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Why Study the Lesson Every Day?

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No doubt many have asked that question in all sincerity. We have the reason given in the "Testimonies," and we have the reason in our own experiences, and we can see the reason as we observe others. If it were possible to measure spiritual values by a column of figures as it is in the financial phase of our work, we would no doubt be astonished by the measure in which the daily study of the Sabbath school lesson contributes to our success in all other lines of work. The daily-study member is not apt to grow careless and join the class of those who slip out of the Truth and into the world.

The daily-study member is usually present and on time at the Sabbath school. Such members provide our very best teachers, and they are usually the active members in Sabbath school and in church activities. It has been frequently noticed that the most liberal classes in the Sabbath school are those who have the highest percentage in daily study.

A college teacher, well educated along pedagogical lines, said, "I was not inclined at first to think the daily lesson study important—that it might just as well be any portion of

Scripture as to concentrate on the Sabbath school lesson. But I have learned by experience that after studying the Sabbath school lesson for six days, I am just ready at the end of the week to perceive its spiritual values." I think this is the experience of many. The value of the daily study habit grows upon one.

study of the Sabbath school lesson, week by week through a series of years, cannot easily be estimated. That which is heard or read but once is soon forgotten. But in the Sabbath school lesson, we have a portion of Scripture adapted in its form and arrangement for individual home study, for class recitation, and for the review. If the week's study is through, and the Sabbath school hour properly used, the mind is indelibly impressed with the truths of that lesson. The value of this service lies in the personal thought and effort given to the study of the Bible. That to which we give personal consid-

HIGHER GROUND IN STUDY

HIGHER GROUND IN EXPERIENCE

HIGHER GROUND IN SERVICE

In the following, we have the highest possible authority for urging our people everywhere to study the Sabbath school lesson daily:

"Let the Sabbath school lesson be learned, not by a hasty glance at the lesson scripture on Sabbath morning, but by careful study for the next week on Sabbath afternoon, with daily review or illustration during the week. Thus the lesson will become fixed in the memory, a treasure never to be wholly lost."—*Education*," pp. 251, 252.

The value of careful, thorough

eration, and which stimulates the mind to active, original thinking, will remain with us longer than that which we absorb when we listen in a passive way to a sermon or lecture. The Sabbath school offers an opportunity for personal, active participation in the study of God's word. The spiritual health of our membership is more closely bound up with the regular, systematic study of the Sabbath school lesson than we at first imagine.

The majority of our people are not pursuing any systematic course

of Bible study other than the Sabbath school lessons. To them the days when the lesson is not studied are days of famine for lack of spiritual food. That the famine is of choice and not of necessity does not remedy the situation. Those who are carelessly negligent of the soul's cry for bread from heaven are as truly in need of help as if the body were starving for sustenance. That the pangs of the soul's hunger are soothed by the enemy, so that the people, old and young, are more or less unconscious of their need, only makes the attainment of this goal more difficult, but takes not one jot or tittle from the need of it.

We have a good illustration of the contrast between daily study of the lesson and intermittent, irregular study of the lesson in the story that is told of W. R. Clark, a minister of some renown. He was visiting one of his church members and he asked the question, "How are you getting along in your Christian life?" She replied, "Very poorly; my life is a disgrace to me and to the church; it is a disgrace to Jesus Christ. I do not understand why it is."

"Do you study your Bible every day?" Mr. Clark asked. "Oh, no, but I study it occasionally when I have time."

A little baby was lying in a baby carriage nearby and Mr. Clark said, "Suppose you should feed that baby once in two hours today, and once in six hours tomorrow, then let it go without eating at all for three or four days, and then go back and feed it every two hours the next day, and keep up this process. Do you think the child would grow?"

"Oh, no," replied the woman, "I think it would die under that treatment."

"And yet," said Mr. Clark, "that is the way you are treating your own soul."

I believe that the plan of studying the lesson daily is of the Lord to give His people the truths they need. It has also a great deal to do with laying a firm foundation in character building for the children and youth, and in keeping the older members growing in grace. This instruction to parents and to Sabbath school teachers is for this very purpose. Jesus spoke of character-building and the precious material to put into the building in Matthew 7: 24, 25.

So it is the duty of the home first, and the Sabbath school workers next, to see that this firm foundation is laid—the daily, prayerful study of the Word—so that no flood of temptation devised by the enemy, no storm, or delusion of the last days will be able to loosen the hold of any family on the truth of God's work or shake them from that firm foundation imbedded in that rock upon which their character building has been laid and their faith anchored.

When I read in the Bible that the words of Scripture are the bread of life, and again that they are the water of life, and then from the Spirit of prophecy the strong admonitions on the need of the daily study of the Bible, I marvel that we were so slow in following the plan in our Sabbath schools. Our people believe in it. The majority of them are quite faithful in it. Many fail to make a perfect record for the quarter, or year, yet they are forming the habit of studying the lesson sometime each day, and would not think of going back to the old way of putting it off until Friday night.

Daily thinking follows daily study, and as a result we become strong spiritually, and really are enabled to teach others the things that we have learned. The real trouble with much of our teaching is that we study so little, and our thinking becomes confused so that we cannot express ourselves well. We think the fault is in our ability, but the real fault is in the failure to study carefully, going over what we are seeking to learn again and again, until we truly master it and it becomes our own experience as well as in thought.

Officers and teachers in the Sabbath school, remember that we cannot urge successfully upon others that in which we ourselves are negligent. We cannot lead others to a height we have not ourselves attained. Our personal example, our personal experience, will either give weight to our words, or make them light as chaff driven before the wind. "I cannot hear what you say, for what you are is thundering in my ears," said an unbeliever to one who professed much but possessed little of the religion of Jesus. Let us see to it that this be not the unspoken thought in the mind of any one we are trying to influence.

We all desire the aid of the Holy Spirit to meet our difficulties and to

help us in our work for others. We have the promise that the Spirit will bring to our remembrance of the things that we have learned just what we should use at any special time. If we neglect the preparation which stores these things in our mind, we cannot hope to have this needed help. Through the study of the Word and the aid of the Spirit, our children are to be prepared to stand true and loyal to the Lord, and to meet the heresies that abound in these perilous times. Evidently the Sabbath school and the Sabbath school daily study plan are provisions given so that our children and we ourselves may be ready for what is to come, that we may stand true to the end. Even before children have definitely decided to become Christians, and sometimes long before mature persons who come to us from the world have decided to become adherents of the Message, this preparation for the great conflict that is to come has begun through the medium of the Sabbath school.

May the dear Lord bless our brethren and sisters in Africa. I send the most cordial greetings to you all. Some of your leaders and teachers I have met. My heart has filled with eagerness to help Africa through the thirteenth Sabbath overflow, and we have worked as hard as we know how to aid Africa in this substantial way. Now may I pass on to you this word of loving greeting that you may prosper spiritually even as you have prospered financially, and in this article I have tried to point the way.



Sabbath School Goals

W. B. COMMINS

To the Sabbath School Department has been given a very high standard, and with the help of the Lord we shall reach it. The Lord has sent this message to His church, "The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ."—*Testimonies on S. S. Work*, p. 20. And that our schools might become thus instrumental in the hands of God, and be most effectual in bringing souls to Christ, we have set ourselves to this task and are confident that with God's blessing we shall reach this standard.

That we might attain to this pur-

pose, we have accepted certain goals to assist us in meeting God's mind. We mention a few of the goals we have accepted to help us that our schools may become in the hands of God "the greatest instrumentalities and the most effectual in bringing souls to Christ."

