

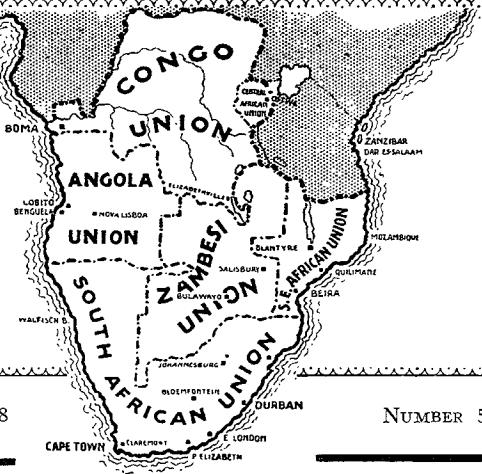
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## Good News From Nokuphila Hospital Western Native Township, Johannesburg

J. F. WRIGHT

JUST over two years ago it became very evident that there was a large field for medical missionary service, not yet entered, among the many thousands of natives that work in and around the mines of the Rand. During the Harvest Ingathering campaign the people of Johannesburg would ask what we were doing in this connection. We had to admit that we were not doing as much as we would like to do; so, during the visit of Elder I. H. Evans to Africa, sometime back, the Division Committee gave earnest study to the problem. The result of our deliberations brought into being the Nokuphila Hospital; the word "nokuphila" meaning "the mother of health."

The hospital proper has been in operation now for just a little over one year. Thinking it might be of real interest to the readers of the OUTLOOK to learn how this new medical centre has been progressing, we take the privilege of quoting somewhat from the report which Dr. Tonge gave to the board some weeks ago. It reads as follows:

"It is with a great deal of satisfaction that I render this first report of the Nokuphila Hospital.

"The hospital has now been operating for just one year, and that which has been accomplished during that year has been most gratifying, and I am sure that you board members will agree with me, after I have brought a few facts to your attention.

"We have twenty beds available for patients, and of that twenty, we have an average of seventeen occupied each day during the year. We are not able to operate as they do in other of our mission hospitals — putting in extra beds when

necessary, or putting patients on the floor. No, we are controlled by strict municipal health laws which govern all such things. This keeps us down to the required number of beds in each ward. However strict these authorities seem to be, we are violating their regulations daily in maintaining the number of beds we have in our hospital — exceeding the requirements by six beds. We are hoping that they will not be too strict with us until we are able to increase our bed capacity.

"During the year, 529 patients were cared for in the hospital, and of this number, 98 were major surgicals, 238 minor surgicals, and 193 were medicals. When you realise that out of a total of 529 patients, 336 were surgicals, and that this has taken place during the first year of labour in this section, and knowing the native as you do, you will surely be convinced that God has prepared the way before us.

"We started in the dispensary by seeing two to five new patients each day during the first month. This has had a healthy growth, so that now we are seeing an average of from fifty to seventy per day, having seen just over 3,000 different people during the first year. It is most gratifying to see how the same people are coming back from time to time, and often

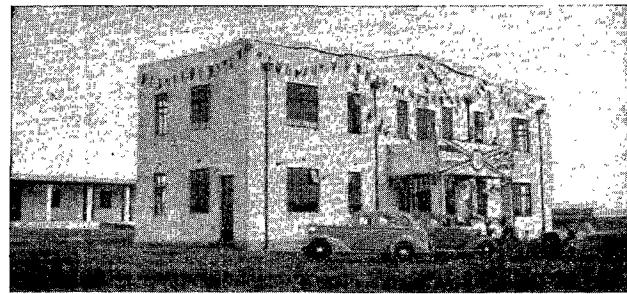
bringing relatives or friends with them, thus revealing their confidence in the treatment which they are receiving.

"We are glad to report that financially the hospital has done far better than expected. The budget called for an income of £100 per month. The first month, we received £97-4-6, which was our smallest takings, and October last was our largest month having received the sum of £257-19-8. The total income for the year was £1,894-1-2 which exceeded our budget by £694-1-2. . . .

"By having this increase, it has made it possible for us to roof the hospital, complete the European nurses' home, furnish the nurses' home, and get additional equipment for the hospital to enable us to get our registration. Altogether, we have had to spend over £350 for that, of which there was no budget provision.

"We, the hospital staff, feel that it will be impossible for the income of the hospital to be increased materially, until further bed accommodation can be arranged. More beds, is the crying need. Every day we turn away patients who should be admitted, but we have no place for them. We have a waiting list for beds all the time, and often it is necessary to book two months in advance.

"Our most urgent need, however, is a native nurses' dormitory. The beginning of the year, we are supposed to admit a new class of nurses, but with each new probationer we admit, it means one bed less for the patients. In order to get our hospital registered, as a nurses' training school, we must have a daily average of fifteen occupied beds. We are nearing this, but will be unable to reach it if we use any more of our beds for



NOKUPHILA HOSPITAL.

nurses. If only the board can see its way clear to arrange a nurses' dormitory for us, then, undoubtedly, we will have no difficulty in obtaining our recognition as a nurses' training school.

"Our needs are many, but we shall be satisfied if only a nurses' home can be arranged for in order to meet this urgent need, which will mean the freeing of seven beds for hospital use, thus greatly increasing our earning capacity."

"The future looks bright, and we are all very happy in our work, and are glad for the part which we are privileged to have in representing the truth to the thousands in Johannesburg."

This is indeed a splendid report and presents much to encourage our hearts. Truly Dr. Tonge and his associates have worked untiringly to make the hospital a real success. We are very happy to say that the hand of the Lord has been upon the institution for good ever since the official opening.

At this time we want, once more, to express our deep gratitude to all who have contributed toward the erection of the plant. From the Harvest Ingathering funds we have taken over £2,000. Then from a recent Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Offering we received just a little over £600. Also, in distribution of funds left to the cause by the late Sister Thompson, of Johannesburg, we were given £750. This last amount we feel came in direct answer to faith and prayer, for we knew nothing of it until we had the plan well under way to proceed with the erection of the hospital. When we were informed that we were to share in the distribution of the estate, our hearts welled up to God that He had heard our prayer and had sent us more help. All the funds we have received thus far, we have accepted as an evidence that the Lord still leads His people and provides for the need when they trust Him and move forward in faith to build up His work on the earth. We feel confident that these funds will yield excellent results in the kingdom of God.

