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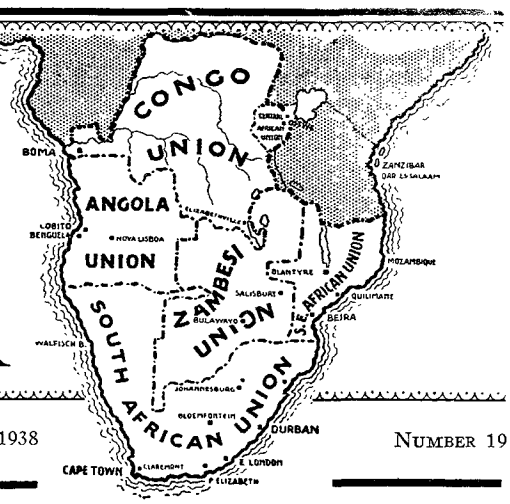

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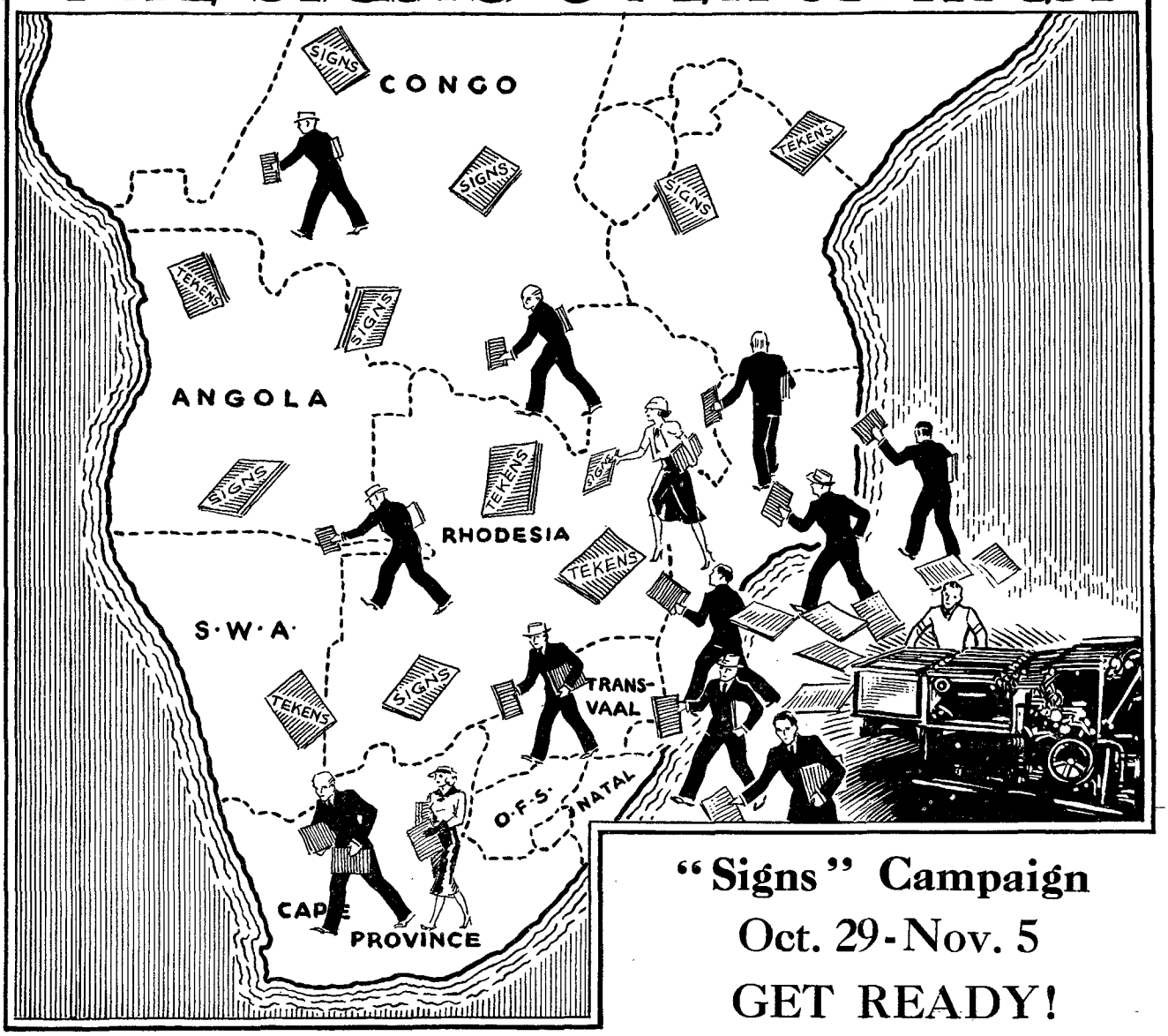

"Signs" Campaign

Oct. 29-Nov. 5

GET READY!

The College During 1938

G. E. SHANKEL

THE college has enjoyed a good enrolment of about 190 this year with an average attendance of around 175 in all departments. The work of Christian Education as represented by the efforts of the college seems to be on the forward move. Our young people are gaining a vision of the great privilege that a training at Helderberg offers.

Spiritual Growth

The Week of Prayer conducted by Elder Cardey in August was of very definite spiritual uplift to the school. Some who were indifferent found a new experience, while some accepted their Saviour for the first time. A number were added to the baptismal class. At the baptism which will be held in a week or two some thirty or more of our students expect to go with their Lord through the watery grave to rise in newness of life. I believe that at the present time every student has taken a definite stand for Christ. A fine group of eighteen or twenty are planning to enter the colporteur ranks during the holidays.

