

Our Literature An Appeal for Its Circulation CARLYLE B. HAYNES

I WONDER if we realise what an agent for working miracles God has given this people in the amazing literature we have! I know we do not realise it. We cannot realise it. But we can use it. And as we use it, God accompanies it "with signs following." He uses us to place this agency in the hands of lost men and women.

The literature being placed there, He then works miracles with it. He is doing it all the time. Around the circle of the earth His miracle working with the printed page never ceases. In every land and upon all people, no matter how widely separated they may be by race or colour or language or religion, the effect of divine literature is the same. Prejudices are broken down, obstacles are cleared away, convictions are changed, minds are illuminated, beliefs are established, hearts are melted, and souls are reborn into God's kingdom, when His Spirit uses these little pieces of printed paper which He calls upon us to place where they can be so used.

No, it is impossible for us to comprehend or grasp the amazing energy, the extraordinary dynamic power, there is in printed words. Nor do we need to. We can believe it. And we can be faithful in placing the printed word where God can release its energy to save souls. This is our task, our responsibility, our duty. God will do the rest. And, oh, what a joy it is to see Him doing it!

Results of the Printed Page

Over in old Nicodemia a Christian worker, merely passing through, having no time to remain, left with a stranger a gospel tract, and went on. Seventeen years later, stopping there again, he found a church of more than forty members, and a Protestant community of more than 200 that had grown out of that single tract.

In China there is a group of eight churches raised up by tracts alone.

In Brazil there are twoscore groups of hungry, eager Sabbathkeepers, who, though never having seen a preacher, were brought to the light by the printed page.

Yes, there is life in this widely scattered seed. And let us remember, the life is in the seed, not in the sower. Even infidels have unwittingly scattered some of this seed, and it has grown and produced fruit.

Thistledown, some one has called it. That is what it is, divine thistledown. We scatter it, and thereby we are liberating thistledown, carrying precious seed. The winds of the Spirit carry it here and there, over all the world. It settles down and grows and produces its own life in human souls. A great harvest is in the making. What a privilege it is to be called of God to be sowers of such seed!

What marvellous seed we bear in our hands! These printed words never waver or flinch. They never dodge or display cowardice. They never change their testimony or compromise their witnessing. They never tire or become exhausted. They never lose heart or become discouraged. Under all circumstances, regardless of all forbidding conditions, they keep on saying the same thing.

How easily transported they are! They travel at the lowest cost. They get about with the most amazing ease. They penetrate everywhere. O brethren, set them free, and watch them do their marvellous, God-guided work.

You do not need to hire a hall for these printed words. They are their own advertisements. They need no announcing. They make their own announcements. Just set them free, and watch them go to work. And how they work! They never stop. They work while we sleep. We must stop and renew our energies, take food, and rest. Not they. They go right on, night and day, winter and summer. Rebuffs do not stop them. They take no offense. They do not lose their tempers. They do not answer back. They just go right on, saying only the same thing over and over. People may get angry at them and lash out at them. It makes no difference. They continue their witnessing, never retracting, never withdrawing, never changing. And they go right on working long after we retire on account of old age, even long after we are dead.

This is a good business to be in. It is good seed to scatter. Let us scatter it faithfully. Let us scatter it widely. Let us scatter it diligently. And let us never stop scattering it.

These printed words are visitors that get inside people's homes. And they stay there. You may be shut out. Be of good cheer. The printed word gets in. And it goes right to work. Always it catches a man in the right mood, for it speaks to him only when he reads it. How it grapples with his mind, searches into the innermost parts of his heart, strikes at the very citadel of his soul, and never stops until he surrenders. Then it is ready to take on some one else, and renew its witnessing, and carry on its never-ending propaganda for God.

These printed words will reach those whom we cannot reach, who will give us no hearing at all, who are unreachable by any other method or means. They go out after those who would never come to a meeting, who would bar us from their homes, who would close their hearts to any appeal we made. Indeed, these printed words may bear the only chance many a There is no end to the good they may do. No man can ever trace the influence of gospel literature to its end. It goes on forever. Luther wrote a pamphlet on Galatians. This fell into the hands of John Bunyan. It converted him. Bunyan wrote "Pilgrim's Progress." This has had a circulation second only to the Bible. Recently its 135th translation (into an African tongue) was issued. So Luther's tract still influences people around the world.

Not only spiritual effects result from these printed words. They affect politics and governments, and bring about mighty changes in human affairs. Think of that young Frenchman, wounded at the siege of Saint Quentin, and convalescing in a hospital. Some person, now unknown, placed a tract in his bed. He read it and was converted. His monument may be seen today in front of the Church of the Consistory in Paris. He stands with a Bible in his hand — Admiral Coligny, the leader of the Reformation in France.

But the tract went on with its work. Admiral Coligny's nurse was a Catholic nun. She carried the tract, in penitence, to her Lady Abbess. The Abbess was converted by it, and had to flee from France. She went to the Palatinate, met a young Hollander, married him, and the influence she had on her husband changed the whole continent of Europe, for he was William of Orange, the champion of human liberties and of Protestantism in the Netherlands. O brethren, do not neglect an agency for good such as this.

Get this literature into circulation, and watch God win souls, transform character, and shake the world with it.

