

# Why We Need the Harvest Ingathering Funds

J. F. WRIGHT

OUR work within the Southern African Division is growing with amazing and everincreasing rapidly. What once took from five to ten years to achieve, is now being accomplished in one year. "Indeed!" you exclaim. Yes, such is the case. This movement is *onward*. Why? Because we have come to the time of the latter rain. God is now setting His divine hand to cut short His work in righteousness.

Naturally, such a growing work demands much from the treasury department. Today, we are carrying forward just double the amount of work we were doing in 1929. This in an interesting comparison. However, the comparison becomes even more interesting, when we tell you that we have to do this larger work today with about £20,000 less, annually, as compared with what we received in 1929. You can at once see that this presents no small problem to our union and local field administrators. Indeed, the load we carry today in this Division is an extremely heavy and difficult one! At times we hardly know just what to do.

In looking at the problem now from just another angle, permit me to add, that the income from our own people today, is quite insufficient to care for our established work and branch out into new territory at the same time. We are having to depend more and more each year upon the Harvest Ingathering funds to assist us. Really, if it were not for the Ingathering I do not know what we would do. Surely our work would be crippled and retarded.

Take, for instance, the cost of one department of our work, namely, the medical. During 1937 it required  $\pm 15,255-14-3$  to operate it. Our Ingathering receipts amounted to  $\pm 10,579-6-8$ . This, together with the  $\pm 4,644-1-9$  from fees, grants, etc., still lacked  $\pm 32-5-10$  of covering the total medical programme for last year, to say nothing of the large educational programme we are carrying which requires about  $\pm 20,000$  annually.

So today we do need the Harvest Ingathering to help us advance and maintain the work in this Division. If our people could but see, as I do, what our hospitals and dispensaries are achieving, they would never regret any part they have taken in the Harvest Ingathering, thus helping to make it a great factor in our work. We shall greatly appreciate what all will do to make the 1938 campaign a splendid success.

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## Doing Your Part W. H. HURLOW

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." John 15: 16.

Do you believe, really believe, that the judgment — the closing work of salvation - commenced in 1844? Do you believe that at that time God chose and ordained a definite people, gave them a positive message, and sent them to warn the world that "time shall be no longer"? Do you believe that as a Seventh-day Adventist, Y-O-U are one of those chosen? In view of the conditions in the world today, evidences of rapidly fulfilling prophecy, do you believe that our opportunities for service will soon be gone forever? Do you believe that the Harvest Ingathering Campaign plays a vital part in the fulfilling of God's plan? Do you believe that it is by the grace of Christ and the love of God that you have a part in His plan? Do you really and truly believe it? Then, proudly, nobly, and lovingly DO YOUR PART.

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# Doing Our Best

## A. N. INGLE

As our Harvest Ingathering Campaign is very close at hand, we look back with thankfulness and appreciation to the efforts put forth by every church member in helping to make the campaign a success in 1937. However, past achievements do not altogether make for future success, although we do obtain a great deal of courage as we look back over past experiences.

I feel there should be no reason for us to fall short of last year's experience, provided each individual church member (from the leaders to our youngest mem-

# Two Weeks to Zero Hour

# F. G. CLIFFORD

Two weeks-fifteen days; threehundred-and-sixty-hours - and all over South Africa the Ingathering battalions will climb out of their trenches to the great advance. The heavy artillery units are already bombarding the stronger positions, and most of them have been completely reduced. The way has been prepared for the whole line to move forward to glorious victory. There will be room for all classes of fighters. There will be mass attacks, sharp-shooting and guerilla warfare. Abundant supplies of stores have been sent up to every advanced base of operation. From now on officers will seek to enlist every believer and form them into active groups. All officers will survey their sections and map out the territory so as to assign every group their objective. Group leaders will provide territorial boundaries to each member so as to avoid crossfiring.

All soldiers to be on parade without fail on May 28 when supplies will be distributed. Every soldier must draw supplies of ammunition and possess himself or herself of a properly signed identification card. The watchword is: NO DEFEAT AND NO RE-TREAT. Our Great General, who has never lost a battle, will lead the troops. vou may feel Word Free

bers) will do his or her best to make a success of the campaign. You may feel that the amount you bring in is very small, but the large streams of small collections all help to swell the large aggregate that is so encouraging.

The workers in the Natal-Transvaal Conference will all have commenced their Harvest Ingathering Pre-campaign before this information reaches you, but without the co-operation and help of every church member, the campaign will not be a success.

We do earnestly plead with you to set aside some definite time during the Harvest Ingathering Campaign in which Y-O-U personally will take a share. It is not the most pleasant work and I doubt whether any one finds it harder than the writer to engage in the campaign, but knowing the good use to which the funds are allocated, and recognising the great need for even greater sacrifices than we have ever made before, we, wholeheartedly, must endeavour to do the best we can.

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# Word From Brother Le Butt Who is Always in the Lead

In giving the reasons for successful Ingathering, Brother Le Butt writes as follows:

"I feel that first of all one must be willing to go right ahead, realising that it is the Lord's work and that He is preparing the way for every visit that we are to make, thus making it possible for one to speak to those outside the organisation of what we are doing.

