

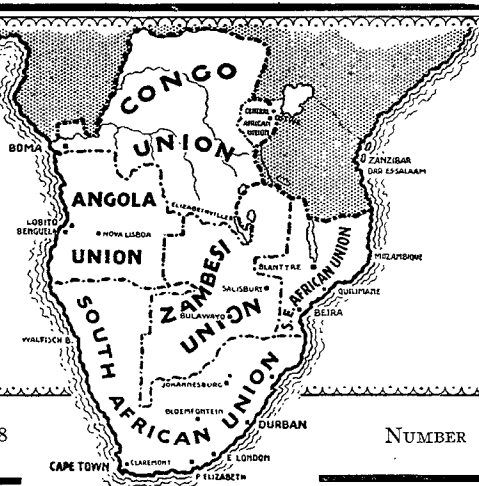
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The Blessings of Sacrifice

W. H. HURLOW

To many the term *sacrifice* brings a feeling of dismay and an eager searching for a way of escape. Others again begin to look around, and to examine budgets to see what can be spared. Few seem to look upon the opportunity to sacrifice as something to be eagerly accepted as an avenue of blessing. Yet, a few moments spent in serious thought would bring home to us all the great fact that everything worth while in this world has been secured by sacrifice. Volumes could be written recording the great sacrifices which have been made by individuals and communities for the protection and maintenance of treasured principles and the safeguarding of valued rights. Material prosperity and accumulated wealth have been sacrificed gladly from simple conviction in the righteousness of some cause.

Treasures of infinite value are being held out to this world—eternal in their endurance, all transcendent in their glory, and surpassing all in their desirability. Spiritual health for those who languish in the diseased condition of iniquity; eternal life for all who are sinsick unto death; deliverance for the captive; joy for those who mourn; rejoicing for the sorrowful—these are some of the things offered freely to the inhabitants of this world. Free, yet not without having cost the immeasurable sacrifice of the Son of God. "Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His."—"Desire of Ages," page 25. This was His sacrifice and He calls it His joy, with which, when He sees the travail of His soul, He will be satisfied.

He calls to those who love Him to follow in His steps, to enter into His joy.

Few in the world are able to discern the eternal and infinite value of the treasures of heaven. They exert all their energy to obtain the treasure that perisheth. We, whose eyes are set on the heavenly treasure, and who accept freely its blessings, are asked to step into the path of sacrifice that these souls, blinded by the dazzle of this world's goods, may be turned to the healing light of God's Grace.

The spirit of sacrifice is the first requisite in the service of God, and is the most convincing proof of our faith in the Saviour. God has assured us that there is a blessing in sacrificing for Him, that "every sacrifice made for Christ enriches the giver, and every suffering and privation endured for His dear sake increases the overcomer's final joy in heaven." It may be that we may not understand or experience all the blessings of sacrificing until we stand with the Saviour in that great day, when He views the host of the redeemed. How great will then be our rejoicing if we, as we see the fruits of our sacrifice, can enter into the joy of our Lord.

THE HAPPIEST PLACE

The happiest place on earth for me
Is where my Lord would have me be.

The happiest thing that I can do
Is work my Lord has called me to.

The happiest song my heart can sing
Is that of praise to Christ my King.

The happiest path my feet can make
Is that I tread for Jesus' sake.

The happiest sight my eyes can see
Is sight of Christ-like purity.

The happiest sound my ears can hear
Is that my Saviour draweth near.

—Selected.

The Necessity of Sacrifice at This Time

L. BILLES

THE coming of our Lord seems very near. Our supreme need is for power from on high to finish His work. But His cause needs also the united efforts and devoted sacrifice of His people. There are several reasons why they should come up to the help of the Lord during this Week of Sacrifice, since it comes at such a critical hour.

Crises, like an incoming tide, are filling Europe with alarm. One international difficulty is patched up, only to give place to another of intensified gravity. So often, we have been on the brink of another world conflagration, when it seemed that nothing could withhold the winds of strife from blowing with shattering force against mankind and then, miraculously, a little lull ensues before the gathering storm. The forces of evil then seem to rally for a fresh effort to shatter the hopes of mankind for peace. All Europe and the world is filled with dread. Statesmen realise that their fond hopes for peace are vain. All their efforts seem now to be concentrated upon preventing the coming conflict yet a little longer.

Again and again the nations have been brought to the brink of the abyss. There are wars and rumours of war, but somehow, just in time, unseen hands seem to steer them clear of world disaster for a time. Everywhere one hears the question—Why? God, in His wisdom, has seen fit to answer the question for the special benefit of the church. He tells us that the winds of strife are being held back by the angels, because His work has not yet been completed. The sealing of His people must be accomplished. The church must arise triumphant in this crisis hour to a last great effort. It must shine with clear, unmarred lustre in a world which is rapidly passing into sin's darkest night. The heavenly Father's remnant flock must be

"A continual imparting of God's gifts wherever the cause of God or the needs of humanity demand our aid, does not tend to poverty."—"The Acts of the Apostles," page 345.

sought out and prepared. Then, Jesus will come.

The last closing scenes of this earth's history are just before us. Only the prophecies, relative to the very end of time, remain unfulfilled. The stage is set; there is an expectancy in the very air.

In such an hour as this, what of God's church? Will it arise to a last supreme effort? Must it be said that we are still lukewarm? Has not the time arisen for us, not only to give ourselves in unreserved surrender, but to place our all in the hands of the Master? Shall we at such a time withhold the funds that are so urgently needed? What shall be our response to the Week of Sacrifice at this time?

Cape Field

J. N. de Beer, Superintendent

Visiting the Churches

J. N. DE BEER

THE writer spent nearly a month in visiting churches and companies outside the Cape Peninsula. Two weeks were spent with the churches at Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage.

