. Ek was vergesel van Mev. Hurlow en Mej. Willmore, en ons was daar om hierdie nuwe Sabbatshuis aan die diens van God toe te wy.

Die lidmate het ywerig en liefdevol gewerk om hierdie plek van aanbidding aangenaam, netjies, en aantreklik te maak. Dis 'n gehuurde saal, maar ons het die alleenreg om hom te gebruik.

Insamelingsnuus

EEN betreurenswaardige feit in verband met die Oesinsameling, is dat daar nog goeie stukke terreine onbearbeid lê, wat 'n groot opbrings sou gelewer het. Die meerderheid van ons werkers is al wekelank besig om in te samel. Ons behoefte is aan meer werkers vir die Oesinsameling.

Die kerk van die Suidelike Voorstede van Johannesburg het geweier om die doelwit van £75 aan te neem, soos bepaal deur die Konferensie. Hulle het eenparig besluit om dit na £90 te verhoog. Aan die einde van die vyfde week het hulle al £98 gehad, en het hulle voorbereidings getref om £120 te haal. Mooi so!

Natal-Transvaal Konferensie	£3442	£2320	£922
Kaapse Konferensie	1550	1601	£51
Kaapse Veld	319	326	7
Noord Bantu Veld	435		435
Suid Bantu Veld	62		62
Suid-Afrikaanse Unie Konferensie	5798	4247	1551

Hierdie vermeerdering is veral opmerklik ten opsigte van die feit dat die werkers vandeelsjaar sewentien dae later as verlede jaar begin het, en dat baie kerke nie betyds kon begin daar hulle nog nie die benodig hede gehad het nie.

AAN die einde van die vierde week is daar al 20 kerke wat hulle doele oortref het, terwyl daar 11 is wat hulle doele al

HIERDIE jaar het 'n paar groot gifte aan die lig gebring—gawes van £250, £100, en £25. Hierdie dinge lewer sterk bewys van ons aangroeiende guns by die publiek.

Die resultate aan die einde van die vierde week is interessant:

Die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie het hulle knap gedra, en is grotendeels verantwoordelik vir ons vermeerdering oor verlede jaar. Die Kaapse Konferensie is nie ver agter verlede jaar nie, en sal nog daar verbygaan. Die Kaapse Veld deel die lot van die Konferensie om 'n bietjie agter verlede jaar te wees. Die Sendingvelde het nog net die Europese werkers uitgestuur om in te samel, maar die natuurlike gelowiges het nog skaars begin. Hulle sal nog 'n groot oes instuur.

F. G. CLIFFORD.

Hierdie Jaar Verlede jaar Vermeer. Vermin.

Natal-Transvaal Konferensie	£3442	£2320	£922
Kaapse Konferensie	1550	1601	£51
Kaapse Veld	319	326	7
Noord Bantu Veld	435		435
Suid Bantu Veld	62		62
Suid-Afrikaanse Unie Konferensie	5798	4247	1551

verdubbel of meer as verdubbel het. Hulle verdien spesiale lof. Hulle is: Beaconsfield, Worcester, Loeriesfontein, Retreat, Uitenhage, Beaufort Wes, Cradock, Graaff Reinet, Helderberg, Kimberley, Kingwilliamstown, Pretoria, Germiston, Gezina, Alberton, Lilani, Primrose, Orange Grove, Durban Indiër, Krugersdorp, Bethlehem, Durban, Brakpan, Booyens, Boksburg, Ladysmith, Reitz, Parys, Evaton, Potgietersrust.

Terwyl ons uit die Woord van God die goddelike plan van kerklike organisasie bespreek het, en die lidmate op hulle deur God gegewe verantwoordelikheid in verband met gemeenskaplike byeenkomste, gewys het, het almal van harte saamgestem en tesame nie alleen die gebou, maar ook ons harte, aan die diens van God oorgegee.

Op die Sabbat het ons soos een familie bymekaargekom om gemeenskap met mekaar te geniet rondom die tafel van die Here.

Ons verwag stellig dat hierdie handjievol gelowiges vinnig sal aangroei as gevolg van hulle getroue arbeid om die boodskap te verkondig.

Ons waardeer die bystand van Broeder Oosthuizen van die Suid Bantu-Veld, wat vir ons getolk het tydens die Inwydingsplegtigheid.

W. H. HURLOW.

Helderberg Kollege

Afrikaanse Klub

Die eerste vergadering van 'n onlangs georganiseerde Afrikaanse Kultuurklub is

verlede Sondagand gehou. Die president, Mnr. P. Coetzee, het die voorsitterstoel ingeneem, en die voorgestelde konstitusie gelees, wat eendelk goedkeuring en aangenem is. 'n Paar van die items op die program wat gevolg het, was 'n gedig van A. G. Visser, geresiteer deur Mej. de Gourville; en 'n solo deur Mev. Botes. Ten slotte het die vergadering opgestaan en „Die Stem van Suid-Afrika” gesing.

Die doel van die vereniging, soos geskets in die konstitusie, is om onder Engelse sowel as Afrikaanse studente meer belang en hoër ideale in Afrikaans aan te kweek. Die amptenare wat vir hierdie kwartaal gekies is, is as volg: President, Mnr. P. Coetzee; vice-president, Mnr. D. Baird; sekretaresse, Mej. A. Alkema; assistent sekretaris, Mnr. J. Theron.

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Die „Silver Leaf”

Die veldtog om intekenare te werf vir die „Silver Leaf,” het al begin, en u is al miskien genader vir u halfkroon. Indien nie, maak dan gebruik van hierdie geleentheid om daardie bedraggie aan een van die studente wat u ken, of aan die Sirkulasiebestuurder te stuur. U sal die jaarblad

vroeg in Oktober ontvang. Die veldtog sluit op die 2de Augustus. *Dus moet u dit nou doen.*

N. T. Konferensie

A. N. Ingle President

P. W. Willmore Sekr.-Tes.

Bus 7768, Johannesburg, Tvl.

