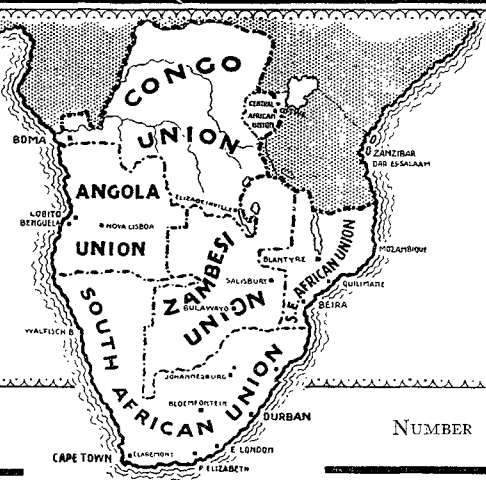


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## The Spirit of Prophecy and the Spiritual Life

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THE welfare of the whole church and the spiritual life of the individual members are inseparably bound up with believing and heeding the messages of instruction, admonition and reproof that God sends to the church through channels of His own choosing. The method chosen and used by God to communicate to His people, as declared in His word is, "If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make Myself known unto him in a vision, and I will speak unto him in a dream." Num. 12:6.

The Scriptures make clear the fact that "the gift of prophecy" is one of heaven's choicest gifts to the human family. The revelations that have come from the throne of God, through the prophetic gift, have been transmitted to men in all the ages. We may not be able to discern God's reasons for choosing human instruments to convey His messages to the church, but nevertheless He adopted this plan. It is through the gracious gift of the Spirit of prophecy that the infinite God speaks to His people. "For no prophecy ever came by the will of man but men spake from God being moved by the Holy Spirit." 2 Peter 1:21. A. R. V.

A study of the subject of the Spirit of prophecy reveals that it embraces the entire plan of communication between God and the human family. The medium through whom God speaks is specified in the Bible as a prophet, and the gift bestowed upon him was that of prophecy. The impartation of this gift comes through the operation of the Spirit of God, hence the gift is called "the gift of prophecy." It is also called the "testimony of Jesus," which is clearly defined to be "the Spirit of prophecy." 1 Cor. 13:2; Rev. 12:17; 19:10.

Nothing in the world is so dear to God as His church. "He gave Himself for it," and it is His purpose to "sanctify and cleanse it." In His own time and way He

will "present it to Himself, a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, . . . holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:25-27. The secret of her advancement in spiritual life is found in cultivating a relish for truth and laying hold of every avenue of blessing, and making wise use of all the means Providence has supplied.

The Bible is the greatest spiritualising agency, but O, how dull is human comprehension; sin in the life and selfishness in the heart obscure the light, and the minds of men fail to grasp the noble truths of the word. Therefore, God in His love and wisdom, established "spiritual gifts" in the church. They are "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." 1 Cor. 12:1; Eph. 4:8-15.

Inasmuch as the gift of prophecy is bestowed by the Holy Spirit, it may very properly be termed the "Spirit of prophecy," and through the years we as a people have firmly believed that the gift of prophecy was imparted, and established in the remnant church when God's last message to the world came due in the year 1844. Through this agency a clear line of truth was presented, and the entire history of the remnant church from its beginning to its final triumph, was gradually unfolded. These messages are never to supersede the Bible, or the necessity of earnest study of the Word; but they are designed to help and guide the seeker after truth into a richer experience, a clearer spiritual vision, and a better understanding of the Holy Scriptures.

This is an age of perversion, darkness and corruption. The church needs the Spirit of prophecy to guide her in the battle against error. Never before has she stood in greater need of the quickening of religious life and revival of true godliness. The church needs this gift to help preserve in her mind the true idea of spirituality and heart preparation for heaven. In the

word we are exhorted to "covet earnestly the best gifts;" to "desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy." 1 Cor. 12:31; 14:1. God in His love established the gift of prophecy in the remnant church. The believers in the advent message accept this gift. It is for us; through it God speaks to our hearts. "Prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe." 1 Cor. 14:22. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned. On this basis we can establish faith in the testimonies of the Spirit.

The illuminating, heaven-sent messages that have come to the remnant church through the Testimonies and all the writings of Mrs. E. G. White, reveal a marvellous harmony and wonderful range of thought. They challenge the reader earnestly to seek for the deep, rich treasures of truth that may be discovered in the Holy Scriptures, thus bringing men's hearts into communion with the mind of the Infinite. These writings are permeated with scriptural quotations, which cultivate faith and genuine love in the soul. They discover to us wherein the life is not in harmony with God's high demands. They point out the pitfalls which endanger the pathway of young and old. They offer comfort to the disconsolate and hope to the discouraged. The more they are studied, the clearer become the broad vistas leading direct to the city of our God, the new Jerusalem.

Only those who recognise the manifold leadings of God in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, can form anything like a just appreciation of this priceless gift in the church. If we would grow in spiritual fervour and understand the truth and the holy requirements of a loving Father, it is needful that we study the messages that have come through this inestimable gift. We should know of its leadings, learn of its accomplishments, acquaint ourselves with its manifold operations and examine its fruits.

There are thousands of souls that testify to the internal beauty and spiritual transformation of life as a result of accepting the teaching of the Spirit of prophecy. Aside from the Bible, nothing in literature has such a wonderful scope and depth of thought, or inspiration to holy living as these heart-searching messages. They are of the highest value. They were written for the spiritual uplift and admonition and unification of the entire church. And withal, there is such spiritual beauty and power in the instruction as to impress the heart with the deep conviction that these writings have a source higher than that of a human mind, and are absolutely reliable.

