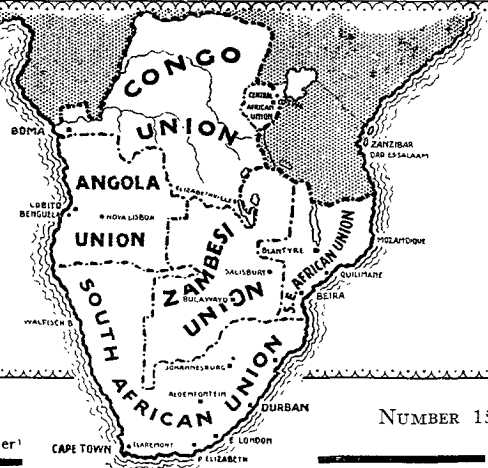


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## Missionary Volunteer Week

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The present is pre-eminently the age of youth. Never before have young people been accorded the privileges that they enjoy today. Never before have such weighty responsibilities rested upon the shoulders of young men and young women. In every country the youth are being mobilised and drilled for service. Both East and West are crowning youth with new power and glory. Japan and China are systematically training young men and young women for effective national service. Germany has its Hitler Youth movement. Italy is organising even small children for military manoeuvres. Just before his retirement from the premiership, Mr. Stanley Baldwin made a stirring appeal to the youth of the Empire, and gave them a solemn charge as the defenders of democracy. The Roman Church has a world organisation of "Catholic Youth." The Boy Scouts and Girl Guides are modern youth movements that have become practically universal.

At such a time as this the youth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are called of God to the highest service, the greatest responsibility, and to a supreme destiny. The world is on the verge of ruin. God calls the Advent youth to be His swift, trusty, and dauntless couriers to carry the final message of mercy to a perishing world. If dictators can challenge the

youth to the defence of patriotic ideals, and drill them for concerted national action, surely the leaders of the Advent message should be able to inspire our youth to a consecration of life and purpose to the higher, and no less heroic and romantic service in the cause of Christ. And they, too, must be drilled and disciplined for this most responsible of all commissions entrusted to modern youth.

"In order that the work may go forward in all its branches, God calls for youthful vigour, zeal, and courage. He has chosen the youth to aid in the advancement of His cause. To plan with clear mind and execute with courageous hand demands fresh, uncrippled energies. Young men and women are invited to give God the strength of their youth, that through the exercise of their powers, through keen thought and vigorous action, they may bring glory to Him and salvation to their fellow men."—"Gospel Workers," p. 67.

We appeal to every evangelist, pastor, church elder, Missionary Volunteer leader, and to the teachers in our schools to make the 1937 Missionary Volunteer Week the most inspiring and spiritually helpful occasion for our children and youth that it is possible for us, by God's grace, to make it. God bless our youth!

L. L. MOFFITT.

Missionary Volunteer Secy., So. Af. Division.

# "THE FIELDS ARE WHITE"

## Colporteur Rally Day, August 21

### A Message from Headquarters

F. E. POTTER



Another Colporteur Rally Day. How quickly the time speeds by. What have we to tell you this year? Why, a record of progress that will cheer your hearts and, surely, inspire you to have some part in this great and fruitful ministry.

In 1930, financial depression swept over the world and from 1931 to 1933 we found our progress greatly retarded. Sales dropped from £18,407 in 1930 (the banner year in this Division) to £12,159 in 1933. The struggle back to normal has been a gruelling one and much praise is due to our sturdy colporteurs for the fine spirit of endurance and perseverance displayed. The figures below reflect, in cold business fashion, the nature of the struggle:

1930 .....	£18,407
1931 .....	£17,125*
1932 .....	£14,102*
1933 .....	£12,159*
1934 .....	£15,702
1935 .....	£15,863
1936 .....	£18,625†

\*Depression years.

†New Banner Year.

And now for the first six months of 1937, we show the handsome surplus of £1,300 over the same period of 1936. This year also bids fair to become a new banner year.

So much for the financial aspect of the work. We do not often harp on this side of it, although it must always be remembered that books sold mean souls warned—and that is our task.

From all corners of the Division field come inspiring reports of people discovered who have found their way

to Christ through the reading of one or other of our books and papers. The silent messengers of truth may be long neglected. Cheek by jowl with mundane acquaintances they may fret beneath the dust on some forgotten shelf. But, eventually, under the direction of unseen watchers, they accomplish that which the Lord pleases, and prosper in the work they were sent to do.

Other contributors to this page tell of the needs in the literature ministry today. It needs simple, honest-hearted, sturdy-spirited men and women of faith who will launch out with our publications and believe that the Spirit of God will direct them, and holy angels go before them to the dwellings of the people preparing the way for them. Are there no such men and women in the ranks of Seventh-day Adventists today? Is the Waldensian spirit not to be found in our midst? Has the spirit of sacrifice departed from among us? Is the spirit of adventure dead in our ranks? No! a thousands times no! The present field force of colporteurs of both sexes is evidence that such stalwarts exist—but we need more of them. Pardon—**God's cause needs more of them.**

To the divine call of the hour, "Who will go for us?" what will your answer be?

"Lift up the standard; and let the self-denying and the self-sacrificing, the lovers of God and of humanity, join the army of workers. Let them come, not expecting ease but to be brave and of good courage under reproofs and hardships. Let those come who can give a good report of our publications, because they themselves appreciate their value."—*"Colporteur Evangelist,"* page 57.

Remember—there is room for all to have a part in the literature ministry. Write to your conference office and get full particulars of how you can have a part.

### Books as Soul-winners

H. M. SPARROW

So many times we hear the expression "I came into the Truth through reading a certain book." Not once or twice, but times without number our workers have been forbidden an entrance to a certain home. Yet, there may be a member of the family who is greatly interested in one particular point of our message. The only solution to the problem is to persuade them to buy "Bible Readings," or "God's Answers," or some other good book which will answer the questions of an anxious soul.

Such has been the case recently with Pastor Ben, our native Field Missionary Secretary. An important member of a certain family died, and the question of "The State of the Dead" was daily discussed. Ministers of different religions endeavoured to comfort the sorrowing loved ones, with the old story of "He is in Heaven." This theory, of course, would not stand the Bible test, so one day, Pastor Ben and a colporteur arrived in the village. It was not long before they were confronted with this question. When the members of the family found that our colporteur had his Bible with him, and could use "God's Answers to Man's Questions" to give them an answer to all of their questions, it was not long before they sold five copies of that book in the vicinity. Today, there is a strong Adventist community in that village. Thank God, our books can go where many preachers have been forbidden to enter.

If you follow our colporteurs in the South East African Union, you will find them around the cotton markets when the cotton is being sold by thousands of the village natives. He will be found exhibiting his stock of books, and perhaps sell 10/- worth of books in one day. Although his profit is very small, yet he is happy to be doing something towards the spreading of this Truth-filled literature.

Every year we have large tobacco markets where thousands of native people bring their tobacco for sale. Here again you will find our colporteurs. Although our literature is anything but encouraging to tobacco growers, for it condemns their trade, yet our books are in demand. Their message-filled pages in the native language, create a desire to know more about the life beyond. There is no other society that produces literature, in the vernacular, without having a tinge of some questionable fairy tale. Consequently, we are able to place before the people a pure and undefiled literature through our books.

Our greatest need at present is more literature in the vernacular. If we could

# ALREADY TO HARVEST"

have "The Marked Bible," "Ella Simpson," and a few others of the same size, on different points of our message, it would be a great help to our sixteen colporteurs, in placing before the masses, our Truth and Message for this time, as well as provide them with a living. May God bless our band of faithful colporteurs throughout the world field.



## With the "Advance Guard" in the Zambesi Union Mission

J. B. COOKS



VAST stretches of territory in this Union unoccupied by Seventh-day Adventist workers, challenge the "Advance Guard" of this movement. Giant obstacles confront us in the diversity of languages used, and the poverty and illiteracy of the Native people, but we

recognise that God's day for the promulgation of His final message has dawned. We see abundant evidence that God has set His hand to finish the work quickly and that He is employing this ministry to a greater extent than ever.

Last year we commenced the operation of a plan whereby we print thousands of copies of tracts in the various Native languages, on the cardinal points of our doctrine, and distribute these in conjunction with our Annual Harvest Ingathering Campaign. We are confident that this project will yield amazing results.

Although there are many people in these areas who are illiterate, we are surprised that there are not many more. This is another of those outstanding evidences that God has laid the plans for the proclamation of His final warning.

Northern Rhodesia has been a closed field for many years. Long have we prayed and worked for permission to enter there. Just recently a letter arrived from the government stating that restrictions have been removed. Thank God another field is ready for the gospel seed as sown by our colporteurs.

In Southern Rhodesia our colporteurs are carrying the printed message into the hills and forests, far removed from the highways of civilisation. One significantly wrote of a visit to "edge of beyond," where the people welcomed him and his message and where he spent a few days disposing of his

literature by day and preaching to the people by night.

At present we have more colporteurs in the field, and are distributing more literature here than ever before, but our greatest encouragement comes from the spirit of evangelism which has gripped the hearts of our workers. At our last Colporteur Institute every man reported some persons interested in the truth. One reports thirty-four persons, another twenty-six, while the others have lesser numbers whom they are instructing preparatory to baptism.

We take new courage in the following message from God. "If they will surrender all to Him, He will work mightily for them. They will plan the Standard of truth upon fortresses till then held by Satan, and with shouts of victory take possession of them. They bear the scars of battle, but there comes to them the comforting message that the Lord will lead them on conquering and to conquer."—C. E. p. 70.



## The Call of the Hour



C. S. PIKE

"We cannot too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser many would never hear the warning." These solemn words of the servant of the Lord should stir us. They are addressed to the people of God, and are therefore a challenge to us. It is with these words constantly before them that our small force of workers in the Cape Conference is pressing on in their endeavour to sound the message of Jesus' soon coming.

We have four major towns in our field, three of which are being worked by resident colporteurs. Who will come forth to work the fourth one? In the country we have only two colporteurs to sound the message among the hundreds of small towns

and villages and thousands of farms. At least four more men are urgently needed. Where can we get them? The only source of supply we have is our conference membership. Who will step forth from our churches to answer this urgent appeal? God has His workmen in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man. The call of this hour is for more consecrated men and women to enter the ranks of the literature ministry and help evangelise the territory within their own conference.

The colporteurs in this field are happy in their work. True, it is an exacting work but the blessedness of seeing souls won from sin is ample reward for all the hardships undergone and the sacrifices made.

Silently the books are doing their work as messengers of truth. Again and again we come across men and women who purchased a book from some unknown colporteur years ago and who, under the direction of God's spirit have read themselves into this blessed Message.

There is room within the ranks of the Cape Conference literature ministry for several consecrated men and women. "There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing" so come along brethren and sisters and have a part in the closing stages of the great controversy and win some souls to go with you into the kingdom.



## The Problem of Recruits

N. COWLEY



UNPRECEDENTED prosperity is being enjoyed by South Africans at the present time. This has brought advantages as well as disadvantages to the literature ministry.

Because money is easily earned it is easily spent. Our

canvassers on the Rand especially have found that most of the people have their salaries mortgaged for months in advance, owing to purchases they had made on the intriguing hire-purchase system. Worldly salesmen, also conscious of the prosperity on the Rand, are exploiting this field with every conceivable article—hence this difficult situation.

Some have said that although the prosperity has confronted us with several new problems, yet there never was a time when our books could be sold as easily as now. To a certain extent this statement is true.

And I find that most of our canvassers are being well remunerated for their efforts. They are of good courage and are enjoying their work. Never have I known our colporteurs to be as enthusiastic as they seem to be at the present time; instead of incessant calls for help from the field missionary secretary, they are content to work steadily along on their own. I think that to a large extent we have the Colporteurs' Institute to thank for this healthy condition among our workers. The meetings held at Bloemfontein certainly did infuse our canvassers with fresh vigour.

