

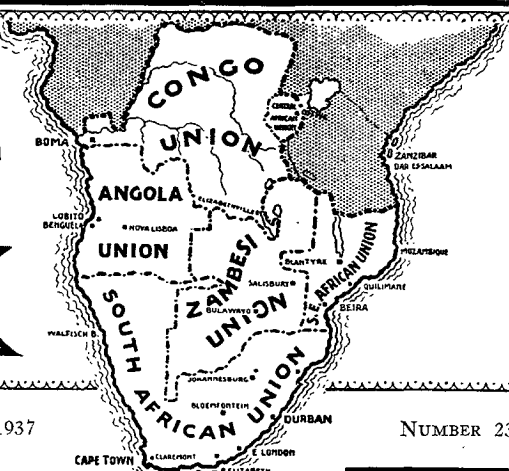
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Living Dangerously

G. E. SHANKEL

To my young friends in the "teen" age: You may have heard the slogan believed quite widely today: "Live Dangerously." We are all doing that even without the slogan. If the present accident rate continues, about one out of twenty of you will be killed or injured on the highway, and that is only one source of danger. How many friends can you think of who have been killed or injured in the past five years? I can think of several. According to the law of averages every boy or girl sixteen years of age will be injured or killed in a motor accident sometime during life, even if the present rate were to continue. But it is increasing rapidly. Every time I take the wheel of my car I try to think of these things and that the law of averages does not pick favourites.

So much for physical danger. But think of the spiritual dangers that beset us. Not so ghastly but more deadly. They kill in a gentlemanly sort of way, but the mortality rate is even higher. This death is infinitely more tragic even though there are no flowers and all that. Yes, in the realm of the spiritual there is sheer slaughter. As I travel around and inquire into the welfare of young friends of yesterday there are many who have simply joined the ranks of the "Nobody Knows Where" list. Yes, the whole atmosphere today is permeated by the carbon monoxide of spiritual death.

Or if you wish, think of the intellectual dangers facing us. Young people today are struggling with the solution of many vital problems of life and experience. Some of you are meeting intellectual dangers in the schools that you are attending, and perhaps your eternal welfare depends on the conclusions you reach. Living dangerously? I think we're agreed on that. With less than a fifty-fifty chance it's dangerous enough.

Foreseeing this age God has met the need. He has provided a plan. In our schools we have what the Spirit of proph-

ecy calls "havens of refuge for our tried and tempted youth." In our schools we are not left to meet life's dangers alone. Here we may have the friendship and counsel of those of like faith and ambition,—youth of serious purpose as well as teachers who are willing to act as counsellors and friends in meeting life's great questions.

Those of you who have studied English literature may have memorised the lines, "There's a Divinity that shapes our ends rough hew them how we will." True, God does make some things right, He does untangle some of the hopeless snarls, but He expects us also to take advantage of the special means that He has ordained for our guidance.

Helderberg College is not for a few favoured ones. You think it is hopeless for you to come, and that it is beyond your wildest dream? It is possible if you have the "I will" spirit. The boy or girl with that spirit can never be stopped.

Has the possibility occurred to you that where you spend 1938 may decide where you will spend eternity? The college has made just that difference to others and it may be true of you as well. I find young people with all kinds of plans. How many have first asked the question, "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?" How dare we as young people in this momentous age decide without knowing the will of the One who gave us this little span of life, and who has priority claims on us, having bought us in addition.

The college will help you to find your niche in life. Don't be one of those pitiable "almost" characters who may in a few years say to me as many others have said, "Well, I almost came to college a few years ago." Why join the mortality list that I mentioned earlier. Come where you may gain the broader vision, learn to live the more abundant life and prepare for the wider service. But decide now. Start to put the plan in operation today.

A Visit to Basutoland

L. BILLES

EMMANUEL MISSION is situated in Basutoland twenty-five miles from Ficksburg. The country is indeed very beautiful, although marred by an alarming amount of soil erosion, owing to the poor methods of agriculture. Everywhere great fissures have been cut in the rich soil. As one tops a rise overlooking Emmanuel Mission, a very pleasing effect meets the eye. A lovely green orchard surrounds the buildings, while toward the mountain ranges of the Molutis one sees sections ploughed or newly sown fields, reminding one of a great patchwork quilt.

Upon the mission everywhere is ceaseless activity. The cherries are ripening fast, and must be packed and shipped to market. Down in the orchard one catches glimpses of the boys gathering the fruit and sending a constant stream of younger girls up to the packing-house with the picked fruit. As one approaches the packing-house one hears the hammering of the box makers, but above the tap, tap of the hammers rises the sweetest sound ever heard in a packing-house in Basutoland. Upon the clear air can be heard the songs—advent songs—of the packers, sung in beautiful harmony. All these busy workers are students, happy at their several tasks. "Muruti" Buckley is everywhere—superintending, encouraging, inspecting. Then long after the boys and girls have gone to their evening studies, he stays on to nail up the boxes, label them and pack them on the lorry. He must be up again at 4:00 A.M. to take them the twenty-five miles to Ficksburg in time to catch the fast fruit train. The work is hard for him, but he is happy because he has received a report that some of his cherries are fetching £1 a box, and he knows that he will be able to purchase food for his students.

The mission this year has the largest enrolment in its history. The boys and girls are contented, and there have been no serious disciplinary problems. We look forward to an increased enrolment next year, and the big problem is to know how to

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TAKOMA PARK, M.D.

find accommodation for all who are expected. Plans are being made to increase the size of the girls' dormitory, if funds will permit. It does one's heart good to visit the baptismal class, which fills one complete half of the church building.

Contrast With Heathenism

Emmanuel Mission gives the impression of a haven of peace and contentment, yet it is a spiritual oasis in a land still somewhat steeped in savagery and superstition. Just across the valley, on the adjoining hill, within half a mile of the mission, a miniature battle broke out the other day. Shots were fired, one man was killed and several injured, and thirty-four huts were burned. The possessions of the people of the village were totally destroyed. In the midst of the trouble the little children could be seen running to the mission—the place of refuge. We are glad to report that not a single church member was involved in the trouble.