Brother Landers, of Port Elizabeth, had four candidates ready for baptism. These were baptised and the members of the Donkin Street church were happy to receive them into their church membership.

Plans were laid for soul-winning work in Port Elizabeth, and judging by the interest which the members expressed, I feel confident that much will be accomplished by the Lord through His consecrated people.

We were also made to realise that we are living in a world of uncertainties, for while we were engaged in a meeting one Sunday afternoon, word reached us that Lorry, a young man of twenty-one years, the eldest son of Sister Volkwyn and the main support of the home, had been killed in a motor accident. The sorrow thus caused in the home is indescribable! It created a deeper longing in our hearts for the land where there shall be no more death or sorrow. To this land we bid the sorrowing mother, sisters, and brothers to look forward.

The "little flock" at Uitenhage are of good courage and are a constant witness to the inhabitants of that town that there are a people in the world who are keeping all the commandments of God and who believe that Jesus is coming soon. It has been a great pleasure to hold services with them and visit in their homes.

The next visit was with our few members at Graaff Reinet. These members are not afraid to let their light shine and are exerting a strong influence in favour of the truth. Brother Sampson, who is teaching in the Government school, has had tangible evidence of what God will

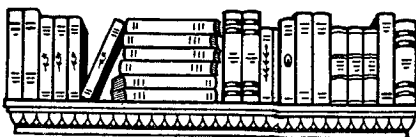
do for those who will obey and trust Him. Let us remember these isolated believers in our prayers!

At George I found Brother Pedro, the elder of the church, holding the fort faithfully. The members living outside the town came in to attend the meetings and it was good to meet with them. All enjoyed the services and received fresh courage to hold on to the faith until the end. The Lord helped us in the work that had to be done here and I believe the members are determined to work unitedly for the upbuilding of the cause of God in George.

It was a pleasure to meet with the company at Worcester again and to celebrate with them the ordinances of the Lord's house. We felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in every meeting and all were led to re-consecrate their lives to God for service.

We were especially happy to have in our midst four new members who have recently been guided into the truth by the Holy Spirit, and through the instrumentality of our Worcester members. We extend to these new members a cordial welcome and trust that, as they continue to study

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the Word of God, they will become firmly-established members in the faith.

Three members of the Worcester company qualified for the Friend Pin and a most interesting programme was arranged and carried out for the investiture service. It was my joyful privilege to present the pins to Sisters Marie Davids, Freda Elford, and Agnes Africa. I believe they will continue, by God's grace, to live up to the principles for which these tokens stand. This is an epoch-making experience, inasmuch as it is the first investiture service held in the Cape Field, excepting those held in the Cape Peninsula. We hope many more will follow this good beginning.

The members of every church and company visited expressed themselves as being keenly interested in the "Win-One" league and I believe they will engage in this soul-winning endeavour in a very definite way.

The hour is late and soon the last, last call will be given to the remnant church to come up to the help of the Lord. I believe this "Win-One" endeavour is the call of God to His people now, and, if they would make a complete surrender of heart and life to Him, each member, addressing himself or herself definitely to the task, will accomplish wonderful results. We are assured that angels are waiting for our co-operation. We are only the channels to communicate with man.

May everyone be willing to consecrate his service to the Master now!

Cape Conference

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Miss P. E. Willmore Secy.-Treas.

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Evangelism in South West Africa

R. VISSER

It affords us great pleasure to pass on this report about the work which has been commenced in South West Africa. For years the brethren have felt that work should be opened in this territory among the Afrikaans people but because of lack of workers their plans had never come to fruition. With the return of Elder and Mrs. J. van de Merwe from the United States, it was felt that the opportunity had arrived to send an evangelistic company under his direction into South West. After due consideration by the Cape Conference committee, Elder and Mrs. van de Merwe, Miss A. Fleming and the writer were asked to move to Windhoek and commence an effort in this town. After an eventful trip through pouring rains and almost impassable roads, we finally arrived at our destination, covering 1,380 miles by car since we left Cape Town.

Windhoek, the capital of South West, is a modern little town, with a population of

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almost five thousand. It has a delightful climate and is a health resort. More than half of the inhabitants are Germans and the rest Afrikaners and Englishmen. All the business places are in the hands of Germans. We find the Nazi sentiment very strong and all the Germans are clamouring for an annexation of the territory to their mother country. At the recent triumphal entry of Hitler into Austria, Nazi swastikas were hoisted everywhere and the whole town was alive with merry-making.

The Lord blessed us in securing a beautiful hall in the centre of town. Our meetings were well advertised, although we were prohibited by the city council to put up bill boards around the town. On the first Sunday night, March 13, the people were a little fearful. The town had been spoiled in the past by so many religious upshoots that the people did not know what to expect. However, we had a fair attendance the first night and since then our interest has grown considerably. Although we never had a spectacular attendance the Lord has given us good honest souls from night to night. Even the wife of one of the ministers and some of his deacons and elders attended the meetings. One elder is still attending and we are earnestly praying that he will accept the truth. The ministers have acted very wisely and have not warned their congregations against us yet. The assistant minister even visited us and wished us God's blessing on our work.

The Sabbath question did not shock the people very much and many decided to keep it, but when we came to baptism many of our friends forsook us. Then we were stigmatised as members of a certain sect favouring baptism by immersion. The feeling is very strong against this sect and therefore baptism by immersion they think, cannot be Biblical. But the Lord has His sincere children also in this town and a goodly number have already identified themselves with us.

One old coloured brother who owns a garage, and who is also an elder of one of the local churches, had his garage locked up the first Sabbath after the truth came to him. Now he makes up for his lost time on Sundays. A dear sister who has been troubled about the Sabbath and baptism for the last four years has been to her minister and asked him to baptise her by immersion. Of course he refused and now she stands with us. It is hard to say at this stage how many will come out but our faith in the Lord is firm and we believe that a great harvest is awaiting us.