It is a great pity that the lack of large subscription books should have come at a time such as this. Were it not for this factor we would undoubtedly have established a record in sales for 1936. In the rural areas of the Transvaal and Free State where many people cannot read English—and equally as many will not read the language—our work has been at a standstill. We therefore look forward with keen anticipation to the day when all our subscription books will be available in Afrikaans as well.

Almost as perplexing as the language question is still another problem—the problem of recruits. There is a great dearth of skilled, as well as unskilled, workers in the various trades and industries of the country. Still worse,—employers are prepared to pay the maximum wage to comparatively second-class tradesmen. Under these circumstances it is only natural that some would leave the colporteur work for these easy jobs. On the other hand, it is not very likely that those who are earning good wages will resign in favour of the strenuous work of selling our literature. For, even though some of our canvassers may be finding the work a little easier than in previous years, canvassing still is, and always will be, a work that taxes one's physical and mental strength to the utmost. It is a type of work that calls for indefatigable energy and daily consecration.

Our greatest need today is for men who are willing to suffer privation and hardship for the sake of the truth; men who are burdened to take the Third Angel's Message to the world; men who care not for the luxuries of this world as long as they are doing the Lord's work. For such men this cause is languishing, and without such men this work will never be finished. Readers of the *Outlook*, pray that the Lord will give us such men!

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## From the Book Depository

MISS P. E. WILLMORE



SOME people think that the part played by book depository secretaries in the great work of the Literature Ministry is uninteresting and monotonous, and to the "looker-on" this viewpoint might appear correct. However, we feel sure

that just one month spent in our office would alter such an opinion and bring conviction that the work of depository secretaries is one of much interest.

Our depository serves the immediate needs of the literature work in the conference. We are responsible to our colporteur-evangelists, our churches, and our scattered members throughout our territory for attending to their orders and seeing, to the best of our ability, that they get their supplies on time and in good condition. In turn, we look to the Publishing House as the place from which to draw our stock.

The Literature Ministry lies very near to the heart of the depository secretary, for are we not told that it is through this mighty agency that the Third Angel's Message is to go where no living preacher will ever find his way? So we are thankful to have a part, small though it may be, in sending out day by day our truth-filled literature into all parts of the field. Never a day passes but what our faithful colporteurs are remembered in prayer by the office staff in the morning hour of worship.

Then comes the mail. We open the many letters awaiting our attention, but none hold more interest to us than those from our canvassers. Every week, we look for reports from each one. It causes much concern should any fail to report, for after all, we are just one big family, interested in and anxious for the success of all the others.

About the middle of the month, one of the biggest items of interest is receiving the orders for delivery at the beginning of the following month. Some orders are passed on to the Publishing House, others filled from the stock held by ourselves. Carefully we check up the number of books to see that no disappointment, that is in our power to avoid, is caused at the other end. Many a time while giving a final check-up on consignments leaving the depository, the words of that old hymn come to our minds:

"Silent messengers, go ye forth, from ocean to ocean, from south to north; Seed of the Word, it shall not be sown in vain."

And it isn't! The most interesting time in our work is after the deliveries have been made. It is then that letters come in from our men and women of the Literature Ministry, telling us of the pleasure some

have expressed in receiving their books, of contacts made, and of souls hungry for the message of salvation.

Accounts? Why, we had almost forgotten about accounts! But these bother the depository secretary only when they are not paid. The faithful, conscientious colporteur always sees to it that the correct percentage of sales is paid into the office and that his account is in balance.

The month's work is over, but there is no slackening off. Our colporteurs must go right on, completing their work month by month, year by year, with their eyes ever on the goal of giving the message of a soon-coming Saviour to a perishing world. And we, as depository secretaries, have the high privilege of helping to smooth out some of their difficulties by giving these heralds of the cross our best service.

There is no higher work than that of the faithful colporteur-evangelist. He will be the last to lay down his work as probation closes, and somehow, methinks, he will be among the first to receive the crown.



## Higher Levels in the North Bantu Field

J. D. HARCMBE



IT has been a great pleasure to be able to lead out in the Colporteur work in our field. Although we have many problems to meet and dangers to face, yet the success that we are having causes hardships to sink into insignificance, and

we go forth knowing that Jesus is our Captain.

We find there is an improvement in all the different phases of the Colporteur work. The standard of our work is being lifted on to a higher level than it has been. We are, from time to time, endeavouring to show our colporteurs what the Lord expects of the Literature Ministry. God calls it to a higher standard and how happy we are to see that our colporteurs are realising this. It is not merely a filling-in place for men out of work, but a place where consecrated men and women can go "without the camp" and win souls for the Kingdom and thus hasten the soon-coming of our Lord.

Already souls have been won to the Truth through the efforts of colporteurs. Ben Nkosi, a young colporteur, has been the instrument of bringing two souls into the Truth in the few months of his labour at Springs. Brother Ngwenya sends a report from Piet Retief and says that many are interested and his one aim is to raise a company of believers there, through the

medium of the colporteur work. So we see that our colporteurs are working along right lines.

Another evidence that our work is going ahead is that the canvassers are striving to adopt the cash basis, and endeavouring to settle their old accounts. Just this last month, we received letters from some telling us that they have paid their old debts and now wish to work on the cash basis. This is a good sign and one which will help to advance our work and bring it up to a higher standard.

We are very happy to report that the sales in the Field are increasing. As we compared the figures of the last five months with the corresponding months of last year, we found that there has been a definite increase. We trust that we will be able to report even a greater improvement as the months go by. The need of the hour is more consecrated men and women who will join the Literature Ministry and thus strengthen our forces. Repeated calls have been made giving our people an opportunity to work for the Master. Many of our churches have been visited to find such men and women, and we are happy to say that some have responded to the call.

We have six new colporteurs who have joined us within the last six months, making a total of sixteen altogether. Of this number three are half-time workers and the others full-time. We trust that by the end of the year we will have an army of twenty colporteurs.

The compound work has been very successful. Here, I believe, a great work can be done, as the boys are very eager to read. The books purchased are not left on the shelves, but are read by the purchasers and their friends, and eventually taken or sent to their homes. In this way, our message is going to many places where our ministers cannot go.

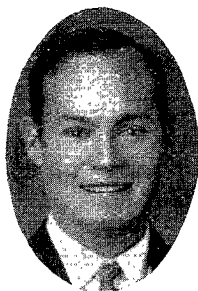
We believe that the Lord is guiding and directing us in this important phase of His work. Compounds have been entered where before their gates were barred against us. Managers have given us permission to enter their compounds so that we might have a free hand in working for the mine boys.

We thank our Heavenly Father for the wonderful way in which He is leading us,

and for the progress that we can report. We trust that you will continue to remember us in your prayers.

## Publications to go to all Places

J. J. OOSTHUIZEN



THE servant of the Lord, in clarion notes, calls—"Let those who know the truth arouse out of sleep, and make every effort to reach people where they are. The work of the Lord must no longer be neglected by us and made secondary to worldly interests. The publications containing the light of present truth are to go forth to all places."—*Colporteur-Evangelist*, page 30.

We are truly glad that our people in the South Bantu Mission Field are responding in a measure to this call. Already a number have left their worldly pursuits and turned to the Colporteur work. The force, however, is still too small to cover the huge territory under our care and so we take this opportunity of urging still more church members, men and women, young and old, to roll up for service in the ranks of the literature ministry.

The superintendent of this field, together with the whole labouring force recognise and appreciate the value of the literature work as an evangelising agency of the highest order. It is well known that more than fifty per cent of converts to this message are brought in through the work of the literature ministry.

"The night is at hand. Let the church arouse and go forth to do her appointed work. Every believer, educated or uneducated can bear the message."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, page 26.

So, come along, dear believers in the South Bantu Mission Field and we will help you in every way to be successful colporteurs in the Lord's vineyard.



## Light that Shineth in a Dark Place

### Read the "Testimonies"

W. H. HOLDEN

WE are glad to know that a deeper interest is being taken by our people everywhere in the writings of Mrs. E. G. White, known as "Testimonies for the Church." The recent new edition of three volumes, covering many of the more important testimonies in the nine volumes, can now be secured from our Tract Societies. We wish to encourage our people everywhere to take advantage of this opportunity to secure these messages sent to the remnant church by the Spirit of God, as they are now bound in these three beautiful volumes and can be secured at a very low price.

Throughout the history of this denomination it has been observed that those who have grown to be strong leaders among us, and those who have been most devoted to the cause everywhere, have been the men and women who took the time to read these messages from God to the church. And it has been painful to observe that when men and women have lost faith in the message, it has been due largely to loss of faith in the testimonies. The faithful reading of the "Testimonies," and the *Review and Herald*, together with the Bible, strengthens the faith of the believers in the message. From years of observation we conclude that those who believe the Bible and the Testimonies, and who have their faith strengthened by a close companionship with these books will not fall out in the sifting time.

"It is Satan's plan to weaken the faith of God's people in the "Testimonies." Satan knows how to make his attacks. He works upon minds to excite jealousy and dissatisfaction toward those at the head of the work. The gifts are next questioned; then, of course, they have but little weight, and instruction given through vision is disregarded. Next follows scepticism in regard to the vital points of our faith, the pillars of our position, then doubt as to the Holy Scriptures, and then the downward march to perdition. When the "Testimonies" which were once believed, are doubted and given up, Satan knows the deceived ones will not stop at this; and he redoubles his efforts till he launches them into open rebellion, which becomes incurable, and ends in destruction. By giving place to doubts and unbelief in regard to the work of God, and by cherishing feelings of distrust and cruel jealousies, they are preparing themselves for complete decep-

"THE Lord designs that the light which He has given on the Scriptures shall shine forth in clear, bright rays; and it is the duty of our canvassers to put forth a strong united effort that God's design may be accomplished. A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realises this, and he is using every means in his power to lead the canvasser to take up some other line of work. This order of things should be changed. God calls the canvassers back to their work. He calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and enlightenment into the work, help-

ing wherever there is opportunity. The Master calls for every one to do the part given him according to his ability. Who will respond to the call? Who will go forth to labour in wisdom and grace and the love of Christ for those nigh and afar off? Who will sacrifice ease and pleasure, and enter the places of error, superstition, and darkness, working earnestly and perseveringly, speaking the truth in simplicity, praying in faith, doing house-to-house labour? Who at this time will go forth . . . for Christ's sake, opening the Scriptures to the people."—*Vol. V*, pp. 332, 333.

tion. They rise up with bitter feelings against the ones who dare to speak of their errors and reprove their sins. . . .

"Some express their views that the testimony of Sister White cannot be reliable. This is all many unconsecrated ones want. The testimonies of reproof have checked their vanity and pride; but if they dared, they would go to almost any length in fashion and pride. God will give all such an opportunity to prove themselves and to develop their true character.

"I saw that the reason why visions had not been more frequent of late, is, they have not been appreciated by the church. The church have nearly lost their spirituality and faith, and the reproofs and warnings have had but little effect upon them. Many of those who have professed faith in them have not heeded them.

"If you lose confidence in the "Testimonies," you will drift away from Bible truth. I have been fearful that many would take a questioning, doubting position, and in my distress for your souls I would warn you. How many will heed the warning? As you now hold the "Testimonies," should one be given crossing your track, correcting your errors, would you feel at perfect liberty to accept or reject any part or the whole? That which you will be least inclined to receive, is the very part most needed."—*Vol. V, pp. 672-674.*

In my own personal experience I have found the reading of the "Testimonies" a great strength in the time of need, and I am very sure that they have steadied the faith of thousands of our people. My only object in writing this appeal is to encourage our people who are careless in regard to the reading of these wonderful books to begin at once to study them faithfully for the sake of upbuilding their own faith in the last message to a dying world. And I wish to encourage all who do not have these precious volumes in their library to make arrangements with their tract societies to secure the new volumes just off the press. Read them faithfully and prayerfully with your Bible, and God will strengthen you for the tests that are common to the people of God, and for the greater tests that are soon to come.