A Basuto Burial

Last Sunday we had the sad task of laying to rest the eldest son of Chief Letingwana, who is a member of the church and a great-grandson of Moshoeshoe, the founder of the Basuto nation. This young man had given his heart to the Lord and died in his father's arms,—at peace with God. He was the first of the reigning house to fall asleep in the message.

Throughout the day large bands of horse-men, mantled in their brightly coloured blankets, could be seen converging on the kraal of the deceased, until a thousand people had assembled, among them chiefs and representatives from every section of the surrounding country. The service was conducted by the writer, and Brother Buckley, after which the more important chiefs or their representatives bore messages of comfort and paid tribute to the deceased.

The Lepers of Maseru

Soon after these events, the cherry crop having been disposed of, Brother Buckley and I visited some of the Government officials at Maseru, the capital of Basutoland. An interview was arranged for us with the superintendent of the leper colony, Sir Walter Johnstone, who took us on a tour of inspection. Sir Walter recently retired as chief of the medical staff of Nigeria, and took over the care of these 700 lepers. Seldom has the writer witnessed a more touching exhibition of devotion and sympathy.

An Appeal for Medical Aid

We paid an informal visit to the chief medical officer of Basutoland, who is well acquainted with some of our doctors and speaks highly of our work in other sections. He laid aside his official mantle and earnestly invited us to open up medical work in the mountains of Basutoland, where there are close on to a quarter of a million people and only two qualified doctors. In fact, in the whole of Basutoland there is

an average of one doctor to every 55,000 inhabitants. Tuberculosis and other virulent diseases are increasing alarmingly, and we do hope that this cry for medical aid among the snowy peaks of Basutoland will be answered in the very near future.

Publishing Dept.

F. E. Potter, Secretary

How to Pay Church School Fees

C. E. WEAKS

RECENTLY, while attending one of our camp-meetings, I met a sister who sold her first book about the year 1915. It is interesting to know how she got started. Her husband had been persuaded to take a supply of "Crisis" books at a missionary meeting intending, like so many have, to sell them, but didn't. His wife came to his rescue. Here are her words:

"What are you going to do with all those books you bought?" I asked my husband.

"I don't know," he said, adding, "You can have the money you get from them if you want to sell them."

"May I? Do you mean it?" I asked.

"Certainly," came the reply.

"May I have the horse and buggy for this afternoon?" I asked.

"I don't care," was the reply given, with a look "I am sure you won't do it." But in a short time everything was ready and away I went with twenty-five of the books. I called on my neighbours on the nearby farms within a distance of perhaps six miles, and in a few hours I was back, having sold twenty-three of the books. One day during the next week I sold the remainder of the books. I might mention that this first money earned from canvassing went to buy a set of leather-bound "Testimonies."

"September came and the boys—three of them—were to attend school. Church school meant added expense. After careful prayer and thought, I said to my husband, 'Let them all go to church school and pay their way by selling small books.'

"Well, the boys went to school and books were ordered by the hundreds. They came by express to the railroad station three miles from our home. When Monday mornings came the suit cases were all packed with books for the week. My husband would drive me to the station to take the nine o'clock train; the nearest town being fifteen miles away, and the nearest city thirty-five.

"The first winter I had to pay only three tuitions which meant working about two weeks each month, of course paying my own travelling expenses and board while

away from home. In the spring the teacher was called to another school and several families moved away. In the summer a new teacher was hired at £12 a month. How was she going to be paid? There were so few families left to pay the salary. Again that still small voice said, 'Small books can do it, reach out, go to more towns, cover the territory well, work every house.' It was done and never once did the teacher have to wait for her money.

"Now our boys are all grown up and married. There isn't any real need of my going out selling; that is, financially speaking, but I realise our papers have a message for the people of the world. I have met so many interested ones and enjoy calling on them from time to time and having a little chat. They call me the 'Watchman Woman.'"

Attention, Sisters!

ONE of the most effective ways in which our sisters can do a work for God in the homes is by carrying the message contained in our literature. A sister who for the past eight years has done a great work not only in selling books, but in winning souls, writes:

"It was eight years ago, September 17, since I first started out in the colporteur work. The time has been short and full of many wonderful experiences. No one ever asked me to go into the canvassing work. Seven weeks after I heard the Adventist message I sold my first book.

"When I read 'The Great Controversy' I wanted to broadcast it to the world. Not being able to do that, I wanted to sell it. I wonder how any one can read 'The Great Controversy' and not want to sell it.

"Being close to fifty years of age I wondered how I could get on in a new work. But God took care of all that. He is looking only for someone to say, 'Here am I, send me.'

"Every penny I have earned in the past eight years has been through the colporteur work, and I have had need of nothing. I do not have the actual figures, but my sales have been near £3,600 during this time, and to God I give all the glory. The colporteur work is a great teacher. It builds character, keeps us in love with the message, and places on our hearts a burden for souls. Besides, it gives us tithes and offerings for the work, and wins many souls for Jesus. I know God called me to this work. I know that He is calling now for many more to help finish the work. What a blessing we lose if we do not hear the call.

"I wish I might say something to encourage more and still more of our dear sisters and brothers to come and join the colporteur band while it is still day. When nights comes it will be too late. I trust I may be found in the colporteur field when Jesus finishes the work."