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Cape Conference Session Resolutions

Gratitude and Consecration

For the peace and prosperity of our land, for the blessings of God so graciously and abundantly bestowed upon our churches, and the homes of our people, for the souls won to Christ through the preaching of the Word by our evangelists, for the gospel literature distributed by our faithful colporteurs, for the success attending the efforts of our workers and laymen in the Harvest Ingathering, for the blessing of God on the tithe and offerings returned to the Lord's treasury, and for the sound financial position of the Cape Conference, we are especially thankful; and in view of these mercies, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the delegates and

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members in conference assembled, hereby express our deep gratitude to our heavenly Father, and that in so doing we also rededicate our lives, by His grace, to the finishing of the task committed to our hands.

WHEREAS, The hand of death has been laid upon the home of one of our workers and upon the homes of several of our church members, removing from the circle of our labouring forces, the companion and helpmeet of one of our beloved fellow labourers and from the fellowship of our churches a number of highly esteemed members, among whom we would especially



The rostrum as it appeared in the main hall at the Rosebank camp-meeting, held December 24, 1937 to January 1, 1938. The call, "To the Finishing of the Work" was the key-note of the gathering.

mention: Sister S. G. Hiten, Sister Charles Sparrow, Sister E. W. Willmore, Brother C. R. Dubber, Sister P. Trytsman, Sister M. Tarr, Sister G. Ansley, Sister A. Renou, Brother P. J. Bastiaans, and Sister Page, therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express to Elder Hiten and family, and to all our bereaved brethren and sisters and fellow workers throughout the conference, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy and join with them in the bright and joyful expectation of a not far distant reunion when Jesus comes to call His sleeping saints.

Appreciation

Resolved, That we hereby express to the Western Province Agricultural Society our appreciation for the use of the grounds, buildings and facilities of the Rosebank Show Grounds, so kindly placed at our disposal for this conference, and we further thank the secretary, Captain Goodchild-Brown, for his good offices in placing our request before the society.

Voted, That we express to Sisters Honey and Marais and their helpers, our appreciation for their efficient conduct of the catering department.

Christian Education

WHEREAS, In the secular schools our children and youth are surrounded by many moral and social dangers, and

WHEREAS, Pagan philosophies and ideals are rapidly displacing Christian teachings and standards in these schools, and

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy has definitely outlined the programme that should be followed in the training of our children and youth, and

WHEREAS, The expanding work of God calls for a constant and increasing number of trained men and women to give aggressive and capable leadership in the varied interests of our denominational programme,

Resolved, That we give earnest study to the establishing and financing of church schools in every church where there are sufficient children, and to encouraging and helping our youth to attend Helderberg College.

Review and Herald

WHEREAS, In these days of spiritual declension and apostasy, there is a definite need for some stabilising factor in the homes of our people,

We recommend, That our evangelists and other workers be urged to put forth every effort to introduce into the homes of new converts the *Review and Herald* and some volume or volumes of the Spirit of prophecy.

Missionary Volunteer Leadership

WHEREAS, Our Missionary Volunteer work in the churches is greatly handicapped through the lack of suitable leadership,

We, therefore, recommend, (1) That those persons in our churches who feel a responsibility to our youth, seek to train

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themselves to become efficient leaders of our young people.

(2) That our workers acquaint themselves with the plans and ideals of the Missionary Volunteer Department, thus enabling them to assist in strengthening the young people's organisation in our churches.

Missionary Volunteer Project

WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated that a definite project placed before our youth, calls forth their best efforts on behalf of our mission work,

We, therefore, recommend, That our young people be invited to collect the sum of ± 40 during 1938 toward the erection of a dispensary at Emmanuel Mission, Basutoland.

Church Officers' Conventions

WHEREAS, There is a definite need to develop more efficient leadership in every department of our church work,

We, therefore, recommend, That an earnest effort be put forth to hold church officers' conventions in our larger churches during 1938.

Missionary Volunteer Devotional and Educational Aids

WHEREAS, The salvation of our youth places a heavy responsibility upon our parents and workers, and

WHEREAS, The Missionary Volunteer Department has outlined devotional and educational aids to assist us in this work,

We, therefore, recommend, That renewed emphasis be placed upon the observation of the Morning Watch and Bible Year and that parents and Missionary Volunteer leaders be urged to provide suitable reading matter for our children and young people.

Publishing Department

WHEREAS, The scope of the literature ministry should broaden out considerably as the end of the world draws nearer, and

WHEREAS, Great difficulty is being experienced at present in securing recruits for the literature ministry,

We recommend, That conference workers, when visiting churches and companies, be urged to

(a) Emphasise the value of the literature ministry as a productive evangelising agency.

(b) Encourage the churches to make a fuller use of the *Signs* and *Tekens*, "Crisis" Series books, and tracts in their missionary work.

(c) Discuss with church elders and officers the possibility of securing recruits in their church for either full or part-time service in the literature ministry, and that where suitable recruits are found that the worker pass on full particulars of them to the Conference Field Missionary Secretary.

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Evangelism in South West Africa

W. H. HURLOW

For many years the South West African territory has been stretching forth its hands for the message. Time and again committees have given consideration to the matter and some few years ago student colporteurs opened up the way. The dark and threatening mists which becloud European politics have sent rumblings which make us realise the possibility of a "closed door" facing us in South West in the future. We, therefore, toward the end of last year, sent Elder John van der Merwe on a visit to that territory and he reported a spirit of keen inquiry and interest as pervading the Afrikaans population. We have now sent an evangelistic company composed of Elder John van der Merwe and wife, Brother R. Visser, and Miss Fleming. These will soon commence work in Windhoek, and we now appeal to all our people to place this effort and these workers on their prayer list. Besides these workers, we are sending a member of the literature ministry, Brother N. Cowley, who will distribute our truth-filled books far and wide.