## Modern Fashions

MILTON ROBISON

RECENTLY a letter was received at the office which expressed surprise that no article has appeared in the OUTLOOK dealing with the tendency of our Seventh-day Adventist women to follow the "modern women" in the practice of painting their lips and faces.

The temptation to be like the world—"like all the nations"—has been one of Satan's strongest and most effective means of leading the people of God away from their allegiance to their heavenly Father. We regret that so many of our young people, and even those who are older, are drawn into the current of worldly fashions. Often the descent is gradual, only a step at a time, until one is being carried along at a speed that is alarming. We may argue that "there is no harm in it," and so we take the first step, and then the next, and later when we stop to examine ourselves, we find that we are doing things that surprise us—things that we did not think we would do. As our conscience awakens and urges us to reform we are tempted to excuse ourselves because some other church member is following worldly fashions. Dear young people, and sisters in our churches, may God help you to understand and remember the principles set forth in the following words:

"There should be no carelessness in dress. For Christ's sake, whose witnesses we are, we should seek to make the best of our appearance. In the tabernacle service, God specified every detail concerning the garments of those who ministered before Him. Thus we are taught that He has a preference in regard to the dress of those who serve Him. Very specific were the directions given in regard to Aaron's robes, for his dress was symbolic. So the dress of Christ's followers should be symbolic. In all things we are to be representatives of Him. Our appearance in every respect should be characterised by neatness, modesty, and purity.

"The words of Scripture in regard to dress should be carefully considered. We need to understand that which the Lord of heaven appreciates in even the dressing

of the body. All who are in earnest in seeking for the grace of Christ will heed the precious words of instruction inspired by God. Even the style of the apparel will express the truth of the gospel."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, page 96.*

"A person's character is judged by his style of dress. A refined taste, a cultivated mind, will be revealed in the choice of simple and appropriate attire. Chaste simplicity in dress, when united with modesty of demeanour, will go far toward surrounding a young woman with that atmosphere of sacred reserve which will be to her a shield from a thousand perils."—*"Education," page 248.*

"Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another and forgiving each other . . . and whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col. 3:12, 13, 17. (R.V.)

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## Keeping the Members Faithful at Tekerani

E. L. TARR

Two conditions, contemporaneous with each other, and the one the antithesis of the other, are facing the remnant church: the one, the latter rain, with its unparalleled ingathering of souls; the other, the "sifting time," when ease-loving Christians are being engulfed in general ruin. Both are definite signs of the approaching end.

At Tekerani these conditions exist to a marked degree. On the one hand, we see more than 20,000 attend our camp-meetings, more than 1,000 converted in our evangelistic efforts, and other similar instances which indicate the arrival of the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit. On the other hand, we find some exotic form of religion arise, propagated by Africans, appealing to the emotions, and hundreds follow, among whom are members of our "flocks." Right at this time, not more than sixteen miles away, is a man who eloquently declares among other proclamations, that he is Mrs. E. G. White's youngest son, which he "proves" from passages of scripture. It is rumoured that he has a following of over three hundred adults, who have flocked to his village, newly named "Zion."

Again, young men returning from work in cities or mines in South Africa, come with all the worst forms of sin. In most cases, they start what they call "clubs," where European modes of dancing are

imitated. Boys and girls are attracted by scores, and soon the "clubs" become lewd places of unrestrained revelry. Missions are still in the grip of the struggle against old heathen customs and superstitions. Now these new enemies of the church come from the same direction in which the gospel comes, and the Central African is bewildered.

While apostasies are reported—which in time, we regret, amount to hundreds—yet for every hundred dropped, so to speak, God has kept seven thousand who have not, and will not, "bow the knee to Baal." It is the newly converted—still candidates for baptism—that cause the most concern, for out of every thousand converted only about two hundred and fifty, generally speaking, are baptised.

In pastoral work, personal visiting will always hold its place as the most effective means. Pastors, evangelists, inspectors, and teachers,—all do their share. Nor is the European worker excused. A missionary is called to be an evangelist, an executive of gospel affairs, an instructor, an artisan, and a pastor of the church. Of these fields of service, that of "caring for the flock" is by far the most important.

Our organisation, however, offers more to assist in bearing the needs of the believers. The Sabbath schools render valuable help. Special mention is to be made of the little Sabbath schools—primarily appointed for some invalid, or some old "grannie," who is too weak to come to church—at which, each week, quite a number collect to attend. Our Missionary Volunteer societies, with their activities extended to both believer and non-believer, bring strength to the church. At present, here at the station, an effort is being conducted entirely by senior lay members. It was begun by them, and will be completed by them. The only part taken by a worker, is the morning's Bible study on the subject for that day. It is too early to report results, but one old brother came to me, and among other incidents of his part in the effort, said "eleven people have turned to Christ in my meetings, four backsliders, and seven new converts."

With our work scattered to now sixty-seven centres, some of which are in most inaccessible places, it is impossible for the European worker to give the detailed supervision he used to. Still there are three "thermometers" by which he can tell the spiritual "health" of each place. The first is the Sabbath school class attendance cards (returned quarterly); the second, the teachers' monthly reports of the Missionary Volunteer work done; the third, the teachers' tithe and offerings receipt book stubs. A fifteen-minute perusal of these returns gives the director a very accurate estimate of the spiritual standing of each company. Blessed is the teacher who is able to build up a strong Sabbath school, and an active Missionary Volunteer society! From him, reports of apostasies seldom come.