Material Progress

The class in building construction as well as other students have been busily employed during the year in the construction of a new barn 30 x 70 feet with a 65 ton silo in connection. This is the second silo of similar capacity erected during the past year. The forage to fill these two 65 ton silos is being grown on the school farm. The new barn provides liberal housing space for the college herd of about forty head. It contains a loft with storage space for about a dozen truck loads of lucerne or chaff, or about a year's supply.

A considerable addition has been made to the brooder house with proper facilities for taking care of eggs, space for new incubators, etc. The college hopes to develop this industry to considerably larger proportions in the near future.

The plantations of gum trees which are making rapid growth enhance considerably the appearance of the college grounds.

Intellectual Attainments

From the reports of our inspection committee and other educators who have visited the school recently we have every reason to feel that Helderberg is doing strong work in the class room. Government inspectors and professors from nearby universities who have made close contact with our work have spoken in very favourable terms of the type of work being done. One gentleman, connected with a teacher-training institution, who spent a number of hours examining the work of our primary school, was free to state that of the many schools he has visited in recent months in this part of the Western Province our school is doing the finest type of work of any. I am sure the children in the Junior Hostel are indeed a most privileged group, as one teacher remarked a few days ago, "They are getting twice as much as I got when I was in the same standards."

The results that our students earned in the public commercial examinations as published in a recent number of the OUTLOOK show a strong type of work in that department. The uniformly successful results in the Higher Taalbond examination, and last year's results in Matriculation, are all measurements based on purely worldly standards that show, that while character development is being emphasised, scholastic results are by no means neglected.

New Courses

An additional three-year college course has been voted by the board for next year. This combined Domestic Science and Normal course is one which should appeal to young women. According to present arrangement a graduate dietitian from Loma Linda will connect with the staff at the beginning of next year so that we shall then be in a position to give a wider range of courses along the line of Domestic Science.

Next Year

We hope that the next few weeks will see a large number of inquiries and applications coming to our office. Doubtless many of our young people are thinking seriously of their future. Why not write and let us plan with you how to secure an education along the plan that Heaven has outlined to us as a people. It is none too early to begin planning definitely now. We shall hope to meet many interested young persons as our teachers visit the churches during the holidays, also at the Bloemfontein camp-meeting in January where several of our teachers will be in attendance.

"SIGNS" BIG WEEK

F. G. CLIFFORD

October 29 — November 5, is the "SIGNS" BIG WEEK — BIG WITH OPPORTUNITY, BIG WITH PRIVILEGE, BIG WITH BLESSING.

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You Must Not Fail! There is no Other Plan

The Junior Camp

A. C. LE BUTT

IN this article, we appeal to the mothers and fathers of our Junior boys and girls, and also to the adult church members, to bring into operation plans whereby our Junior boys and girls might enjoy a glorious ten days under canvas. Camp life will always appeal to the youth, and you, as parents, should make definite plans to see that your own children attend the next camp. Church leaders and members should also put forth an effort to make it possible for the Juniors in their churches, who, because of circumstances, cannot attend, to enjoy a sunshine season in camp along with other Junior Missionary Volunteers.

A delightful site has been secured at Mazelspoort, fifteen miles from Bloemfontein, on the Modder River. There are bathing pools where safe bathing is guaranteed. Trips by motor launch up the river, hikes, games and the hundred-and-one things that go to make a camp a never-to-be forgotten thing, are being arranged. A strong corps of qualified supervisors will be in charge so you need have no fear of letting your children out of your sight.

I would like to quote from a letter we received from a lady, whose position in life throws her continually in contact with children outside our organisation, and who was a member of the staff at our last Junior Camp. This is what she says:

"And once more I must tell you what a real pleasure it was to be at the camp. The J. M. V. boys and girls are splendid. No more delightful young people could be found anywhere. These are some of the

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differences between our own children and the average child with whom I have had to work for years: In the first place their speech was clean and jolly, without a hint of profanity. That in these days is a marvel. No one grumbled or shirked duty. No one seemed to think only one good deed enough to do in one day. Each one seemed to live the Junior Law as a natural thing.

"All these little things, which are after all not so little, made camp life a joy to share, and a happy thought for a long time to come. Junior camp is a *great* success and I only wish more children could share its joys.

"Our people can justly be proud of their Juniors, and some of them will be outstanding workers in the near future."

Need I say anything more? Surely these words, coming from one whose position in life adds tremendous weight to her judgment, should make us proud of our youth; should give us confidence in our Junior Camp, and should make us thank God for our Missionary Volunteer movement.

As parents and church members let us make definite plans so that the Juniors in our midst may have a part in our next camp which starts in December.

Write to your conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary for further details.

S. E. Afr. Union

H. M. Sparrow ..... *Superintendent*
E. B. Jewell ..... *Secy.-Treas.*
Box 51, Blantyre, Nyasaland

Teachers' Institute at Malamulo

V. E. ROBINSON

"LIFT up your eyes and look!" Look at what? The needs of the field, to be sure! Who are these men gathering at Malamulo from all parts of southern Nyasaland? They are the teachers, inspectors, and colporteurs. These are the village teachers — the advance guard of the army seeking to stem the forces of heathenism — men fresh from the firing line. What are they coming for? They are coming to their institute. They are coming for needed help; for fresh ideas; for renewed courage; for information, and inspiration.

