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THE FAMILY ALTAR

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RECENTLY the General Conference Committee felt the need of drawing up a series of resolutions on the matter of family worship among our church members. These recommendations should be taken most seriously.

From the very beginning God designed that His people should have a family prayer altar. In connection with the sanctuary service we find the altar of incense. The morning and evening offerings represented the prayers that ascended to the Lord.

If we were to take inventory we should find that the family prayer altar in many Seventh-day Adventist homes has been broken down. The neglect of prayer is always the first step away from God and His truth. The slogan we hear so much today, "The family that prays together stays together," is a good one for every believer to adopt.

We rejoice to know that many parents are most faithful in their morning and evening devotions. No matter how much work needs to be done they always find time to pray around the family altar. Their prayers mean much in the lives of their children. The family prayer altar helps us to begin the day aright. It keeps us from saying or doing sinful things during the hours of the day. It keeps our hearts open to the Spirit's voice, and it binds the hearts of the members of the family together as nothing else will.

Prayers offered around the family altar will open the windows of heaven

and bring the blessing of God upon the home. These devotional periods increase our zeal for missionary work, fill our hearts with love for those who are lost, and stop criticism, fault-finding and back-biting. As fathers and mothers, we cannot afford to neglect the family altar. If we feel that we are too busy for family worship, then we are busier than God ever intended that we should be. Let us make first things first in our lives. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."

The question that came to Hezekiah comes to us today—"What have they seen in thy house?" Hezekiah showed the visitors the gold and the silver but was silent about the One who said, "The Almighty shall be thy gold." He showed them the spices and precious ointments and all his treasures, but said nothing about the prayer key that unlocks the storehouse of God. If this question were asked us today, "What have they seen in thy house?" what would our answer be? Do we have a family prayer altar that has been erected, or has it been discarded? If the altar has been broken down, shall we not build it up without delay? God calls for a reformation along this line. His call is back to God, back to our knees, back to the inner chambers of intercession.

Prayer offered around the family altar not only helps the children to be true to the Lord and this message, but it inspires them to want to work for the Lord. An outstanding example of this we find in one of the families of the early days of this movement. We quote from a letter written by one of the children:

"My parents had twelve children. Three of them died before they grew up. Of the rest, five became ministers in the Lord's cause, and my youngest sister died as a missionary's wife in Africa.

"Our parents gathered their household every morning and evening for family worship, and we listened to their prayers until we ourselves felt the need of seeking God.

"I shall never forget the Friday evening worship hour in our home at the beginning of the Sabbath. We used to sing and pray and confess our sins to God and to one another. Then peace and happiness reigned in our hearts and in our home. The cords of love bound us very close together.

"No burden weighed more heavily upon my mother than the salvation of her children. She had a great faith in God and prayed for her children one by one by name, from the oldest to the youngest, and one by one they gave their hearts to God and joined the church. When the youngest had been baptized my mother said, 'My mission work is now finished.' My parents' greatest happiness was the salvation of their children."

The family prayer altar is a great aid in making it possible for the parents to be able to say, when Jesus comes, "Behold, I and the children which God hath given me."

Enthusiastic Until the End

J. M. Coetzee

THE Harvest Ingathering campaign has begun, and, according to the reports that are coming in, people are sympathetic and willing to contribute toward the work. Now is the time to gather in means. As we receive these gifts let us not forget that the people's attention must be drawn to the solemnity of the times in which we are living. God calls upon us to work, for the end is near. Every passing hour is used by the Holy Spirit to prepare a people on this earth for the last great battle against sin, which is soon to be upon us.

The Ingathering campaign this year commenced with great enthusiasm and determination on the part of our believers. The Lord has blessed in the work and we give Him all the honour and glory for our achievements. Some churches have reached their goals in the first week, and doubled them in the second week. That is the spirit! Helderberg College, with less territory than last year, reported more the first week of this year than last year.

Reports indicate that the members are taking an unusually active interest this year. We are now in the midst of our Ingathering campaign and the Lord is blessing our work abundantly. Many were somewhat fearful that it would not be so easy this year because of the many calls made, but the Lord is overruling all things and the public is giving as well as before, if not more liberally. Surely the Lord is in this work, and we are thankful for the evidence we have of His guidance. Not one house should be missed. We must visit every family, not only with the aim of securing a donation, but also with the purpose of becoming acquainted with them and their spiritual needs. We are living in the last days. Thousands of men and women who have given little thought to religious things in the past are stirred by present conditions, and desire to know what all these things mean. Now is our opportunity not only to solicit donations, but to give the message to those who sit in darkness.

God has certainly given us success thus far this year. He has given it to all who have tried. If therefore, you have not yet done all you can, will you not during the remaining days of the campaign, give God a chance to cause you to drink deeply at the fountain of life where you will receive divine inspiration to go out and work for the Master?

We have a goal to reach. It can be reached. *Do not delay!* Let us work while it is day. "The night cometh when no man can work." As we stand on the verge of the last great events of this world's history, let us rally to the unfinished task in our union and contact every family in our small part of the vineyard. Let us hold fast that which we have, lest some other take our crown.