An unusual example of dauntless courage

was given last dry season. A church building was being built. The work was nearly finished—only one more day's thatching—and there was rejoicing. But alas! that night the building was burnt to the ground. Convinced it was done maliciously, the matter was reported immediately to the local chief. Destruction of houses by fire is, however, such a common occurrence that little attention was paid. Without delay, the little company rallied again, reset their plans, and went ahead. The second building was about as near completion, when again it was set alight, but this time the teacher's house was included, and both were completely destroyed. The teacher, who was away that night lost practically all he had. To many this would have been a crushing blow, but not to this group! Reports were made to the principal headman, and to the District Commissioner, and within a few days, again a gathering was called and work was started afresh.

At this juncture the principal headman came over to visit the teacher and his people. So impressed was he by their persistent efforts, that he called a general meeting at the site. Crowds promptly came from all directions. The headman's speech was curt and definite. In his authority he announced that if a fire re-occurred to any property belonging to our believers, he would move all non-Adventists in the vicinity to distant parts, with the loss of all but what they could take with them. The third building attempted is completed, as well as a new house for the teacher. None dare molest, and there is rejoicing.

When the vast regions of Central Africa are consistently dotted over with beacon lights of our message, and manned by members having the courage and consecration of this little company, then, we may solemnly say, our task will have reached its final stage for completion.

## Cape Conference

W. H. Hurlow ..... President  
Miss P. E. Willmore Secy.-Treas.  
Box 508, Port Elizabeth, C. P.

## Claremont Evangelistic Effort

THE tent is down; the lorries have taken the last chair away; and we stand on the deserted spot sad that it is finished; we think of all that it has meant to us. We have seen indifference quicken to interest, interest grow into conviction and conviction into consecration. The most blessed experience that we have had has been to hear a dear soul say, "Well, tomorrow I keep my first Sabbath." I do not wonder now why the angels in heaven rejoice when one soul turns to Christ.

Opposition has reared its head, but "if God be for us, who can be against us?" We have enjoyed this series of lectures greatly. Children's meetings; movie films; special items of music; these have all helped to make things bright and cheerful. As a result of the humble efforts put forth in Claremont, we are sure that the recording angel has been able to write down more names in the Lamb's Book of Life. To God be the glory! D. DOUGLAS.

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## Request for Prayer

BROTHER W. FIELDING, of Taungs, who is suffering from a complaint which requires a surgical operation, desires the prayers of God's children for his healing, as he has faith to believe that God can heal him without the necessity of an operation.

## N. T. Conference

A. N. Ingle ..... President  
P. W. Willmore ..... Secy.-Treas.  
292, Louis Botha Avenue,  
Orange Grove, Joh'burg, Tvl.

## Progress of the Work in the Northern Transvaal

A. INGLE

I AM happy to be able to report the progress of the message in the Northern Transvaal.

Brother P. van der Merwe has been working at Nylstroom for the past few months, both in developing new interests and following interests started by Elder Venter when in that neighbourhood.

On Wednesday, April 13, a company of friends gathered on a farm twelve miles from Nylstroom to witness the baptism, by the writer, of eight members of the Van der Schyff family. A lovely pool of water in the bed of the "Nile" River was used following a meeting held in the home half a mile distant.

After visiting with interested people at Naboomspruit, Potgietersrust and Pietersburg, we held communion service on Friday evening with the Potgietersrust church company. At this time also it was our unhappy duty to disfellowship six members

For us who live today "the prophecies of the Bible bring a glorious hope—the end of all trouble and distress, disappointment and sorrow, sin and suffering—at the soon coming of our Lord."

of the church company for working on the Sabbath and drifting back into smoking. There is a spirit of carelessness creeping into the churches that is to be deplored and which brings reproach on the name of Adventists. One member was placed on probation for a period of six weeks.

It is a tragedy to witness the death of men and women spiritually, even more so than physically. Physical death is only for a short time, but spiritual death is for eternity.

Following the morning service on Sabbath at Potgietersrust, we drove thirty miles to conduct a baptism near Naboomspruit. Seven persons were baptised in a very beautiful pool of water among the trees a few miles out of the town.

Brother Van der Merwe will shortly be moving nearer an interest that is developing on the Vaalwater branch line.

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## Addresses Wanted

WILL anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following persons please advise the Secretary, 292, Louis Botha Avenue, Orange Grove, Johannesburg, Tvl.:

Mrs. A. Gibb, late of Redhill, Durban.  
Miss Endreas, late of Port Shepstone.  
Mrs. G. Gribble, late of North Shepstone.  
Miss Stander, late of Zuinguin Station.  
Mrs. M. Jordaan, late of Ficksburg.  
Mrs. M. Schnehage, late of Ficksburg.  
Mrs. E. Harding, late of Bloemhof.  
Mr. and Mrs. I. Schutte, late of Klerksdorp.  
Mr. H. du Preez, late of Lanoka, Piet Retief.  
Mrs. E. Viviers, late of Reismierbult.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. J. le Roux, late of Vryburg District.

A. INGLE.

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## 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 willing and obedient. Ability to talk Sesuto a recommendation. Commencing salary £3 per month with everything found. Applicants write: B. G. Visser, Devonia Roller Mills, P. O. Boehem, via Pietersburg, Tvl.

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## For Sale

1932 FORD ROADSTER, four cylinders, fitted with air wheels and in good running condition. £70 cash or nearest offer. Also 1937 model Pilot Radio, 7 valve, and 6 volt battery, used only 6 months. £25 or nearest offer. Apply W. H. Hayter, Bethel Training College, P. O. Butterworth, C. P.

# The Layman's Page

## FOR STRENGTH AND SERVICE

Conducted by the South African Union Conference Home Missionary Department

### Overheard the Truth

ONE of our earnest lay brethren within the South African Union told this story of his quest for, and discovery of, truth.