Nuusbrokkies

GEDENK aan Broeder Eva in sy werk onder die Indiërs in Durban. Ons hoop om weer 'n reeks dienste saam met hulle te hê hierdie lente. Dit is swaar, ontmoedigende werk, en hierdie broeder het u gebede nodig.

ONS maak voorbereidings om in September pogings te hou te Orange Grove, Pretoria, Machadodorp, Messina, Germiston, Senekal, Ficksburg, en as ons nuwe werkers van oorsee kom, verwag ons om in Durban ook 'n poging te hou. Gedenk hierdie pogings en werkers in u gebede.

ONTHOU die kampvergadering wat in die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie sal gehou word in Johannesburg van 7 tot 15 Januarie, 1938. Dit sal miskien moontlik wees dat baie hulle jaarlikse vakansies so kan reël dat hulle hierdie kampvergadering kan bywoon. Dit is waarlik 'n tyd van verkwikking en 'n aangename byeenkoms, sowel as 'n gulde geleentheid om ou vriende en mede-gelowiges te sien.

DIT doen ons genoeë om net 'n paar woordjies te skryf aangaande die vooruitgang van die werk in ons Konferensie. Die skrywer was die afgelope vyf weke in Durban om Oesinsamelingswerk te doen. Ons het meer fondse gekry as verlede jaar, maar tog is die aanhoudende geswoeg nog nodig, as ons die fondse wil hê wat so dringend nodig is. Die oproep om hulp vir mediese doeleindes raak die harte van meeste mense aan. Ons het 'n grappige ondervinding gehad toe ons twee dokters genader het met die versoek om £7-10-0 te gee om een melaatse te help. Hulle was broers, en die een het na die ander een gekyk en gesê: „Wel, ek dink ons sal een uitsoek wat nie so vreeslik siek is nie. Soek vir ons 'n melaatse van £5-5-0 uit.” En dit is die bedrag wat hulle gegee het.

ONS werkers het almal hulle bes gedoen. Dit beteken baie werk vir hulle in die kantoor om die rapporte klaar te kry, en dit sal hulle baie help as almal dadelik die werk wat hulle gedoen het, rapporteer. In die veld was daar 'n groot verskeidenheid van ondervindings. Broeder M. Coetzee, wat insamelingswerk in een van die kleinere Vrystaatse dorpie gedoen het, het teruggekom op sy motorfiets toe hy in 'n ossewa ingery het. Hy ly nou aan 'n gebreekte

seutelbeen en verrekte senings, maar ons is dankbaar om te sê dat hy goeie vordering maak.

ONS waardering word hiermee uitgespreek aan al ons broeders en susters wat soveel belangstelling en ondersteuning aan die lig gebring het in die werk wat nou gedoen word. Onthou dat die klein bietjies help om die groot som vol te maak wat so nodig is vir die onderhoud van die werk.

DIE skrywer het pas 'n week deurgebring om afgeleë lidmate in Natal te besoek. Dit is die eerste keer in meer as 'n jaar. Diegene van ons wat die voorreg het om elke week kerk-toe te gaan, verstaan maar min van die eensaamheid van baie wat op plase is, ver verwyder van almal van dieselfde geloof. Onthou die Here se bevel in Heb.

10:25, „Laat ons ons onderlinge byeenkoms nie versuim soos sommige die gewoonte het nie, maar laat ons mekaar vermaan, en dit des te meer namate julle die dag sien naderkom.” Dit is 'n tydige boodskap vir ons, want ons leef waarlik in ernstige tye. A. N. INGLE.

Kampvergadering-Geloftes

DIT word dringend versoek dat broeders en susters wat kampvergadering-geloftes gemaak het, die geld so spoedig moontlik na die kantoor sal stuur.

ONS maak voorbereidings vir ons lente-pogings. Ons het geld baie nodig, en is afhanklik van ons broeders en susters vir middele om die werk voort te sit. Sorg dat u die merk: „Kampvergadering-Gelofte” daarop sit. A. N. INGLE.

Verslag van die Buurtsending Departement

F. E. POTTER

HOEWEL die aantal wat buurtsendingwerk doen baie klein is, toon die verslag tog vooruitgang onder alle hoofde. Sowat 49% van ons ledetal het tyd aan hierdie werk bestee.

In die volgende verslag word die syfers oor die tydperk 1925-30 vergelyk met die syfers oor die tydperk 1931-36:

Hoofde	1925-1930	1931-1936	Vermeer.
Gemiddelde ledetal	10229	16,735	6,506
Gemiddelde getal kerke	101	152	51
Bybelstudies en dienste	53,551	550,136	496,585
Sendingbesoeke	130,401	861,614	731,213
Persone na Sabbatskool en dienste geneem	9,527	393,747	384,220
Behandeling van siekes	62,032	258,642	196,610
Hulp aan behoeftiges	99,291	493,481	394,190
Kledingstukke aan Behoeftiges	26,946	112,619	85,673
Stukke leesstof versprei	792,798	1,142,182	350,384
Sendingbriewe geskrywe	39,680	88,460	48,780

Dis moeilik om vas te stel presies hoeveel siele as gevolg van hierdie sendingwerk gewin is, maar ons is seker van ten minste 150 wat deur ons leke oor die afgelope ses jaar gewin is.

As ons dink aan die gebrek aan gereëde sendingkonvensies in die kerke, die swak pogings wat gemaak word om die leke behoorlik te organiseer vir sendingwerk, en die feit dat daar kort-kort nuwe sendingsektetarisie aangestel word, is dit wonderbaarlik dat daar nog soveel uitgerig word. Die tyd het egter aangebreek dat ons definitiewe pogings moet aanwend om die be-

ernstige en werkdadige ondersteuning van elke werker in die denominasie nodig. Almal behoort dit as hulle eerste plig te beskou om die leke te besiel en aan te moedig om te werk. Die volgende skriftuur beklemtoon hierdie soort werk:

„En Hy het gegee sommige as apostels, ander as profete, ander as evangeliste, ander as herders en leraars, om die heiliges toe te rus vir hulle dienswerk.” Efe. 4:11, 12.