Bean-Picking Sold Thirty-three Books

ONE of our native colporteurs in Southern Rhodesia was refused permission to interview the labourers on a farm. The European was adamant and called on his dog to hasten the colporteur's departure. Our man, however, was not to be so quickly discouraged. He had a burden to get the gospel to this farmer's men so he slipped in among a group of them who at that moment passed by on their way to the fields. They were going bean-picking, so our colporteur decided he would start the day bean-picking in the hope of ending in book-selling. He worked all morning and so encouraged the labourers that instead of the ten bags allotted to them as their task they brought in twelve bags. The farmer met them on their return at noon, and learning of what our man had done became more friendly toward him. Calling his labourers together he told them that they would do well to purchase a book each, and, to encourage them, he purchased two for himself. Thirty-three books were sold and the farmer guaranteed to deduct the money from the wage-sheet at the month end and pay it over to our colporteur when he called again. It pays to take an interest in the other fellow's work, does it not?

J. B. COOKS.

H. M. Dept.

F. E. Potter, *Secretary*

Try This!

HERE is an item of home missionary news that will interest and inspire you: Brother Williams, the leader of our Salt River church, suggested to his church board the purchase of one hundred books of the "Crisis" series, and that each member of the church be asked to sell two copies. The church responded willingly, and how many books do you think were sold to the public in the *first* week? No less than eighty-seven. Splendid! was it not? The experiment is going to be repeated very shortly. Bravo, Salt River, we appreciate this fine evangelical effort!

Now, dear reader, why not follow this good lead and sell a few books in *your* neighbourhood during the Christmas season? Most people buy books at Christmas time. Any bookseller will testify to this with a glad smile. Place your order *now* with your church missionary secretary and ensure receiving your books in time. The purchasers of your books will thus get an excellent Christmas present and you will receive a blessing that will make the New Year really happy.

S. E. Afr. Union

H. M. Sparrow — *Superintendent*
I. Ansley — *Acting Secy.-Treas.*
Box 51, Blantyre, Nyasaland

Training Our Teacher-Evangelists

V. E. ROBINSON

ASK almost any student at the Malamulo Mission Training Institute why he is here, going to school, and he will tell you it is because he wants to be a teacher. And we are glad of that, for that is what we want them to be. The teacher is a most vital part of our whole programme for evangelising the field. During the holidays, the pastors and teachers go out together into the villages far and near, bringing to the people the message. After a series of meetings has come to a close, forty, fifty, maybe eighty or a hundred persons signify that they wish to join the Bible class. They want further instruction; they want to become Christians,—but the pastor must move on to other unwarned villages.

That is where the Christian teacher-evangelist comes in. He is called to a village, moves in, establishes a home among the people, and becomes the spiritual leader of the village. Through the teaching in the school he can reach out and cause changes in the homes; by his preaching on Sabbath and through Bible classes he conducts, he can raise the standard of morality among the people; by means of the example of his life he can bring about changes which no amount of preaching could accomplish.

Now to prepare men who can do all that requires time, diligent instruction, and careful supervision. Before he can go out as a vernacular teacher, the student is required to spend eleven years in school, and to earn an English certificate, requires thirteen years. The training school at Malamulo takes them for the last few years of their course. Usually there are around seventy-five in the training school in various stages of advancement.

Every effort is made to make the work as practical as possible. Students do practice teaching in the village school nearby, and are rated daily by carefully trained critic teachers. They are given church duties, are expected to give talks in meetings, organise C. C. U. work (M.V.) and take part in the Sabbath school. Following graduation, experienced teachers take them into the field and initiate them into proper methods of evangelism.

Endeavour is also made to place before them the many phases of their work. They are to try and uplift the people spiritually, mentally, and physically. In order to fit them to do the latter, each graduate is given experience in first aid; spends some time in the hospital doing actual work,

and is soundly grounded in the basic principles of sanitation and village hygiene. Proper diet; care of drinking water; danger of flies; and many other vital lessons are impressed upon their minds in as practical and as impressive a way as possible.

Above everything else it is emphasised upon them again and again that their great work is the winning of souls. This must receive their first attention; this is the thought which is to motivate all their work.

And so they go forth, year by year; our prayers go with them, that they may ever keep before them the great principles underlying all true education. And as new ones come to take their places we humbly ask God to teach us, that we may be wise and skilful as we encourage them to make rapid progress along the road which leads to the "joy of service in this world," and to "the higher joy of wider service in the world to come."

Cape Field

J. N. de Beer, *Superintendent*

Camp-meeting

J. N. DE BEER

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. . . . Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth. . . . Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, pages 38, 39.

The above quotation is very clear and if there ever was a time when God's people needed the blessings and the spiritual uplift afforded by these yearly convocations, then surely it is in this our day. So, brethren and sisters, let nothing prevent you from attending our Cape Field camp-meeting which will be held at the Good Hope Training School from the evening of December 24 to January 2, 1938. Plan to camp on the ground, thus making it a real camp-meeting. This will enable you to attend all the meetings. If you find it impossible to camp for the whole period, then plan to do so during the two week-ends, Friday evening to Sunday evening, December 24-26, and December 31 to January 2.

Tents will be pitched on the ground by the Cape Field for the occupation of campers. Those desiring accommodation in these tents must write immediately to A. G. Kohen, Good Hope Training School, Athlone, Cape. Those desiring to pitch their own tents on the ground may do so.

We are looking forward to a real spiritual feast and expecting that many of our people will strengthen the meeting by being there with their families.

N. T. Conference
 A. N. Ingle _____ *President*
 P. W. Willmore _____ *Secy.-Treas.*
 292, Louis Botha Avenue,
 Orange Grove, Joh'burg, Tvl.

comes to those who attend the camp-meeting. Remember the place—Johannesburg; the date—January 7-15.

If you cannot spend the full time at the meetings, be sure you are there for the opening meeting, January 7, at 7:40 p.m.

Yours sincerely,
 A. INGLE

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News Notes

THE combined churches of the Reef and of Pretoria assembled in the "Glen," south of Johannesburg, on Sunday, December 5, for a united picnic. This outing was fostered by the Dorcas Society of the Southern Suburbs church.

SATURDAY night, December 4, the members of the Pretoria church entertainment society arranged a social in the interests of church activities. All funds raised on this occasion were dedicated to the church school department of the Pretoria church.