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A New Church Building in Alexandra

J. D. Harcombe

SABBATH, May 27, 1950, was a great day for the members of the Alexandra church, as well as for many other members on the Reef. On this memorable day a large number crowded into the beautiful new church which has just been erected by Brother C. van der Molen, a member of one of our European churches. The opening ceremony was conducted by Pastor C. H. Mackett, secretary-treasurer of the South African Union Conference, and the officers of our field. Pastor E. A. Buckley invoked the blessing of God upon the new church, and the Sophiatown church choir rendered a special song which was greatly appreciated. The writer, in his opening remarks, mentioned that God has richly blessed His people in opening a way for them to build this church, and that it is the privilege of every member to be a soul-winner so that very soon the church may be filled with residents of Alexandra who do not now know Him. He also expressed appreciation for the work of our friends, Brother Van der Molen, the builder, and Mr. D. M. Sinclair, the architect, who have done so much in helping to build the church at a very reasonable figure.

Pastor Mackett, in his address, emphasized that this church is not to be merely a beautiful building, but that it is a place in which to meet with God. He expressed the hope that God's presence would remain with us. This house will mean nothing to us if we do not allow Jesus to come in and lead us. He stressed the point that God does not dwell between four walls, but in the hearts of His people which have been sanctified by His Holy Spirit.

It was very gratifying to see the response of our people when the offering was taken. It proves their willingness to sacrifice for the Master's cause. Brother A. A. Pitt, a former secretary-treasurer of the North Bantu Mission Field, and one who has given much valuable service in this field, closed the service with prayer.

We are hoping to have more such services in the very near future. Already we have started the church building at Taungs. At the time of writing the walls are over eight feet high. Mr. R. A. F. O'Reilly is assisting us to erect this church building, and we hope to have it completed by August or September. In July we hope to begin building a church in the Brakpan location, and another at Claremont, Natal. We have waited long for these churches, and the members will greatly appreciate having them. We also plan to start building our secondary school at Orlando this year. Already we have over seventy-five applicants. Our worker at Louwsburg is in need of a house and before the year is out we hope to have his need supplied. We hope that next year and in the years to come we will be able to continue building so that churches may be dedicated to the Lord, and that our faithful members may have places of worship. There are places where we have organized churches but no buildings in which to worship. We have for example, a company of over sixty believers, who, because they have no building, are obliged to meet in rain or sunshine under a large tree. We hope that it will not be long before houses of worship will be built for them.

Plans have been laid to strengthen the evangelistic work. It is hoped that this year efforts will be held at Brakpan, the chief's kraal in Swaziland, and in each of the other districts in our field. Pastors W. Claude Tarr and J. M. Hlubi with other helpers have just completed a very successful and interesting effort at Richmond, Natal. A full report will be sent in later. We are glad to report that the Richmond council has granted us a church site and we hope to be able to build a church in the near future.

A very interesting and profitable M.V. rally was conducted on Sabbath, June 3, by Pastor P. H. Coetzee, the Missionary Volunteer and Home Missionary Department secretary, of the South African Union Conference. Pastor Coetzee stressed the all-important point of sharing our faith with others. The discussion hour in the afternoon proved profitable to all and many things were clarified.

Plans are now being laid for a big youth congress to be held in the Western Native Township from October 6-8, 1950. Members from all parts of the field will be present. This is going to be the biggest rally ever held in our field, and will be a great incentive to both young and old.

The Lord is certainly blessing the efforts of our workers and lay-members, and we press onward with Christ beside us to help finish the work which has been allotted to us.

THE NEW CHURCH AT ALEXANDRA.

Camp-meetings

J. D. Harcombe

Our camp-meetings for 1950 have come to a very happy and fruitful end. Although these spiritual feasts are in the past, happy memories still linger in our minds. The words of encouragement, songs of praise and inspiration, joyous reunion with friends and acquaintances of like faith and purpose have all found an abiding place in our hearts.

We were happy to have our union president, Pastor Hanson, and Pastor A. Bristow, president of the Northern Rhodesia Mission Field, to help us at these camp-meetings.

There must have been rejoicing in heaven as Jesus and the holy angels witnessed the reconsecration of both faithful and back-slidden members. The amount of the offering revealed sacrifice on the part of our people. No doubt the greatest joy was experienced when several souls were baptized.

We do not have the space to give a full report of touching incidents which testify to the loyalty of the members in our field. The following figures will, however, give some idea of what took place at these camp-meetings:

During fifteen camp-meetings, with a total attendance of 3,615 people, 339 souls were baptized. It is very gratifying to report that a large percentage of this number was won by the laity. As a result of the "win one" plan introduced by the late Pastor Lewis a total of 231 souls was reported won in 1949. This year the combined churches and companies set a goal of 762. We sincerely trust that God will help them not only to reach the goal set, but actually to exceed it. The camp-meeting offering received amounted to £543-16-8.

Readers of the Outlook will be interested to know that we have strengthened the work in Zululand in a substantial way by purchasing the property of Dr. Haupt at Nongoma. A mission station has been established on this property, and it is the only one we have in Zululand today. It has been appropriately named *"Ekukhanyeni,"* which means "it is the light." Here Pastor Schultz and family are located. Not only is he the director of the mission, but he is also in charge of outlying work in that area. We sincerely trust and believe that he, with his workers, will spread the light in this great unentered section.

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Oudtshoorn

A. W. Staples

At the time of the camp-meeting at Rosebank, last January, plans were laid to evangelize the large town of Oudtshoorn in the South-Western Districts of the Cape.

