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Having now completed our task we can but pray that the funds may be multiplied in usefulness as they go on their mission, and that blessings material and spiritual may descend both upon those who contributed and those who solicited them.

A. F. TARR

Nou dat ons taak agter ons rug is, kan ons maar net bid dat die geld moet vermenigvuldig word in nuttigheid as dit gebruik word, en dat daar strome van materiële en geestelike seën moet kom oor almal wat gekollekteer of gegee het.

Three Profitable Weeks

A. F. TARR

THOSE who were privileged to attend the Bible Workers' Institute in Bloemfontein, August 4-24, will long remember, and, we trust, benefit by, the blessings and benefits received.

A happy group of from twenty to twenty-five met each day in the front vestry of the Bloemfontein church, and followed attentively a carefully arranged course of studies in subjects calculated to greatly increase their proficiency as Bible workers.

Each day's programme began with a devotional hour at which leading workers in the South African Union and the local conferences were scheduled to speak. The minds of the Bible workers were directed during these hours to the personal relationship of the worker to his work and to the various responsibilities devolving upon him. Then there followed three hours in the morning and two in the afternoon, with suitable intervals in between, when inspiring lectures were given on Bible doctrines (including the answering of objections), church history, secular history, denominational history, church organisation, and practical suggestions and demonstrations covering the Bible worker's place in the public effort, in the church, and in the homes of the people. Carefully prepared outlines were placed on the blackboard which were copied

by the student-workers, first into rough note books and then in the evenings into bound books for permanent use. A wealth of material was thus made available to the workers which, we believe, will greatly increase their proficiency.

A day's excursion to Mazelspoort marked the last Sunday of the institute, and the happy friendships already made were cemented by the pleasant association and out-of-doors recreation in which old and young so spontaneously engaged. When the institute closed, it was with obvious



WORKERS WHO ATTENDED THE BIBLE INSTITUTE.

reluctance that the workers bade farewell to their fellow-classmates and teachers, and especially to Elder F. G. Clifford through whose careful planning and direction a most successful institute had been conducted.

Sabbath School Recommendations

(Continued from previous issue)

Attendance and Study Record for Mission Fields

WHEREAS, there has not been a uniform standard in the mission fields of the Division in respect of the requirements in connection with the repeating of the Memory Verse, therefore,

We recommend, that those seeking to qualify for the lesson study record on the Memory Verse basis be required to repeat the Memory Verse each Sabbath individually,

WHEREAS, there has been no ruling as to what constitutes "On Time" in the mission field Sabbath schools, therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the term "on time" in the native Sabbath schools shall be interpreted to mean being present when the opening hymn is announced, which shall constitute the opening of Sabbath school.

2. That to facilitate the marking of the record we request all our Sabbath school superintendents in the mission field Sabbath schools to arrange for all Sabbath school members to sit in regular class groups as they assemble for the Sabbath school.

3. That each Sabbath school have a set time to begin Sabbath school, and that Sabbath school begin at that time each week.

"THE Sabbath school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth."

Cape Conference

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Spring Evangelistic Efforts

OWING to unfortunate losses in our Evangelistic Staff, caused by several of our workers leaving for overseas, we are seriously handicapped as we face the time for the Spring Evangelistic Efforts. However, we are hoping that Elder J. van der Merwe will arrive from the United States of America in time to join in the Campaigns. We have planned the following series:

CAPE TOWN (M.V. Project for 1937).—

Elder S. S. Hiten, assisted by Sister Bradley and Sister Renoux.

DOUGLAS.—Elder S. G. Hiten, assisted by local members.

KIMBERLEY.—Sister A. G. Fleming, assisted by Sister Minter.

WESTERN PROVINCE.—Elder J. van der Merwe, assisted by Sister Swane-poel.

We earnestly solicit, on behalf of these workers, the sincere prayers of God's people.

W. H. HURLLOW.

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Visits in the Field

VISITS to our isolated members are always a source of encouragement, not only to the members visited, but also to the worker who visits.

Away in the North-Western Cape, bordering on the Kalahari Desert, Brother George and Brother Willie van Druten, Brother Smit and Brother Barnard, together with their families, are endeavouring to make their lives eloquent testimonies to the truths of the Message. Far and near it is the subject of comment that no work is done on their farms on the Sabbath.

Away in Griquatown a bright light has been kindled by Sister Keulder whose husband has been transferred to that district.

The light which for several years has burned in Douglas is beginning to dispel the darkness and the appeal made by Brethren Coetzee and Benade, for someone to come and develop the interest they have there, is soon to be answered.

More to the centre of our field we find Sister van der Post, energetic in her zeal for the Truth and planning Bible Studies to be held in Phillipolis.

In Cradock new interests have been developed and we hope soon to have a baptism there.

Elder S. S. Hiten has recently visited our church at Vredendal and reports a pleasing response to his week of revival meetings.

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Sister Le Butt has done yeoman work for our church at George and a spirit of confidence and encouragement prevails.

Accompanied by Mrs. Hurlow and Miss P. E. Willmore we are about to start on a trip visiting our members and churches in the Southern portion of our field.

W. H. HURLOW.

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Accomplishments, and Plans for the Future

A. N. INGLE

FOLLOWING our Harvest Ingathering work in this field a number of our men were asked to go out canvassing for a few weeks to help augment the funds of the Conference. Brother D. A. de Beer has been working in the Barberton area and has done quite well. Unfortunately he took a tumble from his motor-cycle as a result of a car cutting a corner and has had a bad back for a couple of weeks. We are glad to report that he is improving nicely.

Brother M. Coetzee was unable to go out at all, for he was using his motor-cycle at night without lights and met another individual doing likewise, and Brother Coetzee hurt himself very badly as a result of colliding with the side of a bridge in trying to avoid the other motorist.

Brother Haarhoff has been canvassing in the territory near Kokstad and has done very well indeed.

Brother A. van de Bergh did well for the short time he was canvassing and was then asked to attend the Bible Workers' Institute at Bloemfontein.

Brother Worsley has been doing work in the area around the north coast of Natal and expects to make a good delivery.

Brother du Plessis has been working on the Rand, but ill-health has interfered somewhat with his work.

As a result of the efforts on the part of these workers we hope to give a substantial lift to the Conference funds.

Evangelistic Efforts

We are facing a new series of public efforts and all of the workers are busy preparing for this campaign.

In the north we have asked Brother P. van de Merwe to lead out and all being well, he will be starting a series of meetings at Nylstroom and at the same time is being asked to care for the interests of companies that we have at Naboomspruit, Potgietersrust, Pietersburg and Louis Trichardt. This brother will surely have plenty to keep him busy.

Brother D. A. de Beer is starting his meetings at Machadodorp and at the same time will care for the company at Carolina and visit with the Ermelo company from time to time.

Brother J. H. Raubenheimer will be commencing a series of meetings at Arcadia in Pretoria, using the big tent once again and associated with him will be Brother E. Stevenson and Sister Amy Bulgin who has just been invited to connect with the Natal-Transvaal Conference as a Bible worker. Sister Bulgin has been attending Helderberg for some little time, also the Bible Workers' Institute at Bloemfontein and we welcome her into the ranks of the workers in this field.

bilities while continuing with work already in hand.

Brother A. W. Staples will open meetings in the Scout Hall at Norwood, a suburb of Johannesburg. With him will be associated Brother and Sister A. van de Bergh and Sister Jeffrey. There are also the responsibilities in connection with several other churches and companies devolving upon this brother, these being the Central Johannesburg, Southern Suburbs, Mellville, Booysens, Orange Grove, and Krugersdorp.

We take this opportunity also of once again thanking our devoted lay-brethren who so ably lead out in many of our churches.

Sister Dixie, our very devoted lady Bible worker has more than her hands full with interests that she is caring for from previous efforts in the Johannesburg suburbs, and no doubt will be finding herself in the thick of the fray in the new effort at Norwood.

Brother P. A. Venter, who for a num-

Natal-Transvaal Conference Camp-meeting

We take this opportunity of reminding our readers of the Camp-meeting for the Natal-Transvaal conference that will be held in Johannesburg, January 7-15, 1938.

We have just confirmed the hire of the large Coronation (Late Freemasons') Hall within a hundred yards of the Johannesburg church. There are four nice halls in the building, also large dining room facilities and kitchen. This hall, in conjunction with our own church and M. V. Halls will give us ample room for all Camp-meeting activities.