MISS B. DAVIES, of our office staff, is at the coast, on a month's holiday leave. Miss Davies is expected to return about the end of December.

ELDER INGLE, our president, has just returned from attendance at the Union committee, school board, and publishing board meetings at Cape Town. He has been absent from the office for a full fortnight.

BROTHER N. COWLEY, our field missionary secretary, is exceptionally busy just now assisting student-colporteurs. Judging from reports to hand, our students are bending to the task with a will, and we hope for splendid results.

BRETHREN COWPER AND WILLMORE have just returned from a visiting trip through the north and north-eastern Free State. On this trip Brother Willmore audited the books of several churches and Brother Cowper spent a very profitable time in the interests of departmental work. Several instructive and informative moving pictures were screened in several places *en route*.

AN interested non-member in Kenilworth, Johannesburg, has arranged for the entire reconstruction of the pulpit in the Southern Suburbs church at her expense. This new pulpit is a memorial to her late husband, who was also a respected friend of the denomination. The gothic design of the beautiful panelling around the pulpit will enhance the beauty of an already pretty church.

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CAMP-MEETING

of the

Natal-Transvaal Conference

To be held in the
CORONATION HALL

and

CENTRAL CHURCH

cr. Claim and De Villiers Streets

Johannesburg

JANUARY 7-15, 1938

YOU ARE WELCOME

Programme

Meetings—Daily

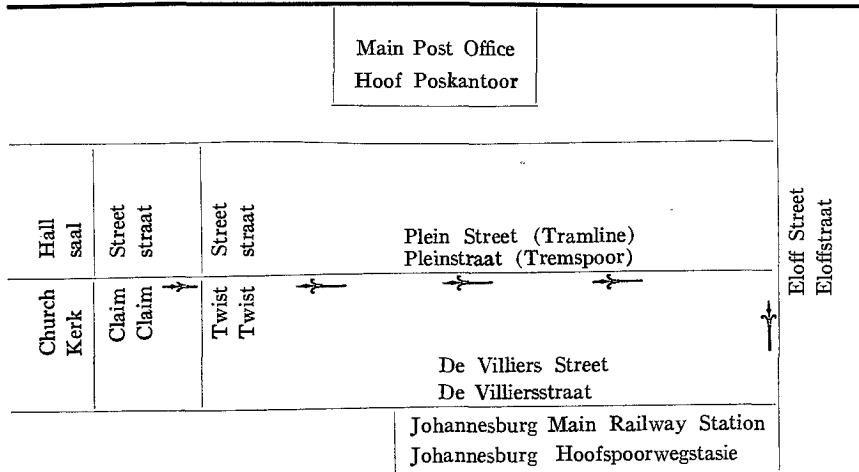
Devotional Meeting	7.00 a.m.
Breakfast	8.00 "
Bible Study	9.00 "
Business Session	10.00 "
Sermon	11.45 "
Lunch	1.00 p.m.
Illustrated Travelogue	2.00 "
Departmental Meeting	2.30 "
Bible Study	3.45 "
Dept. Instruction at Booths	5.00 "
Committee Hour	5.00 "
Supper	6.15 "
Evening Song and Preaching	7.40 "

Sabbath Meetings

Friday Evening Vespers	Sundown
Devotional Meeting	7.00 a.m.
Sabbath School	9.30 "
Preaching	11.00 "
Lunch	1.00 p.m.
Baptism	2.30 "
Symposium of Evangelists	3.45 "
Song Service (Vespers)	Sundown
Evening Song and Preaching	7.40 p.m.

FIVE MINUTES' WALK FROM MAIN STATION
 VYF MINUTE SE LOOP VAN HOOFTASIE

Follow the Arrows
 Volg die Pyle



NO TRAINS WILL BE MET
 NIEMAND WORD OP STASIE AFGEHAAL NIE

M. V. Societies (Senior and Junior)

Full programme daily.

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Bright, Cheery, Active Hours for the Little Ones. Bring the Children!

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Special excursion fares are obtainable, but you must write to Box 7768, Johannesburg, for special signed excursion form for each adult person. Give your (1) Full name, (2) Address, (3) Date you expect to leave your station, (4) Name of home railway station.

Write Early.

Children 16 years and under are not eligible for special rates, but may travel at half rates at any time.

Come from Johannesburg Station direct to the Hall at the corner of Claim and De Villiers Streets, Johannesburg. It is only five minutes' walk from the main railway station.

See sketch on opposite page.

Accommodation

If you want a room, please state for exactly how long you require the room, sex of persons, number of beds required, and any special request and arrangement you may wish to make.

BOOK EARLY.**Dining Arrangements**

Wholesome, inexpensive meals will be obtainable in the large dining hall in the Main Hall Building.

Bring

Your Bible, song books, and raincoat for wet weather, your musical instrument if you have one, and a hunger for a blessing.

**Soul-Stirring Messages
Reports from the Field
Renewed Friendships**

Notice

This is to notify contributors and subscribers that there will be no issue of the "Southern African Division Outlook" on January 1, 1938.
EDITOR.

Ons Leesstof

'n Smeekbede om dit te Versprei

CARLYLE B. HAYNES

Ek wonder of ons besef watter wonderwerkende middel God aan ons gegee het in die leesstof wat ons het! Ek weet ons besef dit nie. Ons kan dit nooit besef nie; maar ons kan dit gebruik. Namate ons die leesstof versprei, sal die Here saamwerk met „tekens wat daarop volg.” Die Here gebruik ons om die leesstof in die hande te plaas van verloregeande manne en vroue.

