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What the Thirteenth Sabbath School Overflow Has Meant to the Southern African Division

During the last twenty-five years, the Southern African Division has benefited to the extent of \$61,896.42 from the thirteenth Sabbath school overflow offerings. What a mighty factor this amount of money has proved to be to us in the onward march of our work here in the "Dark Continent."

Today, as we lift up our eyes and look out upon the various union fields comprising this Division, north, east and west, there looms before our vision a very large number of dispensaries, hospitals, schools and missionary homes, all of which have been made possible through the \$61,896.42 sent to us. Today these various institutions, whether large or small, stand as literal monuments to the consecrated efforts of our Sabbath schools as soul-winning agencies. From each of these centers a light is going out, which is lighting the way of many souls who have for so long been sitting in darkness and despair.

If our members in the homeland and elsewhere, could have seen the dire need in so many places — yea, the crying need — before the funds came through to us, they could better realize what a boon and a blessing the thirteenth Sabbath overflows have been to Africa. I personally know of the poor, dingy, dark hovels in which some of our missionaries had to live and labor before such funds were made available through this special channel. In fact some of our missionaries sleep in their graves today, because of the meager facilities with which they had to carry on. However, they did their work cheerfully; but oh, what a sacrifice was theirs to the cause of missions. The help came too late for them to benefit, but it has meant much to those who have been raised up to follow on in their steps. If our members who have helped to swell the overflow from time to time, could see with their own eyes and hear with

their own ears what the foregoing amount of money has meant to Africa, surely not one would ever regret a dollar given in this way.

So on behalf of our union and local committees in this field, I want to say that our hearts go up in sincere gratitude for the help that has been given us through this heaven-born channel. Words just fail me when I endeavor to express the sincere appreciation which we all feel right down deep in our hearts. All



I can say is a BIG THANK YOU, to our Sabbath schools, world-wide, for what they have helped send on to this interesting Division. Eternity alone will reveal fully the story of all that has been achieved in Africa through the overflow.

Now we come to the Silver Jubilee Anniversary year. How fitting it is to remember this special occasion in such a definite way! We understand it is the plan of the General Conference during the second quarter of 1937, to appeal for the largest overflow offering ever received during the history of this people. The goal set is \$150,000. At first thought, this may seem an insurmountable undertaking; however, such is not an impossible task for our present world membership. Not at all! It can be done! As an evidence of our faith in the matter, and our belief that it can be reached, you can count on us here in the Southern African Division to get under the load as never before and do our level best when the offering is taken. **VICTORY WILL BE SURE!**

J. F. Wright

Our Largest Harvest Ingathering Gift

About thirteen years ago Elder T. R. Flaiz approached a Hindu gentleman, the Zemindar of Telaprole, at Nuzvid, South India, asking for an Uplift Gift, as we call Harvest Ingathering out in India, hoping to receive at least 100 rupees. He told the Zemindar of our dispensaries and hospitals and of the unselfish ministry of healing offered to all. The Zemindar immediately offered to give our mission an uncompleted hospital that he had begun for a gift to government, whose building had been interrupted by the Great War. He offered to turn this over to us for completion, we sending him the bills to pay as needed.

We accepted the offer and the Zemindar has fulfilled his contract. There is today a splendid training center at Nuzvid, with a hospital of forty-five beds, with a fine operating theater and laboratory, three nice bungalows, one for Dr. D. E. Semmens, another for Dr. Emma Hughes, a third for Elder D. W. Hunter, also a building for native nurses, all together costing to date more than \$50,000. Across the road is a Chattram, or guest house, for accommodation of friends of patients in the hospital, built with money provided by a friend of the Zemindar. It is good to report that the interest of the Zemindar in our work has grown through the years and he still enters into "our" plans with great pleasure.

There has developed at Nuzvid a very important center for our work in South India. The only center that we have for training nurses and compounders is here. The staff of this institution is at present two foreign doctors, Dr. D. E. Semmens and Dr. Emma Hughes, two American nurses, Miss E. Binder and Miss B. Gore, and fourteen Indian nurses and eleven compounders. As in all mission hospitals they take in many derelicts but the power of God is present to heal and many wonderful recoveries are witnessed. About seventy-five per cent of their cases

are surgical. Dr. Semmens reports that last year, they lost only three and one half percent of their cases. He says they have had at least one case of every disease known to medical fraternity.