"I read a number of Judge Rutherford's books and was led to think about the meaning of present-day conditions. Soon afterwards I went to work on a job where a Seventh-day Adventist was working. During the lunch hour, while the other men played cards, this brother would study the Bible and his Sabbath school lesson. One day I noticed our brother talking to one of the men regarding the Bible. I went as close as I could to listen. As often as this happened, which was quite frequently, I made it my business to overhear as much as possible. As the Bible was explained, a great longing to know more entered my heart. Just at this time an effort was started near my home and I was impelled to go. I could not stay away and was soon rejoicing in the truth."

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### It is Coming Again

WHAT is coming again? Why the INGATHERING, of course! Your workers and leaders are already out in the field gaining their experience, and pointing the way for the members to follow. And we know they surely will follow when the hour comes on May 28.

Just now you can have a part by remembering the workers in your prayers. This year we face great needs and are expecting greater blessings. F. G. C.

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### A Missionary Farm

It was most cheering to meet Brother and Sister Frank MacDonald at the Canceled Mission camp-meeting and hear of the splendid soul-winning work that is being carried on upon their farm. A wagon with over thirty native believers had journeyed from the farm to the meeting. They are living witnesses to the value and fruitfulness of lay evangelism.

For many years Brother and Sister MacDonald have conducted a Sabbath school and Bible class for their labourers and others who were disposed to attend. This faithful labour has not gone unrewarded. At present our brother's chief farm helper

is also an able lay preacher, and in his spare time is gathering in as many souls as some of our full-time workers.

We think of the large number of our farming brethren in South Africa who might do a similar work. We are glad that some have caught the vision, and have established companies upon their farms, but there are others who largely ignore the privilege of giving the gospel to those who labour for them.

Any of our people who desire to start

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missionary work of this nature, and yet do not know how to go about it, should get in touch with the Mission Field Office in their territory. F. G. C.

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### The Greeks had a Word for It

It was not only the superb generalship, or the superiority of his weapons, or even the greater courage of his soldiers, that enabled Alexander to overthrow and destroy the vast army and mighty world power of Medo-Persia. The Persians had made elaborate preparation for war, their soldiers outnumbered the Grecians twenty to one, individually the men on both sides were courageous and ruthless; by all the ordinary calculations of warfare the Greeks were doomed.

Fortunately for the world there was one factor not usually taken into account in ancient days—it was that of human relationships. The Persian hordes were largely mercenary troops; they fought for personal gain; they belonged to many nations, no ties of blood held them together; their service was one of convenience; they were attached to a system; their personal interest in Darius was that of servant to

master; their personal attachment was weak; their devotion was absent.

To the Greeks Alexander was a hero. He was their deliverer. There was a personal relationship that called forth unparalleled exertions and almost unexampled devotion and, moreover, had he not taught them to call one another brother! They were bound together by blood. By such trustful confidence an empire was born.

We may spend endless time and effort studying this and that plan, and working out details of organisation we feel will enable us to give the message to the world, but the plain fact is that every plan, and all our organisation, depends upon human relationships. First, the relationship of the individual member to Christ. He must be King. There must be within our hearts a flame of devotion that consumes all self-seeking, that permits personal fellowship with Him in soul-winning. Secondly, we are members of a migratory movement away from the world toward the kingdom of God. There must be the consciousness of blood brotherhood among us. There must be personal confidence and trustworthiness.

With correct personal relationships our plans will succeed, our objectives will be realised, and our difficulties will only serve to spur us on to victory.

F. G. CLIFFORD.

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### Won by Kindness

"KINDNESS won me to the truth," said one of our enthusiastic, earnest church officers in explaining how he had been won by a lay-member. This is his story:

"I was without work, and further, without the means to get from place to place to find work. I would hear of a job, but when I had walked to the place it would be too late. A Seventh-day Adventist neighbour loaned me his bicycle, thus enabling me to go farther afield in my search. Then this neighbour found that my family and I were short of food and he gave me money to buy some. That sort of religion appealed to me, and I became interested and accepted it with all my heart. The Lord gave me work and has blessed me ever since. Yes, kindness won me to the truth."

# Bladsy vir Leke

## VIR KRAG EN DIENS

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

### Het die Waarheid Toevallig Gehoor

EEN van ons ernstige leke in die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie vertel die volgende verhaal in verband met sy soektog na, en ontdekking van, waarheid:

„Ek het 'n aantal van Judge Rutherford se boeke gelees en begin dink oor die betekenis van hedendaagse wêreldtoestande. Kort daarna het ek op 'n plek gaan werk waar daar 'n Sewende-dag Adventis werksaam was. Gedurende die uur vir die middagete, terwyl die ander manne kaartgespeel het, was hierdie man gewoon om sy Bybel en Sabbatskoollesse te studeer. Toe ek op 'n sekere dag gemerk het dat hierdie broeder met een van die manne praat omtrent die Bybel, het ek nader gegaan om te luister. So dikwels as dit gebeur het, het ek probeer om soveel as moontlik van die gesprek af te luister. Toe ek die Bybel so hoor verduidelik het, het daar 'n groot begeerte om meer te hoor, van my hart besit geneem. Juis op hierdie oomblik is daar 'n poging begin naby my huis en was ek genoodsaak om te gaan. Ek kon nie wegbly nie, en het my spoedig verheug in die waarheid.”

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### Dit is Alweer Ophande

Wat is ophande? Die Oesinsameling, natuurlik. U werkers en leiers is alreeds in die arbeidsveld, waar hulle hulle onder-vinding opdoen en die weg aanwys wat die lede moet volg. Ons is ook oortuig dat die lede hulle plig sal doen wanneer die uur aanbreek op 28 Mei.