Die Here doen wonders met leesstof wat op hierdie wyse versprei word. Hy doen dit gedurig. Oor die hele wêreld hou Sy wonderwerke met leesstof nooit op nie. In alle lande en onder alle volke afgesien van ras, kleur, taal of godsdiens, is die uitwerking van goddelike leesstof dieselfde. Vooroordeel word verwyder, struikelblokke word uit die weg geruim, oortuigings verander, harte word verlig en sag gemaak, en siele word in die koninkryk van God gebore wanneer Sy Gees die gedrukte blad-sye gebruik wat Hy ons versoek om te versprei.

Nee, ons sal nooit die krag besef, die buitengewone krag van gedrukte woorde nie. Dis nie nodig om dit te besef nie; ons moet dit glo en getrou wees om dit te versprei op plekke waar God die krag daarvan kan gebruik om siele te red. Dit is ons werk, ons plig en ons verantwoordelijkheid. En o, dit bring sulke groot vreugde om te sien hoedat die Here werk. **Die Uitwerking van Verspreide Leesstof**

In Nikodemië het 'n Christenwerker eendag 'n traktaat aan 'n vreemdeling gegee; hy was haastig en het verder gegaan. Sewentien jaar later toe hy weer daar aangaan, het hy 'n kerkie met meer as veertig lede aangetref, en daar was ook 'n Protestantse gemeenskap van oor die 200 siele as gevolg van daardie een enkele traktaat.

In China is daar 'n groep van agt kerke wat ontstaan het net deur die verspreiding van traktate.

In Brasilië is daar sowat veertig groepe Sabbathouers wat gretig is om meer te leer, en wat nog nooit 'n predikant gesien het nie. Die lig is aan hulle gebring deur middel van leesstof.

Ja, daar is lewenskrag in die saadjies wat wyd en syd versprei word. En laat ons onthou die lewe is in die saad en nie in die saaiër nie. Selfs ongelowiges het onbewus die saad gesaai; dit het later ontkiem en vrugte voortgebring.

Iemand het dit distelwol genoem. Dis net die regte naam, want dit is goddelike distelwol. Ons versprei dit, en die wol waarin die saadjies is word deur die wind van die Gees oral heen gewaai. Eindelik vind dit 'n rusplekkie, dit groei, en die lewe daarvan word voortgeplant in menslike harte. Daar is 'n groot oes te wagte. Watter voorreg is dit nie om deur God

geroep te word om saaiers van sulke saad te wees!

Watter wonderbaarlike saad het ons nie in ons besit nie! Hierdie gedrukte woorde word nooit wankelmoedig, of deins nooit terug nie. Hulle is nooit lafhartig, of skuil nooit weg nie. Hulle verander nooit hulle boodskap of gaan nooit 'n kompromis aan nie. Onder alle omstandighede en ondanks van hulle moeilikhede, verkondig hulle altyd dieselfde boodskap.

Hoe maklik word hulle nie vervoer nie! Hulle reis teen die geringste koste. Hulle gaan van plek tot plek met die grootste gemak. Hulle dring alle plekke in. O, broeders laat ons hulle versprei, en sien hoedat hulle hulle wonderbaarlike, deur God bestierde werk verrig.

U hoef nie 'n saal te huur vir die gedrukte woorde nie. Hulle adverteer hulleself. Dis nie nodig om hulle bekend te stel nie. Hulle doen hulle eie afkondigings. Versprei hulle net en kyk hoe hulle werk.

En hoe werk hulle nie! Hulle stop nooit. Terwyl ons slaap werk hulle. Ons het rus en voedsel en vernede krag nodig; maar hulle nie. Hulle hou aan dag in en dag uit, winter en somer. Afjakke bring hulle nie van stryk af nie; hulle word nooit kwaad nie en hulle praat nooit teë nie. Hulle hou maar aan dieselfde ding oor en oor sê. Mense mag vir hulle kwaad word, maar hulle gee nie om nie. Hulle hou aan; hulle herroep nooit wat hulle gesê het nie. Lank na ons weens ouderdom afgetree het, of selfs dood is, gaan hulle steeds voort met hulle werk.

Dit is 'n baie goeie besigheid. Dit is goeie saad om te saai; laat ons dit getrou doen en wyd en syd versprei, en nooit ophou nie.

Die gedrukte woorde is besoekers wat die huise van mense kan binnedring; mense mag die deur vir u toemaak, maar hulle bly daar. Hou goeie moed, want die leesstof vind sy weg in, en begin dadelik te werk. Dit tref die mens altyd in die regte geestestoestand aan, want dit spreek tot hom net as hy dit lees. Dit worstel met hom, dring al die skuilhoeke van sy hart binne, neem die fort van sy siel in en hou nooit op totdat hy oorgee nie. Daarna is dit gereed om die hart van iemand anders in te neem en onophoudelik propaganda te maak vir God.

Die leesstof sal diegene bereik wat ons nie kan bereik nie — mense wat nie na ons sal luister nie en wat ons op geen ander manier kan bykom nie. Leesstof bereik diegene wat nooit na 'n diens sal kom nie, wat ons hulle huise sal belet, en wat hulle harte sal sluit vir al ons smeekbedes. Hierdie gedrukte bladsye kan miskien die enig-

ste middel wees om iemand op die weg van die ewige lewe te bring.

Daar is geen einde aan die goed wat leesstof kan doen nie. Niemand kan ooit die goeie invloed van evangelie-lesstof ten volle bereken nie: dit duur gedurig voort. Luther het 'n pamflet oor die brief aan die Galate geskryf. 'n Eksemplaar daarvan het in die besit van John Bunyan gekom. Dit het Bunyan tot bekering gelei en hy het weer „Die Pelgrim se Reis na die Ewigheid” geskryf. Die sirkulasie van hierdie boek is byna net so groot as dié van die Bybel. Onlangs is dit in die 135ste taal (’n kaffertaal) vertaal. Die invloed van Luther se traktaat duur steeds voort deur die wêreld heen.

Gedrukte woorde het nie slegs 'n geestelike uitwerking nie; hulle oefen ook 'n invloed uit in die politiek en op regerings, en veroorsaak groot veranderinge in wêreld-sake.