THE volumes of Spirit of Prophecy, and also the "Testimonies," should be introduced into every Sabbath-keeping family, and the brethren should know their value and be urged to read them. It was not the wisest plan to place these books at a low figure, and have only one set in a church. They should be in the library of every family, and read again and again. Let them be kept where they can be read by many, and let them be worn out in being read by all the neighbours.

There should be evening readings, in which one should read aloud to those assembled at the winter fireside.—"Testimonies," *Vol. IV, p. 390.*

## Cape Conference

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## Visiting Our Isolated Members

A. C. LE BUTT

OVER the week-end of July, the writer had the privilege of visiting our isolated members in Douglas and district. It is really refreshing to meet with those of like precious faith who do not enjoy the privilege of attending church and taking part in prayer meetings, as do those of us who live in towns. In spite of their isolation they are of good courage and are

just full of this Truth which binds us together and makes of us one people.

During the week-end we had seven services in addition to the Sabbath school and each service was very well attended. God certainly drew divinely near to us and in our testimony meeting, earnest honest souls expressed their joy and thankfulness to God for His blessings.

Many non-Adventists attended the services. One young man, not of our Faith, cycled in to Douglas from a small village eight miles away, and when I tell you that the roads were covered with sand three or four inches thick and the evenings bitterly cold, you will appreciate the earnestness of this dear soul as he came in to listen to God's Word.

Our last meeting which was held in the home of Brother Benade, was especially well attended. His home has an exceptionally large dining-room which was full to capacity. The very long passage-way leading to the front door, was lined on either side

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Bible Sanctification (By White). Paper	10	3d.
Christ Our Righteousness (By Waggoner). Paper	2	3d.
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with people. Two rooms leading off the dining-room were also occupied by eager listeners as God's Word was presented. All available seats were occupied, boxes were used, and some of the people even sat on rugs spread out on the floor. It was a wonderful sight to see these dear souls eagerly listening to every word that fell from the lips of the speaker.

We held some services in the home of Brother Coetzee who lives about four miles outside Douglas. These meetings were also well attended, and on each occasion we had two or three motor-car loads of people come in from Douglas. The weather

was decidedly cold, but this did not interfere with the meetings. Warm hearts came in spite of the bitterly cold weather.

May God bless our dear isolated members and bring to them the courage they need to hold fast in these days of uncertainty, knowing that the time is soon coming when Jesus will return to this earth and gather together the redeemed to live in that land of happiness where there will be no more isolation. May God hasten that day, and may we keep faithful, pressing forward and encouraging others that they, along with us, may hear the words, "Well Done."

tion a little better if we get at the matter in a different way. In 1930, a membership of 29,994 gave £4,955 or approximately 3/3 per Sabbath school member per annum. In 1936 a membership of 55,617 gave £5,527 or approximately 2/- per Sabbath school member per annum.

It should be born in mind, however, that our greatest membership gains have been in the native sections of our field. This undoubtedly helps to explain the ever-widening disparity between membership and offerings. But we are of the very definite opinion that the Sabbath school offerings in the mission fields can be increased. The position at the close of 1936, deducting European and coloured membership and offerings reveals that 52,738 native Sabbath school members gave a total of £709 for missions during the year. This is a per-capita per Sabbath school member of only 3.22 pence per annum, or approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a farthing per week per Sabbath school member, or about  $\frac{1}{2}$  a farthing per week per church member. If our native Sabbath school membership could be encouraged to give an average of a farthing per week per church member, then our native Sabbath schools would raise, taking the membership of 1936 as a basis, just over a shilling per church member per annum, or approximately £1,500 as against £709. We believe that this suggestion is a conservative one, and that as our native peoples are educated in the grace of giving we shall see a real transformation in this respect by next Division Council.

Our European Sabbath school members throughout the Division gave during 1936 at the rate of 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per week per church member. We hope that with the return of a greater degree of prosperity to South Africa, our Sabbath school offerings will register a distinct upward trend beginning with 1937.

Among our unsolved problems in this Division, as our report very definitely points out, are the Teachers' Meeting and the Sabbath School Officers' Training Course. Out of 835 Sabbath schools at the close of 1936 only 376 are reported as holding Teachers' Meetings and we have reason to believe that in a good many of these the Teachers' Meeting could be much improved. In 1936 only 43 Sabbath school members are reported as taking the Sabbath School Officers' Training Course. Although this course has not been adapted for the native field yet we feel that on some of our central stations and at our native training schools where there are competent European instructors, much help could be given the native teachers through this course, and certainly it could be much more widely adopted as an essential preparation for officers and teachers in our European Sabbath schools.

#### Vernacular Sabbath School Quarterlies

As an item of interest we would mention that in this Division we are publishing the

## Sabbath School Department Report

L. L. MOFFITT, Secretary

In this report we shall endeavour to give a brief and comprehensive survey of the Sabbath school activities in the Southern African Division during the past six years (1931-1936), as compared with the six years ending 1930.

Since our last Division Council the Sabbath schools in the Southern African Division have almost doubled in number, having increased from 437 in 1930 to 835 in 1936, a gain of 398 schools or 91% increase. The membership has grown from 29,994 at the close of 1930 to 55,617 at the close of 1936, an increase in membership of 25,623 or an 85% increase.

### Financial Gains

In all the funds going to make up the Sabbath School's contributions to foreign missions a gain is recorded. For the twelve Sabbaths offerings the total given from 1925-1930 was £19,508, and from 1931-1936 it was £21,285, a gain of £1,776 or a 9% increase. The Thirteenth Sabbath offerings showed an increase from £5,231 to £5,924, a gain of £692, or an increase of 13%. We are especially pleased with the increase shown in the Investment Fund and in Birthday offerings. From 1925-1930, £892 was the sum brought in for the Investment Fund, and for the period 1931-1936 the total was £1,395, a gain of £503 or a 57% increase. For the two periods the Birthday offerings are respectively as follows: £665 and £1,094, a gain of £428 or a 64% increase. The total offerings to missions from 1925-1930 amounted to £26,298 and for the period 1931-1936, £29,700 or a gain for the last six-year period of £3,402, a 13% increase.

### Attendance and Daily Study

When we bear in mind that Honour Cards and Bookmarks stand for regularity in Sabbath School attendance and in the daily study of the Sabbath School lesson, the record of progress in this phase of our Sabbath school work is very encouraging. For the years 1925-1930, a total of 14,283

Honour cards were issued, and for the period 1931-1936, no less than 43,308 Honour Cards were issued, a gain of 29,025—a little more than double the number of the previous six years. Bookmarks are recorded for the two six-year periods as follows: At the close of 1930 the record stood at £1,751, at the close of 1936 it stood at £3,289, a gain in bookmarks of 1,538, a 88% increase.

Some progress has been made in the number of Sabbath schools conducting Teachers' Meetings and the number taking the Sabbath School Officers' Training Course. At the close of 1930, one hundred and thirty-three schools reported that they were conducting regular Teachers' meetings, and at the close of 1936 the reports revealed that 376 schools were holding Teachers' Meetings,—a gain of 243. From 1925-1930, one hundred and eighty-eight were reported as taking the Sabbath School Officers' Training Course, whereas 314 were reported during the last six-year period, a gain of 126.

### The Weak Spots

We are pleased to be able thus to make a report of advancement along all lines, and without further analysis of the report some might carry away the idea that we are doing all that could reasonably be expected of us. But I wish now to point out some of our weaknesses and to urge all our delegates and visitors as they return to their respective fields, to renewed effort in building up our Sabbath school work, giving special attention to the weak spots. One of the most disturbing aspects of our report, and one on which some of you have already, no doubt, been pondering is the unfavourable balance between membership and offering gains. Although our membership has increased from approximately 30,000 to over 55,000, a gain of 85%, yet our offerings to missions have increased only 13%.

Perhaps it will help us to realise the posi-

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# The Layman's Page

## FOR STRENGTH AND SERVICE

Conducted by the South African Union Conference Home Missionary Department

THIS MONTH'S GREAT THOUGHT.—Thoughts are seeds, words are flowers, deeds are fruits.

### To Our Missionary Leaders

I WATCHED a man running around the cinder track. Just in front of him a friend was riding a bicycle and the runner was being encouraged and assisted in his preparation to break the record. The man on the bicycle never got too far in front of his running friend, and he never allowed the pace to drop, for he was the pacemaker intent on training the footman to win the prize.

As missionary Volunteer leaders, we are the pacemakers for our youth. Their eyes are upon us. They trust us to set the pace and keep to the track. They expect us to lead them to victory. What kind of pace have we been setting? Perhaps we have gotten too far ahead at times, and our charges have become discouraged. Maybe we have allowed the pace to drop, and some will lose in the race of life.

The week August 28 to September 4 will be devoted to the interests of our youth and will provide us with an opportunity to study our own life and service, and its bearing upon the spiritual position of those we are endeavouring to lead. The occasion should be one for gathering new recruits to the race of character building, and a resetting of the pace that will enable many to reach the kingdom.



### From Here and There

A BROTHER has just written in to tell us how he met a man who purchased "Bible Readings" some time ago and who is now keeping the Sabbath as a result. He looks forward to joining with God's people shortly.

A PROFITABLE convention was held in the Southern Suburbs (Johannesburg) church recently. Several bands were formed and the members are planning for aggressive missionary work.

GERMISTON has put new life into its soul-winning endeavours by the formation of a number of groups to undertake definite lines of service.

F. G. C.

### For Parents Only

#### Do You Know Your Children?

SOME parents do, some do not. You may be acquainted with the clothes they wear, the articles of food they enjoy, the hours they keep and the school they attend, but do you know them as friends and companions? Do you know how their character is developing? You may be familiar with their faces, their health, their games and their friends, but are you familiar with their hearts and soul condition? Do you ever get near enough to your own children to really know them, to think with them, to seek to understand them, to appreciate them, yes to live with them?

Our children face grave perils. They must soon assume great responsibilities, they must soon make momentous decisions that will have far-reaching and lasting effects. They need your help, your guidance, your sympathy, your tactful control. As parents we might well ask ourselves the question, "Can our children depend upon us to show them the straight path to life?" "Can they follow us and be safe?"

The week August 28 to September 4 has been set aside as a time when special consideration will be given to the youth and their interests throughout the South African Union Conference. We are looking to the parents to help us in the work of saving our children and youth. If fathers and mothers all over the land would resolve, by God's help, to be noble, kind, true and faithful in all of their relationships with God and man, such a consecration would have far-reaching repercussions upon our sons and daughters that would be measured by the salvation of scores that are now drifting from the Truth. It is a challenge. To accept it will cost something, but it will be eternally worthwhile.

F. G. C.

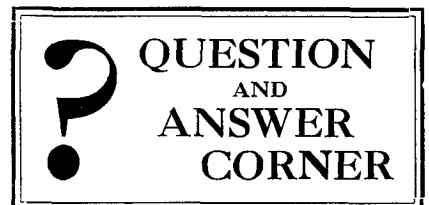


### Advertise

"New Crisis on Non-intervention" the placard read. I had not planned to buy a newspaper this morning, yet buy I did, for I did want to keep posted regarding the Spanish affair. Advertising had done

it again. It is doing it all the time, calling the attention of people to their real, and imaginary needs, answering the questions and satisfying the curiosity of the multitude.