Op die oomblik kan u 'n deel daaraan doen deur die werkers in u gebede te gedink. Hierdie jaar staan ons voor groot behoeftes en verwag ons groter seëninge.

F. G. C.

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### 'n Sendingplaas

Dit was uiters opbeurend om Broeder en Suster Frank MacDonald op die Cancele-kampvergadering te ontmoet en te vernem van die uitstekende sielredding wat op hulle plaas voortgesit word. 'n Wa met meer as dertig inboorling-gelowiges het van die plaas af kampvergadering-toe gekom. Hulle is lewende getuies van die waarde en vrugbaarheid van leke-evangelisme.

Broeder en Suster MacDonald hou al vir jare 'n Sabbatskool en Bybelklas vir hulle werksmense en ander wat begerig is om dit by te woon. Hierdie getroue arbeid het nie onbeloon gebly nie. Op die oomblik is ons broeder se vernaamste werker op die plaas ook 'n bekwame leke-prediker wat in sy vrytyd net soveel siele insamel as sommige van ons voltydse werkers.

Ons dink dus aan die groot aantal broeders in Suid-Afrika wat boere is en

### 'N ONAKTIEWE KERK DRA IN HOMSELF DIE KIEM VAN AGTERUITGANG

wat 'n soortgelyke werk kan doen. Ons is bly dat daar party is wat Sabbatskole op die plase gestig het, maar daar is ander wat die voorreg om die evangelie aan diegene wat vir hulle werk te bring, grootliks veronagsaam.

Almal wat begerig is om hierdie soort sendingwerk te doen en nogtans nie weet hoe om juis te werk te gaan nie, moet in aanraking kom met die Sendingveld-kan-toor van hulle afdeling.

F. G. C.

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### Die Grieke het die Regte Naam Daarvoor Gehad

Dit was nie alleen sy voortreffike gene-raalskap of die betere gehalte van sy wapens, of selfs die grotere moed van sy soldate wat Alexander instaatgestel het om die ontsaglike wêreldmoondheid, Medo-Persië, te onderwerp en te vernietig nie. Die Perse was goed voorberei vir oorlog, hulle soldate was twintigmaal soveel as die Griekse soldate, en die manne van altwee kante was dapper en meedoënloos. Volgens al die gewone berekenings van krygvoering was dit klaar met die Grieke.

Gelukkig was daar een faktor wat in die outyd gewoonlik nie in aanmerking gekom het nie — naamlik die van menslike

verhoudings. Die Persiese menigtes het om geld en persoonlike wins geveg; hulle het aan baie nasies behoort en geen familiebande het hulle verbind nie; hulle diens was 'n gerieflikheidssaak; hulle was aan 'n sisteem verbonde, hulle persoonlike belangstelling in Darius was die belangstelling van 'n dienskneg in sy heer; hulle persoonlike toegeneëtheid was maar skraal en dus was daar geen toegewydheid nie.

In die oë van die Grieke was Alexander 'n held. Hy was hulle redder. Daar was 'n persoonlike verhouding wat ongeëwenaarde inspanning en weergalose toewyding uitgelok het. En het hy hulle dan nie geleer om mekaar „broeder” te noem nie! Hulle was deur familiebande aan mekaar geheg. Deur sulke vas vertroue is daar 'n ryk gebore.

Ons kan soveel tyd en inspanning aan een of ander onderneming bestee as wat moontlik is en besonderhede van organisasie uitvoer wat volgens ons mening ons sal instaatstel om die boodskap aan die wêreld te bring, maar die eenvoudige feit is dat die sukses van elke onderneming en al ons organisering van menslike verhoudings afhang. Eerstens, die verhouding tussen die persoonlike lid en Christus. Hy moet Koning wees. Daar moet 'n vlam van toewyding in ons hart brand wat alle eiebelang verteer en ons dus instaatstel om persoonlike gemeenskap met Hom te hê in sielredding. Tweedens is ons lede van 'n trekkersbeweging weg van die wêreld na die Koninkryk van God. Daar moet 'n besef van bloedverwantskap tussen ons wees. Daar moet persoonlike vertroue en vertroubaarheid wees.

Sodra ons persoonlike verhoudings reg is, sal ons ondernemings suksesvol wees en sal ons moeilikhede slegs dien om ons tot oorwinning aan te spoor.

F. G. C.

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### Gewen Deur Vriendelikheid

„VRIENDELIKHEID het my tot die waarheid gewen,” het een van ons entoesiastiese, ernstige kerkbeampies gesê in sy verduideliking hoedat hy deur 'n leek gewen is. Hier volg sy verhaal:

„Ek was werkloos en ook sonder 'n voermiddel om mee te gaan werk soek. Ek het partymaal van 'n betrekking gehoor maar voor ek daar kon kom, was dit gewoonlik te laat. 'n Sewende-dag-Adventis-buurman het my sy fiets geleen,

en my dus instaatgestel om verder te gaan werk soek. Daarna het hierdie buurman uitgevind dat my familie en ek skaars was van kos en my geld gegee om kos te koop. Daardie soort godsdienst het my aangetrek met die gevolg dat ek begin belangstel het en dit van harte aangeneem het. Die Here het my werk gegee en my nog altyd ge-seën. Ja, ek is deur vriendelikheid vir die Waarheid gewen." F. G. C.

