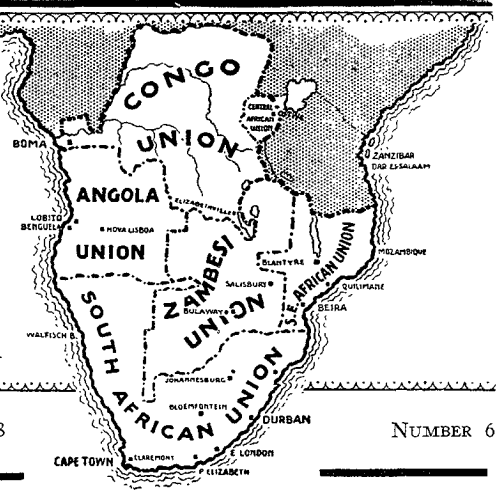


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Incomparable Love --- Incomparable Sacrifice

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GOD so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

"O, the mystery of redemption! the love of God for a world that did not love Him! Who can know the depths of that love which 'passeth knowledge'? Through endless ages, immortal minds, seeking to comprehend the mystery of that incomprehensible love, will wonder and adore."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets,"* pages 63, 64.

"It was a costly sacrifice that the Lord of heaven made. Divine benevolence was stirred to its unfathomable depths; it was impossible for God to give more."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. IX, pages 59, 60.

Such love, such sacrifice, could be equalled only by the Son of God, who said: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. . . . I lay down My life for the sheep. . . . No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself." John 10: 11-18. The giving of His life was entirely a voluntary act on the part of Jesus.

As we contemplate the love of God the Father, and of God the Son, we can only say with the beloved John: "Behold, what manner of love!" It is amazing, incomparable, incomprehensible. Its "breadth, and length, and depth, and height" can be understood only in the light streaming from Calvary's cross. "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Peter 1: 18, 19. What an infinite price was paid, my brother, my sister, for your salvation, and for mine! What a marvellous sacrifice was made by the Deity in order to rescue us from eternal death! The reverent contemplation of such a theme,—*"The matchless love of God for a world that did not love Him!"*—has a subduing power upon the soul, and brings the mind into captivity to the will of God.

The plan of salvation was laid in sacrifice. Had silver and gold been sufficient to purchase our salvation, how easily might it have been accomplished by Him who

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Weergalose Liefde--- Weergalose Offer

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SO lief het God die wêreld gehad, dat Hy Sy eniggebore Seun gegee het, sodat elkeen wat in Hom glo, nie verlore mag gaan nie, maar die ewige lewe kan hê." Joh. 3: 16.

"O, die verborgenheid van die verlossing! Wie kan die liefde peil wat 'alle verstand tebowe gaan'? Deur die ewigheid heen sal diegene wat soek om die verborgenheid van daardie onbegryplike liefde te verstaan, steeds verbaas staan en in liefde neerbuig."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets,"* bls. 63, 64.

"Dit was 'n duur offer wat die Here van die hemel gegee het. Die goddelike liefde was tot sy diepste dieptes ontroer; dit was onmoontlik vir God om meer te gee."—*"Testimonies,"* Deel IX, bls. 59, 60.

Sulke liefde, en so 'n offer kon alleen van die Seun van God kom, wat gesê het: "Ek is die goeie Herder. Die goeie Herder lê Sy lewe af vir die skape. . . . Ek lê My lewe af vir die skape. . . . Niemand neem dit van My af nie, maar Ek lê dit af uit Myself." Joh. 10: 11-18. Jesus het Sy lewe heeltemal vrywillig afgelê.

Waar ons die liefde van God die Vader, en van God die Seun oorpeins, kan ons maar net saam met Johannes uitroep: "Kyk wat 'n liefde!" Dit is verbasend, weergaloos, onbegryplik. Die "lengte en breedte en diepte en hoogte" daarvan kan alleen gesien word in die lig wat van Golgota straal. "Julle weet dat julle nie deur verganklike dinge, silwer of goud, losgekoop is uit julle nie-tige lewenswandel wat deur die vaders oorgelewer is nie, maar deur die kosbare bloed van Christus, soos van 'n Lam sonder gebrek en vlekkeloos." 1 Pet. 1: 18, 19. Wat 'n oneindige prys, my broeder en suster, is vir u verlossing en myne betaal! Watter ontsettende offer is daar deur God gegee om ons van die ewige dood te verlos! Die eerbiedige oorpeinsing van so 'n onderwerp —, "Die weergalose liefde van God vir 'n wêreld wat Hom nie liefgehad het nie!"—het 'n versagtende invloed op die siel; dit neem die gedagtes gevange en onderwerp hulle aan die wil van God.

Die verlossingsplan is op opoffering gegrondves. As ons deur silwer en goud kon vrygekoop gewees het, hoe

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says, "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine." But such an offering could never accomplish the salvation of the transgressor of God's holy law, else it would have been made. Nothing but the blood of the Son of God could redeem the sinner. He freely gave all for us. "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." 2 Cor. 8:9.

Seeing that such matchless love was revealed for us in the incomparable sacrifice of the Son of God, shall we who have been redeemed refuse to share His sufferings, His sacrifice, for His sake, for other's sake, and for our own sake?

If we are saved ultimately, it will be because the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts; because we are partakers of the same spirit that moved Him to sacrifice all for us. Jesus speaks of His mission thus: "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." Matt. 20:28. "When He shall appear, we shall be like Him." It must be evident, therefore, that before He appears, every true believer will have caught the spirit that moved the Saviour to such heroic deeds in personal sacrifice to save you and me.