"This is a wonderful opportunity which God presents to us but we must of necessity be willing to put ourselves in a position where He can use us. All I can say is: Go straight into the office, boldly and fearlessly looking your prospect in the eye, telling him what you want, realising that it is not for yourself you are collecting but for the cause of God."

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## Secrets of Success

#### A. W. WORSLEY

(Brother Worsley has been most successful in the Ingathering work and, moreover, enjoys it.)

I APPROACH the public with a conviction of man's responsibility to his fellows, and a confidence that I am engaged in the highest work. Then I extend to those upon whom I call the privilege of doing, through me, what they cannot personally do. I can recall numerous instances when an appeal from this angle has been successful in places where other solicitors have met with refusal.

I have great faith in the inherent possibilities of the Ingathering Campaign. I believe there are potential resources which are yet scarcely tapped.

# Word From a Veteran Who Has Made Ingathering History

ANOTHER opportunity is soon to be afforded us of going out to gather means for the furtherance of God's cause. In this we have the assurance that "A dollar [4/-]may represent a soul." That being so, how willingly and faithfully we should engage in this work! And if, before starting out each day to meet the people, we prostrate ourselves before God, earnestly pleading that angels precede us, and we be so filled with the Holy Spirit that a right impression will be made upon those whom we solicit, we may confidently expect that some of them will ultimately be led to embrace the glorious message which we all love so D. F. TARR. dearly

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## Oxford Group

#### J. H. STOCKIL

To Seventh-day Adventists, the Oxford Group has nothing to offer which we do not already find in our own church as a constituted body. The encouragement of a "quiet time" with God in the morning is an excellent thing. However, Seventhday Adventists were keeping "The Morning Watch" long before this much stressed plan of the Oxford Group came into existence! The social atmosphere of the "sharing" meetings is enjoyed in our testimony meetings, with --- if we may say so - a little more of the reserve and respect for those aspects of private religious life, which is an integral part of successful and positive Christianity.

Postive, aggressive and personal missionary activity is a feature of our denominational code, and ample scope for this type of undertaking is offered in our Missionary Volunteer work, our Home Missionary Society, our Win-One League, and other such strongly entrenched lines of organised endeavour.

Further, there is a live danger of allowing ourselves to be lulled into a false sense of security when we harbour the thought that by a great deal of activity we are ensuring the fulfilment of God's great plan on this earth. Let us not forget, however, that we are told in Scripture: "If ye love me, keep My commandments,"— that acid test from which the honest in mind can never escape;— and that "faith without works is dead."

While recognising and paying tribute to the sincerity and zeal of the individual members of the Group, we hope that they too will one day realise that Christianity is more than "a quality of life," more than a philosophical or emotional appeal; that true Christianity is, in fact, a plan of salvation, and carries with it not only demands for certain general standards of conduct, but also very specific requirements of obedience to definite commands.

# S. E. Afr. Union H. M. Sparrow Superintendent E. B. Jewell Secy.-Treas. Box 51, Blantyre, Nyasaland

# The Medical Work at Malamulo

MISS M. JOHNSON

THE medical work at Malamulo still has a bright outlook. At times our hearts sink as we have to face those who come to us for help and so many times have to be told, "We are sorry but we cannot help you until we have a doctor." Some of these needs can wait indefinitely, others must have immediate attention and must be sent to the government doctor in Cholo.

In spite of the fact that we do not have a doctor we have our hands full. Our house patient list is small but the out patient list is growing month by month.

We are trying to help our patients spiritually as well as physically. Each morning worship is conducted with the orderlies. A little later worship is held for the house patients and those who come to the clinic are invited to join us. Captain has charge of the worship periods at the native hospital and Pearson at the Leper Colony. In both places worship is held morning and evening.

We are having a wonderful experience watching the Lord work for our patients. Some of our experiences are as follows: One patient came in suffering with an abscess complicated by malaria. We gave treatment and succeeded in clearing up the malaria but the abscess, instead of yielding to the treatment, seemed to get worse. After we had done all we could do for the patient we took the case to one of our native pastors and asked him to hold a prayer band for us. Needless to say in a few days our patient was ready to leave the hospital and is now going about his duties as usual.

Again we were able to see our prayers answered as one of our native workers came to us for help. He was given treatment and seemed to be feeling quite well but did not seem to be able to get his strength back. His name was added to the orderlies' prayer list and today he is able to be meeting his appointments in the field as though he had never been sick just before leaving the mission.

Another experience shows that the Lord is working in our behalf financially as well as physically and spiritually: As we faced the problem of not having a doctor for an indefinite time we were also faced with the problem of knowing how to have the needed supplies and still not go into debt. We did all that we could to keep expenses low, then we started the plan of charging everyone who came for help a penny for the service received. This plan at first made a cut in our patient list but it soon come up higher than before. The result of this plan is that we are able to bring in an average of about one pound a week. Before our programme was working as well as it is at present, we were told a few times, "You had better plan to close the hospital at the end of this week!" Before the end of the week came, however, some of those who had accounts paid them, thus bringing in enough to keep the hospital open. We have been working on this programme for nearly three months and have not had to close yet.