Plan to meet with us and receive the blessing that God will have for us there.

There will be a good attendance of our Union and Division workers to give us messages of cheer and encouragement.

Remember the Camp-meeting in Johannesburg, January 7-15, 1938.

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Brethren Raubenheimer and Stevenson will also care for the companies at Gezina, the interests in Pretoria West and make periodical visits to Ermelo and Standerton.

Brother Combrinck will open up in Germiston assisted by Brother Du Plessis and Sister Marshall. This effort will be in another of our big tents and will be conducted in English. Brother Combrinck also has the care of the work on the East Rand and will have companies to care for at Springs, Brakpan, Benoni, Boksburg, Primrose, Alberton, Kempton Park and Benoni holdings. This brother surely has more than enough to keep him busy, but is always anxious to take on new responsi-

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ber of years has been doing good work in the Northern Transvaal, has now been moved south into the Orange Free State. He will open his meetings in the very fine town of Ficksburg, assisted by Brother Haarhoff. We are looking forward to a good response from this town.

Brother A. J. Herholdt will open his meetings at Senekal in the Orange Free State. Brother and Sister M. Coetzee will be associated with Brother Herholdt. These brethren in the Orange Free State expect a hard fight and we ask that they be especially remembered in your prayers at this time. The little company at Senekal are especially pleased that there is going to be an effort held there. In addition to this effort, Brother Herholdt is asked to care largely for the companies at Bethlehem, Reitz, Frankfort and Harrismith.

In Natal we have a serious shortage of workers. At our last Committee meeting it was voted to invite Brother W. Norcott to connect with the Natal-Transvaal Conference work. Brother Norcott for many years has been doing splendid work in the Congo field but circumstances necessitated his return to the Union. He has just connected with a large native hospital in Durban when our call was extended to him

and he is starting right in with us and we are hoping that he will do good work among the Indians in Natal, where Brother Eva has been working hard for the last couple of years. We welcome this brother and his wife into our band of workers.

Brother Eva, who has been working with and for the Indians for many, many months, is now being invited to connect with the European work and will be commencing a public series of meetings in Maritzburg. Sister Lund will be associated with him as Bible worker.

We had hoped long ere this to have had an experienced worker from overseas to commence work in Durban, but up to the time of writing, we have had no definite word regarding this worker. This has been a great disappointment to us and the Durban area, but we still live in hopes and are thankful that the Durban company are so patient under their disappointment and need.

Brother A. Worsley, who has been helping along in Durban for some little time

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Days of the Latter Rain at Thekerani

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THEKERANI MISSION, situated in the southern-most portion of Nyasaland, has its territory bounded on three sides by Portuguese East Africa, and within it some of the most densely populated areas of the Protectorate. Built on a group of knolls among high hills, it overlooks the vast Shire Valley stretching far to the south and west. The scenery is beautiful, and the situation pleasant.

In the early days when the work first branched out from Malamulo into this area, large numbers in converts and school enrolments were an outstanding feature. And throughout the years that have followed, consistent, but extraordinary growth has been made, until today we report each quarter, figures that cause us to realise that the days of the Latter Rain have come. We cannot but accept this as a potent truth when we know that in the six camp-meetings recently held at Thekerani and attached centres no less than 22,025 individuals attended on the Sabbaths, 291 were baptised, and 112 were converted.

Some one has said—and I think it is generally thought—that Seventh-day Adventism in Nyasaland holds as many adherents as most religions, and that its work enjoys unopposed progress. It is true that our mission is highly esteemed in Government circles, as well as by Europeans and natives of the land in general. It is also true that our work is coming more and more into prominence, but, that it moves onward without adversities is a wrong notion. Opposition has not taken on in the open as it has in many other countries. It is rather stealthy and subtle in its encroachments upon our endeavours. While other Protestant missions do oppose us at times, yet Catholicism and Mohammedanism cause us more concern.

Catholics keep a vigilant watch over our movements. Seldom can we open a new school, or conduct an evangelistic effort, but what, in a short time, priests and adherents of their faith surround the place and work to get a foothold. They then make an application for a school there. Government statistics tell us that an average of 133 Catholic schools are opened each year. To make a comparison, they open in one year nearly as many schools as we have taken thirty-six years to establish.

We have in Nyasaland 169 schools with a total enrolment of 6,891; they have 1,807 schools, and 79,036 students enrolled—and that in "Protestant Nyasaland"!

Mohammedanism, on the other hand is more stealthy in its advances, and is seldom seen or heard of beyond a Moslem call to worship at sunset, should one be near a place of prayer. And yet, here again, Government reports reveal that in the more than one and a half million natives of the Protectorate, every eleventh one is a Mohammedan. It is surprising, but it is a fact, that in Limbe, a town about the size of Blantyre, and the headquarters of the Nyasaland Railways, all meat that is sold on the market is killed by a Mohammedan—that butchered by a Christian or by a heathen not being allowed on the market tables. The mysticism and superstition of the Moslem religion has a gripping appeal to the heart of the African, and once an adherent, he remains one for life, with but few exceptions.

In these two forces we see East meeting West. Sandwiched between, as it were, is the faithful band of God's remnant people, carrying its message with wonderful progress. The camp-meetings give the work an impetus that is seldom spoken of. Only that which takes place at each is reported, but, these gatherings are the subject of discussion for months, among Government officials, other missions and villagers. Each year closely following the camp-meeting season, evangelistic efforts are held, and while conducting these we are often made to feel the influence of the camp-meetings. (The camp-meetings in the mission fields are a very important factor in the spreading of the message.)

At the time of writing, eleven efforts are in progress in our territory. From each comes cheering reports. Yesterday, at this out-school (Salima) 411 people attended the Sabbath School, and in the service following, fourteen responded to the call to accept Christ as their only Saviour. For 1937, Thekerani and adjacent centres have set a goal of eighteen efforts. We hope for 1,000 converts added to the baptismal classes, in which they will be instructed and cared for as diligently as a nation fosters and trains its Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. God will give the increase, our part is to render faithful and zealous service!

In all branches of the work here, God's mighty hand is felt bringing His work to a quick and victorious close. Our schools, Sabbath Schools, and Missionary Volunteer Societies are all strengthening to help the Message onward. Our tithes and offerings are increasing. The members are becoming more and more enthusiastic in church activities. Calls for us to open new schools come from north, south, east, west,—and these not alone from natives. I have in my files a letter, recently received, from a District Commissioner, asking us to establish a school in a certain section of his district. The Lord is leading in a way

DID YOU KNOW

That Mussolini is a Vegetarian?

Be sure to read
"MUSSOLINI, THE
ABSTEMIOUS"

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is being asked to conduct a series of meetings in Natal and we are looking for good results from this effort also.

Brethren and sisters remember these efforts in your prayers. All of the workers will be busy working for the public within the next couple of weeks, and they need heavenly wisdom in guiding folks over the line.

Unentered Territory

We see the great area of the Western Transvaal without a single worker, but we do not have a man to send.

We see the great Eastern Transvaal, the Northern Free State, the whole of the north of Natal without a single worker. What to do to meet the need we do not know. We are endeavouring to make the funds go just as far as is possible, but more funds and more workers are needed. Who will come to our aid?

Remember the work in the Natal-Transvaal Conference as you meet with the Lord each day.



"ALTOGETHER too little work is being done by church-members for those who need the light, those who are outside of the church of Seventh-day Adventists."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, page 128.

that would amaze those who bore the discouragements and trials that attend the pioneering of the work into this land, and with the Psalmist we exclaim:

"This is the Lord's doing;
It is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech Thee, O Lord:

O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity." (Ps. 118:23-25.)

Helderberg College

The First Year of the Junior Hostel

For the past ten or fifteen years the question of establishing a separate Junior Hostel in connection with the College had been seriously contemplated. It is now just a year since the Board finally decided to authorise the undertaking and the first sod was turned. By working at high pressure it was possible to complete this new unit for the opening of school this year.

The one question asked more frequently than any other this year has been, "Well how is the Junior Hostel getting on?" It has been our good fortune to reply with candour and truthfulness that the Junior Hostel has been conducted most efficiently. Under Mrs. Clarke's diligent and watchful care and her constant supervision the children have had more than ordinary home care.

