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"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

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"A Happy New Year"

THE curtain of a new year rises on a world in deeper perplexity than ever before. Not since the fateful closing days of 1914 has there been such a breathless suspense of anxiety as during the closing months of 1922, when the attention of the world was again focussed on that perpetual storm centre, Constantinople and the Near East. In view of the fact that both the eleventh chapter of Daniel, and the sixteenth chapter of Revelation present Turkey as an important factor in the closing events just before Michael stands up, every Seventh-day Adventist will watch with keenest interest the rapid and startling unfolding of events, such as are now coming to light.

As in the past, the Turk is riding to renewed power unchecked because of the political rivalries among the great nations who were so recently united in suppressing the Turkish empire; and keen thinkers see in this discord among the allies the most serious and ugly facts in the whole situation. Frank H. Simonds, a famous writer on international relations, says in the *Review of Reviews*:

"It is not war which is the most alarming immediate possibility of the Turkish victory; rather it is the disclosure of the complete breakdown of all European concord and the revelation of the fashion in which the conflicting interests of the great powers, France, Italy and Britain make concerted action impossible. . . . Looking to the future, it is almost impossible to exaggerate the evils which may ultimately flow from the present developments. From the Baltic to the Black Sea all of Central Europe is now in a state of unstable equilibrium. No common policy unites the victorious powers. . . . To say that international political anarchy seems to abolish all present hope of settlement and forecast ever-increasing international anarchy, on the other hand, is to assert that which is becoming an almost self-evident fact."

Flushed with her victories over Greece, and secure in the backing of Soviet Russia, the new Turkish government has wrested from the distracted and disunited former victorious allies the restoration of Constantinople and her old territory in Europe. This puts the whole political situation back on to the insecure foundation on which it rested before the Great War. Practically everything supposed to be settled at the noted Versailles Conference of 1918 is again unsettled.

What a vivid reminder of the expression "distress of nations, with perplexity," the thoughtful reader daily encounters in the press dispatches and comment in widely read magazines.

"A statistical survey of the European armies today is calculated to *cause alarm*," writes ex-premier Lloyd George. "Europe has not learned the lesson of the war; it has rather drawn the wrong inference from that calamity. . . . The fact is that Europe is *thoroughly frightened*, and like all frightened things, is apt to resort to expedients which aggravate the evils which terrified it. Militarism reduced it to the present plight, and to save itself from similar disaster in the future, *it has become more militaristic than ever*."

We are becoming accustomed to "conferences," convened by statesmen to wrestle with the manifold problems of the distracted world. And we are rapidly becoming accustomed to conferences that do not construct, but that come to a deadlock over questions regarding which the statesmen cannot come to an agreement. As we write, the conference called in Paris to discuss the question of reparations, and the funding of the enormous international debts, has broken down. The *London Times* commenting on the situation thus created declares that "the whole fabric of peace is in grave danger." It is reported that France is planning definitely to make a military move into the Ruhr valley, seizing the towns of Essen and Bochum, in the almost certain events of a default by Germany in the payment of £25,000,000 on January 15.

A rapid survey of the world, country by country, shows that with startling rapidity the forces of evil are gaining ground everywhere. Poor, distracted Ireland, having gained practical self-government is confronted with an aggressive party that would sever every tie that binds her to Great Britain, and the reign of carnage and terror is not yet ended. Strikes and labour troubles that verge on revolution have been witnessed in Great Britain and the United States, as well as in our own South Africa during the past year. In Portugal, Spain, Italy, China and Great Britain, there have been recent changes of government. In Greece, the king has been deposed, and many of the former high officials and army officers have been tried and executed. From Asia Minor come harrowing tales of massacre and

deportations of Armenians and other non-moslem peoples. India is seething with unrest and sedition. Egypt has been granted a nominal independence, and a king, but the resulting wave of violence and crime is placing that government in peril of its existence.

Recent reports indicate that Russia faces even more terrible famine conditions than last year. Eight million people are in need of help to keep them alive through the winter, and the most optimistic hopes for succour provide only for barely sustaining life in about half this number. And in the wake of the famine stalks grim pestilence. Typhus and cholera are nearly depopulating vast districts and fears are freely expressed that they may cross the borders into some of the nations of Europe.

The past year has not been free from disasters. The most noteworthy have been a great typhoon in Swatow, China, and the more recent terrible earthquake and tidal wave in Chile. Both these calamities were accompanied by tremendous property loss and the snuffing out of many thousands of lives. Coming closer home, we find the port of Chinde in Portuguese East Africa swept with a destructive storm that not only laid the city low, but destroyed many ships in and near the port.