Will you go with me to Gethsemane and witness the Son of God as He wrestled alone with the powers of darkness, while "His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." Long continued was the conflict, but at last —

"The awful moment had come,—that moment which was to decide the destiny of the world. The fate of humanity trembled in the balance. Christ might even now refuse to drink the cup apportioned to guilty man. It was not yet too late. He might wipe the bloody sweat from His brow, and leave man to perish in his iniquity. He might say, Let the transgressor receive the penalty of his sin, and I will go back to My Father. Will the Son of God drink the bitter cup of humiliation and agony? Will the innocent suffer the consequences of the curse of sin, to save the guilty? The words fall tremblingly from the pale lips of Jesus, 'O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done.'"

"Three times has He uttered that prayer. Three times has humanity shrunk from the last, crowning sacrifice. But now the history of the human race comes up before the world's Redeemer. He sees that the transgressors of the law, if left to themselves, must perish. He sees the helplessness of man. He sees the power of sin. The woes and lamentations of the doomed world rise before Him. He beholds its impending fate, and His decision is made. He will save man at any cost to Himself.

He accepts His baptism of blood, that through Him perishing millions may gain everlasting life. He has left the courts of heaven, where all is purity, happiness, and glory, to save the one lost sheep, the one world that has fallen by transgression. And He will not turn from His mission, He will become the propitiation of a race that has willed to sin. His prayer now breathes only submission: 'If this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done.'—"The Desire of Ages," pages 690, 693.

Think of the indescribable agony of the Son of God in the court of the high priest, in Pilate's judgment hall, and on Calvary, till the climax was reached when Jesus cried, "It is finished," "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit." All this was endured for us.

After prayerful contemplation of such infinite love for the sinner, of such incomparable sacrifice that we might be saved eternally, involuntarily we exclaim from the depths of broken and contrite hearts:

"Precious Saviour, gladly I give to Thee my heart, my body, my all. I withhold from Thee nothing. All is Thine, and Thine forever. I give Thee my time in faithful, joyful service. I give Thee my money; henceforth it all shall belong to Thee, while I am to be Thy steward to be directed by Thee in the expenditure of the whole. All the tithe shall be placed in the treasury of the church, and every call for offerings to help carry the good news of salvation to others, to help the poor and needy, will be answered to the extent of my ability; and in doing so, I will joyfully sacrifice my own personal ambitions and desires so far as such a sacrifice can contribute to the glory of God. I will whole-heartedly join my brethren in every endeavour to advance the kingdom of God on earth."

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Baptism at Ermelo

A. W. STAPLES

EARLY Sabbath morning, March 12, Brother P. W. Willmore, Sister Jeffrey, and the writer left by car from Johannesburg for Ermelo arriving there at 9:30 A.M. Already the people were gathering from far and near and a general feeling of expectation pervaded the atmosphere.

The rally had been called by Brother D. A. de Beer, our worker in the Eastern Transvaal, for the purpose of binding off his work. The Sabbath school hour was followed by a preaching service, when the writer spoke on the subject of our need

to prepare to meet our God. At this hour also deacons were ordained to serve the local church.

All gathered at the church at 2:30 P.M. and eagerly listened to an inspiring address by Brother Willmore, after which the writer conducted a baptismal service. Twelve precious souls stepped forward confessing their acceptance of the Lord Jesus and of the message for these last days. In the examination of the candidates a full and free consecration to the Lord was manifest on the part of all. The presence of the Lord was felt and hearts were touched as one by one these brethren and sisters were buried with their Lord to rise with Him to walk in newness of life. Eleven of the candidates were from Machadodorp and one from Carolina. Several had previously been baptised at the time of the camp-meeting in Johannesburg. Thus we were able to rejoice with Brother De Beer in the blessing of God upon his soul-winning endeavours. His face was lit up with the joy of the Lord—the joy of being a co-labourer with the Master in winning precious souls.

At 4:00 P.M. all assembled for the celebration of the ordinances of the Lord's house. How fitting a climax to the services of the day! Examining ourselves, we drew near in faith, believing in and receiving the promised blessing. All left with the inner assurance of acceptance with God.

Shall we not uphold the hands of Brother D. A. de Beer in prayer that God may continue to bless his soul-winning work in the Eastern Transvaal?

Z. U. Mission

J. R. Campbell Superintendent
I. H. Harrison Secy.-Treas.

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News Notes

ELDER G. R. NASH and family are now located at Lower Gwelo Mission. Elder Nash has taken over the superintendency of the Southern Rhodesia Mission Field. We are indeed glad to have a man of Elder Nash's type and experience to head up the work in this large field. He has also been appointed president of the Rhodesia Conference. These two departments will keep him extremely busy.

ELDER AND SISTER J. G. SIEPMAN recently passed through Bulawayo on their way south to take their well-earned coastal furlough. On their way they stopped at the Kanye Medical Mission to consult Dr. Marcus regarding Mrs. Siepman's health, and also to visit their daughter, Miss Mary Siepman, who is the nurse there.

It was found necessary for Mrs. Siepman to have a heavy operation. She is

"Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." Psalms 50:5.

now slowly regaining her strength, and we sincerely pray that she may soon recover, and go on her way to the coast, for a much-needed change.