We are also taking time to beautify the grounds around the Native Hospital and the Leper Colony. This work is not only a benefit to the hospital grounds but it is also a great help to the patients — giving them something to do besides thinking of their many troubles. We find that this kind of work is of as much value to some as the medical help which they receive.

As you read these few lines will you not remember us and pray that the Lord will bless us in our efforts to win souls for Christ?

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

# The Home Commission

#### MRS A. FLOYD TARR

To many whose attention of late has been drawn to the Department of the Home Commission the thought may come that we are being a little ambitious in endeavouring to build up an institution such as the home which has apparently functioned satisfactorily since creation. Yet no one who seriously considers the position can be oblivious to the forces that are at work undermining and tearing down the original standards of the Christian home. It has with the Sabbath been made the chief point of attack by the devil, and we find today the sacrament of marriage and the sanctuary of the home dragged in the mire. What a privilege then for Seventh-day Adventists to hold aloft the Christian home, just as they have done the Christian Sabbath, with the brightness and the peace and the joy that were planned in Eden, and that shall reign again in the earth made new.

There are those unfortunately who, with a confidence born of sheer ignorance, are satisfied to stumble along in their homes, making failure upon failure, yet doing nothing to help themselves. When a child goes wrong it is accused of being "born wrong" and there was no help for it! Just rest assured there *was* a way, but that the way was not discovered. Again there are those who feel that their responsibility is very great and their knowledge inadequate, yet do not know where to turn for help and advice.

How can our homes become "little bits of heaven to go to heaven in"? How can we gain and hold our children's love and respect through the difficult years of adolescence? Yes, where must we begin?

Today educationists are coming to the same conclusion that Sister White reached years ago — namely, that it is the parents who need the educating !"Problem Parents" the world calls them. Sister White says, "Teaching *parents* . . . is the very most important work." Again, "If more attention were given to teaching *parents* . . . a hundredfold more good would result." Parents, how about it? Does this refer to you, or is it Mrs. Jones across the road? Would you be surprised if I were to tell you that already a beginning has been made in many of our larger towns in this

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and other countries to organise associations which will promote parent education?

What a privilege and a joy though that right in our own denomination we have advice and help to offer, without the error that so insidiously creeps into much of the help the world has to offer. This year in the Cape Conference we have started the five-year course of the Home Commission, and the book under review for the year is "Makers of the Home." This book lays the foundation for the other four that follow.

Parents, this is your day of opportunity! Do not let this year slip by without adding something to the happiness of your home. Elder Spalding's books are full of wisdom and encouragement. Let us bring our homes up to the high standard God would have them. Let us learn to understand our children. Elder Spalding, after years of study and experience, has caught the vision. Let us get a glimpse of it with him — and this must be gained, not by a cursory glance through his book, but by careful and consistent study, either alone, or in groups. God will abundantly bless such effort and the homes concerned.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Let us bestir ourselves and make our homes such that this prophecy may be fulfilled in them, and then never will our witnessing for Christ be more apparent than when the beacon lights of Christian homes shall shine out over South Africa.

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## **News** Items

OUR workers are at this time engaged in the Harvest Ingathering Pre-campaign. Let us not forget them in prayer as they day by day meet the public, solicit funds, and leave behind them the little Ingathering magazines.

A BAPTISMAL service was conducted in the Port Elizabeth church, Sabbath, April 30, at which time two members were received into fellowship. Elder Le Butt officiated.

It has been a privilege to have Elder W. Mueller, of the General Conference, meet with our Peninsula churches, as well as pay a visit to Port Elizabeth and Bloemfontein. We only regret that he was not able to tour our whole conference. His message of cheer, notwithstanding hardships experienced in war-torn Europe, brought courage to those who have been privileged to hear him. Elder A. Floyd Tarr accompanied Elder Mueller to the above-mentioned places.

WE extend a hearty welcome to Elder and Mrs. W. L. Hyatt, Loa, and Dulcie, and are glad to have them back with us. We are sorry, however, that their home coming was saddened by bereavement. They will make their home for a time in Port Elizabeth.

MANY have recently written in to the office requesting prayer for those who are ill. Let us ever remember the sick and suffering in our daily prayers.

# Thank You!

The Cape Conference office wishes to thank those who, from time to time, send in used periodicals for re-distribution. Our isolated people are glad of this reading matter.

#### PLEASE NOTE

We have a number of back numbers of the Sabbath School Quarterly (English). These may be had at the rate of 16 for 4d, which represents postage only.

> Write to THE RELIGIOUS BOOK DEPOSITORY P. O. Box 508 Port Elizabeth, C. P.

## Wanted

To complete Division Office files, one copy of 1924 Spion Kop Calendar. Will anyone who can supply this communicate with: Pastor Milton Robison, S. D. A. Division Office, Grove Avenue, Claremont, Cape.