- Daily study of the Sabbath school lesson.*
- Every believer an enrolled member of the Sabbath school.*
- Personal work for every pupil.*
- Every member present and on time every Sabbath.*
- Liberal gifts to missions.*

May I repeat an old story, which impresses one with the value of goal-setting: "A mason contracted to build a stone wall, and estimated that it could be done in twenty days. His little boy worked with him, and before beginning the wall, the father asked his son if he thought they could build it in twenty days. The boy was quite positive that they could not.

"Early in the morning of the day they were to begin the wall, the father went to the place and set a stake marking off one twentieth of the wall. When they began work, the father asked the boy if he thought they could build the wall as far as the stake that day. The boy's face lighted up at once. He felt sure they could. The next day another stake was placed to mark off another twentieth. Each day the goal was reached, and at the end of the twenty days the wall was completed." Every Sabbath school member is fully satisfied, we trust, with the value of goals, and we need only mention the wonderful development of the plan to raise a special offering on each thirteenth Sabbath, to be reminded of this. In 1912 the first effort was made to raise a special gift for the mission field and £1,534 was given. Eighteen years later or the Thirteenth Sabbath offering from the schools throughout the world for the fourth quarter of 1929 the amount contributed was £24,949. Probably in 1912 there was not anyone who could have thought this possible, but God has abundantly blessed the united and persevering efforts of His children as the needs of the mission field have called for additional help.

We invite the readers of the OUTLOOK to read carefully the articles

appearing in this issue contributed by strong supporters of the Sabbath School Department on the significance and value of our several goals. As our schools reach each goal, the nearer are they in attaining to the purpose of God for them to become agencies in bringing souls to Christ.

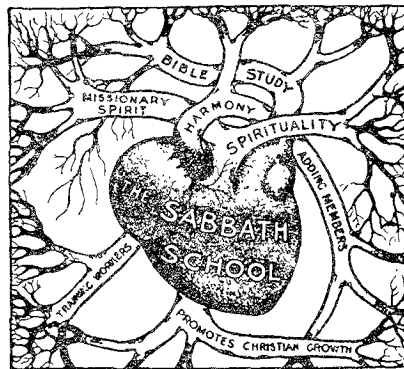
We close this article by quoting from the servant of the Lord, of the aims or goals heaven expects us to reach in its own methods and power.

"Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children. Godliness—godlikeness, is the goal to be reached. Before the student is opened a path of continual progress. He has an object to achieve, a standard to attain, that includes everything good, and pure, and noble."—"Education," p. 18.

"Success in any line demands a definite aim."—"Education," p. 262.



THE HEART OF THE CHURCH



Symptoms of heart weakness in the Sabbath school should be noted, and prompt measures taken to effect a cure.

Regular and Punctual Attendance at Sabbath School

MRS. A. P. TARR

SUPPOSE a friend professed to be interested in music yet never made an effort to hear it; to be fond of reading good books, yet did not read them; to let religion dominate his life yet never studied the divine Guide Book. Would not his practical attitude show his profession to be false?

This is the law that governs all phases of life. Interest in any line may be measured by definite effort made to avail one's self of the advantages of that special line. An indifferent attitude indicates only seeming interest: great effort to obtain indicates sincere interest.

Our interest in the Sabbath school is proportionate to the honest effort made to share with others its marvelous advantages. Forming the habit to neglect regular and punctual attendance should be regarded, by those forming the habit, as evidence of a lack of interest in matters that are eternal. There are circumstances beyond one's control and the Master takes this fact into account. It was when magnifying the law of the Sabbath that Jesus said "I will have mercy and not sacrifice." "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath."

But what are the advantages of the Sabbath school? Mainly two—(1) The church at study of the divinely inspired Book and (2) of the fields already to harvest. And there are other blessings almost as far-reaching in their influence. One of these is bending one's energy to be at Sabbath school regularly before the opening hymn is announced and regarding this effort as an opportunity to be exact in obeying the Lord.

For the Sabbath school is an appointment the Lord made with all church members when their names were enrolled on the church register. Not alone for church members is that appointment made. "Gather the infant with lisping lips, the youth and the aged."—"Testimonies on S. S. Work," p. 31. Jesus never fails to keep that appointment. "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in their midst." This weekly appointment will extend to Eternity when "From one Sabbath to another shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith the Lord."

Punctuality is required in business and in school life, for it is a pivot on which success depends. "Order is Heaven's first law, and every school should in this respect be a model of heaven."—"Counsels to Teachers," p. 175. The Lord expects His family on earth to learn here lessons in the laws of order that will fit them for life "Over There." "God is not the author of unquietness but of peace as in all the churches of the saints." 1 Cor. 14: 33, margin. So in the school of the church "Let all things be done in order."

When they that fear the Lord meet to think upon His name and speak to one another, the Lord listens and hears, and the secretaries of heaven add to the record in the Book of Remembrance.

What Price the Sabbath School?

Why Every Believer Should Be an Enrolled Member of the Sabbath School

J. I. ROBISON

I HAVE heard it said, "Every man has his price." Perhaps so, but I do not believe it. However, in this life we do evaluate things very much in terms of pounds, shillings and pence. And, I suppose, most all of us would sell anything and everything of a temporal nature we possess if we were paid enough to do it. Our house, our farm, our car, our furniture, our books, and even our clothes have their price and could easily be duplicated with money.

But when it comes to the Sabbath school, would we barter away our Sabbath school privileges for a few paltry pounds? No, I think not, for here we come to a spiritual privilege measured only by spiritual standards. I dare say that no one who really understands what the Sabbath school means to the child of God would be willing to part with its blessed privileges for anything short of heaven itself.

If we had space here to record a testimony from every one of our people in the Southern African Division who regard the Sabbath school as "more to be desired . . . than gold, yea, than much fine gold," we would have to expand this paper into a large volume. It would include words of praise and appreciation from scores of our little children, from hundreds of our strong young people, and from thousands of our dear brethren and sisters both black and white. For our Sabbath schools are appreciated by every believer from the little tot in the Cradle Roll to the oldest grandfather or grandmother in our midst, and this is how it should be.

And why is the Sabbath school such a treasure among us as a people? I believe the secret lies in the spiritual help that the Sabbath school so abundantly provides for all its members. It is a builder of the faith, and more than that, it is a builder of faith. It builds us up in the most precious truth, and increases our faith in this movement.

Elder J. L. McElhany said at the last General Conference: "As a conference president, I used to say frequently that if I had to choose be-

tween the preaching service and the Sabbath school, I would always choose the Sabbath school, and I think it would not need much of an argument to establish the fact that this would be more practicable. It would be more effectual, more efficient, in building up the faith of our people."

If this is true, then surely every believer in our ranks should be enrolled as a member of the Sabbath school. First, our workers need the Sabbath school, and the Sabbath school needs the inspiration and help that our pastors and workers can give. Upon visiting a church, if I see the pastor present and on time at Sabbath school and teaching a class in the corner, then I feel sure that he is a real spiritual leader of a live church, and that he is interested in all the activities of his pastorate. And so may our workers be real examples to the flock in regular Sabbath school attendance and leadership!

Secondly, our lay brethren and sisters need the Sabbath school far more than most of them realise. As an educational value the Sabbath school is second to no other agency in the church in teaching the precious truths of this Message and in keeping alive an interest in our great foreign mission programme. And then as a spiritual value, a well conducted Sabbath school is one of the greatest factors in the church in building up the faith and confidence of all our members in the glorious triumph of the third angel's message.