We do not know what political moves may soon take place in Europe which may seriously affect our work in this territory, but by God's grace we shall push on so that many more may come to a knowledge of this truth and be numbered with God's commandment-keeping people.

Dear brethren and sisters pray for the work in this field, and also that the Lord may stay the winds of strife a little longer so that His work may be carried to final completion and victory.



From Our Mail Bag

THINKING that our members would be interested and encouraged by a peep into the contents of mail coming to P.O. Box 508, Port Elizabeth, C. P., even if just for one week, we give extracts from some of the letters which came to the office for the last week of March, and which are representative of the usual weekly mail:

OPENING a letter from a very isolated member in the far north-western section of the conference, we read: "We cannot praise God enough for the beautiful Sabbath school lessons we are studying every day. They surely help us in our work for our Master. I find them so dear to my soul, that I must just keep on studying them from lesson to lesson. I would not like to miss one."

WE turn over our mail, and read: "I've filled out the 'Win One' slip for myself. What a glorious answer to prayer it would be if I could win my husband to the truth."

"JUST a word of thanks," we read from another letter, "for the encouraging letters received from time to time, so full of help and strength. I want to assure you that my courage is good in the Lord, with a stronger determination than ever before to live the victorious life in Christ Jesus."

FROM away in another isolated part of the field comes this word: "This is a very difficult part of the country to do any missionary work, though we know that much can be done through prayer, and that with God, 'all things are possible.'" (With this letter came a good order for *Present Truth* tracts.)

FROM a mother of one of our Junior Camp boys: "Thank you ever so much for giving my boy such a delightful time at the camp. He thoroughly enjoyed himself and benefited in every way. He keeps asking me if I have started to save up for the next camp."

ONE of our Missionary Volunteer leaders writes: "Thank you for your valuable help and suggestions. I have felt that there has been something lacking in my leadership and that the society has not been just what I would like it to be. Now I see my mistakes and I know where the trouble is, and with God's help I will alter things."

WE open another letter. Here is a donation for the work in South West Africa sent in by one of our older members who throughout the years has had the interest of the extension of the third angel's message at heart. This member, though not able to go personally is sharing in the "going" by "giving."

FROM a lonely member living in the Eastern section of the field: "Please send me some *Tekens* and tracts. I feel as if I've been asleep long enough, and that God is calling me to do something for Him. I must work through our papers, as we are so isolated that we seldom see people unless we go out."

NEWS ITEM

BAPTISMAL services were conducted at East London and Kimberley recently, several members being received into church fellowship. Elders Le Butt and Hurlow conducted the services. The baptism in East London was a result of the work of our lay-members.

Angola Union

C. W. Curtis Superintendent
P. Stevenson Secy.-Treas.

Bongo Mission, Lepi, Angola

News Notes From Angola

WE regret to report the death of two of our faithful native workers: Faustino, who has been working for years in the vicinity of the Luz Mission, and Laurindo, who has been connected with the Lucusse Mission for the past four years.

BROTHER AND SISTER GIDDINGS have gone to Lourenco Marques to take their coastal furlough. They will spend their time in the study of the Portuguese language, and will return by way of Cape Town in order to visit their daughter at Helderberg.

BROTHER AND SISTER FIELDS, with their children, have just sailed from Lobito via Cape Town, they are *en route* to their home in America for their overseas furlough after seven years of faithful service in Angola. Brother Fields plans to take a year in school while at home. We wish them *bon voyage*, good health, and a safe return to their field of labour.

MISS RUBY VISSER has been spending some time during the vacation at the Dondi Mission near Bela Vista, studying their girls' work which is the largest and oldest of its kind in this part of the country.

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"Spiritual prosperity is closely bound up with Christian liberality."

"The Acts of the Apostles," page 344.

The Youth's Page

Here and There

A WEEK-END convention was held in East London recently. The Missionary Volunteer Society is developing in strength and service and the officers are keen on their work and eager to discover better methods of leadership.

Vocational Honours seem fashionable just now. We found around two score cards awaiting our signature upon our return to the office after an absence of three weeks. Indications are that our young people are going to make 1938 a banner year in the granting of tokens.

Eight Reading Course certificates for 1938 have already been granted within the Cape Conference. This is a good sign. Finishing the course thus early indicates a keen desire for good reading.

With commendable zeal Brother Oosthuizen has secured permission to hold a service once a week in a young men's hostel. We had the privilege of addressing a group of interested listeners upon the signs of the times at the first meeting. We invite the prayers of our youth on behalf of this unique effort.

Tracts for Youth

It may be that we are entirely wrong, but it seems that the preparation and publishing of a series of tracts, especially for youth, marks a departure from custom in the production of our literature. The Pacific Press Publishing Association has launched upon this new venture. They have invited a number of able writers, among whom might be named: A. S. Maxwell, A. W. Spalding, A. L. Baker, L. A. Wilcox, M. L. Neff, Murl Vance, and Ernest Lloyd to discuss subjects of interest to youth.

The style of the new tracts is simple, readable, and direct. Their messages are plain, practical, and pointed. Their appeal is timely and personal.

Now for the subjects presented. Given in their order they are as follows:

- "Just the Friend You Need!"
- "The Book That Lives and Lifts."
- "Reprieved From Death."
- "Looking at Tomorrow Today."
- "Needed — A New World."
- "Shall We Drink and Smoke?"
- "After Death — What?"
- "Has Science Replaced Religion?"
- "Must We Obey the Law?"
- "What Flag?"
- "Does Life Have a Meaning?"
- "The Supreme Adventure."

This series of tracts will fill a definite

need in our missionary endeavours on behalf of the youth. Their circulation should be on a Union-wide scale. Every church, and every Missionary Volunteer society, yes, every believer should use some of them.

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F. G. C.