Hier volg 'n paar wenke hoe om die leke te organiseer, op te lei en aan te moedig vir diens:

(1) Elke evangelis moet besef dat as hy 'n gemeente gestig het, sy werk nog lank nie klaar is aler hy die lede vir sendingwerk georganiseer het, en die belangrikheid om siele te win op die hart van die lidmate gedruk het nie.

(2) Daar behoort jaarliks, so vroeg in die jaar as moontlik, buurtsendingkonvensies in die verskillende kerke gehou te word.

(3) Elke kerk behoort jaarliks van die

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nodige buurtsendingpamflette voorsien te word, waaruit hulle kan leer hoe om buurtsendingwerk te organiseer.

(4) Wanneer konferensiebeamptes op besoek by kerke is, behoort hulle die planne van die kerkraad in verband met sendingwerk na te gaan, en alles in hulle vermoë te doen om 'n groter belangstelling in sendingwerk aan te wakker.

(5) Die konferensies behoort by hulle kerkleiers aan te drijf om die eerste Sabbat van elke maand af te sonder vir 'n sendingdiens, en moet hulle voorsien van die nodige materiaal vir sulke dienste.

(6) Die konferensie sending-sekretaris moet deur middel van die OUTLOOK die sendingprogram gedurig onder aandag van die verskillende kerke bring, deur rapporte, interessante ondervindings mee te deel en bondige artikels oor die verskillende fases van die sendingwerk te plaas.

Ons glo van harte dat as bogemelde wenke getrou en gereëld sou gevolg word, daar baie meer sendingwerk deur die gemeentes gedoen sou word, en as gevolg daarvan sal die lede ook ryker geestelike ervarings opdoen.

Veldtogte

Oesinsameling.—Hierdie veldtog is met die jare met groot sukses bekroon. Oor die afgelope sesjarige tydperk is daar £12,542 meer ingesamel as oor die vorige sesjarige tydperk. Dit beteken 'n gemiddelde jaarlikse vermeerdering van £2,090 oor die afgelope ses jaar. As ons daaraan dink dat die ergste depressiejare in hierdie tydperk geval het, dan is die prestasie nog wonderbaarliker.

„Signs” en „Tekens” Veldtog.—Die jaarlikse veldtog in hierdie verband laat veel te wense oor. As hierdie veldtog op dieselfde grondslag georganiseer sou word as die Oesinsamelingsveldtog, en net so getrou ondersteun sou word deur ons werkers en leke, sou ons die intekenaarslyste aansienlik kan uitbrei.

„Review and Herald” Veldtog.—Die getal wat jaarliks op hierdie blad inteken is betreurenswaardig. Oor die afgelope ses jaar is daar nie eens 200 nuwe intekenaars gewerf nie. Dit sal miskien wenslik wees vir konferensies om in aanraking te kom met al die Engelssprekende lede, ten einde die blad by hulle aan te beveel en hulle te versoek om daarop in te teken.

Ten Besluite

Ten besluite haal ons 'n bekende stukkie uit die Gees van profesie aan: „Die werk van God op hierdie aarde sal nooit voleindig word nie, aler die manne en vroue in ons gemeentes die werk aanpak nie.”—*„Testimonies,” Deel. IX, bl. 117.*

Op die oomblik is daar nie eens vyftig persent van ons kerklede wat sendingwerk doen nie. Ons doen 'n ernstige beroep op ons konferensie- en sendingveldleiers om alles in hulle vermoë te doen om die ander vyftig persent van die kerklede ook aan die werk te kry. Die Buurtsending Departement sê aan u sy volle steun toe.

Departement vir die Verspreiding van Leesstof

F. F. POTTER

DIE rapport onder hierdie hoof is baie bemoedigend, hoewel daar natuurlik nog ruimte vir verbetering is—veral in die Naturelle afdeling.

Boeke Verkoop

Die volgende verslag gee die syfers aan oor die afgelope ses jaar, vergeleke met die vorige sesjarige tydperk:

Kolporteurs	37	42
Bestellings	£90,553 6 1	£93,581 1 11
Afgelewer	£55,409 9 10	£59,143 18 7
Persentasie	61	63

Die waarde van boeke wat oor die afgelope sesjarige tydperk verkoop is, oortref die van die vorige tydperk met £3,734-8-9. Dit is nie 'n groot bedrag nie, maar as ons daaraan dink dat gedeelte van die tydperk sommige van die kwaaieste depressiejare ingesluit het, dan is dit darem nie so sleg nie.

Die puikjaar wat die verkoop van boeke betref in hierdie Divisie, was 1929, toe daar boeke ter waarde van £12,309 van die hand gesit is. Verlede jaar het ons £11,767 bereik—slegs £542 minder as die puikjaar. Hieruit blyk dit dat die departement in 'n gesonde toestand verkeer en vooruitgang toon.

As ons die per capita bedrag neem, sal u sien dat ons taamlik hoog op die lys staan. Die Australasië Unie is die enigste veld wat goed by ons afsteek.

Ons het gesorg dat daar altyd meer godsdienstige boeke verkoop word as mediese boeke. Oor die afgelope ses jaar is daar gemiddeld 62% meer godsdienstige boeke van die hand gesit, vergeleke met mediese boeke; en daar is gemiddeld 54% meer Engelse as Afrikaanse boeke verkoop.

Voorrade

Europese Afdeling.—Die Sentinel Uitgewers-Maatskappy het boeke ter waarde van £5,384 voorradig, wat baie stadig verkoop; dit sluit in ses van die grotere en drie van die kleinere boeke. Die prys van meeste van hierdie boeke is verlaag, sommige tot op 75%, maar selfs dit het tot dusver nie veel gehelp om ontslae te raak van die boeke nie. Dan nog, het hulle 3,450 eksemplare van *Our Changing World* voorradig—hierdie boek verkoop ook onrusbarrend stadig. Ernstige pogings moet aangewend word om hierdie boeke van die hand te sit, selfs teen 'n verlies, anders sal ons later met die boeke opgeskeep sit.