Let us take our seat in a back corner, and watch the institute for a day. No, let's make it a front corner, where we can watch their faces better.

Rat-a-tat-tat! Rat-a-tat-tat!

What is that? Oh, that's the drum. It is half-past six, and soon they begin to gather on the *bwalo* (yard) outside the institute room. How neatly dressed they are; how clean! Every man carries a pencil and a notebook. Soon they pass into the room. It is the morning devotional hour. Teacher Zachariah Paul leads them in singing, "Lord in the morning. . . ," and one of the pastors leads in prayer. Elder M. P. Robison strikes the keynote for the day. It is an appeal for whole-hearted, true-hearted, loving-hearted service. . . . The roll is called. Yes, there are more than one hundred teachers, evangelists, colporteurs, and inspectors present. The next period is given to instruction in practical village improvement, the teaching of handwork, and agricultural methods. . . . The bell rings again. There is a short recess.

In they come again. Elder H. M. Sparrow is talking to them on methods of preaching;— preaching to win. These men are not merely teachers, they are teacher-evangelists, and the spiritual leaders in their village churches. How eagerly they jot down notes; suggestions which will help them; which will make them more efficient workmen.

Now comes the drill period and soon the *bwalo* is filled with marching, singing, arm-swinging men. How neatly they carry out the orders from the leader! Back into the school they go, blood flowing a little faster, eyes brighter, ready for the general methods class by Elder Robison. Again pencils and notebooks are busy. Down go some simple illustrations, such as they can put on their own blackboards. Then the arithmetic hour. They divide into four groups, and four different teachers take them, and for an hour they drill on the fundamental processes, getting help on particular problem types which have bothered them. The bell rings again. Eleven-thirty, and time for breakfast.

At one-thirty they are back again. This is the singing class. How they do enjoy learning some new songs; songs which they sing with enthusiasm, and eagerly copy down; songs which will soon be sung in a hundred villages where they have never been heard before. At two o'clock comes the hygiene period. How shall we keep well? How can we keep our chuldren healthy? What can we do toward improving the health of the village? These are the problems being studied now, and in no class are questions asked more freely. . . . Recess. . . . A class in school management and finance; promotion work for the teacher; . . . there seems to be no end to his duties. Last of all a class in blackboard writing, and how to construct blackboards. Yes, they are really making a sample blackboard in a mud-and-pole building such as they teach in daily. . . . The bell rings, and the day is over.

And so it continued for two weeks. And now they have gone — gone with a new determination in their hearts, new courage on their lips — back to the hundred or more villages they go. But what of the thousands of villages which have no teacher? Let us lift up our eyes and look on the fields, not at what we have done, but at what remains to be done, not at the harvest of souls already gathered in, but at the vast areas still waiting for the labourers' blade. Shall we not pray God to send labourers forth; and then do our part to help answer those prayers?

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The Youth's Page

M. V. Week of Prayer

A. INGLE

WE are happy to report a very blessed result from the Missionary Volunteer special Week of Prayer meetings. Our working force in this field was distributed as widely as possible and we also followed the plan of sending the various men to visit companies, other than those for whom they are labouring most of the time.

In Durban we asked Brother Norcott, of the Indian Mission department, to take charge of the meetings. In Maritzburg, Brother Rodney Lindup, recently returned from America, was asked to lead out.

Elder Raubenheimer, usually working in Pretoria, spent the week in the Central Johannesburg area and found that he was a busy man. Elder Staples was sent to conduct the meetings in Pretoria, and here again the worker had more than a busy time.

Brother V. Cooks, our Johannesburg local elder, led out in the meetings at Brakpan Brother W. Cowper was in charge at Boksburg and Elder Ingle led out in the meetings every night at Germiston.

Elder Combrinck left his work on the East Rand and spent the week at Bethlehem. Brother Herholdt, who is now transferred to Klerksdorp, was in charge at Potchefstroom and Elder P. A. Venter, who is working at Volksrust, spent the week with the Ermelo company.

How we wished we might have had more workers to place in other parts of the country!

Every one of the workers has reported full audiences and most attentive listeners. There is no doubt that the Week of Prayer has been a time of real revival for the church as a whole, and a real milestone passed in the experience of many who took a new stand for the Lord. Numbers of names were handed in by those desiring baptism and we shall see a harvest of young souls from this special week of prayer.

The sending of workers to others parts of the country has been a good experience and we believe it may be well for us to consider seriously the same idea for our annual week of prayer, so soon to be with us.

BROTHER COWPER, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Natal-Transvaal Conference, sends the following excerpts from letters he has received:

Johannesburg

"I endeavoured to make the meetings as practical as possible, and appealed to the reason of the young people that the results might be permanent. The exchange of workers was well worth while for the speaker and the different congregations. Many expressed themselves that they desired such a season more often.

"Friday night a thanksgiving offering was taken up for the young people's project at Emmanuel Mission and over £6 was received."

JOHN RAUBENHEIMER.

Standerton

"It was worth all the sacrifice; my own soul has been refreshed and my faith has been strengthened and I can assure you I needed it. I do thank our heavenly Father for the thoughts and encouragement found in the material for the M. V. Week of Prayer.

"The mothers also came along. They have all expressed their appreciation and have said how it has helped them. We had a wonderful attendance for Sabbath afternoon, the closing service. We were really blessed and felt the Spirit of God in our midst as we reconsecrated our lives.

