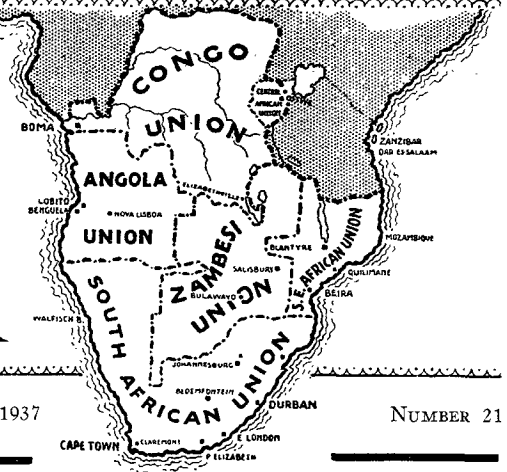


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The Campaign Number

L. L. MOFFITT

WE have endeavoured to make the December *Signs* attractive both in subject matter and in make up, so as to lend itself to a favourable presentation, and a successful canvass. Here is a brief description:

Attractive two-colour block on cover page.—“Wise Men Following the Star to Bethlehem.”

Sermon.—“Peace on Earth — When?”

Leader Page.—“The West, the Near East, and the Far East;” “Calendar Reform Defeated.”

Feature Article.—“When East Meets West in Palestine. The Potentialities of the Palestinian Problem.”

Christmas Page.—“Gifts;” Illustrated Poems—“The Old, Old Story,” and “Star of the East.”

Centre-spread Page.—“A Century of Wonders — 1837 to 1937.”

Home and Health Section.—“Hot Weather Foods — How Shall We Plan Our Summer Menus?” Also “Intriguing Suggestions for the Summer Menu.”

Children’s Story.—“The ‘Make-Believe’ Presents.”

Questions and Answers.—A column devoted to the answering of Bible questions.

This issue will be made attractive with arresting headlines, dashes of colour, and half a score of illustrations.

We have tried to make it an attractive issue; here’s wishing the 1937 *Signs* campaign the utmost success.

Signs and More “Signs”

F. E. POTTER

THE signs of the end are increasing, therefore we must increase the *Signs*. We must, really, dear believers! Every Seventh-day Adventist — man, woman, and child — ought to concern themselves very seriously over this matter. The challenge to every member of this denomination today is to take up the work of evangelism in deadly earnest. We are not only to be “looking for” the coming of Christ but to “hasten” the day of His coming. That day will not come until “this gospel of the kingdom” has been “preached in all the world for a witness.” The question that should concern every one of us is, Has it been preached in the neighbourhood around me? If it has not, then we are failing the Lord Jesus Christ as a witness.

The *Signs* has been published for the express purpose of assisting every Seventh-day Adventist in this divinely ordained duty. It is not a profit-making venture. It is a soul-winning venture, and as good a one as could be devised. It is my duty and your duty to circulate it and keep circulating it. The editorial and printing departments have not spared themselves in providing a really valuable and attractive issue for *Signs* Week. They cannot do more. It now remains for every one of us, workers and laity alike, to get behind the work of circulation by securing as many subscriptions as we can.

Let us embrace *Signs* Week as a God-given opportunity of witnessing for Him and launch out bravely with the determination of increasing its present circulation by at least 5,000 subscriptions. It can be done if only we put our heart into the work; and heart-work should be a sign of the times in this denomination today.

Itinerating in the Cape Conference

W. H. HURLOW

ON September 3, accompanied by Mrs. Hurlow and Miss Willmore, the writer set out to visit the churches and isolated members in the southern and western parts of our territory. As we found our people scattered throughout the country—high in the mountains, deep down in the valleys, in the towns and tiny villages—we realised the hand of God is setting, all over this land, beacons of light to be witnesses to the gospel of the kingdom.

Our first call was at Klipplaat. Here Brother and Sister Fourie and family are bearing a very definite testimony. Brother Fourie, Senior, a farm-builder, spreads the Message by ceasing from work each Sabbath. In Klipplaat itself every Sabbath the closed doors of the tailoring establishment of Brother Fourie, Junior, bear their testimony.

Sabbath was spent at Miller where several families of believers met at the farm of Brother Stols for Sabbath school and the ordinances. The beacon is bright in this district.

Journeying on to Oudtshoorn, we had to keep our eyes open for a red-roofed farm house near Georgida. We saw it across the river, which we had no difficulty in crossing, because the terrible drought had left the river bed dry. We enjoyed our visit with Sister Barnard, her husband and bright little children. At Oudtshoorn we worshipped with the believers in the home of Sister Nuns. There is a spirit of zeal in the hearts of our fellow-believers and an earnest desire to increase their membership. Our journey from Oudtshoorn led through the long, dry valley of the Olifants' River; dry, but very cold, for the mountains were capped with snow. Our hearts, however, were warmed by the very cordial welcome which greeted us at "Warmwater," the home of Brother and Sister van Greune. Continuing to Calitzdorp, we visited with Sister J. C. Woeke, who, with earnest zeal, stands alone as our representative in that town. We had now to find Sister Ellis, who recently accepted the Truth while visiting her daughter in the Natal-Transvaal Conference. After passing through Ladismith and before getting to Voorbaat, we made inquiries for "Droëkloof." Yes, they knew "Droëkloof" and Mr. Ellis who lives there. "Take the small road on the right about two miles further on." We did, and ultimately it led us to the welcome of the Ellis' home. But what a road—through dense bush on the side of the hill, down through dongas, and rocky river beds. We had negotiated an old wagon road, the quite good motor road was ten miles farther on. Sister Ellis has been a good missionary in her own home, and soon

we hope to baptise her husband and other members of her family.

Our next visit was with Brother and Sister Colenso van Wyk at Rietfontein in the district of Laingsburg. Brother van Wyk combines farming with teaching school, and enjoys a rich opportunity to represent our Message in that district. He has lighted a beacon there which we trust will attract others to its shining.

In the district of Touws River we sought out Mr. and Mrs. van Eck, and daughter. We found them in a very humble little home in the vast veld of the Karroo. They are shepherds and, at first, my feelings were those of sympathy because of their poverty. However, as I talked with them, I realised that their simple life, lived in constant touch with nature, had given them a rich communion with nature's God. They became acquainted with the Truth by reading our literature. We will foster the seed sown and expect soon to lead these simple children of God to the full acceptance of the third angel's message.

We now dropped down through the richly fertile Hex River Valley to spend a profitable week-end with our dear believers in Worcester. Here we met rain for the first time, and in visiting believers in the district, had to dig ourselves out of a sluit into which we gently slid.

From Worcester we passed up the beautiful Mitchell's Pass to visit Brother and Sister Kruger and family in Ceres. Brother Kruger is one of our old war horses in the colporteur work in which he still holds a part. Travelling on to Tulbagh, we visited "Steinthal," an old mission site, where Sister Kreft lives in company with her sister. As we sat looking across the beautiful valley, Sister Kreft, whose father and grandfather had an active part in the founding of the old Lutheran mission, took us back to those old days when settlement in this country was young. Just beneath her window is the old dam where the coloured people on the mission still gather every year to sing their gratitude to God for their deliverance from slavery.

Our next stop was at Wellington, which we reached after negotiating the noted Bain's Kloof. Here we found a warm welcome in the home of Sisters Wessels and Olds. In the evening Brother and Sister Beukes and Sister Kleinwerk met with us in worship. Wellington must not wait much longer for an effort. We believe the Lord will give us a harvest in this place, where the light was kindled so long ago. Paarl, Kraaifontein, Blackheath, Bellville, Parow and Maitland followed in quick succession as we took a few minutes to

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Home Again

J. VAN DE MERWE

AFTER an absence of a little more than two years, Mrs. van de Merwe, Elmer, and the writer arrived in Cape Town harbour on the S. S. "Duilio," September 25.

Leaving New York, August 25, on the R. M. S. "Queen Mary" we crossed the North Atlantic in four-and-a-half days. In London we had pleasant weather and spent most of the time in the British Museum.

The next stage of our journey was crossing the English Channel to France where we spent some time in Paris visiting the World Exhibition. We spent a very pleasant Sabbath with our church in Paris which has a membership of over 200. We met a number of our sisters there, (wives of workers) who had left Spain on account of the civil war.

Our next stop was at Basle, Switzerland, the temporary headquarters of the Central European Division. We were very tired on our arrival there and were pleased to be entertained in the home of Elder Schubert, the president of that division. There is also a very neat little church building there with a membership of about 250.

On arrival at Zurich a gentleman walked up to Mrs. van de Merwe, and, pointing to a Harvest Ingathering magazine, asked if she was acquainted with it. The gentleman happened to be Brother Haring the secretary-treasurer of the Swiss German Conference. "Advent Mission" is the name displayed over our offices and church building in Zurich and they are well worthy of the name. Here the church membership is over 300. It was a pleasure to meet with our workers in Europe and see their zeal for this Message.

After crossing the Alps and visiting in Italy we took our boat at Genoa on September 10.

On our trip down to Cape Town we had many opportunities to witness for the Truth, having also the opportunity of taking the service on the boat on Sunday afternoon.