Die feit dat ons gedurende 1936 geen groot boek in Afrikaans in voorraad gehad het nie, het die verkoop-syfer laag gehou. Hierdie jaar sal dit weer die geval wees, want hoewel „Bible Readings” en „The Home Physician” tans in Afrikaans vertaal word, sal die boeke eers vroeg in aanstaande jaar beskikbaar wees. Die mening is dat ons nog een van die kleiner boeke in Afrikaans behoort te hê; daar is voorgestel dat *Our Wonderful Bible* vertaal moet

word. Maar dit sou onverstandig wees om hierdie boek in Afrikaans uit te gee, met die oog op die groot voorraad van „Ons Veranderende Wêreld” wat nog op hande is.

Naturelle Afdeling.—In die Naturelle afdeling hou ons tred met die behoeftes van die veld.

Kolporteurs

Die bresse in die geleedere van ons kolporteurs bring groot besorgdheid mee vir ons veldleiers. Ons getal lidmate is maar baie klein, en onder hulle weer is daar maar min mans. Dit is dus uiters moeilik om geskikte rekrute aan te werf. Die kolporteurwerk van vandag vereis nog groter bekwaamheid en taaier volharding as ooit tevore, en die persentasie manne wat hierteen opgewasse is, is maar baie klein. Die gewoonte wat daar in sommige kringe bestaan om suksesvolle kolporteurs in ander betrekkings aan te stel, is af te keur. As ons glo wat die Gees van profesie omtrent die kolporteurwerk sê, dan behoort alle konferensie presidente en superintendente van sendingvelde te sorg dat hulle kolporteurs-werkkragte in die veld bly.

In 1936 is daar 'n fonds vir Europese hulpbehoewende kolporteurs wat weens 'n ongeluk of siekte verhinder is om te werk. Hierdie fonds maak ook voorsiening sodat kolporteurs dieselfde mediese voorregte kan geniet as die gereëldes werkers. Ons meen dat hierdie fonds tot groot hulp sal wees vir ons kolporteurs in die toekoms.

Gedurende die afgelope sesjarige tydperk het die student-kolporteurs hulle goed van hulle taak gekwyd; daar is ses-en-twintig Europese en veertien Naturelle beurse gewin.

Siele Gered as Gevolg van die Werk van Kolporteurs

Dit is moeilik om te sê presies hoeveel siele daar gewin is as gevolg van die werk van kolporteurs. Ons weet van ten minste dertien Europese en vyf-en-sewentig Naturelle bekeerlinge wat gewin is as die regstreekse gevolg van die kolporteurwerk gedurende die sesjarige tydperk in oorsig.

Vooruitsigte vir die Toekoms

Wat die Europese departement betref voel ons dat ons ons puikjaar, toe ons die bedrag van £12,309 bereik het, nie met meer as 25% sal kan oortref nie, want ons het nie die afsit gebied nie. In die Naturelle afdeling is daar ruimte vir verbetering, want daar is 'n groot afsit gebied wat nog skaars aangeraak is. Dit is bemoedigend om te sien dat die twee sendingvelde binne die Unie elk 'n Europese sekretaris aangestel het. Ons glo dat hulle binnekort 'n aansienlike getal kolporteurs in die veld sal hê. By 1939 behoort ons 'n groot verbetering in die Naturelle afdeling te sien.

In die noorde is die kolporteurwerk baie beperk weens die feit dat so baie van die Naturelle ongeletterd is, en ook maar baie min verdien. Daar word goeie werk gedoen in die Samesie Unie, en tot 'n sekere mate ook in die S. O. A. Unie, maar in die Kongo en Angola Unies word daar nie veel lees-

stof aan die Naturelle verkoop nië. Ons meen dat daar in die Kongo meer gedoen kan word, en ek hoop om daardie gebied te besoek om ondersoek in te stel. Twee Europese kolporteurs uit Portugal het Angola besoek en hulle het heelwat leesstof onder die Portugese in Angola versprei.

Ten besluite wil ek 'n dringende beroep doen op ons werkers om hulle hartlike samewerking sodat ons ons kolporteurwerk kragte kan vermeerder ten einde ons leesstof te versprei, wat so baie oor die ganse wêreld doen om die werk van God te verkondig.



Aanbevelings van die Departement vir die Verspreiding van Leesstof

In Sake: Voltydse en Deeltydse Kolporteurs

AANGESIEN daar nie duidelikheid bestaan oor wat bedoel word deur voltydse en deeltydse Europese kolporteurs;

Besluit ons dat iemand wat in die toekoms 'n proeftyd van ses maande deurgemaak het en wat daarna nie minder as 120 uur per maand gedurende die jaar aan kolporteurwerk bestee (die tyd deurgebring op konsensies, kampdienste en vakansies uitgeslote), as gereelde kolporteur beskou sal word.

En diegene wat nie minder as tien uur per week gedurende die jaar werk, sal as deeltydse kolporteurs beskou word.

Die Kolporteurs Moet in die Skole Aangekweek Word

AANGESIEN daar gedurig groot behoefte is aan goeie leiers in die Departement vir die Verspreiding van Leesstof

Beveel ons aan dat daar 'n beroep gedoen word op ons leiers op onderwysgebied om gedurig die belangrikheid en die waardigheid van die werk om siele te win deur middel van die leesstofbediening, die gulde geleentheid wat daar is om betrekkings te vul as kolporteurs en veldleiers, aan ons jongmense voor te hou.

Met hierdie doel voor oë

Beveel ons verder aan: (a) Dat daar kolporteursverenigings gestig word in ons kollege, nie later as die begin van die tweede half-jaar nie.

(b) Dat daar, waar moontlik, 'n kursus in Evangelisasie deur middel van Leesstof by die kurrikulum gevoeg word.

(c) Dat die feit dat daar studiebeurse kan verdien word deur middel van die kolporteurwerk gedurig voor die studente gehou moet word, asook die feit dat sulke werk goeie opleiding verskaf vir toekomstige leierskap in die leesstofbediening, sowel as finansiële hulp gedurende die kollege jare.