Why I Belong to the Missionary Volunteer Society

IN thinking of the years that I have been a Missionary Volunteer the question has come to my mind, "Well, why do you belong to the society?" and this is the answer I have given myself:

First of all there is the practical help that I have received, and still receive, in attending the meetings. In taking part in the programmes which are prepared we young people, as well as the children and juniors, are taught to take an active part in public work. Most of us are nervous, and it is only as we give readings, talks, and poems that we lose that nervousness. How many of us have been reluctant to pray in public! It is in the prayer bands

that we lose that reluctance — for must we not seek the throne of Grace for those who are sick and going through trials, for those who are discouraged and seem to be finding the way hard so that they are losing their hold on things eternal, and do we not ourselves need the help and blessings that come in claiming the promises of Jesus? We are also encouraged to engage in missionary work — giving out papers, writing missionary letters, visiting the sick, helping those in need, and many other lines of endeavour.

Then my mind turns to the actual blessing I received in attending, and the spiritual help that comes from programmes prepared to help us as we have to meet difficulties and problems day by day, for are we not Satan's special target? Many times, when the way seems oh so dark and hard, it is at the Missionary Volunteer meeting that I have received strength and been able to determine more fully to push on with my eyes fixed unwaveringly on the goal.

Yes, the Missionary Volunteer meetings prepare us for larger service, and my advice to those who feel it isn't worth while is — JUST TRY IT. As I look back over the years that I have attended the Missionary Volunteer meetings I feel that each year has been a stepping-stone to higher ideals, more efficient service, and a deeper Christian experience. It is because of this and what I have said in the previous paragraphs that I go to the Missionary Volunteer meetings. Young people, you all agree, don't you?

MAVIS O. WARD.

Bladsy Vir Jongmense

Hier en Daar

ONLANGS het ons gedurende die naweek 'n konvensie op Oos Londen gehou. Die Stewersvereniging aldaar het mooi uitgebrei wat ledetal en werksaamheid betref, en die ampsdraers is baie ywerig en gretig om beter metodes te leer vir die bevordering van die vereniging.

Dit skyn of die verwerwing van sertifikate net baie populêr geword het. Toe ek op kantoor terugkom, het ek 'n hele aantal sertifikate gevind wat vir my handtekening gewag het. Dit wil my voorkom asof die jongmense die jaar 1938 'n puikjaar wil maak wat die uitreiking van sertifikate betref.

In die Kaapse Konferensie is daar reeds agt Leeskursus-sertifikate uitgereik. Dis 'n baie goeie teken. Om die krusus so vroeg in die jaar klaar te maak, is bewys dat daar 'n behoefte is aan goeie leesstof.

Broeder Oosthuizen het toestemming ontvang om eenmaal per week dienste te hou in een van die jongmanskoshuise. Ek het die voorreg gehad om die eerste groep be-

langstellendes toe te spreek. Ons vra die voorbidding van ons jongmense vir hierdie poging wat onder die leiding van ons jongeliede begin is.

Traktate vir Jongmense

EK mag verkeerd wees, maar ek meen dat die handelwyse van een van ons drukperse om spesiale traktate vir jongmense uit te gee, heeltemal 'n nuwe idee is. Die „Pacific Press Publishing Association" het hierdie werk onderneem. Hulle het 'n aantal van ons bekwaamste skrywers in hierdie opsig genader, onder wie ons die volgende noem: A. S. Maxwell, A. W. Spalding, A. L. Baker, L. A. Wilcox, M. L. Neff, Murl Vance en Ernest Lloyd. Hulle het oor onderwerpe geskryf wat veral vir ons jongmense van belang is.

Die traktate is eenvoudig en saaklik geskrywe. Hulle boodskappe is duidelik, prakties, en raak, en hulle doen 'n tydige en persoonlike beroep op die jongmense. Daar is traktate oor die volgende onderwerpe:

„Just the Friend You Need!”
 „The Book That Lives and Lifts.”
 „Reprieved From Death.”
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 „Needed — A New World.”
 „Shall We Drink and Smoke?”
 „After Death — What?”
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 „Must We Obey the Law?”
 „What Flag?”
 „Does Life Have a Meaning?”
 „The Supreme Adventure.”

Hierdie reeks traktate sal in 'n bepaalde behoefte van ons jongmense voorsien. Hulle behoort deur ons hele Unie versprei te word. Elke kerk, elke Stewers-vereniging en elke gelowige behoort hulle te gebruik.

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Waarom Ek aan die Stewers-Vereniging Behoort

MAVIS O. WARD

WAAR ek nagedink het oor die aantal jare wat ek al aan die Stewers-vereniging behoort, het die vraag by my opgekóm: Wel, waarom behoort jy nou eintlik aan die vereniging? en dit is die antwoord wat ek aan myself gegee het:

Ten eerste is daar die praktiese hulp wat ek in die vergaderings ontvang het en nog steeds ontvang. Deur die programmas wat vir die jongmense, sowel as vir die juniors en kinders opgestel is, word ons geleer om 'n aktiewe deel te neem aan openbare werk. Die meerderheid van ons is senuweeagtig, maar namate ons lesings, toesprake en voordragte voor die publiek gee, oorwin ons die senuweeagtigheid. Hoeveel van ons is daar nie wat huier om in die openbaar te bid nie! Dit is in die bidure waar ons die oorwinning behaal, want moet daar nie voorbidding gedoen word vir die siekes en diegene wat beproewing deurmaak, en ook vir diegene wat moedeloos word en die ewige dinge laat vaar nie? En het ons self nie ook behoefte aan die seëninge wat kom wanneer ons op die beloftes van Jesus staan nie? Ons word ook aangemoedig om deel te neem aan sendingwerk, soos om leesstof uit te gee, sendingbriewe te skryf, siekes te besoek, die behoeftiges te help, en nog baie ander soorte sendingwerk.