Brother N. Josling and Sister G. Snyman were asked to lead out in this effort. Owing to a shortage of evangelistic workers, Pastor J. M. Coetzee, our Sabbath School and Home Missionary Department secretary, joined them as song-leader and Bible instructor. In addition, Sister L. Roberts of the conference office was associated with the effort to play the piano and to help carry forward the departmental work.

This effort was held in the Drill Hall. Our workers encountered bitter opposition from the start, but God blessed with a consistent attendance. The interest grew and many souls have accepted the message.

I would like to mention an interesting and encouraging feature of the work. For many years the late Sister Nuns lived and witnessed in Oudtshoorn. She was an ardent distributor of the *Signs* and *Tekens,* and she conducted many Bible studies with her friends and acquaintances. These long years of seed-sowing were not in vain, for at the very time when she died in George, the effort was in progress, and a number with whom she had laboured, joyfully took their stand for the message. Here is a typical example of successful home missionary and evangelistic work.

On Sunday, June 4, the baptism was held. Believers from Riversdale, George and Ladismith gathered with the new converts at Langkloof. The new church was crowded, and many had to stand in the entrance. There must have been over 200 in attendance. Brother Josling preached on the subject of the prodigal son, and the writer examined the thirty candidates and conducted the baptism. During this long baptismal service a hush was upon the large congregation for God's presence was felt by all. Afterwards the brethren and sisters of Langkloof took the visitors home to dinner.

In the afternoon a large congregation gathered to celebrate the ordinances of

the Lord's house. Old and new believers mingled in a spirit of true fellowship with the Lord and with one another. As the writer spoke on the subject of "The Cross" the Holy Spirit moved upon all to surrender their lives to the Lord. This was a truly heart-searching service, with a quiet infilling of the peace of the Lord and the joy of salvation.

At Oudtshoorn opposition continues. Let us all pray that in spite of opposition, the new company may grow in numbers and that they may be organized into a church in the near future.

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Boksburg Effort

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AFTER much advertising and distribution of literature and handbills by the workers and church members, Pastor Hassenpflug and his assistants started an effort in the Boksburg Town Hall on February 5.

Boksburg is indifferent to all public gatherings. On the opening evening the caretaker predicted that there would be no audience, as not even travelling theatrical companies are supported. But the attendance was excellent from the first night and actually grew as a result of Pastor Hassenpflug's interesting presentation of the truth, and the beautiful singing and playing of Pastor and Mrs. Turner and Brother Charles Sparrow. Even the children had a part. Every Sunday evening they came onto the platform and sang choruses under the direction of Pastor Turner.

The attendance remained constant until the testing truths were presented, and in spite of all the opposition, a goodly number are now rejoicing in the blessed hope, and worshipping every Sabbath with the members in the Hebrew Hall, Boksburg North. The Lord greatly blessed this effort.

Besides those already mentioned, Misses Ann Albers and Pat Erlank, and Brother W. Badenhorst also helped to make the effort a success. Pastor P. van de Merwe, the district pastor on the East Rand, also gave much of his time helping and visiting the interested ones.

Sedaven

J. van de Merwe

WE have already announced that our secondary school, Sedaven, will open in January 1951. The school is situated on the Heidelberg-Vereeniging road and is only 4½ miles outside the little town of Heidelberg. The two dormitories will be completed by the end of June. This is much sooner than we had expected.

Our handbook will be in the hands of the printers in a matter of days, and as soon as this is printed we will be able to supply copies to all our churches.

Pastor C. C. Marais will be the first principal of this new school. Brother Marais has spent the last twenty-five years in our educational and institutional work. He spent some time in the United States of America where he obtained his degree in education. He comes to us with wide experience in the field of education. Sedaven will have a strong and capable leader.

All applications from prospective students should be in by December 31 of this year. Please send these to Pastor J. van de Merwe, P.O. Box 7768, Johannesburg. He is the acting Education Department secretary of the Natal-Transvaal Conference. The application must be accompanied by a deposit of £7-10-0.

Many applications have already come in, and we would remind you once more, that in order to avoid any disappointment, you should send in your application as soon as you have read this. If you wait until January, 1951, you might find that there is no more accommodation.

We will offer Standards V to VIII in 1951, adding Standard IX in 1952, and Standard X in 1953. The fees are as follows:

Standards V, VI.—£18 per quarter.
Standards VII-X.—£19 per quarter.

Please write and ask for your handbook so that you may get all the details.

Much work has already been done on the school farm. We have built up a very fine dairy herd. Many of these cows were donated by our members. We have bought a few more and by the time school opens we will have more than enough good milk for the students and staff. The orchard is coming along nicely, and we will produce more vegetables than the school can ever use. Our matron will be a lady of experience, and the students will be well fed.

WITH OUR COLPORTEURS

D. D. Toerien

The man of the house declared himself to be an atheist, and was quite emphatic in the expression of his disbelief in a God. Thereupon I asked him how he accounted for the existence of all that we see about us. His answer was, "Nature." The same answer was given to a number of other questions put to him. Finally I asked him whether nature placed the house where it stood. "No," he said, "it was built." Pressing the question further I enquired if nature had provided for the furniture and the order and cleanliness of the home. "No," he said. I had been paging through "The Great Controversy" while this discussion took place, and to my surprise he eventually said, "How soon can you let me have a book?" "This afternoon," I replied. The book was delivered that very day.