Our stay in the United States has been a very pleasant one. The contacts we have made with our educational and evangelistic work over there have been most beneficial and enlightening, we believe. We shall ever respect our work and workers over there for their zeal and interest in foreign fields.

READ
"A CENTURY OF WONDERS"
in the
DECEMBER "SIGNS"
then show the article to your
neighbours and get at least
three subscriptions.

A Message From the General Conference President

To Every Believer in the Southern African Division

J. L. MCELHANY

WE have come to a crucial, decisive hour in the development of the Advent Movement. Never before have we been so pressed with urgent calls for help in the great mission fields. Our message has encircled the world. The heralds of the Truth have entered every important country on earth. Into the highways and the byways the word is being proclaimed far and wide. Thousands of precious souls have responded to all this effort, and believers are multiplying rapidly. As the work has advanced, new centres have been created, and countless interests are springing up on every hand.

The few workers in the Southern African Division are overwhelmed and overworked by the coming in of tens of thousands of people who are turning away from the darkness and superstition of heathenism. The workers are hard pressed to know how to care for an unprecedented situation, as this multitude of souls beg for help and instruction. Urgent appeals are coming to us to help the leaders there to meet this crisis in their work.

A new day is dawning in that Gibraltar of heathenism, India. As never before people are anxious to hear and accept the Message. The leaders there are earnestly appealing for more funds and more workers.

A short time ago while in China I met a leading Tibetan Lama, revered by his followers as a living Buddha. With two of his principal helpers he visited our Chinese training school and some of our medical institutions. He made an urgent appeal for us to send teachers and doctors into his territory. A number of leading Tibetan officials are joining in this same appeal. Today the barriers into old Tibet are down. The time for which we have long prayed and looked forward to has come. The land is not only open to us, but the rulers are begging for us to come in and work for their people. Mission workers of other denominations, knowing of the doors that have been thrown open to us, have appealed to us not to fail, in the name of Christianity to seize this providential opportunity.

From the Far Eastern Division, from the South American Division, and from Europe come appeal after appeal for help. These requests are for new work to enable the leaders to extend the frontiers of the Message into regions that are beckoning us on.

A letter just in from the president of one of our conferences in South-eastern Europe, says they expect to baptise 360 Russians and Ukrainians, and nearly two

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Report of Women's Institute at Malamulo Mission

MRS. H. M. SPARROW

SEPTEMBER 10-18 were good days for the wives of our native workers in South Nyasaland. They had been called in from various places of labour for a few days of special instruction at Malamulo, in order that they might understand how to become more efficient wives and mothers, and a greater help to their husbands in the home, and in the community.

Several of the European ladies had also been called in, to help give the instruction. These, with Mrs. Wright to lead out, and the Malamulo workers to assist, made an efficient staff of teachers. That all enjoyed their stay was plainly seen by the pleasant smiles, cheery words, regular attendance, and good attention of the ninety-four enrolled at the first meeting.

From seven to eight each morning Elder Wright gave most beneficial instruction on virtues that are to be cultivated in a Christian home. His opening talk on "Fellowship with Christ" gave us the keynote of how this may be accomplished. It is only as we enter into "partnership" and "companionship" with Jesus that we, as wives and mothers, may understand our true relationship to our home, our husband, and his work. Jesus has called us to this "fellowship" and we may be complete in Him and draw from Him these virtues which we all need.

One of the chief causes of trouble in the home is the wrong use of the tongue. We were shown by apt illustrations that it never pays to retaliate, even when accused wrongly, or to try to have "the last word" that causes so much heart-ache.

We were admonished to cultivate "the healing tongue" which is as the "tree of

life" and which keeps us from trouble. Let us ever remember that, stronger than any powerful sermon, is the influence of a godly life and home upon those who do not know Jesus.

Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Pearson taught classes in home organisation, emphasising the woman's responsibility in the home and in the training of children.

Mrs. Wright likened the training of African home-makers to a wheel, the hub of which is self-control, and from which emanate, as spokes, such virtues as home-making, Christian training, sewing and knitting, hygiene, cleanliness, preparation of food, care of sick, laundering, and, in fact, all that goes toward the making of a good home.

That a baby comes to us as one of the most helpless of all little creatures is a wise provision of God. It gives opportunity for the Christian mother to train her child from the cradle. Its helpless dependence on its mother teaches us our dependence upon God. We are shown by the life of Moses that the early years are the most impressionable. It was the early training received at his godly mother's knee that enabled him to stand for God amid strong temptations and trials. Because of this early training God was able to use the man Moses in a mighty way, as a leader of His people.

Mrs. Tarr told of the pre-natal development of the child, and of how the baby comes to us. She admonished the prospective mother to guard carefully her own health so that she might have a strong, perfect baby.

Dr. Abbott told of certain diseases that



GROUP ATTENDING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE AT MALAMULO.

often come as the result of sin, and how these diseases are frequently transmitted to innocent children. He emphasised that living a clean life, and keeping God's commandments is the only solution of ridding the world of these plagues. The women were shown illustrations from nature that abnormalities are no proof of sin, but of arrested development, and that an abnormal child is as worthy of the parents' love and care as the more fortunate members of the family.

Miss Piatt told of germs and worms which cause much disease among the people. With the aid of the microscope the women saw some of these dangerous microbes, which may be killed by the process of boiling all drinking water, thus mitigating the danger of infection.

Miss Curtis and Mrs. Abbott demonstrated the correct method of caring for, and feeding the child.

Mr. Nash told the women how they could help their husbands by a careful use of the money entrusted to them. If they would buy their food wisely, it would encourage their husbands very much, for debt is a curse, and discourages even the strongest heart. He showed how everyone, even on a meagre salary, could, by careful planning, always live within his income, and save a little.

The closing class of the day was one of the most interesting, for the women were taught of the properties of food and drink, and by demonstration shown how they could prepare their common foods in various appetising ways. Many enjoy a hot drink, and Mrs. Sparrow demonstrated that roasted and ground peas would provide an appetising drink, more healthful, and much cheaper, than tea, coffee, or cocoa. At their evening meal, the women were given opportunity to sample this beverage which met with their hearty approval.

At the last meeting of the institute Mrs. Wright submitted a suggestive daily programme showing that if we plan for our work we will have time for rest and study. By teaching the children to have clean habits, to be obedient and helpful, we are training them for a life of usefulness. We must always bear in mind that the children of today are the men and women of tomorrow, and upon them will rest the responsibility of finishing the work of God on the earth.

Doctors Abbott and Chapin, assisted by the teaching staff, held a baby clinic at which sixty-six babies were duly weighed, admired, and their ailments, if any, diagnosed. Nearly two thirds of these were found to have enlarged spleens, showing that malaria works havoc even with the very young. Nearly half of them had symptoms of bilharzia, which plainly shows that we cannot be too careful with the water we drink or bathe in. On the whole, they were a fine lot of babies, of which the mothers were justly proud.

Each evening Mrs. Wright gathered the European lady workers around her and

mission experiences were exchanged and problems discussed. On each mission station work is being conducted for the women and girls, for we realise that it is only as we raise the standard of womanhood that we can hope to raise the living conditions of the benighted people of Africa. A man who has a trained Christian wife is far more valuable in his work, and has a decided advantage over his brother worker who has an ignorant wife.

May this, the first institute conducted solely for the women of our field, be the forerunner of many others to be held in different parts, and may the influence of the same be blessed to the uplifting of the whole nation and to the glory of God.



Commencement Exercises at Malamulo

J. F. WRIGHT

FRIDAY evening, August 27, at the setting of the sun, the consecration service for the graduating class of 1937 convened. Pastor James Ngaiyaye, a member of the Malamulo Training School staff, delivered a most timely sermon in which he admonished the members of the class to render their all, "A Living Sacrifice" and to give their best in loving service for poor lost humanity, now that the days of their preparation had come to a close at the school. It was an impressive service, and indeed it was most gratifying to see this large group of young people move forward in response to the earnest appeal made to their hearts for full devotion and consecration to the blessed cause of Truth.

Sabbath morning dawned in all of her beautiful garments of glory, which left nothing to be desired so far as the weather and the beauty of the surroundings were concerned. We felt sure it would be a delightful day, and so it was. Truly it was good to see so many students, parents, and friends gather for this blessed occasion.

At the appointed hour, the class of nearly seventy students marched into the chapel where they took their seats in front of the pulpit. Following the well-prepared opening exercises, it was the privilege of the writer to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon. The remarks of the speaker were based upon the well-chosen aim of the class,—"To Know Him—To Make Him Known." What an excellent aim!

Yes, it was set forth clearly by way of text and illustrations, that indeed, "this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." To know Christ in a very real, personal, individual way in life and service, lies at the very foundation of all life, wisdom, knowledge, and power. Then to go forth and "Make Him Known" to others is the highest, the most holy, and the most noble calling to which one can be called. Judging by the spirit which seemed to be breathed throughout the en-

tire service, it was evident that the class was determined to go out and fully realise their aim.