Kortings en Toelae aan Boek-Depôts

AANGESIEN daar van die plaaslike konferensies se Boek-Depôts verwag word dat hulle volle verantwoordelikheid sal aan-

vaar vir alle skuld en verliese in verband met hulle voorrade, hetsy van die kant van kerke of kolporteurs, en

AANGESIEN daar nie voldoende toelae aan Depôts gemaak word om selfgenoegsaam te wees nie, en

AANGESIEN die Depôts nie die korting kry van die Uitgewers-Maatskappy op sekere soorte leesstof, soos aanbeveel deur die Wêreldkonferensie se betrokke departement nie,

Beveel ons aan dat die Divisie versoek word om die kortings wat tans aan Boek-Depôts toegestaan word deur die Sentinel Uitgewers-Maatskappy, in oorsig te neem.

Kolporteurslisensies

AANGESIEN daar 'n aantal kolporteurs is wat boeke verkoop sonder in besit te wees van die nodige lisensie soos deur die wet voorgeskryf,

Beveel ons aan dat die uitvoerende komitees van alle konferensies en sendingvelde daarop sal aandring dat alle kolporteurs die vereistes van die wet sal nakom wat die uitneming van lisensies betref en dat hulle sal toesien dat alle kolporteurs in besit van lisensies is.

Fonds vir Tydelike Hulp aan Europese Kolporteurs

Ons beveel aan dat die bepalinge van bogenoemde Fonds as volg gewysig word:

1. Dat die bewoording van paragraaf 1, sub-artikel (c) wat as volg lees:

„Dat alle gereelde kolporteurs wat graag hulp uit die fonds wil ontvang, versoek word om een persent van hulle netto inkomste in die fonds te stort, en dat hulle hulle Boek-Depôts daartoe magtig om die bedrag maandeliks af te trek,” as volg gewysig sal word:

„Van alle kolporteurs word verwag dat hulle een persent van hulle netto inkomste in die fonds sal stort, watter bedrag deur die betrokke Boek-Depôts elke maand sal afgetrek word.”

2. Dat die volgende nuwe sub-artikel (f) onder artikel 1 gevoeg sal word:

„In gevalle waar 'n kolporteur nie sy rekening vereffen het nie en in skuld is by die Boek-Depôt (die voorrade in sy besit bygereken) is hy nie geregtig op enige hulp uit die fonds nie.”

3. Dat daar in paragraaf 2 van sub-artikel (c) tussen die woorde „kolporteurs” en „mediese onkoste,” die volgende woorde ingevoeg word: „of lede van sy gesin.”

Huishuur Toelae aan Kolporteurs

AANGESIEN huishuur in die groter dorpe baie hoog is, en

AANGESIEN daar verskeie van ons getroue kolporteurs is wat nie hele huishuur kan bekostig nie,

Beveel ons aan dat daar in gevalle van kolporteurs wat oor 'n tydperk van ses maande 120 uur per maand aan kolporteurwerk bestee het, en wat boeke ter waarde van £20 per maand (kleinhandel) van die hand gesit het, 'n huishuur-toelae gemaak word op dieselfde grondslag as in die geval van konferensiewerkers.

Rapport van die Huishoudelike Kommissie

MEV. J. F. WRIGHT

Die Huishoudelike Kommissie is in 1919 ingestel, maar het in 1922 eers in werking getree — toe daar definitiewe stappe geneem is by die Wêreldkonferensiesitting in San Francisco vir die verwesenliking daarvan.

Die werk van die Huishoudelike Kommissie soos destyds beskryf, is in die eerste plek, 'n samesmelting van die werk wat alreeds in die belang van huishoudelike sake gedoen geword het deur wêreldkonferensie departemente; en in die tweede plek om in die behoeftes te voorsien waarvoor nog nie voorsiening gemaak was nie, soos, byvoorbeeld die gebied van die vroeë huislike lewe — deur middel van korrespondensie, leesstof, inrigtings, en sulke plaaslike organisasies en studie as wat raadsaam geag word.

Sedert daardie tyd is daar baie waardevolle en hulpvaardige leesstof uitgegee, wat handel oor kinderverorsorging en huishouding. Plaaslike verenigings is in baie kerke gestig onder die name van „Ouersvergaderinge,” „Moedersbonde,” „Huis- en Skool-Vereniginge,” ens. Hierdie werk is begin onder die kerke soos al die ander departemente van ons organisasie, maar vandag is die natuurlike en inboorlinge baie begerig om in hierdie rigting gehelp te word.

Soos ons verstaan, het die Buurtsending-Sekretaris van die Sjinese Divisie, bygestaan deur ander werkers, in die blaie wat in die landstaal uitgegee word, studies gepubliseer oor die Christelike huis en die opvoeding van kinders. Die naburige Filippynse Eilande het hulle voorbeeld gevolg, en nou word daar baie goeie werk gedoen deur ouersverenigings, vir wie spesiale lesse voorberei word deur hulle Huishoudelike-Kommissie Sekretaris en andere.

In die Suidelike-Afrikaanse Divisie, die terrein waarin ons die meeste geïnteresseerd is, is daar in die verlede veel gedoen vir die natuurlike deur die vrouens van die sendelinge van die verskillende stasies. En ek moet byvoeg dat die werk grootliks self-onderhoudend gewees het.

Sommige van ons opleidingskole, egter, het groot vordering gemaak in hierdie rigting, en baie van die kleiner stasies is ernstig om hierdie fase van die werk te versterk.

Met die doel om die huislike lewe van ons mense te verbeter deur opheffingswerk onder die natuurlike te doen, het die Divisie-Komitee bietjie meer as 'n jaar gelede 'n voorstel aangeneem om die Huishoudelike-Kommissie in die lewe te roep en te ondersteun. Beide die werkers in die plaaslike velde en die natuurlike self het hiermee ingewillig. Die teenswoordige orgaan van verbinding, waarmee meeste van u seker bekend is, is die *Home Commission Exchange*. In die meeste van ons opleidingskole word daar kursusse gegee in huishoudelike werk, en op sommige plekke

word die mansmense ook geleer. Ons voel dat hulle ook moet weet wat 'n ideale Christelike huis is voordat hulle hulle eie huis opsit, en ons hoop om in die toekoms goeie resultate in hierdie rigting te hê.