As the night of despair settles down over a doomed world, the contrasting light of the gospel that assures peace amid unrest becomes more precious. Shall we not during the coming year multiply our activities in bringing to others the truths that enable us to "lift up our heads" knowing that our "redemption draweth nigh?" Let us remember that while the distressing conditions mentioned above are to us assuring signs that soon He whom we love will return, yet not less surely and positively do the Scriptures portray a great and successful movement that will ultimately enlighten the world with the glory of the gospel. Just as certain as a coming universal war is the promise of victory to the church in her world-wide task. That God will do great things for Zion is as sure as that soon the nations will be gathered at Armageddon.

In wishing the readers of the OUTLOOK a happy New Year we do not overlook the probability of trials and privations and perplexities. We may look for droughts, crop failures, locusts, and business reverses, and our own dear people may not always be immune from these; but no possible earthly calamity can bring dismay to the one whose constant companion is Christ. "In the world ye shall have tribulation," He says, but the assurance follows, "but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

To the prophet Habbakuk was given such a revelation of the "time of trouble" that he trembled, but with it was given such a confidence in God that he added as the grand climax to his book:

"Although the fig tree shall not blossom,
Neither shall fruit be in the vines;
The labour of the olive shall fail,
And the fields shall yield no meat;
The flock shall be cut off from the field,
And there shall be no herd in the stalls:
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will joy in the God of my salvation."

May such happiness come to all our readers through the coming year and the brief time before our redemption is assured.

D. E. ROBINSON.

Report of Literature Sales for November

Natal-Transvaal

NAME	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL
<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
H. J. Claase	152½	98	121 5 0	3 18 6	125 3 6
D. A. de Beer	26	2	2 10 0		2 10 0
L. A. Hertogs	16	5	6 2 6	9 0	6 11 6
V. Gibson	82	87	111 17 6	11 0	112 8 6
T. J. Mijnhardt	153½	96	44 12 6	1 10 0	46 2 6
A. S. Pheasant	33	10	13 12 6		13 12 6
<i>Ladies Handbook.</i>					
Mrs A Crouch	8	4	6 5 0		6 5 0
Mrs. E. Dahl	55½	13	19 12 6	10 6	20 3 0
Mrs. L. Kreuter	28½	20	31 5 0		31 5 0
Mrs Mijnhardt	104	26	37 0 0	1 6	37 1 6
Mrs. M. Smith	22½	13	17 17 6	3 1 6	20 19 0
<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
T. G. Crouch	44	25	35 0 0		35 0 0
P. J. Vermaak	108	53	69 2 6		69 2 6
R. Morton	136	8	11 0 0	22 15 0	33 15 0
<i>Great Controversy.</i>					
Mrs. E. Robinson	86½	42	55 16 6	14 15 6	70 12 0
Miss W. Bews	76	23	26 10 6	7 12 0	34 2 6
Miss W. Tickton	39	12	14 11 0	6 0 6	20 11 6
<i>Patriarchs & Prophets.</i>					
Mrs. Tickton	88	13	18 7 6	2 12 6	21 0 0
<i>Daniel & Revelation</i>					
E. Enochsen	13½	20	30 15 0		30 15 0
<i>Miscellaneous</i>					
			13 5 0		13 5 0
Agents,	19	1272½	510 686 8 0	63 17 6	750 5 6

Orange Free State

<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
E. Branson	82	98	118 10 0	16 6	119 6 6
W. Mason	27	15	20 7 0	12 0	20 19 0
<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
B. Burton	33	29	41 7 6		41 7 6
F. Kruger	31	15	17 12 6		17 12 6
<i>Miscellaneous</i>					
			46 11 2		46 11 2
Agents	4	173	152 244 8 2	1 8 6	245 16 8

Sentinel and De Wachter 63 5 0

Cape

<i>Daniel & Revelation.</i>					
A. Renou	79	38	46 15 0	2 8 0	49 3 0
R. Ansley	84	37	41 15 0	15 6	42 11 6
<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
D. Kruger	78	7	9 0 0	2 17 0	11 17 0
<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
P. Burger	112	33	37 2 6		37 2 6
Agents	4	353	115 134 12 6	6 1 6	140 14 0

Sentinel and De Wachter 64 16 11

Union Conference Mission Fields

Kafirland	17 12 6	17 12 6
Basutoland	12 19 0	12 19 0
Transvaal	62 14 0	62 14 0
	93 5 6	93 5 6

Book Totals for November 1922

Natal-Transvaal	1272½	510	686	8	0	63	17	6	750	5	6	
Orange Free State	173	152	244	8	2	1	8	6	245	16	8	
Cape	353	115	134	12	6	6	1	6	140	14	0	
Union Missions			93	5	6				93	5	6	
Agents	27	1798½	777	1158	14	2	71	7	6	1230	1	8
Periodicals										128	1	11



Mission Funds

REPORTS received show that our churches throughout the fields are rallying to the call of the Mission Board for financial assistance. Confidence in the message and in its triumph makes it impossible for any of us to allow of any backward step or delay in answering the urgent pleas that come from these in the yet unentered fields.