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The Junior Camp at Wemmer's Hoek

A. C. LE BUTT

WE have often heard the old saying, "What's in a name, anyway?" and we may have replied, "Nothing very much" but the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Cape Conference has come to the conclusion that it all depends upon what is associated with the name. For instance: Wemmer's Hoek. How many of us ever thought of this place or even heard of it? But now it is a name dear to the heart of twenty-seven Junior boys and girls. It will always live in their memory as a place where a very happy time was spent, where valuable lessons were learned, and where true and lasting friendships were formed.

Wemmer's Hoek is situated between Paarl and Fransch Hoek in the beautiful Drakenstein Valley. I do not believe South Africa has anything to offer that can fascinate the eye and stir the senses as much as this wonderful valley with its walls of rugged rock and its beautiful scenery. It is not the purpose of this article to give a prolonged description of the site chosen for the Cape Conference Junior Camp, but I cannot let this opportunity pass without giving the OUTLOOK family a mind picture of this glorious valley with its sparkling crystal-clear stream, which offered two delightful four-foot deep bathing pools - one for our boys and one for our girls. The heavily wooded camping site gave us welcome shade and it was really marvellous to see how the pine trees, mingling gallantly among the giant oaks, gave a Swiss touch to the whole scene. The days were full of activity from 6.30 A.M. to 9.30 P.M. Daily there were two short recesses: half-an-hour in the morning for letter writing, and one hour in the afternoon, at which time the staff demanded quietness. To encourage this spirit we loaned out books, but I was told that this was the hardest and longest hour of the day, for how could one expect young people — full of life and in such glorious surroundings — to remain quiet for one hour? However, the staff felt that our boys and girls needed the rest, so these periods were not erased from the programme.

A large open space was cleared for worship, drilling, and games. This "parade" ground had in its midst two thirty-foot poles from which were flown daily the Union flag and the Union Jack, and there was keen competition among the various units to get the highest number of marks for tent and personal daily inspection, so that they could have the honour of hoisting the flags in the morning and guarding the same in the evening after the lowering ceremony.

First aid, swimming, knot tying and nature study were among some of the classes held throughout the day.

The big feature seemed to be the camp fire at which time hearty voices could be heard for miles around singing the good old songs, and it was often noticed that quite a large crowd would gather in the distance to hear the singing. A part of this time was devoted to story telling and several of the young people joined in with some fine stories.

The dining tent! Well, what can I say for this important section? The meal time period had to be seen to be appreciated! Picture one long table; merry laughter; the clatter of knives and forks, and the happy faces. If I were asked to name the youngsters I would call each one "Oliver Twist."

We had young people attending the camp from Cape Town, Claremont, Bloemfontein, Worcester, Vredendal, Port Elizabeth and the Conference church.

We were favoured by having a very strong staff. Elder L. L. Moffitt was in charge, and he had associated with him Elder and Mrs. W. H. Hurlow, Mr. and Mrs. P. van Eck, Mrs. G. W. Marais, Nurse Olds, and the writer.

We are beginning to lay plans for the 1939 camp. Juniors, begin now to save your pennies.

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"IT is heart missionaries that are needed."

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WHAT a Book! Vast and wide as the world, rooted in the abysses of creation, and towering up behind the blue secrets of heaven. Sunrise and sunset, promise and fulfilment, birth and death, the whole drama of humanity, all in this book.—*Heinrich*

THE YOUTH'S PAGE

Our New Officers

To all of our Missionary Volunteer officers elected to serve during 1938 we extend our most cordial greetings.

To those who have served before we extend our thanks for their co-operation. To those who are new to the work we appeal for assistance in carrying forward the plans and projects of the department. To all we pledge our support and assistance and assure you of an interest in our prayers.

With wise planning and worthy endeavour let us make 1938 a record year for progress in the soul-saving-and-characterbuilding work of the Missionary Volunteer Department.

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Our Missions Project

THE Union Conference has invited our young people within the South African Union to raise ± 100 during this year toward the erection of a dispensary at Emmanuel Mission, Basutoland.

Our work has made some progress in Basutoland, but we have not been able to extend our operations owing to a degree of prejudice that has been manifested by some of the chiefs. The medical work is the strong right arm that breaks down prejudice, and urgent requests are now being made that we extend our work by placing a medical missionary at Emmanuel. But the missionary must have a building in which to treat the sick, and when the committee considered the request there was no money available to provide such a need.

After some discussion, and when it almost seemed as though this urgent need must go the way of other urgent needs and be

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turned down for the time being, someone had a bright idea and suggested that the Misssionary Volunteers be invited to raise the funds.

Every society should plan on setting aside a portion of its funds for this monument to our practical interest in missions. From time to time we will report the amounts raised by the societies so that all can follow the progress made.

For your encouragement word has just come to hand that Claremont society has sent £12-17-8 to Nokuphila Hospital; so they are already in the medical missions mood. Another piece of news is that the mency was raised from the sale of Signs. Where Claremont leads others will follow.

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The Bible Year and Morning Watch

THESE two devotional aids are strong supports to spiritual life. We are anticipating a large enrolment this year in the group of those who will follow the devotional plans as set out in the Bible Year Leaflet and the Morning Watch Calendar.

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Scattering the Signs

FROM Claremont and Johannesburg come cheering reports regarding the circulation of the Signs by our young people. Some of the boys are laying money aside for their education; others, both boys and girls, are helping to swell society funds. Port Elizabeth has sent large numbers of the Signs to South West Africa and letters of appreciation and some subscriptions have resulted. F. G. CLIFFORD.