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## Hoe die Lede te Tekerani Getrou Bly

E. L. TARR

DIE twee toestande wat vandag in die laaste kerk aangetref word, naamlik die „laat reëns" en die daarop volgende siel-insameling en die siftyd wanneer gemak-sugtige Christene ten onder gaan, word veral te Tekerani gesien.

Hoewel daar aan die eenkant baie be-keerlinge gemaak word, word daar aan die anderkant weer baie verlei deur valse le-raars. Tenspyte van al die afdwalings en dwaallere, het God egter nog vir elke hon-derd afvalliges ongeveer seweduisend be-waar wat nog nie die knie voor Baal ge-buig het nie. Dit is bewerkstellig deur middel van die werk van ons organisasie. Predikante, evangeliste, inspekteurs en on-derwysers — dra almal hulle deel by. Die Sabbatskole en Stewersvereniginge speel ook 'n groot rol.

Verlede droë seisoen is daar voorbeeld gelewer van onverskrokke moed. Hulle was besig om 'n kerkgebou op te rig. Die werk was amper klaar, daar was nog net dekwerk vir een dag en daar was juiging. Maar, helaas! daardie more voordag is die gebou tot op die grond afgebrand. Oor-tuig dat dit uit kwaadwilligheid gedoen was, het hulle dit aan die plaaslike hoof-man gerapporteer. Daar die afbranding van huise egter so 'n alledaagse voorval is, is daar nie veel aandag aan gewy nie. Son-der versuim het die gelowiges weer saam-gespan en begin bou. Toe die gebou byna klaar was, is hy weer afgebrand maar hier-die keer het die onderwyser se huis ook aan die beurt gekom, sodat altwee totaal verwoes is. Vir baie mense sou dit 'n nekslag gewees het, maar nie vir hierdie groepie nie! Rapporteer is gelewer aan die hoofman en aan die Distrikskom-missaris en binne 'n paar dae is daar 'n vergadering belê en is die werk weer op-nuut aanvaar.

Op hierdie tydstip het die hoofman die onderwyser en sy mense kom besoek. Hulle volharding het so 'n indruk op hom ge-maak dat hy 'n algemene vergadering by-eengeroep het. Daar het menigtes uit alle

# 12 Reëls vir 'n Gelukkige Lewe

**LEI 'N EENVOUDIGE LEWE.**— Wees matig in u begeertes en gewoontes. Ware eenvoud ken geen selfsug of eiebelang nie. Besef die wenslikheid van ware eenvoud en probeer om dit as een van die belangrikste hoedanig-hede van u karakter, werk, en daaglikse lewe te beskou. Die eenvoudigste dinge is die beste.

**SPANDEER MINDER AS WAT U VERDIEN.**— Vermy verkwisting. Moenie skuld maak nie. Die regte gebruik van geld sal ons van huis, vriende, boeke, musiek, prente, gemak, voorregte, selfrespek en persoonlike invloed voorsien. Om uiteindelijke selfstandigheid te verseker, beoefen die fynere hoedanighede van versigtigheid, spaarsaamheid en self-verloëning.

**KWEEK 'N TOEGEWENDE GEAARDHEID AAN.**— Die gewoonte van edelmoedige toegewing bewaar die ewewig van die menslike wil. Weer-staan die neiging om u eie sin te wil hê. Bekou sake uit die ander persoon se oogpunt. Bewaar 'n breë uitkyk op die lewe en sy moontlikhede.

**DINK OPBOUEND.**— Laat u gedagte gedurig propvol wees van nuttige, vooruitstrewende, aanmoedigende gedagtes. Elke opheffende gedagte wat u koester, het 'n gelukkigmakende invloed op u lewe. Oefen u self om diep en akkuraat te dink. Hou wag by die deur van u verstand.

**WEES DANKBAAR.**— Wees dankbaar vir die voorreg om te kan lewe en werk. Wees dankbaar as u die kans het om te kan gee en dien. Laat u dankbaarheid elke dag gesien word. Wees waarderen teenoor ander.

**SKIK U GEMOEDSTOESTANDE.**— Verban dadelik elke onharmo-niese of onwenslike gedagte. Kweek 'n gemoedstoestand van vrede, ge-balanseerde houding en goedwilligheid aan. Vestig u aandag op aange-name, leersame onderwerpe. Dink na oor die beste dinge van die lewe.

**GEE MILDELIK.**— Gee uit die volheid van u hart, nie uit pligsgevoel nie, maar uit 'n begeerte om te dien. Daar is geen groter genot in die lewe as om deur verstandige gifte ander gelukkig te maak nie.

**WERK EN BID UIT REGTE MOTIEWE.**— Ontleed u dryfvere en harts-togte teneinde te bepaal watter om aan te moedig en watter om te bestry. Weerstaan alle onwenslike neigings. Die hoogste doel van u lewe behoort te wees om te groei in geestelike krag, prag en ewerdigheid.

**STEL BELANG IN ANDER.**— Dit sal u verhinder om gewoontes van selfsug of eiebelang aan te kweek. Namate u gee, simpatiseer en help, sonder enige gedagte aan teruggewe of beloning, sal u weer die byproduk van geluk smaak.

**WOON IN 'N DAG-DIGTE AFSKORTING.**— Dit beteken om net een dag op 'n tyd te lewe. Moenie u bekommer oor more nie. God voorsien u vandag van alles wat onontbeerlik is vir u vooruitgang. Konsentreer op u onmiddellike taak en kyk dit so goed as u moontlik kan.

**RY 'N STOKPERDJIE.**— Dit kan natuurstudie, wandeling, tuinmakery, musiek, gholf, skryfwerkery, posseëlversameling, sketse, stemonwikkeling, uitlandse tale, boeke, fotografie, liefdadigheidswerk, publieke toesprake, reise, of boekeskryfery wees. Kweek 'n liefhebberij aan vir iets wat u afleiding en aangename ontspanning kan verskaf.