All about us people are asking, "What do world events indicate? What is coming? Where are the dead? Is Spiritualism true? Is Christianity worthwhile? Does God hear prayer? Which church is right?" You have the answer to every one of these burning questions, and yet your neighbours do not know it. You probably don't advertise. Suppose you keep a supply of tracts and small books in stock, and when you visit or are visited display one or more with the query, "Are you by any chance interested in this subject? It has helped me to understand questions that used to trouble me." You will find that it pays to advertise.



QUESTION.—Who plans the missionary work of the church?

ANSWER.—The Missionary Committee plans for all missionary activities of the church. This Committee is composed of the church board. The church missionary leader is the chairman of this committee and should lay concrete suggestions before the committee from time to time for their consideration.

QUESTION.—Is it proper for the church to conduct open air evangelistic services?

ANSWER.—By all means. A well-conducted open air meeting can prove quite profitable, especially if used to advertise meetings that are held in a hall or church. There should be plenty of music, with brief bright talks and then distribution of literature or programmes announcing other meetings that can be attended by those interested.



# Bladsy vir Leke

## VIR KRAG EN DIENS

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

GEDAGTE VIR HIERDIE MAAND.—Gedagtes is saadjies, woorde blommetjies, dade vrugte.

### Aan Ons Strewersverenigingsleiers

Ek het 'n man rondom die reisesbaan gesien hardloop. Net voor hom was 'n vriend van hom op 'n fiets om hom aan te moedig en te help in sy voorbereiding om 'n rekord te slaan. Die man op die fiets het gesorg dat hy nooit te ver voor sy vriend gewees het nie, maar hy het ook sorg gedra om dieselfde snelheid te behou, want hy was die gangmaker wat die hardloper moes oefen vir die wedloop.

Die leiers van ons Strewersvereniging is die gangmakers van ons jeug. Hulle oë is op ons gevestig. Hulle vertrou op ons om die regte baan te hou en nie te verslap nie. Hulle verwag dat ons hulle tot oorwinning sal lei. Watter voorbeeld het ons hulle gegee? Miskien was ons partymaal te ver voor, sodat ons leerlinge moed verloor het. Miskien het ons hulle toegelaat om stadiger te hardloop met die gevolg dat hulle onsuksesvol sal wees in die lewenswedloop.

Die weke vanaf 28 Augustus tot 4 September sal aan die belange van ons jeug gewy word. Dit sal ons ook die geleentheid verskaf om ons eie lewe en werk, sowel as ons invloed op diegene wat deur ons gelei word, ernstig te oorweeg. Dit sal 'n uitstekende geleentheid wees om meer mededingers vir die wedloop van karakterbouing te werf, en om dan die breityd so te reël dat baie in staat sal gestel word om die koninkryk te bereik. F. G. C.

### Hiervan en Daarvan

Ons het onlangs 'n brief ontvang van 'n broeder wat vertel hoedat hy 'n tydjie gelede die boek „Bible Readings” verkoop het aan 'n persoon wat nou die Sabbat hou as gevolg daarvan. Hierdie man sien verlangend uit daarna om spoedig by die kerk van die Here aan te sluit.

ONLANGS is daar 'n konvensie gehou in die kerk van die Suidelike Voorstede (Johannesburg). Die lede het groepe gevorm en maak voorbereidings vir aggressiewe sendingwerk.

GERMISTON het ook nuwe lewe aan sy siefreddingspogings gegee deur die vorming van groepe om bepaalde werk te onderneem.

### Vir Ouers Alleen

Ken U U Eie Kinders?

SOMMIGE ouers ken hulle kinders, terwyl dit met andere weer nie die geval is nie. U is miskien goed bekend met die klerer wat hulle dra, die soorte kos waarvan hulle hou, hulle tye van kom en gaan, die skool wat hulle besoek, en wat dies meer sy. Maar ken u hulle werklik as vriende? Is u op hoogte van sake met die ontwikkeling van hulle karakters? U is goed bekend met hulle gesigte, hulle gesondheid, hulle vermake en hulle vriende, maar is u goed bekend met die toestand van hulle harte? Kom u ooit naby genoeg aan u eie kinders om hulle waarlik te ken? Probeer u om saam met hulle te dink, om hulle te verstaan, om hulle te waardeer, en op hierdie manier met hulle om te gaan?

Ons kinders staan voor groot gevare. Spoedig sal hulle groot verantwoordelikhede moet opneem, en spoedig sal hulle belangrike besluite moet neem, wat verreikende en blywende gevolge sal hê. Dus het hulle u hulp, u leiding, u meegevoel, en u takvolle besturing nodig. As ouers sal dit ons pas om onself hierdie vraag te stel: „Kan ons kinders op ons vertrou om hulle op die regte pad te lei?” of „Sal dit veilig wees vir hulle om ons na te volg?”

Gedurende die week, 28 Augustus tot 4 September, sal daar spesiale aandag aan ons jongmense dwarsdeur die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie Konferensie gewy word. Ons vertrou dat alle ouers ons sal bystaan in die werk om ons kinders en jongmense te red. As vaders en moeders regdeur ons land maar net wil besluit om, deur die genade van God, edel, vriendelik, opreg en getrou teenoor God en mens te wees, sal hulle goeie invloed verreikende gevolge hê op die loopbane van diegene wat verder en verder van die waarheid weggevoer word. Dit is 'n uitdaging. Om dit aan te neem is miskien nie so maklik nie, maar dit sal die moeite wêrd wees in die ewigheid.

### Adverteer

„NUWE Krisis in Nie-intervensie” het op die uithangbordjie gestaan. Hoewel ek glad nie voornemens was om 'n koerant te koop nie, het hierdie advertensie my nogtans bevestig om een te koop, daar ek graag op hoogte van sake wil wees wat die Spaanse toestand betref. Dit was weer 'n bewys van wat 'n advertensie kan doen. Dit is wat advertensies gedurig besig is om te doen—om die aandag van die mense te vestig op hulle werklike sowel as hulle denkbeeldige behoeftes, en om die vrae te beantwoord en die nuuskierigheid te bevredig van die menigte.

Orals wil mense graag weet: „Wat beteken die wêreldgebeurtenisse? Wat sal die volgende gebeurtenis wees? Waar is die dooies? Is daar waarheid in Spiritisme? Is dit die moeite wêrd om 'n Christen te wees? Antwoord God ons gebede? Watter kerk is die regte?” U het 'n antwoord op elkeen van hierdie vrae, en tog weet u bure dit nie. U adverteer seker nie genoeg nie. Ek wil aan die hand gee dat u 'n klompie traktate en boekies voorradig hou, sodat wanneer u gaan besoeke aflê, of besoek word, u hierdie boekies kan tentoonstel met die woorde: „Stel u miskien belang in hierdie onderwerp? Dit het my gehelp om dinge te verstaan wat voorheen duister was vir my.” Dan sal u gou uitvind dat dit betaal om te adverteer.

F. G. C.



VRAAG.—Wie reël die sendingwerk van die kerk?

Antwoord.—Die Sendingkomitee reël al die sendingwerksaamhede van die kerk. Hierdie Komitee bestaan uit die Kerkraad, met die Sendingleier van die kerk as voorsitter. Die sendingleier moet van tyd tot tyd praktiese aanbevelings voor die komitee lê vir bespreking.

VRAAG.—Is dit behoorlik vir die kerk om ope-lug evangeliese dienste te hou?

*Antwoord.*—Ongetwyfeld: in Goed-geleerde ope-lug diens kan baie waardevol wees, veral waar dit gebruik word om byeenkomste wat in 'n kerk of in 'n saal gehou word, te adverteer. Daar moet baie

musiek wees, met 'n afwisseling van kort, interessante praatjies, en dan kan daar leestof uitgegee word of programme vir die bywoning van ander dienste wat deur al die belangstellendes kan besoek word.

syn bestee!

Omtrent 'n jaar gelede, toe ek in een van die strate van een van ons groot dorpe gestap het, het ek 'n jongmens wat aan ons kerk in daardie dorp behoort het, ontmoet. Nadat ons oor algemene dinge gesels het, het ek hom uitgevra omtrent sy Christelike lewe. Die jong man was eerlik, en het beken dat hy agteruitgegaan het, en nie geweens het soos hy behoort nie. Wel, ons het toe 'n ernstige gesprek gehad. Maar die punt wat ek wil beklemtoon, is dat hy gesê het: „Mnr. Le Butt, u weet ek is al vir so baie jare 'n lid van hierdie kerk, en u is die eerste persoon wat enige belangstelling in my of in my Christelike ondervinding getoon het.” Ek moet sê sy woorde het 'n indruk op my gemaak.

Broeders en susters, laat ons besluit om meer belang te stel in die dierbare jongmense wat God aan ons toevertrou het. Laat ons die 1937 Strewersweek, 28 Augustus—4 September, 'n spesiale week van vriendelike belangstelling in, en hulpvaardigheid teenoor ons jeug maak.

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## Week van Opoffering

4-11 September 1937

J. F. WRIGHT

DAAR ons werkers en leke ongetwyfeld 'n bietjie verwonderd sal wees om 'n tweede oproep tot 'n week van opoffering gedurende 1937 te ontvang, wil ons 'n woordjie van verduideliking gee.

Dit het gelyk of die Week van Opoffering vroeg in Januarie op 'n ongelukkige datum geval het — miskien was dit te kort na die ou jaar en die Jaarlikse Offergawe. Ook het die Week van Opoffering nie die nodige aandag geniet nie, weens die verandering in die Finansiële Departement van die Divisie en die vertrek van Leraar Nelson na Indië. Daar ek op daardie oomblik in Angola was, kon die saak nie die aandag geniet wat Leraar Nelson daaraan sou bestee het nie. Dus, nadat die saak by geleentheid van die Raadsitting in Johannesburg oorweeg is, het ons besluit om 'n nuwe datum vir hierdie offergawe vas te stel. Hierdie datum is 4-11 September 1937.

Dit is moontlik dat sommige van ons werkers en leke aan die Januarie Week van Opoffering deelgeneem het, en as dit die geval is, hoef hulle natuurlik nie nou weer deel te neem nie. Ons doen egter 'n dringende beroep op almal wat nie in Januarie deelgeneem het nie, om van hierdie geleentheid gebruik te maak. Nog nooit tevore was ons behoefte aan fondse so groot soos nou nie. Terwyl Leraar Branson, Leraar Detwiler en ek die velde besoek, vind ons orals behoeftes. Waarlik, ons getroue sendelinge weet nie waarheen om hulleself te wend, of wat om te doen nie. Dit is swaar om maar aanhoudend „nee” te sê as mense kom smeek om die waarheid te hoor; en nogtans is dit presies wat ons sendelinge moet doen daar hulle, in die meeste gevalle,

(Vervolg op bladsy 15)

## STREWERSWEEK

VAN 28 AUGUSTUS TOT 4 SEPTEMBER

Ons tyd is by uitstek die eeu van die jeug. Nog nooit tevore het jongmense so baie voorregte geniet soos vandag nie. Nog nooit tevore het daar sulke groot verantwoordelikhede op die skouers van jong manne en vroue gerus nie. In alle lande word die jeug geoefen en opgelei vir militêre diens. Die Ooste sowel as die Weste kroon die jeug met nuwe mag en heerlikheid. Japan en Sjina oefen hulle jeug sistematies vir doeltreffende nasionale diens. Duitsland het sy Hitlerse Jeugbeweging. Italië organiseer selfs klein kindertjies vir militêre diens. Net voordat hy die premier-skap neergelê het, het Mnr. Stanley Baldwin 'n hartroerende beroep gedoen op die jeug van die Ryk, en hulle 'n plegtige opdrag gegee as die verdedigers van volksregering. Die Roomse Kerk het 'n wêreldorganisasie van „Katolieke Jeug.” Die „Boy Scouts” en die „Girl Guides” is moderne jeugbewegings wat so-te-sê wêreldwye bewegings is.