Question Corner

QUESTION.— Would you advise a young lady as to whether she should prepare to become a nurse or an office worker?

Answer.— Much would depend upon the individual taste of the person concerned. A nurse can be of service all through life, whereas an office worker, with advancing years, finds some difficulty to obtain a situation. A nurse also has a continual opportunity for doing missionary work of a high order. Sabbath observance also offers less obstacles to the nursing profession.

QUESTION.— Who are members of the Missionary Volunteer Society Committee, and how often should the committee meet?

Answer.—The committee is composed of the officers of the society, the leaders of the bands, the superintendent of the Junior society, the leader of the church missionary society, and the church elder, or someone appointed by him to represent the church. The committee should meet as frequently as twice each month if at all possible.

QUESTION.— It is right for our young people to attend a dance now and then? Answer.—The only answer can be, No. A quotation from "Messages to Young People," page 398, by Mrs. E. G. White, might help us to understand the matter more clearly. "To those who plead for

more clearly. "To those who plead for these diversions, we answer, We cannot indulge in them in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. The blessing of God would not be invoked upon the hour spent at the theatre or in the dance. No Christian would wish to meet death in such a place. No one would wish to be found there when Christ shall come." A helpful leaflet entitled "Shall We Dance" can be obtained free from your Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

BLADSY VIR JONGMENSE

Die Bybeljaar en Oggendwake

HIERDIE twee godsdienstige leidrade help baie om die geestelike lewe te ondersteun. Ons verwag dat daar vanjaar 'n groot aantal sal wees wat die Bybeljaar en die Oggendwake-Kalender sal volg.

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Ons Nuwe Beamptes

AAN al ons Strewersbeamptes wat gekies is om diens te doen gedurende 1938, bring ons ons hartlike groete.

Aan diegene wat vroeër gedien het, bring ons ons dank vir hulle samewerking. Ons maak 'n beroep op diegene wat nuwelinge is in die werk om die uitvoering van die planne van hierdie departement getrou by te staan. Ons beloof hulle almal ons ondersteuning en hulp en verseker hulle van 'n plek in ons gebede.

Laat ons deur verstandige vooruitsig en waardige inspanning 1938 'n rekord-jaar maak wat vooruitgang in sielreddende en karakterbouende werk van ons Strewersdepartement betref.

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Ons Sendingwerk-skema

DIE Unie-konferensie het ons jongmense van die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie gevra om gedurende hierdie jaar £100 op te bring as 'n bydrae tot die oprigting van 'n apteek op die Emmanuel-Sendingstasie, Basoetoland.

Hoewel ons werk 'n sekere mate van vooruitgang gemaak het in Basoetoland, het ons nie veel vordering gemaak nie, weens vooroordeel wat party van die hoofde getoon het. Die mediese werk is die sterk regterarm wat vooroordeel uit die weg ruim en ons moet ons werk nou uitbrei deur 'n mediese sendeling op Emmanuel te vestig. Die sendeling het egter 'n gebou nodig waar hy die siekes kan behandel, en toe die komitee die versoek oorweeg het, was daar nie geld geskikbaar om in hierdie behoefte te voorsien nie.

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Na bespreking, en toe dit amper gelyk het asof hierdie dringende behoefte maar die lot van ander dringende behoeftes sou ondergaan en vir die oomblik opsy sou geskuif word, het iemand 'n goeie idee gekry en aan die hand gegee om die Strewers te vra om die fondse in te samel.

Elke vereniging behoort planne te beraam om 'n gedeelte van sy fondse opsy te sit vir hierdie monument van ons praktiese belang in sendingwerk. Van tyd tot tyd sal ons verslag gee van die bedrae wat ingesamel is deur die verenigings sodat almal kan sien of daar vordering gemaak word.

Vir u aanmoediging wil ons net sê dat die Claremontse vereniging £12-17-8 aan die

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Nokuphila Hospitaal gestuur het. Dit is 'n bewys dat hulle al die regte sendinggees het. Daar word berig dat die geld verkry is deur die verkoop van die *Signs*. Waar Claremont die leiding geneem het, sal ander volg.

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Verspreiding van die Signs

Ons ontvang bemoedigende rapporte van Claremont en Johannesburg aangaande die sirkulasie van die Signs deur ons jongmense. Party van die seuns maak geld bymekaar vir hulle opvoeding; terwyl ander, seuns sowel as dogters, help om die vereniging se fondse te styf. Port Elizabeth het groot klompe Signs na Suidwes-Afrika gestuur en het briewe van waardering en 'n paar subskripsies terug ontvang. F. G. CLIFFORD.

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Vraebus

VRAAG.— Kan u 'n jongdame raad gee of sy 'n verpleegster of 'n kantoorwerkster moet word?

Antwoord.— Dit hang af van die persoonlike aanleg van die dame. Hoewel 'n verpleegster haar hele lewe lank tot diens kan wees, vind 'n kantoormeisie dit moeilik om 'n betrekking te kry as sy oud is. Ook het 'n verpleegster gedurig geleentheid om sendingwerk van 'n hoë gehalte te doen. Sabbatviering bring ook nie so baie hindernisse in die werk van 'n verpleegster nie.

VRAAG.— Wie is lede van die Strewerskomitee, en hoe dikwels behoort hierdie komitee te sit?

Antwoord.— Die komitee bestaan uit die Strewersbeamptes, die leiers van die groepe, die superintendent van die Junior vereniging, die leier van die kerk-sendingbond en ook die ouderling van die kerk of iemand deur hom aangestel om die kerk te verteenwoordig. Die komitee moet soveel as tweemaal per maand vergader indien enigsins moontlik.