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Die Huisaltaar

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DIE Wêreldkonferensie het dit onlangs nodig geag om 'n reeks voorstelle op te stel in verband met die huisgodsdiens van ons lede. Ons behoort hierdie voorstelle ernstig op te neem.

Van die begin af, wou God hê dat Sy volk huisgodsdiens moes hou. In die heiligdom het die altaar van wierook gestaan. Die oggend- en aandoffers was 'n voorstelling van die gebede wat na die Here opstyg.

As ons gaan ondersoek instel, sal ons uitvind dat die huisgodsdiens in baie Sewende-dag Adventiste wonings afgeskaf is. Verwaarlosing van gebed is altyd die eerste stap weg van God en Sy waarheid. 'n Goeie slagspreuk vir elke gelowige is: „Die gesin wat saam bid, bly saam."

Ons is bly om te weet dat baie ouers getrou soggens en saans godsdiens hou. Dit maak geen saak hoeveel werk gedoen moet word nie, hulle vind altyd tyd om godsdiens te hou. Hulle gebede beteken veel in die lewens van hulle kinders. Die huisgodsdiens help ons om die dag reg te begin. Dit keer dat ons nie gedurende die dag verkeerde dinge sê of doen nie. Dit help ons om die stem van die Gees te hoor en dit bind die harte van die lede van die gesin saam soos niks anders kan doen nie.

Die gebede wat tydens die huisgodsdiens opgaan, sal die vensters van die hemel oopmaak sodat God daardie gesin sal seën. Dit is daar waar ons sendingywer toeneem, waar ons harte met liefde gevul word vir diegene wat verlore is, waar kritiek, foutsoekery en agterklappery gekeer word. Vaders en moeders kan dit nie bekostig om die huisgodsdiens te verwaarloos nie. As ons te besig is om huisgodsdiens te hou, is ons besiger as wat God van ons verwag. Laat ons in ons lewens aan die belangrikste dinge die eerste plek afstaan. Jesus het gesê: „Soek eers die koninkryk van God."

Ons moet antwoord op dieselfde vraag as Hiskia vanouds—„Wat het hulle in u huis gesien?" Hiskia het sy goud en silwer getoon, maar hy het niks gesê van Hom wat gesê het: „Dan sal die Almagtige jou goudstukke wees," nie. Hy het die speserye en kosbare salf en al sy skatte aan hulle getoon, maar hy het niks gesê aangaande die gebed — die sleutel wat die skatkamers van God oopsluit — nie. Hoe moet ons antwoord as ons gevra word: „Wat het hulle in u huis gesien"? Word daar in ons wonings huisgodsdiens gehou, of het ons dit verwaarloos? As die huisaltaar in puin lê, sal ons dit nie dadelik weer oprig nie? God verlang hervorming in hierdie opsig. Hy roep ons na Hom, na die gebed, na die binnekamer van voorbidding terug.

Die gebede wat in die ouerhuis gehoor word, help die kinders nie alleenlik om getrou te wees aan die Here en aan die boodskap nie; dit besiel hulle met 'n verlange om vir God te werk. Een van die gesinne van die vroeë dae van hierdie beweging is 'n goeie voorbeeld hiervan. Een van die kinders van daardie gesin het geskryf:

„My ouers het twaalf kinders gehad. Drie van hulle is klein dood. Van die ander het vyf predikante geword, en my jongste suster is as sendelingsvrou in Afrika dood.

„Ons ouers het die gesin elke oggend en elke aand saamgeroep om godsdiens te hou, en ons het hulle gebede aangehoor totdat ons self gevoel het dat ons die Here moes aanroep.

„Ek sal nooit vergeet hoe ons op Vrydagaande aan die begin van die Sabbat godsdiens gehou het nie. Ons het gesing en gebid en ons sondes aan God en aan mekaar bely. Daarna het vrede en geluk in ons harte en in ons huis geregeer. Die liefdesbande het ons baie styf saamgebind.

„My moeder was oor niks so bekommerd as oor die redding van haar kinders nie. Sy het groot vertroue in God gehad, en sy het haar kinders in haar gebede een vir een by name genoem van die oudste tot die jongste, en een vir een het hulle hulle harte aan die Here gegee en by die kerk aangesluit. Toe die jongste gedoop is, het my moeder gesê: ‚Nou is my sendingwerk gedaan.' Die feit dat hulle kinders gered is, was vir my ouers die grootste vreugde."

Die huisgodsdiens is een van die belangrikste dinge wat dit vir ouers moontlik sal maak om te sê: „Hier is ek en die kinders wat die Here my gegee het," wanneer Jesus kom.

Ywerig tot die Einde toe

J. M. Coetzee

DIE Oesinsamelingsveldtog is aan die gang, en luidens die berigte wat ons reeds ontvang het, is die mense gewillig om by te dra tot ons werk. Dit is nou die tyd om middele in te samel. En wanneer ons die bydraes ontvang, moet ons ook onthou om die aandag van die mense te vestig op die erns van die tye waarin ons leef. God maan ons om te werk, want die einde is naby. Die Heilige Gees maak van elke uur gebruik om op hierdie aarde 'n volk te berei wat kan deel aan die naderende stryd teen die sonde.