That night, after a most inspiring and refreshing Sabbath had been enjoyed, again the chapel was packed to its very doors. What do you suppose was in store for us this time? Well, it was the class programme. Interesting! Indeed that does not fully express the truth of it all! Really, as we listened to each student who took part, we were fully convinced that the untiring efforts put forth by the staff in training these young people for life's service had not been in vain. Far from it. Everyone taking part in this programme gave evidence of what a thorough training thus given in a Christian institution was able to achieve under the leadership of the Master Teacher.

The next morning Elder H. M. Sparrow, superintendent of the South East African Union Mission Field, met with his committee, during which time all but two of the thirty young people completing the higher course of training were appointed to some post of service in the union. Those completing the lower course of training will return to enter upon the higher course next year.

May I say just here that Malamulo is a splendid institution. We thank God for such a place where our native youth can be gathered for training. It is rendering valiant service in preparing many for service in the Cause of God. As we witnessed these closing exercises we could not help but lift our hearts again to the Lord of Harvest praying that He would continue to bless this training centre in behalf of its ministry to all the youth who find their way to it for training, and thus continue to make it a mighty factor in the finishing of the still uncompleted task committed to the care of the church here upon earth.

M. V. Dept.

L. L. Moffitt, Secretary

The Progressive Classes

WHAT a pleasure to welcome such a large addition to the ranks of our Friends, Companions, Comrades, and Master Graduates. We are sure that their attainments will stimulate others to follow after.

A hearty welcome to the following who, since the beginning of September, have become

FRIENDS

Port Elizabeth

Miss D. E. George, Miss E. Roberts, Miss L. Roberts, Miss W. Le Butt, Miss M. Johnson, Edith Hurlow, Ruth Hurlow, Yvonne Donald, Freda Nance, Kenneth Donald, Tom George, Arthur George.

Signs Week. Your Neighbours Need It. Do Your Part.

Helderberg

Lawrence Cloete, Roy Rothwell, George Osner, Rex Pearson, Joyce Bristow, Olivia Horak, Beth Mallock, Sylvia Peterson, Catherine Patterson, Elza Marais, Jan Horak, David Toerien, Louise Fouche, Eva Eunice Hesketh, Gerald Clifford, Gelian Frances Lamont, Daphne Ham, Louis Vorster, Willie Cloete, Selwyn H. Faulds, Stephen Vorster, Elma Swanepoel, Estelle Ham, Drusilla Cloete, Maureen Smith, Margaret Staples, Marjorie Burne, Allan Houston, Pieter van Eck, Anna Horak, Norman Burgess, G. Roy Clifford.

Boksburg North

Daniel Human, Mrs. Van Zyl, Jacobus Bekker, Katrina Geysers, Frederick Geysers, Jedida Jonker.

Spion Kop

Stanley Molopa, Daniel Twayi, Enoch Majiga, Absalom Nkosi, Oripa Kamwendo, Olga Mthethwe, Ruth Nkathlo, Thema Zungu, Edna Mtetwa, Beatrice Ndlovu, Priscilla Senne, Sarah Jane Balintaba, Titus Kumalo, James Ncube, Sybil Nzozyana, Titus Ngwenya, McLaren Bacela, Timothy Mapella, Meshack Gwiji.

Best wishes to the following who have joined the growing company of

COMPANIONS**Helderberg**

Avis Palvie, Catherine Tucker, Marjorie de Lange, Merle Wilson, Stephen Palvie, Ivan Mason, Eric Armer, Shelagh Edwards, Raymond Eva, Mildred Tarr, Winsome Palmer, Jean Shone, Naomi Marais.

Spion Kop

Mrs. W. H. Hayter, Miriam Ngwenya, Elizabeth Thapedi, Irene Langa, Susan Mathlaku, Hannah Molokomme, Victor Magalakanga, Gilbert Vilakazi, Johannes Mabuza, Ruenah Potwana, Irene Potwana.

Now a loyal greeting to those who have gained the rank of

COMRADES**Helderberg**

David Douglas, Gladys Butcher.

Spion Kop

Jemima Tyali, Miriam Kubheka, Pattie Ndungane, Yolam Kamwendo.

Congratulations to those who have attained to the leadership required of

MASTER COMRADES**Helderberg**

Dulcie Hankins, Helen Wheeler, Miss H. M. Hyatt, David Douglas, S. Moolman, Edna Shone.

Spion Kop

Miss J. Bosch.

Wear the Pins and Maintain the Standards of our Progressive Classes

Cape Field

J. N. de Beer, Superintendent

A Visit to the Isolated Companies

J. N. DE BEER

It was my privilege recently to visit the companies at Worcester, Calvinia, Loeriesfontein and Clanwilliam, and I am glad to report that at every place I found the members of good courage and letting their light shine, with the result that others are becoming interested in the Message. It was encouraging to see so many new faces at the meetings held at each place visited.

Our Worcester company has a well-organised Sabbath school, and as I listened to the recital of the lesson it was not difficult to be convinced that faithful study and thought had been given to the lesson during the week. No wonder then that the folk there are able to help others to the knowledge of the Truth. The Sabbath school is a blessed organisation among us, and if every member in the field, isolated and otherwise, would take advantage of the privileges and the blessings it affords, he would not be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord.

At Calvinia I found the company waiting in joyful expectancy to meet with the visiting minister in communion and other services, and the time spent there was most blessed of Heaven. The members here also are of good courage and doing what they can to spread the Message that brought them out of darkness to the wonderful light of God's Word.

A place in which to worship is a real need at Calvinia. For some time we have been negotiating for the purchase of a plot of ground on which to erect a church hall, but great difficulties have been experienced. However, I am pleased to say that while there this time, the ground was bought from a private owner, and we hope it will not be long now before the brethren will be able to start making bricks for the building.

Loeriesfontein was the next place visited, and here also the members are of good courage and determined, by the Lord's help to be faithful to the end. Here the meetings were held in an old wood-and-iron garage which was kindly placed at our disposal by the hotel proprietor. The fact that a large number of interested persons assembled with us was another evidence that our members at Loeriesfontein are sowing the seeds of Truth. Brother Links, who, for a number of years, has been in Government service, found it necessary to tender his resignation from the service in order to keep God's Sabbath. We are sure that He who said, "Seek ye first the king-

dom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you," will verify His promise to our brother.

Our next visit and meeting place was at Clanwilliam. I was very pleased to meet Sister and Mr. van Rensburg there. Sister van Rensburg takes an interest in the work for our coloured people and has done much to help and encourage our members.

The believers were very happy to see us and were much encouraged by our visit and the meetings held. There is a splendid interest at this place as was seen by the large numbers attending the meetings. We must look forward to holding an effort there.

It was also our privilege to visit some of our European members at Vredendal. On our way from this place to Clanwilliam we touched at Brother and Sister P. Raubenheimer's farm. It was a great pleasure to meet these friends and their children again. I found working for them Sister Rodgers, who is a member of the Cape Field Church, and I am glad to report that she is still faithfully holding to the Truth.

While much of the country is dry and crops are a failure, the seeds of truth are finding good soil and God's Word will not return "void." I feel the visits made have brought new courage to the hearts of the isolated believers. My prayer is that we may all remain faithful and on the new earth be privileged each Sabbath to meet together before the throne of God.

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Cape Field Camp-meeting

We are pleased to announce that it has been decided to hold our camp-meeting from December 24, 1937 to January 2, 1938, at the Good Hope Training School. To accommodate the meeting, we will have the new hall in the school building which is just being completed, in addition to the hall we used last time at the school.

On the two Sabbaths and Sundays which come in the time set for the meetings, services will be held in the morning, afternoon, and evening, but from Monday to Friday, services will be held in the evening only. The first meeting will convene at 7:30, Friday evening, December 24.

We expect to have ministers from the Southern African Division and the South African Union Conference with us, and there is no doubt that a real spiritual feast is awaiting those who will come. Let us all remember the date and prepare to attend the meetings.

For those, outside of the Cape Peninsula, who plan to attend the meetings, there will be available rooming accommodation at the Good Hope Training School, free of charge, and anyone desiring to make use of this must write to: The Principal, Good Hope Training School, Athlone, Cape, before November 30.

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The Layman's Page

FOR STRENGTH AND SERVICE

Conducted by the South African Union Conference Home Missionary Department

Signs Week, Nov. 27 to Dec. 4. God is Counting on You. Let the Light Shine.

Putting the Ingathering Spirit into the Signs Campaign

THERE is one noticeable and grand feature about the Harvest Ingathering Campaign that always guarantees success in this annual endeavour, and that is that almost every young person, church member and worker, puts his or her whole heart into it and manifests a wonderful spirit of enthusiasm which must spell success and end in over-the-tops.

But you say, "Why bring up the Harvest Ingathering Campaign at this time of the year? Where is the point?" Well, dear reader, the point is that if we could somehow put the same spirit and enthusiasm into the Signs Campaign what a wonderful result would be revealed, and our circulation would go up in leaps and bounds.

What a glorious time we would have if every young person, church member, and worker took right hold and had a very active part in the Signs Campaign this year. If we get Signs-conscious for one week the man in the street will be Signs-conscious for a whole year, and perhaps saved.