En dan dink ek aan die seëninge wat ek ontvang deur die dienste by te woon wat bedoel is om ons in ons daelike lewe te help, want word ons nie almal deur Satan versoek nie? Baiemaal wanneer ek moedeloos gevoel het, is ek deur die dienste van die vereniging weer met nuwe krag en moed besiel om vasgerade voort te gaan met my oë op die groot doel gevestig.

Ja, die dienste van die vereniging berei ons voor vir beter diens; en my raad aan diegene wat dink dat dit nie die moeite werd is nie, is PROBEER NET. Waar ek so terugkyk oor die jare wat ek die stewersdienste bygewoon het, voel ek dat

elke jaar my 'n stap hoër gebring het, my toegeerus het vir beter diens en my Christelike lewe verryk het. Daarom woon ek die stewers dienste by. En jongmense, julle stem almal met my saam nie waar nie?

Die Seën wat Kom as Gevolg van Opoffering

W. H. HURLOW

DIE gedagte aan opoffering laat by baie mense 'n gevoel van ontsteltenis ontstaan, en dadelik soek hulle na 'n uitweg. Ander weer gaan hulle gedsake na met die doel om te sien hoeveel hulle kan gee. Daar is maar baie min wat 'n geleentheid om 'n opoffering te maak, aangryp en as 'n seën beskou. Maar as ons die saak vir 'n paar minute sal bepeins, sal ons sien dat alles wat die moeite werd is op hierdie aarde deur opoffering verkry is. Daar sou boekdele kon geskryf word oor die groot opofferings wat mense gemaak het vir die beskerming en handhawing van beginsels wat vir hulle dierbaar was. Stoflike rykdom is deur hulle gewillig opgeoffer terwille van hulle oortuigings.

Skatte van onbeskryflike waarde word aan hierdie wêreld aangebied — ewige skatte, heerlik en onoortreflik. Daar word geestelike gesondheid aangebied aan diegene wat in die sonde wegwyn; die ewige lewe aan diegene wat tot die dood toe siek is; vrystelling van die gevangenes; vreugde vir die treurendes; blydskap vir die bedroefdes — dit is sommige van die dinge wat gratis aangebied word aan die bewoners van hierdie aarde. Vry, ja, maar dit het die Seun van God onuitspreeklike opoffering gekos. „Christus het die behandeling ontvang wat ons verdien het, sodat ons kon behandel word volgens Sy verdienste. Hy is terwille van ons sondes, waaraan Hy geen deel gehad het nie, veroordeel, sodat ons geregtig kan word deur Sy geregtigheid waarin ons geen deel gehad het nie. Hy het die dood gesterf wat ons verdien het, sodat ons Sy lewe kon deelagtig word.” — „*Desire of Ages*,” bl. 25. Dit is die opoffering wat Hy gemaak het. Hy noem hierdie opoffering 'n verugde, en as Hy 'n nakroos sien as gevolg daarvan sal Hy treurede wees.

Hy roep diegene wat Hom liefhet om in Sy voetstap te volg en te deel in Sy vreugde. Daar is maar min mense in hierdie wêreld wat die ewige waarde van die hemelse skatte besef. Hulle span al hulle kragte in om verganklike skatte te vergader. Ons wat ons oë op die hemelse skatte gevestig het en die seëninge daarvan aanneem, word versoek om die weg van opoffering te bewandel, sodat diegene wat verblind is deur die skatte van hierdie wêreld tot die lig van God's genade kan gelei word.

Die gees van opoffering is een van die eerste vereistes in die diens van God, en dit is die sterkste bewys van ons geloof in Christus. Die Here het ons verseker dat daar 'n seën verbonde is aan opoffering om Sy ontwil, en dat „elke opoffering wat vir Christus gemaak word, die gewer verryk, en dat elke lyding en ontbering wat vir Sy ontwil verduur word, die oorwinnaar se vreugde in die hemel sal vermeerder.” Dit kan wees dat ons nie die volle seën van die opofferings wat ons maak, sal smaak tot eers in daardie groot dag wanneer die verlostes voor Hom staan nie. Hoe groot sal ons vreugde dan nie wees as ons die vrug van ons opoffering sien en ook „kan deel in die vreugde van onse Here nie.”

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Die Noodsaaklikheid van Opoffering Vandag

L. BILLES

DIT skyn of die koms van die Here baie naby is. Ons grootste behoefte is aan krag om Sy werk te voleindig. Maar Sy saak het ook die gesamentlike pogings en opoffering van Sy volk nodig. Daar is verskillende redes waarom hulle tot die hulp van die Here moet kom gedurende die Week van Opoffering.

Krisisse, soos die bare van die see, stroom oor Europa. Die een internasionale vraagstuk is nog skaars opgelos of daar verrys 'n ander van nog groter omvang. So dikwels al was die volke op die randjie van oorlog, wanneer dit geskyn het of niks meer 'n losbarsting kon verhoed nie, maar op wonderbaarlike wyse het daar weer bedaring gekom. En dan skyn dit of die bese magte maar net asem geskep het vir 'n nuwe poging om die mensheid in 'n botsing te verwickel. Die hele Europa en die ganse wêreld is met vrees bevange. Die staatsliede besef dat dit hopeloos is om vir vrede te strew. Al hulle pogings skyn tans daarop gemik te wees om die wêreld-botsing maar net 'n bietjie langer uit te stel.

Keer op keer het die volke hulle op die randjie van die afgrond bevind. Daar is oorloë en gerugte van oorloë, maar om die een of ander rede skyn dit of 'n onsigbare hand altyd net in tyd verskyn om die volke vir 'n tyd te red van 'n wêreldramp. Orals

hoor mens die vraag: Waarom? Die alwyse God beantwoord hierdie vraag vir die spesiale voordeel van Sy kerk. Hy sê dat die winde van oorlog deur die engele in bedwang gehou word omdat Sy werk op aarde nog nie voleindig is nie. Die versëling van Sy volk moet klaar gemaak word. Die kerk moet in hierdie krisis-uur sy laaste groot poging maak. Die kudde van die hemelse Vader moet opgesoek en voorberei word, en dan sal Jesus kom.

