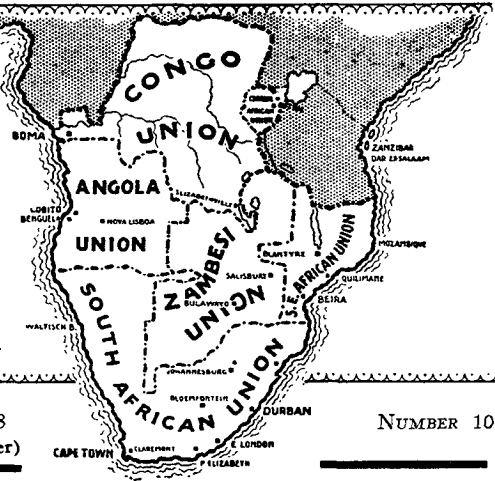


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And This Year?

F. E. POTTER

Twenty-two years ago the Ingathering campaign was launched in this Division. It brought in the very modest sum of £9. Five years later the amount had risen to £1,917. At the fourteenth year the receipts of the first year had been multiplied 641 times or £6,064. Seven years later the annual total had swollen to £10,579 — truly a wonderful achievement. Now we face our twenty-second effort. What will 1938 bring forth? We very sincerely believe that the £11,000 mark will be overstepped by a handsome margin, if every believer will launch out in simple faith. God is waiting to bless this campaign as He did that of 1937 — and more abundantly, too — if only every believer will do his or her share.

En Hierdie Jaar?

F. E. POTTER

Een-en-twintig jaar gelede het die In-samelingsveldtog in hierdie Divisie van stapel geloop. Dit het die nederige som van £9 opgebring. Vyf jaar later het die bedrag £1,917 beloop. In die veertiende jaar was die opbrings van die eerste keer 641 maal vermenigvuldig, d.w.s. £6,069. Sewe jaar later het die jaarlikse totaal op £10,579 gestaan — waarlik 'n wonderlike vooruitgang. Nou staan ons op die punt om die twee-en-twintigste poging op tou te sit. Wat sal 1938 oplewer? Ons glo stellig dat daar oor die £11,000 sal ingesamel word as alle gelowiges net skouer teen die wiel sit. God staan gereed om hierdie veldtog te sien net soos verlede jaar s'n — en ook nog meer, as elke gelowige net sy plig doen.

Ingathering Blessings

A. F. TARR

HARVEST INGATHERING brings blessings in its train. These blessings are threefold. First there are the sick, the suffering, the unenlightened,—those whose lives will be brightened by the ministry of healing made possible by the gifts. Surely these are abundantly blessed. Healed bodies, restored lives, enlightened minds—do these blessings not come as direct results of the Harvest Ingathering funds?

Then there are the givers. The good Book does not mislead when it says: "It is . . . blessed to give." This blessing, moreover, is even greater than the blessing that comes to those who receive. For not only is it blessed to give, but "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Sometimes we fail to appreciate the blessing that we are making possible to others when we provide them an opportunity to give.

Thirdly, those of us who share in the campaign can justly claim a double blessing,—that of those who give and that of those who receive, for do we not do both? We receive, and is it not a happy experience to receive, especially if the gift be a large one? And then we give. We give all we receive, and we give a good deal more: we give our time, our interest, our energies, all in unselfish service for others.

Yes, HARVEST INGATHERING furnishes abundant blessings,—blessings for the beneficiaries of our funds, blessings for those who contribute, and a special blessing for those who act as channels for giving and receiving, and without whom none would be blessed. It must not be that we, upon whom the whole plan depends, will prevent others as well as ourselves from enjoying this threefold blessing during the coming campaign.

Secrets of Ingathering Success

From Those Who Know

[Below we give a number of extracts from letters received from some of our lay-members who did exceptionally well in the Ingathering last year. We thought you would appreciate being let into the secret of their success.—F. G. C.]

G. Heydenrych:

"I HAVE no fear because I love the work, for it is not only to gather funds, but our first objective should be to meet interested souls. In doing this work one must be enthusiastic, and under all circumstances be courteous and keep smiling. Courage brother, courage sister!"

Mrs. N. Melvill writes:

"BEFORE going out I study the magazine so that I can speak intelligently of the work done on our missions, and so gain the interest of the people. I find that the majority are especially interested in lepers, and so I lay stress on that branch of our work."

This Word comes from Mrs. N. Hayidakis:

"FIRST, I like to do Harvest Ingathering very much and always look forward to it. In starting out I determine that I am going to do my best, and therefore do not miss one house or stop. I also write to some of my friends. Last year many donations were doubled as I told them the calls are so many that we must turn many suffering ones away. The Lord takes away all fear as soon as I knock at the first house. I always pray while I knock. I do not think that one can attribute one's success to any other source but prayer and willingness to do the Lord's work."