The future of the hospital is bright with promise. Dr. A. N. Tonge and Dr. Josephine Davies are working very hard to build up the institution and make it one that will rightly represent the spirit of our work. The nurses chosen have been faithful in the discharge of their duties. A full-time native minister has been placed in charge of the spiritual phase of the hospital work. Already, patients are beginning to manifest an interest in the truth and work of Seventh-day Adventists. We believe this hospital will be another light to help dispel the darkness in this old sin-cursed world. Let us earnestly pray that the Lord of Harvest, the Master Physician, will make this new institution all it should be in ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of the native people who may come under its sphere of influence.

## It Helped Me to Accept the Truth

R. L. BENTON

WHEN the message came to me, the Spirit of prophecy was presented among the early topics. It made a deep impression upon my mind, and a favourable one. When I learned that Jesus on that glorious ascension trip, when He was leading captivity captive, also gave gifts unto men, I wanted to know of those gifts. Then further light came, showing that the gifts were placed in the church, and further, that the gift of prophecy was among the chief gifts, and still further that when the testimony of Jesus was confirmed in the church, the church would come behind in no gift. Finding that these gifts were gifts of the Spirit, I became interested in the Spirit. I was surprised to find that God's Spirit was here and moved upon the face of the great deep before man was made; that He, the Spirit, was the agency through which God strove with man to turn him from his wicked ways.

In other words, it seemed that the Spirit was God's instrument through which He was to carry out all His purposes toward man, and that the Spirit would show us things to come, which He would do through the Spirit of prophecy, and that nothing would be done except it be revealed to God's servants, the prophets. And when it was revealed to the prophet, it belonged to us and to our children forever.

As I saw how God had used the prophets in times gone by to instruct, reprove, counsel, and protect His people when they were in need of help, it was easy for me to believe that the true church in the last days would be richly endowed with spiritual gifts and fully confirmed in the Spirit of prophecy. "Early Writings" was placed in my hands, and what I saw there filled a longing in my heart, and made it easy for me to believe that this people were the people of God, which thing I have had no difficulty in believing these thirty years since.

In all the problems of our every-day life, from grandson to grandfather, the Spirit of prophecy contains counsel at every turn of the road. If every Seventh-day Adventist owned and read all the writings of Sister White, we would have light on the Scriptures and the problems of life far in excess of any other people. The devil knows this, and he will work with all his power and the united help of his entire force of fallen angels to get us to put a lot of things before the Spirit of prophecy that we could better do without. We can better do without almost any books on earth than these books. The reading of several pages a day from the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, in addition to our several chapters in the Bible, will bring us courage, will sharpen our appetites for the things of God, and will

enlarge our vision and help us to realise the times and their meaning.

The counsel given in the Spirit of prophecy is a safeguard for families, a safeguard for institutions, for conferences, for the whole denomination. The devil knows the value of the Spirit of prophecy. He knows that it is Jesus' own testimony. When the devil got John exiled on the Isle of Patmos, it was not for his misdeeds, but for the testimony of Jesus. When he put to death the babes in Bethlehem, it was not for their misdemeanours, but in his attempt to destroy the testimony of Jesus. The testimony of Jesus is the evidence of one witness that the devil knows if it is permitted to be heard his case is most sure to be lost. What a pity that in any home of the Advent people there should be an utter lack of any of the writings of the servant of the Lord, this most precious gift to the church that is to pass through the final struggle of the great controversy between Christ and Satan.

Let us bestir ourselves and our brethren, that no home close the year 1938 without a beginning of a library of the writings of Sister White. Just as truly as in the days of Jehoshaphat, if we believe His prophets so shall we prosper.

## Publishing Dept.

F. E. POTTER, Secretary

## Silent Messengers

F. E. POTTER

A FAITHFUL colporteur, plodding from farm to farm up in the Transvaal, years ago sold a copy of "Bible Readings" to a Mr. J. H. de Beer of the farm, "Rodeport," in the district of Middelburg.

Silently, under the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit, the book did its appointed work and the man became convinced of the truths it presented.

The desire was born in his heart to serve God acceptably by keeping His commandments faithfully. Where were the people who kept Sabbath on Saturday, who neither used liquor nor tobacco, and who dedicated, regularly, a percentage of their income to the Lord's treasury? Perhaps the publishers of the book would know, so Mr. De Beer despatched a letter to the Sentinel Publishing Company asking them for information. If they knew of such a people would they arrange to have a member sent up to his farm to instruct him further in the new-found truth?

Thus it came about that contact was made with this family, and the good work done by a faithful colporteur was followed up in earnest.

Now read the following letter and then remember, in your prayers each day, to

thank God for the work of the literature ministry and plead that His blessing may rest in abundance on the men and women who act as the advance guard to the army of the Lord in Southern Africa.

"Dear Sir,

"I wish to inform you that Mr. D. A. de Beer has paid me a visit, and it gave me great joy. The only pity is that the visit was so short. I want to ask if it is not possible that a worker may be sent here, because here is a large field of labour, and quite a number of people. We should like Mr. De Beer to come again; if this is possible kindly inform me.

"Four of us are accepting the truth: my two parents, and my wife and I.

"I thank you very much for Mr. De Beer's visit.

"With best regards,

"I remain your friend in Christ,  
[Signed] "J. H. DE BEER."

Thank God for more souls born into this blessed message!

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## "52 Prayer Meetings"

THE above is the title of a wonderful little book by J. E. Shultz. For those, who are leading out in church work, or who are willing to do so, but feel that they lack the necessary material to present, this book is invaluable. There are actually programmes for fifty-two different meetings, with brief outlines presented, which would allow anyone to feel free to take charge of a meeting when asked.

This book is obtainable from the conference office. Price 3/9.