Neem b.v. die geval van die jong Franse soldaat wat met die beleg van St. Quentin gewond is; terwyl hy in die hospitaal was, het iemand 'n traktaat op sy bed geplaas. Hy het dit gelees en tot bekering gekom. Vandag kan ons sy monument voor die Konsistorie in Parys sien. Hy staan met 'n Bybel in sy hand — sy naam was Admiraal Coligny, die leier van die Reformasie in Frankryk.

Maar die traktaat se werk het nie daar geëindig nie. Admiraal Coligny se verpleegster was 'n Katolieke non; sy het die traktaat aan haar Abdis oorhandig. Die Abdis het tot bekering gekom en moes uit Frankryk vlug. Sy het na die Paltsgraafskap gegaan en daar 'n jong Hollander ontmoet. Hulle is getroud; haar invloed op haar eggenoot het 'n verandering laat ontstaan oor die ganse vasteland van Europa, want haar man was Willem van Oranje, die kampvegter vir vryheid en vir Protestantisme in Nederland. O, broeders moenie nalaat om gebruik te maak van so 'n goeie middel nie. Versprei ons leesstof en kyk hoedat God siele win, karakters hervorm en selfs die wêreld skud daarmee.

(Word vervolgd in volgende uitgawe)



Aandag Susters!

EEN van die doeltreffendste maniere waarop ons susters vir die Here kan werk, is om die boodskap wat in ons leesstof bevat is, na die huise van die mense te neem. 'n Suster wat vir die afgelope agt jaar 'n groot werk verrig het — nie alleen aangaande die verkoop van boeke nie maar ook met betrekking tot die redding van siele, skryf:

„Op die 17de September was dit agt jaar gelede dat ek vir die eerste keer gaan kolporteur het. Die tyd het vinnig verbygegaan en ek het baie wonderlike ondervindings gehad. Niemand het my ooit gevra om kolporteurwerk as beroep te kies nie. Sewe weke nadat ek die Adventisboodschap gehoor het, het ek my eerste boek verkoop.

„Toe ek die ‚Great Controversy’ gelees het, wou ek die inhoud graag uitsaai vir almal om te hoor. Daar dit onmoontlik was, het ek die boek gaan verkoop. Ek kan nie verstaan hoe 'n mens ooit ‚Great Controversy’ kan lees sonder om te verlang om hom te verkoop nie.

„Daar ek amper vyftig-jaar oud was, het ek gewonder hoe ek met 'n nuwe werk sou aangaan. Maar die Here het vir alles gesorg. Hy wag net altyd vir iemand om te sê: ‚Hier is ek, stuur my.’

„Elke pennie wat ek gedurende die afgelope agt jaar verdien het, was deur die kolporteurwerk en nogtans het ek aan niks gebrek gehad nie. Hoewel ek nie die juiste syfers het nie, het my verkopings gedurende hierdie tydperk die bedrag van ongeveer £3,600 beloop. Ek gee God al die verheerliking daarvoor. Die kolporteurwerk is 'n goeie leermeester. Dit bou die karakter op, hou ons liefde vir die boodskap warm, en gee ons 'n drang om siele te red. Ook stel dit ons in staat om tiendes en offergawes vir die werk te gee sodat daar baie siele vir Jesus kan gered word. Ek weet God het my tot hierdie werk geroep. Ek weet Hy roep vandag nog baie ander. Wat 'n seën verloor ons nie deur hierdie roepstem te veronagsaam nie!

„Ek wens ek kon iets sê om baie van ons broeders en susters aan te spoor om die kolporteurwerk aan te pak terwyl dit nog dag is. Wanneer die nag kom, kan ons nie meer werk nie. Ek vertrou dat ek in die kolporteurwerk sal gevind word wanneer Jesus die werk voltooi.”



Hoe 'n Kolporteur 33 Boeke Verkoop het

EEN van ons inboorling-kolporteurs in Suidelike Rhodesië kon nie toestemming kry vir 'n onderhoud met die werkvolk van 'n sekere plaas nie. Die Baas het sy hond agter die kolporteur gesit. Maar laasgenoemde kon nie so maklik ontmoedig word nie. Hy het 'n drang gevoel om die evangelie na hierdie boer se werksmense te bring. Gevolglik het hy saam met 'n klomp van hulle wat juis op daardie oomblik op pad was land-toe saamgehoop. Daar hulle gaan boontjies oes het, het ons kolporteur besluit om te help oes met die hoop om aan die end van die dag boeke aan hulle te verkoop. Hy het die hele voormiddag gewerk en die volk so aangemoedig dat hulle twaalf sakke geoes het instede van die tien wat vir hulle toegedeel was. Toe die boer by hulle terugkeer verneem het hoeveel hulle verrig het, het hy bietjie vriendeliker geword teenoor hom. Nadat hy sy werksmense bymekaar geroep het, het hy gesê dat dit sou goed wees vir hulle om elkeen 'n boek te koop. Om hulle aan te spoor daartoe het hy twee vir homself gekoop. Drie-en-dertig boeke is verkoop en die boer het gewaarborg om die geld aan die end van die maand af te trek van die loongeld en aan die kolporteur

te oorhandig as hy weer kom. Dit betaal om belangstelling te toon in ander mense se werk, nie waar nie?

J. B. COOKS.

Buurtsending Dept

F. E. Potter, Sekretaris

HIER is 'n buurtsending-nuusberig waarin u sal belangstel en wat u sal besiel. Broeder Williams, die leier van ons Sout-rivier-kerk, het 'n voorstel gemaak aan sy kerkraad om 'n honderd van die krisis-boeke aan te koop en elke lidmaat te vra om twee eksemplare te verkoop. Die kerk was gewillig, en hoeveel boeke, dink u, is die eerste week aan die publiek verkoop? Nie minder as sewen-en-tagtig nie. Dit is uitstekend, nie waar nie? Hierdie eksperiment sal binnekort herhaal word. Bravo, Sout-rivier! Ons waardeer hierdie evangeliese werk ten waarste.