Die *Zambesi Union Missionary* bevat artikels oor „die Hervorming van die Huislike Lewe” met die oogmerk om die lesers in staat te stel om die grondbeginsels van goeie huishouding beter te verstaan.

Die kinders is hoegenaamd nie die onbelangrikste deel van die huishoudelike lewe nie, al is hulle klein van gestalte, en dus toon die Suid-Oos Afrikaanse-Unie sy belangstelling in die lammertjies van die kudde deur spesiale lesse vir die kinders in die kwartaal-blaaie van die grootmense te plaas.

Daar die Huishoudelike-Kommissie bedoel is om elke familielid te help, word dit geleer dat die deugde van gehoorsaamheid, eerbiedigheid, getrouheid, self-beheersing, eerlikheid, waarheidlewendheid, liefde, reinheid en gebed in die huis moet aangekweek en beoefen word.

Die werk van die huis en die werk van die kerk is wederkerig. Die een help die ander. Terwyl die kerk sy lidmate inspireer om reg te lewe en goeie lede van die huisgesin te wees, maak die goeie huislike lewe weer beter kerklede, want die huis verskaf die materiaal waaruit die kerklede bestaan. Om beter kerke te hê, moet ons dus beter huise hê, en om beter huise te hê, moet ouers opgevoed word vir hierdie belangrike werk. Dit sal totaal niks help om vir ouers te sê: „Julle moet goed wees, en julle kinders leer om goed te wees,” nie. Dit sal hulle nie veel help nie. Hulle moet onderlig word en geleer word hoe om dit te doen. Op bl. 276 van *Education*, sê Suster White, „Nooit sal opvoeding alles uitvoer wat dit behoort nie, tensy die belangrikheid van die ouers se werk ten volle besef word, en hulle opgelei word vir hulle plegtige verantwoordelikheid.”

„Die werk van die ouers is die grondslag van al die ander werk. Daar is geen belangriker arbeidsveld as die wat aan die stigters en instandhouders van die huisgesin toevertrou is nie.”—*„Ministry of Healing,”* bls. 449, 351.

Die dokters sê dat die algemeenste kwaal van vandag hartkwaal is. Ly die kerk nie ook aan hierdie siekte nie? Die wyse man gee hierdie raad: „Bewaak jou hart meer as alles wat bewaar moet word (want daaruit is die oorsprong van die lewe.” Spr. 4:23. In haar kommentaar oor hierdie teks, sê die diensmaag van die Here: „Die hart van die gemeente, van die kerk en van die volk is die *huisgesin*.”—*„Ministry of Healing,”* bl. 349. As dit die geval is, behoort die kerk met alle ywer sy hart, wat die huisgesin is, te bewaak.

Ons stem almal saam dat dit waar is, en dat ons dit behoort te doen, en ons wil dit ook graag doen. Maar die vraag is: „Waar is die tyd daarvoor?” Almal is so druk besig! Wie is daar wat tyd het om in hulle eie terrein daarmee aan te gaan.

Die Raad moet hierdie vrae beantwoord en voorstelle maak.

Ons het vyf opleidingskole in die Divisie. Op die Gitwe Sendingstasie in Ruanda, is Sr. Giddings aan die hoof van die meidjies, en daar is 24 onder haar.

In Angola het Mej. R. Visser 42 onder haar bestuur te Bongo. Sy bestee die helfte van haar tyd aan hierdie werk, en die ander helfte gebruik sy om onderwys te gee aan die blanke kinders op die stasie.

In Niassaland wy Mej. Rena Curtis al haar tyd aan die natuurlike kinders waarvan

daar 92 is. Op dieselfde plek sorg Mev. Virgil Robinson vir die vroueafdeling.

Op Solusi is Mej. E. Wright werksaam, waar sy al haar tyd aan die 56 jongmeide spandeer.

Op Spioenkop word daar nog nie 'n gereelde kursus in huishoudkunde gegee nie, maar ek verstaan hulle sal binnekort daarmee begin.

Op Rusanu, N.-Rhodesië, hoewel dit nie 'n opleidingskool is nie, is daar 'n gereelde werkster wat toesig hou oor 50 jongmeide.

Rapport van die Onderwys Departement

MILTON ROBISON

Dit doen ons genoë om vandag die rapport van die Onderwysdepartement van die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie vir die sesjarige tydperk sedert ons laaste sitting in te dien.

Die verslag van vooruitgang in ons werk gedurende hierdie periode is merkwaardig, en ons kan dit slegs aanneem as bewys van die leierskap van God in hierdie beweging, en van die stewigheid van die organisasie en geldsake wat ontwikkel het onder Sy leiding. Ons kan slegs uitroep: „Kyk, wat God gedoen het!” en opnuut ons lewes toewy aan ons God en Hom vra dat ons altyd daardie leiding sal volg in iedere besonderheid.

Tenspyte van die probleme en moeilikhede wat ons opvoedingswerk gedurende die pas verstreke ses jaar ondervind het, is ons in staat om vooruitgang te rapporteer:

in Sewende-dag Adventiste Skole dwarsdeur die wêreld is 31% in die Noordelike Amerikaanse Divisie, en 26.4% in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie. Die orige 42.6% is versprei onder die ander nege Divisies, waarvan die grootste 7½% het.

Skole

In 1924 was daar 195 skole in die Divisie. Teen 1930 was hierdie getal 326, 'n vermeerdering van 131.

Die volgende sesjarige tydperk het 'n vermeerdering van 299 skole getoon, sodat die totaal 625 behaal het. Dus kan u sien dat die getal skole amper verdubbel het sedert 1930.