Op hierdie selfde tyd word die jeug van die Sewende-dag Adventiste Kerk van God geroep tot hoër diens, tot die grootste verantwoordelikheid, en tot die hoogste bestemming. Die wêreld is op die randjie van verwoesting. God roep die Adventis jongmense om Sy vinnige, vertroubare, en onverskrokke boodskappers te wees om die laaste boodskap van genade aan 'n verlore-gaande wêreld te bring. As diktators die jeug kan uitdaag om

patriotiese ideale te verdedig, en hulle kan oefen om saam te span in diens vir hulle vaderland, dan kan die leiers van die Adventbeweging tog seker ons jongmense besiel om hulle lewe en strewê en doel aan 'n hoër, en nie minder heldhaftige en romantiese, diens in die saak van God toe te wy. En hulle moet ook geoefen en gedissiplineer word vir hierdie belangrikste van alle opdrae wat moontlik aan die moderne jeug kan toevertrou word.

„Om die werk in alle rigtings te laat uitbrei, het God jeugdige krag, ywer, en moed nodig. Hy het die jeug gekies om te help in die uitbreiding van Sy werk. Om planne te beraam met 'n helder verstand en hulle met moedige hande ten uitvoer te bring, vereis varse, onbelemmerde energie. Jongmense word uitgenodig om die krag van hulle jeug aan God te gee. Deur die gebruik van hulle vermoëns, deur 'n helder verstand en deur lewendige werk, kan hulle Hom verheerlik en hulle medemense red.”—„*Gospel Workers*,” bl. 67.

Ons doen 'n beroep op alle evangeliste, leraars, ouderlinge, strewersverenigingleiers, sowel as die onderwysers in ons skole, om die 1937 Strewersweek so besielend en geestelik hulpvaardig te maak as wat dit deur Gods genade vir ons moontlik is. God seën ons jeug!

L. L. MOFFITT,

*Strewersvereniging-Sekretaris,  
Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie.*

## 'n Pleidooi

A. C. LE BUTT

EEN van die belangrikste en ernstigste verantwoordelikhede wat op ons as 'n volk gelê is, is die sorg van ons kinders en jongmense, en ek is van mening dat ons, as ouers en kerkklimate, aanspreeklik sal gehou word vir die woorde wat ons gespreek het, en die voorbeelde wat ons gegee het aan die jeug van hierdie beweging.

Ek gevoel dat ons die saak ernstig moet oorweeg, en planne moet beraam wat dit sal moontlik maak om in aanraking te bly met die jongmense van ons kerk. Ook moet

ons hulle aanmoedig en op 'n minsame en takvolle manier na hulle Christelike ondervinding verneem.

Mag ek 'n paar vrae stel? Geagte leser, het u een jongmens in u kerk met wie u oor sy of haar Christelike ondervinding gepraat het? Het u miskien opgelet dat daar 'n seun of dogter is wat onverskillig word in sy of haar lewenswyse, en het u, na deeglike oorweging en gebed, na soëen gegaan en woorde van aanmoediging gespreek?

O, laat ons tog spesiaal belangstel in ons jongmense! Laat ons onself uitsit, en noukeurige en biddende aandag aan hulle wel-

# Kolporteursdag, 21 Augustus

## 'n Boodskap van Hoofkwartiere

F. E. POTTER

NOGEEENS 'n Kolporteursdag. Hoe vlieg die tyd nie! Wat kan ons u hierdie keer meedeel? Inderdaad 'n verslag van vooruitgang wat u harte sal opbeur en u sal besiel om op een of ander manier deel te neem aan hierdie grote en vrugdraende bediening.

In 1930 was die wêreld in 'n toestand van geldelike depressie gedompel, en vanaf 1931 tot 1933 is ons vooruitgang grootliks verhinder. Verkopings het gedaal van £18,407 in 1930 (die banierjaar in hierdie Divisie) na £12,159 in 1933. Die worsteling om weer na die normale syfers terug te kom was 'n vreeslike stryd, en ons standvastige kolporteurs verdien baie lof vir die edelmoedige gees van uithouding en volharding wat hulle geopenbaar het. Die onderstaande syfers gee op 'n koue, saaklike manier die geaardheid van die stryd weer:

1930	£18,407
1931	*£17,125
1932	*£14,102
1933	*£12,159
1934	£15,702
1935	£15,863
1936	†£18,625

\*Depressie-jare.

†Nuwe Banier-jaar.

En nou vir die eerste ses maande van 1937, toon ons die aansienlike surplus van £1,300 oor dieselfde tydperk van 1936. Ons het goeie rede om te dink dat hierdie jaar ook 'n banier-jaar sal wees.

Sover het dit betrekking op die finansiële sy van die werk. Ons lê nie dikwels nadruk op hierdie kant van die werk nie, maar ons moet nogtans onthou dat boeke wat verkoop is siele voorstel wat gewaarsku is—en dit is ons taak.

Ons kry tyding uit alle dele van ons veld van mense wat die pad na Christus gevind het deur een of ander van ons boeke of blaaie te lees. Die stille boodskappers van waarheid lê partymaal lank vergete. Langs ongewyde kennisse treur hulle dikwels bedek met stof op 'n vergete boekrak. Dog, uiteindelik, onder die besturing van ongesiene waghouders, beantwoord hulle aan die doel waarvoor die Here hulle bestem het, en doen hulle die werk waarvoor hulle gestuur is.

Anders skrywers aan ons blad vertel van die behoeftes in die leesstofbediening. Daar is eenvoudige, eerlike, standvastige manne en vroue nodig wat die werk sal onderneem in die geloof dat die Gees van God hulle sal lei, en dat heilige engele hulle vooruit sal gaan na die wonings van die mense om die weg vir hulle oop te maak.

Is daar nie sulke manne en vroue onder ons Sewende-dags Adventiste vandag te vinde nie? Word die gees van die Waldense nie meer in ons midde aangetref nie? Het die gees van opoffering ons verlaat? Stel ons nie meer belang in avonture nie? Is daardie gees dood onder ons? Neel duisendmaal nee! Die huidige leer van kolporteurs van albei geslagte is genoeg bewys dat ons nog sulke mense het. Maar ons het meer van hulle nodig. Ons vra om verskoning—*God se werk het meer van hulle nodig.*

Wat sal u antwoord wees op die goddelike oproep van ons uur: „Wie kan ons stuur?”

„Hou die banier omhoog; laat die selfverloëndes en self-opofferendes, die liefhebbers van God en van die mensdom, by die leer van werkers aansluit. Laat hulle kom, nie met die hoop om gemak te geniet nie, maar om dapper en moedig te wees tenspyte van afjakke en ontberings. Laat diegene kom wat ons geskifte goed kan verteenwoordig daar hulle die waarde daarvan besef.”—*„Kolporteur-Evangelist,”* bl. 57.

Onthou—daar is plek vir *almal* om deel te neem aan die leesstofbediening. Skryf aan u konferensie-kantoor om volle besonderhede omtrent hoe u kan deelneem.

## Die Behoeftes van Ons Tyd

C. S. PIKE

„Ons kan hierdie werk nie te hoog waardeer nie; want as dit nie vir die werk van die kolporteurs was nie, sou baie nooit die boodskap gehoor het nie.” Hierdie ernstige woorde van die diensmaag van die Here behoort ons te tref. Hulle is gerig tot die kinders van God, en is dus 'n uitdaging vir ons. Met hierdie woorde gedurig in hulle ore, gaan ons klompie werkers van die Kaapse Konferensie steeds voort om die boodskap van die spoedige koms van Jesus te verkondig.

Ons het vier groot dorpe in ons afdeling, en drie van hulle word deur kolporteurs wat daar woonagtig is, bearbei. Wie sal kom om in die vierde te werk? Op die platteland het ons slegs twee kolporteurs om die boodskap aan die honderde klein dorpie en duisende plase te verkondig. Tenminste nog vier manne is dringend nodig. Waar kan ons hulle kry? Die enigste bron waarheen ons ons kan wend, is ons konferensielidmaatskap. Wie sal uit ons kerke voortkom om aan hierdie dringende beroep gehoor te gee? God het Sy werksmense in elke eeu. Die behoefte van die uur word altyd voorsien deur die opdrag van die persoon. Die behoefte van ons tyd is aan meer toegewyde manne en vroue om die geleedere van die leesstof-

bediening aan te vul teneinde te help om die terrein van hulle eie konferensie te evangeliseer.

Die kolporteurs van hierdie veld is gelukkig in hulle werk. Dit is nou wel 'n swaar werk, maar die geluk en seën om siele van sonde verlos te sien is meer as genoeg beloning vir al die ontberings en al die opofferings.

Stilweg doen die boeke hulle werk as boodskappers van waarheid. Herhaaldelik ontmoet ons mans en vrouens wat jare gelede 'n boek van 'n onbekende kolporteur gekoop het, en wat deur die leiding van Gods Gees hulself in hierdie geseënde boodskap ingelees het.

Daar is plek in die geleedere van die Kaapse Konferensie se leesstofbediening vir etlike toegewyde manne en vroue. „Daar is geen hoër werk as evangeliese kolporteurwerk nie.” Kom dus, broeders en susters, en neem deel aan die eindtonele van die grote stryd, en wen 'n paar siele om saam met u na die koninkryk te neem.

## Die Vraagstuk van Vrywilligers

N. COWLEY

SUID-AFRIKANERS geniet op die oomblik ongehoorde voorspoed. Hierdie feit het nadele sowel as voordele vir die leesstofbediening.

Omdat geld maklik verdien word, word dit ook maklik gespandeer. Veral op die Rand vind ons kolporteurs dat die meeste mense hulle salarisse maande vooruit verpand weens aankope wat hulle op die verleidelike paaiementstelsel gemaak het. Wêreldse verkopers, ook bewus van die huidige welvarendheid, probeer om enige moontlike artikel te verkoop, en as gevolg daarvan vind ons hierdie moeilike posisie.

Party mense sê dat, tenspyte van die nuwe vraagstukke wat die teenswoordige voorspoed ons besorg het, ons boeke nog nooit so maklik verkoop het soos nou nie. In 'n sekere mate is hierdie verklaring juis, want ek vind dat die meeste kolporteurs 'n goeie beloning ontvang vir hulle werk. Hulle is vol moed en geniet hulle werk. Ek het hulle nog nooit vantevore so entoesiasies gesien soos nou nie. Insteede van gedurig die hulp in te roep van die veldsendingsekreteraris, is hulle volkome tevrede om op hulle eie te werk. Ek dink dat ons hierdie gesonde toestand van sake grotendeels aan ons Kolporteurs Instituut te danke het. Die byeenkomste gehou in Bloemfontein, het ons werkers waarlik met nuwe krag besiel.

Dit is vreeslik jammer dat daar juis op so 'n tyd 'n tekort moes kom aan ons groot subskripsie boeke. As dit nie gebeur

het nie, sou ons ongetwyfeld 'n verkopingsrekord geskep het in 1936. Op die platteland van die Vrystaat en die Transvaal, waar daar baie mense is wat nie Engels kan lees nie — en net soveel wat dit nie wil lees nie — het ons werk tot 'n stilstand gekom. Ons sien dus met innige verwagting uit na die dag wanneer al ons subskripsie-boeke ook in Afrikaans verkrybaar sal wees.