Physically some of the children have improved in a marked way. Correct habits of living have been formed. Their play has been well supervised and their programme has been so arranged as not to allow of idle aimless time. There has been practically no illness even during the cold, wet

winter. In a spiritual way, too, the Juniors have enjoyed unique advantages. They have had their own separate worship hour morning and evening at which times valuable instruction in moral training and general character development has been imparted. They likewise have their own M. V. meetings and devotional services in which various members of the staff have assisted.

Is it any wonder that the Junior Hostel is filled to capacity the first year? It would be comparatively easy to fill the Hostel with children from non-Adventist homes. In fact we have had to turn away some this year. However we wish to offer the advantage first of all to our own Seventh-day Adventist parents. The Junior Hostel should appeal strongly to our isolated people who wish to have their children in our own school in harmony with the earnest counsel through the Spirit of prophecy. Because of the large number of applications from non-Adventist homes we do advise that our own people who may contemplate sending their children next year apply as early as possible; otherwise we fear that some will be disappointed, as the number accepted is definitely limited to about thirty-five.

G. E. SHANKEL.

and gardens are a delight to behold. They have an age-old custom—that of tree planting, and you may guess the result! In every way, except religiously, they are seeking modernism. Everything along modern mechanics is being used. We visited a modern hotel near Mt. Fuji, and I think we are safe in saying we have never beheld such grandeur in any hotel. Rooms are named after various flowers, and the picture of the flower in colour is framed on the door. Everything in the room is arranged in perfect colour scheme. Private baths in a tile-finished room adjoin with a reclining pool in which to rest after your soap-wash under a spray. Lovely cool gardens, birds and flowers surround this lofty building—one could see that artists had had their way, and God had done the rest, even though they had not known Him as we know Him.

Buddism and Shintoism with their many sects and sub-sects enshroud their lives in a maze of darkness, and they are content to remain there. It makes one sad to see them come up to a shrine, bow, clap their hands to call their Deity's attention, then make known their request and toss a coin over into the spacious maw of the offering chest. They evidently believe in the spirit of the latter part of Exodus. Surely some hearts must not be satisfied with these things, and for these our people are seeking.

We have a nice school for girls inside the European compound where eighty quiet, modest maidens are in attendance. Brother C. F. Thurston is in charge. They find an outlet for their love of beauty in their industrial work—the making of colourful, beautiful kimonoas to sell. We took four dozen of these to sell and thus encourage them. Co-education is frowned strongly upon by the elderly fathers and mothers of Japan, so until advancement is permitted along that line, we must have separate schools for our boys and girls.

Our boys' school is way out in the country. We were invited to come and bring our welcome pictures on Africa. Brother and Sister P. A. Webber with their family are carrying on alone there. They have a splendid "plant," a nice farm, garden and orchard, wood-working shop, and eighty fine young men in attendance. The spirit of sacrifice was plainly shown on the Sabbath we were there. They had not reached their Sabbath School goal and the quarter was closing, so of their own choice about half of the school went without breakfast and supper that the money (which they did not possess) might be credited to the Sabbath school. I took samples of table-mats which are easy to procure in Japan, to see if orders might be secured to help the school's funds, and I trust some help may thus come to our Boys' School there.

We have secured some nice pictures in Japan, including the Royal Iris gardens. How kind all the Compound folk were to us—truly as Elder Spicer says, "the Ad-

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A Message *En Route*, No. 3

Ship, "Asama Maru,"

July 26, 1937

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF THE
"OUTLOOK" FAMILY,

Here we are once more on the high seas, and this time our white prow is set for San Francisco, California, U. S. A. We expect to arrive day after tomorrow if God wills.

Does it not seem that we are forever on the journey, but never reaching our destination? Well, there are so many friends along the way who receive us and take us to see so many places of interest, and then the ship you are to sail on just leaves your port on certain dates, so these are some of the reasons for the longer stays *en route*.

When last I wrote you we had just arrived in Japan. We spent two weeks in seeing Japan. We were most kindly en-

tertained at our Compound and from there went out to points of interest. Among our pleasures was the meeting again, after thirty-five years, of our Japanese classmate of the St. Helena Sanitarium, Torachi Kawano. Brother Kawano has been true to this Message and to the medical knowledge he has received. He has laid two of his family to rest, his health is impaired, and youth no longer his, but his faith and courage still holds and his smile is bright. He and Mr. Boger were brought into the message through the same minister's labours—Elder Dexter in California. As a parting gift, he and his wife brought a desk inkwell and pen and a Japanese doll dressed in "happy colours" red and white. A doll is considered not an uncommon gift and very appropriate.

Japan is a wonderful little country, its people bustling about whether in city or country, making their small kingdom large with industry of every sort. Their fields

The Layman's Page

FOR STRENGTH AND SERVICE

Conducted by the South African Union Conference Home Missionary Department

THIS MONTH'S GREAT THOUGHT.—"Kindness has converted more sinners than either zeal, eloquence, or learning."
—F. W. Faber.

Work for the Month

LET us not wait until "campaigns" come round for the opportunity of working for others. We shall find opportunities day by day, and right in our own neighbourhoods. Campaigns are over now until December but we can engage in Christian help work at any time. The sorrowful, the tempted, the sick, the poor, the fallen, and the hungry are everywhere. Shall we not make diligent efforts to find these unfortunates around our own homes and minister to them. An hour's willing labour for a heavily burdened mother, a few words of kindly comfort to the bereaved, a small parcel of food for the poor, a bouquet of flowers for the sick, an encouraging chat with the tempted, and a helping hand for the fallen—these are the duties our heavenly Father has allotted to us, and He designed this unselfish service for others as a means of perfecting our own characters and drawing us nearer to Himself.

"The effort to bless others will react in blessing upon ourselves. . . . He has granted men the privilege of becoming partakers of the divine nature, and, in their turn, of diffusing blessings to their fellowmen. . . . Those who thus become participants in labours of love are brought nearest to their Creator."—"Steps to Christ," p. 83.

Dedicate some time each week to Christian help work. Pray earnestly for guidance and help in the performance of it. Launch out upon it in faith. Keep a brave cheery heart—and, of a surety, joy and peace will enshroud your life.

F. E. P.

Notice to Elders and Local Leaders

Do you find the fifteen-minute missionary outline helps of value? If they meet the need we would appreciate knowing it, so as to enable us to plan on further helps for next year. If it does not meet the need, kindly let us know this also. A post-card will do. Just send word now to:

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT,
P. O. Box. 468,
Bloemfontein, O. F. S.

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THOSE who accept the message of Truth revealed in the Word of God must not only believe certain fundamental doctrines that provide a basis for their faith. They must be led into the field of service on behalf of others. They must be trained to be apt to teach; they must be able to utilise many channels of service to reach the one objective. They must understand and appreciate the value of team work, and be acquainted with the best methods of arousing and maintaining an interest in spiritual things.

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Lay-Preachers

"THEREFORE they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." Acts 8:4. It was an army of lay-preachers that carried the gospel in power to the Roman world. The apostles remained in Jerusalem, but lay men were the pioneers in the surrounding provinces. There were women also, and they did not all preach from a pulpit, in fact it is doubtful if but very few preached in that fashion.

Everywhere, in any way, all the time men, women and children simply bore earnest witness to what they had seen and heard. The apostles were often repulsed and refused a hearing, but no one could silence the testimony of a multitude of witnesses. They were springing up everywhere—in the kitchens, in the taverns, on the road, in the ships, on the market place, men were hearing about Jesus.

That was under the early rain. Are we not soon to see the influence of the latter rain, when the statement "I saw thousands, etc." is to find fulfilment? Has the time not fully come for such a manifestation?

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A Sign or a Deception

A SHORT time ago I was entering a railway station when a notice caught my attention. It read, "S. D. A. Literature. Please take some," and was displayed on a well-made paper rack. Alas, the rack was empty. I lingered a few moments

and watched two persons come up, read the notice, and turn away disappointed. That which was intended to be a sign was now only a deception. Perhaps the rack had been filled that morning; and it is a little difficult to keep up the supply, but it is worthwhile to keep the racks filled, giving the travelling public food for serious thought.

QUESTION AND ANSWER CORNER

QUESTION.—Where can I get help in making Bible study outlines?