Al die gelowiges was ywerig toe die Oesinsamelingsveldtog vanjaar begin het. Die Here het die werk geseën, en ons gee Hom al die eer en die heerlikheid vir wat verrig is. Sommige gemeentes het hulle doelstellings in die eerste week bereik en in die tweede week verdubbel. Dit is die regte gees! Helderberg Kollege het vanjaar minder terrein as verlede jaar, maar in die eerste week het die studente meer gekollekteer as gedurende die eerste week verlede jaar.

Uit die berigte wat ons ontvang, blyk dat die lede vanjaar meer belangstel as in die verlede. Ons is nou in die middel van die veldtog, en die Here seën ons werk ryklik. Baie mense was bang dat dit nie vanjaar so goed sou gaan nie omdat daar soveel oproepe gedoen word, maar die Here lei en die mense gee net so gewilliglik soos in die verlede. Waarlik die Here is in hierdie werk, en ons is dankbaar vir die bewyse van Sy leiding. Nie een huis moet oorgeslaan word nie. Ons moet elke huis besoek, nie alleenlik met die doel om 'n bydrae te kry nie, maar ook om kennis te maak en om uit te vind wat die geestelike toestand van die bewoners is. Ons leef in die laaste dae. Duisende mense wat in die verlede min aandag aan geestelike sake geskenk het, wil weet wat die hedendaagse gebeurtenisse beteken. Dit is nou ons voorreg om nie slegs geld in te samel nie, maar om die boodskap te verkondig aan diegene wat in duisternis verkeer.

Tot dusver vanjaar het God ons waarlik voorspoedig gemaak. Dit geld vir almal wat probeer het. As u dus nog nie alles in u vermoë gedoen het nie, sal u die Here nie nou die kans gee om u ook te laat drink uit die lewensfontein waar u besiel sal word om vir Hom te gaan werk nie?

Ons het 'n doelstelling wat ons moet bereik. Ons kan dit bereik. *Moenie wag nie!* Laat ons werk solank dit nog dag is. Die nag kom wanneer niemand meer kan werk nie. Laat ons nou waar ons die laaste groot gebeurtenisse van hierdie ou wêreld se geskiedenis tegemoet gaan, aan die werk spring sodat ons elke gesin in ons gedeeltetjie van die wingerd kan ontmoet. Ons moet vashou aan wat ons het, sodat iemand anders nie dalk ons kroon afneem nie.

„GOD handel nie met ons soos sterfelinge met mekaar handel nie. Sy gedagtes teenoor ons is gedagtes van genade, liefde en die teerste ontferming. Hy sê: ‚Laat die goddelose sy weg verlaat en die kwaaddoener sy gedagtes; en laat hy hom tot die Here bekeer, dan sal Hy hom barmhartig wees; en tot onse God, want Hy vergeef menigvuldiglik.' Jes. 55: 7."

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Oudtshoorn

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TYDENS die kampvergadering wat in Januarie te Rosebank gehou is, is reëlings getref om in Oudtshoorn 'n poging te hou.

Broeder N. Josling en Suster G. Snyman is gevra om voor te gaan. Weens die gebrek aan evangeliewerkers, het Leraar J. M. Coetzee en Mej. L. Roberts, van die konferensiekantoor, ook daarheen gegaan om met die musiek en opvolgwerk behulpsaam te wees, terwyl hulle ook sommer daarvandaan hulle departementele werk voortgesit het.

Die poging is in die Drilsaal gehou. Van die begin af het ons werkers met bitter teenstand te kampe gehad, maar God het hulle geseën en daar was 'n gereelde opkoms. Belangstelling het toegeneem, en baie siele het die boodskap aangeneem.

Ek wil hier graag melding maak van 'n interessante en bemoedigende sy van die werk. Wyle Suster Nuns het jare lank op Oudtshoorn gewoon en sy het altyd getuig. Sy het *Signs* en *Tekens* uitgegee en baie Bybelstudies met haar vriende en kennisse gehou. Daardie jare van werk was nie vergeefs nie, want op die juiste tyd toe sy op George op sterwe gelê het, was die poging aan die gang, en 'n aantal mense vir wie sy gewerk het, het die boodskap met blydskap aangeneem. Dit is 'n treffende voorbeeld van geslaagde buurtsending- en evangeliewerk.

Op Sondag, 4 Julie, is 'n doopdiens gehou. Gelowiges van Riversdale, George en Ladismith het saam met die nuwe gelowiges na Langkloof gegaan. Die nuwe kerkie was vol en baie van die mense moes staan. Daar was seker meer as tweehonderd teenwoordig. Broeder Josling het oor die verlore seun gepreek en skrywer het die dertig dopelinge ondervra. Gedurende die lang doopdiens het 'n doodse stilte geheers, want almal het die teenwoordigheid van God gevoel. Na die diens het die broeders en susters van Langkloof die besoekers huis toe geneem en etes voorsien.

In die namiddag het die groot gehoor weer saamgekom om die Avondmaal te vier. Ou gelowiges het met nuwes in 'n gees van ware gemeenskap gemeng. Skrywer het die gehoor toegespreek en die onderwerp was „Die Kruis." Die Heilige Gees het almal beweeg om hulle aan die Here oor te gee. Almal het hulle harte deeglik ondersoek en die vrede van God het almal met die gelukkige versekering van verlossing vervul.

Die teenstand duur op Oudtshoorn voort. Laat ons almal bid dat die nuwe groepie ten spyte van die teenstand mag aangroei en dat hulle binnekort ook daar 'n gemeente mag organiseer.