Mrs. W. George writes:

"DURING the four years I have Harvested I have found that it is only by constant prayer that I have been able to do anything. Prayer before I start out, prayer during the time I am out, and prayer when I return, thanking the Lord for all His wonderful goodness. I find all the people extremely nice and most are eager to give, if only a little. So far I have never had anybody be rude to me or shut the door in my face. If I find some looking a little cross I smile and comment on their children, gardens or animals, and very soon their faces are wreathed in smiles. So I

A Hint to Harvest Ingatherers

One day, in huckleberry time, when little Johnny Flaits

And half a dozen other boys were starting with their pails

To gather berries, Johnny's pa, in talking with him, said

That he could tell him how to pick so he'd come out ahead.

"First find your bush," said Johnny's pa, "and then stick to it till

You've picked it clean. Let those go chasing all about who will

In search of better bushes; but it's picking tells, my son;

To look at fifty bushes doesn't count like picking one."

And Johnny did as he was told; and, sure enough, he found,

By sticking to his bush while all the others chased around

In search of better picking, 'twas as his father said;

For while the others looked he worked, and soon came out ahead.

And Johnny recollected this when he became a man,

And first of all he laid him out a well-determined plan:

So, while the brilliant triflers failed, with all their brains and push,

Wise, steady-going Johnny won by "sticking to his bush."

—Northern European "Leader."

would say to all during the Ingathering Campaign: Pray without ceasing, be polite and keep smiling, press onward for a big goal, and last but not least, thank the Lord without ceasing for His constant love and goodness."

Mrs. A. L. Chilton says:

"I FIND my best policy, which so far has been successful, (seeing that I get few or no refusals in my territory) is that I try to discover all I can of the people I have to meet. I am always interested in their children, themselves, or their pets or gardens. I find a common interest (for I love all these things) and this breaks the ice and opens many avenues for conversation. If they are, or have been sick, I am solicitous, if they are busy cooking or entertaining I know immediately and arrange another call. I remember the next time any peculiarities or difficulties, and offer help or advice as the case may be, if I find they would be welcome. I have often been told: 'I thought it was about time for your visit.' I arrange to call upon a certain number each day, and ask for the lady of the house by name."

Mrs. F. N. Pike:

"THE success which I have had in the past is entirely through faith in the Lord. I pray for success, do my best, and leave the results with Him."

Mrs. B. Millard:

"I GENERALLY pray much, long before the Harvest Ingathering begins, and when we start with the work I pray more earnestly. I put in faithful time and let nothing interfere with my plans for Ingathering. When I talk to the people I am as pleasant as I possibly can be. I find that the early part of the day is the best time for collecting, for practically all the ladies are at home until 11.00 A.M."

N. Cooks:

"FOR a number of years I have Ingathered in company with another sister. Pleasant experiences become all the more pleasant, while disappointments lose their sting if there is someone to share them. It is so much easier to keep on when there is mutual encouragement.

"The lunch hour has proved an excellent time to collect, yielding often as much as a morning's work. The lepers arouse the sympathy of most people, and since the Nokuphila Hospital has opened in Johannesburg we have found it a helpful factor in getting donations, while attention drawn to the amounts donated in previous years prompts others to give. Above all other factors we have found how important it is to go on and on and on. The amount collected in our street may be very disappointing, but the next row of houses will probably yield surprising results. And then, of course, the work is the Lord's and without Him we realise we can do nothing."

Eileen Minnaar:

"I THINK that my past success in Harvest Ingathering work depends on the fact

that I am convinced that this is God's work. I am proud to let the world know what our people are doing. I face the people bravely, with prayer in my heart, assuming that I am going to get a good donation. It pays to persevere, and use all the time to the best advantage."

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How to Do It

A Message From the Star Collector in the Zambesi Union

Of prime importance in Harvest Ingathering solicitation is the prayer factor. Many requests, resulting from a recognition of our own unworthiness, and inability to sum prospects up correctly,—to say the right word at the right time, and to make the right movement at the crucial moment,—are made as success is sought. Further requests are that we may find prospects in the right mood, and that the spirit of God may prepare their hearts. In requesting guidance and blessing we cannot overlook the necessity of cleansing from sin so that God's Spirit may work through us.

Prayer does not obviate earnest, diligent work. After pleading for a blessing we exert ourselves in soliciting. While earnest endeavour is put forth, it is essential that it be directed by the mind so as to safeguard needless expenditure of energy, by double-tracking and overtalking.

Satisfactory results have been attained by getting our lists started with the larger donations from ones who have given before. After receiving our territory we collect the larger donations first, then proceed to comb the area, soliciting all people encountered there. Those who have given before are noted, but persons whose names are not on the list are not passed by, even when we know that discourteous refusals were made previously.

Optimism pays. Expect great things. We frequently get what we ask for. In a tactful, courteous manner suggest that a larger contribution be given than was made previously.

With self in the background and service for the Master in the fore, results are assured to every diligent worker, as has been proved by another humble solicitor.

J. B. COOKS.

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How the Money Came in

THE stream of Ingathering within the South African Union last year reached the total of £8,879-4-3.