THE Lord has been good to us in the Zambesi Union during the past year. The financial problems have been almost beyond solution, but the Lord is helping us to carry on. During the past year we baptised 1,170 souls. At the close of the year there were in the hearers' and probationers' classes over 6,000 persons.

RECENTLY Brethren Campbell and Harrison made a visit to the Maun Medical Mission in N'gamiland. The hospital and surroundings are very pretty at this season of the year. The work is growing in favour with both the Europeans and natives. Doctors Bringle and Foster are located here, and are getting the work built up nicely.

Doctor and Mrs. Foster and their two little boys have recently come from the States. We are surely glad to have them in this union.

Mrs. Bringle has not yet returned from the States. She left Africa a few months ago to be with her father during his last illness. Her father has since passed away. I am sure that all wish to extend to her their sincere sympathy.

The European community at Maun are at present collecting for the installation of electric lights on the mission. This certainly shows a friendly attitude toward the institution.

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Important Announcement

SIGNS AND TEKENS CLUBS

WILL Church Missionary Secretaries kindly bear in mind that advice of cancellations of, or reductions in, CLUBS must be *IN the Sentinel Publishing Company office* by the 15th of the month previous to the month of issue. Any advice received after the 15th will not be acted upon until the following month.

Similarly, advices of new clubs, or increases of standing clubs, should be in our hands by the 15th of each month. Those received later will be supplied if stocks permit, otherwise they will be held over till the following month.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

We receive many complaints about the non-receipt of *Signs*, *Tekens*, and *OUTLOOK*, from both our own members and outside subscribers. Careful investigation nearly always reveals that this is due to change of address which is not notified to publishers or postal authorities.

You will assist us in maintaining an efficient service if you will immediately notify us of any change in your address, or the address of those from whom you have solicited subscriptions, for either *Signs* or *Tekens*.

Publishing Dept.

F. E. Potter, Secretary

What the Signs can do

YEARS ago a little lad of about twelve years of age paid a visit to his uncle. He was allowed to look at the pictures in his uncle's magazines of which there were several, and also to read in some of them. Among the magazines was a copy of the *Signs of the Times* (Dutch). The contents of this magazine, especially an article on the "New Earth" interested the young lad—so much so that his uncle presented him with the paper. Six years went by, but the truth had taken such a hold of this young man that it would not let him go. As he began to understand things better the conviction came to him with great force that he should keep the Sabbath, and this all the more as he heard the minister read the fourth commandment from the pulpit every Sunday. Neither his parents nor the minister could stop him from keeping the day, which in theory they advocated, but in practice they violated. By this time the young man had turned nineteen, and he became a Seventh-day Adventist. To relate his experiences in detail is of course out of the question, save to say that he gave up his work and became a colporteur.

In the course of his work he came to one of the Catholic provinces of the

Netherlands where he interested a railway superintendent in the truth. This happened in a rather strange way: the colporteur in the first instance came into contact with the station master, who showed him some literature of various faiths among which was also a Seventh-day Adventist publication; but this official said to him: "You should go and see my superintendent, you will be able to talk to him." The colporteur did this, with the result that the superintendent eventually became a Seventh-day Adventist.

He later gave up his position and became a colporteur, and is still one today. So this little lad with whom the story begins became a colporteur, and through God's help he brought the railway superintendent also into the Lord's vineyard. They are now colleagues in the work, and they have never regretted it. Today, in 1938, they are still vigorously and courageously working for God, although they have had to weather many storms.

The colporteur who originally sold the *Signs* to the uncle is still a colporteur, but has aged considerably in the meantime; and the little lad is the writer of this article. So you do see what just one *Signs* can do! These three colporteurs have together sold hundreds of pounds worth of truth-filled literature.

E. VAN ALPHEN, Holland.

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"THE plan of redemption was laid in sacrifice,—a sacrifice so broad and deep and high that it is immeasurable."—*"Christ's Object Lessons," page 43.*

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The Layman's Page

FOR STRENGTH AND SERVICE

Conducted by the South African Union Conference Home Missionary Department

Reports

BELOW we present for thoughtful consideration the report of our Home Missionary Department within the South African Union Conference for the last quarter of 1937, comparing it with the corresponding quarter of 1936:

	1936	1937
Bible readings	3,756	3,995
Missionary visits	6,387	6,051
Persons taken to S. school or other services	1,831	1,591
Treatments given	2,040	2,848
Persons given needed help	10,010	9,971
Hrs. of Christian help work		1,007
Articles of clothing given to needy	3,735	4,370
Bouquets and fruit baskets given		481
Books, etc., distributed	68,640	42,294
Missionary letters written	3,968	2,527
No. added to the conference (as result of missionary work of lay-members) since last report.		10

With the greater "Win-One" campaign under way this year, we look forward with confidence to a large increase in every line of activity.

The "Win-One" Movement is on

A WEEK ago I was privileged to witness the baptism of a young brother who has accepted the truth entirely through the efforts of two lay-sisters.

An aged and somewhat infirm sister, who is unable to engage in active missionary work, is in the habit of interesting callers to her home in the truth. Her son's friend was sold the *Signs* over an extended period, and visits to the home provided an occasion for a few timely words to be spoken. In spite of indifference the young man found himself impressed by our sister's testimony, and later accepted the invitation to attend some Bible studies given by another sister of the church. This young man became convinced of the truth and sacrificed his position in order to keep the Sabbath. One of our ministers found him thoroughly instructed in all points of truth and buried him with his Lord in baptism.

The *Signs*, and a continual, earnest testimony by an aged sister had won a soul. God can help you to win one this way.