Let us put the Harvest Ingathering spirit into the Signs Campaign and then watch results.

A. C. LE BUTT.

No Christian can be a sleeping partner in the business of giving the gospel to the lost. We may not be able to preach eloquent sermons or even give convincing Bible studies, yet we can engage in distributing the messages of truth that are contained in every issue of the Signs. One subscription taken is equal to giving thirty-six Bible studies.

F. G. C.

Your neighbours need the Signs that presents the saving message for this time. They will be eternally lost unless they accept God's glorious truth. Their souls are every bit as precious as your own in the sight of Heaven. Are you not deeply grateful that someone sacrificed a little time and went to some degree of trouble to turn your feet from the path of destruction? Suppose for a moment that no one goes to your neighbours, and because of

your neglect, they are lost. How will you feel about it? Why not think about it now, face up to the solemn question, and ask God to help you to do your full part in the forthcoming Signs Week?

F. G. C.

SIGNS WEEK will soon be with us once again. On Sabbath, November 27, supplies of sample papers and receipt books will be available in every church in the South African Union. Without doubt the Signs is now the best and most attractive paper of its type published in South Africa. The truths it contains are priceless, but its cost is within the reach of all. Territory in abundance is all around us; possible subscribers are in every home in the land. Your home needs it; your relatives need it; your neighbours need it; the strangers in your community need it. YOU are one of God's appointed agents in your community. By God's help DO YOUR BEST.

F. G. C.

Solving the Gift Problem

THE season of the year when gifts are given and received will soon be with us again. The question as to what is appropriate, what is useful, and what might be acceptable, frequently gives rise to no little anxiety and causes quite a measure of perplexity.

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F. G. C.

What is Your Output?

A FACTORY that fails to keep turning out its products is a business failure. A nation whose imports exceed its exports is on the road to financial chaos. The sea that receives but refuses to give of its waters is dead. The tree that sends out its roots, extends its branches, and yet fails to bear fruit is barren. The engine that consumes large quantities of fuel, but develops little energy is ready for the scrap heap. The man who receives from society without assisting to maintain that society is a waster. Creatures that are nourished by nature and yet who fail to replenish her are parasites.

The measure of usefulness and service is not one of intake, but of output, not the capacity to consume, but the power to create; not the ability to absorb, but the willingness to bestow.

Have you ever paused to consider relationship as a Christian to your home, church and community? The Christian who receives but fails to give is a denial of Christ. The Christian who learns, but fails to impart is treading the downward road to apostasy. Is your experience developing on the output side or are you gathering much and giving little? The riches of truth, the blessings of joy, the light of knowledge have been imparted to you in abundant measure. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Look to your output.

F. G. CLIFFORD.

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Bladsy vir Leke

VIR KRAG EN DIENS

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

Tekens-Week, 27 Nov. tot 4 Des. God Reken op U. Laat die Lig Skyn.

Om die Tekens-veldtog met die Gees van die Insamelings-veldtog te Besiel

DIE merkwaardigste kenmerk van die Oesinsamelingsveldtog is die feit dat byna elke jongmens, kerklid, en werker, sy of haar hele hart daarin sit met so 'n gees van entoesiasme dat sukses gewaarborg is.

U sal miskien sê: „Waarom maak u op hierdie tyd van die jaar melding van die Oesinsamelingsveldtog?” Wel, liewe leser, as ons op een of ander manier dieselfde gees in die Tekens-veldtog kan inkry, sal daar sulke heerlike resultate wees dat ons sirkulasie verbasend vinnig sal styg.

Wat 'n aangename tyd sal ons nie hê nie as elke jongmens, kerklik en werker die saak beetpak en aktief deelneem aan die veldtog. As ons Tekens-bewus word vir 'n week, sal die man op straat 'n hele jaar lank Tekens-bewus wees en miskien gered word.

Laat ons die Tekens-veldtog nou met die gees van die Oesinsamelingsveldtog besiel en kyk wat gebeur.

A. C. LE BUTT.

U BURE het die reddende boodskap nodig wat in die Tekens bevat is. Hulle sal vir ewig verlore wees as hulle nie die heerlike waarheid van God aanneem nie. Hulle siele is net so kosbaar as u eie in die oë van die Here. Is u nie innig dankbaar dat iemand 'n bietjie tyd opgeoffer het en uit die pad gegaan het om u voete op die regte weg te bring nie? As niemand na u bure gaan nie en hulle gaan verlore weens u onverskilligheid, hoe sal u daaroor voel? uself die plegtige vraag af en vra God om u te help om u volle deel te doen aan die aanstaande Tekens-Week.

F. G. C.

DIE Tekens-Week sal binnekort weer hier wees. Op Sabbat 27 November sal daar voorrade monster-blaaie en kwitansie-boeke beskikbaar wees in elke kerk in die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie. Die Tekens is vandag ongetwyfeld die beste en aantreklikste blad van sy soort wat in Suid-Afrika gedruk word. Die waarhede daarin bevat is onskatbaar maar die prys is laag genoeg

vir almal. Daar is 'n groot terrein rondom ons en daar is moontlike intekenare in elke huis in ons land. U huisgesin sowel as u familiebetrekkings en bure het die Tekens nodig. U is een van die agente wat God in u omgewing aangestel het. Doen u bes met Gods hulp.

F. G. C.

GEE 'n Tekens-subskripsie as 'n Kers- of Nuwejaarsgeskenk. Dit sal gedurende die hele 1938 'n herinnering vir u vriende wees aan u belangstelling sowel as u begeerte om hulle siele te red.

F. G. C.

GEEN Christen kan 'n rustende vennoot in die besigheid van die verkondiging van die evangelie aan die verlore nes wees nie. Al is ons miskien nie welsprekende predikers of selfs oortuigende Bybelwerkers nie, kan ons nogtans die boodskappe van waarheid versprei wat in elke uitgawe van die Tekens bevat is. Een subskripsie staan gelyk met 36 Bybelstudies.

F. G. C.

Die Present-Vraagstuk Opgelos

DIE tyd wanneer ons presente gee en ontvang, is al amper weer daar. Die vraag wat om nou juis te gee, veroorsaak soms baie hoofbrekings.

Dis byna nie nodig om te sê dat meeste van die presente gewoonlik nie eintlik in 'n behoefte voorsien nie. Daar is allerhande soorte presente: dit kan 'n verganklike, of duur, of onnodige, of waardevolle, of vreugde-verskaffende present wees; hulle kan bruikbaar of onbruikbaar wees. Maar wat dit ook al is, behoort die present 'n uitdrukking te wees van die gevoelens van die gewer teenoor die ontvanger. Die gif openbaar die gedagtes sowel as die smaak van die gewer.

Daar is 'n present wat meer as net die verbygaande, stoflike belangstelling in ons vriende sal toon—iets wat ons belangstelling nie net vir die teenwoordige tyd en die toekoms sal openbaar nie, maar ook ons gevoelens en karakter. Dit is geskikte, waarheidsbevattende, sielreddende leesstof.

Dit is 'n kosbare present wat 'n blywen-

de, opheffende invloed sal uitoefen gedurende die hele nuwe jaar. En u kan dit maklik in die hande kry.

Die Sentinel Uitgewers-Maatskappy het 'n gelukwens-brief gedruk wat u aan u familieleden en vriende kan stuur om aan te kondig dat u die intekengeld op die Tekens van die Tye en Gesondheidsbode vir hulle vir die nuwe jaar betaal het. Hierdie briewe kan verkry word by die sendingsekreteraris van u kerk gedurende Tekens-Week—27 November tot 4 Desember. Elke subskripsie sal u maar net 2/6 kos.

Waarom gee u nie hierdie jaar net presente wat opheffend, leersaam en sielreddend sal wees nie, sodat u vriende gedurende die hele jaar 'n aandenking kan hê van u belangstelling in hulle?

F. G. C.

Wat is U Opbrings?

'N Fabrik wat nie daarin slaag om gereeld sy produkte te lewer nie, is 'n handelsmislukking. As 'n land se invoerhandel sy uitvoerhandel oortref, is hy op pad na bankrotskap. Die see wat ontvang maar weier om van sy water af te gee, is dood. Die boom wat wortelskiet, mooi takke kry, en nogtans geen vrugte dra nie, is onvrugbaar. Die enjin wat 'n groot hoeveelheid brandstof verteer en maar min energie ontwikkel, is gereed vir die vuilgoedhoop. Die man wat van die samelewing ontvang sonder om by te dra tot die instandhouding van daardie samelewing, is 'n leegleër. Diere wat deur die Natuur gevoed word maar hom nie aanvul nie, is parasiete.

Die maatstaf van nuttigheid en diens is nie een van opname nie, maar van opbrings—nie die vermoë om te verteer nie, maar die krag om voort te bring; nie die bekwaamheid om te ontvang nie, maar die gewilligheid om te gee.