ANSWER.—I am sure the Pastor of your church will be happy to give you some help along this line. There is also excellent help provided in the book "How to give Bible Readings" price 2/6, or "The Lay Preacher's Manual" price 3/6. Both of these books contain a number of model outlines as well as suggestions as to making up your own outlines.

QUESTION.—Is it proper for the church board to consider the missionary work of the church, or should this not be left to the Missionary leader and secretary?

ANSWER.—The church board should consider as one of its major duties the plans and missionary activities of the church. The board as the governing body of the church is responsible before God for the evangelisation of the territory within its vicinity. Meetings should be held regularly and plans, policies and methods for advancing the work by utilising the services of every member should be considered.

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At least one copy of the *Church Officers' Gazette* goes to every church in the South African Union each month. It is full of helpful articles, and suggestive programme material, most of which can be profitably used in our field. Its helpful counsel makes it the *Church Officers' Friend*.

Bladsy vir Leke

VIR KRAG EN DIENS

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

GEDAGTE VIR HIERDIE MAAND.—„Vriendelikheid het al meer sondaars tot bekering gebring as ywer, welsprekendheid, of geleerdheid.”—*F. W. Faber.*

Werk vir die Maand

ONS moenie wag vir veldtogte om ons die geleentheid te gee om vir andere te werk nie. Daar is elke dag geleentheid in ons eie omgewing. Hoewel daar nou nie meer veldtogte sal wees voor Desember nie, kan ons enige tyd liefdadigheidswerk doen. Daar is orals bedroefdes, versoektes, siekes, armes, gevalenes en hongeriges. Sal ons nie ywerig wees in ons pogings om hierdie ongelukkiges op te soek en te versorg nie? 'n Uur se vrywillige werk vir 'n baie besige moeder, 'n paar woordjies van vriendelike vertroosting aan 'n bedroefde, 'n pakkie eetgoed vir 'n arme, 'n bosie blomme vir 'n sieke, 'n bemoedigende gesprek met 'n beproefde, en 'n helpende hand vir 'n gevallene—dit is die pligte wat ons hemelse Vader ons opgelê het. Hierdie onselfsugtige werk vir andere het Hy bestem as 'n middel om ons eie karakters te volmaak en ons nader aan Hom te bring.

„Die poging om andere te seën sal reageer in seëninge op onself. . . . Hy gee aan mense die voorreg om deelgenote van die goddelike natuur te word, en op hulle beurt, seëninge uit te stort oor hulle medemens. Diene wat aldus deelneem aan liefdeswerke, word die naaste aan hulle skepper gebring.”—*„Steps to Christ,”* bl. 83.

Sonder 'n sekere tyd elke week af vir liefdadigheidswerk. Bid ernstig om leiding en hulp in die verrigting daarvan. Gaan in geloof uit om dit te doen. Wees dapper en opgeruimd, en u lewe sal in geluk en vrede gehul wees.

F. E. P.

Ons Blaai

ONS sien dikwels hope gelesse blaai in Adventis-huisgesinne. Dit is verbasend hoe vinnig ou blaai vermeerder. Onlangs het ek die genoeë gehad om 'n sekere suster 'n groot hospitaal te sien besoek met so 'n armvol leesstof. Daar was *Little Friends* vir die kinders, *Youth's Instructors* vir die jongmense, en die *Signs, Tekens, American Signs, Life and Health*, en *Present Truth* vir volwassenes. Sy het my meegedeel dat baie van die pasiënte dankbaar is vir hierdie leesstof en haar besoeke hoogs op prys stel.

TENMINSTE een eksemplaar van die *Church Officers' Gazette* word elke maand aan iedere kerk in die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie gestuur. Hierdie blad is propvol van leer-same artikels, model-programme, en dergelike materiaal wat met goed gevolg in ons veld kan gebruik word. Daar is so baie goeie raad in, dat dit met reg die „Vriend van kerkbeamptes” kan genoem word.

Volkome Toegerus Tot Alle Goeie Werk

DIENE wat die boodskap van waarheid, wat in die Woord van God geopenbaar is, aanneem, moenie slegs in sekere grondbeginsels wat die fondament van hulle geloof uitmaak, glo nie. Hulle moet toegerus word om tot diens vir ander te wees. Hulle moet in staat wees om hulle een doel deur baie kanale van diens te bereik. Ook moet hulle die waarde van saamwerking besef en waardeer, en op hoogte van sake wees in verband met die beste metodes om belangstelling in geestelike dinge te wek en instand te hou.

Lekepredikers

„En dié wat verstrooi was, het die land deurgegaan en die woord van die evangelie verkondig.” Hand. 8:4. Dit was 'n leër van lekepredikers wat die evangelie met soveel mag aan die Romeinse wêreld gebring het. Die apostels het in Jerusalem gebly, maar die baanbrekers in die aangrensende provinsies was leke. Onder hulle was daar vroue ook, en dit is onwaarskynlik dat enige van hulle van 'n preekstoel af gepreek het.

Orals het manne, vroue, en kinders gedurig op enige manier getuig van wat hulle gesien en gehoor het. Die apostels het af-jakke gekry en was dikwels nie toegelaat om te preek nie, maar niemand was in staat om die getuie van so 'n menigte te demp nie. Orals—in die kombuise, in die kantiene, langs die paaie, op die skepe, en op die marke, het die mense van Jesus gehoor.

Dit was tydens die vroeë reën, en sal

ons nie binnekort die invloed van die latere reën, wanneer die verklaring: „Ek het duidelike gesien, ens.” sal verwesenlik word, sien nie? Het die tyd nog nie aangebreek vir so 'n openbaring nie?

'n Teken of 'n Misleiding

TOE ek 'n tydjie gelede by 'n spoorweg-stasie ingestap het, het die volgende kennisgewing my aandag getrek: „S. D. A. Leesstof. Neem daarvan.” Dit was boaan 'n netjiese rak, maar, helaas, die rak was leeg. Terwyl ek 'n paar oomblikke daar rondgedrentel het, het twee persone daar gekom, die kennisgewing gelees, en teleurgestel weggedraai. Wat as 'n teken bedoel was, was nou slegs 'n misleiding. Miskien was die rak daardie oggend nog vol, en was dit moeilik om in daardie geval voor te bly daar die aanvraag miskien so groot was; maar ek dink ons moet sorg dat ons rakke altyd gevul is met leesstof wat die reisende publiek stof tot oordinking kan verskaf.

Vrae en Antwoorde

VRAAG.—Waar kan ek hulp kry in die opstelling van sketse vir Bybelstudies?

Antwoord.—Ek is seker dat die leraar van u kerk bly sal wees om u hiermee te help. Ook sal u uitstekende raad vind in die boek „How to Give Bible Readings” teen 2/6 of „The Lay Preacher's Manual” prys 3/6. Althoe hierdie boeke bevat 'n aantal model-sketse sowel as nuttige wenke vir die opstelling daarvan.

VRAAG.—Is dit reg dat die kerkraad moet toesig hou oor die sendingwerk van die kerk, of behoort dit aan die Sending-leier en Sekretaris oorgelaat te word?

Antwoord.—Die kerkraad behoort dit as een van hulle vernaamste pligte te beskou om die sendingplanne en werksaamhede van die kerk te oorweeg. Die Raad, as die regerende liggaam van die kerk, is verantwoordelik voor God vir die evangelisering van die terrein in sy omgewing. Daar moet gereeld vergaderinge gehou word waarop die planne en metodes vir die vooruitgang van die werk deur die gebruikmaking van die dienste van iedere lid, moet bespreek word.

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Drie Voordelige Weke

A. F. TARR

DIEGENE wat die voorreg gehad het om die Bybelwerkerskursus, gehou te Bloemfontein, 4-24 Augustus, by te woon, sal baie lank die seënninge en voordele wat hulle daar ontvang het, onthou, en, soos ons vertrou, baat vind daarby.

'n Gelukkige groep van ongeveer twintig of vyf-en-twintig, het daagliks in die voorste konsistorie van die Bloemfonteinse kerk byeengekom om aandagtig 'n noukeurig voorbereide reeks studies te volg oor onderwerpe wat bestem was om hulle bekwaamheid as Bybelwerkers grootliks te vermeerder.