## News Notes

ELDER J. H. RAUBENHEIMER has now recovered from a sudden acute attack of appendicitis. His operation was a success, and after two weeks at the coast he is planning to commence his effort in the centre of Pretoria, where he has a large tent and 550 chairs. With him will be associated Brother E. Stevenson and Sister A. Bulgin.

ELDER VENTER is having an interesting time in his work at Volksrust. After a most discouraging start, he is now having a good interest. With him is associated Brother Du Plessis. Brother Venter also visits Standerton, Ermelo, and Ladysmith.

BROTHER HERHOLDT is having a good hearing in Marquard. There has been strong

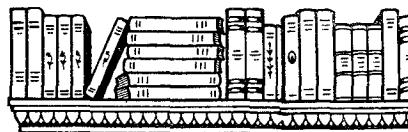
opposition, but this Brother Herholdt never fears. There are honest souls in Marquard standing out for the truth. With him is associated Brother Haarhoff. They also visit the companies regularly at Bethlehem, Ficksburg, Senekal, and Kroonstad.

BROTHER D. EVA has had a most difficult time at Maritzburg. Heavy rain has played havoc with his attendance. During the last three weeks there have been only about three dry evenings. However, he and Sister Lund are not discouraged and expect to see souls standing for the truth. Brother Eva also visits the companies at Estcourt, Sweetwaters, and Ladysmith.

ELDER INGLE's meetings in the southern suburbs of Johannesburg have been very poorly attended. However, there are a few who are standing for the truth. With him are associated Sister A. Mitchley, and Sister M. Dixie.

BROTHER S. MOOLMAN, who is the church school teacher at Bethlehem, is also helping the believers at Reitz by visiting there once each month. As there are no Sunday trains in the Free State the Bethlehem members are working out a plan to transport him each month by car.

OUR Potchefstroom laymen are helping in a wonderful way to bring encouragement to some of the scattered little com-



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## OUR BOOK CORNER

*This column will be used, from time to time, to give advice of new publications issued by our overseas houses. We shall indent for small stocks of these books and orders on us will be executed in strict rotation, so place your orders promptly, please.*

### "DAY BY DAY"

A fine book of devotional value entitled, "Day by Day," is just off the press. It has nearly 800 pages consisting of inspirational readings for each day of the year. These include readings on Bible doctrines and the miracles and parables of Christ. They contain appropriate texts and quotations from various authors, especially from Mrs. E. G. White.

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panies. Once each month Brother Uys visits the little Parys company. Brethren Havenga and Willse visit at Fochville and Doornpoort monthly and also once a month they go to Ventersdorp and hold Sabbath school and an after service with a little company of new believers there. Their help is much appreciated and is bringing joy to their own souls as well.

BROTHER J. J. B. COMBRINCK is having a wonderfully good attendance at his tent meetings at Edenvale, about eight miles from Germiston. The attendance averages about 150 each evening. There is no electric light there, so he is using car batteries and using a trickle charger to bring up the voltage each day. There is nothing that seems to baulk Brother Combrinck. With him is associated Brother A. v. d. Bergh. They are responsible each week also for ten companies on the East Rand, and in addition they visit Potchefstroom.

OUR little Kroonstad company were in dire need of a meeting place, as they had been asked to vacate a lodge building they had been using for the past three years. In a wonderful way they have been enabled to have the use of the very fine Presbyterian church for their services on Friday evening and on Sabbath. They also have the use of the church vestry for their church school. We are greatly indebted to the kindly spirit of the Presbyterian body in Kroonstad for this courtesy and the little company are very happy indeed.

BROTHER J. THERON, the Kroonstad church school teacher, is doing good work, and we have been asked if he would be willing to speak for the Presbyterian church company from time to time.

ELDER A. W. STAPLES is having a good hearing at Orange Grove. He is holding meetings in the Sons of England Hall. Sister Jeffrey and Brother A. Worsley are associated with him. They are looking forward to establishing a fine company of new believers there. Brother Worsley also visits the Vereeniging and Evaton companies each month.

BROTHER D. A. DE BEER is working steadily in the Machadodorp district. On March 12 there will be a baptism at Ermelo of thirteen candidates that he has prepared. Elder A. W. Staples will conduct the baptism and will be accompanied by Brother P. Willmore.

BROTHER WILLMORE, in spite of all his office duties, is carrying the responsibility of the Kenilworth church, in Johannesburg, and many evenings he has helped in the singing at the effort being conducted there. His services have been greatly appreciated.

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# The Youth's Page

## Through the Field

It is encouraging to hear of the large number of Progressive Classes that have been formed in the societies. We sincerely hope the interest will be sustained, and that a record number of pins will be presented before the end of the year.

By the way, the class leaders will be interested to learn that a supplement to the "Junior Handbook," adapting the class requirements to the needs of South Africa, will soon be in the hands of the printer. A further announcement will be made when the supplement is available.

On a recent visit to the Transvaal we were happy to make contact with the churches in Johannesburg, Melville, Alberton, Germiston, Pretoria, and Gezina. Some of these have thriving Missionary Volunteer societies, others are handicapped through lack of leadership and suitable meeting places. We trust that energy, perseverance, and sacrifice will yet overcome these obstacles so that a society will be found in every church.

The census papers are now in circulation and we are most anxious that information will be given regarding every young person in the South African Union Conference. Parents, church elders, Missionary Volunteer leaders, and young people, we invite your co-operation in seeing that the forms are completed and returned to your conference office with despatch.

## \* \* \* Leadership

ONE of the greatest needs of our Missionary Volunteer work is the provision of suitable leadership to organise and foster the work of the local societies. To all who feel a burden for this line of work we would recommend a perusal of the March issue of the *Church Officers' Gazette*, (Leadership Special).

## \* \* \* The Hour Has Come

THE hour has come for the marshalling of youth. From the age of seven to seventeen in some countries, and from five to twenty-five in others, the state controls, trains and directs the body and mind of the children and youth. Groups, corps, battalions, regiments, companies, and units are being formed to discipline and direct all of life's activities.