Just to give one sample of the good work done at this hospital, Dr. Semmens reports: "A little girl was brought in with a compound fracture of the leg. As usual she came after being treated elsewhere. She was wearing a poultice of sticky green leaves inside a bamboo splint. There was no way to save her life except by amputating her leg. Her parents refused to have it done and took her away. Later she was returned to us in a worse condition with a temperature of 105 degrees. Finally we amputated the leg and she had a wonderful recovery. She had been so scared by her parents that when she first came she would scream every time we approached her bed. But Dr. Emma Hughes took her under her wing and mothered her. By tender care and love she finally was brought to the place where she would smile whenever we came near her." Just multiply this case by thousands that throng this hospital and dispensary throughout the year and you have a faint idea of what is being accomplished.

Dr. Semmens further reports; "We have the confidence of the people for many miles around the institution. Sometimes it is hard to get patients into the hospital, and later just as hard to get them out. We have worship each day with the patients, excellent Friday night meetings, and our nurses go about the wards singing to them. Many times our church is filled with patients and their friends (non-Christians). Often we are called on to dedicate their babies. We do a large amount of village work, and this has resulted in seven baptisms last year and many people interested." An outstation was built about 59 miles from Nuzvid, and a compounder stationed there, and Dr. Semmens makes regular visits. The cash receipts pay for all their medicines and the salaries of all of their Indian helpers. The largest month's receipts during 1936 was \$1000, as this hospital is located in a very poor section.

This is but one of our hospitals in India, the gift of a fine Hindu gentleman. The work of training our Indian girls as nurses, and our Indian boys as compounders, goes steadily on. Government recognition is not yet ours as they require recognized schools to have 75 beds, we have but 45. Nurse Binder says of her work, "We are so enthusiastic

about our work that many times we want to work twenty-four hours a day, and would do so if we could maintain our health."

The evangelistic work carried on from this center is to receive help from the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering June 26.

G. F. Enoch

A Special Temperance "Signs of the Times"

In view of the overwhelming flood of liquor, and the reaction setting in against its evils and excesses, there has come an urgent plea for a Temperance issue of the *Signs of the Times* for use in a great educational campaign. Elder M. N. Campbell, president of the North American Division Conference, and other members of the General Conference staff, proposed this, and they with many other leaders burdened over the situation have been anxious to see a strong issue provided.

Our people will welcome the announcement that such a number is coming very soon. It is dated June 15, and will be ready June 3—a very fine complete issue, given entirely to the liquor situation, and education against drinking.

From the first glance at the cover, a typical scene of drinking and driving, and captioned "En route to the Morgue," the interest is gripped. The special feature article in review of what has led to our present situation is entitled "John Barleycorn Comes Back." In first person, he, John Barleycorn (the liquor traffic), tell how he has regained power and reputation, and of the tremendous influence he is now wielding in society, and of the open road ahead. This article, written by Alonzo L. Baker, is a most powerful and unique presentation of facts that should stir every American interested in law, order, decency and safety. "The Aftermath of Repeal," by Elder C. S. Longacre, Secretary of the National Temperance Association, further sets forth valuable facts.

Three articles in this paper will influence young people especially. In one of these, "Shall I Drink?" the writer, Murl Vance, tells of the interviews with a list of persons who drink, some moderately, some to excess—a carpenter, a merchant, a nurse, a sailor, a farmer, a lawyer, a waitress, two saloon keepers, and a confirmed drunkard. "Shall I as a young man drink?" he asked each of them. Every young person in the land should read their answers. Then Elton A. Jones, author of

"The Cup that Cheers," has written another story that is a winner. "Cleo's Fight for Freedom." And Professor Alfred W. Peterson, head of our Seventh-day Adventist Young People's forces, approaches the subject from a scientific angle in an article, "Facts about Alcohol."

The note of "Victory over drink" is sounded in this issue. Dr. D. H. Kress writes on "Breaking the Habit;" Elder G. Dalrymple on "Slaves of the Cup," stressing how to find freedom from it. "When you Drive, don't Drink," is an appeal for saving life, by J. L. McEnnis of the National Safety Council; and "Public Enemy Number 1," b Elder Ernest Lloyd recounts the results of drink in misery, poverty, debauchery, and all the rest, that indeed makes it public enemy number one.

Other Christian people can be enlisted in using this special issue, which will without question be ideally suited for a great work of education, the very work so sadly neglected. Seventh-day Adventists can with confidence throw their splendid leadership and conscientious effort into this work, knowing that God's power will be manifest because it is a part of the great message of truth entrusted to this people.