Eerlank sal ons die eindtonele van die geskiedenis van hierdie wêreld beleef. Wat sal die kerk van God doen in hierdie uur? Sal hy hom aangord vir die laaste magtige poging? Of sal dit kan gesê word dat ons lou is? Is die tyd nie daar vir ons om ons en alles wat ons het volkome aan die Here toe te wy nie? Sal ons in 'n tyd soos hierdie die middele terughou wat so dringend nodig is? Wat is ons antwoord op die Week van Opperoffering hierdie keer?

Kongo U. Sending

G. A. Ellingworth, *Superintendent*
J. du Plouy, *Sekr.-Tes.*

*Gitwe Mission, P.O. Usumbura,
Urundi, via Elisabethville*

Gemeente Gestig op Kavuma

M. P. ROBISON

NA ons vir sowat 'n uur geloop het oor die heuwels van die oostelike Kongo, het ons by die kerkie gekom wat onlangs deur die gelowiges op Kavuma gebou is. Die gebou wat uit pale bestaan wat met klei toegepleister is, is met riet gedek en dit staan soos 'n vuurtoring bo-op een van die berge; dit is sigbaar vir sowat vyf-en-veertig van die inboorlingstatte in die omtrek.

Leraar G. E. Ellingworth, die superintendent van die Kongo-Unie het die verrigtings waargeneem, en hy is bygestaan deur Leraar H. Monnier, die bestuurder van die Rwankeri Sendingstasie, in wie se gebied Kavuma geleë is. Ons evangeliste het goeie werk gedoen en dit het ons harte verbly om te sien hoedat die gemeente hier georganiseer word. Daar is reeds 'n Sabbatskool en 'n Strewers-vereniging gestig, en daar is 'n groot aantal in die hoorders- en doopklasse wat eindelijk by Gods volk sal aansluit.

Die kerk was te klein vir almal wat vir die plegtigheid opgekrom het. Na 'n kort pause het ons 'n tweede diens gehou teen die helling van die berg. Daar het ek die voorreg gehad om sowat sewehonderd mense toe te spreek, en diegene wat onlangs lede geword het van die liggaam van Christus te bemoedig om getrou te staan in die waarheid. Ek het 'n beroep op almal gedoen om te „smaak en te sien dat die Here goed is” en die saligheid aan te neem wat Hy so vry aanbied.

Die werk gaan vooruit in hierdie groot veld; aan alle kante is daar openinge. Laat ons die Here van die oes bid om werkers om die dierbare siele in te samel wat tans nog in die duisternis verkeer en soek na die lig.

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Doopdiens op Senekal

A. N. INGLE

OP Sondag, 27 Maart, is daar 'n doopdiens op Senekal gehou. Sowat vyf-en-sewentig Adventiste het in die stadsaal vergader waar daar om 10 uur 'n diens gehou is. Na hierdie diens is daar dertien kandidate in die Munispale dam gedoop. Daar was 'n hele aantal belangstellende toeskouers. Dit was 'n heerlike dag, en die groot bloekombome rondom die dam en die groep belangstellende vriende het 'n mooi agtergrond gegee aan die doopdiens wat deur my waargeneem is.

Broeder D. A. de Beer van Machadodorp, Broeder Herholdt wat die poging op Senekal gehou het, en Broeder Haarhoff was teenwoordig. Motors van Kroonstad, Reitz, Marquard en Ficksburg het vragte belangstellende vriende gebring, en dit het die nuwe lede laat voel dat hulle by 'n groot gesin ingelyf word. Onder die dopelinge was daar vyf van Ficksburg, die vrugte van Leraar P. A. Venter se werk aldaar verlede jaar. Binnekort hoop ons om weer 'n klompie van Ficksburg en Senekal te doop.

Die werk gaan mooi aan in die Vrystaat, en ten spyte van teenstand en moeilikhede kom daar jaar na jaar nuwe groepe by.

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Evangelisasie in Suidwes-Afrika

R. VISSER

DIT is met genoeg dat ons hierdie verslag doen van ons werk in Suidwes-Afrika. Vir jare reeds het die broeders gevoel dat ons werk moet begin onder die Afrikaners van hierdie gebied, maar weens 'n tekort aan werkers kon hulle nie hulle planne ten uitvoer bring nie. Met die terugkeer van Leraar J. van der Merwe uit die Verenigde State het die broeders gemeen dat die ge-

leentheid nou aangebreek het om 'n groep evangeliewerke na Suidwes-Afrika te stuur. Gevolglik is Leraar en Mev. v. d. Merwe, Mej. A. G. Fleming en ek gevra om 'n poging in Windhoek te gaan hou. Na 'n motorrit wat ryk aan gebeurtenisse was as gevolg van slegte paaie en nat weer, het ons eindelijk ons bestemming bereik — ons het 'n afstand van sowat 1,330 myle afgelê.

Windhoek, die hoofstad van Suidwes-Afrika, is heeltemal 'n moderne dorpie, met 'n bevolking van sowat 5,000 siele. Dit het 'n heerlike klimaat en word beskou as 'n gesondheidsoord. Meer as helfte van die inwoners is Duitsers en die res is Engelse en Afrikaners. So-te-sê al die handel is in die hande van Duitsers. Ons vind die Nazi-gees baie sterk hier en die Duitsers dring daarop aan dat die gebied by Duitsland moet ingelyf word. Met die onlangse inlywing van Oostenryk, kon mens net Nazi-vlae oor die dorp sien wapper en orals het daar uitbundige vreugde geheers.