"We must earnestly pray that our dear Saviour will help our young people to carry out their resolutions."

MISS C. E. LUND.

Ermelo

"I visited as many homes as possible, with the result that we had a good attendance at the meetings. The young people attended regularly in spite of miserable weather. In talking with them I find that they still love the truth and they say they can never be anything but Adventists. They are faced with the great question of Sabbath work. This M. V. Week of Prayer has been a help to them and my prayer is that God may help us as leaders to know what to do to save them."

P. A. VENTER.

Bethlehem

"I feel that the Lord has blessed in this M. V. Week of Prayer. . . . It did my soul good.

"The benefit received by those who attended was manifested in the stirring testimonies borne.

"I believe the exchange system of workers is an excellent one and ought to be perfected even more. It certainly helps to bring new life to our churches."

J. J. B. COMBRINCK.

Potchefstroom

"Our attendances were very good in spite of the cold weather. Our success was largely due to the co-operation of our brethren, who used their cars to bring the people to the meetings. Several stood in response to the call to give their hearts to the Lord for the first time with a plan to future baptism."

A. J. HERHOLDT.

Pretoria

"Many hearts were turned to the things of God and a longing born there to associate themselves with the things of God. The youth appreciated the understanding of their problems. Every meeting saw the church well filled and the Sabbath services taxing the church to its capacity. The young people were not the only ones who enjoyed the Week of Prayer. There were older people who gave their hearts to the Lord for the first time as well. I cannot recall a more successful M. V. Week of Prayer in the Pretoria church. Ten signified their desire to prepare for baptism."

MRS. D. DU PLESSIS.

Kroonstad

"I had a short meeting every morning in school. At the end of the week quite a number manifested a desire to consecrate their lives to the Lord and, although some may be very young, still I am sure they are sincere in their motive."

J. THERON.

Brakpan

"I personally enjoyed the meetings as well as visiting with the members. Seven signified a desire for baptism. I met personally with these and then passed the names on to the church elder. I am posting an appropriate tract to each one; those who desired baptism, of course, will receive one on baptism."

V. R. COOKS.

Boksburg

"Both young and old expressed appreciation for the plan of this Week of Prayer for the youth. Most of the Missionary Volunteers are too young for baptism but they are planning for it later."

W. COWPER.

Two Hundred Souls Won in One Week

THAT the Missionary Volunteer Week was richly blessed of heaven is evidenced by the fact that over two hundred young people surrendered their lives to Christ, while a much larger number rededicated themselves to the Master's service upon that occasion.

In the conferences the exchange system of the working force brought a spirit of revival and new life to quite a number of churches. Throughout the field all of the workers entered enthusiastically into the plan of seeking and saving our youth. In addition to messages from the desk, a great deal of personal work was undertaken.

Numbers of baptismal classes have been formed, and the opinion has been expressed that this one week's effort may yet prove to be the most successful and fruitful evangelistic campaign of the year.

F. G. CLIFFORD.

Bladsy vir Jeugde

Tweehonderd Siele in Een Week Gewin

F. G. Clifford

Dat die Strewersweek deur die Here geseën was, blyk uit die feit dat meer as tweehonderd jongmense hulle harte aan die Here oorgegee het, behalwe nog 'n groot aantal wat hulleself opnuut aan die diens van die Meester toegewy het.

Die omruiling van werkers in die konferensies het 'n herlewing gebring in baie van die gemeentes. Deur die hele veld het die werkers die werk om die jongmense te red met ywer aangepak. Behalwe die preke wat gelewer is, is daar ook persoonlike werk gedoen.

Daar is 'n hele aantal doopklasse gestig, en die mening is dat hierdie een week se werk miskien die vrugbaarste poging van die hele jaar sal blyk.

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Die Strewers Week van Gebed

A. N. Ingle

Dit is met genoeë dat ons kan meedeel dat die spesiale Week van Gebed vir die Strewers ryklik deur die Here geseën is. Ons het ons werkers wyd en syd gestuur na die verskillende gemeentes ,en die werkers is ook omgeruil sodat hulle ander gemeentes kon besoek as dié waaronder hulle gewoonlik werksaam is.

Broeder Norcott van die Indiese Sending, Durban, het die dienste in die Europese kerk daar gelei; en op Maritzburg het Broeder Rodney Lindup, wat onlangs uit die Verenigde State teruggekeer het, die dienste gelei.

Leraar Raubenheimer van Pretoria het die dienste in die Johannesburg-sentraal gemeente gelei, en hy het sy hande net vol gehad, veral om diegene te help wat om geestelike advies kom vra het. Leraar Staples het die dienste in Pretoria gaan waarneem, en daar ook het hy sy hande vol gehad.

Broeder V. Cooks, die plaaslike ouderling van die Johannesburg-sentraal kerk, het die dienste op Brakpan gelei. Broeder Cowper het in die Boksburgse gemeente opgetree, en Leraar Ingle het die dienste op Germiston gelei.

Leraar Combrinck het die week op Bethlehem deurgebring, terwyl Broeder Herholdt die dienste op Potchefstroom waargeneem het, en Leraar Venter die gemeente op Ermelo bedien het.

Ons is baie spyt dat ons nie genoeg werkers gehad het sodat al die gemeentes bedien kon gewees het nie. Orals was daar goeie opkomste en aandagtige gehore. Ongetwyfeld het die Week van Gebed groot verkwikking in die gemeentes gebring, en baie het hulle aan die Here oorgegee. 'n Hele aantal het aansoek gedoen om die doop, en ek meen dat ons vroegtydig reeds ons aandag behoort te skenk aan reëlings vir die Gebedsweek vir aanstaande jaar.