Elke dag se program het begin met 'n biduur gelei deur een van die vooraanstaande werkers in die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie of van 'n plaaslike konferensie. Gedurende hierdie bidstonde is die aandag van die Bybelwerkers gevestig op die persoonlike verhouding van die werker tot sy werk en op die verskillende verantwoordelikhede wat op hom rus. Daarna was daar drie uur in die môre en twee in die agtermiddag, met geskikte tussenposes, wanneer daar besielende lesings gehou is oor Bybelse leerstellings (sowel as antwoorde op alle besware daarteen), kerkgeskiedenis, sekulêre geskiedenis, die geskiedenis van die denominasie, kerklike organisasie, en praktiese voorstelle en demonstrasies in verband met die werk van die Bybelwerker in 'n publieke poging, in die kerk, en in die huise van die mense. Goedvoorbereide sketse is op die swartbord geskryf en deur die werkers afgeskryf, eers in aantekening-boeke en dan in die aand in groot boeke vir permanente gebruik. Op hierdie manier het die werkers in besit gekom van 'n rykdom van waardevolle materiaal, wat, volgens ons mening, hulle bekwaamheid grootliks sal vermeerder.

Die laaste Sondag van die kursus is bestee aan 'n uitstappie na Mazelspoort, en die gelukkige vriendskappe wat alreeds gemaak was, is vaster gesmee deur die aangename verkeer en ope-lug ontspanning waaraan beide oud en jonk so geredelik deelgeneem het. Toe die Instituut gesluit het, was dit swaar vir die werkers om afskeid te neem van hulle mede-klasmaats en onderwysers, en veral van leraar F. G. Clifford, wie verantwoordelik was vir die reëling en besturing van hierdie uiters suksesvolle kursus.

„VRIENDELIKHED is die bewys van liefde, net soos lig en krag die bewys van elektrisiteit is.”

Kaapse Konferensie

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Besoeke Afgelê in die Veld

BESOKE aan ons afgeleë lede is altyd 'n bron van bemoediging, nie alleen vir die lede wat besoek word nie, maar ook vir die werkers wat hulle besoek.

Daar gunter in die Noord-westelike gedeelte van die Kaap-Provinsie, op die grens van die Kalahari Woestyn, probeer broe-

Kaapse Konferensiesitting en Kampvergadering

Voorlopige Bekendmaking

Daar word planne beraam om bogenoemde sitting en kampvergadering in die pragtige omgewing en beroemde klimaat van die Kaapse Skiereiland te hou.

Die byeenkomste sal 'n aanvang neem op die aand van 14 Januarie 1938, en sal gehou word tot die aand van die 22ste. Dit is al ses jaar sedert die laaste kampvergadering in die heerlike Kaapse Skiereiland. Ons stuur dus 'n hartlike uitnodiging aan al die lede van ons Kaapse Konferensie om hulle vakansie op hierdie kampvergadering te kom deurbring, en gevolglik 'n heerlike fees van die Brood van die Lewe te geniet in gemeenskap met broeders en susters uit alle dele van die veld. Die leiers van die Divisie-, Unie-, en plaaslike konferensies sal teenwoordig wees om u harte aan te raak met die vername waarhede van ons tyd.

Aangesien daar nog nooit 'n kampvergadering op 'n belangriker tyd gehou is nie, moet ons saamspan en saam planne beraam vir die laaste gebeurtenisse.

„Laat almal wat dit moontlik kan doen hierdie jaarlikse byeenkomste bywoon. Almal behoort te voel dat God dit van hulle verlang.”—„Testimonies,” Deel II, bl. 600.

Onthou die Datum,
14 TOT 22 JANUARIE,
en begin nou om voorbereidings te maak.

ders George en Willie van Druten, broeder Smit, en broeder Barnard, met hulle families, om hulle lewes sprekende getuienis van die waarhede van die boodskap te maak. Orals in hulle omgewing word dit opgemerk dat daar geen werk op hulle plase op die Sabbatdag verrig word nie.

In Griekwastad is daar 'n helder lig aangesteek deur sr. Keulder wie se man na daardie distrik verplaas is.

Die lig wat al etlike jare in Douglas brand, begin nou die duisternis verdryf en daar sal spoedig gehoor gegee word aan die roepstem van broeders Coetzee en Benade om iemand te stuur om die belangstelling wat daar gewek is, te kom ontwikkel.

Nader na die middel van ons veld is suster van der Post wat hard werk in haar ywer vir die waarheid en planne beraam om Bybellesings in Phillipolis te hou.

In Cradock is daar nuwe belangstelling ontwikkel, en ons hoop om spoedig daar 'n doopdiens te hou.

Leraar S. S. Hiten het onlangs ons kerk te Vredendal besoek en rapporteer bemoeidigende belangstelling in sy opwekkingsdienste.

Suster Le Butt het kragtige hulp aan ons kerk verleen op George, en daar heers 'n gees van vertroue en aanmoediging.

Vergesel van mev. Hurlow en mej. P. E. Willmore, gaan ons nou ons lede en kerke in die Suidelike gedeelte van ons veld besoek.

W. H. HURLLOW.

„ALMAL kan die saak aanhelp deur onselfsugtig van hulle middele te gee.”

Natal-Transvaal Konferensie Kampvergadering

Ons maak gebruik van hierdie geleentheid om ons lesers te herinner aan die kampvergadering vir die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie wat 7-15 Januarie 1938 in Johannesburg sal gehou word.

Ons het pas die huur van die groot „Coronation” (vroëer „Freemasons”) Saal, ongeveer 'n honderd treë van die Johannesburgse kerk, goedgekeur. Daar is vier mooi sale in die gebou, asook 'n groot eetkamer en kombuis. Hierdie gebou, tesame met ons eie kerk en Strewersgeboue, sal ons oorgevoeg plek verskaf vir al die verrigtinge van ons kampvergadering.

Beraam planne om teenwoordig te wees en die seën te ontvang wat ons daar wag.

Ons Unie- en Divisiwerkers sal daar wees om boodskappe van aanmoediging te bring.

Onthou die Kampvergadering in Johannesburg 7-15 Januarie 1938.
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Verrigtinge, en Planne vir die Toekoms

A. N. INGLE

Na ons Oesinsamelingswerk in hierdie veld, is 'n aantal van ons werkers gevra om vir 'n paar weke te gaan kolporteur teneinde te help om die fondse van die konferensie te styf. Broeder D. A. de Beer het in die Barberton-terrein gewerk en baie sukses gehad. Ongelukkig het hy van sy motorfiets afgeval as gevolg van 'n botsing met 'n kar wat te vinnig om 'n hoek gekom het, met die gevolg dat sy rug 'n paar weke lank seer gewees het. Ons is egter bly om te kan rapporteer dat sy toestand mooi verbeter.

Broeder M. Coetzee kon gladnie gaan werk nie, daar hy eenaand, terwyl hy sonder ligte gery het, in botsing gekom het met iemand anders wat ook sonder ligte gery het. Toe broeder Coetzee probeer het om die botsing te verhoed, het hy in die kant van 'n brug ingery, en homself ernstig beseer.

Broeder Haarhoff wat in die terrein van Kokstad gekolporteur het, het uitstekende sukses gehad.

Broeder A. van den Bergh was suksesvol die kort tydjie wat hy gekolporteur het, maar is toe gevra om die Bybelwerkerskursus in Bloemfontein by te woon.

Broeder Worsley het in die terrein langs die Noord-kus van Natal gewerk en verwag om 'n goeie aflewering te maak.

Broeder du Plessis het hard gewerk op die Rand, maar ongesteldheid het bietjie afbreuk aan sy werk gedoen.

As gevolg van die inspanning van die kant van hierdie werkers, hoop ons om die fondse van die konferensie aansienlik te vermeerder.

Evangelistiese Pogings

Ons staan op die rand van 'n nuwe reeks publieke pogings en al die werkers is besig om voorbereidings te maak vir hierdie veldtog.

In die Noorde het ons broeders P. van der Merwe aangestel om te begin, en as alles goed gaan, sal hy 'n reeks dienste op Nylstroom aanvaar, terwyl hy terselfdertyd sal oog hou oor die gemeentes van Naboomspruit, Potgietersrust, Pietersburg en Louis Trichardt. Hierdie broeder sal waarlik sy hande vol hê.