Elder Hankins writes of the interest the Durban church has in the needs of the cause at this time. At the Sabbath service held after the brethren had returned from the camp-meeting, the church contributed close on to £360 to mission offerings and to the Spion Kop College.

The Claremont church is determined to do its part in the big effort to tide over the present crisis. The report for last quarter shows that the church more than reached its goal of 2/6. The offerings to missions each week per member were 3/9. Mission offerings per capita were 4/- more than the tithe per capita.

When our churches adopt this kind of a programme, there is no fear, with the blessing of heaven, that 1923 will see a great advance movement in the mission field.

W. B. COMMUN.



Cape Town City Effort

By the time this issue of the OUTLOOK reaches our people, a large public effort will have been launched in the city of Cape Town by the writer. Sunday night meetings are being held in the Opera House, and, beginning January 22, week night meetings will be held in the Railway Institute.

No doubt, many of our people throughout the field have relatives and friends living at Cape Town for whom you have a burden that they should accept the message. We would therefore urge that you write these people immediately after reading these lines, calling their attention to the meetings in the above mentioned places, and urge that they attend with their friends. In this way they can be brought directly into contact with the message.

We also wish to request that all our people earnestly pray for the success of this meeting.

W. H. BRANSON.



“OH, do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you shall be a miracle. Every day, you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.”—Phillips Brooks

An Appreciative Reader

“SOME one gave one of the children a little book. We have all read it many times, and have lent it to our neighbours. It is one of the best books we have ever had, and my husband has it with him now.”

“Do you know the name of the book,” asked Mrs. Robinson of the speaker, a resident of Germiston, whom she was canvassing for “Great Controversy.”

“No, I do not remember the name, but it proved from the Bible that when our friends die, they sleep peacefully in the grave until the resurrection. It was only a small book, with a paper cover.”

“Was it called ‘The Other Side of Death?’”

“Yes, that is the name.”

When this lady was informed that “Great Controversy” was published by the same people as the little book she had, it needed very little persuasion to induce her to give her order.

Just who was the means of putting into this family this little book may never be known in this world. The one to whom the book was first sold thought little of it, and gave it to a child. We are often tempted to feel that such work as the distribution of our small books by the Home Missionary Department of the churches does not pay. But occasionally some one has the opportunity of learning of the great blessing that comes to the readers in more cases than we suspect.

Such incidents remind us of the scriptural injunction, “In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.”



“BE not too busy with thy work and care
To look to God, to clasp thy hand in His
Miss thou all else, but fail not thou of this.
Thou need'st not all alone thy burdens bear;
Listen and wait, obey and learn His will,
His love and service all thy life shall fill.”



The Guardian Angels

WHAT a comfort to know that the great heart of the Father of all has not only given to the very humblest of His children a guardian angel, but in times of special temptation, as many angels as may be needed to protect him from the assaults of the enemy are sent to his aid! These divine messengers are ever in touch with the throne of God. Thus the child of God, through the ministry of these holy beings, is ever in touch with the Father. No hour of temptation, no weakness, no trial, however great and seemingly unbearable, but the least of God's children can reach His throne by prayer, through the ministry of these divine agents. The guardian angels can always come into the presence of God without delay, and there present the needs of His children. There are no barred doors, no guarded gateways, to hinder the entrance of the angels. To the messengers sent forth to minister to God's children, the presence chamber is ever open. Through this ministry, heaven is brought very near to the daily life of God's earthly children. It matters

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What About the Outlook for 1923?

WILL it be an interesting paper, telling of the progress of the message in the African Division, or will it have to be filled with selections from other papers?

This will depend entirely on our people throughout the field. During the past year, many interesting reports have been received and published in the columns of our little paper, and we wish to thank all contributors for their co-operation. Will not all our people during 1923 co-operate with us again by sending in for publication anything of interest regarding our work, such as reports, news notes, etc. We will thus be able to keep in touch with each other and the work that is being done, as well as be encouraged to press on with the message.