It came from the highveld and the lowveld, the cities and the provinces, the rich and the poor, the high and the low, the white and the black. And it came in a steady stream, flowing at the rate of £1,479-17-4 per week, £295-19-6 per day, £36-19-11 per hour, (on the basis of eight working hours per day), and 12/4 per minute. What help and relief it brought to our medical and uplift work in the field!

And how did it come in with such a steady flow? Why, just because there was a steady stream of willing Ingatherers going out all through the six weeks. By ones and twos and threes and larger groups they went, all determined to reach the goal. Nothing could deter them, nothing could discourage them,—this army of willing helpers, determined to do their bit.

And now they are at it again; out to make this year's campaign the very best in our history. F. G. C.

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Covering Three Million Square Miles

POSSIBLY one of the greatest of the African problems is the problem of square miles. Vast distances, scattered peoples, poor communications, tend to slow up the progress of the missionary advance.

The links in the chain of endeavour are long and thin; travel and toil are inseparable from the work of caring for the growing interests. The need is urgent for more beacon lights in the darker spots—more places of refuge along the African road. Do your part in the Ingathering.

F. G. C.

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The Award Card

AN attractive award card is being printed that will be granted to every church reaching its Ingathering goal within the allotted six weeks.

The card will be inscribed with the name of the church and will specify whether the church reached its goal during the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, or sixth week. We are anxious to present many churches with cards bearing the worthy record of having reached the goal during the early weeks of the endeavour.

F. G. C.

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THE CAPE FIELD

The Work in Calvinia and Clanwilliam

J. N. DE BEER

A VERY pleasant but busy week was spent with the believers at Calvinia and Clanwilliam recently by Brother A. Kohen and the writer. We found them all of good courage and doing all they could in helping others to find the way to the kingdom of Christ. We were pleased to meet the new members brought into the truth since my last visit.

Meetings were held on the Sabbath and each evening. The Holy Spirit spoke to each heart in the celebration of the ordinances. There was a decidedly true ring in every testimony that was given, and everyone expressed his determination to remain faithful, whatever the circumstances might be.

The Lord blessed us with fair weather and as the room was not large enough to accommodate the large number who attended the evening meetings, these were held in the open air. The side wall of Brother Koopman's house was used as a screen on which to throw the pictures from Brother Kohen's projector. These meetings were greatly appreciated and many were moved to give themselves to the Lord. Some have taken a definite stand for the truth as a result of these meetings, writes Brother Gert Koopman.

For a long time the believers in Calvinia have felt the great need of a place in which to worship. They endeavoured to purchase a plot of ground as a church site but there were great obstacles in the way and it seemed well-nigh impossible to procure a site. But we are thankful to say that perseverance succeeded and at last a site has been purchased. The brethren have made all the unburned bricks needed for the church. The burned bricks have been procured at a reasonable figure and other building material required is on the spot. Building operations will be started soon after the Harvest Ingathering work is completed. We are indeed thankful for the Lord's help thus far and we know He will be with us to the end.

The time spent at Clanwilliam was full of interest and holy joy for there we found the interest kindled by Sister van Rensburg growing. After carefully examining those who accepted the message last year, we found four were ready to be buried with the Lord. Truly the Lord was present as these precious souls gave witness of their acceptance of the Lord Jesus and His message for this time. We feel sure those others who were advised to wait a while longer will advance in Christian experience and will soon follow the Lord through the watery grave.

Surely, dear believers, the harvest is ripe ready to be gathered! May we be willing in this day of God's power to put forth stronger efforts than ever before to win precious souls for the kingdom of Jesus.

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Our 1938 Harvest Ingathering Campaign

J. N. DE BEER

IN this campaign another splendid opportunity is afforded us of doing something definite in advancing the work of God. We feel sure our people will rally to the call for service and that we are going to see a most successful completion of this campaign.

Let us take the motto the apostle Paul gives us in his letter to the Philippians, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Yes, He is with us and stands ready to give us strength to meet every difficulty. Only, "Ask and it shall be given you." "Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse," so let us use the motto and the key.