And then the Sabbath school needs every member from the standpoint of our financial goals. Each school has been asked to assume the responsibility of raising a financial goal based on the church membership, and therefore if the church is to meet its financial responsibilities in mission funds, then the Sabbath school needs every church member to help carry the load. There is no other organization among us that can so effectively raise money for missions as the Sabbath school, but to reach the goal before us of one shilling and three pence per week per church member, the Sabbath school should have the full co-operation and the regular attendance of every member of the church. In no other way will it be possible to reach the financial goal in the Southern African Division.

And so to make effective this goal of "Every believer an Enrolled

Member of the Sabbath School," we would invite all, workers and laymen, individually to pledge his loyalty anew to the oldest institution in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the one most effective in binding our hearts to this world-encircling message, even to your own Sabbath school which meets next Sabbath morning.

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Personal Work for Every Pupil

J. G. MOFFITT

"THE Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ."—*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, p. 20.

This is really the most important goal in our Sabbath school—the winning of its members to Christ. Only when each officer and teacher realises the import of this subject, will our Sabbath schools accomplish more in the conversion of our youth.

In the Sabbath school, we have the "flower of our flock." Week by week as our young people and children attend the Sabbath school, the teacher should do his best to keep them interested. Moreover, each teacher should realise his responsibility not only to teach the lesson but also to show a personal interest in the soul of each pupil. It should be every teacher's goal to lead his pupils to Christ as a personal Saviour. Statistics show that eleven-twelfths of all conversions take place during the first twenty-five years of life. The Sabbath school teacher cannot begin this soul-winning work too early.

The Sabbath school teacher is not only to sow the seed but make an earnest effort to garner the harvest. The teacher may teach and teach, but he must bring his pupils to a decision or they may be lost. "When Sabbath school teachers have taught the lessons of external revelation, their work is but just begun, and they should not cease their labour until they have evidence that the precepts of heaven are not only accepted by the understanding of the pupil, but written upon the heart."—*T. S. S.*, p. 58.

"Who will be earnest workers for souls in our Sabbath schools? Who will take the youth separately, and talk and pray with them, and make personal appeals to them, beseeching

them to yield their hearts to Jesus?"—*T. S. S.*, p. 15.

"Have Sabbath school teachers and officers realised that they have a work to do in leading the feet of the young into safe paths, and that they should count every selfish interest as nothing, that they may be winners of souls for the Master? There is a decided need of reformation in every branch of the work. Wonderful opportunities are passing by unimproved in our Sabbath school work."—*T. S. S.*, p. 93.

The officers and teachers should work together in this soul-winning work, showing a personal interest in each member. This can only be accomplished by much work, study and prayer.

"Our superintendents, our teachers in the Sabbath school, should be frequently in prayer. A word spoken in due season may be as good seed in youthful minds, and may result in leading little feet in the right path. But a wrong word may lead their feet in the path of ruin."—*T. S. S.*, p. 112. Not only the young person, but many an older member will be strengthened by words of sympathy and encouragement, especially in time of special need.

Holding a consecration service in our Sabbath schools once or twice a year is an excellent way to bring our young people to a decision. At this time, a brief review of the steps by which one may come to his Saviour may well be given. Careful planning and study with earnest prayer will make this a blessed occasion to the Sabbath school members. Thus with all working together in soul-winning endeavour, many more will be brought to surrender all for the Master's service.



Sabbath School Offerings and Mission Field Appropriations

A. E. NELSON

Is the relationship between the giving of Sabbath school offerings and the financing of the mission field work important? As I write this, I pause for I fear that those who know the denominational plan of financing our foreign mission work in the world will wonder at the question. Nevertheless, the Mission Board depends to a large degree upon the Sabbath

school offerings in order to finance the world mission field programme.

If the Sabbath school contributions throughout the world should suddenly cease, the Mission Board would receive £405,235-10-0 less in one year with which to finance the work of giving the gospel of the kingdom to all the world. In other words 46½% of their funds would be cut off. Such a condition would not encourage the world-wide promulgation of a message so vital to the world as that commissioned to Seventh-day Adventists.

God who has given us the message to proclaim to the world also supplies the ability to perform the task. The Sabbath schools have assumed the responsibility of raising one half of the necessary funds, and what a blessing their contributions have been to the cause. A world-wide work necessitates a financial programme commensurate with the greatness of its task. Therefore, so much depends upon the generous and systematic contributions of the Sabbath schools.

Further, let me call attention to the fact that if the Sabbath school offerings of the world should cease,

the mission work for which they receive appropriation in Africa, Inter-America, China and the Far East would stop. In other words, the regular appropriation to these fields would cease.

But now let me refer to the African Division in particular. It may not have occurred to some, however it is a fact, that if we raise £1,000 more Sabbath school offerings this year, than last, and provided our other mission offerings do not decrease, we receive the benefit of this additional offering for use in the Division.

Last year the Division raised £4,955-1-5 through the Sabbath school which, compared with the total mission offerings of £14,002-7-8, represents only 36%. What can be done to bring the Sabbath school offerings up to one half of the mission funds?

All the
Church in the Sabbath School
and all the
Sabbath School in the Church

Twenty-one Million Dollars

It took twenty-five years for the Sabbath school gifts to reach one million dollars. The present record was not reached by a single bound, but by prolonged effort, as the following table shows:

1st million dollars.....	25 years (1887-1911.)
2nd million dollars.....	3 years 3 months.
3rd million dollars.....	2 years 3 months.
4th million dollars.....	1 year 9 months.
5th million dollars.....	1 year
6th million dollars.....	9 months 3 weeks.
7th million dollars.....	8 months 3 weeks.
8th million dollars.....	9 months 1 week.
9th million dollars.....	9 months 2 weeks.
10th million dollars.....	9 months 2 weeks.
11th million dollars.....	8 months 2 weeks.
12th million dollars.....	7 months 2 weeks.
13th million dollars.....	7 months 2 weeks.
14th million dollars.....	7 months.
15th million dollars.....	7 months.
16th million dollars.....	7 months.
17th million dollars.....	7 months.
18th million dollars.....	6 months 2 weeks.
19th million dollars.....	6 months 1 week.
20th million dollars.....	6 months 1 week.
21st million dollars.....	6 months.

My Impressions of the Divisional Council at Bulawayo

A United Gathering

N. C. WILSON

THE recent Division Council was greatly blessed of God by the presence of His gracious Spirit. It will be remembered as a time of special blessing and impartation of power for service.

The feature that impressed me most as I attended from day to day was not the amount of business transacted, although a large amount of business was cared for; it was not so much the soul-stirring and inspiring reports from all parts of the Division field, as gripping as these were; but the thing which impressed me most was the abiding spirit of unity and brotherly co-operation in every activity of the Council and a sincere desire on the part of apparently every delegate to fully know and completely follow God's programme for His people during this stirring solemn hour. The Throne of Grace was earnestly approached for blessings commensurate to the needs of the times. Precious victories were won, new and clearer visions were gained. Lives were filled with that power which means all in the rapidly finishing work. Surely such spiritual and blessed gatherings definitely portend a quickly finished work and the full and final preparation of the King's highway.