Het u al ooit stilgestaan om u verhouding as Christen tot u huis, kerk en samelewing, te oorweeg? Die Christen wat ontvang maar nalaat om te gee, is 'n verloëning van Christus. Die Christen wat leer maar nie meedeel nie, is op pad na 'n afval. Die skatte van waarheid, die seëninge van vreugde en die lig van kennis is ryklik aan u geskenk. Wat gee u?

F. G. CLIFFORD.

27 Nov. tot 4 Des. Tekens-Week. 5,000 Nuwe Subskripsies. Mik Hoog.

Itinerating in the Cape Conference

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visit conference and local church members who live isolated from other believers. The lights kept burning in these places by loyal believers will some day bear fruit in the kingdom.

After spending a few busy days with the Cape Town and Claremont churches we headed along the western coast. Our first call was at the lighthouse on Point Pater-noster. Here Sister Orchard is letting her light shine, just as truly as is the lighthouse which is under the care of her husband. As we arrived at the lighthouse a dense mist settled over the coast and the deaf-ening foghorn began to vibrate the air. Answering a question I put to him, Mr. Orchard said: "No, the foghorn is not of nearly as much service as the light. The foghorn simply announces the fact that danger is in the vicinity, but does not help in directing the course, whereas the light warns the seaman of his danger and also points the way." How like our responsi-bility! Our words are certainly a help, but it is the light of our example which shows the safe way.

At the next place of call we landed up in gaol. No, we had not done any wrong, but we were visiting Sister van Rensburg whose husband is the gaoler at Clanwilliam. Sister van Rensburg keeps a bright light burning and, besides endeavouring to foster interests among Europeans, is giving con-siderable time to the coloured interests in the location. We were happy to address a few interested coloured people in this location.

Back to the coast at Lambertsbaai we visited Mr. and Mrs. Coetzee who are now preparing for baptism. We also visited the Crayfish Canning Factory, and came

away quite satisfied to let crayfish stay on the "unclean" list.

Through beautiful lands of waving wheat and red poppies we drove to Klaver where Brother P. J. Raubenheimer and his family live surrounded by their lands of barley and lucerne. We spent a profit-able and enjoyable time in this district visiting, besides Brother Raubenheimer, Brother Charles van Wyk and family, Sister Coetzee, and Sister Sophia van Hanzen. We could not cross the river and so were unable to visit the home of Brother J. J. Shaw. His son came along from school, however, and we were able to send him a message of greeting.

At Van Rhynsdorp we halted awhile to visit with Brother and Sister P. J. Trytsman, Junior, and then pushed on to Vredendal where we have a church. Our services were held in the home of Brother M. van Wyk, whose large dining-room failed to accommodate those who attended. The church members are earnest and are looking forward with keen anticipation to the new church building which they will soon commence to build. We enjoyed every moment of our visit to Vredendal.

We had now to retrace our path through the valley. The day was swelteringly hot and we were glad when we pulled up at Porterville to visit another of our veteran colporteurs, Brother Dwyer, and his family. Our next visit was with the believers at Stellenbosch, where we found the light, kindled in 1931, still burning brightly.

Helderberg College was the goal of our next journey and while Miss Willmore audited the church books we got busy be-come acquainted with the students. In Somerset Strand we have several good and staunch members, the visiting of whom gave, I am sure, mutual pleasure. We had now to negotiate Sir Lowry Pass and near Caledon turned off to visit Genadendal and Greyton where Brother Frikkie Roux teaches school. Brother Roux alone is representing the Truth in this district, but nobly he lets his light shine.

We passed on to Lindehof where Sister J. D. Keet lives, but found that she was visiting relatives at Bonnie Vale. We, therefore, continued to Klipdale and spent a pleasant time in the newly established home of Brother and Sister van Graan. We pray that God may richly bless these young people as they endeavour to keep trimmed and burning their lamp of faith. We also renewed pleasant acquaintance with the Roussouw family whose engineer-ing works are closed on Sabbath, thus wit-nessing to the Sabbath truth in Klipdale.

Going north again to Robertson, we were sorry to find that Sister B. J. van Zyl was away, but were happy to know that she was visiting her sister in Bonnie Vale. On the way to Bonnie Vale we passed through Ashton and enjoyed a good visit with our aged Sister C. Vermaak. At Bonnie Vale, where the Truth has held be-lievers for so many years, we met and worshipped together in the little church

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on Sister Smith's property. We were happy to have worshipping with us visiting mem-bers from the Rustica and Claremont churches. Many members have moved away from Bonnie Vale and there are com-paratively only a few left, yet they are of good courage, and eager to let their light shine.

Leaving Bonnie Vale, we drove through the Tradouw Pass, which is the oldest pass in South Africa, and came to Barrydale. In Barrydale we visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Vermaak whom we hope soon to bap-tise into church membership. In the dis-trict we visited in the home of Sister A. Boshoff and Sister Douglas. Tucked away at the foot of the mountains, these dear sisters greatly appreciate every moment of a visit from members of the faith. At Hei-delberg we were disappointed at finding Miss E. Bremner away from town, and also Sister E. Swart who was visiting in the Transvaal. We had a very pleasant visit, however, with the latter's husband and some friends.

In the district of Riversdale, on the edge of a new forest plantation, we visited Mrs. Black, who was interested in the Message by Brother Pike while he was canvassing in Johannesburg. Her interest remains good and we sincerely pray that it may be fostered until it bears fruit in the decision for Truth.

On the other side of Riversdale we fol-lowed the road to Kleinrivier. The became smaller and smaller, and the gates more and more frequent, until at last we came to a stop in a small and narrow kloof. Here we found our young brother, Gert Bosman. He has recently been the victim of a very cowardly attack by the local predikant, but sturdily holds his own and is of good courage. His earnest desire is to see fruit as the result of his stand in that district.

The same day found us at Mossel Bay where we visited the two homes where

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Signs Week. Do not put It off.

Die Veldtog-Uitgawe van die Tekens

L. L. MOFFITT

ONS het ons daarop toegelê om die Desember-uitgawe van die *Tekens* so aantreklik as moontlik te maak, sodat diegene wat uitgaan om nuwe intekenaars te werf dit met sukses sal kan doen. Hier volg 'n kort beskrywing van die Desember nummer:

Omslag met pragtige prent in twee kleure.—„Die Wyse Manne Volg die Ster na Betlehem.”

Preek.—„Vrede op Aarde—Wanneer?”

Redaksie-kolom.—„Die Weste, die Nabye en Verre Ooste;” „Kalenderhervorming Afgestem.”

Hoofartikel.—„Wanneer die Ooste die Weste Ontmoet in Palestina—Die Gevare van die Palestynse Vraagstuk.”

Kersfees-bladsy.—„Gifte;” Gedigte.

Senter-bladsy.—„'n Eeu van Wonders—1837-1937.

Afdeling vir die Huis en Gesondheid.—„Warmweer-geregte—„Hoe sal Ons die Somer-geregte Berei?” „Smaaklike Somergeregte.”

Kinderstorie.—„Die Kammakastige Presente.”

Hierdie uitgawe sal aantreklike opskrifte, pragtige kleure en 'n hele aantal prente bevat.

Ons wens u geluk met die 1937 *Tekens*-veldtog.

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Tekens en Tekens

F. E. POTTER

DIE tekens van die einde vermenigvuldig en daarom moet ons ook die sirkulasie van die *Tekens* vermenigvuldig. Ek bedoel dit ernstig, geagte lesers. Elke Sewende-dag Adventis behoort hierdie saak ernstig op te neem. Die opdrag aan elke lid van hierdie denominasie is om die werk van die verkondiging van die evangelie in aller erns op te neem. Ons behoort nie alleen uit te sien na die koms van Christus nie, maar behoort daardie dag ook te verhaas. En daardie dag sal nie kom aler „hierdie evangelie van die koninkryk verkondig [is] in die hele wêreld tot 'n getuënis” nie. Wat ons betref behoort die vraag te wees: Is dit al in my buurt verkondig? So nie, dan stel ons die Here Jesus teleur as getuies.

Die *Tekens* word uitgegee met die bepaalde doel om Sewende-dag Adventiste met hierdie deur God opgelegde werk te help. Dit is nie 'n geldmakery nie, maar dit is 'n sielreddende werk. Dit is u plig en myne om die *Tekens* te sirkuleer en dit te laat sirkuleer. Wat die redaksie- en drukwerk betref, het hierdie departemente alles in hulle vermoë gedoen om 'n aantreklike blad te verskaf vir die *Tekens*-Week. Meer kan hulle nie doen nie. Dit lê nou by ons, werkers sowel as leke, om die werk aan te pak en soveel intekenaars moontlik te werf.

Laat ons *Tekens*-Week aangryp as 'n deur God gegee geleentheid om vir Hom te getuig, en laat ons moedig voortgaan, vasberade om die huidige intekenaarslys met ten minste 5,000 nuwe intekenaars uit te brei. Dit kan gedoen word as ons hart en siel in die werk is—en *hart-werk* behoort die teken van die tye in hierdie denominasie vandag te wees.

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Weer Tuis

J. VAN DER MERWE

NA 'n afwesigheid van bietjie meer as twee jaar, het Mev. van der Merwe, Elmer en die skrywer met die „Duilio” in Kaapstad aangeland op 25 September.