The cost of this special issue is made as low as possible. It is one and one half cents a copy in lots of 1,000 or more, or \$15.00 a thousand copies. In smaller quantities, two cents each—\$2.00 a hundred, mailed to single names and addresses, 4 cents each. These prices in U. S. A.; to foreign countries \$1.00 a hundred extra must be charged for postage. The opportunity is here for a mighty work with this special number of the *Signs*. We believe our people everywhere will welcome it and plan to use it in a large and effective way.

Signs of the Times

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Progressive Volunteers

During the last week of April we visited the school at Konnarock, Virginia, taught by Brother and Sister Finley. While there we invested thirty Friends and one Companion. This was the first Investiture at Konnarock and several adults were among those invested. The school at Kilmarnock, Virginia, is taught for the third year by Mrs. Bertha Cromwell, and the other evening, in connection with their school closing program, we invested six Companions and Mrs. Cromwell as a Master Comrade.

Last Friday evening at Baltimore, Maryland, we joined with Brother Hanson of the Chesapeake Conference in investing eighteen Friends, eight Companions and six Comrades. This was the result of the leadership of Brother and Sister Wallace Strachan, teachers in the Edgecombe Junior Academy. As the result of a well prepared program, much interest was kindled with the Senior Young People in the progressive class work.

We had hoped that considerable more money would have come in during April toward the "Messages to Young People Translation Fund," but Ohio was the only conference that increased their amount. The total to date is:

East Pennsylvania	\$5.67
Ohio	12.60
West Virginia	5.25

Hence you will notice that the total amount is only \$23.52, which is far short of our expectations. There is still time to redeem our loss.

We have shipped the Junior neckerchiefs to the various conference offices, and those Juniors already belonging to one of the progressive classes may order their respective class Neckerchiefs for thirty-five cents including the slide from your conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary. Chris P. Sorensen

Approximate Sun Set Times

Eastern Standard Times

	May 28	June 4
Trenton, N. J.	7:20	7:26
Philadelphia, Pa.	7:22	7:28
Pittsburgh, Pa.	7:37	7:43
Baltimore, Md.	7:24	7:30
Cumberland, Md.	7:36	7:42
Washington, D. C.	7:26	7:32
Richmond, Va.	7:27	7:33
Parkersburg, W. Va.	7:47	7:53
Cleveland, Ohio	7:47	7:53
Columbus, Ohio	7:49	7:55
Toledo, Ohio	7:51	7:57

NEW JERSEY

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News Notes

Brother W. W. Fordham is conducting a very successful series of meetings in the Asbury Park Colored Church. This church was erected several years ago, but the small company of believers there have never been able to complete it. However, Brother Fordham, finished off the interior so it was presentable, and started his series of meetings. From the first there has been a large attendance, and although the Sabbath question has been presented the church is filled to its capacity every Sunday night and a good attendance during the week. Already a number have signified their intention of keeping the Sabbath. At a recent Sunday night service, Elder and Mrs. Robbins and Brother Fordham's brother contributed to the musical part of the program. Brother Fordham intends to follow up the interest there and we believe the church membership will be greatly increased.

Elder L. W. Belote, assisted by the Ministerial Band of the Trenton church has been conducting a series of Sunday night meetings in White Horse, a vicinity of Trenton. There has been a good attendance at these meetings and a good interest has developed.

Professor Weaver of the General Conference Educational Department spoke in the Trenton church on Sabbath recently. Professor Weaver has visited most of our church schools throughout the conference in recent weeks.

We have just received news from Elder J. C. Oswald, that his mother passed away in the home of one of her sons living in New York city. Our sympathies go out to Elder Oswald in this sad bereavement. Only a few months ago Elder Oswald lost one of his brothers.

On Sabbath, June 5, the Hackensack church will hold their first service in their new church home located at 167 Euclid Ave., Hackensack. Their new church is a beautiful structure, costing about \$12,000. It can seat about two hundred fifty persons. It is located in one of the nicest residential sections of the city and is built in keeping with its surroundings. A special service will be held on that day—Sabbath school at 9:30, and at the 11:00 o'clock hour, Elder W. A. Nelson, former conference president, will speak. At

that 3:00 o'clock service in the afternoon Elder W. M. Robbins our conference president will have the hour. On Sunday afternoon at 3:00, the choir from the New York Temple church will render a cantata. The pastor, Elder C. B. Newmyer, extends to all friends and members of nearby churches an invitation to visit their new house of worship.

Closing exercises of the North Plainfield Academy will be held May 21 to 23. Brother Paul C. Cardey will have charge of the Consecration service Friday evening; Elder W. M. Robbins will preach the Baccalaureate sermon on Sabbath and Professor J. P. Neff the Commencement address on Sunday evening.