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"What Hath God Wrought"

W. S. HYATT

THE Division Council was a most inspiring gathering. I well remember attending a meeting of the General Conference when there were no more delegates present than there were at this Council. Wonderful things have been done within the memory of many. When I came to Africa in 1898, the old Matabeleland mission, our first among the heathen, had not one convert baptised. The work went very slowly in those days; but, lo! what a change during the past few years!

In the beginning, our brethren laboured for five long years before they had a baptism, and during that

time four of their number were laid to rest by the hand of death. This seemed a costly work, but we knew that great things had been promised, and so laboured on believing, expecting. During the last two years there have been baptised 6,215 dear souls for whom Jesus died, thus making 14,995 church members and about as many more in the baptismal classes in this Division.

We are certainly living in the time when the showers of the "latter rain" are falling and fruit is appearing in abundance. During the Council, our thirsty souls were watered again and again as we listened to the wonderful story of God's salvation from the lips of His servant, Elder Montgomery. I praise the dear Lord that I have had the privilege of spending one third of a century in this land and of beholding the marvellous working of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of both Europeans and natives. To His name be all the glory.

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Out of the Ordinary

C. W. CURTIS

I HAVE been attending general meetings for many years but the Council at Bulawayo impressed me as being out of the ordinary. The spiritual interests of those in attendance were given first place, while there were no spectacular demonstrations yet there seemed to be a deep moving on the hearts of all and a turning to God, yielding all to Him.

The Bible studies conducted by Elder O. Montgomery were powerful in their quiet call to "a revival and reformation to true Godliness."

The spirit of true Christianity was in evidence through all the business sessions. No one seemed to be seeking for personal favours but anxious that the will of God should prevail, making their own interests of secondary consideration.

To me there was much to indicate that we are receiving showers of the "latter rain," which will ripen earth's harvest ready for the heavenly garner, and we, who have been out in the fields will see our Saviour coming in the clouds of heaven.

Different from Other Councils

W. C. WALSTON

I FEEL thankful that I had the privilege of attending the Southern African Division Council recently held in Bulawayo. In some respects, it was different from any other that I have ever attended before. The meeting did not take the form of a revival service so much, as of a reformation service. The Lord came very near and hearts were melted, tears flowed, confessions were made, and new resolutions formed, and there was manifested a spirit of consecration such as I have never seen before in my long experience in this Message. It brought to my mind, what the Spirit of Prophecy told us long ago, "The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer, and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife. Those who have not been living in Christian fellowship will draw close to one another. One member working in right lines will lead other members to unite with him in making intercession for the revelation of the Holy Spirit. There will be no confusion, because all will be in harmony with the mind of the Spirit. The barriers separating believer from believer will be broken down, and God's servants will speak the same things. . . . All will pray understandingly the prayer that Christ taught His servants: 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.'"—*"Testimonies," Vol. VIII, p. 251.*

I am sure that all who had the privilege of being at the meeting, will have a new inspiration for their work, and a determination to live the victorious life in the future. The light that we received in the lessons taught, on the subject of "Righteousness by Faith," will be retained in memory, and bring forth fruit, I am very sure. It is more easy to tell people of their sins, than to give them a remedy, and how to be free from sin, which will be necessary to insure an entrance into the everlasting kingdom.

In my own personal experience, I have gained a new insight into the requirement of what constitutes a life in Christ, and in the future that will be the aim of my life more than ever before. This can be done if Christ lives in us, and we die daily to self. We are told by the Spirit of Prophecy, "Each one will have a close struggle to overcome sin in his own heart. This at times is a very painful and discouraging work; because, as we see the deformities in our character, we keep looking at them, when we should look to Jesus, and put on the robe of His righteousness. Every one who enters the pearly gates of

the city of God will enter there as a conqueror, and his greatest conquest will have been the conquest of self." The promise, however is, "He would grant you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith: that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breath, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all fullness of God."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, pp. 182, 183.

A Personal Testimony

E. C. BOGER

I GREATLY enjoyed the Division Council. I might say that to my mind it is one of the best meetings I have ever attended in my life. There was a spirit of unity and a willingness to take counsel, and of willingness to carry on God's plans that I have never seen in a meeting before. The messages that were delivered were spiritual food for my soul, and I enjoyed each one of them.

I believe it is a sign that God is quickly going to finish His work. "When the Lord shall bring again Zion, God has promised that His watchmen shall see eye to eye."

Some of the Resolutions Passed at the Divisional Council

Change of Name

IN response to a suggestion that comes from the General Conference on behalf of other divisions that the name of "African Division" be changed that it might more accurately describe the territory over which it has charge,

Be it therefore resolved, That hereafter the name of this division be changed to "Southern African Division."

Gratitude

WHEREAS, The Supreme Head of the church, even the Captain of the Lord's Host, the Divine Leader, Sustainer and Comforter of His people, has, during the last two years attended the work of the Southern African Division with His constant, tender watch-care, making it possible for us not only to maintain present work throughout the field, but also to enter many new sections of the same, and

WHEREAS, Nearly every one of our labourers has, through His loving kindness, not only been spared in health and strength, but has been favoured with grace and wisdom with which to carry the many burdens devolving upon each, and

WHEREAS, From every union and local territory comprising this great Division field, there comes the cheering word of miracles of grace wrought in the baptism of over six thousand souls during this biennial period, making a net increase in membership of 43% as well as many thousands of others being brought from darkness into His marvellous light, be it therefore,

Resolved, That we individually, and as a body of God's servants, do hereby express our deepest gratitude to Him for His tender mercies bestowed upon us, and the work of this field, by re-dedicating, without reserve, our all anew to the advancement of the Advent movement, and that we pledge also once more our most earnest efforts toward the speedy finishing of the work of God in the Southern African Division.

Message of Greetings to the Governor and Prime Minister

Resolved, That, on behalf of the sixth biennial session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (Southern African Division), the secretary be asked to send messages of greeting to His Excellency Sir Cecil Hunter Rodwell, K. C. M. G., Governor of Southern Rhodesia, and to the Honourable the Prime Minister, H. U. Moffat, expressing our appreciation for the religious liberty enjoyed in this colony under the present government, and also for the generous support that the Government has granted our society in our educational work.

Evangelism

WHEREAS, The return of our Lord, so long desired and expected, is near. The age-long hope of the church is soon to be realised. Evidences multiply everywhere in the rapidly fulfilling signs of the times that the end of all things is hurrying on apace.

God has raised up a people and commissioned them to herald this truth to men everywhere. One of the most convincing evidences of the nearness of the end is this very world-wide movement of the advent people. Its sole purpose is to preach to men in all the world the saving gospel of our Lord, in order to prepare a people to meet Him when He comes.

Our chief work, consequently, is the work of evangelism, of soul-winning. Such a work of aggressive evangelism which brings souls to Christ and enlarges the church is altogether indispensable at this time if God's purpose for this message is to be realised.

We are told, further, that "The greatest help that can be given to our people is to teach them to work for God, and to depend on Him, not on the ministers. Let them learn to work as Christ worked. Let them join His army of workers and do faithful service for Him."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 20.

Believing the time is here when, relying upon the grace of God, we should seek to check and change this tendency away from evangelistic endeavour, and, complying

with the counsel quoted above, encourage our ministerial forces in all the world to give themselves wholly to the work of soul-winning, associating with them in this the entire membership of our churches.