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'n Nuwe Kerkgebou in Alexandra

J. D. Harcombe

VIR die lede van die gemeente te Alexandra en vir ander lede op die Rand was Sabbat, 27 Mei, 'n groot dag. Op daardie dag het 'n groot skare in die nuwe kerk in Alexandra saamgekom. Die bouer was Broeder C. van der Molen, 'n lid van een van die blanke gemeentes op die Rand. Leraar C. H. Mackett, sekretaris-tesourier van die Suid-Afrikaanse Uniekonferensie, het die openingsplegtigheid waargeneem. Leraar E. A. Buckley het Gods seën op die gemeente afgesmeek en die koor van die Sophiatownse gemeente het gesing. In sy rede het skrywer vertel hoe God Sy kinders begunstig het deur die weg te open sodat dit moontlik geword het om die kerk te bou. Hy het verder daarop gewys dat elkeen die voorreg kan hê om te werk sodat die kerk binnekort gevul kan wees met inwoners van Alexandra wat God nou nog nie ken nie. Hy het ook sy waardering uitgespreek vir die werk van Broeder Van der Molen, die bouer en Mnr. Sinclair, die argitek, wat hulle soveel uitgesit het om dit moontlik te maak om 'n kerk teen so 'n redelike bedrag te bou.

In sy toespraak het Leraar Mackett die feit beklemtoon dat hierdie kerk nie slegs 'n mooi gebou is nie, maar dat dit 'n plek is waar mense die Here moet kom ontmoet. Hy het die hoop uitgespreek dat God ons gedurig daar sal ontmoet. Die gebou sal vir ons niks beteken tensy ons toelaat dat Jesus inkom om ons te lei nie. Hy het die feit verder beklemtoon dat God nie tussen vier mure woon nie, maar dat Hy in die harte woon van Sy kinders wat deur die Heilige Gees geheilig is.

Toe die offergawe opgeneem is, het ons weereens die bewys gekry dat Gods volk gewillig is om op te offer vir die Here se werk. Broeder A. A. Pitt, voormalige sekretaris-tesourier van die Noord-Bantoesendingveld en 'n persoon wat die veld baie getrou gedien het, het die verrigtinge met gebed afgesluit.

Ons is van plan om in die nabye toekoms nog meer sulke dienste te hou. Daar word reeds op Taungs 'n kerk opgerig. Terwyl ek hierdie artikel skryf, staan die mure al agt voet hoog. Mnr. R. A. F. O'Reilly help met die oprigting van hierdie gebou, en ons meen om dit teen Augustus of September gereed te hê. In Julie sal ons aan 'n nuwe kerkgebou in die lokasie te Brakpan begin werk, en ook aan een in Claremont, Natal. Ons het reeds lank op hierdie kerke gewag, en die lede sal baie gelukkig voel wanneer hulle gereed is. Ons is ook van plan om vanjaar aan ons sekondêre skool in Orlando te begin bou. Vyf-en-sewentig leerlinge het reeds aansoek gedoen om opgeneem te word. Ons werker op Louwsburg het nie 'n huis nie, en ons is van plan om teen die einde van die jaar in sy behoefte ook te voorsien. Ons vertrou dat ons volgende jaar en in die jare wat daarop volg, nog steeds meer kerke sal kan bou sodat die gelowiges plekke kan hê waar hulle kan aanbid. Daar is sommige plekke waar ons georganiseerde gemeentes het, maar waar ons geen kerkgeboue het nie. Daar is byvoorbeeld een groep van meer as sestig gelowiges wat geen gebou het nie, en hulle moet in mooiweer en in onweer onder 'n groot boom byeenkom. Ons hoop dat ons eerlank vir sulke gemeentes ook kerke sal kan bou.

Reëlings is ook getref om die evangeliewerk te versterk. Die plan is om nog vanjaar in die lokasie te Brakpan, by die kaptein se kraal in Swaziland en in elkeen van ons georganiseerde sendingdistrikte pogings te hou. Leraars W. Claude Tarr en J. M. Hlubi het saam met 'n groep helpers 'n geslaagde poging by Richmond, Natal, gehou. 'n Volledige berig sal later verskyn. Ons is ook bly om u te kan meedeel dat die Richmondse stadsraad ons 'n erf toegestaan het en ons hoop om binnekort daarop 'n kerk te kan bou.

'n Interessante en leersame Strewerssaamtrek is op Sabbat, 3 Junie, deur Leraar P. H. Coetzee die Strewers-departement-sekretaris van die Suid-Afrikaanse Uniekonferensie gehou. Leraar Coetzee het klem gelê op hoe belangrik dit is om vir ons geloof te getuig. Die besprekingsuur in die namiddag was vir almal nuttig en baie dinge is verduidelik.

Daar word nou reëlings getref om tussen 6 en 8 Oktober 'n Kongres in die Westelike Naturelledorp te hou. Lede uit alle dele van die veld sal teenwoordig wees. Dit sal die grootste

saamtrek wees wat nog ooit in ons veld gehou is, en sal beide ou- en jongmense aantrek.

Die Here seën waarlik die pogings van ons werkers en leke, en met Christus aan ons sy druk ons aan om die werk klaar te maak wat aan ons opgedra is.