En nou, geagte leser, waarom volg u nie hierdie voorbeeld en verkoop 'n paar boeke in u omgewing gedurende die Kersvakansie nie? Die meeste mense koop boeke met Kersfees. Al die boekhandelaars sal dit met 'n glimlag bevestig. Bestel nou u boeke by u sendingsekreteraris om seker te wees dat u hulle betyds sal ontvang. Diegene wat die boeke van u koop, sal dus 'n uitstekende Kersgeskenk kry en u sal 'n seën ontvang wat die Nuwe Jaar waarlik gelukkig sal maak.

N. T. Konferensie

A. N. Ingle President

P. W. Willmore Sekr.-Tes.

Bus 7768, Johannesburg, Tvl.

Nuusbrokkies

SATERDAGAAND, 4 Desember, het die lede van die Vermaaklikheidsvereniging van die Pretoria kerk 'n geselligheid gehou. Die fondse sal in belang van die kerkskool bestee word.

'N GESAMENTLIKE pieknik van die Pretoria en Randse kerke by die „Glen” ten suide van Johannesburg, is op Sondag, 5 Desember gehou. Die uitstappie is gereël deur die Dorkasvereniging van die Suidelike Voorstede kerk.

BROEDERS COWPER EN WILLMORE is net terug van 'n rondreis deur die noordelike en noordoostelike Vrystaat. Broeder Willmore het die kerkboeke by die verskillende kerke nagegaan, terwyl Broeder Cowper hom met departementele werk besig gehou

het. Op weg het hulle verskillende rolprentopnames gemaak.

MEJ. B. DAVIES van ons kantoorpersoneel is tans op 'n maand se verlof aan die kus. Ons verwag haar teen die einde van Desember terug.

ONS sendingsekreteraris, Broeder N. Cowley is druk besig om die studente-kolporteurs te help. Blykens rapporte het die studente die werk in alle erns opgeneem en ons hoop op uitstekende resultate.

ONS president, Leraar Ingle, het soewer teruggekeer uit Kaapstad waar hy die vergaderings van die Uniekomitee, die Uitgewers' en die Skoolraad bygewoon het. Hy was 'n volle tweeweke afwesig.

ONS doen 'n beroep op al ons kerklede wat na die aanstaande kampdienste sal kom, om hulle liederboeke („Christ in Song") saam te bring. Diegene wat musiekinstrumente bespeel word versoek om, waar moontlik, hulle instrumente mee te bring.

'N BELANGSTELLEDE dame van Kenilworth, Johannesburg (nie 'n lid van die kerk nie), laat op haar eie koste 'n verandering aanbring aan die preekstoel van die Suidelike Voorstede kerk. Die nuwe preekstoel sal dien as gedenkteken aan haar eggenoot wat 'n goeie vriend van die denominasie was.



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7-15 JANUARIE 1938

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Program

Daelikse Vergaderings

Toewydingsdiens	7.00 v.m.
Ontbyt	8.00 "
Bybelstudie	9.00 "
Besigheids-sessie	10.00 "
Preekdiens	11.45 "
Middagete	1.00 n.m.
Geïllustreerde Reispraatjie	2.00 "
Departementele Vergadering	2.30 "

Departementele Inligting	5.00 "
Bybelstudie	3.45 "
Komiteevergadering	5.00 "
Aandete	6.15 "
Aandsang en Preekdiens	7.40 "

Sabbat-Dienste

Vrydagaanddiens	Sononder
Toewydingsdiens	7.00 v.m.
Sabbatskool	9.30 "
Preekdiens	11.00 "
Middagete	1.00 n.m.
Doopdiens	2.30 "
Toesprake deur Evangeliste	3.45 "
Sangdiens	Sononder
Aandsang en Preekdiens	7.40 "

Strewersbond (Senior en Junior)

Volle Program Daaglik.

Kinderdienste

Lewendige, Ongeruimde, Besige Ure vir die Kleintjies. Bring die Kinders.

Hoe om Daar te kom

Spesiale ekskursiekaartjies is verkrybaar maar u moet na Bus 7768, Johannesburg, skrywe om spesiale getekende Konsessievorms vir elke volwasse persoon. Gee (1) U Volle naam, (2) Adres, (3) Datum van vertrek, (4) Naam van u spoorwegstasie.

Skrywe Vroegtydig.

Kinders van 16 jaar en onder kom nie in aanmerking vir konsessiekaartjies nie; hulle reis egter teen halfprys.

Gaan van Johannesburgstasie direk na die saal op die hoek van Claim en De Villiers Strate, Johannesburg. Dit is net vyf minute se loop van die hoof spoorwegstasie (Parkstasie).

Raadpleeg skets op bladsy 4.

Losies

As u 'n kamer wil hê, meld asseblief vir hoelank, geslag van persone, aantal beddens en enige spesiale versoekte of reëlings wat u verlang.

BESPREEK VROEGTYDIG.

Reëlings vir Etes

Gesonde, goedkoop etes kan verkry word in die groot eetkamer van die hoofsaal.

Kom

Met u Bybel, liederboek, reënjas, musiekinstrumente en 'n verlangete om 'n seën.

Boeiende Boodskappe
Hernuwe Vriendskappe
Rapporte uit die Veld



Kampvergadering van die Kaapse Veld

J. N. DE BEER

„DIT is belangrik vir die lede van ons kerke om ons kampvergaderings by te woon. . . . Persoonlik het u die voordele van die vergadering nodig. Sorg dus dat u daar is met u familie. Span al u kragte in om hierdie byeenkoms van Gods volk by te woon.”—„Testimonies,” Deel VI, bls. 38, 39.