Resolved, That we, the representatives of the work in the Southern African Division do hereby pledge our whole-hearted response to the appeal of the General Conference for a great forward movement in evangelism, and for a personal consecration of our lives to God for the finishing of the work in this generation. We believe that this call to a deeper spiritual life on the part of our ministry, and to a supreme effort to carry the message of a soon coming Saviour to the millions living in our territory who have never heard, is a call from God. We recognise the responsibility of our ministerial forces for the care of our own believers, yet we know that we cannot shirk the equal responsibility of carrying the message to those in our conferences and mission fields who are yet unwarned, without abridging our God-given task.

Believing that not only our ministry but also our entire membership should be aroused and pressed into soul-saving endeavour in a mighty effort to complete the great unfinished task that has been committed to this people, and realising our entire dependence upon God, we do here and now dedicate our lives anew to this great undertaking.

We also recommend, 1. That the Division, union and local committees organise their force of labourers for aggressive evangelistic advance in each field, including administrative, departmental and pastoral workers, as well as those already engaged in evangelistic endeavour, in an effort to combine all our workers in a supreme endeavour to preach the great three-fold message of the gospel to all the world in this generation.

2. That each local committee study carefully the work of each pastor-evangelist, helping him to organise his work and budget his time so as to provide for definite periods during the year when evangelistic efforts can be conducted.

3. That the place of the younger ministers and ministerial internes be changed

from the churches to the field in definite evangelistic endeavour in new places.

4. That, in harmony with the plan laid down in the Statement on Evangelism to enlist the services of many of our laymen in evangelistic work, we suggest that each local committee give earnest study to this important matter, carefully selecting laymen who give promise of success in this line of endeavour, and planning with them concerning the time, place and manner of conducting public efforts; it being understood, however, that such arrangement shall not carry with it any financial obligation on the part of the conference for the support of the workers engaging in this laymen's work.

5. That laymen who decide to take up this work of evangelism be encouraged to take some work in the Home Study institute, such as courses offered in Pastoral Training, How to Give Bible Readings, and Bible Doctrines, or if this is impossible, to secure and study suitable books on these subjects as may be recommended by the Ministerial Department, and that institutes be held in local fields to give definite instruction to such lay-preachers and Bible workers on how to conduct meetings and win souls for Christ.

6. That every church be organised for a systematic distribution of our message-filled literature, encouraging the church members to follow up every interest thus created, and if the interest grows to the extent that the services of a conference or mission field worker is required, local committees urge to give such places the preference in planning for their evangelistic work.

7. That we encourage every minister to organise a select class of lay-members teaching them how to give single Bible readings and leading them out in actual field service, instructing and training them so that a great part of the work of caring for the detailed operation and shepherding of congregations may be safely placed in the hands of devoted, qualified lay-people, thus relieving pastors of a large amount of exhausting labour, and setting them free for definite soul-winning efforts. That in every church the old-style cottage meetings be revived, and our members be encouraged to open their doors for such work.

Counsels to Ministers

WHEREAS, We are living in a time when thousands in the great Christian church are losing their hold on God and are departing from the very fundamental truths of the gospel, many of their ministers preaching smooth things to tickle the ears of the people; presenting an idealism merely rather than a crucified Christ, and social reforms in place of the power of the gospel to change the inner life; and

WHEREAS, There is great need of our ministers presenting the truths which have made us a peculiar people, in the demonstration of the Holy Spirit, in a definite, clear manner that our own people may become more thoroughly instructed and more firmly grounded in the faith and doctrines which have been delivered to the remnant church; be it

Resolved, That we encourage and urge all our evangelists, ministers and Bible workers to give special attention to the presentation of the rugged, fundamental truths of the Third Angel's Message in the setting of the cross and the nearness of

the end; and that we seek to avoid the tendency of following the popular preaching of our times. We must preach the Word in all its simplicity to a dying and judgment-bound world.

Report of Committee on Licences and Credentials

Ministerial Credentials.—J. F. Wright, A. E. Nelson, J. I. Robison, M. P. Robison, A. V. Edwards, E. D. Dick, A. N. Tonge, J. V. Wilson.

Ministerial Licences.—L. A. Vixie, G. E. Shankel, C. C. Marais, W. B. Commin.

Missionary Credentials.—J. G. Slate, J. N. Krum, F. Visser, Jnr., S. Sparrow, A. Boekhout, C. H. Bell, O. R. Shreve, Mrs. J. F. Wright, Mrs. A. E. Nelson, Mrs. J. I. Robison, Mrs. E. D. Dick, Mrs. A. N. Tonge, Mrs. L. A. Vixie, Mrs. W. B. Commin, Mrs. J. G. Slate, Mrs. J. N. Krum, Miss L. M. Kleinert, Miss H. M. Hyatt, Miss E. Hinterleitner, Miss B. Webb, Miss D. Sparrow, Miss J. Kleinert, Miss A. Armer, Miss E. Robison, Miss I. Thomason, Miss D. Webb, Miss S. Nell, Mrs. M. Botes, Mrs. O. R. Shreve, Mrs. M. P. Robison, Mrs. A. V. Edwards, Mrs. C. C. Marais, Mrs. G. E. Shankel, Mrs. Boekhout, Mrs. J. V. Wilson, Mrs. R. C. Honey.

Appeal for Economy, Mission Gifts, and Sacrifice

An appeal for economy, for mission gifts and for sacrifice, in view of the serious financial and economic conditions of today was made in the following statement:

"The crying and insistent calls from a rapidly expanding gospel message to go to all nations, a depleted missionary treasury, and a lessening stream of mission offerings due to almost universal business depression and unemployment, make a clarion call to our workers and the rank and file of our church members in the Southern African Division to careful conservation and economic living. We urge upon them the necessity of binding about every unnecessary want that they may have means to donate to the needs of gospel work, in order that our faithful missionaries may be sustained at their posts, and the message be still further advanced into the regions beyond.

Thus we earnestly appeal to the believers throughout the Southern African Division to demonstrate by the spirit of heroic sacrifice their love and loyalty to the work and service of God in this hour of crisis.

Proposed New Calendar

WHEREAS, There is now pending before the League of Nations a proposition to change the Gregorian Calendar, which would bring in "blank days" resulting in the breaking of the weekly cycle once every year, and twice in leap years, and

WHEREAS, This innovation would make the true Sabbath of God a wandering festival in the new calendar week, and bring all conscientious Sabbath keepers into extreme perplexity in accommodating themselves, their business, and their intercourse with the world, to the new Calendar week, and thus deprive all loyal Sabbath-keepers of their right to labour six days a week and to carry on business uninterrupted, and their children's right to attend the public schools on the regular days, and

WHEREAS, The commandment of God to "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it

holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work," is a part of the divine, unchangeable, holy, law of God, and cannot be changed by human enactments nor by the pronouncement of even church councils, for our Master declared "Till heaven or earth pass, one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled," and

WHEREAS, The principle of Religious Liberty which has been vouchsafed to every citizen in the British Empire, and most all civilised countries, would be very definitely violated by the breaking of the weekly cycle by legislative enactments, for such a move would be an effort on the part of government to determine a purely religious question in designating which day should be observed as the Sabbath, and a violation of the great Protestant Principle of religious liberty, which under the present calendar is undisturbed; therefore,

Resolved, That this Council of the ministers and workers of the Southern African Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists hereby pledges itself individually and unitedly to oppose any effort in South and Central Africa to introduce any change in the calendar which would break the continuity of the weekly cycle by the introduction of "blank days," and, be it further

Resolved, That efforts be put forth to educate the public through the press, from the public platform and through our evangelistic efforts, as to the real issues at stake in the proposed new calendar, and that the public, and the Christian churches, be encouraged to oppose the reform of the calendar by every legitimate means so long as it provided for the breaking of the free-running weekly cycle, and further

Resolved, That the Division committee, on behalf of this Council, prepare a memorial to be presented to the governments in this Division, setting forth a statement of the loyalty of our people to the higher powers as set forth in the Scriptures, and also pointing out how the principles of religious liberty would be violated if the new calendar is introduced, and petitioning each government to refuse to conform to the new calendar so long as it includes the "blank day" principle.