SOUTHERN AFR

STATEMENT OF TITHE AND MISSION OFFERINGS

CONFERENCE OR MISSION	AVERAGE MEMB. 1935	TITHE		S. S OFF.		FOREIGN		ANNUAL		HAR. INGATH.		
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
SOUTH AFRICAN UNION												
Cape Conference	1116	7357	12 1	1760	18 9	7 19	1	125	8 9	2581	10 1	
Natal-Transvaal Conference	1442	10541	3 2	2486	16 10			216	11 11	4477	12 9	
North Bantu Mission Field	20	312	16 6	50	2 3				15	0	517	15 2
South Bantu Mission Field	6	158	4 11	38	1 4			4	5 2	262	17 7	
Total European	2584	18369	16 8	4335	19 2	7 19	1	347	0 10	7839	15 7	
North Bantu Mission Field	1324	646	18 2	218	9 10			32	15 1	336	11 3	
South Bantu Mission Field	683	271	4 0	98	16 1			10	2 10	151	10 11	
Cape Field	449	1709	19 8	435	12 7			15	11 5	537	6 6	
N. T. Conference Indian		84	10 1	34	7 1					14	0 0	
Total Missions	2456	2712	11 11	787	5 7			58	9 4	1039	8 8	
Grand Total S. A. Union	5040	21082	8 7	5123	4 9	7 19	1	405	10 2	8879	4 3	
ZAMBESI UNION												
North Rhodesia Mission Field	12	234	16 7	28	10 8	1 0	7	10	0	215	15 0	
South Rhodesia Mission Field	15	288	19 8	50	14 7	10	3	1	0 0	213	16 8	
South Congo Mission Field	8	158	8 2	43	16 10			10	1 11	122	10 2	
North East Rhodesia Mission Field	2	26	5 0	7	8 6					1	0 0	
Bechuanaland Mission Field	5	223	18 0	48	7 8					78	15 6	
Rhodesia-Bechuanaland Conference	136	1762	16 5	231	16 4			12	17 7	562	9 9	
Total European	178	2695	3 10	410	14 7	1 10	10	24	9 6	1194	7 1	
North Rhodesia Mission Field	2928	168	5 6	51	10 11		11	1	7 2	32	4 0	
South Rhodesia Mission Field	4670	424	15 10	193	18 2	2 6	5	17	16 5	69	7 7	
South Congo Mission Field	687	49	4 6	21	16 4			2	4 8	4	10 11	
North East Rhodesia Mission Field	519	19	5 7	8	17 10							
Bechuanaland Mission Field	150	36	8 3	17	5 3					1	2 8	
Total Native	8954	697	19 8	293	8 6	2 7	4	21	8 3	107	5 2	
Grand Total Zambesi Union	9132	3393	3 6	704	3 1	3 18	2	45	17 9	1301	12 3	
SOUTH EAST AFRICAN UNION												
South Nyasa Mission Field	17	288	7 2	53	2 10	1 1	0	20	1 0	140	0 2*	
Unattached Missions	8	168	14 11	26	2 9			1	10 0	10	10 10	
Total European	25	457	2 1	79	5 7	1 1	0	21	11 0	150	11 0	
South Nyasa Mission Field	7088	176	5 6	37	0 3	2 5	5	15	18 9	12	3 11	
Unattached Missions	1150	61	4 9	16	4 4	6	5	1	3 0	4	5 10	
Total Native	8238	237	10 3	53	4 7	2 11	10	17	1 9	16	9 9	
Grand Total South East African Union	8263	694	12 4	132	10 2	3 12	10	38	12 9	167	0 9	
CONGO UNION												
European	28	302	0 3	118	4 10			10	15 8	165	1 11	
Native	2390	194	10 11	169	19 5			3	11 2			
Grand Total Congo Union	2418	496	11 2	288	4 3			14	6 10	165	1 11	
ANGOLA UNION												
European	22	405	9 11	110	7 10			6	19 5	66	7 6*	
Native	666	58	9 10	38	10 1			4	10 3			
Grand Total Angola Union	688	463	19 9	148	17 11			11	9 8	66	7 6	
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South African Union	2584	18369	16 8	4335	19 2	7 19	1	347	0 10	7839	15 7	
Zambesi Union	178	2695	3 10	410	14 7	1 10	10	24	9 6	1194	7 1	
South East African Union	25	457	2 1	79	5 7	1 1	0	21	11 0	150	11 0	
Congo Union	28	302	0 3	118	4 10			10	15 8	165	1 11	
Angola Union	22	405	9 11	110	7 10			6	19 5	66	7 6	
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South African Union	2456	2712	11 11	787	5 7			58	9 4	1039	8 8	
Zambesi Union	8954	697	19 8	293	8 6	2 7	4	21	8 3	107	5 2	
South East African Union	8238	237	10 3	53	4 7	2 11	10	17	1 9	16	9 9	
Congo Union	2390	194	10 11	169	19 5			3	11 2			
Angola Union	666	58	9 10	38	10 1			4	10 3			
TOTAL NATIVE	22704	3901	2 7	1342	8 2	4 19	2	105	0 9	1163	3 7	
GRAND TOTAL DIVISION	25541	26130	15 4	6397	0 2	15 10	1	515	17 2	10579	6 8	

AFRICAN DIVISION

FOR 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1937

CAMP	MEETING		MISS. VOLUNTEER		BIG WEEK		WEEK OF SAC.		TOTAL. MISS. OFF.		GOAL 12 MOS.		AMT. RAISED P.W.P.M.		GOAL P.W.P.M.	
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Insamelingsseëninge

A. F. TARR

OESINSAMELING bring seëninge mee. Hierdie seëninge is drievoudig. Eerstens is daar siekes, lydendes en oningeligtes,—mense wie se lewens kan beter gemaak word. Gesondgemaakte liggame, herstelde lewens, verligte verstande—is dit nie direkte gevolg van die Oesinsameling nie?