Ons het Nu-York op 25 Augustus verlaat en met die „Queen Mary” die Noord-Atlantiese Oseaan in vier-en-'n-half dae oorgesteek. In Londen het ons aangename weer geniet en meeste van d'e tyd in d'e Britse Museum deurgebring.

Die volgende skof van ons reis was oor die Engelse Kanaal na Frankryk waar ons 'n tydjie in Parys deurgebring het op besoek aan die wêreldtentoonstelling. Ons het 'n baie aangename Sabbat gebou by ons kerk in Parys wat 'n ledetal van oor d'e 200 het. Ons het 'n aantal van ons susters daar ontmoet (vrouens van werkers) wat Spanje verlaat het weens die burgeroorlog.

Ons volgende besoek was aan Basel, Switserland—die tydelike hoofkwartier van die Sentraal-Europese Divisie. Daar ons baie moeg was by ons aankoms daar, was dit aangenaam om getraakteer te word in die huis van Leraar Schubert, die president van daard'ige divisie. Ook daar is daar 'n netjiese kerkgeboutjie met 'n ledetal van ongeveer 250.

By ons aankoms te Zurich het 'n heer met 'n Ooesinsamelingsblad na Mev. van der Merwe gekom en gevra of sy daarmee bekend was. Die heer was Broeder Haring, die sekretaris-tesourier van die Switser-Duitse Konferensie. „Advent-Sending” is die naam wat op ons kantore en kerkgebou in Zurich staan, en hierdie geboue is die naam wêrd. Die lidmaatskap van hierdie kerk is meer as 300. Dit was 'n genot om ons werkers in Europa te ontmoet en hulle ywer vir die boodskap te sien.

Nadat ons die Alpe oorgestaan het om Italië te besoek, het ons op 10 September te Genua skeepgemaak.

Gedurende ons reis na Kaapstad het ons baie geleenthede gehad om vir die waarheid te getuig. Ek het ook die voorreg gehad om die diens op die boot waar te neem op Sondagagtermiddag.

Ons verblyf in die Verenigde State was uiters aangenaam. Die aanraking met ons opvoedkundige en evangeliese werk daar was uiters leersaam en nuttig volgens ons mening. Ons sal altyd die grootste respek koester vir ons werk en werkers daar weens hulle ywer vir en belangstelling in buitenlandse velde.

'n Rondreis in die Kaapse Konferensie

W. H. HURLLOW

OP 3 September het ek, vergesel deur Mev. Hurlow en Mej. Willmore, vertrek om huisbesoek te doen by die afgeleë lede in die suidelike en westelike dele van ons konferensie gebied, en ook om die kerke aldaar te besoek. Die feit dat sommige van ons lede so wyd uitmekaar woon het ons laat besef dat God hulle so oor die land versprei het om skynende ligte te wees vir Sy koninkryk.

Ons eerste besoek was by Broeder en Suster Fourie op Klipplaat. Broeder Fourie (Sr.) gaan op die plase rond as messelaar, en deur nie op die Sabbat te werk nie getuig hy vir die waarheid. Die toe deur van Broeder Fourie (Jr.) se snyersbesigheid op Klipplaat, getuig weer vir die waarheid daar.

Ons het die Sabbat op Miller deurgebring, waar 'n aantal gesinne in die woning van Broeder Stols saamgekom het vir die Sabbatskool en d'e avondmaalsviering.

Hiervandaan is ons na Oudtshoorn om onder weg Suster Barnard te besoek waar ons 'n aangename tydjie deurgebring het. Op Oudtshoorn het ons dienste gehou in die huis van Suster Nuns. Die lede daar is baie ywerig en wil graag hulle ledetal uitbrei. Van Oudtshoorn af is ons deur die droë Olifantsriviervallei—droog dog koud, want d'e berge het kapok op gehad. Op die plaas „Warmwater” is ons hartlik verwelkom deur Broeder en Suster van Greune. Vandaar het ons die reis voortgesit na Calitzdorp waar Suster J. C. Woeke ons enigste verteenwoordiger is. Ons volgende doelwit was Suster Ellis, wat onlangs die waarheid aangeneem het terwyl sy op besoek was by haar dogter in die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie. Na 'n moeilike reis oor slegte paaie, het ons eindelijk op Droëkloof, die plaas van Mnr. Ellis uitgekóm. Suster Ellis het goeie sendingwerk gedoen, en eerlank hoop ons om ook haar eggenoot en ander lede van die gesin te doop.

Vervolgens het ons Broeder en Suster Colenso van Wyk in die Laingsburgse distrik opgesoek. Broeder van Wyk boer en hou ook skool. Hy het baie geleentheid om vir d'e waarheid te getuig in daardie distrik.

Naby Touwsrivier het ons Broeder en Suster Van Eck besoek. Hulle het deur middel van ons leesstof in aanraking met die waarheid gekom en ons vertrou dat hulle eerlank tot 'n volle kennis van die derde engel se boodskap sal kom.

Vandaar is ons met die Hexrivierpas af na Worcester waar ons 'n geseënde naweek met die gelowiges deurgebring het. Van Worcester is ons na Ceres om Broeder Kruger, een van die ou staatsmakers in die kolporteurswerk op te soek. Hy neem nog 'n aktiewe deel aan die werk.

Op weg na Tulbagh het ons Suster Kreft en haar suster op Steinhil, die ou sending-

Tekens-Week. Moenie Uitstel nie.

standplaas, besoek. Suster Kreft se vader en grootvader was Lutheraanse sendelinge, en sy het ons baie vertel van die ou dae. Nie ver van haar huis af is 'n ou dam waar die bruin mense nog elke jaar bymeekaarkom om hulle bevryding uit die slawerny te vier.

Daarna het ons Wellington aangedoen. Hier is ons hartlik verwelkom deur Susters Wessels en Olds. Broeder en Suster Beukes en Suster Kleinwerk het ook daardie aand die diens bygewoon. Ons sal Wellington nie langer laat wag vir 'n poging nie, want ons glo dat die Here ons daar 'n ryke oes van siele sal gee.

In die Pêrel, op Kraaifontein, Blackheath, Bellville, Parow en Maitland het ons ook die afgeleë lede en ander kerklede besoek.

Na ons 'n paar besige dae by die Kaapstadse en Claremontse kerk deurgebring het, is ons langs die westelike kus op. Ons eerste besoek in hierdie oord was by Suster Orchard, by die Point Paternoster vuurtoring, waar sy haar lig ook laat skyn. Mnr. Orchard is die wagter by die vuurtoring, en terwyl ons daar was het daar 'n digte mis opgekom; en kort-kort het die mishoring gedreun. Op 'n vraag van my het Mnr. Orchard gesê: „Die mishoring is nie so belangrik as die vuurtoring nie; die mishoring kondig slegs die feit aan dat daar gevaar is, maar help nie die skepe om koers te hou nie. Die lig waarsku en wys terselfdertyd die rigting aan.” Net so ook is dit met ons gesteld. Ons woorde kan help, ja, maar dit is die lig van ons lewe wat die koers aandui en die weg aanwys.

Op die volgende plek het ons by die tronk telande gekom. Nee, ons het geen kwaad gedoen nie maar Suster van Rensburg, wat ons op Clanwilliam besoek het, se man is tronkbewaarder aldaar. Suster van Rensburg laat haar lig skyn en sy bearbei die bruin mense in die lokasie; dit was ons voorreg gewees om van die belangstellendes toe te spreek.

Op Lambertsbaai het ons Mnr. en Mev. Coetzee besoek. Hulle berei tans voor vir die doop. Vandaar is ons na Klaver om Broeder en Suster P. J. Raubenheimer op te soek. Behalwe die Raubenheimers het ons ook Broeder C. van Wyk, Susters Coetzee en van Hanzen besoek. Ons kon die rivier nie deur nie en kon dus nie Broeder Shaw besoek nie.

Op Van Rhynsdorp het ons aangegaan by Broeder en Suster Trytsman (Jr.), en daarvandaan is ons na die Vredendal kerk. Ons het ons dienste gehou in die ruim voorkamer van Broeder M. van Wyk se woonhuis; daar het egter so baie opgekom dat die kamer te klein was. Die kerklede is baie ywerig en hulle sien verlangend uit na die nuwe kerkgebou wat hulle eerlank sal oprig.

Hiervandaan het ons die reis voortgesit om nog een van ons ou staatmaker-kolporteurs te besoek, naamlik Broeder Dwyer. Vervolgens het ons Stellenbosch aangedoen, waar die lig wat ons in 1931 aangesteek het, nog helder brand.