Z. U. Mission J. R. Campbell \_\_\_\_\_ Superintendent I. H. Harrison \_\_\_\_\_ Secy.-Treas. Box 573, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia

# An Open Letter

Private Bag, Gwelo, So. Rhodesia.

DEAR FELLOW-SABBATH-SCHOOL-WORKERS, As I have thought about our Sabbath school work here in Rhodesia, it has just occurred to me that perhaps others throughout the mission fields are facing the same problem that I am — that of finding suitable Sabbath school devices for our native churches. If we could start and exchange devices it might save time for each

of us, and also bring a freshness which is always desirable. I will pass on a good device to anyone who will send one to me. A full-size

who will send one to me. A full-size sample with full instructions will ensure clearness and success. "Prograsting is the third of time"

"Procrastination is the thief of time," so please work over one, or more, of your old devices that have been successful in your sections of the vineyard, and send it to me at your earliest convenience. It will save your time and money.

Yours for better Sabbath schools,

(MRS.) G. R. NASH, Sabbath School Secretary, Southern Rhodesia Mission Field.

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# "I am Nineteen Years of Age"

"I AM nineteen years of age," writes one of our prospective students from England, "and I would like to invest my spare moments in something worth while. Will you please send me your Home Study catalogue?"

It is a wonderful thing in this year of our Lord, 1938, to be nineteen years of age, and how natural the desire on the part of such a young person to make a wise investment of the spare minutes! Disraeli said, "Youth is genius." Every young person of average ability has in himself, or herself, that which with proper training will make a splendid success of this life and also of that which is to come. But the training is necessary.

We hope that this little note will be read by thousands of young people nineteen

# Sabbath School Department

# DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY Membership Campaign

Fifteen Reasons Why I Should Be a Member of the Sabbath School

- 1. BECAUSE I need a deeper and more comprehensive knowledge of the Word of God.
- 2. BECAUSE I need to feast daily on spiritual food even more than to partake of temporal food.
- 3. BECAUSE I want my example and influence to be helpful to others, both young and old.
- 4. BECAUSE I need the blessing and inspiration in Christian service that I receive in the Sabbath school service.
- 5. BECAUSE I need the strength and encouragement that come through fellowship in the class recitation.
- 6. BECAUSE I need to manifest, as well as enjoy, the spirit of social good will fostered in the Sabbath school.
- 7. BECAUSE I get an enlarged understanding of the missionary fields of the world as some part is presented with its urgent need.
- 8. BECAUSE I need to learn the lesson of sacrificial giving as it is taught in the Sabbath School.
- 9. BECAUSE I need the training the Sabbath school offers to every member of the church.
- 10. BECAUSE I need the spiritual help I get in the Sabbath school as well as the blessing of the preaching service.
- 11. BECAUSE I am sure the Sabbath school is one of God's greatest agencies to maintain my faith, and to keep me in the love of the truth.
- 12. BECAUSE I find real enjoyment in the varied programme of the Sabbath school the songs, the prayer, the missionary appeal, the review, the class study, and the freedom from formality in these exercises.
- 13. BECAUSE every member of my family can find a lesson of inspiration that moulds the life in Christian principles.
- 14. BECAUSE I find in the Sabbath school opportunity for spiritual culture and missionary experience.
- 15. BECAUSE God has sent message after message approving of the Sabbath school, declaring, "The Sabbath school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth."

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years and over who will resolve immediately to write for our Home Study catalogue and get started before long on the pleasant road, winding over hill and dale, but leading at last to the goal of a successful life career.

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN, MAY 28-JULY 9

# **General News Notes**

ELDER W. H. ANDERSON left the Cape on April 28 for Johannesburg where he will assist the brethren in Harvest Ingathering before he proceeds to the Zambesi Union and the Congo. Brother Anderson will be away for several months.

MRS. ANDERSON and her sister, Mrs. Hockett, also left the Cape on April 28 for Bulawayo, *via* Johannesburg. While in Rhodesia they plan to visit several of our mission stations and also the Victoria Falls.

ELDER AND MRS. HVATT and family arrived on the S. S. "Windhuk" on April 29. The day before we received the sad news of the death of his mother in Durban. Elder Hyatt proceeded to Durban by aeroplane to attend his mother's funeral. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved.

MRS. C. P. BRINGLE and three children also arrived, April 29, on the S. S. "Windhuk." They have proceeded to Johannesburg where they will join Dr. Bringle and then go on to the Maun Medical Mission.

BROTHER AND SISTER H. J. HURLOW sailed from Port Elizabeth on April 26 and stopped off at the Cape for two days *en route* to England on furlough. While here they visited Helderberg College for the first time.

BROTHER AND SISTER H. L. FERGUSON and family have recently returned from furlough, landing at Durban. Brother Ferguson will be located at Kolo Mission while Brother and Sister H. J. Hurlow are on furlough.

ELDER L. L. MOFFITT leaves the Cape on May 16 and will accompany Elder Mueller in attending camp-meetings in the Zambesi and South East African Unions. Elder Moffitt will then proceed to the Angola Union and Elder Mueller to the Congo.