Resolution of Appreciation

WHEREAS, The General Conference committee has during a period of great worldwide financial stringency, been most liberal towards the work in this Division by contributing in regular and special appropriations during the past biennial period the large amount of £154,543, representing an increase over the previous biennial period's contributions of £4,386; therefore,

Resolved, That we express our heartfelt appreciation for these appropriations and we would assure our brethren of the General Conference committee, our fellow-labourers and believers in all parts of the world, that knowing of the noble sacrifices so many of God's dear people are making in denying themselves many of the necessities of life in order that they might contribute more liberally of their means for the work of the Lord, we, the delegates of the sixth regular biennial session of the Southern African Division in Council assembled, do most solemnly pledge ourselves before the Lord, not to needlessly spend one penny of consecrated funds and

by the grace of God do also promise to lead the way to a deeper, personal sacrifice among our people by ourselves as leaders and workers, living on a more simple and self-sacrificing plane to the end that more funds may be gathered in this division for the support of the work, thus helping in its more speedy completion not only in Africa, but in all parts of the world.

We are also profoundly grateful to the General Conference committee for sending to our shores Elder and Mrs. Montgomery. The counsel and instruction received by us, the earnest appeals for us as workers in the Lord's cause to live the victorious life free from every taint of sin and to obtain the infilling of the Spirit, have stirred our hearts so that we are determined by His help to come up higher, thus becoming more efficient and more fruitful labourers in His cause.

We do also send greetings to Elder and Mrs. Branson, and assure them of our Christian love and do earnestly pray that God will abundantly bless them in the new responsibility to which they have been called.

Resolution of Condolence

Since our gathering together in Council two years ago the hand of death has been laid upon five of our fellow-workers, Brethren G. W. Webb, P. Smailes, F. C. Ernst, George Mashwa and M. D. Kalaka. We wish to express our deep sympathy with the widows and relatives of these late workers, but would comfort and cheer their hearts in the blessed hope of their dear ones having a part in the resurrection of the just at the appearing of Jesus.

Circulation of "Review and Herald"

1. In view of the fact that this Council offers opportunities for placing before our people throughout the field matters of essential importance to the spiritual life of the individual members of the Church as well as general plans for the extension of our work, we therefore reaffirm the actions taken by the Division committee concerning the circulation of the *Review and Herald* at their meeting held December 15, 1930 reading as follows:

"WHEREAS, The *Review and Herald* is the denominational paper that keeps our members acquainted with the progress of our world wide mission work, and whereas this paper contains spiritual encouragement which will keep its readers loyal to the truth, and whereas there is only a limited number of our members in the African Division taking the *Review and Herald*, we

"Recommend, That our evangelists and Bible workers at the close of each effort, make a strong appeal to the new members, both in public and in their personal visits, to subscribe for the *Review and Herald*.

"And further, that our workers in visiting the churches urge upon our members the importance of subscribing for the *Review and Herald*.

"That our workers and pastors in visiting the members of our churches in their homes, enquire as to the denominational papers and literature they have and, where they do not have the *Review and Herald*, that they urge that this paper be taken.

"That the workers in visiting the isolated believers make it a point to urge upon

them the importance of subscribing to the *Review and Herald*."

2. In view of the fact that the resolutions under 1 above are more applicable to our European work and workers, and further in view of the fact that even greater need of spiritual uplift on the part of the native constituency,

We recommend, That all our native teachers, evangelists and other church members who can read the English be encouraged to subscribe for the *Review and Herald*.

3. In view of the fact that our overseas publishing houses do not endeavour to solicit renewals in this country for their periodicals, but leave this entirely in the hands of the local conference and mission field organisations,

We recommend, That the local conference and local mission field leaders study carefully the matter of making strong appeals and follow up work for renewals of subscriptions for our overseas periodicals particularly in behalf of the *Review and Herald* to the end that these subscriptions do not lapse.

The following educational recommendations were adopted:

Union Training Schools

WHEREAS, The rapid advance in native education demands a much better qualified teaching force in our village schools, and this in turn demands a higher standard of work to be done in our native training schools, thus requiring an adequate staff of well-trained teachers as well as a properly equipped school, and

WHEREAS, The ever present shortage in mission funds, as well as the many calls for extending our work in new and unentered sections make it necessary for us to conserve our means in every possible way, and

WHEREAS, The operating of more than one adequately staffed and well equipped training school in each union would involve a large expenditure of means,

We recommend, That it be the policy of the Southern African Division that there be maintained only one union training school in each union.

School Rating Chart

In order to ensure a careful check up of our mission station schools and union training schools, and also to provide a guide to the inspectors, as well as the directors in the operation of these schools,

We recommend, The adoption of a school rating chart for use in the inspection of the union training schools, and that each union prepare similar charts for the inspection of its mission station schools, and village schools.

School Inspectors at Teachers' Institutes

WHEREAS, It is essential that all who carry responsibilities as school inspectors should keep intimately in touch with the educational plans, policies and methods being advanced in the field and taught at the teachers' institutes,

We recommend, That all full time inspectors be required to attend the entire session and bear some responsibility in these teachers' institutes.

Annual Reports to Union Committees

Believing that there would be definite advantage accruing to the union committee through having a summary of their

departmental work laid before them in the form of a written report at the time of their annual meeting, and also help the Division secretary to keep more intimately in touch with each field's progress and problems,

We recommend, That the educational secretary of each union prepare a written report of work of the department to be presented before the union committee at the time of its annual meeting. A copy of the above report should also be supplied to the Division Educational secretary.

Certification of European Teachers

Believing that a plan of certification of all European teachers in the Division would make for improvement of the individual teacher, as well as strengthen the position of our educational work and workers in times of security by the government,

We recommend, That there be developed a plan for the certification of all European teachers of the Division, to be worked out by the Division committee.

Better School Buildings

WHEREAS, Good school buildings, even in village schools of the mission fields, are an asset to the organised work of God, and because they are the church of the community, and

(a) Serve to establish the confidence of the people in the message we preach,

(b) Bring in a more orderly and reverent spirit during religious services,

(c) Tend to increase the enrolment and attendance of all types of schools,

(d) Increases the efficiency of class room work,

(e) Are more hygienic,

(f) Have a greater esthetic value, and

(g) Help to give us standing in the courts of the land; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That each union committee foster a "Better School Building Campaign" of continuous and unlimited duration.

2. That this campaign be promoted by the educational department of each union.

3. That the co-operation of the local field superintendents, mission directors, inspectors, teachers and pupils be solicited.

4. That existing school buildings be remodelled where feasible, to remove objectional features.

5. That buildings be kept in good repair.

6. That the union committee adopt plans for school buildings of a type ideal for the various communities within its area, seeking to build permanently, with due consideration for economy.