Potchefstroom

Die sukses wat ons gehad het met die dienste op Potchefstroom tydens die Gebedsweek vir die Strewers, kan toegeskryf word aan die hartlike samewerking van die lede van daardie gemeente. Nie alleen het hulle self gekom nie, maar die wat motors het, het vriende en ander lede saamgebring uit verskillende dele van die dorp, met die gevolg dat die kerkie elke aand byna stampvol was. Die diens op die laaste Vrydagaand was een van die beste, en die Here was gewis kenlik in ons midde; in hierdie diens het baie hulle harte vir die eerste maal aan die Here oorgegee en vele wat moeg geword het langs die weg het hulle lewens by hernuwing weer aan die Meester toegewy.

Ons staan nou op Klerksdorp waar ons binnekort 'n poging sal begin. Reeds is daar tekens dat die Here die weg vir ons oopmaak. Ons vra die voorbidding van ons lede dat die Here ons pogings mag seën en dat daar baie siele gewin mag word wat die gebooie van God sal bewaar en bereid sal wees op die wederkoms van die Heiland.

A. J. Herholdt.

Pretoria

Dit was my groot voorreg om die Gebedsweek vir die Strewers onder die gemeentes van Pretoria en Gezina deur te bring. Gezina is een van die voorstede van Pretoria en daarom het die lede van daardie gemeente die dienste in die moedergemeente kom bywoon.

Dit was regtig 'n inspirasie om die mooi opkomste te sien, asook die ernstige gees wat deur jonk en oud geopenbaar is. Hoewel die dienste maar vir ag dae geduur het, het die opkomste steeds aangegroei sodat die kerk tot oorlopens toe vol was op die laaste dag van die fees. Ofskoon die preke veral vir die jongmense berei was, het die ouer lede ewe groot belang gestel en 'n ewe groot seën ontvang. Daar was gewis 'n gees van reformasie geopenbaar en 'n hele aantal het hulle vir die eerste maal aan die Here toegewy, terwyl baie ander dit by hernuwing gedoen het. Boesemsondes is bely en almal het getrag om op 'n hoër plein te kom. Die more-Bybelstudies met die leerlinge van die kerkskool was ook baie genotvol; verder het ons die tyd bestee aan persoonlike werk onder die jongmense sowel as die ouer lede.

As ek so oor die jare terugkyk, weet ek van geen tyd wanneer die Here kenliker in ons midde was en waar groter seëninge ontvang is as tydens hierdie dienste nie. Ons dank die Here vir die seëninge wat ontvang is.

A. W. Staples.

Vry-Traktate

Ja, daar sal duisende traktate uitgegee word na afloop van die *Tekens-Grootweek*. Elke kerk het nou die geleentheid om 'n hoeveelheid vry-traktate ('n heeltemal nuwe reeks) te verwerf. Die „Truth for Youth" reeks is berei veral met die oog om die jongmense te bereik, maar hulle sal natuurlik ook van groot belang wees vir ouer mense.

Die traktate sal aan die kerke gegee word op die volgende voorwaardes: Vir elke intekenaar wat gewerf word, sal daar drie traktate gegee word, en dan sal daar nog 'n ekstra 200 traktate gegee word aan elke gemeente waar daar ten minste 50 intekenaars gewerf is. Waar daar meer as 50 maar minder as 75 intekenaars gewerf is, sal daar 'n ekstra 500 traktate gegee word, en so sal die getal traktate verhoog word namate die getal intekenaars styg. As daar meer as 75 maar minder as 120 intekenaars deur 'n gemeente gewerf word, sal daar 'n addisionele 1,000 traktate aan daardie gemeente gegee word; en as 'n gemeente meer as 120 intekenaars werf, sal hulle nog weer 'n ekstra 1,250 traktate present kry.

Elke gemeente behoort dus te trag om sy doelstelling te bereik en dan die *Tekens*-veldtog op te volg met 'n traktaatveldtog.

Die Buurtsending Departement.

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Doopdiens op Johannesburg

A. W. Staples

Die Teenwoordige Waarheid maak goeie vordering op Johannesburg. Hoewel ons nie dikwels aan die Outlook skryf nie, sien ons nogtans baie bewyse dat die Here Sy arm uitgestrek het om siele te red.

Op Sabbatnamiddag, 24 September, was daar 'n groot opkoms by die Johannesburg-sentraal kerk. Om die waarheid te sê, was daar skaars staanplek, want baie van ons lede van die verskillende kerke in die stedelike gebied het opgekom vir 'n indrukwekkende doopdiens — die derde hierdie jaar. Daar is ses-en-twintig kandidate gedoop.

Plegtig het die aanwesiges aanskou hoedat die kandidate die een na die ander in die water gaan, en baie harte is aangeraak.

Die gedooptes sal by die volgende kerke aansluit: Booysens Reserwe 2, Southern Suburbs 4, Johannesburg-sentraal 3, Orange Grove 7, en Melville 10. Laat ons hierdie lede in die gebed gedink. Mag die Here hulle getrou bewaar tot die wederkoms van Jesus.

Voor die einde van die jaar sal daar weer 'n aantal gedoop word.

'n Rukkie gelede het ons ons nuwe poging op Mayfair Noord begin. Daar was 'n bemoedigende opkoms en ons verwag, met die seën van die Here, 'n goeie oes van siele. Sal u nie bid dat die Here Sy Gees op die mense sal uitstort nie?