Broeder D. A. de Beer sal sy dienste te Machadodorp begin en terselfdertyd sorg vir die gemeente van Carolina, terwyl hy Ermelo af-en-toe sal besoek.

Broeder J. H. Raubenheimer sal 'n reeks

dienste te Arcadia, Pretoria, begin, waar hy weer die groot tent sal gebruik. Saam met hom sal broeder A. Stevenson werk, en ook suster Amy Bulgin, wat pas na die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie gekom het as 'n Bybelwerkster. Suster Bulgin was vir 'n rukkie na Helderberg en het ook die Bybelwerkerskursus in Bloemfontein bygehoor. Ons verwelkom haar tot die gelede van die werkers in hierdie veld.

Broeders Raubenheimer en Stevenson sal ook toesig hou oor die gemeentes van Gezina en Pretoria Wes, en sal Ermelo en Standerton van tyd tot tyd besoek.

Broeder Combrink sal in Germiston begin en sal bygestaan word deur broeders

MOENIE NALAAT OM

„In Hierdie Handelseeu
KAN DIE SABBAT GEHOU
WORD”
te lees nie.

Byna 'n half-miljoen mense hou
die Sabbat.

Aangrypende Persoonlike
Getuienisse in

DIE OKTOBER „TEKENS”

Du Plessis en suster Marshall. Hierdie poging sal ook in een van ons groot tente gehou word en sal in Engels wees. Broeder Combrink moet ook toesig hou oor die werk op die Oos-Rand, asook die gemeentes van Springs, Brakpan, Benoni, Boksburg, Primrose, Alberton, Kempton Park, en Benoni-Huureiendomme. Hierdie broeder het waarlik genoeg om homself besig te hou, maar is altyd ernstig om nuwe verantwoordelikhede op te neem terwyl hy met die werk wat hy alreeds het, voortgaan.

Broeder A. W. Staples sal dienste begin in die „Scout” Saal te Norwood, een van die voorstede van Johannesburg. Hy sal vergesel wees van broeder en suster A. van der Bergh en suster Jeffrey. Dan rus daar nog baie ander verantwoordelikhede op hierdie broeder, naamlik die Sentrale Kerk van Johannesburg, Suidelike Voorstede, Mellville, Booyens, Orange Grove, en Krugersdorp.

Ons maak ook van hierdie geleentheid gebruik om ons toegewyde lekebroeders, wat op so 'n bekwame wyse die voortou geneem het in baie van die kerke, ons dank te bring.

Suster Dixie, ons seer toegewyde Bybelwerkster, het haar hande vol met haar werk om te help sorg vir die bekeerlinge van die vorige pogings in die voorstede van Johannesburg, en sal haarself in die hartjie van die stryd op Norwood bevind.

Broeder P. A. Venter wat al jarelank goeie werk in die Noorde van die Transvaal

gedoen het, is nou na die Oranje Vrystaat verskuif. Hy sal sy dienste begin in die mooi dorpie Ficksburg en sal bygestaan word deur broeder Haarhoff. Ons verwag goeie resultate in hierdie dorpie.

Broeder A. J. Herholdt sal sy dienste op Senekal in die Oranje Vrystaat begin. Broeder en suster M. Coetzee sal hom bystaan. Hierdie broeders verwag 'n kwaai geveg in die Oranje Vrystaat, en ons vra u spesiale voorbidding vir hulle. Die groepie gelowiges op Senekal is vreeslik bly dat daar 'n poging sal gehou word. Behalwe hierdie poging moet broeder Herholdt ook nog toesig hou oor die gemeentes van Bethlehem, Reitz, Frankfort en Harrismith.

In Natal is daar 'n ernstige tekort aan werkers. Op ons laaste komitee-vergadering is daar 'n besluit geneem om broeder W. Norcott te beroep vir die werk in Natal. Broeder Norcott het jarelank uitstekende werk gelewer in die Kongo, maar omstandighede het hom genoodsaak om na die Unie terug te keer. Hy het net by 'n groot inboorling-hospitaal in Durban in diens getree, toe ons hom beroep het, en ons hoop dat hy goeie werk sal verrig onder die Indiërs in Natal, waar broeder Eva die laaste paar jaar hard gewerk het. Ons verwelkom hierdie broeder en sy eggenote in die gelede van ons werkers.

Broeder Eva wat baie lank onder die Indiërs gearbei het, is nou verplaas om onder blankes te werk, en sal 'n publieke poging op Maritzburg aanvaar. As Bybelwerkster sal suster Lund hom vergesel.

Ons het die hoop gekoester om 'n oorsese werker te kry vir die werk in Durban, maar tot-nog-toe het ons niks definitiefs gehoor nie. Dit is 'n groot teleurstelling, maar ons is dankbaar dat die gemeente van Durban so geduldig is onder hulle teleurstelling en behoefte.

Broeder A. Worsley, wat vir 'n tydjie in Durban behulpsaam gewees het, is gevra om 'n reeks dienste in Natal waar te neem, en ons verwag goeie resultate van hierdie poging.

Broeders en susters, gedink hierdie pogings in u gebede. Al die werkers sal besig wees om vir die publiek te arbeid gedurende die volgende paar weke, en hulle het hemelse wysheid nodig om mense oor die lyn te lei.

Onbearbeide Gebiede

Ons sien die groot gebied van die Westelike Transvaal sonder een enkele werker, maar ons het niemand om te stuur nie.

Dan is daar ook die Oostelike Transvaal, die Noordelike Vrystaat, en die hele Noorde van Natal sonder een enkele werker. Ons weet gladnie wat om te maak teneinde in hierdie behoefte te voorsien nie. Ons het meer fondse en meer werkers nodig. Wie sal ons tot hulp kom?

Onthou die werk in die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie elke dag in u gebede.

Helderberg Kollege

Die Eerste Jaar van die Junior Hostel

Vir die afgelope tien of vyftien jaar was die vraagstuk van die oprigting van 'n aparte Junior Hostel in verband met die Kollege al in ernstige oorweging, toe die Raad, presies 'n jaar gelede, tot die besluit gekom het om die onderneming aar te pak, en toe die eerste sooi gevolglik omgekeer is. Deur aanhoudende werk was dit moontlik om hierdie nuwe inrigting te voltooi voor die heropening van die skool aan die begin van die jaar.

Die een vraag wat meer dikwels as enige ander hierdie jaar gestel is, is: „Wel, en hoe gaan dit met die Junior Hostel?” Tot ons grootste geluk kon ons met waarheid en openhartigheid sê dat die Junior Hostel doeltreffend gereël is. Onder mev. Clarke se ywerige en oppassende sorg en haar gedurige toesig, het die kinders meer as gewone huislike sorg geniet.

Liggaamlik het party van die kinders opmerklik verbeter. Hulle het geleer om reg te lewe. Hulle speletyd is goed gereël en hulle program is so opgestel dat daar geen tyd vir ledigheid en verveling is nie. Selfs gedurende die kou en natheid van die Winter was daar so-te-sê geen siektes nie. Op geestelike gebied het die Juniors ook ongeëwenaarde voorregte geniet. Daar word apart vir hulle godsdienst gehou — smôrens en saans, by watter geleentheid daar waardevolle onderrig in sedelike opvoeding en algemene karaktervorming gegee word. Ook het hulle hulle eie Stewersvergadering en toewydingsdienste, waarby verskeie lede van die staf hulle behulpsaam is.

Is dit 'n wonder dat die Junior Hostel sommer die eerste jaar al stampvol is? Dit sou betreklik maklik wees om die Hostel vol van nie-Adventiste kinders te hê. Om die waarheid te sê, moes ons party al laat omdraai hierdie jaar. Ons wil egter die voorreg eers aan ons Adventiste ouers aanbied. Ons afgeleë lede wat verlang om hulle kinders in ons eie skool te sit in ooreenstemming met die ernstige raad van die Gees van profesie, behoort veral gebruik te maak van die Junior Hostel. Weens die groot aantal applikasies van nie-Adventiste, raai ons ons eie mense wat van plan is om hulle kinders te stuur, aan om so vroegetydig as moontlik applikasie te maak. Anders sal party ongetwyfeld teleurgestel word, daar die getal wat kan ingeneem word, beperk is tot slegs vyf-en-dertig.

G. E. SHANKEL.

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„God se grootste oorwinnings word behaal op die slagvelde van ons grootste neerlae.”