Signs Week Results

THE results of the *Signs* Campaign of last December fell below our expectations. Some of the reasons for this are clear, others are rather obscure. A number of churches received their supplies too late to commence on time, which handicapped them rather heavily; while it is possible that a degree of apathy on the part of many contributed in no small measure toward the poor returns.

Certainly the figures provide material for serious thought and reflection. They are by no means a reason for discouragement, but should lead us to resolve that, by the help of God, the 1938 *Signs* and *Tekens* Campaign will, by perfect organisation and united effort, turn the tide to success.

The Lord calls upon
His people to labour
—labour earnestly and
wisely—while proba-
tion lingers.—"*Testi-
monies*," Vol. 9, p. 127.

Field	Signs	Tekens	Total
Natal-Tvl. Conf.	387	120	507
Cape Conference	254	79	333
Cape Field	202	43	245
GRAND TOTAL	843	242	1085

Greater Literature Circulation

"LET every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time."—*Statement by Mrs. E. G. White in Southern Watchman, of January 5, 1904.* This quotation from the Spirit of prophecy suggests that our literature is the seed of the third angel's message. "He which soweth sparingly shall

reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." If we are expecting to reap a harvest of souls in our neighbourhood we must sow the seed with an unsparing hand.

Every opportunity must be grasped, every avenue explored, and every device used that will bring an ever-increasing circle into touch with the truth contained in the printed page. Dentists' and doctors' waiting rooms, barbers' shops, and libraries all present possible locations whereby the public can be introduced to our magazines. From door-to-door, on the street, through the post, are avenues by which contacts can be made and tracts and papers profitably used. Every caller to a Seventh-day Adventist home is a potential convert, and our missionary endeavours would be increased enormously were some shelf or corner in every Adventist home a storehouse of literature for free distribution.

In the Field

SINCE the beginning of this year Home Missionary conventions have been held in Germiston, Alberton, Gezina, Johannesburg (central), Melville and East London. We found our people of good courage, and many were eager to become acquainted with better methods of labour so as to become more efficient soul winners. The officers were diligent in their work, and keen to adapt their plans and ideas so as to render the highest type of service.

We look forward to a period of growth and fruitful missionary endeavour in these churches.

The Present Truth

THE first three numbers of "Present Truth" in Afrikaans are now off the press, and numbers four and five will be ready by April 15. This paper is also obtainable in English and is timely, topical, and attractive.

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50 copies	2/9
25 copies	1/6
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Prepare for the Week of Sacrifice which comes April 23-30

Bladsy vir Leke

VIR KRAG EN DIENS

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

Rapporte

ONDERSTAANDE is 'n verslag van die Buurtsendingwerk wat binne die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie gedoen is gedurende die laaste kwartaal van 1937. Daar word 'n vergelyking gemaak met die syfers oor dieselfde tydperk gedurende 1936.

Bybellesings	3,756	3,995
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Ure van Christelike diens		1,007
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Sendingbriewe geskryf	3,968	2,527
Lede gewin as gevolg van sendingwerk van leke		10

As gevolg van die Win-Een-Veldtog wat hierdie jaar van stapel geloop het, sien ons uit na 'n vermeerdering van werk onder al die poste.

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Die Win-Een-Veldtog is aan die Gang

SOWAT 'n week gelede het ek die voorreg gehad om te sien hoedat 'n jong broeder gedoop is as gevolg van die werk van twee leke-susters.

Een van ons susters wat bejaard en nie te gesond is nie, het die gewoonte om met diegene wat haar huis besoek oor die waarheid te praat. Vir geruime tyd reeds was die *Signs* aan 'n vriend van haar seun verkoop; en tydens sy besoeke aan daardie huis is ook met hom gepraat. Ten spyte van sy onverskillige houding het die jongman later onder die indruk van hierdie suster se woorde gekom, en hy het eendelik ingewillig om Bybelstudies by te woon wat 'n ander suster gegee het. Die gevolg daarvan was dat die jongman van die waarheid oortuig is en sy werk opgegee het om die Sabbat te hou; en hy is toe deur een van ons predikante gedoop. Die *Signs* en die getuienis van 'n bejaarde suster het dus 'n siel gewin. Die Here kan u help om ook op hierdie manier 'n siel te win.

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„DIE wat baie tot regverdigheid lei [sal glinster] soos die sterre vir ewig en altoos.” Dan. 12:3.

Die Signs- en Tekens-week

DIE uitslag van die *Signs- en Tekens-*veldtog van verlede Desember word hieronder gegee. Die uitslag was maar baie swak; ons is bewus van sommige van die redes hiervoor, maar ander is vir ons duister. 'n Aantal van die kerke het hulle voorrade te laat ontvang en kon dus nie op tyd begin nie—dit het hulle baie teruggesit. Maar dit is ook moontlik dat die onverskilligheid van vele teenoor die veldtog in 'n groot mate verantwoordelik is vir die swak resultate.

Die volgende syfers gee ons gewis stof tot ernstige nadenking. Dit moet ons egter geensins ontmoedig nie, maar intendeel behoort dit ons aan te vuur om met die hulp van God en deur deeglike organisasie en kragtige inspanning die 1938-veldtog 'n segetog te maak.

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Natal-Tvl. Konf.	387	120	507
Kaapse Konferensie	254	79	333
Kaapse Veld	202	43	245
GROOT TOTAAL			1085

Die Here roep Sy volk om te werk — om ernstig en op verstandige wyse te werk — terwyl die genadetyd nog daar is.