W. H. Jones

W. M. COLLEGE

B. G. Wilkinson, President

Closing Exercises

On May 28, 29 and 30, a group of some sixty young men and women at Washington Missionary College will participate in the exercises which mark the completion of their courses of training for service. This large class is made up of business and pre-medical students, teachers, and above all, young men who have been preparing themselves for the ministry. Of this last group several will be placed here in the homeland and one has already received a call to China. It is these youth who are to fulfill the great things the Spirit of prophecy foretells for our "army of youth rightly trained."

On Friday evening, May 28, in the Consecration Service, the class will formally consecrate its talents and abilities to the service of the Master. The Baccalaureate sermon May 29 will be given by Elder L. E. Froom of the General Conference. Elder Froom has spoken to the student body in chapel exercise during the year and so enthusiastic was the response given his message that the seniors have invited him to preach the last sermon to which they will listen as a class before leaving the college halls. At the Commencement exercise at 8 o'clock Sunday evening May 30, Elder H. H. Votaw of the Religious Liberty department will address the class.

As these youth reach the close of their college days, may the prayers of our people go with them that they shall become laborers sent forth by the Master into his harvest and workmen in his vineyard that need not to be ashamed.

—who do not know about Him and the power of His salvation.—

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News Notes

We are happy to report that Sister C. C. Littleton has finally succeeded in arranging to locate in Baltimore to take up the Bible work.

Friday night, May 14, at the Baltimore No. 1 church, an impressive and interesting investiture service was held. Eighteen were invested as friends, eight as companions and six as comrades, making a total of thirty-two.

The program consisted of a citation of the various requirements for the respective groups. These were given by the members of each progressive class.

Elder C. P. Sorensen gave in interesting address and the charge to the class, after which the insignia were presented followed by a candle service. "I Would Be True" was sung by the group as their consecration hymn, and Elder Cardey offered prayer.

We wish to express our appreciation for the accomplishments of these young people and trust that many others will be inspired to enroll in the J. M. V. Progressive classes.

Much credit is due each one who has persevered in attaining the requirements. The teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Strachan, have labored faithfully in preparing all for the program. Thanks to the parents who have helped and encouraged the youth to press on.

A good report comes to us from Brother Riston who is holding an effort at Fountainville. There is an interest. At the second Sabbath service held in the meeting hall there were twenty-six new people in attendance. Brother Riston solicits the prayers of all of our people that the spirit of God will work mightily in the hearts of the people in that community and that many sheaves may be gathered for the kingdom of God.

E. L. Hanson

Twenty Reasons Why You Should Be A Colporteur

1. "This is the very work God would have His people do at this time." C. E. 5:2.

2. "God has ordained it." C. E. 5:2.

3. "Were it not for the efforts of the canvasser many would never

hear the warning." C. E. 5 and 6.

4. "It is missionary work of the highest order." C. E. 5.

5. "It gives you the opportunity to 'bring light and courage to many souls.'" C. E. 6.

6. It will give you the "opportunity to sow beside all waters."

7. "You will be rewarded by seeing souls converted." C. E. 7:3.

8. "You will be God's messenger and watchman." C. E. 8:1.

9. "It will help you to come to the front as a soul winner." C. E. 10 and 11.

10. "It will give you a knowledge in soul winning you cannot obtain in any other way." C. E. 11:1.

11. "It will help you to realize the necessity of being born again." C. E. 13.

12. "It will teach you the necessity of praying for a deeper experience." C. E. 14:1.

13. "It is equal to the work of the ministry." C. E. 15.

14. "It will teach you to depend on the Holy Spirit for words to speak at the right time." C. E. 20.

15. "You will be engaged in the highest work in the world." C. E. 25:1.

16. "It will give you tact, skill, talent, courage, perseverance, and faith." C. E. 27.

17. "Hundreds of men are needed." C. E. 79.

18. "It will double your power of usefulness." C. E. 88.

19. "The colporteur work is elevating." C. E. 89.

20. It will fit you for other lines of usefulness." C. E. 93.

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West Virginia believers will be pleased to learn that camp meeting will be held in the city of Parkersburg, and in all probability in Terrapin Park, July 29 to August 8. The general conference has assigned to us at this meeting, Elder I. J. Woodman, Elder Steen Rasmussen, and Elder C. S. Longacre and Elder T. M. French. Of course, aside from this, we will have the full union and conference staffs.

L. H. King

A duty dodged is like a debt unpaid; it is only deferred, and we must come back and settle the account at last. —Joseph Ford Newton.