Ons werkers, Susters M. J. Dixie en C. Jeffrey, en Broeder Worsley is vol moed in die Here.

Tekens-Grootweek---Die Doel Daarvan

A. FLOYD TARR

DAAR is twee veldtogte gedurende die jaar wanneer Sewende-dag Adventiste die geleentheid kry om op godsdienstige gebied in aanraking te kom met non-Adventiste, en een van hulle is die *Tekens*-Grootweekveldtog. Gedurende die Oesinsamelingsveldtog vertel ons die mense van ons werk en vra ons om finansiële ondersteuning. In hierdie geval is die voordeel grotendeels in ons guns. Maar gedurende die *Tekens-Grootweek* kry ons geleentheid om ons boodskap voor te stel en die saad van die waarheid in die wonings van die mense te saai; en hier is dit waar hulle weer voordeel trek.

En dit is met die belange van ander voor oë dat ons elke kerklid versoek om aan die aanstaande veldtog deel te neem. Daar is duisende wonings in Suid-Afrika waar die *Tekens van die Tye* nog nie ingang gevind het nie. Moontlik het die meerderheid van hulle nog nooit van die blad gehoor nie, en daarom rus die verantwoordelikheid op Sewende-dag Adventiste om die blad aan hulle voor te stel. Die twaalf besoeke wat die blad aan elke huis gedurende die twaalf maande sal bring, sal die mense bekendstel met die aangrypende boodskappe vir hierdie dae, en dit mag baie tot oortuiging bring. Maar daar is egter nog 'n voordeel wat nie oor die hoof gesien word nie. Die kerklede word versoek om die sieling profyt wat daar op elke subskripsie is, in die *Tekens*-Grootweekfonds te stort. Hierdie fonds is bestem vir die oprigting van 'n mediese sentrum op die Lucusse Sendingstasie in Angola. Om hierdie fonds verder te styf, word elke kerklid versoek om boonop nog een dag se salaris te stort. Hierdie offergawe sal op Sabbat, 5 November, in die verskillende gemeentes opgeneem word.

Met die *Tekens*-Grootweekveldtog sal daar dus, as dit hartlik ondersteun word, twee doelwitte bereik word: Dit sal ons leesstof versprei, en dit sal middele byeenbring vir ons sendingwerk.

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Die boek waarna ons Afrikaanssprekende lede so lank verlang het —

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Die Kollege Gedurende 1938

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DIE inskrywing by die kollege was hierdie jaar sowat 190. Dit skyn of Christelike onderwys op Helderberg goeie vordering maak; steeds meer en meer word die waarde van die opvoeding wat Helderberg aanbied deur ons jongmense ingesien.

Geestelike Vooruitgang

Die Week van Gebed gedurende Augustusmaand, gelei deur Leraar E. L. Cardey, het geestelike verkwikking gebring. Sommige wat onverskillig was, het weer 'n nuwe begin gemaak, en ander het vir die eerste keer die Heiland aangeneem. 'n Hele paar het by die doopklas aangesluit. Ons verwag dat daar binnekort sowat dertig kandidate gedoop sal word. Sover ek weet is daar nie 'n enkele student wat nie sy hart aan die Here gegee het nie. Sowat agtien of twintig van die studente sal met die aanstaande vakansie gaan kolporteer.

Stoflike Vooruitgang

Die bouwerkklas, bygestaan deur sommige van die ander studente, was hierdie jaar besig met die oprigting van 'n koeistal van 30 x 70 voet, waarby ook 'n voerkuil opgerig is wat sowat vyf-en-sestig ton voer kan bevat. Dit is die tweede voerkuil wat gedurende die jaar opgerig is. Al die voer word op die kollege-landerye gekweek. Die nuwe koeistal sal al die koeie — sowat veertig stuks — kan huisves. Die gebou het ook aansienlike solderruimte waarin 'n jaar se voer gestoor kan word.

Die gebou waar die broeikaste in staan is ook aansienlik vergroot, en die kollege hoop op die pluimveeboedery in die nabye toekoms heelwat uit te brei.

Die bome wat aangeplant is, het die kollegegronde baie verfraai, en hulle groei vinnig.

Intellektuele Prestasies

Blykens die verslag van die inspeksiekomitee is daar alle rede om te voel dat die opvoeding op Helderberg gladnie agter is nie. Ook die regeringsinspekteurs, en sommige van die professore van die universiteite in die nabyheid, wat die kollege besoek het, het gunstige opmerkings gemaak oor die werk wat in ons kollege gedoen word. Een van hierdie manne wat verbonde is aan 'n inrigting vir die opleiding van onderwysers, het na hy die werk van ons primêre skool vir 'n hele paar uur ondersoek het, gesê dat ons skool die beste werk doen van al die skole wat hy onlangs in die Westelike Provinsie besoek het. Ek is oortuig dat die kinders in ons primêre kosinrigting baie bevoorreg is; 'n sekere onderwyser het onlangs die volgende opmerking gemaak: „Hulle kry tweemaal soveel as ek gekry het toe ek in die primêre skool was."