ELDERS HURLOW AND LE BUTT are in the Cape Peninsula giving a strong lead to the Harvest Ingathering Pre-campaign.

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## Harvest Ingathering, 1938

## HELDERBERG COLLEGE RESULTS

Goal	£230
Received	£265
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# Waarom Ons Oesinsameiingsgeld Nodig het

J. F. WRICHT

Ons werk in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie gaan met rasse skrede vooruit. Die werk wat eers van vyf tot tien jaar geneem het, word nou in een jaar verrig. Miskien sal u verbaas wees om dit te hoor, maar nogtans is dit die geval. Die beweging gaan vinnig vooruit, omdat die tyd van die "laat reëns" aangebreek het en God Sy werk wil afsluit.

Natuurlik het so 'n werk baie fondse nodig. Vandag doen ons net tweemaal soveel werk as in 1929. Dit is 'n interessante vergelyking,— wat nog interessanter word



as ons daaraan dink — dat ons hierdie uitgebreider werk vandag met ongeveer  $\pounds 20,000$  per jaar minder moet doen as in 1929. U sal dus dadelik insien dat ons Unie- en plaaslike beamptes voor 'n groot probleem staan en byna nie weet wat om te doen nie.

As ons die saak vir 'n oomblik van 'n ander kant beskou, sal ons uitvind dat die fondse wat van ons eie mense kom, heeltemal onvoldoende is om die gereëlde werk voort te sit en nog terselfdertyd nuwe werk te aanvaar. Jaar na jaar moet ons staatmaak op die Oesinsamelingsfonds, anders sal ons werk belemmer en vertraag word.

Neem, by voorbeeld, die onkoste van een afdeling van ons werk, naamlik die mediese. Gedurende 1937 het hierdie afdeling £15,225-14-3 geverg. Ons Insamelingsinkomste het £10,579-6-8 beloop. tesame met die £4,644-1-9 van fooie, toelae, ens, het daar nog £31-5-10 kortgekom om die totale mediese program vir verlede jaar uit te voer, om niks eers te praat van die groot opvoedingsprogram waarvoor ons jaarliks £20,000,000 nodig het nie.

Dus het ons vandag die Oesinsameling nodig om ons te help om die werk uit te brei en staande te hou in hierdie Divisie. As ons mense net kon sien wat ons hospitale en apteke uitrig, sou hulle nooit spyt kry oor enige deelneming aan die Oesinsameling nie. Ons sal almal se pogings om die 1938veldtog 'n sukses te maak, grootliks op prys stel.

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"SOMMICE meen dat as hulle geld vir die saak van God gee, dit al is wat van hulle verwag word, maar dit is verkeerd. Gawes van geld kan nie die plek inneem van persoonlike bediening nie."

# Twee Weke Voor die Veldtog

#### F. G. CLIFFORD

BINNE twee weke - d.w.s. vyftien dae of drie-honderd-en-sestig uur-sal die Insamelingsbataljons hulle groot aanval begin. Die grofgeskut bombardeer alreeds die sterkste vestings en die weg is al gebaan vir die hele leër om op te trek en die oorwinning te behaal. Daar sal plek wees vir alle soorte soldate. Daar sal groot aanvalle wees sowel as guerilla-oorlog. Voldoende voorrade oorlogsmateriaal is al aan alle hoofkwartiere gestuur. Van nouaf sal die offisiere probeer om elke gelowige in te skryf en in werkende afdelings te organiseer. Al die offisiere sal hulle terreine afmeet en aan elke groep hulle stuk gee. Groepleiers sal terreine toeken aan hulle lede teneinde verwarring te vermy.

Al die soldate moet op 28 Mei op parade verskyn wanneer daar voorrade sal uitgedeel word. Elke soldaat moet sy ammunisie en identifikasiekaartjie ontvang. Die wagwoord is: "Moenie ingee of terugtrek nie." Ons groot generaal wat nog nooit die neerlaag gely het nie, sal die aanvoerder wees.

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# Ons Moet Ons Bes Doen

### A. N. INGLE

NOUDAT ons Oesinsamelingsveldtog ophande is, dink ons met dankbaarheid terug aan die inspanning wat elke kerklid hom getroos het om die veldtog van 1937 'n sukses te maak. Hoewel dit ons baie moed gee om daaraan te dink, verseker die ondervindings van die verlede nogtans nie ons toekomstige sukses nie.

Ek gevoel dat ons geen rede het om slegter te vaar as verlede jaar nie, as elke lidmaat, van die leiers tot die jongstes, maar net getrou hulle plig doen. Hoewel u miskien dink dat die bedraggie wat u insamel maar baie klein is, sal die groot instroming van sulke bedraggies nogtans help om die totaal op te maak.

Voordat hierdie blad u bereik, sal al die werkers van die Natal-Transvaal-Konferensie al besig wees met die Oesinsameling, maar sonder die hulp en samewerking van elke lidmaat, sal die veldtog nie 'n sukses wees nie.