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Results of our Evangelistic Efforts

We are happy to report to our constituency that already we are receiving favorable reports from our various evangelistic efforts. Elder Clapp at Allentown writes that he will have a fine number ready for baptism soon. Elder Spencer writes from Sunbury stating that there will be twelve to fifteen ready to be baptized in the near future. Brother Gernet states that there will be fifteen or more ready for baptism in Lancaster as a result of Elder Anderson's effort. Elder B. E. Miller is very hopeful of good results from his effort. So, our hearts are cheered over the pleasant prospects of a rich harvest of souls.

We desire to keep our people informed as to the progress of the work in our field from time to time. Let us earnestly pray that the Lord will bless our workers in every way and that many souls will be led to Christ before it is too late.

G. F. Eichman

Sabbath School Results for First Quarter of 1937

After tabulating the fifty-five Sabbath school reports that came to the office, most every one on time and made out in complete form, we are happy to pass on to our VISITOR readers the following interesting facts and figures.

Eighteen of our schools have reached the membership goal, that of having every church member plus the children enrolled as members, and six hundred thirty-two members received Honor Cards for being present, on time and daily lesson study. Sixteen schools reached the financial goal. Twelve of these are classed as Banner Pennant Schools, because they not only reached the 25 cents a week per member goal, but the thirteenth Sabbath goal of one dollar per church members. They are Bethlehem, Drums, Orvilla, Norristown No. 2, Philadelphia Slovak, Philadelphia Italian No. 2, Pottsville, Telford, Wade, Wellsboro, Wilkes Barre and Zionsville. Four schools are Pennant Schools, reaching the per capita goal and not the thirteenth Sabbath goal. They are Honesdale, Philadelphia German, Northumberland and Orwell.

The school having the highest per capita in the conference is the Philadelphia Slovak with a record of 49c. The Philadelphia Italian No. 2 is next with a per capita of 42c. The Investment and birthday offerings are on the upward climb, and our total offerings from all sources through the Sabbath school for the first quarter gives a grand total of \$5,908.44 or a per capita of .172c.

Looking at our records of a year ago, we can see a decided gain in offerings and progress in every line. Surely, this is the way the Lord would have it. Let each Sabbath school strive to make their good better and their better best.

REMEMBER DOUBLE DOLLAR DAY THIS THIRTEENTH SABBATH, JUNE 26.

Save your pennies, dimes and dollars. Bring a special offering to the Lord upon this Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Mrs. A. E. King

Tioga District

Last Sabbath it was the writer's privilege to visit the Tioga District and speak to our good people there for the first time since coming to the field. Mrs. Eichman and I drove, leaving Philadelphia Friday morning and traveling by way of Harrisburg and Williamsport.

Brother Youngs is at the present holding an effort in Canton in a fine hall on the main street. I was very well pleased with arrangement of the hall and the nice seats which make it very attractive, and then, although it rained all the time we were on the way from Mansfield to Canton, Friday night, the hall was almost filled with people to hear the lecture on the subject of "The Wonders of the Twentieth Century," which was so ably and efficiently discussed by Brother Youngs. The interest seems to be very good, and even though it is a little bit early to predict the outcome of this effort, we are led to believe that we shall have a rich harvest of souls.

Sabbath morning we had a union meeting in the Roaring Branch church. All the churches in the Tioga District were represented but one, and it was a real pleasure to speak to such a crowd of our own people on the principles of this message.

Let us earnestly pray for the work not only in the Tioga District but in the entire conference, that many souls will be led to Christ as a result of the efforts which are being conducted in the various places.

G. F. Eichman

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Camp Meeting Rooms and Transportation

Orders are reaching us every day for rooms at our coming camp meeting. If you plan to be with us at camp meeting and wish a room reserved for you, please write the conference office immediately.

Rooms in the dormitory are furnished with chairs, clothes press, and a double-deck bed with springs and mattresses. It will be necessary for those occupying these rooms to bring along their own bedding. We suggest the following for each occupant of the room: one pillow, one pillow-slip, two sheets, one or two blankets. It would also be well to bring along a suitable curtain to be hung at the window of the door to your room. The conference does not have bedding to be furnished with the rooms, hence the necessity of each one bringing his own bedding.

Those leaving from the vicinity of Washington for the camp meeting and who will not travel by auto, will be interested in knowing that the Greyhound bus passes directly by the camp grounds. The Washington depot for the Greyhound Lines is located at 1403 New York Avenue, N. E. The fare from Washington to Fort Defiance is \$2.50 one way, or \$4.50 round trip. The daily schedule of buses is as follows:

Leave Wash. Arrive at Fort Defiance

3:15 a. m.	8:30 a. m.
8:00 a. m.	1:30 p. m.
9:30 a. m.	2:45 p. m.
1:30 p. m.	6:40 p. m.
5:00 p. m.	10:20 p. m.
10:45 p. m.	3:45 a. m.