Dan is daar die gewers. Die Goeie Boek is nie verkeerd waar hy sê: „Dit is saliger om te gee” nie. Partymaal besef ons nie watter seën ons aan ander besorg deur hulle die kans te gee om te gee nie.

Derdens kan diegene van ons wat aan die veldtog deelneem 'n dubbele seën verwag—naamlik as diegene wat gee sowel as diegene wat ontvang, want doen ons dan nie altwee nie? Ons ontvang, en is dit nie 'n aangename ondervinding veral as die geskenk groot is nie? En dan gee ons. Ons gee alles wat ons ontvang en nog veel meer. Ons gee ons tyd, ons belangstelling en ons kragte in onselfsugtige diens vir ander.

Ja, Oesinsameling bring baie seëninge,—seëninge vir diegene wat gehelp word, seëninge vir diegene wat gee en spesiale seëninge vir diegene wat as kanale van gewes en ontvangstes dien en sonder wie niemand sal gesien word nie. Ons moet sorg dra dat ons van wie die sukses van die hele plan afhang, nie ander sowel as onself sal verhinder om hierdie seëninge gedurende die toekomstige veldtog te ontvang nie.



Hoe Om Dit te Doen

'n Boodskap van die Baasinsamelaar van die Sambesi-Unie

GEBED is die vernaamste faktor in die Oesinsameling. Teneinde sukses te behaal, moet daar baie gebede opgestuur word, want vanself is ons onbekwaam om mense te oordeel of om die regte woorde en dade op die geskikte oomblik te gebruik. Verder is dit nodig om te bid dat ons die mense in goeie buie moet aantref en dat die Gees van God hulle harte moet voorberei. As ons so om leiding bid, kan ons nie die noodsaaklikheid van reiniging oor die hoof sien nie omdat ons moet rein wees voordat Gods gees deur ons kan werk.

Gebed ruim egter nie ernstige, flinke werk uit die weg nie. Nadat ons om 'n seën gesmeek het, moet ons al ons kragte inspan om te kollekteer. Terwyl ons hard werk, moet ons sorg dat ons verstandig handel teneinde onnodige verkwisting van energie deur heen en weer loperij en te veel praterij te vermy.

Gewoonlik word bevredigende resultate behaal deur die grootste bydraes—van mense wat al tevore gegee het—bo-aan die lys te kry. Nadat ons ons terrein ontvang het, moet ons eers die grootste gewes insamel en daarna die hele terrein sorgvul-

dig deurgaan sonder om 'n enkele persoon oor te slaan. Hoewel ons moet oplet wie al vantevore gegee het, moet ons nie diegene wat voorheen onbeleef geweier het om te gee, verbygaan nie.

Dit betaal om 'n optimis te wees. Verwag groot resultate. Ons kry dikwels wat ons begeer. Op 'n takvolle, beleefde manier moet ons vra om 'n groter bydrae as verlede keer. As self op die agtergrond en diens vir die Meester op die voorgrond is, kan elke vlytige werker seker wees van sukses, soos deur die ondergetekende bewys is.

J. B. COOKS.



Geheime van Insamelings-sukses

Deur Diegene wat Weet

(Hieronder gee ons 'n aantal uittreksels van briewe ontvang van sommige van ons leke wat buitengewoon uitblink het in verlede jaar se Insameling. Ons dink u sal belangstel in die geheim van hulle sukses.)

G. Heydenrych:

„EK ken geen vrees nie omdat ek die werk liefhet. Dit is nie slegs om fondse in te samel nie, maar ons vernaamste doel behoort te wees om belangstellende siele te ontmoet. In die verrigting van hierdie werk moet 'n mens entoesiasies wees en onder alle omstandighede beleefd en opgevoerd wees. Hou moed, broeder; hou moed, suster.”

G. HEYDENRYCH.

Mev. N. Melvill skryf:

„VOORDAT ek gaan insamel, bestudeer ek die Insamelingsboekie goed sodat ek goed ingelig kan wees in verband met ons werk op die verskillende plekke en dus die aandag van die mense kan trek. Omdat die meerderheid baie belangstel in die meelaatses, beklemtoon ek altyd daardie gedeelte van die werk.”

Hierdie boodskap kom van

Mev. N. Hayidakis:

„IN die eerste plek hou ek baie van Oesinsameling en sien altyd uit daarna. Aan die begin neem ek my voor om my bes te doen en daarom slaan ek nie een huis of winkel oor nie. Ook skryf ek aan party van my vriende. Verlede jaar het vele hulle gewes verdubbel toe ek hulle vertel het dat daar so baie om hulp vra dat ons baie lydendes maar moet laat omdraai. Sodra ek aan die deur van die eerste huis klop, neem die Here alle vrees weg. Ek bid altyd terwyl ek klop. Ek dink nie 'n mens kan jou sukses aan enigiets anders toegeskryf as gebed en gewilligheid om die Here se werk te doen nie.”