Die bogenoemde aanhaling is baie duidelik en as daar al ooit 'n tyd was dat Gods volk die seënning en die geestelike opheffing wat met hierdie jaarlikse samekomste gepaard gaan, nodig gehad het, is dit in ons dae. Dus moet u niks toelaat om u van ons Kaapse-Veld-Kampvergadering weg te hou nie. Hierdie kampvergadering sal by die „Good Hope”-Opleidingskool gehou word vanaf die aand van 24 Desember tot 2 Januarie 1938. Tref reëlings om daar te kom uitkamp, sodat dit 'n ware kampvergadering kan wees. Dit sal u instaatstel om al die byeenkomste by te woon. As u dit onmoontlik vind om vir die hele tyd uit te kamp, doen dit dan teminste gedurende die twee naweke—Vrydagaand tot Sondagaand, 24-26 Desember, en 31 Desember tot 2 Januarie.

Daar sal tente opgeslaan word op die gronde deur die Kaapse Veld vir diegene wat daarin wil tuisgaan. Almal wat verlangete om plek te bespreek in hierdie tente, moet dadelik aan A. G. Kohen, „Good Hope”-Skool, Athlone, Kaap, skryf. Diegene wat hulle eie tente wil kom opslaan, kan dit doen.

Ons sien uit na 'n ware geestelike fees en vertrou dus dat baie van ons mense met hulle families daar teenwoordig sal wees.



Special Session of the South African Union Conference

NOTICE is hereby given that a special session of the South African Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to meet in the Seventh-day Adventist church, cr. Claim and De Villiers Streets, Johannesburg, Transvaal, at 9:00 A.M., January 15, 1938, for the purpose of considering an amendment to the Constitution regarding the transfer of property, and for any other business which might properly be brought before the delegates.

A. FLOYD TARR, *Chairman*,
J. E. SYMONS, *Secretary*.

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Return to God His Own

A. INGLE

As we come close to the end of the year many of us need to take stock of our dealings with the Lord during the past twelve months. We have been abundantly blessed, but have we been faithful to the trust that God has reposed in us? "God in His wise plans, has made the advancement of His cause dependent upon the personal efforts of His people, and upon their free-will offerings. . . . Those who have been converted to the truth, and been made partakers of His grace, may become co-workers with Christ by making voluntary sacrifices and free-will offerings to Him." Jacob promised to give a full tenth to the Lord. He made this "vow while refreshed by the dews of grace. . . . After the divine glory had passed away, he had temptations, like men in our time; but he was faithful to his vow. . . .

"Many in our day fail where Jacob made a success. Those to whom God has given the greatest amount have the strongest inclination to retain what they have, because they must give a sum proportionate to their property. . . . There must be an awakening among us as a people upon this matter. . . . God, the Creator of man, by instituting the plan of systematic benevolence, has made the work bear equally upon all according to their several abilities. . . . But there are those who are guilty of the same sin as Ananias and Sapphira, thinking that if they withhold a portion of what God claims in the tithing system, the brethren will never know it. . . . Although no visible marks of God's displeasure follow the repetition of the sin of Ananias and Sapphira now, yet the sin is just as heinous in the sight of God, and will as surely be visited upon the transgressor in the day of Judgment. . . .

"God calls upon those who believe the truth to render to Him the things that

are His. . . . Let every one review his past life and see if any unpaid, unredeemed pledges have been neglected."—*Extracts from "Testimonies," Vol. IV, pp. 464-476.*

Brethren we have a clear message from God in these words. The cause is being crippled because men and women are unfaithful in paying an honest tithe. I think of the building boom and of some men using the tithe to speculate in further building instead of returning to God at once that which is His own. Then there were two sisters who were left a large legacy. One paid an immediate honest tithe; the other invested in houses, pleasure trips, etc., and the tithe was retained. A vast amount was left in an estate. The tithe would be so large, that the individual felt it impossible to pay. What striking fulfilments we see of the message from the servant of God! Brethren and sisters let us get right with God now and not wait for the vain regrets of the judgment day.

We do most urgently appeal to all of our believers to send to the treasury any of the means they may have that belong to the Lord.

General News Notes

BECAUSE of the various committee meetings that have been held at the Cape recently we are able to give quite a long list of visitors to the Division office. They are as follows:

C. W. Curtis, G. A. Ellingworth, H. M. Sparrow, J. R. Campbell, A. Floyd Tarr, Dr. A. N. Tonge, J. E. Symons, W. H. Hurlow, A. N. Ingle, G. E. Shankel, E. D. Hanson, J. V. Wilson, A. V. Edwards, L. S. Billes, G. S. Stevenson, J. J. B. Combrinck, J. H. Raubenheimer, and F. G. Clifford.

Mrs Curtis accompanied her husband to the Cape this year.

MISS RENA CURTIS has recently come to the Cape, on furlough, from Nyasaland. We are sorry to report that Miss Curtis is not very well, but we trust and pray that her stay at the Cape will enable her to recuperate fully.

THE Claremont church members were favoured by a special meeting on Sabbath afternoon, December 4, at which time Dr. Tonge told about the work done at the Nokuphila Hospital, Johannesburg. During the first year of the hospital's existence they had over 500 patients in hospital and approximately 3,000 different individuals were treated at their dispensary.

Elder Curtis reported on the work in Angola. While the work in that field is not large, as regards the number of converts, yet the Lord is blessing. Our workers in Angola need the prayers of our people everywhere that they might know how to meet the many problems they are facing.

Accommodation at the Camp-meeting

Will those who have arranged for accommodation on the show grounds for the Rosebank camp-meeting, please remember to bring bedding? While beds and mattresses are being hired, this arrangement does not include bedding.

CAPE CONFERENCE OF S. D. A.

Don't Miss This

"Testimonies for the Church" and Conflict of the Ages series, if ordered in sets before January 31, 1938, will carry a special discount of twenty-five percent. Enquire from your conference office or at the camp-meeting bookstall.

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