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Dae van die Latere Reën te Thekerani

Die Thekerani-Sendingstasie, geleë in die Suidelike gedeelte van Niassaland, is aan drie kante begrens deur Portugees Oos-Afrika, en bevat party van die digbevolkte streke van die Protektoraat. Gebou op 'n reeks bulte tussen hoë heuwels, het dit 'n uitsig oor die ontsaglike Shire Vallei wat ver na die Suide en Weste uitstrek. Die natuurskoon is pragtig en die ligging aangenaam.

Vroeë dae toe die werk van Malamulo begin uitbrei het in hierdie rigting, was dit kenmerkend van hierdie streek om groot aantalle bekeerlinge en skoolleerlinge

LEES „DIE BOTSING IN DIE OOSTE EN DIE TOEKOMS”

Geskryf deur 'n man wat meer as
vyf-en-twintig jaar in Sjina
deurgebring het.

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te lewer. Gedurende die jare wat gevolg het, is daar buitengewone vooruitgang gemaak, totdat ons vandag elke kwartaal syfers rapporteer wat ons laat besef dat die dae van die latere reën aanbreek het. Ons kan nie anders as om dit as 'n kragtige waarheid aan te neem nie, aangesien daar tydens die ses kampvergaderinge wat onlangs te Thekerani gehou is, nie minder as 22,025 persone die Sabbatdienste bygewoon het nie, waarvan 291 gedoop is en 112 ander tot bekering gekom het.

Iemand het gesê — en ek dink dit is die algemene mening — dat Sewende-dag Adventiste net soveel aanhangers in Niassaland het as die meeste ander godsdienstige organisasies, en dat die werk onbestrede vooruitgang geniet. Dit is waar dat ons werk hoog waardeur word in regeringskringe, sowel as deur beide blankes en naturelle oor die algemeen. Dit is ook waar dat ons werk daar meer en meer bekend word, maar, om te dink dat dit vooruitgaan sonder teenspoed, is verkeerd. Teenstand is nie so openlik soos in baie ander lande nie, maar is slinkser en onderduimser in sy inbreuk op ons werk. Hoewel ander Protestantse Sendinge ons partymaal vervolg, gee Katolisisme en Mohammedanisme ons meer hoofbrekings.

Katolieke hou 'n wakende oog oor al

ons bewegings. Ons open byna nooit 'n nuwe skool of hou 'n publieke poging nie, of priesters en hulle aanhangers omsingel die plek en werk hard om 'n standplek te kry. Dan doen hulle aansoek om daar 'n skool op te rig. Statistieke vertel ons dat daar gemiddeld 133 Katolieke skole elke jaar geopen word. Om 'n vergelyking te maak — hulle open in een jaar soveel as wat dit ons ses-en-dertig jaar geneem het om op te rig. Ons het 169 skole in Niassaland met 'n totaal van 6,891 leerlinge; hulle het 1,807 skole met 79,036 studente — en dit in die „Protestantse Niassaland”!

(Word vervolg)

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Sabbatskool Voorstelle

(Vervolg van vorige uitgawe)

Regte Motiewe in Sabbatskool Doele

1. Van weë die behoefte om gedurigheid die regte doel van die Sabbatskool te besef aangaande daelike studie, bywoning, en milde gawes vir die sending; daarom,

Besluit ons, dat die geestelike grondslag van die instelling van al ons Sabbatskool-doele deur departementele sekretarisse en Sabbatskoolbeamptes en onderwysers verduidelik word, teneinde dat die motiewe wat ons Sabbatskoollede aanspoor om ons doele na te jaag, die geestelike voordele en seëninge van die strewes waarvoor ons doele, ontwerpe, en onderskeidings sertifikate staan, kan wees.

2. Met hierdie beginsels as grondslag van al ons Sabbatskool-bedrywighede, en agter ons finansiële oproepe, en van weë die belangrikheid van die spoedige voltooiing van die Here se werk oor die ganse wêreld, en om gebruik te maak van die huidige toestand van vooruitgang en vrede waarin Suid-Afrika verkeer; daarom

Besluit ons, Dat ons nog meer by ons mense moet aandring om vrygewiger te wees vir die sending deur middel van die Sabbatskool, en met hierdie doel voor oë

Beveel ons aan, dat ons die Sabbatskool per capita doel per week van 9d na 'n sjieling verhoog vir Europeane en van 4d tot 6d vir die Kaapse Veld.

Standaarde vir die Uitreiking van Onderskeidings sertifikate en Boekmerke

AANGESIEN, die teenwoordige Wêreld-konferensieplan vir die uitreiking van Onderskeidings redelik en alombevredigend is waar dit streng uitgevoer word, maar nogtans dikwels aan kritiek blootgestel is weëns sekere veranderinge wat plaaslik aangebring word, daarom

Beveel ons aan, dat vanaf 1 Oktober 1937, die volgende standarde in verband met die uitreiking van onderskeidings sertifikate en Boekmerke behou word:

1. Die studie van die Sabbatskoolles vir tenminste tien minute daeliks.

2. Stipte teenwoordigheid (dit beteken om elkeen in sy eie Sabbatskool te wees as

die eerste lied opgegee word, behalwe in gevalle van:

a. Afgeleë lede wat die Sabbatskool program uitvoer soos aangegee vir hierdie Divisie, en elke kwartaal rapporteer aan die sekretaris.

b. Rondreisende werkers wat dikwels ge- noodsaak is om afwesig te wees, maar wat hulle private Sabbatskool hou, hou 'n vol- doende verslag, en rapporteer elke kwartaal aan die konferensie- of sending-Sabbat- skoolsekretaris.

c. Besoekers wat die Sabbatskool by- woon tydens hul afwesigheid van hul huise, en wat 'n besoekerskaartjie terugbring na hulle eie skool, of enige geskrewe verkla- ring, gedateer en geteken deur 'n beampte of onderwyser van die skool wat hy besoek het.

d. Werkers wat op diens is in verband met 'n mediese inrigting of op hulle eie, wat, weëns hulle verantwoordelikhede, dit onmoontlik vind om gereëld die Sabbat-

siewe Boekmerke aan die naturelle Sabbat- skoollede vir daelike voorbereiding van die les op dieselfde basis as vir Europeane.

Obituaries

ROUSSEAU.—Sister Jacoba Johanna Rousseau was born in 1858 near Kimber- ley, on the property now known as "Wes- selton" and passed away in Johannesburg on August 16, 1937 at the age of 79 years.

The late Brother J. J. Wessels, was her father. His first child by a second mar- riage was Peter and Sister Rousseau was the second. In 1885 Brother Peter Wessels visited his sister and opened to her under- standing the Sabbath truth. She immedi- ately embraced the light, being the fourth person and the first woman to do so, here in South Africa. Though often opposed she never wavered and was found faithful until the end. Her husband died in 1897. She later left South Africa for the con- tinent of Europe, where she lived during the Boer War. She returned in 1903, settling in Johannesburg. Latterly her home was with her daughter, Sister van Hoytema of Lower Houghton.

For more than half a century our late sister lived a consistent Christian life. She was ever in harmony with the principles of the Advent Movement. Of her it may be said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." She leaves brothers and sisters, three daughters and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Our prayers and sym- pathy are with all, especially her devoted daughter, Sister Van Hoytema, with whom she lived.

It was the writer's privilege to minister to our late Sister both in life and death. We laid her to rest at Brixton in the sure and certain hope of resurrection to life Eternal. Another pioneer rests from her labour. Shall not those of us who remain be faithful to the end?

A. W. STAPLES.

ANSLEY.—Lily Cecelia Ansley, née Amos, was born in Grahamstown, and died August 26. At the age of twenty-two she was joined in matrimony to George Ansley of Grahamstown and to this union there was born five sons and two daughters.

Sister Ansley with her husband and family, settled in Kimberley, where they heard and accepted the Third Angel's Mes- sage under the preaching of Elder Paap, and the faithful Bible work of Elder D. F. Tarr, some seventeen years ago. Two sons, and their only surviving daughter also took their stand for the Lord in the closing message for this world.

Sister Ansley has led a faithful consistent Christian life, and loved her Lord.

She held the offices of Sabbath School

Superintendent, and Deaconess respectively and found great delight in preparing the emblems for the Lord's supper.