Mev. W. George skryf:

„GEDURENDE die vier jaar wat ek ingesamel het, het ek uitgevind dat dit slegs deur aanhoudende gebed is dat ek in staat was om iets uit te rig. Gebed voor ek uitgaan, gebed solank as ek kollekteer, en

gebed as ek weer tuiskom en die Here dank vir al Sy wonderlike goedheid. Ek vind dat al die mense vriendelik is en dat meeste van hulle gretig is om te gee al is dit ook net 'n klein bedraggie. Tot dusver was daar nog nooit iemand onbeleef teenoor my en het niemand nog ooit die deur in my gesig toegeslaan nie. As ek iemand aantref wat bietjie suur lyk, glimlag ek en maak ek 'n opmerking oor hulle kinders, diere, of tuine. Dan glimlag hulle gou. Dus moet ek aan almal sê gedurende die Oesinsamelingsveldtog: Bid gedurig, wees beleefd, glimlag aanhoudend, hou 'n hoë doel voor oë, en wat die laaste maar nie die geringste is nie, dank die Here gedurig vir Sy getroue liefde en goedheid.”

Mev. A. L. Chilton sê:

„EK het uitgevind dat dit die beste plan is om eers alles wat ek moontlik kan, uit te vind in verband met diegene by wie ek moet kollekteer. Hierdie politiek is nog altyd met sukses bekroon daar ek min of geen mense aantref wat weier om te gee nie. Ek stel altyd belang in hulle kinders, hulleself, of hulle troeteldiere en tuine. Dus vind ek iets waarin ons altwee belangstel en waarmee ek die ys kan breek en 'n geselskap kan aanknoop. As hulle siek is of gewees het, toon ek my simpatie en as hulle besig is met koskook of besoekers het, weet ek dit dadelik en tref ek reëlings vir 'n later besoek. Die volgende keer onthou ek alle eienaardighede en moeilikhede en bied hulp of raad aan soos die geval mag wees en as dit sal welkom wees. Mense het my al dikwels begroet met die woorde: „Ek het gedink dit moet omtrent al tyd wees vir u besoek.” Ek reël altyd om 'n sekere huis elke dag te besoek en vra dan om die vrou van die huis by naam te sien.”

Mev. F. N. Pike:

„DIE sukses wat ek in die verlede gehad het is geheelal aan geloof in die Here te wyte. Ek bid om sukses, doen my bes, en laat die resultate aan Hom oor.”

Mev. B. Millard:

„GEWOONLIK bid ek baie, lank voor die Oesinsameling begin. As ons met die werk begin, bid ek nog ernstiger. Ek wy sekere ure aan die Oesinsameling en laat niks toe om my planne in verband daarmee te hinder nie. Wanneer ek met die mense praat, probeer ek om so aangenaam as moontlik te wees. Ek het al uitgevind dat die voormiddag die beste insamelingstyd is, daar meeste huisvrouens tot elfuur v. m. tuis is.”

N. Cooks:

„JARELANK is ek al gewoon om saam met 'n ander suster in te samel. Aangename ondervindings word al hoe aangename, terwyl teleurstellings nie so erg is nie, as daar iemand is met wie 'n mens hulle kan deel. Dit is so baie makliker om te volhard wanneer daar onderlinge aanmoediging is.

„Die middagmaaluur is 'n uitstekende tyd om te kollekteer en lewer dikwels net

soveel op as 'n hele voormiddag se werk. Die melaatses wêk die medelyde van meeste mense op, en sedert die oprigting van die Nokuphila Hospitaal in Johannesburg is hy 'n hulpvaardige faktor in die Insameling, terwyl ander aangespoor word om te gee as ons hulle aandag vestig op die bedrae wat in die verlede gegee is. Ook het ons uitgevind dat die belangrikste ding is om maar te volhard. Hoewel die bedrag wat in ons eie straat ingesamel is miskien klein is, sal die volgende straat ongetwyfeld meer oplewer. Dan ook, is die werk natuurlik die Here s'n en besef ons dat ons sonder Hom niks kan doen nie."

Eileen Minnaar:

„Ek dink dat my Oesinsamelingsukses van die verlede te wyte is aan die feit dat ek oortuig is dat dit Gods werk is. Ek is trots om die wêreld te laat sien wat ons mense doen. Ek nader die mense moedig, met gebed in my hart, en maak of ek oortuig is dat ek 'n milde bydrae sal kry. Dit betaal om te volhard en die beste gebruik van 'n mens se tyd te maak.



Hoe die Geld Ingestroom het

Die Oesinsameling in die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie het verlede jaar 'n totaal van £8,879-4-3 opgelewer. Dit het van alle kante gekom, van hoëveld en laëveld, van stede en platteland, van rykes en armes, hoëns en nederiges, wittes en swartes, en dit het ingevloei gekom in 'n goue stroom met 'n spoed van £1,479-17-4 per week, £295-19-6 per agtuur-dag, £36-19-11 per uur en 12/4 per minuut. Wat 'n stroom was dit nie, en watter hulp en verligting het dit ons mediese en liefdadigheidswerk in hierdie veld nie besorg nie!