'n Wyer Sirkulasie van Ons Leesstof

„LAAT elke gelowige die traktate en blaie en boeke wat die waarheid vir hierdie tyd bevat, wyd en syd versprei.”—*Mev. E. G. White in die Southern Watchman van 5 Januarie 1904.* Volgens hierdie aanhaling blyk dit dat ons leesstof die saad van die derde engel se boodskap is. „Wie spaarsaamlik saai sal ook spaarsaamlik maai; en wie volop saai, sal ook volop maai.” As ons verwag om 'n oes van siele in ons buurt te maai, moet ons ook die saad met 'n milde hand saai.

Elke geleentheid moet tebaatgeneem

word, alle weë moet ondersoek word, en elke plan wat steeds meer en meer siele in aanraking met die waarheid sal bring deur middel van leesstof, moet geprobeer word. Die wagkamers van tandoortse en geneeshere, haarkapperswinkels en biblioteke—dit is almal plekke waar ons van ons tydskrifte kan agterlaat. Van huis tot huis, op straat, oor die pos—dit is almal maniere waarop ons ons traktate en blaie met voordeel kan versprei, onder die mense. Elke persoon wat 'n Sewende-dag Adventiste woning besoek is 'n moontlike bekeerling, en ons sal ons sendingwerk baie kan uitbrei as daar 'n rak in elke woning was vir gratis leesstof.

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Die Teenwoordige Waarheid

DIE eerste drie nommers van *Die Teenwoordige Waarheid* is reeds gedruk, en nommers vier en vyf sal teen 15 April beskikbaar wees. Hierdie tydskrif is ook in Engels verkrygbaar. Dit is aantreklik, goed geïllustreer en bevat tydige boodskappe.

Die pryse is as volg:

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25 eksemplare	1/6

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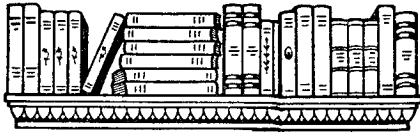
SEDERT die begin van die jaar is daar Buurtsendingkonferensies gehou op Germiston, Alberton, Gezina, Johannesburg (sentraal), Melville en Oos Londen. Die kerkbeampies op hierdie plekke is ywerig in hulle werk en is baie gretig om doelmatiger planne aan te wend vir beter diens. Ons sien uit na 'n tydperk van vooruitgang in hierdie gemeentes.

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„WAAR daar lewe is, is daar ook opwassing; in Gods koninkryk vind daar 'n gedurige ruiling plaas—'n ontvangs en 'n uitdeling; 'n ontvangs van die Here en 'n teruggawe aan Hom van Sy eiendom. God werk deur elke ware gelowige, en die lig en seëninge wat hy ontvang, word weer uitgegee in die werk wat die gelowiges doen.”

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Weergalose Liefde — Weergalose Offer

maklik sou Hy dit nie kon gedoen het wat sê: „Aan My behoort die silwer en aan My die goud." Maar so 'n offer kon nooit die oortreder van Gods wet vrykoop nie, anders sou dit gedoen gewees het. Niks behalwe die bloed van die Seun van God kon die sondaar verlos nie. Hy het vrywillig alles vir ons gegee. „Want julle ken die genade van onse Here Jesus Christus dat Hy, alhoewel Hy ryk was, terwille van julle arm geword het, sodat julle deur Sy armoeëde ryk kan word." 2 Kor. 8:9.

Aangesien dat daar sulke groot liefde vir ons geopenbaar is in die weergalose offer van die Seun van God, sal ons wat verlos is dan nie vir Sy ontwil, vir die ontwil van ander en vir ons eie ontwil, ook deel in Sy lyding en opoffering nie?

As ons eindelijk gered is, sal dit wees omdat die liefde van God in ons harte uitgestort is en omdat ons deel het aan dieselfde gees wat Hom beweeg het om alles vir ons op te offer. Jesus spreek as volg van Sy sending: „Die Seun van die mens [het] nie gekom om gedien te word nie, maar om te dien en Sy siel te gee as 'n losprys vir baie." Matt. 20:28. „Maar ons weet dat ons, as Hy verskyn, aan Hom gelyk sal wees." Hieruit blyk duidelik dat elke ware gelowige, vóór die verskynning van die Heiland, met dieselfde gees sal besiel wees as wat Hom beweeg het om Sy eie lewe op te offer vir u en vir my.

Gaan met my na Getsemane en sien daar die Seun van God worstel met die magte van die duisternis, terwyl „Sy sweet geword het soos bloeddruppels wat op die grond val."

Lank het die worstelstryd geduur, maar eindelijk —

„Het die oomblik aangebreek — die oomblik wat die lot van die wêreld sou beslis. Die lot van die mensheid was in die weegskaal. Selfs nou kon Christus nog weier om daardie bitter beker te drink. Dit was nog nie te laat nie. Hy kon die bloedige sweet van Sy aangesig afgee het en die mensdom laat omkom het in hulle sonde. Hy kon gesê het: Laat die skuldige die wettige straf op sy sonde self dra, en Ek sal teruggaan na My Vader. Sal die Seun van God daardie bittere en vernederende lydingsbeker drink? Sal die onskuldige die vloek van die sonde dra sodat die skuldige kan vry gaan? Bewend kom die woorde van die lippe van Jesus, „My Vader, as dit moontlik is, laat hierdie beker by my verbygaan; nogtans nie soos Ek wil nie, maar soos u wil."