Kampvergaderings

J. D. Harcombe

Ons kampvergaderings vir 1950 het baie geslaagd geëindig. Alhoewel hierdie geestelike feeste in die verlede is, onthou ons nog die woorde van bemoediging, die lofliedere en die ontmoeting met vriende en kennisse wat dieselfde hoop het as ons.

Ons was bly dat ons uniepresident, Leraar Hanson, en Leraar A. Bristow, president van die Noord-Rhodesië Sendingveld, ons met hierdie kampvergaderings kon help.

Daar was seker blydskap in die hemel toe Jesus en die heilige engele die toewyding van getroue lede en van sommige wat afvallig was, aanskou het. Die bedrag van die kampvergadering offergawe openbaar dat daar 'n gees van opoffering en vrygewigheid onder die lede heers. Die grootste vreugde was natuurlik oor die aantal siele wat gedoop is.

Ons het hier nie die ruimte om volledig te vertel van alles wat bewys hoe getrou ons lede is nie, maar die volgende syfers sal u 'n begrip gee van wat op die kampvergaderings plaasgevind het:

Tydens vyftien kampvergaderings met 'n totale opkoms van 3,615 is 339 siele gedoop. Ons is ook bly om u te kan meedeel dat 'n groot gedeelte van daardie getal deur leke gewen is. Ten gevolge van die „wen een" plan wat wyle Leraar Lewis ingestel het, is 231 siele gedurende 1949 gewen. Die gemeentes en groepe het hulle ten doel gestel om vanjaar altesaam 762 te wen. Ons vertrou dat God hulle sal help om daardie doelstelling te bereik en selfs te oorskrei. Die kampvergadering offergawe het op £543-16-8 te staan gekom.

Lesers van die Outlook sal geïnteresseerd wees om te weet dat ons werk in Zoeloeland heelwat versterk is deurdat ons Dr. Haupt se plaas by Nongoma gekoop het. Daar het ons 'n sendingstasie gestig, en dit is nou ons enigste sendingstasie in Zoeloeland. Die paslike naam wat daaraan gegee is, is „*Ekukhanyeni*," wat beteken „Dit is die lig." Leraar Schultz en sy gesin is daar gevestig. Hy het opsig oor die werk op die sendingstasie sowel as dié in die omliggende streke. Ons vertrou dat hy en sy medewerkers die lig in daardie onbewerkte streek sal laat skyn.

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Sedaven

J. van de Merwe

Ons het u reeds in kennis gestel dat ons sekondêre skool, Sedaven, in Januarie 1951 sal open.

Die skool staan langs die Heidelberg-Vereeniging pad ongeveer 4½ myl buitekant Heidelberg. Die twee koshuise sal teen die einde van Junie gereed wees. Dit is heelwat gouer as wat ons verwag het.

Ons boekie waarin alles beskryf staan, sal eersdaags aan die drukkers oorhandig word en sodra dit beskikbaar is, sal aan elke gemeente eksemplare gestuur word.

Leraar C. C. Marais sal die eerste prinsipaal van die nuwe skool wees. Leraar Marais het reeds vyf-en-twintig jaar ondervinding in ons opvoedkundige inrigtings. Hy het ook 'n tydlank in Amerika gestudeer en daar het hy sy graad in die opvoedkunde gekry. Hy kom na ons toe met baie ondervinding op die gebied van opvoedkunde. Sedaven sal 'n sterk, bekwame leier hê.

Almal wat voornemens is om 1951 as leerlinge na Sedaven te gaan, moet voor 31 Desember vanjaar hulle applikasies instuur. Rig hierdie applikasies aan Leraar J. van de Merwe, Posbus 7768, Johannesburg. Hy is agerende Onderwysdepartement-sekretaris van die konferensie. Stuur saam met u applikasie die bedrag van £7-10-0.

'n Hele aantal applikasies is reeds ontvang, en ons wil u graag weereens herinner om dadelik applikasie te maak sodat u nie altemit teleurgestel raak nie. As u wag tot Januarie 1951 kan dit wees dat daar vir u geen plek is nie.

Gedurende 1951 sal Standerds V tot VIII gedoseer word. In 1952 sal Standerd IX bygevoeg word en in 1953 Standerd X. Die koste is as volg:

Standerds V, VI.—£18 per kwartaal.
Standerds VII-X.—£19 per kwartaal.

Doen dadelik aansoek om 'n boekie sodat u al die besonderhede kan weet.

Daar is al heelwat werk op die plaas gedoen. Ons het 'n mooi suiwelkudde opgebou. 'n Aantal van die koeie is deur lede gegee en ons het ander gekoop sodat daar teen die tyd wanneer die skool begin, meer as genoeg melk vir die leerlinge en vir die personeel sal wees. Die boord vorder ook goed en ons sal meer groente kweek as wat die skool kan gebruik. Ons matrone is ook ervare, en die leerlinge sal goed versorg word.

Poging te Boksburg

J. C. Grobler

Nadat werkers en leke heelwat geadverteer en leesstof en uitnodigings versprei het, het Leraar Hassenpflug en sy medewerkers op 5 Februarie in die Boksburgse stadsaal 'n poging begin.

Boksburg is onverskillig teenoor alle openbare byeenkomste. Op die eerste aand het die opsigter voorspel dat daar geen gehoor sou wees nie, want selfs

Gesondheid

„Geliefde, ek wens dat dit met jou in alles mag goed gaan en dat jy gesond is, soos dit met jou siel goed gaan." 3 Joh. 2.