En waarom het dit so ingevloei? Eenvoudig omdat daar 'n klomp gewillige Insamelaars was gedurende die ses weke. Hulle het een-een, twee-twee, drie-drie of in groter klomp gaan insamel met die voorneme om die doelwit te behaal. Niks kon hulle terughou nie, niks kon hulle ontmoedig nie, want hulle was 'n leër van vrywilligers wat vasbesluit was om hulle bes te doen.

Nou moet hulle al weer begin en hierdie keer moet hulle die een-en-twintigste verjaarsdag van die veldtog die beste in ons geskiedenis maak.

F. G. C.



Oor Drie Miljoen Vierkantmyle

EEN van Afrika se grootste probleme is miskien sy vierkantmyle. Ontslaglike afstande, verspreide bewoners, en slegte verkeersaangeleenthede is geneig om die vooruitgang van die sendingwerk te stelp.

Die taak om vir die aangroeiende werk te sorg verg baie rondreis en arbeid. Daar is 'n dringende behoefte aan meer seinvure op die donker plekke — meer toe-

vlugsoorde langs die pad van Afrika. Doen u deel gedurende die Oesinsameling.

F. G. C.



Werk vir die Vyf-en-twintig Miljoene Siele

WAT 'n taak en wat 'n uitdaging om die meer as vyf-en-twintig miljoen behoeftige siele wat binne die terrein van die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie woon, te help! En hulle behoeftes is legio — behoeftes van liggaam sowel as van siel. Ons het baie meer mense en middele nodig. Die deure gaan altyd wyer oop. „Kom oor en help ons” is die aanhoudende roepstem. Die Oesinsameling kan baie doen om dit moontlik te maak om aan hierdie versoeke te voldoen.

F. G. C.



Die Prestasiekaart

'N AANTREKLIKE prestasiekaart word gedruk wat aan elke kerk sal gestuur word wat sy Insamelingsdoel behaal binne die toegekende ses weke.

Die kaart sal die naam van die kerk daarop hê en sal sê of die kerk sy doel in die eerste, tweede, derde, vierde, vyfde of sesde week bereik het. Ons is begierig om aan baie kerke hierdie kaarte te stuur en hoop dat baie die waardige rekord sal hê dat hulle hulle doel binne die eerste paar weke van die veldtog bereik het.

F. G. C.

Doodsberig

VORSTER.—Paulus Stephanus Vorster van Naboomspruit is skielik oorlede in sy woning, op 25 April in die ouderdom van 78 jaar.

Die aand vantevore het hy nog die diens bygewoon in die kerkzaal, die volgende more nog al sy werkies verrig en omstreeks 10:00 uur is hy gevind in sy huis beswyk aan hartverlamming.

Die ou broeder het die waarheid drie jaar gelede aangeneem onder die bediening van Leraar Venter. Hy het getrou gebly tot die end. Sy laaste more toe hy wakker word het hy nog gesing „Hoop op den Heer, gy vroomen.”

'n Familiekring van 114 word nagelaat waarvan ongeveer 'n 100 in die waarheid is (klein en groot). Dit was sy voorreg om tien dae voor sy dood nog tien van sy kinders en kleinkinders te sien begrawe in die watergraf.

Die lyksrede is deur die skrywer gehou bygestaan deur Broeder E. Stevenson. 'n Skare van oor die 300 mense was teenwoordig.

Ons innige simpatie gaan uit tot Sr. Vorster en al die kinders, maar ons troos is die hoop van 'n weersien anderkant die graf.

P. J. v. D. MERWE.

Obituaries

HOLMES.—Mary Elizabeth Holmes was born in the Winterberg, Cape Province, on February 15, 1859, and passed away on Monday, May 9, in Johannesburg, at the age of seventy-nine years.

Sister Holmes, while on holiday in Kingwilliamstown, learned the message from her sister, Mrs. Dubber, and with open heart gladly embraced present truth. That was between forty and fifty years ago. Since then Sister Holmes has never wavered in her allegiance to the Lord. Her life was one of deep piety and joyous Christian experience. Later she lived in Ermelo where she did much to win others to the message. One mourner at the grave-side testified that she was helped to accept the message in that town and lives to thank God for the consistent Christian life of her friend.

Sister Holmes was ill for only nine days, and as her strength failed her faith strengthened. As the writer talked with her, she was rejoicing in the Lord. Her only care was for her children and grandchildren. Her last thoughts and prayers were for them. She passed away peacefully conscious to the last and with the words of a hymn upon her lips.

Our sister leaves, to mourn, seven sons, six daughters, and many grandchildren. Our sympathy and prayers are for them.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer both at the funeral parlour and at the grave-side. We laid her to rest at Brixton to await the call of the Life-giver, comforted to know that she shall come forth clothed with immortality.