The OUTLOOK is your paper. Please use it.



News Notes

BROTHER E. INGLE is at present a visitor at the Cape.

MISS RUBY TARR, of Cathcart, C. P., is a patient at the Cape Sanitarium.

BROTHER F. E. THOMPSON is spending some time in the field. He is attending the native teacher's institute and the Spion Kop Summer School.

MISS LAURA PAGE, who has spent the past year in office work in the Zambesi Union, is paying her mother a visit at her home in Plumstead, C. P.

At the close of the year 1922, the secretary of the Claremont Sabbath school reported offerings for the year as being £170-10-5. The offerings for the last quarter of the year were £50-0-0.

ELDER T. M. FRENCH left the Cape, January 2, on a trip through the Union. He will visit a number of the larger churches in the interests of the Educational and Young People's Departments.

CONNECTED with Elder W. H. Branson's effort, which is being held in Cape Town, are: Pastor and Mrs. W. L. Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Tarr, Mr. F. Macdonald, Mrs. Dr. Reith, Mrs. T. M. French, besides a number of others. At the first meeting, held in the Opera House, January 7, the house was practically full, and a very attentive audience listened to Elder Branson's address entitled "The Crash of Empires."



"If chosen men could never be alone,
In deep mid-silence open-doored to God,
No greatness ever had been dreamed or done

The Guardian Angels

not where duty may lead, whether in the crowded marts of the world, where men are madly chasing after wealth, or whether among the lowly, retired haunts of men, where poverty and toil and suffering are the lot of God's children; whether in the halls of learning, in the palace of the rich and great, or in hovels where want and penury abound,—amid all these scenes, wherever the child of faith is found, there these heavenly beings are present to guard the lives and hearts of those who truly love God, and to minister to their needs.

No fond mother could watch more tenderly over the child by her side than the Lord watches over His children. When they go out, and when they come in, by sea and by land, in sickness and in health, in prosperity and in adversity, the Lord of hosts keeps His children in all their ways. He has promised to lead His people beside still waters, to be their rock and fortress, to give His angels charge over them, and to bear them up in the everlasting arms. What a wonderful ministry is that of the holy angels in behalf of the people of God!"—"Ministry of Angels," pp. 75, 76, 78.

Obituaries

BROTHER JAMES HENLEY passed peacefully away, November 12, 1922, in his sixty-first year, with strong faith in the blessed hope. He was laid to rest on his farm, "Stourpoort," Dist. Peddie.

Brother Henley was a servant of the Lord with very strong religious convictions. He was a member of the Church of England from his youth, but he fully believed in the soon coming of Christ, and for many years he believed the Lord had more light for him, for which he often sought the Lord in earnest prayer. He was much impressed by a dream he had in which he saw a certain paper being distributed by two men. This paper contained God's message for this time. A few weeks after this dream, the *South African Sentinel* was given to him by a friend. Brother Henley recognised the paper at once as being the very one he had seen in his dream. After carefully reading it, he sent to our Cape Tract Society office for more literature, and soon embraced all the points of our faith. He was baptised by Pastor H. J. Edmed, and for seven years was a staunch member of our denomination. Brother Henley loved the truth, though isolated with no church privileges, and it was a pleasure to him to tell it to others, and give them literature.

For the last two and a half years he was quite an invalid, and suffered much pain, which he bore with Christian grace and patience. He was a good neighbour, and of a very hospitable disposition. Words of comfort were spoken from Psalm 116:15 by Brother W. H. Hurlow, to a large gathering, including several natives. One native man asked to testify of the very high esteem the natives held of Brother Henley. He leaves a widow and relations, besides many friends to mourn their loss. To these we extend our deep sympathy in their hour of trial and sadness.

CHAS. SPARROW.

MRS. A. ANDERSON died in Johannesburg on Friday, December 1, aged 73 years. Sister Anderson, with her husband, was a believer in the third angel's message, and was known as an earnest consistent Christian. They were born in Holland, and greatly regretted that their inability to understand the English language made it impossible for them to enjoy church privileges in Johannesburg. Sister Anderson was the mother of Sister Boekhout, of Spion Kop. Though she had been unwell for some time, yet her death came suddenly and unexpectedly. She died peacefully, while Sister Boekhout was en route to visit her parents, wholly unaware of the serious crisis. Other sons and daughters, besides her aged companion, sincerely mourn their loss.

Brief services were conducted Sabbath afternoon at the house and at the grave by the undersigned.

D. E. ROBINSON.