Ons volgende stop was Helderberg Kollege, waar Suster Willmore die kerkboeke nagegaan het. Aan die Strand het ons 'n hele paar getroue lede, en dit was baie aangenaam om hulle te besoek. Vandaar is ons na Genadendal en Greyton waar Broeder Frikkie Roux onderwys gee. Broeder Roux staan alleen hier, maar hy laat hom nie onbetuig nie. Op Klipdale het ons van ons nuwe lede, n.l. Broeder en Suster van Graan besoek. Hier het ons ook die Rossouw gesin 'n besoek gebring; Broeder Rossouw getuig vir die Sabbat deur sy besigheid op Sabbatdae te sluit. Op weg na Bonnievale het ons Ashton aangedoen waar ons ou Suster C. Vermaak 'n besoek gebring het. Op Bonnievale het ons in die kerkie dienste gehou. Baie van die lede op Bonnievale het weggetrek en daar bly tans nie veel oor nie, dog hulle is baie ywerig. Van Bonnievale is ons na Barrydale waar ons Mnr. en Mev. J. D. Vermaak besoek het; ons hoop om hulle binnekort te doop. Verder het ons Susters Boshoff en Douglas in die distrik besoek. Hierdie twee susters wat diep tussen die berge woon het die besoek baie op prys gestel.

Op Riversdale het ons Mev. Black besoek. Sy is deur Broeder C. Pike in die waarheid geïnterees en ons hoop dat sy eerlank die waarheid sal aanneem. Ons het ook Kleinrivier aangedoen waar ons die jonge Broeder Gert Bosman aangetref het; ten spyte van die teënstand wat hy ondervind is hy goedsmoeds. Dieselfde dag nog is ons na Mosselbaai waar ons Susters Pressley en Dalton besoek het. Albei is nog vol moed. Op weg na George het ons Suster A. E. Bayman besoek wat eensaam daar op haar plaas Voorbrug woon.

Op George het ons, vergees van die plaaslike ouderling, Broeder Meyer, die kerklede besoek, en ook 'n diens gehou in die kerk aldaar. Daarvandaan is ons na Balmoral waar ons die Susters Holtskamp besoek het; hulle woon by hulle vader wat 'n beampste van die Departement van Boswese is. Ons is toe deur Knysna na die plaas van Broeder F. Ackerman; met die boerdery gaan dit nie te goed nie, maar hulle sien verlangend uit na die dag wanneer die geswoeg op aarde tot 'n end sal kom. Hiervandaan is ons oor die Prince Alfred's Pass na M'skund, waar ons Broeder en Suster O. J. Strydom en Suster Frans Strydom besoek het. Met leedwese het ons verneem van die afsterwe van die eggenoot van laasgenoemde, en aan hierdie suster wil ons ons innige medelye betuig.

Vandaar is ons na Nuweplaas waar die Langkloof kerk gevestig is. Hier het ons die Sabbatsdienste waargeneem en ook die Heilige Avondmaal gevier. Die volgende dag het ons huiswaarts gekeer. Op weg het ons by Broeder en Suster M. J. O. Ackerman aangegaan. Op Milton, op die Gamtoosrivier het ons Broeder en Suster G. Piercey besoek. Hierdie lede is nog vol moed en hoop om vrugte te sien op hulle arbeid.

Teen sonder daardie aand het ons weer tuisgekom, na 'n afwesigheid van meer as

vyf weke waarin ons byna 3,000 myl afgeleë het. Hoewel ons moeg was, was ons gelukkig waar ons nagedink het oor die hartlike ontvangste wat ons onder die mense gehad het en oor die blyke van opregtheid wat ons onder ons afgeleë lede bespeur het.

Kaapse Veld

J. N. de Beer, Superintendent

Kampdienste, Kaapse Veld

ONS is bly om te kan meedeel dat daar besluit is om ons kampdienste hierdie jaar by die „Good Hope Training School” te hou, van 24 Desember 1937 tot 2 Januarie 1938. Hierdie keer sal ons, behalwe die saal wat ons verlede jaar gebruik het, ook die nuwe saal hê in die skoolgebou wat so pas voltooi is. Op die twee Sabbatdae en Sondae wat binne die tydperk van die dienste val, sal daar more-, middag- en aanddienste wees, maar van Maandag tot Vrydag sal daar slegs aanddienste wees. Die eerste diens sal om 7:30, Vrydagaand, 24 Desember 'n aanvang neem.

ONS verwag om sprekers van die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie en die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie in ons midde te hê, en ons twyfel nie daaraan nie dat 'n ryke geestelike feesmaal diegene wag wat die dienste sal bywoon. Laat ons almal die datums onthou en voorbereidings tref om die dienste by te woon.

Aan diegene wat buite die Skiereiland woon en graag die dienste wil bywoon, sal vrye inwoning by die skool verskaf word. Almal wat van hierdie aanbod gebruik wil maak, moet a.u.b.: Die Prinsipaal, „Good Hope Training School,” Athlone, K. P., voor 30 November in kennis stel.

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'n Besoek aan Ons Afgeleë Lede en Groepe

J. N. DE BEER

ONLANGS het ek die voorreg gehad om ons lede op Worcester, Calvinia, Loeriesfontein en Clanwilliam te besoek, en ek is bly om te kan meedeel dat die lesersorale waar ek aangegaan het, vol moed en hulle ligte laat skyn. Die gevolg hiervan is dat die belangstelling van ander ook opgewek is. Dit was baie bemoedigend om die baie nuwe gesigte te sien by die dienste op die verskillende plekke.

Die groep op Worcester het 'n goedgeorganiseerde Sabbatskool, en toe ek so sit en luister terwyl die leserspreker is, was ek oortuig van die getroue studie van die les gedurende die week. Dis ook geen wonder dat die lede aldaar ander ook kan inlig aangaande die waarheid. Die Sabbatskool is een van die geseëndste instellings

van ons kerk, en as elke lid in die veld die beste gebruik sou maak van die voorregte en die seënninge van die Sabbatskool, sal hulle nie onvrugbaar wees in die kennis van die Here nie.

Op Calvinia het die groep gretig uitgesien na die besoek van hulle leraar vir die avondmaalsviering en ander dienste. Ons het 'n geseënde tydjie daar deurgebring. Ook hier is die lede goedsmoeds en doen alles in hulle vermoë om die boodskap wat hulle verlig het te versprei.

Op Calvinia is daar groot behoefte aan 'n geskikte plek vir die dienste. Vir geruime tyd al voer ons onderhandelings met die oog om 'n stukkie grond te koop vir die oprigting van 'n saal, maar daar was baie struikelblokke in die weg. Ek is egter bly te sê dat ons eindelik daarin geslaag om 'n stukkie grond van 'n private eienaar te koop, en ons hoop dat die lede eerlank met die stenemaak 'n aanvang sal kan neem.

Vervolgens het ons Loeriesfontein besoek, en hier ook is die lede baie moedig, en vasbeslote om deur die genade van die Here getrou te bly tot die einde toe. Ons het die dienste hier in 'n ou sink gebou-tjie gehou wat die hoteleienaar goedgunstiglik aan ons afgestaan het. Die feit dat 'n hele aantal belangstellendes die dienste bygewoon het, is bewys dat die lede op Loeriesfontein nie versuim het om die saadjies van die waarheid te saai nie. Broeder Links wat vir 'n aantal jare in die regeringsdiens was, moes eindelik sy bedanking instuur sodat hy die Sabbat kan vier. Ons is verseker dat Hy wat gesê het, „Soek eers die koninkryk van God en Sy geregtigheid, en al hierdie dinge sal vir julle bygevoeg word,” ook Sy belofte aan hierdie broeder sal gestand doen.

Ons volgende dienste is op Clanwilliam gehou. Dit was vir my aangenaam om Mnr. en Suster van Rensburg hier te ontmoet. Suster van Rensburg stel groot belang in die werk onder die bruin mense en het baie gedoen om die lede aan te moedig.

Die gelowiges was baie bly om ons te sien, en is baie versterk deur ons besoek en die dienste wat gehou is. Daar is groot belangstelling op hierdie plek soos geblyk het uit die getalle wat die dienste bygewoon het. Ons hoop om hier 'n poging te hou.

Ons het ook die voorreg gehad om van 'n blanke lede op Vredendal te besoek. Op weg het ons Broeder en Suster P. J. Raubenheimer besoek, en dit was regtig 'n genot om weer hierdie ou vriende te ontmoet. Suster Rogers, een van die lede van ons Kaapse Veld werk by hulle en sy staan nog pal in die waarheid.

Terwyl dit baie droog en die oeste sleg is, val die saadjies van die waarheid nogtans in goeie aarde, en die Woord van die Here sal nie „ledig” tot Hom terugkeer nie. Ek voel dat die besoeke wat afgelê is die afgeleë lede met nuwe moed besiel het. My bede is dat ons almal getrou mag

bly sodat ons eendag op die nuwe aarde saam voor die troon van God mag Sabbat vier.



'n Afskeidsboodschap

OMTRENT 'n week voor die dood van br. T. J. van Rensburg het hy 'n boodskap geskryf en in 'n verseënde koevert gesit om eers na sy dood oopgemaak te word. Ooreenkomstig sy versoek publiseer ons sy boodskap hier:

„Aan al my geliefde broeders en susters — Tot wedersiens!!!

Vrede!

Veiligheid!

Vergeving!

Verlossing deur Sy bloed.

Amen.