A. W. STAPLES.

VAN NIEKERK.—Evert Phillipus van Niekerk passed away on May 1, 1938, in the General Hospital, Johannesburg in his sixty-ninth year. Following an accident in which a mule wagon collided with his car, he seemed to make satisfactory progress and then passed suddenly to his rest.

It was the writers' privilege to visit and pray with him in hospital. He was drawn of the Holy Spirit to surrender all and consecrate his life to the Lord. At one time our late brother was a worker in the mission field. We are happy to believe that following an unsettled experience he sleeps in Jesus.

Services were conducted by the writer at the home of his daughter, Sister Lombard, and at the grave-side at Primrose. Our sympathy and prayers are for those who mourn the loss of one near and dear.

A. W. STAPLES.

„VIR diegene wat in Jesus ontslape het, sal die slaap, of dit kort of lank duur, slegs wees asof die oomblik van droewige vaarwel onmiddellik gevolg is deur die blye hereniging in die teenwoordigheid van Jesus by Sy heerlike koms om die regverdiges op te wek.”

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J. N. DE BEER

HIERDIE veldtog sal ons weer 'n uitstekende geleentheid gee om iets definitiefs te doen vir die vooruitgang van die werk van God. Ons voel oortuig dat ons mense sal antwoord op die oproep tot diens en dat hierdie veldtog met volslae sukses sal bekroon word.

Laat ons as leuse neem die woorde van die apostel Paulus in sy brief aan die Filippense: „Ek is tot alles in staat deur Christus wat my krag gee.” Ja, hy is by ons en staan gereed om ons te help uit iedere moeilikheid. Ons moet slegs vra, en dit sal aan ons gegee word. Aangesien „gebed die sleutel in die hand van die geloof is om die skatkis van die hemel te ontsluit,” laat ons beide die sleutel in die leuse gebruik.

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Die Werk in Calvinia en Clanwilliam

J. N. DE BEER

BROEDER A. KOHEN en die skrywer het 'n baie aangename dog besige week by die gelowiges van Calvinia en Clanwilliam deurgebring. Hulle is almal vol moed en besig om alles in hulle vermoë te doen om ander te help om die weg na die koninkryk van Christus te vind. Dit was aangenaam om die nuwe lede wat sedert my laaste besoek in die waarheid gekom het, te ontmoet.

Daar is dienste gehou op die Sabbat en ook elke aand. Gedurende die Avondmaalsviering het die Heilige Gees tot elke hart gespreek. Elke getuigenis wat afgelê is, het opreg geklink en almal het hulle voorneme te kenne gegee om getrou te bly onder alle omstandighede.

Die Here het ons geseën met mooi weer en omdat daar nie'n vertrek te kry was wat groot genoeg was vir die groot skare wat elke aand kom luister het nie, het ons in die opelug diens gehou. Die een muur van Broeder Koopman se huis is as doek gebruik om die prente van sy projeksielamp te vertoon. Hierdie byeenkomste is baie op prys gestel en baie is beweeg om hulle

aan die Here oor te gee. Party het beslis aan die kant van die waarheid gaan staan as gevolg van hierdie dienste, volgens 'n brief van Broeder Gert Koopman.

Vir 'n lang tyd het die gelowiges van Calvinia die behoefte gevoel aan 'n plek om dienste in te hou. Hoewel hulle probeer het om 'n erf te koop waarop hulle 'n kerk kan bou, het dit eers byna onmoontlik gelyk omdat daar so baie moeilikhede in die weg was. Ons is egter dankbaar om te kan sê dat volharding gewen het en dat daar eindelijk 'n bouterrein aangekoop is. Die broeders het al die rou stene gemaak wat nodig is vir die bou van die kerk. Die bakstene is teen 'n redelike prys verkry, en die ander nodige boumateriaal is al daar. Die bouery sal dus begin sodra die Oesinsamelingswerk voltooi is. Ons is inderdaad dankbaar dat die Here ons tot dusver gehelp het en ons weet dat Hy met ons sal wees tot die einde toe.

Die tyd wat ons te Clanwilliam deurgebring het, was interessant en vol heilige vreugde omdat die belangstelling wat daar deur Suster van Rensburg opgewek is, pragtig groei.

Nadat ons diegene deeglik ondersoek het wat verlede jaar die boodskap aangeneem het, was daar vier wat gereed was om met hulle Here begrawe te word. Die Here was waarlik teenwoordig toe hierdie siele getuig het dat hulle die Here Jesus en Sy boodskap vir ons tyd aangeneem het. Ons is oortuig dat die ander wat aangeraai is

om bietjie langer te wag, sal opwas in Christelike ondervinding en spoedig die Here volg deur die watergraf.

Waarlik, liewe gelowiges, die oes is gereed om ingesamel te word! Mag ons gewillig wees in hierdie tyd van Gods almag om ons meer in te span as ooit tevore teneinde kosbare siele vir die koninkryk van Jesus te red.

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