Die prestasies van ons studente in die handelseksamens van die Unie Onderwysdepartement toon dat daar goeie werk gedoen word in ons handelsdepartement. Die sukses wat in die Hoër Taalbondeksamens behaal is, en die resultate verlede jaar met die Matriekeksamen, toon dat ons opvoe-

TEKENS-GROOTWEEK

F. G. CLIFFORD

***Tekensweek,* 29 Oktober tot 5 November, bied aan almal 'n groot geleentheid, 'n groot voorreg en 'n groot seën.**

Elke gelowige word versoek om ten minste vyf intekenaars te werf vir een van die waardevolste blaaie wat daar in Suid-Afrika uitgegee word, naamlik die *TEKENS VAN DIE TYE EN GESONDHEIDSBODE.* Die blad is interessant en deeglik, tydig en boeiend, positief en prakties. U het dit nodig, u huisgenote het dit nodig, u bure het dit nodig en die gemeenskap waar u woon het dit nodig. Dit wys die weg aan; dit openbaar die waarheid; dit weerkaats die lig; dit los probleme op; en dit gee inligting in huislike sake.

Die redakteurs voorsien die inhoud, die pers voorsien die blad, maar U moet die intekenaars werf. U hulp is nodig sodat die blad ten minste 3,000 nuwe huise mag bereik gedurende die sewe dae van 29 Oktober tot 5 November.

U MOET ONS NIE IN DIE STEEK LAAT NIE! DAAR IS GEEN ANDER PLAN NIE

DIE *TEKENS* 3/6 PER JAAR. IS PONDE PER MAAND WERD

ELKE LID MOET 5 INTEKENAARS WERF
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ding volgens intellektuele maatstaf gemeet, gladnie kortskiet nie.

Nuwe Kursusse

Die Kollegeraad het besluit om aanstaande jaar 'n nuwe driejarige kursus in te stel. Dit sal 'n Huishoudkunde-Normaalkursus wees wat veral geskik sal wees vir die jong dames. Aanstaande jaar sal daar 'n diëetkundige van Loma Linda by die kollege personeel aansluit vir ons huishoudkundige departement.

Vooruitsigte vir Aanstaande Jaar

Ons hoop dat ons gedurende die volgende paar weke baie navrae sal ontvang van studente. Daar is natuurlik baie van ons jongmense wat ernstig oor hulle toekoms dink. Skryf maar aan ons, want ons wil graag sake met u bespreek aangaande die opvoedingsplan wat die hemel aan ons geopenbaar het. Dit is gladnie te vroeg om nou al planne vir aanstaande jaar te maak nie. Ons onderwysers sal gedurende die vakansie ons kerke besoek om in aanraking te kom met ons jongmense, en daar sal ook 'n aantal onderwysers aanstaande Januarie by die Bloemfonteinse kampdiens wees.

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Die Junior Kamp

A. C. Le Butt

In hierdie artikel doen ons 'n beroep op die vaders en moeders van ons junior seuns en dogters, en ook op die kerklede, om planne te beraam wat dit moontlik sal maak vir ons juniors om vir tien dae heerlik te kan uitkamp. Alle jongmense hou van uitkamp, en u as ouers behoort planne te maak sodat u kinders die volgende kamp sal kan bywoon. Die kerkleiers en lede behoort ook pogings aan te wend wat dit moontlik sal maak vir die juniors in hulle kerke om in die heerlike buitelug saam met die ander juniorstrewers te kan gaan uitkamp.

Die kampplek sal die heerlike Mazelspoort wees, sowat vyftien myl van Bloemfontein af, langs die Modderrivier. Daar is veilige swemgate. Ook sal daar kans wees om met die motorbootjies die rivier-op te seil; daar sal uitstappies en spele georganiseer word en nog 'n honderd-en-een ander dinge wat die aanstaande kamptyd onvergeetlik sal maak. Daar sal 'n aantal verantwoordelike persone wees om toesig te hou oor die jongmense, en ouers hoef dus nie bang te wees om hulle kinders te stuur nie.

Ek wil graag 'n stukkie aanhaal uit 'n brief van 'n dame wat verlede jaar op die staf van ons junior kamp was, en wat baie in aanraking kom met ander kinders. Onder ander sê sy: „Nog eens wil ek sê dat dit heerlik was om by die kamp te wees. Die junior seuns en dogters het hulle uitstekend gedra. Ons sal nêrens beter kinders vind nie. Ek wil nou die verskil tussen ons kinders en die ander kinders met wie ek al vir jare in aanraking gekom het, aanstip. In die eerste plaas het hulle skoon taal gebruik, nooit het ek 'n verkeerde woord gehoor nie; en in hierdie dae is dit iets om oor verwonderd te wees. Nie een het ooit sy pligte versuim nie,; nie een het gedink dat maar net een goeie daad per dag genoeg was nie. Hulle het die junior wet as van nature uitgeleef.

„Al hierdie klein dingetjies, wat gladnie so klein is nie, het die kamplewe aangenaam gemaak. Die junior kampe is 'n groot sukses en ek wens dat meer kinders hulle kon bywoon.

„Ons mense kan met reg trots wees op hulle juniors, en sommige van hulle sal gewis uitstekende werkers word in die toekoms."

Hoef ek nog meer te sê? Hierdie woorde, wat kom van iemand wat 'n verantwoordelike posisie in die lewe beklee, behoort groot gewig te hê, en dit behoort ons trots te maak op ons jongmense; ook behoort dit ons vertroue te gee in ons junior kampe, en ons dankbaar te maak vir ons Strewersdepartement.

Laat ons dan, as ouers en kerklede, planne maak sodat die juniors in ons verskillende gemeentes die kamp kan bywoon wat aanstaande Desembermaand sal begin. Skryf aan die Strewerssekretaris van u konferensie om verdere besonderhede.