T. J. VAN RENSBURG.”

Obituaries

ENDER.—It is with sadness that we inform the many friends of the Ender family, of Sweetwaters, of the death of our young brother, Harry Ender. Born in Johannesburg on July 25, 1919, he grew up to love the truth and take his part in church work. After nine months of patient suffering he fell asleep on April 11, 1937. We laid him to rest in the little churchyard at Sweetwaters. His last words were from the Book he loved. His favourite hymn, “Just a Ray of Sunshine” was in harmony with his life.

The family wish to thank all the kind friends who encouraged and strengthened them both before and after the sad event.

A. W. WORSLEY.

VAN RENSBURG.—Tobias Johannes Janse van Rensburg is op 5 September 1937 in sy ses-en-sestigste jaar oorlede en op sy plaas naby Ermelo, Transvaal, begrawe.

Ons oorlede broeder het die Waarheid meer as 32 jaar gelede aangeneem. In 1905 het hy 'n boekie met die titel „Matthew 24” in die hande gekry. Dit was 'n Sewende-dag Adventis-boekie wat hy op 'n vuilgoedhoop opgetel het. Hy en sy vrou het altwee die boekie gelees en tesame die boodskap aangeneem met die gevolg dat hulle deur wyle Leraar J. M. Freeman gedoopt is.

Broeder T. J. J. van Rensburg het jarelank in die Orange Vry Staat gewoon waar hulle getrou vir die belange van die saak in daardie veld gewerk het. Eilike jare gelede het hy Ermelo-toe getrek waar hy die plaaslike ouderling van die kerk geword het.

Drie jaar gelede het sy vrou gesterf en later het hy weer in die huwelik getree met Suster M. M. van der Merwe wat hom oorleef. Sy drie dogters, Suster Lansdown van Bloemfontein, Suster Lee van Breiten en Suster Meyer van Natal is werkende lede van die kerk. Die godsdienstige invloed van die ouers, die getrouheid aan die

huisaltaar, gereëde Sabbatskool en kerk-besoek het 'n blywende invloed op die lewens van die kinders uitgeoefen. Hoewel die ouers dood is, leef hulle invloed nog.

Ons wil die treurende weduwee, drie dogters en twee seuns wat agtergelaat is om sy heengaan te betreur, verseker van ons innigste simpatie en hulle vertrous met al die kosbare beloftes van Gods Woord. Die donker skaduwees van hierdie wêreld sal verdwyn wanneer die opstandingsdag aanbreek en dierbares wat deur die dood geskei was, weer mekaar ontmoet.

J. E. SYMONS.

ELFFERS.—Louis Elffers was born July 18, 1915, and was laid to rest in the Dutch Reformed Church Cemetery, Wynberg, on Sunday afternoon, November 7, 1937, following a motor-car accident in which he was involved the previous Monday.

Brother Elffers was baptised and united with the Wynberg Seventh-day Adventist church on November 24, 1930. In 1931 his membership was transferred to the Claremont church, in which he took an active part in Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer activities.

At the time of his fatal accident he was in the fifth year of his medical course, and was looking forward to a life of service on behalf of his fellow-men. The high ideals that actuated his student life are revealed by the following quotations written on the flyleaf of his Bible:

“Let the student take the Bible for his guide, and stand firm for principle, and he may aspire to any height of attainment.”

“Better than all other knowledge is an understanding of the Word of God.” [cf. Joshua 1:8.]

“It is not so much the being exempt from faults, as the having overcome them, that is an advantage to us.”—Dean Swift.

Brother Elffers had made many friends at the University, some of whom he had been able to influence in a very positive way for good. Ten of the young men from the Medical College, with one other dear friend, and a cousin, acted as pallbearers. The esteem in which he was held was to some degree evidenced by the fact that nearly three hundred people attended the funeral, and by the abundant floral tributes: just under a hundred wreaths covered and surrounded the grave.

Brother and Sister Elffers humbly bow to the Divine will in their great loss, gratefully acknowledging His providence through it all, and rejoice, even in their sorrow, at the honour conferred upon them in the high esteem in which their son was manifestly held among his wide circle of friends.

Words of comfort were spoken to the sorrowing relatives and scores of sympathising friends as our young brother was laid to rest to await the coming of Jesus, the Life-giver.

L. L. MOFFITT.

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shine the only lights of the Message in that town. We found Brother and Sister Pressley and Sister Dalton of good courage. On our way to George we passed through Voorbrug where Sister A. E. Bayman shines a lonely light on her farm. In George we visited the church members in company with the local elder, Brother Meyer, and held a service in the neat church building. Journeying along the coast, we passed through Balmoral where, on the edge of the Knysna forests, we visited Sisters Holtkamp, who live in the home of their father who is the forester for that district.

Passing through Knysna, we took the road to The Heads and on a little farm found Brother and Sister F. Ackerman and their family. Life is a struggle for them but they look with confidence to that glad day when the struggles of this life will be lost in the joy and peace of our eternal home.

From Knysna we turned north, and steadily climbing the steep and twisting Prince Alfred's Pass, came to Miskund where we visited Brother and Sister O. J. Strydom and Sister Frans Strydom. We were grieved to find that Sister Strydom had very recently lost her husband in a sudden illness. Our heart-felt sympathy goes out to our dear sister in her sad bereavement.

A few miles more and we were at Nieuwe Plaats where we have our Langkloof church. We had a very blessed time together with the believers there, ending a full Sabbath of services with the ordinances of the Lord's house.

The next day we headed for home, stopping before we reached Joubertina to visit with Brother and Sister M. J. O. Ackerman. Another stop was made at Milton on the Gamtoos River to visit Brother and Sister George Piercy. These good people are keenly anxious to let their light shine, but find themselves in a very unresponsive neighbourhood. However, they are not discouraged and still trust that their seed-sowing may bear fruit.

As the sun was getting low, we arrived back in Port Elizabeth, having been away just over five weeks and having travelled nearly three thousand miles. We were tired, but happy in the memories of the welcomes we had experienced in the homes of our people, and in the evidences we had seen of the endurance and sincerity which mark the lives of our isolated believers.

General News Notes

THE Thirteenth Sabbath Offering contributed by the Sabbath schools in the Southern African Division amounted to £563-5-10—more than double the amount received the previous Thirteenth Sabbath.

Remember that next Thirteenth Sabbath comes on Christmas Day. Will you not make a special gift to missions on that day? Let's do as well as we did on the Silver Jubilee!

WE are glad to welcome back Brother J. L. Milford, of the Sentinel Publishing Company who has been to England in connection with the printing of the revised "Bible Readings for the Home Circle," in Afrikaans. By the way, we understand that Brother Milford brought a few advance copies of the above-mentioned book and, when you see it, you will agree that it is something of which to be proud—thanks to our translator and the publishers.

AMONG recent visitors to the Division office were the following: Pastor W. H. Hurlow, president of the Cape Conference; Brother and Sister W. P. Owen; Brother and Sister Adriaan Siepmann and baby, on furlough, from the Congo Union; Brother Bristow, the president of the 1937 graduation class at Helderberg College, and Kenneth Webster, a student-canvasser on his way to Durban. Let us remember all the student-canvassers as they start out this season.

President's Message

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hundred of other nationalities. This president encloses a letter from one of his churches telling of the bitter persecutions that have fallen upon them. It says:

"June 19, which was a Sabbath, when the children of God like to meet, we met on a high rock in the Carpathian Mountains, where, even if they tried to find us, they would not succeed. They were so enraged that they could do nothing with us on the day before, that they had made up their minds to bring us back into bounds. The Lord was with us. He blinded them, deafened their ears, so that they could not see us nor hear us. Our meeting place is in a cave on the top of a mountainous rock, where neither sheep nor cattle penetrate, but only the birds

and Seventh-day Adventists. Pray for us."

In the fields of the Inter-American Division, extending from the northern borders of Mexico down into Columbia and Venezuela and including Central America and the great island territory, the heralds of the message of Christ's soon coming are pressing forward with great earnestness and zeal.

The calls for help throughout this great field are far beyond the resources of the division leaders to meet. The General Conference has appropriated money to the division to the very limit of its ability, and yet many urgent calls go unanswered. We are encouraging our division leaders to call all their members into action to help meet the emergency of these times.

Dear brethren and sisters, will you respond to this call of your division leaders? Soon every door will close. This is time for earnest labour in the Master's vineyard, and for earnest effort to supply the increasing needs of the cause. The Annual Offering is an effective means by which many of these pressing calls may be met. I appeal to you all to give and pray with untiring zeal and faithfulness.

Cape Conference Session and Camp-meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the thirty-fourth session of the Cape Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at the Rosebank Show Grounds, Rosebank, Cape Province, December 24, 1937, to January 1, 1938.

Officers will be elected for the ensuing term and such other business transacted as may properly come before the conference.

The first service of the camp-meeting will be held Friday, December 24, at 7:30 P.M. and the first meeting of the session Sunday, December 26, at 10:00 A.M.

W. H. HURLLOW, *Chairman*,
P. E. WILLMORE, *Secretary*.

Thanks

BROTHER AND SISTER ROBERT ELFFERS of "Mimosa" Wynberg, sincerely thank their many friends for the floral tributes and messages of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

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