VRAAG .--- Is dit goed vir ons jongmense om af-en-toe 'n dansparty by te woon? Antwoord .-- Die enigste antwoord is "Nee." 'n Aanhaling uit "Messages to Young People," bl. 398, deur Mev. E. G. White, sal ons miskien help om die saak bietjie beter te verstaan. "Aan diegene wat om hierdie afleidings pleit, kan ons net sê dat ons ons nie daarin kan verlustig in die naam van Jesus van Nasaret nie. Die seën van God kan nie gevra word op die uur wat in die teater of danssaal deurgebring word nie. Geen Christen sou graag die dood wou ontmoet op so 'n plek nie. Niemand sou graag daar aangetref word deur Christus by Sy koms nie." U kan 'n hulpvaardige boekie getitel "Shall We Dance?" gratis verkry van u Konferensie-Strewerssekretaris.

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"GISTER is al verby, môre moet nog kom, maar vandag behoort aan ons."



Signs and Tekens Subsidy

To encourage the sale of the *Tekens* the Natal-Transvaal Conference offered a special subsidy of ± 1 to anyone who sold not less than 500 papers of any one monthly issue of the *Signs* or *Tekens*. Of this 500 not less than 25% had to be *Tekens*.

The idea has grown up that to anyone selling 500 papers per month there is a subsidy available of $\pounds 1$. This is not correct. It is only as the 25% minimum of *Tekens* is sold, with the 500, that the subsidy is offered. A. INGLE.

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Lay Evangelism Course

W. COWPER

OUR Home Missionary workers have realised that soul-winning requires thorough preparation. Already there is a sound of of a-going in the tree tops as churches are studying the possibilities in the course on Lay Evangelism put out by the Home Study Institute.

Two churches have already completed their plans and have sent in the necessary amounts. The first of these was Gezina, followed closely by Germiston.

Along with these classes will be organised the regular Progressive Classes, Home Nursing Bands, and Dorcas Societies. We hope that in a year or two we will develop in our churches a group who are trained for service.

If more of our people will take hold of

these active lines of missionary endeavour, our present problems of social and spiritual life will largely disappear and there will be no dearth of leaders.

There are wonderful opportunities to the ones who take hold of these plans and prepare themselves for service.

Part of the programme includes actual field experience in giving Bible studies, taking services, and an active part in all church activities. As each advances along spiritual and practical attainments more and more of the responsibilities of the church will be placed upon him till his one talent has become five.

A great revival of Bible training classes is needed in every church. Hundreds of people are interested and calling for Bible studies, but our lay-members are not prepared to care for the need. Will you not see that your church does its duty in this respect? If you are isolated the course is adapted to your isolation. Write to your Home Missionary Department immediately for particulars.

Request for Prayer

SISTER CANHAM, an aged sister in Vryburg, who is suffering from asthma, requests special prayer on her behalf.

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST youth to apprentice to the painting trade. Apply: W. E. Sates, P.O. Box. 32, Kloof, Natal.

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Situation Wanted

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST young man seeks employment,— farm or otherwise. No previous experience except in factory. Willing to do any kind of work. Write: T. Barry, 18, Joubert Street, Wellington, C. P.



Members of Gezina church, who have enrolled for the course in Lay Evangelism, given by the Home Study Institute. (Left to right): Miss G. Delport, Miss A. Esterhuizen, Mrs. M. de Waal, Mr. T. Duke, Mr. J. de Waal.

Die Kaapse Konferensie-Sitting

Dankbaarheid en Toewyding

VIR die vrede en voorspoed van ons land, vir die seëninge van God wat so ryklik oor ons kerke uitgestort is, sowel as oor die wonings van ons mense; vir die siele wat vir Christus gewen is deur die prediking van Sy Woord deur ons evangeliste, vir die evangeliese leestof wat deur ons getroue kolporteurs versprei is, vir die sukses wat ons werkers en leke met die Oesinsameling behaal het, vir die seën van God op die tiendes en offergawes wat in die Here se skatkis gewerp is, en vir die gesonde finansiële toestand van die Kaapse Konferensie, is ons veral dankbaar; en vanweë hierdie seëninge

Besluit ons, Dat ons, die afgevaardigdes en lede hier vergader, hiermee ons innige dankbaarheid aan ons hemelse Vader betuig en dat ons terselfdertyd ons lewens opnuut aan Hom toewy vir die voltooiing van die werk wat aan ons toevertrou is.

Roubeklag

DAAR die dood die huis van een van ons werkers besoek het asook die huise van etlike kerklede, en van ons weggeneem het die eggenote en wederhelf van een van ons geliefde medearbeiders asook 'n aantal lidmate van ons kerke onder wie ons graag die volgende wil noem: Sr. S. G. Hiten, Sr. Chas. Sparrow, Sr. E. W. Willmore, Br. C. R. Dubber, Sr. P. Trytsman, Sr. M. Tarr, Sr. G. Ansley, Sr. A. Renou, Br. P. J. Bastiaans, Sr. Page, daarom,

Besluit ons, Dat ons hiermee aan Leraar Hiten en familie en aan al ons bedroefde broeders en susters en mede-werkers van die konferensie ons innige en hartlike simpatie betuig en saam met hulle deel in die aangename en vreugdevolle verwagting van 'n hereniging wanneer Jesus kom om Sy slapende heiliges op te wek.