**BLY NABY GOD.**— Ware en blywende geluk hang veral af van 'n noue verband met God. Oneindige skatte kan verkry word deur daaglik in noue gemeenskap met Hom te verkeer. Dit is u voorreg om in Sy ge-dagtes te deel vir u geestelike voeding en om gereelde versekering te hê van goddelike beskerming en leiding.

—Grenville Kleiser.

oorde gestroom. Die hoofman se toespraak was kort en saaklik. In sy gesag het hy verklaar dat as daar weer van ons gelowiges se eiendom deur vuur sou verwoes word, hy alle nie-Adventiste na afgeleë streke sou verskuif met verlies van alles wat hulle nie kon saamneem nie. Die gebou wat die derde maal begin is, is nou voltooi, asook 'n nuwe huis vir die onderwyser. Niemand durf hulle molesteer nie en daar is vreugde.



## Hedendaagse Modes

MILTON ROBISON

DIE kantoor het onlangs 'n brief ontvang waarin daar verbasing uitgedruk word dat daar nog nie 'n artikel in die OUTLOOK verskyn het in verband met die neiging van ons Sewende-dag- Adventiste-vroue om agter die „moderne vroue” aan te gaan in die gewoonte om hulle lippe en wange te verf nie.

Die versoeking om soos die wêreld — „soos al die nasies” — te wees, was nog altyd een van die Satan se sterkste en doeltreffendste maniere om die volk van God weg te lei van hulle hemelse Vader. Dit spyt ons om te sien dat so baie van ons jongmense en selfs van die oueres met die stroom van wêreldse modes meegesleep word. Dikwels is die agteruitgang stadig, stap vir stap, totdat 'n mens met rasse skrede saamgesleep word. Ons dink miskien daar is geen kwaad in nie en dan neem ons die eerste stap. Daarna volg die tweede stap en dan die volgende en as ons later stilstaan om onself te ondersoek, bemerk ons dat ons dinge doen wat ons verbaas — dinge wat ons nooit gedink het wat ons sou doen nie. As ons gewete wakker word en by ons aandring om ons te hervorm, soek ons graag die ekskuus dat 'n ander kerklid die wêreld se modes volg. Liewe jongmense, en susters in ons kerke, mag God u help om die volgende beginsels te verstaan en te onthou:

„Daar moet geen sorgeloosheid in kleding wees nie. Om Christus ontwil, wie se getuies ons is, behoort ons so goed as moontlik voor te kom. In die diens van die tabernakel het God elke besonderheid aangaande die klere van diegene wat voor Hom moes dien, bepaal. Dus weet ons dat Hy gesteld is op die kleding van diegene wat Hom dien. Hy het bepaalde aanwysings gegee in verband met Aaron se klere want sy kleding was simbolies. So moet die kleding van Christus se volgelinge ook simbolies wees. Ons moet in alles Sy verteenwoordigers wees. Ons voorkoms moet in iedere opsig gekenmerk wees deur netheid, beskeidenheid en reinheid.”

„Die woorde van die Skrif in verband met kleding moet sorgvuldig oorweeg word. Ons moet verstaan wat die Here van die hemel verlang selfs aangaande die kleding van die liggaam. Almal wat ernstig verlang na die genade van Christus sal die kosbare woorde van onderwysing wat deur

God ingegee is, in ag neem. Selfs die klere en die modé sal die waarheid van die evangelie uitdruk.”—*„Testimonies,” Deel VI, bl. 96.*

„'n Persoon se karakter word geoordeel volgens sy manier van aantrek. 'n Verfynde smaak, 'n ontwikkelde verstand, sal 'n mens lei om eenvoudige en geskikte drag te kies. Reine eenvoud in kleding, gepaard met beskeidenheid van geaardheid, sal veel bydra om 'n jongmeisie met daardie atmosfeer van gewyde ingetogenheid te omring wat haar teen duiende gevare sal beskerm.”—*„Education,” bl. 248.*

„Beklee julle dan as uitverkorenes van God, heiliges en geliefdes, met innerlike ontferming, goedertierenheid, nederigheid, sagmoedigheid, lankmoedigheid.” Kol. 3: 12, 13, 17.

## Obituaries

BILLES.—Edna Billes (née Rowlands) was born in Kimberley, April 4, 1903, and passed away in Johannesburg, April 3, 1938.

Sister Billes was associated with the truth in her early childhood in Kimberley. This association was later broken, but at the age of nine years, with the awakening of mind and quickening of spiritual sensibilities, she, on her own initiative, sought out the then small company of Sabbath keepers in Durban and became a regular member of the Sabbath school. She grew up naturally in the church, being instructed and baptised by the late Elder M. C. Sturdevant, at Durban.

Having equipped herself for service, our sister was called to work in the Zambesi Union office at Bulawayo. Later she served with the Sentinel Publishing Company at Kenilworth, and still later, with the old Orange Free State Conference in the capacity of secretary-treasurer.

In January 1926 she was united in marriage with Brother Leslie Billes and together they proceeded to the Belgian Congo for mission work. They returned to the Cape where they were happy in their service for the Cape Coloured people. During Elder Billes' association with the North Bantu Mission Field Sister Billes was resident at Durban and had but recently come to live at Norwood, Johannesburg.

Sister Billes was known for her quiet and consistent Christian life. Her unselfish and kind disposition endeared her to all. She was esteemed as a true child of God — “an example of the believers.”