Met die seën van die Here het ons 'n baie geskikte saal in die senter van die dorp gekry. Ons het die dienste goed geadverteer, hoewel die stadsraad ons verbied het om advertensieborde in die dorp te plaas. Met die openingsdiens op 13 Maart, was die mense 'n bietjie huiwerig om te kom. Omdat daar in die verlede al so baie dienste deur verskillende genootskappe gehou is, het die mense nie eintlik geweet wat om te verwag nie, maar die getalle wat die dienste bywoon, het mettertyd toegeneem. Hoewel ons nie eintlik uitermate groot opkomste gehad het nie, het die Here van aad tot aad opregte siele na die dienste gestuur. Die vrou van een van die predikante en sommige van sy diakens en ouderlinge het die dienste bygewoon. Een van die ouderlinge kom nog, en ons bid vurig dat hy die waarheid sal aanneem. Die predikante het nog nie die mense belet om die dienste by te woon nie. Een van die predikante het ons selfs besoek en ons Gods seën op die werk toegewens.

Die Sabbatkwessie het die mense nie eintlik geskok nie en baie het besluit om die Sabbat te vier, maar toe ons met die Doop kom, het baie van ons vriende ons verlaat. Hulle het ons gebrandmerk as lede van 'n sekere genootskap wat doop deur onderdompeling voorstaan. Omdat daar 'n sterk gevoel teen hierdie genootskap is, meen baie dat die doop deur onderdompeling onbybels is. Maar die Here het in hierdie dorp opregte kinders, en 'n hele paar het reeds by ons aangesluit.

Een ou broeder, 'n bruinman, wat 'n garage-eienaar, en ook ouderling van een van die plaaslike kerke is, het sy garage die eerste Sabbat toe hy die waarheid gehoor het, gesluit, en hy maak nou Sondae op vir die tyd wat hy verloor. 'n Suster wat vir die afgelope vier jaar reeds besorgd was oor die Sabbat en die Doop, het haar predikant gevra om haar deur onderdompeling te doop. Hy het natuurlik geweier en

„Die saaiër vermeerder sy saad deur dit uit te strooi. Dieselfde geld van diegene wat getrou is in die uitdeling van Gods gawes.”—„The Acts of the Apostles,” bl. 345.

nou staan sy by ons. Dit is moeilik om op hierdie stadium te sê hoeveel vir die waarheid sal uitstaan, maar ons glo van harte dat daar 'n heerlik oes wag.

Ons weet nie watter veranderinge daar in die nabye toekoms in Europa kan plaasvind wat ons werk in hierdie gebied miskien ernstig kan benadeel nie, maar met die seën van die Here sal ons maar aandruk sodat nog baie meer die waarheid sal kan hoor en hulle by die volk van God wat Sy geboorte bewaar sal kan skaar.

Geagte broeders en susters, bid vir die werk in hierdie veld, en ook dat die Here die vrede nog 'n bietjie langer mag bewaar sodat Sy werk kan voleindig word.

Doodsberig

BOSCH.—Broeder M. B. Bosch is op 14 Maart oorlede as gevolg van 'n motorongeluk. Op 11 Maart onderwyl hy op weg huis-toe was van sy werk, is hy deur 'n motor aangery en so ernstig beseer dat hy na die hospitaal geneem moes word, waar hy op 14 Maart die tyd met die ewigheid verwissel het sonder om weer sy bewussyn te herwin.

Broeder Bosch het die waarheid in die jaar 1917, onder bearbeiding van Broeder Harebottle, aangeneem en hy het getrou gebly tot die dag van sy dood toe. Hy is deur my op 15 Maart ter aarde bestel. Aan diegene wat sy heengaan betreur, wil ons ons innige medelyde betuig en hulle hoop vestig op die spoedige wederkoms van die Here wat die dood en die graf oorwin het.
D. A. DE BEER.

Obituary

MOLEMA.—It is with regret that we record the death of Mrs. Annah Molema, who passed away at Nokuphila Hospital, Johannesburg, on December 14, 1937.

Sister Molema accepted the truth in 1933 and has always been faithful in every Christian duty. Our sister was a great help to the church at Mafeking, always taking a leading part in the Sabbath school and other departments, and setting a good example in paying tithe and giving mission offerings. She was also an active worker in Harvest Ingathering. The church members and other people in Mafeking will greatly miss her kindly help and encouragement which was always freely given. Truly she rests from her labours but her works do follow her.

Sister Molema was laid to rest at Mafeking on December 16, 1937. Over 850 persons, including many Europeans, attended the services in the Methodist church and at the grave-side. The services were conducted by the following ministers and friends: Rev. Saddler (Wesleyan Church), Rev. Ramailane and Brother M. R. Moeletsi. Chief L. K. Montsioa spoke on behalf of the tribe and Dr. Morok for the family. The sympathy of all goes out to her husband, Dr. Molema, and his family.
M. R. MOELETSI.



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MISKIEN is daar sommige wat nog nie weet dat die eerste nommer van die „Slaaptydstories” nou gereed is nie. Daar is reeds miljoene van die boekies in die Engelse taal verkoop. Hulle is ook in verskillende ander tale oorgesit. Die stories het almal 'n geestelike strekking, en sal baie bydra tot die ontwikkeling van edele karakters by die kinders.

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Angola News Notes

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ON account of health conditions we have transferred Brother and Sister Falcao from the Cuale Mission to Bongo Mission. Brother and Sister Esteves, who have been at Bongo for the past year, are taking their places at the Cuale Mission.

At the present time all of our teachers are gathered at the Bongo Mission in their annual institute, a splendid spirit prevails and all are very enthusiastic over the evangelistic side of their work. We see the great unfinished work in Angola and all are eager to see the work move forward rapidly.