Onderwysers

In 1924 was daar 311 leerkragte, in 1930 was daar 355. Dus was die vermeerdering

	1924 <i>Leerlinge</i>	1930 <i>Leerlinge</i>	1936 <i>Leerlinge</i>
Naturelle en Bruinmense	10,908	18,944	28,301
Blankes	130	208	304
Totaal	11,038	19,152	28,605

Die vermeerdering in die getal leerlinge gedurende die ses jaar geëindig in 1930, was 8,114. Die vermeerdering gedurende die vorige ses jaar was 9,453. Dus het ons gedurende die depressie-jare ons gewone vermeerdering behou en selfs 'n groter vermeerdering as die vorige periode behaal.

Ek was verwonderd om uit te vind dat ons meer leerlinge op ons registers het as enige ander Divisie buitekant Amerika. Volgens die laaste rapporte van die Wêreld-konferensie sien ons die volgende:

In Noord-Amerika is daar in

Kerkskole	16,987
Middelbare Skole	3,416
Opleidingskole en Kolleges	13,140

Die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie het 'n totaal van 28,597 en die derde grootste getal is die Noordelike Europese Divisie met 8,223.

Van die totale getal leerlinge van 108,200 44. Vandag het ons 744 leerkragte, 64 meer as tweemaal soveel as in 1930. Ons het ons getal skole byna verdubbel en die getal leerkragte meer as verdubbel tenspyte van die swaar tye. Dit is wonderbaarlik in ons oë, en ek kan u verseker dat dit nie sonder opoffering teweeggebring is nie. Vervul met die gees van hierdie boodskap, het 'n aantal van hierdie werkers uitgegaan op hulle eie onkoste, daar hulle gewillig was om in geloof voort te gaan as hulle maar net in die werk van God kan wees. Baie van hierdie selfonderhoudende werkers het uitstekende werk gedoen, en selfs 'n voorbeeld gewees vir die gereelde werkers in Christelike arbeid en resultate van geredde siele.

Deur middel van ons dorpskooltjies kom ons in aanraking met die mense. Bybel-klasse word gevorm, en kandidate voorberei

vir die doop. U het miskien al prentjies van hierdie getroue onderwysers gesien, waar elkeen met sy klompie na die kampvergaderings kom — met die kosbare siele wat hulle gewen het. Op baie plekke moet hierdie onderwysers onder baie ongunstige omstandighede werk. Ons leerkragte is glad te min, daar ons gemiddeld 37 leerlinge per onderwyser het. Ons weet dat baie onderwysers aansukkel met meer leerlinge as wat hulle kan behartig. Ek weet van party skole waar een onderwyser probeer om 125 of meer leerlinge op te lei.

Dikwels is die geboue en toerusting uiters ondoeltreffend, en is die onderwyser se taak baie moeilik. In sommige dele van die Divisie is daar egter vordering te bespeur wat betref die standaard van die werk, en die werkaangeleenthede. Ek was baie in my skik met die Modelskole en statte wat ek in Niassaland aangetref het, sowel as die Christelike dorpies in Angola en in die Sambesi-Unie. Die Jeanes opgeleide onderwysers is tot groot nut waar hulle ook mag geplaas word.

Opleidingskole

Ek haal aan uit die rapport van die Opvoeding-Sekretaris tydens die Raadsitting in 1931:

„Ek is bly om te kan rapporteer dat dit my oortuiging is dat ons nou begin insien dat die opleidingskool die spil is waarom, nie alleen die opvoedingswerk, maar ook al die ander afdelings van die werk, draai, en dat ons moet begin om stappe te neem om hierdie krygskundige vestings te versterk. Ek sê ons moet begin — en hoop dat die Unie Komitees en Bestuursrade in die toekoms ernstiger aandag daaraan sal wy tot-dit die tyd aanbreek dat ons Opleidingskole 'n groot aantal gekwalifiseerdes sal uitstuur.”

In elke veld is die opleidingskole versterk. Nuwe geboue is opgerig, en die staf en toerusting is uitgebrei. Die leerlinge het vermeerder, en daar is mere opgeleide werkers uitgestuur om in die behoeftes van die veld te voorsien.

Die werk vir die vrouens en meisies geniet spesiale aandag in verskillende dele van die Divisie, en die resultate is baie bemoedigend.

Helderberg het vanjaar de grootste ledestal in sy geskiedenis. Die uitbreiding van die inrigting is bemoedigend, en as 'n mens vandag oor die randjie ry lê die geboue en tuinrye daar wat 'n tydjie gelede slegs in die plan en skets van die argitek bestaan het. Daar is, om die waarheid te sê, nou al meer as wat die eerste plan ingesluit het. Die nuutste ontwikkeling is die nuwe Junior Hostel, wat somer uit die staan-spoor 'n volslae sukses is.

Ten slotte wil ek graag 'n paar van die baie probleme waarmee ons te kampe het, opnoem:

1. Hoe om kinders in die skool te hou sodat hulle hulle werk kan voortsit in die hoër standers. Die verslae toon 'n verbetering in hierdie opsig, maar baie kinders

word uitgeneem na die eerste paar standers.

2. Beter aangeleenthede en beter toesig oor slaapkamers en eetkamers in ons natuurlike-skole.

3. Hoe om die werk vir vrouens en meisies te versterk; die opstel van 'n huishoudelike program.

4. Die moontlikhede vir beter platte-landse geboue.

5. 'n Goeie bou-program vir dorpskole.

6. Hernude pogings om ons blanke kerk-skoolwerk te versterk, en die aangeleenthede te verbeter.

7. Ontwikkeling van hoëre beroepsopleiding te Helderberg.

8. Hersiening van sillabusse.

9. Om alle Unies van 'n opvoedingsdeskundige te voorsien so gou as moontlik, sodat hy 'n aansienlike deel van sy tyd aan die bevordering van opvoeding kan bestee.

10. Sorgvuldige studie van die algemene doel en oogmerke van ons opvoedingswerk, en die spesiale strewe van verskillende soorte skole.



Die Prys van Verlossing

E. M. MELEEN

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Dit was 7 v.m. Vergesel van Leraar D. W. Hunter, superintendent van die Telugu Sending, het ek met die Oesinsamelingswerk in die dorp Ellore begin. Terwyl ons in die stowwige strate stap het dit hard begin te reën, met die gevolg dat ons in die naaste huis ingegaan het vir beskutting. Soos gewoonlik is ons gasvry ontvang hoewel ons ongenooi gekom het. Daar dit die huis van betreklik welgestelde mense was, het die huis 'n hele paar kamers gehad, waarvan almal groter as die gemiddelde soort huise van die armes was.