After a short illness of only three and a half days, Sister Ansley fell asleep in Jesus, in her natural sleep, to be awakened on the glorious resurrection morn.

She leaves to mourn, her husband, one daughter, three sons, and many friends in the Message.

AILEEN G. FLEMING.

JUBBER.—William Herbert Jubber of Mafeking passed away on Wednesday morning, August 18, at the age of 54 years.

Brother Jubber had not been very well for some time and on Tuesday evening, August 17, he went out to meet his daugh- ter, Anna, and fell down in the street. He was taken to hospital but never regained consciousness.

Our brother came to a knowledge of the Truth about four years ago under the labours of Elder A. N. Ingle, and remained faithful to the end.

He leaves to mourn their loss a widow, son and daughter, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Quite a number of relatives and friends attended the funeral service which was conducted by the writer at the grave-side.

F. M. KITTO.

FICK.—Hilda Joy Fick, aged 16 months, youngest child of Brother and Sister C. J. Fick of the Port Elizabeth church, passed away in the Provincial Hospital on August 20, and was buried in the North End Cemetery.

This event was the result of a very sad accident which involved the scalding of two of Brother and Sister Fick's children on August 5.

It seems that Margaret, aged 3 years, was carrying her younger sister when she stumbled and fell, at the same time knock- ing over a vessel of boiling water, which unfortunately scalded the two little mites severely. They were rushed to the hospital and everything possible was done to ease the suffering.

The writer visited the hospital three days before Hilda died and both she and her sister seemed well on the way to recovery, but early on Friday morning, the strain was too much for the dear little one and she collapsed and faded away like a flower.

A very large number of relatives, church members and friends attended the funeral, which was conducted by the writer.

We extend to the sorrowing mother, father and loved ones our most sincere and heart-felt sympathy. May Jesus the Great Comforter, be especially near to them as they pass through this fiery trial. "Hasten on, glad day," when our loved ones will be given back to us, is our earnest desire and prayer.

A. C. LE BUTT.

HET U GEWEET

Dat Mussolini 'n Vegetariër is?

Lees

„MUSSOLINI, DIE MATIGE”

in die
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skool by te woon, maar wat nogtans hulle eie Sabbatskool hou wanneer hulle verwy- der is van hulle eie skool, merk die verslag en stuur hierdie rapport tesame met hulle offergawes aan die Sabbatskoolsekretaris van hulle eie skool aan die end van die kwartaal.

Ons beveel ook aan, 1. Dat die Volmaakte Verslag Onderskeidingsertifikaat nie aan Kleuterskool-leerlinge uitgereik word nie, (d.w.s. aan kleintjies van vier jaar of jon- ger) maar dat die plaaslike Sabbatskool hulle 'n geskikte prys vir gereelde en stip- telike bywoning van die Sabbatskool gee.

2. Dat waar daar 'n Volmaakte Verslag Onderskeidingsertifikaat uitgereik word aan Kindergarten kinders, 'n deeglike ken- nis van die les en die teks vereis moet word as 'n bewys van daelike studie; of as dit ontbreek, moet die ouer goedstaan vir die verslag.

Tenspyte van die moeilikhede wat 'n paar persone oënskynlik sal ondervind as die bo- staande reëls stip nagekom word, gevoel ons dat dit alles vir die beste van die grotere liggame is—die kerk en die Sabbatskool as instellings—en van die groter doeltref- fendheid van die Volmaakte Verslag plan. Dus, vanaf 1 Oktober, 1937, moet geen an- der reëls gemaak word deur Sabbatskoolbe- amptes, of konferensie Sabbatskoolsekreta- risse nie.

Aanbeveel, Dat die Divisie-komitee hulle aandag wy aan die uitreiking van progres-

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General News Notes

WE are glad to welcome back to the office, Elder Milton Robison who returned from the Angola camp-meetings, on September 6.

CAMP-MEETINGS.—Your special attention is called to the announcements appearing in this issue on pages 3 and 12, regarding the coming camp-meetings in the Natal-Transvaal and Cape Conferences.

DOCTOR AND MRS. J. G. FOSTER and their two children arrived at the Cape on the S. S. "Pretoria," September 2, and left by motor-car on Tuesday, the 7th instant, for Maun, Ngamiland.

ELDER F. G. CLIFFORD has been at the Cape for several weeks in connection with the Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer in the churches of the Peninsula as well as Helderberg College.

ELDERS L. L. MOFFITT AND S. S. HITEN led out in the Missionary Volunteer Week for the Claremont and Cape Town churches. We believe that this occasion has proved a blessing to our young people.

JUNIOR boys and girls and their parents are asked to watch for a special announcement that will appear in the next issue of the OUTLOOK concerning the Junior Camp that is to take place somewhere on the Cape Peninsula, January 4-13.

BRETHREN MILTON ROBISON, L. L. Moffitt, and F. G. Clifford are spending a week at Helderberg College in connection with the Denominational Endeavour Institute. During this Institute the students are to be instructed along the lines of church organisation and the laymen's missionary movement.

WE regret very much to report that word has just been received of the death of Brother T. J. van Rensburg of Ermelo district. Let us remember Sister van Rensburg and relatives before the throne of grace.

A Message En Route, No. 3

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ventists are a good family to belong to." But at last our two weeks were at an end, the ship "Tatsuta Maru" was at the Yokohama dock. All days have their sunset, all friendships have their good-bye, so this day, June 24, we were accompanied to the city and then to the ship by Brother Thurston. The multi-coloured paper ribbons were tossed forth and back by friends aboard and those on the wharf, until ere the ship moved out one could see but a maze of colour of every hue fluttering between. At last we were passing into the stream, and the frail tokens of love and friendship were torn and fallen, a few clinging here and there—but they had served their purpose, and would ever remain bright in memory. We took pictures of them and hope they are good.

Eight days of gentle tossing on the blue brought us in sight of Honolulu, which is the capital city of the Hawaiian group. Our work is well scattered on these islands. We certainly beheld a fair sight as we drew

nearer the green trees, waving cocoa-nut palms and broken sky-line mountain tops. These islands are of volcanic origin and the old craters tell a silent story. Grass, kindly grass, covers many a scar of earth—and we forget!

As our ship crept softly into its berth our ears were treated to the loveliest soft music both by the white-clad band and the white-clad chorus. It brought tears to my eyelids as the "Aloha" of welcome came up to our decks. We were greeted by an old-time friend and her husband—Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. She was our St. Helena Sanitarium head nurse thirty-five years ago. With snowy hair, but bright young heart we found her, and were soon through "Customs" and being rolled away to their pretty suburban cottage seven miles out.

How sweetly they made us welcome the whole three weeks we were there until the "Asama Maru" came for us July 23. We were taken here and there to beaches and

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"THE CLASHING ORIENT AND TOMORROW"

Written by a man who has spent
more than twenty-five years
in China.

OCTOBER "SIGNS"

Cape Conference Session and Camp-meeting

Preliminary Announcement

Plans are being laid to hold the above session and camp-meeting in the beautiful surroundings and celebrated climate of the Cape Peninsula. The meetings will commence on the evening of January 14, 1938, and will continue until the evening of the 22nd. It is six years since a camp-meeting has been held in the glorious Cape Peninsula. We earnestly invite all our Cape Conference members to spend their Summer holidays at this camp-meeting, and feast richly on the Bread of Life in fellowship with brethren and sisters from all over our field. Leaders from the Division, Union, and Local conferences will be present to stir your hearts with the vital truths for this time. Never has a campmeeting been held in more eventful times, we must press together and plan together for the final issues.

"Let all who possibly can, attend these yearly gatherings. All should feel that God requires this of them."—"Test," Vol. II, p. 600

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JANUARY 14 TO 22,
And Start Your Planning Now.

mountains, to museums and friends. Everybody was so warmly hospitable. They were very pleased to hear of our Africa and see its pictures—older people, younger people, and children, all were pleased.

July 4 Mr. Boger had his first experience in speaking over the radio. Brother C. S. Prout (whom he knew) is President of the Hawaiian group and also first Pastor of the large Honolulu church of 382 members. He broadcasts every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and he asked Mr. Boger to speak twice over the radio. Mr. Boger also flew to another island and went by boat to a second one to cheer them with the story of Africa.

Our health has not been good all the time but we are on the upward climb.

(To be continued)

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