Waardering

Ook besluit ons om hiermee ons waardering uit te spreek aan die Westelike Provinsie-Landbouvereniging vir die verlof om die gronde, geboue en aangeleenthede van die Rosebankse Tentoonstellinggronde wat so gulhartig tot ons beskikking gestel is vir hierdie konferensie, te gebruik. Ook wens ons die sekretaris, Kaptein Goodchild-Brown te bedank vir sy ondersteuning deur ons versoek voor die vereniging te bring.

Ook besluit ons, om aan Susters Honey en Marais met hulle helpers ons waardering te bring vir hulle bekwame bestuur van die verversingsafdeling.

Christelike Opvoeding

DAAR ons kinders en jongmense omring is van baie sedelike en maatskaplike gevare in sekulêre skole, en

¹DAAR heidense filosofieë en ideale vinnig besig is om Christelike leerstellings en standaarde in hierdie skole te vervang, en

DAAR die Gees van profesie die program wat ons behoort te volg vir die opleiding van ons kinders duidelik opgestel het, en

DAAR die uitbreidende werk van God 'n gedurige en aangroeiende aantal opgeleide manne en vroue nodig het vir agressiewe en bekwame leierskap in die verskillende belange van ons denominasie,

Besluit ons, om ernstige aandag te wy aan die stigting en ondersteuning van kerkskole in elke kerk waar daar genoeg kinders is, en om ons jeug aan te moedig en te help om Helderberg Kollege by te woon.

Review and Herald

DAAR, in hierdie dae van geestelike afval daar 'n bepaalde behoefte is aan een of ander standvastigmakende maatreël in die huise van ons mense,

Beveel ons aan, Dat ons evangeliste en ander werkers aangespoor word om al hulle kragte in te span om die *Review and Herald* in die huise van nuwe bekeerlinge te plaas en een of meer boekdele van die Gees van profesie.

Strewers-Leierskap

AANGESIEN ons Strewerswerk in die kerke baie skade ly weens gebrek aan geskikte leierskap, daarom,

Beveel ons aan, (1) Dat diegene wat 'n verantwoordelikheidsgevoel koester vir ons jeug, sorg dat hulle die nodige opleiding verkry om bekwame leiers van ons jeug te word.

(2) Dat ons werkers kennis maak met die planne en ideale van die Strewersdepartement, sodat hulle in staat kan wees om hierdie organisasie van die jongmense te ondersteun.

Strewers-Doel

DAAR dit duidelik getoon is dat 'n bepaalde doel vir ons jongmense hulle beste inspanning uitlok ten behoewe van ons sendingwerk, daarom,

Beveel ons aan, dat ons jongmense gevra word om die bedrag van £40 in te samel gedurende 1938 vir die oprigting van 'n apteek op die Emmanuel Sendingstasie, Basutoland.

Kerkbeamptes-Konvensies

AANGESIEN daar bepaalde behoefte is om bekwamer leierskap te ontwikkel in elke departement van ons kerklike werksaamhede,

Beveel ons aan, Dat daar 'n ernstige poging aangewend word om kerkbeampteskonvensies te hou in ons groter kerke gedurende 1938.

Strewers-Godsdienstige en Opvoedkundige Leidrade

DAAR die redding van ons jeug 'n swaar verantwoordelikheid op ons ouers en werkers lê, en

DAAR die Strewers-departement godsdienstige en opvoedkundige leidrade voorgeskryf het in verband met hierdie werk,

Beveel ons aan dat daar hernude nadruk gelê word op die Oggendwake en Bybeljaar en dat ouers en Strewerleiers aangespoor word om geskikte leesstof te voorsien vir ons kinders en jongmense.

Departement vir die Verspreiding van Leesstof

AANGESIEN die leesstofbediening baie behoort uit te brei wanneer die einde van die wêreld naderkom, en

DAAR dit teenswoordig baie moeilik is om vrywilligers te kry vir die leesstofbediening,

Beveel ons aan, dat konferensie-werkers tydens besoeke aan kerke en groepe, aangespoor word om

(a) Die waarde van die leesstofbediening in die redding van siele te beklemtoon,

(b) Die kerke aanmoedig om meer gebruik te maak van die Signs en Tekens, Krisisserie-boeke en traktate in hulle sendingwerk,

(c) Met kerkbeamptes en ouderlinge die moontlikheid te bespreek om vrywilligers in hulle kerk te kry ôf vir voltydse ôf vir deeltydse diens in die leesstofbediening, en dan alle besonderhede omtrent die geskikte vrywilligers aan die Konferensie-Veld-Sendingsekretaris te stuur.

(Vervolg in volgende uitgawe)

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Die Juniorkamp, Wemmershoek

Dre vraag is dikwels al gestel: Wat is daar tog in 'n naam? en ons antwoord gewoonlik: Nie eintlik veel nie. Maar die Strewerslede van die Kaapse Konferensie het ontdek dat dit alles daarvan afhang waarmee die naam geassosieer word.

Neem b.v. die naam Wemmershoek: Hoeveel van ons het al ooit van die plek gehoor? Vandag, egter, is sewen-en-twintig van die junior Strewers goed bekend met daardie plek, en hulle sal baie dae terugdink aan die aangename tyd wat hulle daar deurgebring het, aan die lesse wat hulle geleer het en die vriendskapsbande wat daar gesmee is.