Duties and Relationships of School Workers

WHEREAS, It is necessary, for the sake of harmony and efficiency, to outline the duties and relationships of each type of worker, and

WHEREAS, It is difficult, because of varying circumstances, to state these duties and relationships in a manner such as to cover the exigencies of the various union and local fields,

We recommend, That each union committee shall outline in harmony with our Division policy the duties and relationships of school inspectors, mission directors, evangelists, teachers and other workers em-

ployed by the various missions within the territory.

Schemes and Records of Work

WHEREAS, Schemes of work and records of work would provide aid to the teacher in organising and administering his work, and would also help the education department in preparing syllabi and in checking up the work of the teacher,

We recommend, 1. That, as rapidly as possible, the teachers in our schools throughout the Division introduce the plan of preparing schemes of work and records of work.

2. That, these books be considered the property of the school.

Print Writing

We recommend, That the action on print writing taken at the Division Council 1929 reading as follows: "We recommend that print writing be taught in the mission schools throughout the Division" be amended to read, "We recommend that print writing be taught in the first four years of the elementary course throughout the Division."

Training School Board Meetings

In order for the interests of the mission training schools to be carefully studied and properly provided for,

We recommend, That the boards of management of these schools meet at least twice each year.

Report of Directors of Training Schools

In order that the boards of management of all training schools be informed as to the progress and needs of their training schools, and in order to afford the principal an opportunity to review his work and anticipate the future needs of the school, and place these before the board in an intelligent way,

We recommend, That the directors of all training schools render at the meeting of the board of management a written report of the work of the school at each annual board meeting.

A copy of this report should also be supplied to the Division Educational secretary.

Dismissal of Students from Training School

Inasmuch as the faculty is the responsible body for the operation of the school under the direction of the board of managers and as such the highest authority of the training school,

We recommend, That while a pupil may be suspended from class room work or other activities by the principal or the director, he may not be permanently dismissed from the school for disciplinary reasons without a vote of the faculty.

Tithe and Mission Offering Grain Store Houses

We recommend, That in sections where native believers must pay their tithe and offerings in kind, that grain store houses be built in all village schools in grain-growing areas.

M. V. Plans and Work in Union Training Schools

WHEREAS, We are depending upon our training schools for the preparation of our teacher-evangelists and other workers upon

whom the responsibility will rest of leading out in all missionary activities in our native churches, and

WHEREAS, The Missionary Volunteer Department carries the burden of all the missionary activities in the mission fields; therefore,

Resolved, That all our native training schools offer definite instruction in Missionary Volunteer plans and work in their training courses.

Sabbath School Recommendations

The following Sabbath school recommendations were adopted:

The Sabbath School as a Soul Winning Agency

WHEREAS, The Sabbath school will be, if rightly conducted, the most effectual agency in the church for the winning of souls, and

WHEREAS, This phase of the work of the Sabbath school is often neglected and lost sight of in the formal routine of the Sabbath school programme; therefore,

We recommend, That this the highest goal, that of bringing souls to Christ, be constantly kept before our Sabbath school workers by

(a) Encouraging every teacher to take a personal interest in the salvation of every pupil in his class, and

(b) By carefully planning for special consecration services in the Sabbath schools, at which time definite decisions for Christ be called for and follow up work be carried on, leading to baptism.

Lessons for the Mission Field

WHEREAS, The "Adult Lessons for Mission Fields" prepared by the General Conference are not considered adequate to meet our needs in the mission fields,

We recommend, That the present plan of a six year course of Sabbath school lessons as prepared by the Division be continued, at least until the present cycle be completed.

Selection of Sabbath School Teachers

Believing the careful selection of the teachers is an important factor in making the Sabbath school a greater soul-winning agency, and that a poorly qualified teacher can do much to hinder the advance of the school,

We recommend, That the church leaders and station directors pay careful attention to the advising and assisting of the Sabbath school superintendents in the choice of teachers for the classes, giving careful consideration to, first the spirituality, then the aptness to teach, and educational qualifications of the teacher.

Preparation of Sabbath School Lessons in Pamphlets of the Year's Lessons

Since it seems desirous to many of our native believers that our Sabbath school weekly lessons be bound in more permanent form; and believing that these booklets will be a great aid in getting the natives to use the prepared lessons more widely, and thus encourage the daily study of the lesson,

We recommend, That, as soon as possible, the weekly Sabbath school lessons for a full year be prepared and bound together in a more permanent form as a pamphlet for distribution in the Sabbath schools.

Lesson Leaflets to Sabbath School Teachers

Since it is essential to the successful conduct of the Sabbath school that the teacher follow the lessons that have been prepared at such cost and thoughtful care by those who are so far superior to the teachers in ability to prepare these lessons,

We recommend, That all Sabbath school teachers furnish themselves with the prepared lesson pamphlets as a guide in their teaching.

Lesson Helps for Children's Classes

Believing the lessons as now taught in the native Sabbath schools are not sufficiently simplified to meet the needs of the children, and thus many are lost to the cause of God; and that there is a great need for more definite help to be provided for this particular branch of the Sabbath school;

We recommend, That the Division committee give careful consideration to the preparation of simpler lessons for the children's classes in our native Sabbath schools, as well as lesson helps for the teachers in those classes.

Religious Liberty Department

WHEREAS, We have been told that the time is not far distant when "The observance of the false Sabbath will be urged upon us," and that the "contest will be between the commandments of God and the commandments of men," and

WHEREAS, We are instructed that, "It is our duty, as we see the signs of approaching peril, to arouse to action," and "to do all in our power to avert the threatened danger," and

WHEREAS, The proposed reform of the calendar gives this people at this time a splendid opportunity of setting before the people the principles of Religious Liberty, as governments propose measures which will restrict liberty of conscience, and

WHEREAS, The Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference has been organised to educate our church members in the great issues at stake in the enforcement of religious laws, and to disarm prejudice by placing the great principles of Religious Liberty in the proper light before the public, therefore,

We recommend, That the Division committee plan at an early date for the organisation of a Religious Liberty Association in the Southern African Division.

Medical Department Recommendation

WHEREAS, We as a denomination believe in the medical work as the right arm of the message, and

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Southern African Division to develop native leadership and to establish native operated missions throughout the Division, and,

WHEREAS, The work of these missions cannot be complete without the entering wedge, and

WHEREAS, Medical missionary work on these native stations cannot be efficient without the help of thoroughly trained native orderlies,

We recommend, That each union establish a training course for native orderlies, in harmony with the government standards, at the union training school or medical centre.

WHEREAS, Ours is a threefold programme of teaching, preaching and healing, and

WHEREAS, The medical work rightly

used increases the efficiency of our missionary programme,

We recommend, That where it is possible a trained medical worker be placed on each of our main mission stations.

Resolution on Thoroughness in Preparation of Candidates for Baptism

Since the Scriptures declare that in the last days men shall be "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof," and believing that we have reached the time when materialism, pleasure-seeking, and formalism have broken down the barriers and weakened the discipline of the popular churches so that age long standards are being disregarded, and realising that these sinister influences threaten to invade our own ranks we feel that a clarion call should be sounded to all our ministers and other gospel workers to lift up a standard for the people in calling them back to the old paths of simple piety and holiness, and to the old standards of the Message.

In order to safeguard our churches and defend the exalted standards of our faith against this baneful trend to worldliness, formalism and laxity,

We recommend, That, in every evangelistic effort ample time, suggesting at least three months, be taken to thoroughly instruct and establish the new converts in all points of the faith, and that no candidate be admitted to the rite of baptism until he has given positive evidence of thorough conversion, and that he fully understands and unqualifiedly accepts every point of doctrine held by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

As a further safeguard,

We recommend, That, in places where we have organised churches, before a baptism takes place, each candidate be examined in the presence of the church board or in the presence of a committee appointed by the board.