Ons versoek u dringend om 'n bepaalde tyd gedurende die Oesinsamelingsveldtog af te sonder om u persoonlike deel te doen. Dit is nie 'n aangename werk nie en ek twyfel of daar iemand is wat dit moeiliker vind as die skrywer. Nogtans behoort die goeie doel waarvoor die fondse gebruik word en 'n besef van die groot behoefte aan groter opoffering ons aan te spoor om van ganser harte ons bes te doen.

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"DIT is reg om van ons middele te gee, en daar is nog baie meer wat dit behoort te doen; maar namate hulle kragte en geleenthede, word persoonlike diens van elkeen geverg."

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## Doen U Deel

#### W. H. Hurlow

"Julle het My nie uitverkies nie, maar Ek het julle uitverkies en julle aangestel om vrug te gaan dra." Joh. 15:16.

GLO U werklik dat die Oordeel-die sluitingswerk van Verlossing - in 1844 begin het? Glo u dat God op daardie tydstip 'n bepaalde volk uitverkies het en hulle met 'n bepaalde boodskap gestuur het om die wêreld te waarsku dat daar nie langer tyd sou wees nie? Glo u dat U as 'n Sewende-dag Adventis een van daardie uitverkorenes is? Glo u vanweë die huidige wêreldtoestande wat bewys lewer dat die profesieë vinnig vervul word, dat ons kanse spoedig op 'n end sal wees? Glo u dat die Oesinsamelingsveldtog 'n groot rol speel in die volvoering van Gods plan? Glo u dat dit deur die genade van Christus en die liefde van God is dat u 'n deel het aan die vervulling van Gods plan? Glo u dit werklik? Doen dan u deel met trots, edelmoedigheid en liefde.

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# Nuus van Broeder Le Butt wat Altyd die Voortou neem

BROEDER LE BUTT beskryf die oorsake van sukses met die Oesinsameling soos volg:

"Ek is oortuig dat 'n mens in die eerste plek moet gewillig wees om sommer dadelik te begin werk, met die besef dat dit die Here se werk is en dat Hy die weg sal baan vir elke besoek wat ons sal aflê, en dit vir ons sal moontlik maak om met diegene buite ons organisasie te praat oor ons werk.

Dit is 'n heerlike geleentheid wat God ons gee om onsself aan Hom oor te gee om in Sy diens te gebruik. Al wat ek kan sê is: Gaan reguit in die kantoor of plek in, kyk die eienaar vas in die oë en verduidelik aan hom wat u wil hê. Hou die feit in gedagte dat dit nie vir uself is wat u kollekteer nie, maar vir die saak van God."

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## Geheime van Sukses

#### A. W. WORSLEY

(Broeder Worsley was baie suksesvol in die Oesinsamelingswerk, en — wat nog meer is — hy geniet dit.)

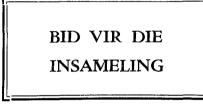
 $E_K$  nader die publiek met 'n oortuiging van die mens se verantwoordelikheid teenoor sy medemense en 'n versekering dat ek besig is met die hoogste werk. Dan gee ek diegene wat ek besoek 'n kans om deur my te doen wat hulle nie persoonlik kan doen nie. Ek kan my baie gevalle herinner waar 'n versoek van hierdie aard met sukses bekroon is hoewel ander insamelaars niks kon kry nie.

Ek het 'n groot vertroue in die moontlikhede van die Insamelingsveldtog, en is van mening dat daar magtige bronne is wat nog skaars aangeroer is.

# 'n Woordjie van 'n Veteraan in die Oesinsamelingsgeskiedenis

## D. F. TARR

BINNEKORT sal ons weer die geleentheid hê om uit te gaan om fondse in te samel vir die bevordering van Gods saak. Ons het die versekering dat elke vier-sjielings 'n siel kan voorstel. Aangesien dit nou die geval is, hoe gewillig en getrou moet ons nie in hierdie werk wees nie! As ons elke dag voordat ons uitgaan, voor God kniel en Hom ernstig vra om Sy engele voor ons uit te stuur, en as ons so gevul is met die Heilige Gees dat ons 'n goeie indruk kan maak op diegene met wie ons in aanraking kom, kan ons met volle vertroue verwag dat sommige van hulle uiteindelik sal gelei word om hierdie boodskap wat vir ons dierbaar is, aan te neem.