Brother J. A. Bee, our Book and Bible House Secretary, requests the churches to order the Lesson Quarterlies for the third quarter just as soon as possible. He has them in stock and it will be remembered that the Book and Bible House will be closed during the camp meeting season so be sure to get your Lesson Quarterlies before then.

Brother Bee also promises to have at the camp meeting, at Fort Defiance, the usual fine display of books. There will be special prices on Bibles, Reading Course books and other books available. Plan for this before coming to the camp meeting so that you can take advantage of these reduced prices.

E. F. Willett

Potomac Conference Camp Meeting

This year we have something entirely new to offer you in the way of a camp meeting site, and we believe that you will like it very much. A place has been chosen away from the rush and whirl of city life, and yet not so isolated but what all necessities can be procured. Those members of our larger city churches, who for years past have attended camp meeting and still carried on the routine work of the home, will this year have the privilege of dropping all their problems and attending camp meeting for a full ten day session uninterrupted by the duties of the day.

All arrangements have been made to take over the Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, Virginia, for this camp meeting period. The buildings are large and adequate. The spacious auditoriums will fully take care of the main meetings, and the smaller auditoriums will provide ample space for our young people, the children, and for special meetings. The large dormitory will provide sleeping rooms, showers, and baths, but a few family tents will be pitched for those who prefer them.

The opening date of this yearly gathering is less than four weeks off. Begin now to plan for this meeting. Those who work can plan for their vacations at that time, June 11 to 30. Bring your children and your young people that they might have the privilege and benefits offered by a ten day study of the Word of God.

We are approaching a critical hour in this world's history. We know not from one day until the next what may break forth. We need to be constantly on our guard for the enemy of souls is working hard for he knows the time is short. These things should stir us to come apart to study, pray, and plan for our share in this great message. In this final hour of earth's history, let us prepare our hearts and our souls for the coming of the Lord.

All phases of our work will be given time and discussion. We are promised splendid General Conference help, and since we will be in close proximity to headquarters, we will no doubt have visitors that we do not yet know of.

Now, brethren and sisters, make all arrangements now to attend this special meeting. Work to that end, and pray about it. Gather the children and the young people that they might share the blessings and the associations of those who are interested in them and their welfare.

Let us come prepared to thoroughly enjoy the association of our believers, and to gain an inspiration that will be a blessing to us, to our churches and to our neighbors when we return to our homes.

Jno. W. MacNeil

Roanoke Effort

Eight weeks have been completed of the Tabernacle series in Roanoke conducted by Elder Ford. Thus far twenty-two have been baptized, and the present plan is for five more baptisms, one each Sabbath until June 12.

Definite calls are made at the Sabbath afternoon services for those who desire to take their stand for the message, be baptized, and join the church. Those who accept this call are taken into a room where Elder Ford gives them further counsel, explains our system of daily Bible study, and then places in their hands a special Sabbath school lesson which he has prepared upon one of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. There are seven lessons in this special course, taking up the Spirit of prophecy, health reform, church organization, etc., and they are placed in the hands of the new believers on successive Sabbaths.

The candidates for baptism are required to attend a special class of instruction where every fundamental belief of the church is studied.

The church in Roanoke is happy to see these staunch, new Seventh-day Adventists swell its ranks and add strength to this fine church.

Roanoke Workers

The Golden Gate Bridge

The June 1 issue of the *Signs of the Times* will feature the completion of the Golden Gate bridge. One of the greatest celebrations of the West will be in progress in San Francisco at the time this paper comes from the press. With a magnificent bridge picture on the cover, and fine illustrations throughout, this number will review in specially written articles the mighty progress of this age in invention, construction, engineering and travel. The prophecies relating to this, that reveal the truth for this time in reference to the coming of our Saviour will be featured. Our churches and people may wish extra copies of this issue. It is the June color number, so will cost in lots of ten or more copies, 5 cents each. Retail price, 10 cents. You may order of your Book and Bible House.

Signs of the Times
Mountain View, California

Obituaries

COOK: Voluntine Herbert, was born in 1855, and passed to rest March 15, 1937, at Pine Castle, Florida, at the age of eighty-one years. He grew to manhood in the oil fields of Western Pennsylvania, and accepted present truth under the labors of Elders E. J. Hibbard and M. D. Mattson. Later he was called to be Secretary-Treasurer of the East Pennsylvania Conference, then served as Business Manager of the Philadelphia Sanitarium, and later as Business Manager of Mt. Vernon College.