Byna net so moeilik as die taakwessie is die kwessie van rekrute. Daar is 'n groot tekort aan geskoolde, sowel as ongeskoolde, arbeiders in die verskillende ambagte en nywerhede van ons land. En wat nog erger is — werkgewers is gereed om die hoogste loon aan betreklik tweede-klas werksmense te betaal. Onder sulke omstandighede is dit heeltemal natuurlik dat party die kolporteurwerk sal verlaat vir hierdie maklike betrekkings. Aan die anderkant is dit baie onwaarskynlik dat diegene, wat goeie salarisse kry, hulle betrekkings sal prysgee teneinde die swaar werk om ons leesstof te verkoop, aan te neem; want hoewel ons kolporteurs die werk nou miskien 'n bietjie makliker as in die afgelope jare vind, is, en bly, kolporteurwerk 'n werk wat 'n mens se liggaamlike en verstandelike kragte tot op die uiterste uitput. Dit is die soort werk wat aanhoudende en onuitputlike energie en daelike toewyding verg.

Ons het vandag manne nodig wat gewillig is om swaar te kry terwille van die waarheid; manne wat die drang gevoel om die Derde Engel se Boodskap aan die wêreld te verkondig; mense wat nie vir die geriewe van hierdie wêreld omgee, solank as hulle maar die Here se werk kan doen nie. Weens gebrek aan sulke mense kwyn ons werk, en sonder sulke mense sal die werk nooit voltooi word nie. Lesers van die *OUTLOOK*, bid dat God ons sulke manne moet gee.

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## Van die Oogpunt van die Boek Depôt

MEJ. P. E. WILLMORE

SOMMIGE mense dink dat die werk van die sekretarisse van boekdepôts in die groot leesstofbediening oninteressant en eentonig is, en vir die toeskouer sal hierdie oogpunt reg lyk. Ons is nogtans oortuig dat slegs een maand deurgebring in ons kantoor, so 'n sienswyse totaal sal verander, en 'n oortuiging bring dat die werk van depôtsekretarisse uiters interessant is.

Ons kantoor sorg vir die onmiddellike benodighede van die leesstofwerk in ons konferensie. Op ons berus die verantwoordelikheid om ons kolporteur-evangeliste, ons kerke, en ons lede wat oor ons hele terrein versprei is te voorsien van die voorrade wat hulle bestel, en te sorg dat hulle dit vroegtydig en in 'n goeie toestand ontvang. Ons moet op ons beurt weer ons voorrade van die Uitgewersmaatskappy bestel.

Die leesstofbediening lê baie na aan die

hart van die Depôtsekretaris, want word ons nie herinner dat dit deur hierdie magtige middel is wat die Derde Engel se Boodskap plekke sal bereik, waar dit anders nooit sou gekom het nie? Ons is dus dankbaar om 'n deel te hê — hoe gering dit ook mag wees — in die verspreiding van ons met waarheid gevulde leesstof oor die hele veld. Nooit gaan daar 'n dag verby sonder dat ons getroue kolporteurs deur ons kantoor staf in hulle gebede onthou word nie.

Dan kom die pos. Ons maak die baie briewe oop wat wag op ons aandag, maar ons stel die meeste belang in die briewe van ons kolporteurs. Elke week sien ons uit na 'n verslag van eikeen. Dit veroorsaak baie ontsteltenis as een miskien nie rapporteer nie, want ons is tog maar eintlik een groot familie, waarvan die lede belangstel in, en ywerig is vir die sukses van al die andere.

Omstreeks die middel van die maand is ons vernaamste werk om die bestellings te ontvang vir aflewering aan die begin van die volgende maand. Sommige bestellings word aangestuur na die Uitgewersmaatskappy, terwyl ons self andere uitvoer uit ons eie voorrade. Ons gaan die getal boeke noukeurig na sodat daar geen teleurstelling, sover ons dit moontlik kan verhoed, aan die ander kant sal ondervind word nie. Baiekeer as ons vir die laaste maal die boeke oortel, dink ons daaraan dat daardie stille boodskappers sal uitgaan om die saad van die Woord te saai, en dat dit nie tevergeefs sal wees nie.

En dit is ook nie! Die interessantste tyd in ons werk is nadat die aflewering verby is. Dan kom daar briewe van ons manne en vroue van die leesstofbediening om ons te vertel van die genoeë waarmee sommige hulle boeke ontvang het, van belangstellendes met wie hulle in aanraking gekom het, en van siele wat honger na die boodskap van verlossing.

Rekeninge? Ons het amper die rekeninge vergeet! Maar hulle ontstel ons net wanneer hulle nie betaal word nie. Die getroue, hardwerkende kolporteur dra altyd sorg dat sy rekening betaal is.

Al is die maand se werk verby, is daar geen verslapping nie. Ons kolporteurs moet maar regdeur aanhou, en hulle werk week na week, jaar na jaar voltooi, altyd met hulle oë gevestig op die doel om die boodskap van 'n spoedig-komende Verlosser aan 'n verloregeaande wêreld te bring. En ons, as Depôtsekretarisse het die groot voorreg om party van hulle moeilikhede uit die weg te ruim deur hulle ons beste diens te verskaf.

Daar is geen groter werk as die van die getroue kolporteur-evangeliste nie. Hulle sal die laaste wees om hulle werk neer te lê as die genadetyd sluit, en dit lyk altyd vir my of hulle die eerstes sal wees om die kroon te ontvang.

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„DIE swakste volgeling van Christus is in verbintenis met die sterkste bron van krag.”

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## Op Besoek by Ons Afgeleë Lede

A. C. LE BUTT

GEDURENDE die laaste naweek van Julie, het die skrywer die voorreg gehad om ons afgeleë lede in Douglas en distrik te besoek. Dit is regtig verfrissend om diegene van ons dierbare geloof te ontmoet wat nie die voorreg geniet om kerkdienste of bidure by te woon soos ons wat in dorpe woonagtig is nie. Tenspyte van hulle afsondering is hulle eenvoudig vol van hierdie Waarheid wat ons aanmekeer bind en van ons een volk maak.

Gedurende die naweek het ons sewe dienste gehou buiten die Sabbatskool, en elke diens is goed bygewoon. God het waarlik baie na aan ons gekom in ons Bydeniens. Ernstige, eerlike siele het hulle geluk en dankbaarheid jeëns God vir Sy seëninge uitgespreek.

Baie nie-Adventiste het die dienste bygewoon. Een jong man, nie van ons geloof nie, het per fiets na Douglas gekom van 'n klein dorpie agt myl daarvandaan, en as ek u meedeel dat die pad drie of vier duim onder die sand was, en dat die aande bitterlik koud was, sal u die erns van hierdie dierbare siel wat gekom het om Gods Woord te hoor, beter besef.

Ons laaste byeenkoms, wat in die huis van broeder Benade gehou is, is buitengewoon goed bygewoon. Sy huis het 'n baie groot eetkamer, maar hy was stampvol. Die vreeslike lang gang van die voordeur af, was aan al kante bely met mense. Twee kamers wat uit die eetkamer gaan, was ook vol ernstige luisteraars toe Gods Woord duidelik gemaak is. Alle moontlike sitplekke was beset, party mense het op kassies gesit, terwyl ander weer op reisdekens op die vloer gesit het. Dit was waarlik aangenaam om te sien hoe ernstig hierdie liewe siele na elke woord wat uit die spreker se mond gekom het, geluister het.

Ons het ook 'n paar dienste in die huis van broeder Coetzee, wat omtrent vier myl van Douglas is, gehou. Die opkoms was besonder goed en by elke geleentheid het daar twee of drie motorkarre vol mense van Douglas gekom. Dit was vreeslik koud, maar die weersgesteldheid het geen afbreuk aan die dienste gedoen nie.

Mag God ons liewe afgeleë lede seën en hulle die nodige moed verleen, wat hulle in hierdie dae van onsekerheid moet hê, sodat hulle kan weet dat Jesus spoedig sal terugkom na hierdie aarde om die verlostes

te versamel om in daardie land van vreugde te woon waar daar geen afsondering meer sal wees nie. Mag God daardie dag ver-

haas, en mag ons getrou bly, vooruitstreef, en andere aanmoedig, sodat hulle saam met ons die woorde: „Mooi, so,” kan hoor.

## Strewersdepartement Besluite

### Evangelistiese Bond

AANGESIEN ons glo dat die tyd ryp is om one jongmense op te lei, aan te moedig, en in te lei in 'n baie groter en definitiewer deelname aan die groot evangelistiese program van die kerk, en

AANGESIEN die Evangeliese Bond in die lewe geroep is deur hierdie beweging om die jongmense van hierdie liggaamlike, sosiale en geestelike voorbereiding te voorsien, en so 'n agtergrond van ondervinding en kennis op te bou, dat ons jongmense redelik kan deelneem aan suksesvolle siel-redende werk, daarom

*Besluit ons* (a) Dat ons deur die genade van God hierdie plan spoedig in werking sal bring in al ons kerke waar ons 'n genoegsame aantal jongmense het, of ander mense wat gewillig is om hierdie belangrike werk te doen.

### Leesstof

AANGESIEN ons besef wat 'n belangrike rol deur leesstof gespeel word in die vorming van karakter, en van hoeveel opvoedkundige waarde dit kan wees, en

AANGESIEN ons die noodsaaklikheid besef om ons jongmense te lei in verband met die soort en gehalte van leesstof wat hulle moet lees, en daar ons vermaan word: „Moedig u kinders aan om die verstand met waardevolle kennis te vul, om alles wat goed is die siel te laat in beslag neem en regeer, sodat daar geen plek is vir gemene, verlagende gedagtes nie.”

*Beveel ons aan,*

(1) Dat die boekie „What Shall I Read?” wat 'n lys boeke vir ons jongmense bevat, in die hande van al ons jongmense geplaas word, en dat 'n ondergeskikte lys van geskikte boeke, wat teen 'n redelike prys kan verkry word in ons land, opgestel word en as byvoegsel tot hierdie boekie dien.

(2) Dat iedere Europese kerk, konferensie, opleidingskool, of groot sendingstasie, 'n biblioteek opbou en in werking hou; en dat daar voorsiening gemaak word in hulle onderskeidelike begrotings, waar moontlik, vir die aankoop van nuwe boeke elke jaar, insluitende die Strewers-Leeskursusse.

(3) Dat ons grootmense deur woorde en voorbeeld die lees van alles wat stigtelik en opvoedkundig is, aanmoedig.

(4) Dat ouers ernstig sal versoek word om op die *Youth's Instructor of Our Little Friend* in te teken soos die ouderdom van hulle kinders sal aanwys.

### Bioskope en Teaters

AANGESIEN die bioskoop, teater, en ander plekke van handeldrywende vermaak met hulle omgewing onpaslik vir, en afbrekend

ten opsigte van, Christelike beginsels is:

*Besluit ons:* dat ons ons *ontoegewende* standpunt bekragtig teen die bywoning van sulke plesierplekke deur ons jongmense.

### Militêre Diens

AANGESIEN dit duidelik is dat die nasies vertoorn is, en dat ons enige oomblik voor oorlog kan te staan kom tussen die moondhede van die aarde, en

AANGESIEN Sewende-dag Adventiste onderdanig is aan die regerings van die lande waarvan hulle die voorreg het om burgers te wees, en

AANGESIEN ons Christelike beginsels ons genoodsaak om 'n nie-vegtende gedragslyn te volg in geval van oorlog, daarom

*Beveel ons aan*

(1) Dat voorsiening gemaak word om ons kerklike posisie in verband met ons houding teenoor burgerlike regering aan ons jongmense te verduidelik—en veral nadruk te lê op ons standpunt teenoor militêre diens.

(2) Dat voorsiening gemaak word om aan al ons jongmense die pamfletjie *Our Youth in Time of War* te besorg, en dat hulle aangemoedig word om die boek *Seventh-day Adventists in Time of War* te lees.