Little Witnesses

[The following incident was sent to us by a sister in Bloemfontein. It shows how our children, when rightly trained, at home, and at Sabbath school, can answer intelligently questions put to them concerning the Bible. No doubt had that minister asked questions, not in accordance with our faith, these same little girls would have had a suitable answer.—Ed.]

DURING our holidays we camped near the springs at Aliwal North.

In the evening, services for children were held by young students of the C. S. A. One evening, one of the young ladies said, “Children we have a real minister in our midst; he is going to speak to us tonight,” and he did.

First, he asked very plain questions of the little ones, then came his sermon and again questions. This time not so easy to answer. They were Bible doctrine questions which many a grown-up could not answer.

Every time a question was asked we heard voices from the front row answering them, and correctly too. Two little girls (sisters) sat there and again and again gave the answer. “But who are you,” the real minister asked, “and where do you attend Sunday school? You always have an answer ready.”

We could not hear their answer, but some time later the minister said, “Look here,” pointing to the elder child, “you must become a minister’s wife; you can help him make his sermons, and you” to the younger child, “must go out as a missionary.”

Next day we found the two girls to be daughters of Seventh-day Adventist parents.



General News Notes

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Elder Mueller will first spend a few days at Helderberg College during their special week of prayer.

ELDERS W. H. ANDERSON AND MILTON ROBISON have returned from their trips to Tanganyika and Congo Union respectively, where they attended year-end committee meetings and held a series of institutes.

Departures

SISTERS CURTIS AND MELVILL have gone to Johannesburg to connect with Nokuphila Hospital, while Sisters Visser and Stockil will enter Queen Victoria Hospital to take a course in midwifery.

ON April 1 Dr. A. N. Tonge and family sailed on the S. S. “Dulio” on furlough to the United States. Dr. Paul Chapin and family also sailed on the same boat, returning to America. We regret that Dr. Chapin’s health makes it imperative for him to return.

WORD has just been received of the sudden death of Mrs. Leslie Billes due to complications at the time of confinement. We understand that the child, a baby boy, is doing well. We extend heart-felt sympathy to Brother Billes and Verna. Obituary will appear later.

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Baptism at Senekal

A VERY happy gathering took place at Senekal on Sunday morning, March 27. There were about seventy-five Adventists present in the Town Hall where a meeting was held at 10:00 A.M. After this meeting, the thirteen candidates for baptism were taken up to the large Municipal dam. Quite a number of interested spectators were present. The large gum trees growing right down to the water's edge, a perfect day, and the large gathering of friends, made a beautiful setting for the baptismal service conducted by the writer.

Brother D. A. de Beer from Machadodorp, Brother Herholdt, who held an effort at Senekal last year, and Brother Haarhoff, were present. In addition there were car loads of brethren from Kroonstad, Reitz, Marquard, and Ficksburg. It made the new members feel that they were coming into a widespread happy family.

Among the candidates were five from Ficksburg, some of the fruitage of the work done by Elder P. Venter last year. Before long we hope to see another little group from Senekal and Ficksburg following their brethren and sisters in baptism.

The work is onward in the Free State, and in spite of opposition and difficulties we see the little companies growing year by year.

A. INGLE.

Wanted

YOUNG Adventist man, aged approximately 21-25 years, required as a mechanic, but does not need to be fully qualified. Must have a good working knowledge of machinery. Must be able to drive lorry and execute running repairs. Must be will-

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Congo Union Mission

Kavuma Church Organised

MILTON ROBISON

AFTER nearly an hour's walk over the hills of eastern Congo, we came to the church building which had recently been built by the new believers at Kavuma. This is a pole-and-mud building with a good papyrus roof and it stands like a lighthouse on the top of a hill where it can be seen from at least forty-five native villages in the vicinity.

Elder G. A. Ellingworth, superintendent of the Congo Union officiated in opening the new church. He was assisted by Elder H. Monnier, director of Rwankeri Mission, in whose area Kavuma lies. Faithful work had been done by the evangelists and our hearts rejoiced as we saw these faithful believers being organised into a church. They have already been carrying on Sab-

bath school and Missionary Volunteer work and a large number are in the hearers' and baptismal classes preparing to unite with God's people.

The church could not accommodate all who had gathered for this important occasion, so after a brief intermission, we had a second meeting out on the hillside. There it was my privilege to speak to over seven hundred people, encouraging those who had recently become members of the body of Christ to remain firm and loyal to this blessed truth, and extending an invitation to all to taste and see that the Lord is good and to accept the salvation He so freely offers.

The work is onward in this vast field; there are openings on every hand. Pray that the Lord of harvest will send forth reapers to gather in the precious souls that are now in darkness but who are groping for light.

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General News Notes

BROTHER G. H. WEBSTER, who recently turned eighty-two years of age, has had an unfortunate accident which leaves him with a broken leg. Your prayers are solicited on his behalf. Brother Webster is father to Brethren Max and Douglas Webster who are connected with the work in the Southern African Division.

Recent Arrivals at the Cape

ELDER AND MRS. E. B. JEWELL from furlough in the states. After spending a couple of days at the Cape and Helderberg College, where they left their son Delmer, they proceeded to Nyasaland, visiting Solusi, and Gwelo missions *en route*. While Brother Jewell is returning to his old field of labour yet he is entering a different line of work, for at the time of the Division Council held in Johannesburg he was appointed as secretary-treasurer of the South East African Union.

MISS ELAINE GIDDINGS arrived April 1 on the S. S. "Pretoria" to connect with the staff at Helderberg College as English teacher.

ELDER MUELLER, field secretary of the General Conference also arrived April 1 on the S. S. "Pretoria" to spend some time visiting the Southern African Division.

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"Unselfish liberality threw the early church into a transport of joy; for the believers knew that their efforts were helping to send the gospel message to those in darkness."

"The Acts of the Apostles," page 344.