Leaders and statesmen have surrendered to the conviction that the future of the state lies in the hands of its children. They are leaving no stone unturned, and consider no effort too great to prepare the young to take a predestined place in the life of the nation.

Long years ago the servant of God bore

a message indicating that such a marshalling of youth must take place within the church to assist her in fulfilling her high mission. "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come?"—*"Counsels to Teachers, Parents and Students,"* page 555. This is the vision of God's purpose for our youth. Have we caught it? Or is it still true that "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light"?

We should value as a priceless heritage the children and youth of the church. Our first care should be that they are trained and prepared to fill their place in the life of the movement. We must hold their hearts, cultivate their friendship, train their minds, mould their characters, and prepare them for service. We must organise them into groups, bands, and companies; giving them leadership that is inspiring, and presenting ideals that are ennobling and objectives that are stimulating and character forming.

The Missionary Volunteer Department stands ready to co-operate in all of our churches and companies to make the vision a reality.

F. G. CLIFFORD.

## Bladsy vir Jongmense

### Op Besoek in die Veld

DIT is bemoedigend om te hoor dat baie van die verenigings Progressiewe Klasse gestig het. Ons hoop van harte dat die belangstelling sal voortduur en dat 'n groot aantal spelde aan die einde van die jaar sal verwerf word.

Die klasleiers sal miskien bly wees om te hoor dat daar binnekort 'n byvoegsel tot die Junior Handboek sal verskyn, en die doel daarvan is om aan die behoeftes van Suid-Afrika te beantwoord. Sodra die byvoegsel beskikbaar is, sal ons verdere kennis gee.

Op 'n onlangse reis na die Transvaal was ek bly om ook die volgende kerke te bezoek: Johannesburg, Melville, Alberton, Germiston, Pretoria en Gezina. Op sommige van hierdie plekke is daar bloeiende verenigings, ander weer word gestrem deur gebrek aan gesikte leiers en vergaderplekke. Ons vertrou egter dat hierdie struikelblokke deur volharding en oopoffering uit die weg geruim sal word, sodat daar 'n florerende vereniging in elke kerk sal wees.

Die sensusvorms is reeds uitgestuur en ons vertrou dat die verlangde informasie

## Question Corner

QUESTION.—Is it wrong for our young people to go to a bioscope occasionally?

Answer.—It is that word "occasionally" that in the minds of some seems to remove the danger in attendance at the bioscope. Yet does not the inclusion of the term indicate qualms of conscience, and possibly a knowledge that to attend such places is fraught with danger? For the sake of our own experience, and for the sake of the influence we exert upon others, the bioscope is out of bounds to young people who are seeking the kingdom of God.

QUESTION.—Could you recommend some good reading matter to assist in realising a better Christian life?

Answer.—Apart from a study of the Bible the reading of "Steps to Christ," "The Life That Wins," and "Messages to Young People" should prove helpful.

QUESTION.—We have only about half a dozen young people in our church, and it is difficult to maintain interest in the society meetings with such a small number present. What can you suggest to make our society more interesting?

Answer.—It might be possible to invite the church members to your meetings, and thus make the audience larger. However, interest is not long sustained by means of meetings in any society; endeavour to get the members engaged in the soul-winning, educational, and recreational activities promoted by the Missionary Volunteer Department.

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aangaande alle jongmense in die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie aan ons vertrek sal word.

Ons vra die samewerking van ouers, leraars, strewersleiers en alle jongmense in verband met die invulling en aanstaar van die vorms na die konferensiekantoor.

## \* \* \* Leierskap

EEN van die grootste behoeftes van ons Strewersverenigings is geskikte leiers wat die werk van die verskillende verenigings kan organiseer en behartig. Almal wat belangstel in hierdie soort werk word aanbeveel om die Maart number van die *Church Officers' Gazette* te lees.

## \* \* \* Die Uur het Aangebreek

DIE uur om die jongmense aan te monster het gekom. Van die ouderdom van sewe tot sewentien, in sommige lande, en van vyf tot vyf-en-twintig in ander, beheers die staat die jongmense, en skryf hulle die verstandelike en liggaamlike op-leiding van die kinders en jongmense voor. Vir dissipline en opleiding word hulle in

groepes, korpse, bataljons, regimete en afdelings verdeel.

Beide leiers en staatsmanne is daarvan oortuig dat die toekoms in die mag van die kinders is. Hulle doen dus alles in hulle vermoë — geen opoffering word as te groot beskou nie — om die jongmense toe te rus om hulle verordineerde plek in die volkslewe in te neem.

Jare gelede het die diensmaag van die Here aan die hand gegee dat die jongmense van die kerk aangemonster moet word om die kerk te help om aan sy hoë roeping te beantwoord. „Hoe gou sal die boodskap van 'n gekruisigde, verreese en spoedigkomende Heiland nie aan die wêreld verkondig word met so 'n leer van werkers soos ons behoorlik opgeleide jongmense nie! Hoe gou sal die einde nie kom nie.” — „Counsels to Teachers, Parents and Students,” bl. 555. Dit is Gods plan vir ons jongmense. Besef ons dit? Of is dit nog waar dat „die kinders van hierdie wêreld verstandiger is teenoor hulle geslag as die kinders van die lig?”

Ons moet die kinders waardeer as 'n kostelike erfdeel van die kerk. Ons moet allereerste daarvoor sorg dat hulle behoorlik opgelei en toegerus is om hulle plek in te neem in die lewe van hierdie beweging. Ons moet hulle harte win, vriende van hulle maak, hulle verstand in die regte rigting help ontwikkel, hulle karakter help vorm en hulle vir diens berei. Ons moet hulle organiseer in groepes, verenigings en afdelings en hulle besiel deur die regte leiding en ideale wat hulle karaktervorming sal bevorder.

Die Streewersdepartement staan gereed om sy steun en samewerking toe te sê aan

al ons kerke wat graag hierdie heerlike doel wil bereik.