„Driemaal het Hy daardie bede gebid. Driemaal het Sy mensheid teruggeëins vir die laaste ontsettende offer. Maar toe het die geskiedenis van die mensheid voor die Verlosser van die wêreld opgedoem. Hy het gesien dat die oortreders van die wet, aan hulleself oorgelaat, sou moes sterwe. Hy het die hulpeloosheid van die mens gesien, en ook die mag van die sonde. Die

ellendes en geweën van 'n verlore wêreld het voor Hom opgekom. Hy het die toekomstige lot daarvan gesien, en toe het Hy besluit. Hy sou die mens teen die grootste opoffering verlos. Hy het tot die bloeddop ingewillig, en deur Hom sou verlore-gaande miljoene die ewige lewe ontvang. Hy het die hemelse howe waar alles rein en gelukkig en heerlik was, verlaat om die een verlore skaap te kom red, die een wêreld wat in die sonde geval het. En Hy sou nie terugdeins vir Sy sending nie. Hy sal Homself as soenoffer gee vir die geslag wat gewillig gesondig het. Die gebed wat Hy nou bid is 'n gebed van oorgawe: „As hierdie beker nie by My verbygaan sonder dat Ek dit drink nie, laat U wil geskied." — „*The Desire of Ages*," bls. 690, 693.

Dink aan die onbeskryflike lyding van die Seun van God in die hof van die hoëpriester, in die hof van Pilatus, en aan die kruis toe die toppunt van lyding bereik is en Jesus uitgeroep het, „Dit is volbring!" „Vader, in U hande gee Ek My gees oor." Dit alles het Hy vir ons gely.

Na ons hierdie onbeskryflike liefde en weergalose offer vir ons verlossing oorpeins het, is ons gedwonge om uit die diepte van ons hart te sê:

„Dierbare Heiland, gewillig gee ek my hart aan U, my liggaam en my alles. Ek hou niks van u terug nie. Alles is uwe, vir ewig uwe. Ek gee U my tyd in getroue, blymoedige diens. Ek gee U my geld; voortaan sal dit aan U behoort en ek sal U rentmeester wees om dit te bestee soos U mag beveel. Al die tiendes sal ek in die skatkis van die kerk bring, en alle oproepe om geld vir die verkondiging van die Evangelie, vir hulp aan armes en behoeftiges, sal ek tot die uiterste van my vermoë gehoorsaam; en om dit te kan doen sal ek gewillig my eie begeertes laat vaar om u te verheerlik. Ek sal hart en siel saam werk met my broeders in hulle pogings om die koninkryk van God op aarde te bevorder."

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Doopdiens op Ermelo

A. W. STAPLES

SABBATMORE vroeg, 12 Maart, het Broeder P. W. Willmore, Suster Jeffrey en ek na Ermelo vertrek om die kandidaat, wat deur Broeder D. A. de Beer in die waarheid gebring en voorberei is, te doop. By die elfuur-diens het ek gepraat oor die noodsaaklikheid van voorbereiding om ons God te ontmoet. By hierdie geleentheid is ook die diakens van die Ermelose gemeente georden.

Om 2:30 in die namiddag het almal weer by die kerk vergader vir die doopdiens.

Prepare for the Week of Sacrifice which comes April 23-30

Na 'n besielende toespraak deur Broeder Willmore, het ek die twaalf kandidate na hulle hulle aanname van die Here Jesus en die boodskap vir hierdie laaste dae bely het, gedoop. By die ondersoek van die kandidate het hulle volkome toewyding aan die Here Jesus duidelik geblyk. Ons het die teenwoordigheid van die Here kenlik in ons midde gevoel, en harte is aangeraak toe die kandidate een vir een saam met hulle Here in die water begrawe is om met Hom tot 'n nuwe lewe op te staan.

Elf van die kandidate was van Machadodorp en een van Carolina. 'n Hele paar is tydens die kampdienste op Johannesburg gedoop. Ons het ons saam verbly met Broeder De Beer in die seën van God wat op sy werk gerus het. Sy gesig was stralend van vreugde—die vreugde van 'n mede-werker met die Meester te wees in die werk om siele te win.

Om vieruur daardie middag is die Avondmaal van die Here gevier—'n baie gepaste afsluiting van die verrigtinge van die dag! Almal is huis-toe met die versekering dat die Here hulle aangeneem het. Laat ons in ons gebede aan Broeder De Beer dink en die Here vra om sy werk in die oostelike Transvaal nog steeds te seën.

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Gevra

SEWENDE-DAG ADVENTISTE broeder vra om betrekking waar hy die Sabbat kan vry hê. Hy is getroud en het twee kinders. Het vier jaar ondervinding in bak-huis en 9 jaar in boom- en groentekwekery gehad. Bereid om enige soort werk te onderneem. Skryf aan: S. P. Calitz, Reunionstraat Parys, O. V. S.

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Gevra

'N DAME van middelbare leeftyd om 'n siek suster van die kerk op te pas. Moet gewillig wees om in dieselfde kamer te slaap, en ook te kook. Voedsel en inwoning vry, en 'n klein vergoeding vir dienste. Die versoek is baie dringend! Skryf aan: Mev. Bastiaans, p/a Posbus 468, Bloemfontein, O. V. S.

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Betuiging van Medelyde

AAN Suster Quinn van Boksburg Noord wil ons ons simpatie betuig met die afsterwe van haar eggenoot.