# Hoe Ek in die Waarheid Gekom het

Die weë van die Here is wonderlik en ek is oortuig daarvan dat Hy enigiets tot Sy beskikking stel om Sy waarheid oor die ganse aardbol te versprei. Ja, Hy gebruik selfs honde vir daardie doel. Daar ons op 'n klein dorpie woon en daar nuus gou versprei, is dit wonderlik dat ek nie die eerste aand van die poging op ons dorpie gehoor het nie. Hoewel daar pamflette uitgegee was, het die Satan daarin geslaag om dit byna twee weke vir my geheim te hou. Die Here het egter anders bedoel en van my hond gebruik gemaak. Dit is 'n buitengewone hond --- 'n hond wat sy sout verdien. Van kleins af was hy geleer om nuttig te wees en is vandag nog so. Ek is 'n spoorweg-man (sal nie meer lank een wees nie, want die spoorweë ken nou eenmaal geen Sabbat nie) en woon ongeveer 'n myl van die stasie af. My hond bring tweemaal per dag vir my verversings van die huis en gaan elke more die koerant haal. Op 'n sekere dag het hy my ontbyt gebring en nadat hy dit veilig afgelewer het, het daar 'n jong op die toneel verskyn. Daarvan het hy nie gehou nie omdat die kos vir sy baas bedoel was, en met 'n verskeurde broek moes die jong die hasepad kies. Om moeilikheid te voorkom het ek die jong 'n nuwe broek belowe en daar hy by 'n winkelier werksaam was, het ek dit goed gedink om sy werknemer in verband daarmee te gaan sien. Dit het my langs 'n weg gelei wat ek anders nooit bewandel nie-juis die

weg wat by die saal verbygelei het waar die poging aan die gang was. "Wat is hier aan die gang?" het ek vir 'n vriend gevra. Die opskrif op die swartbord het my vraag beantwoord:

#### "PROFETIESE LESINGS.

#### Waarheen Lei die Huidige Toestand van Sake in die Wêreld?"

Dit was asof iets in my binneste vir my gesê het: "Hier moet jy wees." Ek het gewens dat dit moes aand word en selfs my vrou kon my daardie aand nie tuis hou nie. Dit het my nie lank geneem om kennis te maak met die leier van die dienste nie. Hy was so vriendelik dat ek gou tuis gevoel het. Om te toon dat ek sy vriendelikheid op prys stel, het ek hom 'n sigaret aangebied wat hy tot my teleurstelling geweier het.

Toe die diens begin het, was daar nie baie teenwoordig nie, maar wat 'n diens was dit nie! Dit was heeltemal anders as die dienste waaraan ons gewoond was. Die man het met die Bybel in sy hand gestaan en die woorde het sommer so gerol. Ek moet erken dat ek met my oop mond gesit het en my verwonder het oor die man die Bybel so goed geken het. Ek het tuis vertel hoe ek dit geniet het en die volgende aand was ek weer daar, vergesel deur my vroutjie. Die derde aand was daar nog 'n derde lid van die huisgesin ook.

Ons hele huisgesin is nou in die Waarheid en ons doen ons bes om ander ook te wen. In plaas van een verwaarloosde, stofbedekte bybeltjie het ons nou nie minder as tien nie. Dan het ons nog baie ander geestelike boeke ook. Die Waarheid het 'n wonderlike krag wat die hartsnare so aanroer dat 'n mens nie daarvan kan los kom nie. Die Here was inderdaad barmhartig om ons te bring waar ons vandag is al het Hy maar net 'n hond daarvoor gebruik. G. A. W. Meyer.

Machadodorp.

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# Die Opheffingswerk in die Kaapse Konferensie

## MEV. A. FLOYD TARR

VIR baie mense sal dit miskien snaaks klink as ons sê dat ons probeer om die instelling van die tuiste op te bou, daar dit dikwels skyn of hierdie instelling sedert die skepping nog steeds in goeie werking is. Niemand wat die saak ernstig oorweeg, kan egter die magte verontagsaam wat besig is om die oorspronklike standaard van die Christelike huisgesin te ondermyn nie. Net soos die Sabbat is dit 'n aanvalspunt van die duiwel sodat ons vandag die sakrament van die huwelik en die heiligdom van die tuiste in die modder sien lê. Watter voorreg is dit dan nie vir Sewende-dag-Adventiste om die standaard van die tuiste met die heerlikheid, vrede, en genot wat in Eden bestaan het en weer op die nuwe aarde sal heers, hoog te hou net soos hulle met die Sabbat gemaak het nie!

Ongelukkig is daar diegene wat met 'n vertroue wat uit pure onkunde spruit, tevrede is om maar so aan te sukkel in hulle huise, sonder om te probeer om 'n verbetering te maak. As 'n kind 'n misstap doen, word dit gesê dat hy verkeerd gebore is en daar dus niks aan te doen is nie. Dan is daar weer ander wat hulle grote verantwoordelikheid besef asook hulle gebrek aan kennis, maar nie weet waar om hulp of raad te vind nie.

Hoe kan ons huise "stukkies van die hemel" word "waarin ons hemel-toe kan gaan"? Hoe kan ons die liefde en respek van ons kinders behou gedurende hulle moeilike jongelingsjare? Waar moet ons begin?

Vandag kom opvoedkundiges tot dieselfde gevolgtrekking wat Suster White jare gelede bereik het, naamlik dat dit die ouers is wat opvoeding moet ontvang! "Moeilike ouers," noem die wêreld hulle. Suster White sê: "Die opvoeding van die ouers is verreweg die belangrikste werk." En weer: "As daar meer aandag gewy word aan die opvoeding van ouers . . . sal daar honderdmaal meer goed gedoen word." Ouers, wat hieromtrent? Het dit met u te doen of met Mev. Jones aan die oorkant van die straat? Sal u verbaas wees as ek u vertel dat daar alreeds 'n begin gemaak is in baie van ons groter dorpe in hierdie en ander lande om organisasies op te rig wat die opvoeding van ouers bevorder?