F. G. CLIFFORD.

### Die Vraebus

VRAAG.— Is dit verkeerd vir jongmense om af-en-toe na die bioskoop te gaan?

Antwoord.— Dit skyn asof sommige meen dat daar geen gevaa in skuil om so af-en-toe na die bioskoop te gaan nie. En tog bewys die vraag dat daar darem gewetenskwellung is en dat sulke plekke nie heeltemal sonder gevaa is nie. Vir die ontwil van julle eie Christelike lewe en vir die ontwil van ander wat deur julle dade kan beïnvloed word, meen ons dat jongmense wat soek om die koninkryk van God binne te gaan nie bioskoopgangers kan wees nie.

VRAAG.— Kan u goeie leesstof aanbeveel wat mens sal help in jou Christelike lewe?

Antwoord.— Behalwe die Bybel sal „Steps to Christ,” „The Life That Wins,” en „Messages to Young People” baie behulpsaam wees.

VRAAG.— Ons het maar sowat 'n half dosyn jongmense in ons kerk, en dit gaan baie moeilik om belangstelling in die vergaderings op te wek daar ons so min is. Kan u iets aan die hand doen om gebrek aan belangstelling te verhelp?

Antwoord.— U kan miskien van die ander gemeentelede uitnooi om die opkoms by die dienste groter te maak. Maar die vergaderings van die vereniging alleen sal nie die belangstelling vir 'n onbepaalde tyd verseker nie; sit die lede aan die werk om siele te win, en laat u vereniging hom daarop toelê om opvoeding en ontspanning te bevorder.

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daeliks in die apteek behandel, maar die getalle in hierdie verband het so vinnig toegeneem dat daar tans van vyftig tot sewentig daeliks na die apteek kom, en gedurende die jaar het ons sowat 3,000 verskillende pasiënte gesien. Baie van hulle kom van tyd tot tyd terug vir verdere behandeling en hulle bring ook hulle vriende en bloedverwantes saam. Dit is 'n bewys dat hulle vertroue in die inrigting het.

„Ek is baie bly om u te kan mee deel dat die geldelike toestand van die inrigting op 'n baie gesonde basis is. Ons het ons uitgawes op £100 per maand beraam. Die eerste maand was die inkomste £97-4-6, en dit is ook die kleinste bedrag wat daar per maand ontvang is. Ons beste maand was Oktober, toe daar £257-19-8 ingekom het. Die totale inkomste vir die jaar was £1,894-1-2, wat beteken dat ons 'n surplus van £694-1-2 het.

„Hierdie surplus het ons in staat gestel om plafonne aan te bring, die Europese verpleegsterswoning te voltooi en uit te rus, en ook om die uitrusting van die hospitaal aan te vul sodat die inrigting geregistreer kon word. In hierdie verband het ons altesame £350 uitgegee.

„As personeel voel ons dat die inkomste van die hospitaal nie vermeerder sal kan word voordat meer afdelings aangebring is nie. Meer beddens is dringend nodig; elke dag moet ons pasiënte weier omdat daar geen beddens vir hulle beskikbaar is nie. Ons het tans 'n groot waglys.

„Maar wat nog baie nodiger is, is 'n tehuis vir die naturelle verpleegsters. Aan die begin van die jaar moes ons 'n nuwe klas leerlingverpleegsters inskryf, maar vir elke nuwe leerling wat ons opneem, beteken dit een bed minder vir die pasiënte. Ten einde erkenning te verkry as opleidingsinrigting vir verpleegsters, moet ons ten minste vyftien pasiënte daeliks in die hospitaal hê; maar ons sal dit nie kan doen as ons van die beddens gebruik vir die verpleegsters nie.

„Ons het baie dinge nodig, maar ons sal voorlopig tevrede wees met 'n tehuis vir verpleegsters, want as ons so 'n gebou het, sal ons 'n ekstra sewe beddens vry hê vir pasiënte.

„Ons toekoms is tans baie rooskleurig, en ons is baie gelukkig in ons werk.”

Dit is voorwaar 'n baie goeie en bemoeidende rapport, en ons is bly om te sê dat die seën van die Here op die inrigting gerus het van die dag af dat dit geopen is.

Ons wil andermaal weer ons hartlike dank betuig aan almal wat gehelp het om die oprigting van die hospitaal moontlik te maak. Van die Dertiende-Sabbat surplus het ons sowat £600 ontvang, en uit die boedel van wyle Suster Thompson 'n bedrag van £750. Ons voel dat hierdie laaste bedrag ontvang is as die regstreekse gevolg van gebed, want dit was eers na ons met die bouwerk begin het dat ons van hierdie erflating gehoor het.

Die toekoms van die inrigting is veelbelwend. Dr. Tonge en Dr. Josephine

## Goeie Nuus van Nokuphila Hospitaal

J. F. WRIGHT

'N BIETJIE meer as twee jaar gelede het dit vir ons duidelik geword dat daar 'n groot veld vir mediese-sendingwerk was onder die duisende naturelle op die Rand. Dikwels, tydens ons insamelingswerk, het die mense van Johannesburg gevra wat ons nou eintlik in hierdie oopsig doen, en altyd moes ons erken dat ons nie soveel doen as wat ons graag wou nie. Die Divisiekomitee het toe hulle aandag aan hierdie saak begin wy, en tydens die besoek van Leraar I. H. Evans van Amerika is daar besluit om die Nokuphila Hospitaal op te rig. Die woord „Nokuphila” beteken in die inboorlingstaal „Die Moeder van Gesondheid.”

Die hospitaal is 'n bietjie meer as 'n jaar gelede geopen, en dit doen ons genoë om gedeeltes van Dr. Tonge se eerste jaarverslag aan die OUTLOOK lesers mee te deel:

„Dit is met 'n gevoel van tevredenheid dat ek die eerste jaarverslag van die Nokuphila Hospitaal aan u voorlê. Die hospitaal is nou vir bietjie meer as 'n jaar in werking. Die werk wat gedurende die jaar

verrig is, is baie bevredigend, en ek is seker dat u, as lede van die raad, daarmee sal saamstem nadat ek 'n paar feite onder u aandag gebring het.