Op die vloer, in een van hierdie kamers het 'n jong man gesit, wat vir al wat hy wêrd was in 'n oefeningboek, soos die wat dikwels deur klein kinders in die skool gebruik word, sit en skryf het. Vanwaar ons gestaan het, het dit gelyk of hy dieselfde letter oor en oor op die een lyn na die ander geskryf het. Waarlik, het ons gedink, dit kan nie 'n oefening in die skryfkuns wees of 'n spelles nie. Ons het dus gebruikgemaak van die gasvryheid en vriendelikheid, nader geloop en gevra, „Wat skryf jy?”

„Ek skryf die naam Shree Rama” was die antwoord.

„En waarom skryf jy dit so baie keer?”

„Ek probeer om hierdie naam 'n crore (tien miljoen) maal te skryf.”

„En as jy dit nou 'n crore maal geskryf het, wat gaan jy dan maak?”

„Dan sal ek 'n pelgrimsreis onderneem na Puri om die boeke daar in die tempel te gaan plaas.”

„Waarom wil jy dit dan graag doen?”

„Omdat, as ek hierdie boeke in die tempel gaan sit het, met Skree Rama se naam crore maal in hulle geskryf, my sonde sal

vergewe wees, en ek ewige geluk met die volgende geboorte kan hê.”

„Hoelank werk jy daeliks daaraan?”

„Twee of drie uur en soms meer as ek tyd het.”

„Weet jy hoe lank jy sal moet werk om die naam soveel maal te skryf?”

„Ek het dit nog nie uitgerekene nie, maar gee nie om hoe lank dit sal wees nie.”

Ons het die bladsye van elke boek getel, die getal lyne op elke bladsy, en deur te bereken hoeveel tyd nodig was om een bladsy op te vul, was ons gou in staat om hierdie jong man mee te deel dat sy ontsaglike taak niks minder as veertig jaar sou neem nie, en dat hy op die voltooiing daarvan twee-en-sestig jaar oud sou wees. Oënskynlik verbaas oor onse uitvinding, het hy geantwoord, „Ek sal dus harder en vinniger moet werk, sodat ek dit in twintig jaar kan klaarkry.”

„Maar hoe weet jy dat jy sal leef tot jy meer as sestig jaar oud is?” het ons gevra.

„As ek dit nie regkry nie, sal my sonde nie vergewe word nie, en dan sal ek maar weer in 'n ander vleeswording probeer,” was die geduldige antwoord.

Kort na ons besoek aan hierdie jongman, het ons in die koerante 'n verslag gelees van 'n ou man wat 'n dergelike taak vol-eind het, en met grote plegtigheid baie karvragte boeke met crore afskrifte van hierdie naam afgelewer het. Hy het sy hele lewe aan daardie werk bestee.

Ons probeer om die hart en verstand van die mense van sulke ydele dinge weg te kry. In plek daarvan gee ons hulle die evangelie van verlossing deur Christus. 'n Milde Dertiende-Sabbat offerande sal ons help in hierdie werk.



„Ons behoort ag te slaan op die woorde van Paulus: „Maar jy, man van God, . . . Stry die goeie stryd van die geloof, gryp na die ewige lewe.” 1 Tim. 6:11, 12. As ons wil neutraal bly in die geestelike stryd is ons verlore.”

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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.

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- CAMPAIGN TIDINGS -

Appreciation

The splendid efforts put forth by workers and lay-members in the South African Union on behalf of the 1937 Harvest Ingathering campaign have been very gratefully appreciated by the Home Missionary Department of the Southern African Division. We take this opportunity of extending to all who took part in the campaign our very sincere thanks.

The campaign was a model of good leadership and willing followership. May heaven's rich blessing be added to the funds received, and may the contacts made between God's people and the public prove fruitful in extending His kingdom on earth.

F. E. POTTER.

Waardering

Die uitstekende dienste van die werkers en leke gedurende die 1937 Oesinsamelingsveldtog word ten seerste gewaardeer deur die Buurtsending-departement van die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie. By hierdie geleentheid wil ons ons hartlike dank betuig aan almal wat deel gehad het in die veldtog.

Wat leierskap betref, asook ondersteuning van die kant van die leke, was die veldtog 'n skitterende sukses. Mag die Here die middele ryklik seën wat ingesamel is, en mag die aanraking van Gods volk met die publiek daartoe bydra om Sy koninkryk op die aarde uit te brei.

F. E. POTTER.

Ingathering Notes

At the end of the fourth week twenty churches are over their goals and eleven have doubled or more than doubled their goals. They really deserve special mention. They are: Beaconsfield, Worcester, Loeriesfontein, Retreat, Uitenhage, Beaufort West, Cra-

year than last year, and that some of the churches were unable to start on time owing to supplies being late in reaching them.

THE Natal-Transvaal Conference has given splendid service, and is primarily re-

Natal-Transvaal Conference	£3442	£2320	£922	
Cape Conference	1550	1601		£51
Cape Field	319	326		7
North Bantu Field	435		435	
South Bantu Field	62		62	
South African Union Conference	5798	4247	1551	

dock, Graaff Reinet, Helderberg, Kimberley, Kingwilliamstown, Pretoria, Germiston, Gezina, Alberton, Lilani, Primrose, Orange Grove, Durban Indian, Krugersdorp, Bethlehem, Durban, Brakpan, Booyens, Boksburg, Ladysmith, Reitz, Parys, Evaton, Potgietersrust.

This increase over last year becomes enlightening when it is remembered that the workers started seventeen days later this

sponsible for our increase over last year. The Cape Conference is very little behind last year and will yet exceed last year. The Cape Field shares with the Cape Conference in being a little behind last year. The Mission Fields have had their European workers Ingathering, but their native believers have barely started work. They will yet send in a large overflow.

F. G. CLIFFORD.