Wemmershoek is tussen die Pêrel en Franshoek, in die pragtige Drakensteinvallei geleë. Ek glo nie dat daar nog 'n plek in Suid-Afrika is wat die oog so streel en wat mooier natuurskoon besit as daardie pragtige vallei nie. Maar dis nie ons doel om 'n beskrywing van die staanplek van die juniorkamp te gee nie, dog ek kon nie die versoeking weerstaan om darem 'n prentjie van die verruklike skoon vallei, met sy kristalheldere stroompie, te skilder nie. Daar was ook twee lieflike swemgate, sowat vier voet diep, een vir die seuns en een vir die dogters. Die kamp is tussen pragtige denne- en akkerbome opgeslaan, wat ons teen die son beskut het en ons laat dink het aan 'n toneel in Switserland

Ons dae was taamlik vol. Tussen 6.30 in die more tot 9.30 in die aand was daar maar twee kort pouses; 'n half uur in die more vir brieweskryf, en dan die stille-uur in die namiddag. Om die stille-uur-gewoonte te help aankweek, het ons boeke uitgeleen, maar ons het later verneem dat dit die swaarste uur van die dag vir die jongmense was; want wie kan ook verwag dat 'n lewenslustige klomp jongmense vir 'n hele uur moes stil wees, wanneer alles daarbuite so aanloklik is? Die leiers het egter gevoel dat die jongmense die rus nodig gehad het, en dus het die stille-uur op die daelikse program gebly.

'n Groot kaalplek het gedien as dril- en speelterrein; die godsdiensoefeninge is ook daar gehou.

Op hierdie paradegrond was daar twee dertigvoet pale, waarop die Unie-vlag en die "Union Jack" gewapper het. Daar was skerp mededinging onder die klomp om die meeste merke te verwerf gedurende die tent-inspeksie daeliks, ten einde die eer te kan hê om die vlae smorens te hys en hulle weer saans te stryk en vir die nag te bewaar.

Onder die praktiese onderrig en oefeninge, het die volgende voorgekom: eerste hulp, swem, knope-bind, en natuurstudie.

Maar almal het die meeste gehou van die kampvuur saans; en mens kon die singery om die vuur vir myle ver hoor. Dikwels het klompe mense gestaan en luister na die singery. By hierdie geleenthede is daar stories vertel, en 'n aantal van die jongmense het ook hulle deel in hierdie opsig bygedra.

En dan was daar die eet-tent! Wat kan ek hiervan sê? Mens moes dit alles kon sien!

Stel uself 'n lang eet-tafel voor; jy kon net messe en vurke sien beweeg. Glo my, as ek hierdie jongmense moes doop sou ek hulle almal "Oliver Twist" noem.

Daar was jongmense van Kaapstad, Claremont, Bloemfontein, Worcester, Vredendal, Port Elizabeth en die Konferensie kerk.

Ons het gelukkig 'n sterk staf gehad. Leraar Moffit was in bevel, en saam met hom was Leraar en Mev. W. H. Hurlow, Mnr. en Mev. P. van Eck, Mev. G. W. Marais, Verpleegster Olds en die skrywer.

Ons dink alreeds aan planne vir die 1939 kamp, en daarom raai ons die jongmense aan om hulle geldjies op te spaar. A. C. LE BUTT.

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Evangelisme in Suidwes-Afrika

W. H. HURLOW

JARELANK strek die Suidwestelike terrein al sy hande uit na die boodskap. Oor en oor het komitees al die saak oorweeg, en 'n paar jaar gelede het sekere studente-kolporteurs die weg geopen. D'e duistere en dreigende neuwels wat Europese politiek bewolk, het al so gerommel dat ons die moontlikheid besef van 'n geslote deur wat ons toegang in die toekoms kan versper. Tewens het ons aan die einde van verlede jaar Leraar J. van der Merwe soontoe gestuur om 'n besoek daar af te lê. Hy het verslag gegee van 'n innige begeerte aan die kant van die Afrikaanssprekende bevolking om die boodskap te hoor. Ons het nou 'n evangeliese geselskap soontoe gestuur bestaande uit Leraar J. van der Merwe en gade, Broeder R. Visser en Mej. Fleming. Hulle sal binnekort hulle werk aanvaar in Windhoek en ons maak 'n beroep op al ons mense om hierdie poging en hierdie werkers op hulle gebedslys te sit. Behalwe hierdie werkers stuur ons Broeder N. Cowley van die leesstofbediening om ons met-waarheid-gevulde boeke heinde en ver te versprei.

Obituaries

HOLLOWAY.— Sister Holloway, more generally known as Sister Van Baart, was born at Clanwillian in the Cape, in the year 1892 and died suddenly of heart failure on the 11th December, 1937, at Mayfair West, Johannesburg.

Sister Holloway accepted the message about twenty-one years ago in Johannesburg. She leaves her husband, a daughter and a son, also her mother and many relatives to mourn.

We laid her to rest in the Brixton Cemetery in the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to those who mourn. A. W. STAPLES.

DAMON.— Sister H. P. Damon was born at Heidelberg, Cape, September 12, 1888, and fell asleep in Jesus, January 2, 1938.

Five years ago Sister Damon accepted the advent message. She was baptised on January 23, 1933, and has been a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church ever since.

During the last two years and seven months of her life, Sister Damon suffered much, but she endured it patiently, without murmur or complaint, and with strong faith held on to the arm of God to the very last.

Our sister was perfectly resigned to the will of Him Who knows what is best for us. Having retained consciousness, she was able to speak her parting message to her family during the last moments of her life, "Stand fast in the faith and love one another" were among her last words. After having spoken thus she requested the family to sing hymn, 948, in "Christ in Song," "I'm weary, I'm fainting; my day's work is done," and then peacefully fell asleep to await the voice of the Life-giver. Surely, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord"!