Liggaamlike gesondheid gaan saam met gesondheid van die siel. Dit word ook in Psalm 103:3 bevestig.

Ons lede in Suid-Afrika verneem al baie jare lank na 'n geskikte boek oor gesondheid. So 'n boek is nou eindelik beskikbaar, naamlik, DIE EVANGELIE VAN GESONDHEID. Ons Afrikaanssprekende lede het uitgesien na hierdie boek en u kan seker wees dat dit die beste boek van sy soort is wat ons as genootskap nog ooit in Suid-Afrika uitgegee het.

Elke huisgesin in ons gemeentes behoort dadelik een van hierdie boeke te bestel en dit deeglik deur te lees en te bestudeer. Dit gee ons 'n nuwe begrip van die beginsels van gesondheid. Bestel dadelik van u boekdepot. Prys 4/6.

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toneelgeselskappe word nie ondersteun nie. Maar van die eerste aand af was die opkoms goed, en Leraar Hassenpflug het die waarheid so mooi voorgestel dat die gehoor werklik mettertyd gegroei het. Broeder Turner se sang en Mev. Turner en Broeder Sparrow se klavierspel was ook 'n groot aantreklikheid. Selfs die kinders het daar 'n deel aan gehad. Elke Sondagaand het hulle die voorreg gehad om van die verhoog af koortjies te sing.

Die opkoms was goed totdat die toetswaarhede voorgedra is, en ten spyte van teenstand het 'n mooi groep die waarheid aangeneem, en hulle aanbid nou elke Sabbat saam met die ou lede in die Hebreeuse Saal in Boksburg-Noord. Die Here het hierdie poging ryklik geseën.

Buiten diegene wat reeds genoem is, het Mejj. Ann Albers en Pat Erlank en Broeder W. Badenhorst ook met die poging gehelp. Leraar P. van de Merwe, distrikleier van die Oos-Randse gemeentes, het ook heelwat van sy tyd gegee om by die dienste te help en om belangstellendes te besoek.

LEARN TO WAIT

"For days of lowly toil and humbled pride
And baffled will;
For hope deferred and selfish pride denied
I thank Him still.

"If dark or fair life's sunset home shall be,
I cannot tell.
I know the Lord my Shepherd leadeth me
And all is well."

UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

GERSTNER.— Edith Margaret, fell asleep in death at the age of 57 years just after Sabbath commenced on the 28th of April, at her home, "Vreugde," 3 Camden Street, Brooklyn.

Sister Gerstner was always a good Christian. In September of last year she accepted the further light which God brought to her from His precious Word, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in Roeland Street, Cape Town.

Although she has been ailing for about six months, she was patient through suffering, and almost to the last there was a smile on her face. She was always ready to learn more of her Saviour, and she said she was willing to rest until that day when we all will meet again. Her comfort was in the Word of God and prayer.

Her one regret was that on account of her illness she was not able to attend more of the services in the church.

There are left to mourn her passing, her husband and her son Bert. To these we offer our sincere sympathy.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer, and we laid our sister to rest in the cemetery at Observatory to await the glad morning.

C. S. PIKE.

HARVEST INGATHERING REPORT

Southern African Division's Aim is £52,000

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION	Goals £20,000	3rd Wk., 1950 £25,141	3rd Wk., 1949 £24,322
Natal-Transvaal Conference	9,000	11,690	11,487
Cape Conference	6,000	7,120	6,522
Cape Field	2,200	3,970	4,328
North Bantu Mission Field	1,650	1,519	1,393
South Bantu Mission Field	1,150	842	592
TOTALS	£20,000	£25,141	£24,322

IS EVERY MEMBER DOING HIS PART?

Seventh-day Adventists have received a message which they must proclaim, "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Is every Seventh-day Adventist doing what God expects of him in this hour? Are all our members taking part in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and is each one doing his full share?

These are glorious days filled with excellent opportunities for the Advent church! Everywhere today multitudes look wistfully for a message that will bring peace, assurance and hope to their hearts.

The public is giving generously to those who are collecting. One person in the Peninsula received a five shilling donation at one home. After reading the magazine, the donor felt bad for having given so little to such a big work, so he wrote a letter of apology and sent £3 more. The Lord impresses the honest in heart to give.

Thus far the campaign is going well, but this is no time to rest on our laurels. We must keep at it as long as we have territory and time to work.

May every Advent believer in this year's campaign do what heaven expects of him in this hour.

J. M. HNATYSHYN,
Home Missionary Department Secretary.

Death of Pastor W. H. Anderson

A CABLE dated June 26, 1950, has been received from E. D. Dick, secretary of the General Conference. It reads as follows:

"REGRET INFORM YOU W. H. ANDERSON PASSED AWAY TODAY."

This message brings sadness to members and workers throughout the Southern African Division where Pastor Anderson laboured for so many years in faithful service.

The Division office has had no previous information that would indicate that Pastor Anderson had not been enjoying his usual good health.

MILTON ROBISON,
Acting Secretary.

CONTENTMENT

THE universe, O God, is home,
In height or depth to me;
Yet here upon Thy footstool green
Am I content to be;
Glad when is open to my need
Some sea-like glimpse of Thee.
—*L. Larcom.*