"TEKENS" VELDTOG-DOELSTELLINGS

	Intekenaars
Natal-Transvaal Konf.	1,300
Kaapse Konferensie	850
Kaapse Veld	350
S. A. U. Konferensie	2,500

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Werkers	15
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Obituaries

Sparrow.— Charles Sparrow was born in November, 1865, and died at Fraser's Camp, September 8, 1938. Brother Sparrow came under the influence of the third angel's message when it was first preached in Rokeby Park by Elder Ira Hankins in 1889. Seven years later he was baptised by Elder D. F. Tarr. Very early in his new-found experience, Brother Sparrow showed the qualities of true leadership, and served the church in various offices and finally was ordained as the local elder. When, later, he moved away to Fraser's Camp, he continued his service for God and developed our first interest among the Xosa people. This interest developed to become the Maranatha Mission station, built on a portion of Brother Sparrow's farm. Our brother later became the superintendent of this mission, and as the work grew and developed, accepted the superintendency of the Orange Free State and Basuto Mission work.

Failing health made it necessary for him to lay down this responsibility, but he could not lay down his interest in the native people whom he loved. Nestled under the hill behind the home which mourns his loss stands a lasting monument of this love and interest. It is the substantial stone church which he recently built for the native congregation which his loyal stewardship had produced.

In the councils of God's people, both European and native, Brother Sparrow will long be remembered as an outstanding layman, a wise councillor, a man of unfailing integrity, a nobleman of God and a prince in Israel.

There are left to mourn their loss, his wife, five sons, one of whom, Elder Hubert Sparrow, is superintendent of the South East African Union Mission; and one daughter.

The funeral service was conducted in the church by the writer, and at the grave-side Elder Stevenson, superintendent of the South Bantu Mission Field, and the local elder of the Fraser's Camp native church, assisted. William H. Hurlow.

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Baptism at Johannesburg

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SABBATH afternoon, September 24, witnessed a large gathering at the Johannesburg central church. In fact the church was packed to standing room capacity with the representatives of our churches in the municipal areas. It was the occasion of our third baptism this year. Twenty-six candidates presented themselves, publicly confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus, and in the advent message, and pledged their lives to maintain its exalted standards.

As strong men and women, one by one followed their Lord through the waters of baptism, a solemn and holy awe rested upon the congregation and the Spirit of God touched our hearts.

These new members will be received into church fellowship next Sabbath at the following centres: Booysens Reserve 2, Southern Suburbs 4, Johannesburg Central 3, Orange Grove 7, Melville 10. Shall not our prayers follow them? May the Lord keep them faithful every day and all the way till Jesus comes!

A large group is again forming in preparation for the next baptism before the end of the year.

Last Sunday night we launched our evangelistic campaign at Mayfair North in the gospel tent. There was an encouraging attendance and we look forward to the reaping of still another harvest under the blessing of the Lord. Will you not pray that God may pour out His Holy Spirit in converting power upon the people?

Our workers — Sisters M. J. Dixie, C. Jeffrey, and Brother Worsley — are of good courage in the Lord.

An Omission

IN the issue of August 15, under the title "Growth in Missionary Volunteer Activities" we omitted the name of Mrs. E. F. Birkenstock of the Natal-Transvaal Conference who received the Study and Service League certificate. Our apologies to both Sister Birkenstock and the N.-T. Conference.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPT.,
South African Union Conference.

Signs Big Week---Its Objective

A. FLOYD TARR

THE *Signs* Big Week now constitutes one, of only two campaigns during the year, when Seventh-day Adventists approach their non-Adventist friends regarding religious things. In the Harvest Ingathering we tell of our work and seek financial help. The benefit is largely our own. In the *Signs* Big Week, however, we tell of our message and seek to plant seeds of truth in the homes of the people. The benefit is largely theirs.

And it is with this thought of others in mind that we seek the enlistment of every church member in service at this time. There are thousands of homes in South Africa where the *Signs of the Times* has never effected an entrance. Some may never have heard of the paper and it is the responsibility of Seventh-day Adventists to introduce the paper into these homes. Its monthly visit for twelve months in the year will acquaint the people with the stirring messages for these times and may bring conviction to many.

There is a secondary benefit, however, which should not be overlooked. The members are being invited to contribute to the *Signs* Big Week Fund the one shilling profit on each subscription. This money will be devoted to the establishment of a much-needed medical centre at the Lucusse Mission, in Angola. To this fund also there will be added the contributions of one day's income that are given by workers and members in all of our churches. This offering will be taken up on Sabbath, November 5.

The *Signs* Big Week Fund, therefore, if heartily supported throughout the field, will accomplish two main objectives: It will scatter our literature as never before, and it will raise a substantial sum for the needs of missions.

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YES, thousands of tracts are to be given away, entirely free, following the *Signs* Big Week! Every church will have the opportunity of obtaining a free supply of an entirely new series of tracts. The "Truth for Youth" series have been prepared especially to appeal to youth, but are also of deep interest to those who are older.

The tracts will be granted to churches on the following basis: Three tracts for every subscription taken, with an additional 200 tracts to every church reaching a goal of not less than 50 subscriptions; 500 additional tracts for a goal of more than 50 and under 75 subscriptions; 1,000 additional tracts for a goal of 75 and under 120 subscriptions; 1,250 additional tracts for a goal of more than 120 subscriptions.

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