(3) Dat stappe geneem word om al ons jong manne inligting te verskaf aangaande hulle plig om geregistreer te word, asook aangaande enige voorregte wat moontlik deur die afsonderlike regerings sal toegeestaan word.

(4) Dat ons jongmanne aangemoedig word om Eerste Hulp en Rooi Kruis Werk te leer sodat hulle kan kwalifiseer om as Ambulanstroepe te dien as hulle moet aansluit.

(5) Dat ons Mediese Departement versoek word om informasie te verskaf aan ons jong manne in verband met die verkryging van hierdie mediese opleiding.

### Juniorplanne

AANGESIEN ons besef dat daar deur middel van ons Junior Strewersdepartement 'n groot werk kan verrig word om ons klein kindertjies te beskerm teen wêreldse invloede en hulle aan te moedig om gewoontes van goeie gedrag te vorm, daarom

*Beveel ons aan*

(1) Dat al ons Strewers en amptenare hulle ernstig toelê op die ontwikkeling en vooruitgang van ons Juniorwerk.

(2) Dat in elke kerk waar daar 'n klompie kinders van lae ouderdomme is, daar stappe geneem word deur die Strewersdepartement en die plaaslike kerkraad, om 'n Junior Vereniging onder sterk leierskap op tou te sit.

### Junior Strewers

AANGESIEN daar 'n begeerte is van die kant van vele om Junior Strewersvereniginge opgerig te sien, en

AANGESIEN die Wêreldkonferensie Strewersdepartement die bewerking geoutoriseer het van Progressiewe Klasvereistes,

*Beveel ons aan* dat die Divisie Strewerssekretaris as voorsitter van 'n komitee bestaande uit alle Unie Strewerssekretarisse met hierdie komitee saamwerk deur middel van korrespondensie, om planne en vereistes van Progressiewe Klaswerk geskik vir die Departement, op te stel. Hierdie komitee sal die mag hê om oor sulke sake te besluit as benodighede, beroepsonderskeidings, onderskeidingstekens, investiture programme, en eksamens.

### Junior S. V. Handboek

AANGESIEN ons besef dat daar 'n dringende behoefte is om 'n gedeelte van die inhoud van die J. S. V. Handboek oor te sit om te pas by die toestande wat in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie heers, daarom

*Beveel ons aan*

(1) Dat die opstelling van 'n byvoegsel tot die J. S. V. Handboek oorweeg word om geskik te wees vir die toestande in hierdie Divisie, deur 'n Komitee bestaande uit die Divisie-, Suid-Afrikaanse Unie, en plaaslike Konferensie S. V.-Sekretarisse.

(2) Dat hierdie selfde komitee besluit oor die vraagstuk van onderskeidingstekens, en die moontlikheid van wysiging van sertifikate, en die standaardisering van toetse in die progressiewe klaswerk.

### Sketse en Onderwerpe vir Programme

.....*Ons beveel aan* dat 'n boekie van geskikte programme opgestel word vir die S. Vereniginge in Sendingvelde in die plek van die een wat nou bestaan. Hierdie boek sal as volg opgestel wees:

Afdeling 1.—'n Eenvoudige behandeling van beginsels vir die verskillende dele van 'n goeie sosiale program.

Afdeling 2.—Vyftig moontlike programme wat die orde van diens aangee, en afdelings van onderwerpe gekies vir die programme.

Afdeling 3.—Kort, eenvoudige wenke in verband met Strewerswerk in ons natuurlike afdelings.

En dat die Divisie Strewersvereniging versoek word om te reël dat hierdie programme voorberei word uit elke Unie onderskeidelik.

Dat hierdie materiaal deur die Divisie sal voorberei word, en na die Unies gestuur word om vertaal en uitgestuur te word. Die koste van vertaling sal deur elke Unie gedra word, en die uitgawe om dit te laat druk sal deur die Divisie betaal word. Hierdie programme sal in boekvorm opgestel word deur twee bladsye vir elke patroonplaat te gebruik.

### Hier Volg 'n Monsterprogram

LEWE VAN CHRISTUS

*Lied.*—Gemeente.

*Bybel-voorlesing.*—Deur Leier.

*Gebed.*—Deur 'n lid.

*Spesiale Lied.*— Soos gereël.

*Rapport.*— Deur sekretaris.

*Bybellesing.*— Vrae deur 'n onderwyser, antwoorde deur persone wat vooraf in kennis gestel is. Beskrywingspunt—gekies in ooreenstemming met onderwerp.

*Praatjies.*— Vyf praatjies deur lede oor „Die Lewe van Christus,” as volg:

a. Johannes die Doper.

b. Geboorte van Christus.

c. Sy Lewe tot aan die Tyd van die Besnydenis.

d. Na Egipte.

e. Na die Tempel.

*Gawes.*— Lied deur Gemeente terwyl die aangesteldes die gawes opneem.

*Lied.*— Deur gemeente.

*Seën.*— Mizpah — deur gemeente gesamentlik.

ledetal en offergawes op te helder. Maar ons is van mening dat die offergawes in die sendingvelde kan vermeerder word. Die totaal aan die einde van 1936, nadat die Europese en gekleurde lede afgetrek is, toon dat 52,738 inboorling-Sabbatskoollede £709 vir sendingwerk gegee het gedurende die jaar. Dit is 'n per kapita van slegs 3.22 pennies per jaar, of omtrent 'n kwart oortjie per week, per Sabbatskoollid, omtrent 'n halwe oortjie per week per kerklid. As ons natuurle-Sabbatskoollede kan aangemoedig word om gemiddeld 'n oortjie per week, per kerklid te gee dan sal ons natuurle Sabbatskole 'n bietjie meer as 'n sjieling per jaar per kerklid of omtrent £1,500 teenoor £709 opbring—as ons dit op die ledetal van 1936 uitreken. Hierdie voorstel is maar net om 'n begin te maak, en ons vertrou dat, as ons natuurle-lede eers opgevoed is in die deug van gee, daar 'n werklike hervorming in hierdie opsig sal wees teen die tyd van die volgende Divisieraadsetting.

Ons Europese Sabbatskoollede van die Divisie het gedurende 1936 omtrent 7½d per week per lid gegee. Ons vertrou dat, noudat Suid-Afrika weer voorspoediger is, ons Sabbatskooloffergawes 'n aansienlike vermeerdering sal toon vanaf 1937.

Onder ons onopgeloste vraagstukke, soos ons rapport duidelik aangetoon het, is ons Onderwysersvergaderinge en ons Sabbatskoolbeamptes-Opleidingskursus. Van 835 Sabbatskole aan die einde van 1936 word slegs 376 gerapporteer wat Onderwysersvergaderinge hou, en ons het rede om te dink dat die vergaderinge in baie van hierdie kan verbeter word. In 1936 is slegs 43 Sabbatskoollede gerapporteer wat die Sabbatskoolbeamptes-Opleidingskursus geneem het. Hoewel hierdie kursus nie bewerk is vir ons natuurle arbeidsvelde nie, gevoel ons nogtans dat die natuurle onderwysers baie kan gehelp word deur middel van hierdie kursus op sommige van ons sentrale stasies waar daar bekwame blanke onderrigters is. Dit is in elk geval seker dat hierdie kursus op meer plekke behoort gebruik te word as 'n voorbereiding vir beamptes en onderwysers van ons blanke Sabbatskole.

#### Sabbatskool Kwartaalblaie

As 'n punt van belang wil ons opmerk dat ons in hierdie Divisie die Sabbatskool Kwartaalblad in nege inboorling-tale uitgee. Hulle is as volg:

Taal	Getal S. S. pamflette per kwartaal
Chinyanja	1390
Chishona	300
Kingwant	200
Runyaruanda	200
Sechuana	200
Sesuto	210
Umbundu	120
Xosa	463
Zulu	792

Getal Inboorling-taal Kwartaalblaie ..... 4125

## Rapport van die Sabbatskool-departement

L. L. MOFFITT, Sekretaris

In hierdie rapport sal ons probeer om 'n kort en saaklike oorsig van die werksaamhede van die Sabbatskool in die Suidelike-Afrikaanse Divisie gedurende die afgelope ses jaar (1931-1936) te gee in vergelyking met die vorige ses jaar geëindig in 1930.

Sedert ons laaste Divisieraadsetting het die Sabbatskole in die Suidelike-Afrikaanse Divisie hulle getal byna verdubbel, d.w.s hulle het vermeerder van 437 in 1930 tot 835 in 1936, 'n vermeerdering van 398 skole of 91 persent. Die ledetal het aangegroei van 29,994 aan die einde van 1930 tot 55,617 aan die einde van 1936, 'n vermeerdering van 25,623 lede of 85 persent.

#### Finansiële Winste

In al die fondse wat die Sabbatskoolgawes uitmaak, is daar 'n styging. Vir die twaalf Sabbatte se offergawes is daar vanaf 1925 tot 1930 £19,508 gegee, en van 1931 tot 1936 is die totaal £21,285, 'n vermeerdering van £1,776 of 9 persent. Die Dertiende-Sabbat offergawes het 'n vermeerdering van £5,231 tot £5,924 getoon, 'n vermeerdering van £692, of 13 persent. Ons is veral dankbaar vir die vermeerdering in die Beleggingsfonds en Verjaarsdagoffergawes. Vanaf 1925 tot 1930 het die Beleggingsfonds die som van £892 beloof, terwyl die bedrag vir die tydperk 1931-1936 'n totaal van £1,395 getoon het, 'n vermeerdering van £503 of 57 persent. Vir die twee periodes was die Verjaarsdagoffergawes £665 en £1,094 respektiewelik, 'n vermeerdering van £428 of 64 persent. Die totale bedrag van sendingoffergawes van 1925 tot 1930 het op £26,298 gestaan, terwyl die bedrag vir die tydperk 1931-1936 £29,700 gewees het, 'n vermeerdering vir die afgelope sesjarige periode van £3,402 of 13 persent.

#### Bywoning en Daelikse Studie

As ons daaraan dink dat Studiesertifikate en Boekmerke vir gereëldheid in daelike studie en Sabbatskoolbywoning staan, dan is die vooruitgang in hierdie fase van ons Sabbatskoolwerk baie bemoedigend. Vir die jare 1925-1930 is daar 'n totaal van 14,283 Studiesertifikate uitgereik, en vir die tydperk 1931-1936, 43,308, 'n vermeerdering van 29,025 — 'n bietjie meer as tweemaal

die vorige bedrag. Boekmerke is as volg uitgereik: aan die einde van 1930 het die verslag 1,751 getoon, en aan die einde van 1936 het dit op 3,289 gestaan, 'n vermeerdering van 1,538 Boekmerke, of 88 persent.

Daar is ook 'n bietjie vooruitgang te bespeur in die getal Sabbatskole wat onderwysersvergaderinge hou, en die getal wat die Sabbatskoolbeamptes-Opleidingskursus opneem. Aan die einde van 1930 het 133 skole gerapporteer dat hulle gereëde Onderwysersvergaderinge gehou het, en aan die einde van 1936 het die rapporte die feit aan die lig gebring dat 376 skole vergaderinge gehou het, 'n vermeerdering van 243. Vanaf 1925 tot 1936 is daar gerapporteer dat 188 besig was met die Sabbatskoolbeamptes-Opleidingskursus, terwyl 314 gerapporteer is gedurende die afgelope sesjarige tydperk, 'n vermeerdering van 126.