„Daar is twintig beddens beskikbaar, en gedurende die jaar was daar daeliks gemiddeld sewentien pasiënte onder behandeling. Hier word ons nie toegelaat om te maak soos in die sendingveld nie; ons kan b.v. nie pasiënte op die vloer laat lê nie — die gesondheidswette van die Stadsraad laat nie so iets toe nie, en hulle laat net 'n sekere hoeveelheid beddens in 'n afdeling toe.

„Gedurende die jaar is daar 529 pasiënte in die hospitaal opgeneem. Hiervan het 98 ernstige operasies, en 238 minder ernstige operasies ondergaan. Die orige 193 het gewone mediese behandeling geniet. As u daaraan dink dat 336 van die 529 pasiënte operasies ondergaan het, en met 'n kennis van die naturelle soos wat u het, sal u erken dat God die weg op wonderbaarlike wyse vir ons geopen het.

„In die begin het ons sowat vyf pasiënte

Davies doen alles in hulle vermoë om dit 'n aanwins vir ons werk te maak. Die verpleegsters wat aangestel is, het hulle pligte getrou nagekom. Ons het nou ook 'n naturelle leraar aangestel om die geestelike belangte by die hospitaal te behartig. Die pasiënte begin alreeds belangstelling toon in die geloof en werk van Sewendag Adventiste. Laat ons almal ernstig bid dat die Here hierdie inrigting tot groot seën sal maak vir diegene wat daarmee in aanraking kom.

## Uitgewers Dept.

F. E. Potter, Sekretaris

### Stille Boodskappers

F. E. POTTER

JARE geleden het 'n getroue kolporteur wat van plaas tot plaas gegaan het, 'n eksemplaar van Bybellesings aan 'n sekere Mr. J. H. de Beer van die plaas „Roodepoort“ in die distrik van Middelburg verkoop.

Stil, en onder die leiding van God's Heilige Gees, het die boek sy werk gedoen, en die koper is oortuig van die waarhede wat dit bevat het.

Daar het 'n begeerte by hom ontstaan om God op aanneemlike wyse te dien deur Sy geboorie getrou te betrags. Waar sou die mense wees wat die Sabbat op Saterdag vier, wat nie sterk drank of tabak gebruik nie en wat gereeld 'n deel van hulle inkomste in die skatkis van God stort? Missien sal die uitgewers van die boek weet, en dus het Mr. De Beer 'n brief aan die Sentinel Uitgewers-Maatskappy geskryf en hulle gevra om hom in verbinding te stel met die mense en hulle te vra om iemand na sy plaas te stuur om hulle daar verder te kom onderrig in die nuutgevonde waarhede.

Op hierdie manier het ons in aanraking gekom met die gesin daar in die Transvaal, en die goeie werk van die kolporteur wat die boek verkoop het, is opgevolg.

Lees nou die volgende brief, en moenie vergeet om God gedurig te dank vir die werk van die leesstofbediening nie. Smeek Sy seën af op die manne en vroue wat as voorhoede van die leer van die Here in Suidelike Afrika optrek.

„Geagte Meneer,

„Ek wil u graag in kennis stel dat Mr. D. A. de Beer my besoek het, en dit was vir my 'n groot vreugde. Dis net jammer dat sy besoek so kort was. Ek wil nou vra of dit nie moontlik is dat 'n werker hierheen gestuur kan word nie, want hier is 'n groot arbeidsveld en ook baie mense. Ons sou nie omgee as Mr. De Beer ons weer kon besoek nie; laat my asschließ weet of dit moontlik is.

„Vier van ons neem die waarheid aan; my vader en moeder en my vrou en ek.

„Ek moet u hartlik bedank vir Mn. De Beer se besoek.

„Met beste groete bly ek,

„U Vriend in Christus,

[Get.] "J. H. DE BEER."

Dank die Here vir hierdie siele!



## Die Nut van die Kolporteur-werk

E. VAN ALPHEN,  
Arnhem, Holland

JARE geleden het 'n twaalfjarige jong seun in Holland by sy oom gaan kuier. Sy oom het hom toegelaat om prente te kyk in sy tydskrifte waarvan hy 'n aantal gehad het, en waaroor ook die *Teeken van des Tijds* was. Laasgenoemde blad, veral een van die artikels daarin wat oor die nuwe aarde gehandel het, het hom baie geinteresseer, met die gevolg dat sy oom die blaas aan hom present gegee het. Ses jaar het verby gegaan, maar die waarheid het hierdie jong seun so beetgepak dat hy nie meer daarvan kon loskom nie. Namate sy verstand ontwikkel, het, het die oortuiging ook by hom posgevat dat hy die Sabbath moes vier, veral daar hy elke Sondag moes hoor hoedat die vierde gebod deur sy predikant voorgelees word. Nog sy ouers nog die dominee kon hom weerhou om te doen wat hulle teoreties voorgehou het maar in die praktyk nie uitgelewe het nie. In kort, hierdie jongman wat nou negentien jaar oud geword het, het 'n Sewende-dag Adventis geword. Hy het sy werk opgegee en kolporteur geword.

In die loop van sy werk het hy in een van die Katolieke provinsies van Nederland te lande gekom waar hy in aanraking gekom het met 'n opsigter van die spoorweë, wie se belangstelling hy opgewek het — hierdie man was 'n Katoliek. Eers, egter, het hierdie kolporteur met die stasie-meester gepraat; dié het hom 'n Adventiste blad gewys wat hy saam met ander tydskrifte van die opsigter geleen het. Die stasie-meester het aan die kolporteur gesê: „U moet na my kollega, die opsigter, gaan, u sal met hom kan praat.“ Dit is gedoen, met die gevolg dat die opsigter ook 'n Sewende-dag Adventis geword het. Die opsigter het ook sy werk opgegee en kolporteur geword, en is dit vandag nog.

Die kolporteur wat aan die oom die eerste *Teekens* verkoop het, leef nog en is steeds kolporteur in die werk — hy het natuurlik baie ouer geword.