Gillian Johannes Quinn is in die ouderdom van 53 jaar oorlede nadat hy 'n volle maand bedliggend was met kanker aan die lever.

Die siekte het hom dan ook tot die Here getrek en hy was heeltemal bereid om te gaan.

Aan Suster Quinn en haar twee seuns betuig ons ons innige meegevoel.

Die skrywer het die lyksrede waargeneem.

J. J. B. COMBRINCK.

Kaapse Veld

J. N. de Beer, Superintendent

'n Besoek aan Ons Kerke

J. N. DE BEER

Ek het byna 'n maand tussen ons gemeentes buite die Skiereiland deurgebring. Ek het vir sowat twee weke dienste gehou op Port Elizabeth en Uitenhage en ook aan huis van sommige lede. Die dienste en besoeke is deur almal baie op prys gestel.

Op Port Elizabeth het Broeder Landers vier kandidate gereed gehad vir doop, en hulle is in ons Europese kerk in Parliamentsstraat gedoop, wat goedgunstiglik aan ons afgestaan is. Daar is nuwe planne gemaak vir ons werk, en as ek moet oordeel na die belangstelling wat daar getoon is, voel ek dat die Here groot dinge sal doen deur sy toegewyde volk.

Terwyl ons hier was, het die treurige tyding gekom dat Lorry, die een-en-twintigjarige seun van Suster Volkwyn, die broodwinner van die huis, die lewe ingeskiet het in 'n motorongeluk. Ons betuig ons innige medelyde met die moeder en die ander lede van die gesin.

Die klein kuddetjie op Uitenhage is volmoed en getuig op ywerige wyse dat daar 'n volk in hierdie wêreld is wat al die gebooe van God bewaar en glo in die spoedige wederkoms van Christus. Dit was 'n genot om vir hulle dienste te hou en hulle aan hulle wonings te besoek.

Vervolgens het ek die paar lede op Graaff Reinet besoek. Hierdie lede is nie bang om hulle lig te laat skyn nie. Laat ons hulle in ons gebede gedink.

Op George het ek Broeder Perdo, die voorganger van die gemeente aldaar, getrou op sy pos gevind. Die lede wat buitekant die dorp woon het ingekom vir die dienste. Almal het die dienste geniet en die Here het ons gehelp met die werk hier; ek glo dat die lede hier vasberade sal saamwerk in die opbouing van die saak van die Here op George.

Dit was 'n plesier om weer die lede op Worcester te ontmoet en die Avondmaal aan hulle te bedien. Wat ons veral blygemaak het, was die vier lede wat deur die klompie op Worcester onder leiding van die Heilige Gees in die waarheid gebring is. Ons verwelkom hierdie lede van harte en hoop dat hulle in die geloof bevestig sal word.

Drie van die Worcesterse lede het Vriendspelde verwerf en daar is 'n interessante investituurdiens gehou. Dit was my voorreg om spelde uit te reik aan susters Marie Davids, Freda Elford en Agnes Africa. Dit is die eerste investituurdiens wat buite die Skiereiland gehou is. Ons vertrou dat daar in die toekoms nog baie meer sal wees.

Orals waar ek die lede besoek het, het hulle hulle belangstelling getoon in die Win-

Een-Veldtog, en ek is oortuig dat almal daaraan sal deelneem.

Die dag is byna gedaan en eerlank sal die laaste oproep aan die oorblyfsel kerk gerig word om tot die hulp van die Here te kom. Ek glo dat die Win-Een-Veldtog die roepstem van God aan ons is en dat daar uitstekende resultate sal wees as elke lid hom aan die werk sal toewy. Ons het die versekering dat engele met ons sal saamwerk. Mag elkeen gewillig wees om sy dienste nou aan die Here te wy.

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Belangrike Kennisgewing

SIGNS- EN TEKENS-KLUBS

SAL die sendingsektaris van kerke asseblief daarop let dat skraping of vermindering van Signs- en Tekens-klubs die kantoor van die Sentinel Uitgewers-Maatskappy moet bereik teen die vyftiende van die maand vóór die veranderings in werking moet tree. Enige veranderings wat ná die vyftiende van die vorige maand aangestuur word sal eers die volgende maand in aanmerking kom.

Dit geld ook vir nuwe klus of vermeerdering van reeds bestaande klubs. Alle nuwe klubs of vermeerderings wat ons kantoor ná die vyftiende van die maand bereik, sal, as ons voorrade dit toelaat, dadelik aandag geniet, so nie, sal hulle moet wag tot die volgende maand.

ADRESVERANDERING

Ons ontvang baie klagtes van intekenaars van die *Signs, Tekens* en die *OUTLOOK*, omdat hulle nie hulle blaaië gereël kry nie. Ondersoek bring gewoonlik aan die lig dat hierdie onreëlmatighede veroorsaak word omdat die intekenaars in gebreke bly om ons of die poskantoor te verwittig van hulle adresveranderings.

U sal ons baie help in ons werk as u ons onmiddellik sal verwittig van die verandering van u adres of die adresse van diegene wat deur u ingeteken het óf vir die *Signs* óf die *Tekens*.