#### Die Swak Plekke

Ons is verheug om so 'n rapport van vooruitgang in alle rigtings te kan indien, en sonder verdere ontleding van die rapport, sal sommige miskien onder die indruk kom dat ons alles doen wat moontlik kan verwag word. Dus wens ek nou om op 'n paar van ons swakhede te wys, en al ons afgevaardigdes en besoekers aan te moedig om, as hulle terugkeer na hulle respektiewelike velde, nuwe kragte in te span om ons Sabbatskoolwerk op te bou en veral die swak plekke te versterk. Een van die onrusbarende aspekte van ons rapport, en een wat u seker alreeds opgemerk het, is die ongunstige verhouding tussen ledetal en vermeerdering van offergawes. Alhoewel ons ledetal van 30,000 tot 55,000 gestyg het, 'n vermeerdering van 85 persent, het ons sendingoffergawes met slegs 13 persent vermeerder.

Miskien sal ons hierdie feit beter kan besef, as ons die saak van 'n ander oogpunt beskou. In 1930, het 'n ledetal van 29,994 die som van £4,955, of omtrent 3/3 per Sabbatskoollid per jaar, gegee. In 1936, het 'n ledetal van 55,617 die bedrag van £5,527 of omtrent 2/- per lid per jaar gegee.

Ons moet egter onthou dat die grootste vermeerdering van ons ledetal uit inboorlinge bestaan. Hierdie feit help ongetwyfde om die aangroeiende onwederigheid tussen

### Waardering

Ten slotte wil ons gebruik maak van hierdie geleentheid om ons innige waardering uit te spreek aan die leiers van ons velde, die Sabbatskool beamptes en lede, die Sabbatskool Sending-sekretarisse en al die ander werkers, vir hulle belangstelling in die werk en hulle samewerking wat dit moontlik gemaak het om hierdie vermeerderings te bewerkstellig. Ons is ook volkome seker daarvan dat al ons werkers, na hulle terugkeer van hierdie Raadsitting, sal saamspan om ons Sabbatskole nog 'n groter rol te laat speel in die vooruitgang van ons werk in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie.



## Week van Opoffering

(*Vervolg van bladsy 10*)

al so swaar 'n las as moontlik dra. My hart word met ontferming bewoë as ek hulle besoek en sien waarmee hulle te kampe het en hoe swaar hulle taak is. Laat ons dus, soos nog nooit tevore, gehoor gee aan hierdie oproep tot opoffering. Dit word veronderstel dat elke werker of leek 'n volle week se salaris of inkomste sal afstaan. Die Here sal almal seën wat dit doen.

Gevolglik laat ek hierdie saak oor aan elkeen wat hierdie woorde lees. Dat God u hart sal aanraak om die behoefte te besef, en u 'n vrygewige hart sal gee, is my bede.



## Korreksie

In ons uitgawe van 15 Julie, waar ons in ons Insamelingsnuus die name van die kerke wat hulle doele gedurende die eerste vier weke van die Veldtog bereik het, opgegee het, het ons ongelukkig die naam van Potchefstroom uitgelaat. Ons vra verskoning hiervoor, daar hierdie kerk sy doel meer as verdubbel het gedurende die eerste vier weke.

SUID-AFRIKAANSE UNIE,  
Buurtsending Departement.

## Doodsberig

PRETORIUS.—Dit het onse Hemelse Vader behaag om uit ons midde weg te neem, na 'n smartlike lyding, ons kleinkind, Christoffel F. Pretorius, die enigste kind van ons seun en skoonogter, in die ouderdom van 1 jaar 3 maande en 23 dae. Slegs drie maande gelede het ons die enigste kind van ons ander seun ter ruste gelê. Ons treur nie soos diegene wat geen hoop het nie, maar verwag om hom spoedig te sien wanneer Jesus kom. Br. D. W. Jonker, Jnr., het die lyksrede waargeneem en aanhalings gemaak uit die volgende tekste: 1 Kor. 15: 51-58 asook 1 Thess. 4: 13-16, in verband met die sterflikheid van die mens en die aandoen van onsterflikheid by die wederkoms van onse Here en Heiland. Wat hy vir ons gelees het uit 1 Thess. 4: 13-16, het ons getroos en bemoedig; want

as ons glo dat Jesus gesterwe en opgestaan het, dan sal God ook so diegene wat in Jesus ontslape is, saam met Hom bring. Die ouers is spesiaal toegesprek en aangemoedig tot gehoorsaamheid en 'n toegewyde lewe, sodat hulle hulle dierbare kan weersien en in hulle arms neem, wanneer trane, dood, siekte en lykstasies nie meer sal wees nie.

Diep betreur deur die bedroefde ouers en grootouers.

Ingestuur deur

C. F. J. PRETORIUS, SNR.,  
Christiana.

## Obituaries

MAY.—Emerald May, aged 19 years, the only daughter of Elder and Mrs. D. May of Kensington, Cape, died on Monday, July 12, 1937.

When it is remembered that she was baptised but four months ago, one is led to wonder why her family should have to lose her, the only girl. Somehow, sweetly and silently the thought comes to us that doubtless her character was ready for the plucking, and that she should be hid for a while "until the indignation be over past."

The wonderful hope of the resurrection was a great comfort to the family, and a quiet trust in God who doeth all things well was their stay.

As we bid farewell to Emerald at the door of the tomb, we contemplated the worth of a Christian character, and then reminded ourselves of the words of the prophet, "Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned." Isa. 40: 2.

DAW.—Mrs. Sarah Daw, aged 26 years passed away on July 11, 1937, at Salt River. She had been ailing for some time, but her courage and trust in the Lord was always reflected by the smile that lighted up her face when she was questioned regarding her condition. She had observed the Sabbath from her childhood, and at the time of her death was a member of the Salt River church.

Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Losper of Elsies River, and an only sister of Mrs. Losper, are left to mourn their loss. To these sorrowing relatives we extended our deepest sympathy and reminded them of the not far-distant resurrection morn.

Brother G. Theunissen assisted the writer on both of these sad occasions.

ALF. G. KOHEN.

## Sabbath School Department Report

(Continued from page 7)

Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly in nine native languages tabulated as follows:

Language	No. of S. S. pamphlets per qr.
Chinyanja	1390
Chishona	300
Kingwana	200
Runyaruanda	450
Sechuana	200
Sesuto	210
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Total Vernac. quarterlies 4,125

We also publish 850 Afrikaans Sabbath School Quarterlies, and in Angola 24 Portuguese quarterlies are used.

### Appreciation

In closing this report we are happy to seize this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the union and local field leaders, the Sabbath school field secretaries and to all the other workers, Sabbath school officers and members throughout the Division for the interest they have taken, and the co-operation they have rendered in making possible the gains recorded in this report. We are confident that as our workers return from this Council they will gladly unite with us, during the ensuing period, in making the Sabbath school an even greater factor in our missionary advance throughout the Southern African Division.



## General News Notes

ELDER WRIGHT, writing about the camp-meetings in the Congo Union, tells us that on the Sabbath day there were no less than 4,410 people present at the Ngoma Mission, near lake Tanganyika. It certainly must be inspiring to see such a large gathering of people way out in the wilds. Surely these large gatherings of Christians among the heathen peoples of the world, tell us in no uncertain tones, that God is doing a quick work in the earth today. Let us remember the following words of the apostle Paul: "For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Rom. 9: 28.

WORD has been received from London that Doctors Chapin and Foster have passed their British examinations at Edinburgh and Dublin. We rejoice with these doctors over their success for they will now be able to proceed to the fields to which they have been appointed. Elder Sparrow and his co-workers in the South East African Union will be happy to welcome Doctor Chapin to his post at Malamulo Mission Hospital where they have been without a doctor for nearly two years.

Doctor Bringle and his family, as has already been intimated in one of their letters to the office, will be overjoyed at the prospect of having Doctor Foster with them at Maun, Bechuanaland, so soon.

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### Helderberg News Notes

OF unusual interest to the College community was a showing recently of moving pictures of the coronation. The films, which were borrowed from the Kodak libraries, included two of the coronation (one being in natural colour), one of Great

The latest figure on  
Harvest Ingathering  
from the South  
African Union is  
£8,220.

Britain, and one of historic events during the past year.

Success has attended the attempts of the boring machine to augment the water supply at the College, for one hole produces an additional 48,000 gallons a day. With this amount added to that produced by the natural springs, there need not be the same lack during the summer months as there has been heretofore.

THERE was justifiable rejoicing at the College the other day when, at the end of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, it was announced that £311 had been collected. This is £91 over the goal and by far the largest sum ever gathered by the school.

### Correction!

IN our Ingathering notes in the issue of July 15 giving the names of the churches that have reached their goals during the first four weeks of the campaign, we regret that the name of Potchefstroom was omitted. This church had more than doubled its goal within the four weeks.

S. AFRICAN UNION, H. M. DEPT.

## Week of Sacrifice

### September 4-11, 1937

J. F. WRIGHT

No doubt some of our workers and lay-members will be somewhat surprised to have another call made for the Week of Sacrifice during 1937, so just a word of explanation is necessary.

The Week of Sacrifice early in January seemed to be an unfortunate date, coming so close on to the old year and the Annual Offering. Then too, due to the change in the Division Treasury Department, with Elder Nelson leaving for India, the Week of Sacrifice did not receive its usual amount of promotion in the field. I was away in Angola at the time, and so the matter could not be looked after as would have been the case, had Elder Nelson been able to attend to it. So, after giving the matter consideration at the time of our Division Council in Johannesburg, it was decided to fix a new date for this offering. The date is September 4-11, 1937. It is possible that some of our workers and lay-members have already taken part in the January Week of Sacrifice, and if so, they will not need to heed this call. However, to those who have not given, we earnestly appeal to take part this time. Never were our needs so great as now. As Elders Branson, Detwiler and I visit the fields, this time, we find un-numbered calls facing our workers—really, our faithful missionaries know not which way to turn or what to do. To continue to say, no, when people come and beg for the Truth, is perplexing; and yet that is about all they can do, for they are carrying as heavy a load as they can already, in the majority of cases. My heart goes out to them as I meet them and see the tasks they face and the burdens they carry. So brethren and sisters, let us enter into this new call for sacrifice as never before. It is intended that all of our workers and lay-members should give a full week's salary or income as the case may be. The Lord will bless all in so doing.

Hence I leave the matter with each of you who read these words. May God impress your heart with the need and give you the spirit of great liberality is my prayer.

## An Appeal

A. C. LE BUTT

ONE of the most important and solemn responsibilities placed upon us as a people is the care of our children and young people, and I believe that we, as parents and church members, will be held accountable for the words we have spoken, and the examples we have set for the youth of this movement.

I feel that we should give careful thought and lay plans to make it possible to keep in touch with the young people connected with our church, and to speak words of encouragement to, and enquire in a kind and tactful way about their Christian experience.

May I ask a question or two? Have you, dear reader, one young person in your church to whom you have spoken regarding his or her Christian experience? Have you noticed a boy or girl getting a little careless in his or her way of living, and have you made it your duty to go to that one and,

### Situation Vacant

Position vacant for European girl to work in Health Institute. Must be strong and healthy. Apply: Natal-Transvaal Conference, 292 Louis Botha Avenue, Orange Grove, Johannesburg, in own handwriting. Urgent.

after careful thought and prayer, spoken words of encouragement and counsel?

O, let us take a special interest in our dear young people! Let us put ourselves out, and give careful and prayerful thought to their welfare!

About a year ago I was walking down the street in one of our large towns when I met a young person belonging to our church in that town. After talking of the common-place things, I got down to business, and asked him about his Christian experience. The young man was candid, and confessed that he had gone backward and was not what he should be. Well, we had an earnest talk, but the point I want to emphasise (and I must say I was impressed with his words) is this: He said, "Mr. Le Butt, do you know I have been a member of the church in this town for (so many) years, and you are the first person who has taken an interest in me and asked about my Christian experience."

Brethren and sisters, let us pledge ourselves to take a keener interest in the dear young people God has entrusted to us. Let us make the 1937 M. V. Week, Aug. 28 — Sept. 4, a special week of friendly interest and helpfulness to our youth.