Our sister leaves, to mourn their loss, a faithful husband, two sons, and four daughters, and to them we express our deepest sympathy, with the prayer that we may all "Stand fast in the faith" until that day when the sleeping saints shall be awakened to everlasting life. J. N. DE BEER. BRAND.— On January 27, 1938, at 11.00 A.M., there passed away at Waterbank, in the district of Vryburg, old Sister Martha Maria Brand at the ripe old age of 91 years and 2 months.

This old sister first heard the truth from Brother Van Eden, but made her final decision and was baptised by Elder Paap in December, 1917. Her life was an example of Christian living and many have benefited by her true Christian spirit. Sister Brand laid down her life with the sure and certain hope that she will awaken at Christ's second return.

Several years ago her husband, who also was a faithful Seventh-day Adventist, passed away.

Sister Brand had thirteen children seven girls and six boys — ten of whom are living, besides fifty grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

The large assembly who gathered at the grave-side, in spite of the rain, testified to the esteem in which our sister was held, and the writer had the privilege of opening to the public the true state of the dead, according to God's word.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to the family; but, as a large number of them are in the truth, they do not mourn, as those who have no hope, knowing that, if faith-ful, they will see their old mother again.

S. C. PALVIE.

Thanks

SISTER J. BENTLEY, of East London, wishes to thank, through the columns of the OUTLOOK, all friends whose expressions of love and sympathy in her recent bereavement have made easier the heavy blow, which the loss of her dear companion gave her. To all those who sent wreaths, letters, and telegrams, Sister Bentley expresses her appreciation.

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Die Kampdienste in Johannesburg

J. J. B. Combrinck

DIE kampdienste van die Natal-Transvaal-Konferensie is verby as 'n gebeurtenis, maar hulle leef nog voort in die harte van Gods volk. Dit blyk wanneer jy hoor van die geesdrif en waardering waarmee die feesgangers nog steeds aan ander vertel van milde seëninge ontvang en van voornemens om in die toekoms die feeste en omgang met Gods volk nie te verbeur nie. Vele nuwelinge in die waarheid kon hulle nie inbeeld dat daar soveel seën, opbeuring, opbouing en aanmoediging vir hulle gewag het nie.

Die kampdienste in Johannesburg was 'n groot sukses. Wat die gelowiges vernaamlik waardeer het, was die ongehinderde afsonderlike dienste wat 'n tweetalige land verg. Die vroeë biduur en toewydingsdiens, die Bybelstudie na ontbyt en die aanddiens is vir Afrikaanssprekendes in die sentrale kerkgebou gehou. Desnoods was daar nie soveel getolk nie, en dit het meer stigting en seën beteken vir die aanbidders.

Die Afrikaanse afdeling van die Sabbatskool in die kerk was 'n ware inspirasie op albei Sabbatte. Alles het vlot van die hand geloop en almal het 'n seën ontvang in die groot maar stigtelike Sabbatskool. Hier het ons ook weer gewaar dat dit sake bespoed en vergemaklik om van die staanspoor af 'n afsonderlike Afrikaanse Afdeling van die Sabbatskool te hê, en om daarna bymekaar te kom vir die getølkte preekdiens.

Nog 'n faktor wat tot groot versterking en opbouing van ons konferensie gedien het, was die beter besef wat ons gelowiges gekry het van die groot behoefte van die werk van die Here wat wag om voleindig te word. Selde kon 'n president nader aan die hart van die leke kom as Leraar Ingle toe hy op 'n informele vergadering die gelowiges van verskillende gemeentes hulle versoeke en pleidooie laat voorlê het, en daarna hulle gewys het op die rype, wagtende oesveld, en hulle aandag toe bepaal het op die verantwoordelikheid van elke lid om getrou sy tiende te gee en om self te werk om die werk te verhaas en ook om so sy eie lewe warm te hou.

Vir ons is daar maar een saak wat geld, naamlik die uitbreiding en voleindiging van Gods werk. En daartoe wil ons deur genade ons alles toewy en werk en bid dat Sy koninkryk mag kom en Sy wil geskied soos in die hemel net so ook op die aarde.

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General News Notes

By the time this issue of the OUTLOOK is on its way to the readers, Brother and Sister McClure will have arrived from the States and will be on their way to Beira, the port of entry for the South East Afri-



can Union. At this port they will make connection with the train for Blantyre and from there continue their journey by motor-car to Malamulo Mission. Brother McClure has been appointed director of the Malamulo Mission, in place of Brother G. R. Nash, who has served in that capacity for many years. Brother Nash has now been transferred to the Zambesi Union to fill the position of superintendent of the Southern Rhodesia Mission Field.

At the time of writing Brother and Sister J. G. Slate and two sons are booked to sail from Cape Town, February 15, on the S. S. "Pretoria," on their way to the States on a well-earned furlough. During Brother Slate's absence Brother F. E. Potter will act as manager of the Sentinel Publishing Company.

WE learn that Doctor and Mrs. Frank Ingle will be arriving from Durban on February 13 and will proceed to Europe on the same boat as Brother and Sister Slate and family. This coincidence will afford both families pleasant association on the voyage.

THE marriage of Brother Charles Sparrow, of Fraser's Camp, and Sister J. R. C. Snyman, of Bloemfontein, was solemnised in the I. O. G. T. Hall, Grahamstown, on Monday the 3rd January, 1938, by Pastor G. S. Stevenson.