After a short illness, he fell asleep in Jesus, and in the full hope of a part in the first resurrection. He leaves to mourn their loss a devoted life companion, who with him would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary next October, and two daughters, Mrs. L. C. Metcalfe of Glendale, California, and Mrs. Dale Hamilton of Washington, D. C., a sister, Mrs. C. F. McVagh of Pine Castle, Florida, also five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in Orlando, Florida by Elders N. S. Ashton and L. C. Evans, and burial was made in Eldred, Pennsylvania, in the family plot on the farm where he was born. We mourn not as those who have no hope.

Mrs. Dale Hamilton

SMALLWOOD: Thomas I., died at Dayton, Ohio, April 27, 1937. Mr. Smallwood was born in Dayton and spent his entire life in that city. The wife, Mary C. Smallwood, six children, seven grandchildren and a large number of other relatives and friends mourn his passing. Brother Smallwood was loved by all who knew him, being kind-hearted, cheerful in suffering, and always ready to lend a helping hand to one in need. Our hope is to meet him in the earth made new, because of his acceptance of the Saviour.

L. O. Gordon

SCHEVE: Mrs. Elsie W., nee Schoor, was born in 1886, and fell asleep April 20, 1937, at Cincinnati, Ohio. The advent message came to Mrs. Scheve about eighteen years ago. A large congregation of relatives, friends, and church members paid their last respects at the funeral services. The members of the sorrowing family are comforted by the assurance that their loved one was one of the household of God, and longingly await the day when Jesus' call shall unite them again.

O. F. Schwedrat

LEACH: Susie, was born in 1864, passed away March 25, 1937. Most of her life she was a member of the Methodist Church. Some time before her illness Sister Leach accepted the Advent faith. Her faith was steadfast during her illness, until she fell asleep in Jesus. The funeral, held Easter Sunday, was conducted by the writer.

Edwin E. Russell

MOSIER: Benjamin F., was born 1847, and died May 5, 1937. He leaves to mourn his departure, three daughters, one son, eleven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends. Brother Mosier was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Springfield for fifty years. He waits the call of the Master.

L. O. Gordon

COCKRELL: Adelaide Delnora, was born in 1857, and died in April, 1937, at Elgin, Ohio. About forty years ago she accepted the message, and remained faithful till she fell asleep in hope of the resurrection. Six children and many others are left to mourn her passing. Services were conducted by Elder George Butler, assisted by Elder Carter.

Edna Lawhead

MITCHELL: Mrs. Edward, nee Flora McDonald Gold, was born in 1873, and died at Takoma Park, D. C., April 29, 1937.

As a young woman Sister Mitchell came to Laconia, New Hampshire, and there married Brother Mitchell. They accepted the truth under the labors of Elder A. H. Clark some thirty-five years ago.

About 24 years ago the family moved to Takoma Park.

She leaves to mourn, her husband, seven children: seven grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers.

The funeral services were in the Takoma Park church on Sunday, May 2, with Elder C. S. Longacre officiating.

Sister Mitchell was loyal to the message, and she died in the hope of a part in the first resurrection.

Heber H. Votaw

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Fifteen Minute Service

May 29, 1937

How to Reach the Jews for Jesus

June 5, 1937

Echoes from the Topical Bands

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S. L. Clark, Union F. M. Secretary

Week Ending May 15, 1937

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Name	Hrs.	Orders	Del'd.
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H. G. Lewis	31	30.50	12.75
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E. B. Dolison	30	12.00	.50
Otis Ross	30	25.00	12.00
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E. Williams	12	5.00	5.00
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I. Williams	11	10.00	10.00
Ruth Ledoni	10	2.50	2.50
B. Rowe	10	10.00	10.00
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Jeanette Worth	20	10.60	10.60
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Mrs. Cann	10	2.80	2.80
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Walter Hill	10	1.00	1.00
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Light In Dark Places of India

Luxami was just about to step into the small boat that would take her back again to the Mission Indian Widow's Home. The day had been long and the sun had been hot, and she was weary; but not of well doing. There was so much to do and so few to do it, that there seemed no time for relaxation. In her work as a Bible worker, taking the message of truth to those who would otherwise never hear it, her time was fully occupied.