Die jong seun waarmee die verhaal begin, is die skrywer self, wat in die tussen-tyd tot 'n man ontwikkel het. In hierdie verhaal kan u die gesende uitwerking van een enkele *Teekens* sien. Die waarde van die leesstof wat hierdie drie kolporteurs verkoop het, sal tesame seker honderde pondes beloop.



„Die geloof is uit die gehoor en die gehoor is deur die woord van God.“

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## Nuusbrokkies

LERAAR J. H. RAUBENHEIMER het onlangs 'n geslaagde operasie ondergaan vir appendicitis. Na hy twee weke by die kus deurgebring het, is hy van plan om 'n tentpoging in Sentraal-Pretoria te hou waar hy 'n groot tent het wat sowat 550 siele kan bevat. Broeder E. Stevenson en Suster A. Bulgin sal hom behulpsaam wees.

LERAAR VENTER gaan goed aan met sy werk op Volksrust. Hoewel die opkoms in die begin baie ontmoedigend was, is daar tens groot belangstelling. Hy word bygestaan deur Broeder Du Plessis. Broeder Venter hou ook toesig oor die gemeentes op Standerton, Ermelo en Ladysmith.

BROEDER HERHOLDT trek 'n goede gehoor op Marquard. By die aanvang was daar heftige teenstand, maar Broeder Herholdt laat hom nooit daardeur van stryk bring nie. Daar is opregte siele op Marquard wat uitstaan vir die waarheid. Saam met hom is Broeder Haarhoff. Hulle besoek ook die gemeentes op Bethlehem, Ficksburg, Senekal en Kroonstad.

BROEDER D. EVA moes maar 'n baie moeilike tyd deurmaak op Maritzburg. Die opkoms na die dienste is baie verhinder as gevolg van die voortdurende onweer. Maar hy en Suster Lund het darem nog nie moed verloor nie en hulle verwag vrugte op hulle werk. Broeder Eva besoek ook die gelowiges op Estcourt, Sweetwaters en Ladysmith.

LERAAR INGLE se dienste in die suidelike voorstede van Johannesburg was maar sleg bygewoon. Daar is egter darem 'n paar wat uitstaan vir die waarheid. Saam met hom is Susters A. Mitchley en M. Dixie.

BROEDER MOOLMAN, die kerkskool onderwyser op Bethlehem besoek die gelowiges op Reitz eenmaal per maand. Aangesien daar geen Sondagstreine in die Vrystaat loop nie, het die Bethlehemse gelowiges ondernem om te sorg vir sy vervoer na Reitz.

DIE broeders van ons Potchefstroomse kerk is baie behulpsaam met die bearbeiding van die verskillende groepies in die distrik. Eenmaal per maand besoek Broeder Uys die gelowiges op Parys. Broeders Havenga en Willemse besoek maandeliks die groepie op Fochville en Doornpoort. Hulle besoek Ventersdorp ook af en toe. Hulle help word baie gewaardeer en die

werk wat hulle doen strek ook tot groot seën vir hulle eie siele.

Daar is pragtige opkomste na die tentdienste wat Leraar Combrinck op Edenvale hou, sowat agt myl van Germiston. Sowat 150 mense woon die dienste saans by. Aangesien die dorpie nog nie met elektrisiteit verlig is nie, gebruik Broeder Combrinck 'n motor-battery vir die verligting van sy tent — hy laat hom van niks dwarsboom nie. Broeder A. v. d. Bergh is hom behulpsaam. Hulle hou ook toesig oor die tien gemeentes langs die Oos-Rand, en besoek Potchefstroom ook af en toe.

ONS gemeentetjie op Kroonstad het 'n geskikte vergaderplek baie nodig. Die gebou waarin hulle hulle dienste oor die afgelope drie jaar gehou het, is nie langer beskikbaar nie. Op 'n wonderbaarlike wyse het die Presbyteriaanse gemeente baie goedgunstig hulle kerkgebou afgestaan vir die Vrydag-aand- en Sabbatdienste. Hulle het ook die konsistorie afgestaan vir gebruik as kerkskool. Ons waardeer ten seerste die welwillendheid van die Presbyteriaanse gemeente op Kroonstad.

BROEDER J. THERON, ons kerkskoolonderwyser op Kroonstad doen goeie werk, en hy is gevra om ook die Presbyteriaanse gemeente af en toe toe te spreek.

LERAAR A. W. STAPLES se dienste op Orange Grove word goed bygewoon. Hy hou sy dienste in die „Sons of England“ saal, en word bygestaan deur Broeder Worsley en Suster Jeffrey. Hulle verwag 'n mooi klompie gelowiges aldaar. Broeder Worsley besoek elke maand die gelowiges op Vereeniging en Evaton.

BROEDER D. A. DE BEER is in die Machadodorp distrik werkzaam. As gevolg van sy pogings sal daar op 12 Maart dertien kandidate op Ermelo gedoop word. Leraar Staples, vergesel van Broeder P. W. Willmore, sal die doop bedien.

AFCESIEN van sy kantoorwerk hou Broeder Willmore ook toesig oor die gemeente op Kenilworth, Johannesburg, en baie aande sing hy nog by die dienste wat daar gehou word. Sy dienste word baie op prys gestel.

BROEDER P. VAN DER MERWE werk stil maar seker in die noordelike Transvaal. Gereeld Bybelwerk op Nylstroom en die toesig oor die gemeentes op Naboomspruit en Potgietersrust hou hom besig.

ONS kolporteurs doen ook uitstekende werk. Gedurende Februariemaand is daar boeke ter waarde van £900 aangelever. Baie van die kolporteurs is nou weer terug op Helderberg en ons mis hulle baie. Broeder L. Staples is gedurig besig om die een of ander van sy manskappe te help. Ons het 'n hele paar nuwe rekrute wat uitstekende werk doen.