Wat 'n voorreg en 'n genot is dit nie dat ons in ons eie denominasie advies en hulp kan aanbied sonder die dwaalleer wat so ongemerk in die hulp wat die wêreld aanbied, insluip! Vandeesjaar het ons die vyfjaar-kursus van die Opheffingskommissie in die Kaapse Konferensie aanvaar en die voorgeskrewe boek vir die jaar is "Makers of the Home." Hierdie boek sal die fondament lê vir die ander vier wat volg.

Ouers, nou is dit u kans! Moenie hierdie jaar laat verbyglip sonder om u tuiste gelukkiger te maak nie. Leraar Spalding se boeke is propvol van wysheid en aanmoediging. Laat ons ons huise ophef tot God se hoë standaard vir hulle. Laat ons leer om ons kinders te verstaan. Na jare van studie en ondervinding het Leraar Spalding die geheim ontdek. Laat ons saam met hom die saak ondersoek, nie deur die boek vlugtig deur te lees nie, maar deur 'n sorgvuldige en gereëlde studie daarvan, ôf alleen ôf in groepe te maak. God sal sulke inspanning en die betrokke huisgesinne ryklik seën.

"Kyk, Ek stuur julle die profeet Elia voordat die grote en vreeslike dag van die Here aanbreek. En hy sal die hart van die vaders terugbring tot die kinders, en die hart van die kinders tot hulle vaders, sodat Ek nie hoef te kom om die land met die banvloek te trek nie." Laat ons wakker word en ons huise so maak dat hierdie profesie in hulle kan vervul word. Dan sal ons getuienis vir Christus van meer krag wees, wanneer die bakenligte van Christelike huisgesinne oor die hele Suid-Afrika brand.

## Obituaries

HARDING.— Esther Harding passed peacefully to her rest, in Johannesburg, on Sabbath morning, April 23, 1938, at the age of fifty-four years.

Sister Harding embraced the message about six years ago a Braamfontein under the labours of Pastor F. G. Clifford. Subsequently she lived at Bloemhof, returning to Johannesburg in 1937. Our sister lived a consistent Christian life and was a devoted Seventh-day Adventist. Her end came suddenly while recovering from an operation.

We laid her to rest in the Brixton Cemetery in the sure and certain hope that she will have a part in the first resurrection to triumph with the advent people. Our sympathy and prayers are for her husband and family, who mourn their great loss. A. W. STAPLES.



VISSER.— George Frederick Visser was born at Wellington, Cape, on January 31, 1868, and died in the Groote Schuur Hospital as a result of his being struck down by a motor-car near his home at Claremont, the evening after the Sabbath, April 23, 1938, at the age of 70 years 3 months 23 days. Four hours after the accident he passed away without having regained consciousness.

Our brother accepted the message of present truth at the age of nineteen while working on the farm of Brother Peter Wessels near Kimberley. The following year he entered the colporteur work, and was a faithful canvasser for several years. In 1890 Brother Visser was married to Miss M. M. de Kock. To this union five children were born, four of whom are living.

Brother Visser always took an active interest in the affairs of the church. For nearly forty years he served as deacon, and in this office spent much time in caring for the upkeep of the church property. Besides serving on the church-school board, and church committeees, he taught a Sabbath school class for many years. He had that very Sabbath, preceding the night of his fatal accident, stood in his accustomed place before his class at the front of the church and taught the lesson on, "The Ministry of Angels." For a number of years Brother Visser served also as a member of the Cape Conference Committee.

Brother Visser's sudden and unexpected death brought a great shock to the family and to the church. Although we sorrow not as others who have no hope, yet we deeply mourn our loss for there is a vacant place in the church, and in the home. In the heart of his dear companion who had walked by his side for nearly half a century, there is an aching void which only a loving Father can fill.

Besides his wife, Brother Visser leaves three daughters, Mrs. Venter, the wife of Elder P. A. Venter, Miss Annie Visser, who has recently been connected with the Nokuphila Hospital and is now taking further training, Miss Ruby Visser, missionary in Angola, one son, Mr. Frederick Visser of the Sentinel Publishing Company, two grandsons and other relatives to await the glad resurrection morn.

Services held in the Claremont church and at the Plumstead Cemetery were attended by many sympathising friends, including some of our late brother's workmen who came to pay their last respects, together with members of our Peninsula churches. Words of comfort were spoken in the church by the writer, and at the grave-side by Elder W. H. Hurlow, president of the Cape Conference. An appropriate tribute was also paid by the deceased's brother-in-law, the Rev. Karremacher of the Dutch Reformed Church. Many beautiful floral pieces bore silent testimony to the esteem of sorrowing friends and relatives. L. L. MOFFITT.

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