She was in a pensive mood, thinking of experiences now in the past. She was no longer young, as Indians would think, nor was she in the enjoyment of a kind husband and a home and children of her own — which means so much to the Indian woman. But God had been good to her and she had so much to be thankful for. And she was happy in the joy of service for her Bengali sisters. Her thoughts went back to the time of her girlhood.

While but a girl she had been married to a man she had never seen before. But he was not unkind to her and hers was but the common lot of her sisters. Soon after the marriage the husband died and she still remembered the horror of what followed. From that time onward she was considered a blight upon her home. She was made to understand that it was as the result of some misdeed of hers that death had come to her husband.

As the drudge in the home of her mother-in-law, she was shut out of every festival and not allowed to see even the visitors which came to the home. She was not wanted, and the only thing she could look forward to was death. And that was nearer to her than she thought.

Try as she would, could she ever forget that awful night when she was ordered to accompany her father-in-law to the water-side! There was little light from the watery moon, but sufficient to see that her father-in-law was accompanied by friends. The water stretched out before them in a vast expanse, as is so often the case in Bengal after the monsoon, and dense islands of water hyacinths were floating by.

Then it happened; and it was all so sudden. A hand was roughly placed over her mouth and strong hands pinioned her arms while a sack was thrown over her head. Soon she felt herself flying through

space, then the chill waters had closed over her. A divine providence was with her, for her struggles unloosed the rope that had tied the mouth of the sack. She was able to rid herself of her encumbrance and floated to the top of the water and to an island of water hyacinths, upon which she was able to keep herself afloat.

Looking around she saw that her father and his friends had fled, no doubt for the reason that a boat was seen in the distance. Her cries for help were heard and soon the boat was alongside. God had surely heard her cry, for the occupant of the boat was none other than the missionary lady in charge of the Indian Widows' Home, not far away.

The whole story passed through her mind in far less time than it takes to tell it, and she remembered with gratitude the loving care that had been lavished upon her from that fateful night. It was in the home that she had learned to love Jesus, and now her time was spent in seeking to make Him known to other widows, situated as she had been. Yes, God had been good to her and she had much to be thankful for.

The boatman was holding the boat steady as she was stepping aboard when she was startled by the sound of a hushed voice. "Oh, sister, take me with you," she heard. Turning around she saw a girl, still quite young, and dressed in the garb of the widow. "O, sister, take me with you. Now that I am a widow I cannot stay any longer in the home of my late husband. See that evil looking man standing yonder by the house? He has promised my father-in-law a large amount of money for me. I am sure I shall be sold to him, for I am a curse upon the home. If he does, I know well enough what it will mean. I know that you come from the Widows' Home. O, sister, take me with you."

The darkness was falling very rapidly as it does in the east, and Luxami was already late. She must act at once. But how could she assume the responsibility of taking the poor girl, needy as she seemed. How she wished that the missionary Miss Sahib were with her! Lifting her heart to God for guidance she made the decision. "Come along, sister," she said. They were not altogether

strangers as Luxami had often seen the girl and knew her by name.

But the old life of sorrow was to be forgotten and Luxami suggested that she henceforth be known as Preabai—Sister of Love. Preabai was made welcome in the home and was supremely happy. The time passed by and she was trying to forget the old dark days when she was one day surprised to see a figure at the door, which she knew only too well. Here was the man to whom she had been sold! Calling aloud to her, he told her that she was his by right of purchase, and that he had come to take her away. Away from her haven of rest! Away from those whom she had learned to love! Her heart rebelled and she swore that ly under age.

But she was not left to enjoy her new found home for long, for the man returned a few days afterward and this time in the company of the father-in-law. She pleaded and implored to be allowed to remain in the home, and the missionary Miss Sahib did all in her power to help, but Preabai was but a girl and legally under age.

The missionary lady who told me this story said that of all the sad experiences through which she had been called to pass, that which pained her most was to see this beautiful girl, so full of promise and so responsive to the light of the Gospel, pass out of the compound gate, as the darkness began rapidly to encircle them, symbolic of the gloom that awaited her. Where she was taken, the missionary Miss Sahib was never able to learn, but she did once receive a note scribbled upon a dirty piece of paper in pencil in which she was asked to pray that the writer would be kept faithful to the truths she had learned in the Mission Home and signed, "Preabai."

"Don't such experiences tend to make you discouraged?" I asked the missionary lady. The reply was a surprise to me. "They often very much encourage us," was the reply. "It is sad to see the girls leave us when they need our help and counsel so much, but sometimes our hearts leap for joy when we come to know of consistent lives lived in the most uncongenial surroundings and of fearless testimonies given of the matchless worth of Jesus."

H. G. Woodward,
Bengal, India.