She leaves, to mourn their loss, her husband, her daughter, and infant son, besides brothers and sisters. Many friends, and members of the church sympathise with these in their sad and irreparable loss.

A solemn service was held at Dove's Funeral Parlour by Elders Symons and Raubenheimer, while Elder Ingle was associated with the writer in the service at the grave-side at Brixton. We laid her to rest in the sure and certain hope of joyful

resurrection to eternal life. May God comfort and sustain the sorrowing ones who remain, is our prayer.

A. W. STAPLES.

DU PLESSIS.—Emily Elizabeth Du Plessis (née Homan) was born 45 years ago and passed away on Tuesday night, April 12, 1938.

Sister Du Plessis was the beloved wife of the local elder of the Krugersdorp Seventh-day Adventist church. Over eighteen years ago by a careful study of the Scriptures both she and her husband received the light of this message. With an open Bible and the Holy Spirit as guide and teacher they walked out into the light, later being baptised by Pastor G. McNay.

Sister Du Plessis was a consistent Christian — a true mother in Israel. Only a few weeks before her death the writer was privileged to minister the Lord's supper to her upon her couch of affliction. Her faith was strong and her life consecrated to the Lord. She leaves her faithful husband and a large family of sons and daughters to mourn their loss.

The writer conducted the services both at the Seventh-day Adventist church and at the grave-side in the presence of a large company of sympathisers. We laid her to rest in the assurance that she will be numbered among the blessed and the holy who come forth in resurrection to eternal life. May God comfort and sustain Brother Du Plessis and his family is the prayer of our hearts.

A. W. STAPLES.

WEIDEMANN.—David Johannes Weidemann was born November 16, 1897, and passed away April 5, 1938, at the age of 40 years.

Brother Weidemann was suddenly cut down in the prime of life. The last few months of his life were especially marked by the deep movements of the Spirit of God, and an intense desire to win others to the message. After a previous experience in the message he was baptised last year by the writer. The last Sabbath he attended church he was ordained as a deacon of the Southern Suburbs church, Johannesburg. Looking back on his experience one can see the gracious leadings of God bringing him to a desired end. We know that he sleeps in Jesus.

He leaves to mourn, his wife, three daughters and two sons, besides many relatives, friends, and church members. We sorrow knowing that his place in the home and the church is vacant.

Brethren J. J. B. Combrinck and A. van der Berg were associated in the church service while Elder Ingle and the writer were associated in the service at the grave-side. We laid him to rest in the full assurance that he shall come forth in the resurrection of the blessed and the holy.

We pray that God may comfort his people.

A. W. STAPLES.



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## General News Notes

ELDER AND MRS. WRIGHT who have been visiting native camp-meetings in the South African Union have now returned to the Cape.

A MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER and Home Missionary Council convened in the Division office recently. Those who attended the meeting are as follows: L. L. Moffitt, F. E. Potter, F. G. Clifford, A. C. Le Butt, and W. Cowper.

As mentioned in the April 15 issue of the OUTLOOK Elder Mueller took part in the special week of prayer at Helderberg. He has now returned to the Division office to attend the Division Committee meetings. Brother Mueller reports having had a very successful week of prayer at the college.

ELDER INGLE presided at a meeting of the Natal-Transvaal Conference Committee held in Johannesburg April 3 and 4. At this time plans were also discussed regarding Harvest Ingathering. Elder Ingle plans to lead out in as strong a way as is possible in the pre-campaign soon to commence, and appeals are being addressed to every church member to help to the best of his ability in the campaign itself.

We are sad to announce the death of Brother Fred Visser, Snr., of Claremont, Cape, as the result of a motor accident, on Saturday night, April 23. An obituary will appear in our next issue.

## Vooruitgang van die Werk in die Noordelike Transvaal

A. INGLE

Dit doen my genoë om van die vooruitgang van die boodskap in die Noordelike Transvaal te rapporteer.

Broeder P. van der Merwe werk vir die laaste paar maande al op Nylstroom, beide om nuwe belangstelling op te wek en om die belangstelling wat in daardie buurt deur Leraar Venter gewek is, aan te moedig.

Op Woensdag, 13 April, het 'n klompie vriende op 'n plaas, 12 myl van Nylstroom, byeengekom om die doopsplegtigheid by te woon waar ses lede van die Van der Schyff familie deur die skrywer gedoop is. 'n Pragtige dam water in die bedding van die „Nyl“-rivier is vir hierdie doel gebruik na afloop van die diens wat in die huis ongeveer 'n half-myl daarvandaan gehou is.

Na huisbesoek by belangstellendes op Naboomspruit, Potgietersrust en Pietersburg het ons Vrydagaand die avondmaal gevier met die lede van die Potgietersrustkerk. By hierdie geleentheid het ons ook die onaan-gename werk gehad om die name van ses lede van daardie kerk te skraap omdat hulle op die Sabbat werk en weer rook. 'n Gees van onverskilligheid dring die kerke binne wat betreurenswaardig is en wat Adventiste 'n slegte naam gee. 'n Ander lid sal nog ses weke lank kans kry.

Dit is tragies om te sien dat daar nog meer mense geestelik sterf as liggaamlik. Liggaamlike dood is maar vir 'n kort tydjie, maar geestelike dood vir ewig.

Na die oggenddiens op die Sabbat te Potgietersrust, het ons dertig myl gery om 'n doopdiens waar te neem. Daar is sewe mense gedoop in 'n pragtige dam water tussen die bome 'n paar myl van Naboomspruit.

Broeder Van der Merwe sal binnekort vertrek na 'n ander plek waar belangstelling gewek is op die Vaalwater-taklyn.

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