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A Call to Sacrifice

C. W. BOZARTH

I AM thinking of the date set for the Week of Sacrifice, which is April 23-30, and wondering just how we can best encourage every Seventh-day Adventist within the borders of this Division to have a part in this sacrificial season. We want every farmer, every business man, every housewife, every office worker, every carpenter or brick-mason, and every conference worker, regardless of what their work may be, to make a sacrifice at this time. It seems to me that the great need of a lost world in its onward rush to certain destruction should make a strong appeal to every church member to do more than he has ever done before. The times in which we live demand that we sacrifice so that souls, who are going down to sure destruction, may be saved. The Master says:

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

We so often fail to lift our eyes above

our immediate needs, but the Lord would have us lift our eyes high enough to include the whole world. If we lift our eyes and get a vision of lost humanity our hearts will be filled with the love of Christ. It was such love that brought Jesus to this world to save the lost. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." To be a follower of Christ means that we can never forget the less fortunate than ourselves.

"The Saviour's life on earth was not a life of ease and devotion to Himself, but He toiled with persistent, earnest, untiring effort for the salvation of lost mankind. From the manger to Calvary He followed the path of self-denial, and sought not to be released from arduous tasks, painful travels, and exhausting care and labour. He said, 'The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.' This was the one great object of His life.

Everything else was secondary and subservient. It was His meat and drink to do the will of God and to finish His work. Self and self-interest had no part in His labour.

"So those who are the partakers of the grace of Christ will be ready to make any sacrifice, that others for whom He died may share the heavenly gift. They will do all they can to make the world better for their stay in it. This spirit is the sure outgrowth of a soul truly converted."—*"Steps to Christ,"* pages 82, 83.

"The plan of redemption was laid in sacrifice,—a sacrifice so broad and deep and high that it is immeasurable. Christ gave all for us, and those who receive Christ will be ready to sacrifice all for the sake of their Redeemer. The thought of His honour and glory will come before anything else.

"If we love Jesus, we shall love to live for Him, to present our thank offerings to Him, to labour for Him."—*"Christ's Object Lessons,"* page 43.

We appeal to our people throughout this Division to come to the help of the Lord at this time. The end is near and we have not long to work, and give for the Lord's work. The Lord is depending upon all of His professed followers at this time of need.

'n Oproep tot Opoffering

C. W. BOZARTH

WAAR ek dink aan die „Week van Opoffering,” 23-30 April, wonder ek watter die beste manier sou wees om elke Sewende-dag Adventist in die Divisie aan te moedig om hierdie jaar deel te hê aan die tyd van opoffering. Ons wil graag hê dat elke boer, sakeman, huisvrou, kantoorwerker, skrywerker, messelaar en elke konferensiewerker 'n opoffering moet maak. Die groot behoefte van 'n wêreld wat vinig voortsnel na die verdoemenis, is 'n aanroep tot elke kerklid om meer te gee as nog ooit tevore. Die tyd waarin ons lewe vereis opoffering sodat siele wat andersins sou verlore gaan, gered kan word. Die Meester het gesê:

„Sê julle nie: Dit is nog vier maande, dan kom die oes nie? Kyk, Ek sê vir julle, slaan julle oë op en aanskou die lande dat hulle al wit is vir die oes.” Joh. 4:35.

So dikwels sien ons nie verder as net ons eie onmiddellike behoeftes nie, maar die Here wil hê dat ons ons oë moet ophef

en die hele wêreld anskou. As ons 'n gesig sou kon sien van die verlore mensdom, sou ons harte opwel met die liefde van Christus. Dit was sulke liefde wat die Here na hierdie wêreld gebring het om die wat verlore was te kom red. „Want so lief het God die wêreld gehad, dat Hy Sy eniggebore Seun gegee het, sodat elkeen wat in Hom glo, nie verlore mag gaan nie, maar die ewige lewe kan hê.” Om 'n navolger van Christus te wees, beteken dat ons aan diegene sal dink wat minder bevoorreg is as ons.

Die Heiland se lewe op aarde was nie 'n lewe van gemak nie, maar Hy het volhardend, ernstig en onvermoeid gewerk vir die redding van die verlore mensdom. Van die krip tot by Golgota het Hy die weg van opoffering bewandel en Hy het nooit vrystelling gesoek van die moeilike werk en die swaar reis wat Hy moes onderneem nie. Self en eiebelang het geen deel gehad in Sy werk nie.

„Diegene wat deel in die genade van Christus sal bereid wees om enige opoffering te maak sodat ander vir wie Hy gesterf het ook kan deel in die hemelse gawe. Hulle sal alles in hulle vermoë doen om die wêreld 'n beter plek te maak. So 'n gees is die gewisse vrug van diegene wat waarlik bekeerd is.”—*"Steps to Christ,"* bls. 82, 83.

„Die verlossingsplan is op offering gegrondves—'n opoffering, so breed en diep en hoog dat dit onmeetbaar is. Christus het alles vir ons opgeoffer, en diegene wat Hom aanneem sal bereid wees om alles vir hulle Verlosser op te offer. Die bevordering van Sy eer en heerlikheid sal alles voorgaan.

„As ons Jesus liefhet, sal ons ook vir Hom lewe, ons dankoffers aan Hom bring en vir Hom werk.”—*"Christ's Object Lessons,"* bl. 43.

Ons doen 'n beroep op ons mense oor die ganse Divisie om tot die hulp van die Here te kom. Die einde is baie naby en ons het nie meer veel tyd om in te werk en vir die saak van die Here te gee nie. Die Here reken op al Sy navolgers in hierdie tyd van groot behoefte.

“Our money has not been given us that we might honour and glorify ourselves. As faithful stewards we are to use it for the honour and glory of God.”
—*“Christ's Object Lessons.”* page 354.