ONS neem hierdie geleentheid tebaat om Broeder Joubert van Springs onder die kolporteurs te verwelkom. Vir etlike jare was hy in diens van die stadsraad op Springs, maar as gevolg van sy oortuings op die Sabbatkwessie moes hy uit diens tree. Hy het egter 'n baie mooi begin gemaak met die kolporteerwerk.

BROEDER OPPENSHAW het die waarheid verlede jaar onder bearbeiding van Leraar Staples aangeneem. Hy het sy diens in 'n makkelaarskantoor opgesê en is tans besig met kolporteerwerk in die westelike Transvaal.

BROEDER JENNINGS wat eers skrynweker op Johannesburg was, het ook by die gelede van die kolporteurs aangesluit. Ons wil hierdie broeders hartlik in ons midde verwelkom.

SUSTER WINTERBACH, 'n gewese onderwyseres, is besig op Vereniging met kolporteerwerk; mag die Here se rykste seën op haar werk rus.

ONS werk gaan vooruit en ons dank die Here daarvoor. Ons vra u voorbidding vir die werk van die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie.

## Roubeklag

HIERMEE wens ons ons simpatie te buitig aan Suster W. F. Bezuidenhout van Springs, wat haar twee groot seuns op so 'n tragiese wyse verloor het binne 'n jaar se tyd. Op 29 Oktober 1936 is Martinus Lourens Bezuidenhout op 25 jarige leeftyd verongeluk terwyl hy op pad werk-toe was met sy motorfiets.

En op 8 Oktober 1937 is Hendrik Jacobus Bezuidenhout op 24 jarige leeftyd verongeluk toe hy aan 'n elektriese draad onder stroom geraak het in 'n huis waar hy werkzaam was.

Dit was 'n sware slag vir die moeder, vader en drie kinders, daar die twee seuns die broondwinners was.

Hulle is bymekaar in die Brakpanse kerkhof begrawe waar skrywer woorde van troos en vermaning gespreek het.

Hulle heengaan is 'n roepstem aan alle jongmense om ag te slaan op die volgende vermaning van Gods woord: „Dink aan jou Skepper in die dae van jou jonkheid.“ Pred. 12:1.

J. J. B. COMBRINCK.

## Obituary

VAIL.—Rowlind Lester Vail was born November 20, 1936, and passed away on January 18, 1937, at the age of one year, one month, and twenty-nine days. He was truly a missionary baby, having been born here at Gitwe Mission.

Little Rowlind was an exceptionally sweet and patient baby and won his way into the hearts of the mission families. Rowlind had a hard case of whooping cough several months ago and was unable at this time to overcome a severe attack of bronchitis. Like a beautiful flower that blossoms only to fade again, he leaves the fragrance of pure and beautiful babyhood. The parents and his little brothers and sister will treasure the precious memories of his dear little life while he was in their midst.

A little child shall lead them into higher, purer, and nobler living.

Words of comfort were spoken at the home and the grave-side by Elder G. A. Ellingworth and the writer.

MILTON ROBISON.

## News Items

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BROTHER P. VAN DE MERWE is working quietly and steadily in the northern Transvaal. Regular Bible work in Nylstroom and regular visiting of the Naboomspruit and Potgietersrust companies keep him busy.

OUR canvassers are doing good work. During the month of February there were over £900 worth of books delivered. Several of the canvassers are now back at Helderberg, or are commencing there for the first time, so we need to fill the gaps with some good men. Brother L. Staples is busy all the time with his men. We have several fine new recruits who are doing good work.

WE welcome Brother Joubert from Springs. He has been an employee for some years of the municipality there, but left on account of the Sabbath. He is making an excellent start in the colporteur work.

BROTHER OPPENSHAW accepted the truth under Brother Staples last year. He left his work in a broker's office and is making a good start in the colporteur work out in the western Transvaal.

BROTHER JENNINGS voluntarily left his work as a carpenter in Johannesburg and is doing good work on the western Reef. We welcome these men to our ranks.

SISTER WINTERBACH, a retired Government school teacher, feels the urge of the message and is now canvassing in the Vereeniging area. May God bless her.

THE work is onward! We thank God for it. Remember the work in the Natal-Transvaal Conference in your prayers.



"To every one who offers himself for service, withholding nothing, is given the power to achieve measureless results."

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### Telegraphic Address Changed

BROTHER I. H. HARRISON advises us that arrangements have been made to have the telegraphic address of the Zambezi Union Mission changed from "Zumosda" to "Adventist." In future all telegrams sent to the office, or to the officers, should be addressed, "Adventist," Bulawayo.

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### Our Girls' Work at Mwami Mission

MRS. G. PEARSON

OWING to a great need it was decided to begin work for the girls in this area. For some time we had had requests for such work to be done, but because of lack of funds it had not been possible to put up buildings to accommodate them. I had already taken in four girls whose parents had pleaded to have them stay. These girls first stayed in the villages on the mission, but afterwards came and stayed in a small hut near my home, earning their food by working in the home.

Towards the end of 1936 we were fortunate in receiving a sum of money from our union which enabled us to put up a very fine dormitory which was capable of housing at least twenty girls.

It was a happy day when the building was finished and our work began.

Now at the end of a year we feel it has been worth while. The girls have been happy and have improved in all ways. Lessons in housewifery, cooking, and sewing are given, and child welfare is being taught in the best way — by the care of two babies. These babies are motherless, and were given to us by their fathers.

The girls have shown a wonderful spirit in caring for these babies and have profited from doing so. The children are a credit to them. Not only do they care for them but every garment these children wear has been made by the "little mothers."

The taking of these babies into the girls' home and the good care they have received has been a blessing to our work, for the natives in the villages are talking about it, and the desire is awakening in their minds to have their daughters educated in the same way so that they may become good wives and mothers.

One of our girls made excellent grades when she passed the Standard IV examination set by the Government. She is now in training at Malamulo Training School and her desire is to return and work in this area after her graduation.

We feel that Mwami is as a light set on a hill. Its beams must reach far off into all the heathen villages and shed light into the hearts of those who desire to learn. We desire the prayers of our brethren and sisters as we endeavour to let our lights shine around Mwami.

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## Churches and Companies

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