Circulation of the African "Signs of the Times"

WHEREAS, We recognise the *African Signs of the Times* to be one of our most effectual mediums for the promulgation of the Third Angel's Message in the Southern African Division, and

WHEREAS, This is our only means of reaching many of those who will never hear the Message by word of mouth, either from our preachers or colporteur evangelists; therefore,

Recommended, That we do our utmost to increase the circulation of this periodical:

1. By encouraging our churches to increase their present club subscriptions.
2. By urging workers and lay members to set definite individual goals in taking subscriptions from those not of our faith.
3. That we encourage our European colporteurs to adopt the Combination plan as recommended by the General Conference Publishing Department as follows:

"That the Combination Plan, the combining of periodical subscriptions with the sale of our books by colporteurs, be adopted as a practical and workable plan, to be encouraged and put in operation throughout our world field as far as possible." (The Combination Plan means a year's

subscription to the *Signs* with an order for a book, adding the price of this periodical to that of the book and presenting only the combined price to the prospect.)

Resolution on Big Week

WHEREAS, There are great possibilities in getting the Message before the people in circulating our "Crisis" books, and

WHEREAS, There is a great need of erecting a dispensary in the Central African Union, and a mission home in the Congo Union, the projects to which the money raised during this campaign will be used; therefore,

We recommend, That the conference and mission fields lay definite plans for a successful campaign, which is to be conducted November 28 to December 5.

Resolution on the Spirit of Prophecy

WHEREAS, It is a fact that a large number of our believers are not in possession of the more important works of the Spirit of Prophecy, and

WHEREAS, The value of these works as aids to a deeper and more consistent Christian experience is unquestioned,

We recommend, That as our workers and ministers visit the homes of our people they make kindly enquiry as to the denominational literature in possession of each, and that where it is found that the "Testimonies to the Church are not possessed, that the value of these works be carefully explained and that the heads of such homes be encouraged to secure these volumes as early as possible.

In the case of homes where the "Testimonies to the Church" only are found, that the visiting worker bring to the notice of the heads of such homes the more important of other works of the Spirit of Prophecy, such as

- "Christ's Object Lessons,"
- "Great Controversy,"
- "Desire of Ages,"
- "Patriarchs and Prophets,"
- "Prophets and Kings,"
- "Steps to Christ,"
- "Acts of the Apostles,"

and stress the value of such as aids to a deeper study of God's Word and a clearer knowledge of denominational principles.

Harvest Ingathering

WHEREAS, The Harvest Ingathering campaign is a growing factor in the raising of mission funds, and

WHEREAS, The success of this campaign depends much on strong leadership under the Lord's guidance; therefore,

We strongly recommend, That each union and local conference and mission field committee so arrange their plans that each and every worker on their pay roll shall engage in active personal solicitation during this important campaign.

Dismissing Workers

In order to clarify the relationship of the village school teacher to his superior officers in the matter of continuance in service,

We recommend, That inasmuch as the field committee or the training school board is the employing body, that it be recognised as having sole authority to dismiss a worker.

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A Forward Move

N. C. WILSON

THE responsible committees have recently decided to commence the publication of a monthly Afrikaans *Signs of the Times*. The first issue will appear January 1, 1932.

This step has been taken in response to many earnest appeals from over the Union for an evangelical magazine in the Afrikaans language. We are confident that it will fill a real and urgent need. As we have thought of the thousands of Afrikaans speaking people thinly scattered throughout the rural districts, we have wondered how the message of God for this hour could ever reach them. We feel that the Afrikaans *Signs* will greatly assist in filling this need.

We appeal to our entire constituency throughout the Union to strongly rally to the support of this greatly needed evangelistic agency for the Afrikaans speaking people. This new project must succeed. It will need our sympathetic and active support. We are confident that the Afrikaans *signs* is destined to be a great strength and blessing to the cause of God in South Africa.



Elder and Mrs. Howard's Departure

N. C. WILSON

ELDER AND MRS. E. M. HOWARD left our shores for America on June 30. Elder Howard has earnestly and devotedly served the cause of God in Africa for many years. Upon Elder Howard's request, the responsible committees temporarily released him from service in the South African Union in order that he may spend several years in study at the Washington Missionary College.

We heartily wish Elder and Mrs. Howard every blessing and success during their stay in America. May the God of peace grant them every good desire and purpose of their hearts.

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Camp Meeting at Katima Mulilo

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FOLLOWING the Division Council, Elder J. R. Campbell and the writer joined Brother C. E. Wheeler, acting superintendent of the Northern Rhodesia Mission Field, and Brother G. L. Willmore at Livingstone for the trip up the Zambesi River to Katima Mulilo mission, of which station Brother Willmore is director.

We left Livingstone Thursday evening, June 18, and arrived at Katima Mulilo Wednesday afternoon, June 24, having spent Sabbath the 20th camped beside the river. A crew of fifteen mission boys and one native passenger paddled our barge up the river.

The camp-meeting began Wednesday night, the 24th, and closed Sabbath, June 27. Due to the high water, many could not attend who otherwise would have been present, but on Sabbath six hundred were in attendance. The camp-meeting offering amounted to £28-15-6, more than double last year's offering.

In the afternoon, a large company assembled on the bank of the Zambesi, while Brother Willmore and Pastor Gladstone Isku baptised the candidates. During the service, boys stood in a canoe with their long oars in the water, a little beyond the officiating ministers in order to keep the crocodiles away.

Chief Chikamatondo attended the camp-meeting with several of his counsellors. He remembers as a small boy seeing Livingstone when that great African explorer and missionary made his first trip down the Zambesi. Chief Chikamatondo is a faithful Sabbath-keeper and is a member of the baptismal class. He gave an ox as his camp-meeting offering. The old chief is totally blind and is waiting for the doctor to remove the cataracts from his eyes.

During the few days of the camp-meeting, Sister Willmore gave about five hundred treatments, one day to

talling two hundred and ten. Goitre is exceeding prevalent around Katima Mulilo. Sister Willmore finds that iodine is proving beneficial in the treatment of this disease. Sore eyes, ulcers, skin diseases, colds, headaches, stomach trouble, are among the various ailments treated at the small and meagrely equipped dispensary.

Brother and Sister Willmore, both practical and efficient missionaries, are doing a good work at the mission station, with its eight out-schools and a church membership of three hundred, but they are in great need of more help and additional buildings.

Bricks are already burned, ready for the erection of a new church and dispensary. The 1932 Big Week, we understand, will assist in erecting this new church building at Katima Mulilo.

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Give Advent Message Through Newspapers

THE task of carrying the Advent message to every nation, kindred, tongue and people in this generation is not an impossibility, providing that God's servants make use of the varied agencies that have been placed here to aid in the accomplishment of that purpose.

Our leaders ride on swiftly moving railroad trains in order to meet appointments at distant points, some travel from one hemisphere to another on the giant steamships of the sea, some engage passage on airplanes in order to save time and keep pressing engagements for the promotion of our fast-growing world-wide activities, the cables carry messages under the sea, the telephone permits conversations which, if carried on face to face, would require perhaps days for each other to meet, and sermons are preached over radio broadcasting stations that may be heard in homes hundreds of miles away. Who would deny that all of these inventions were placed here in the providence of God to help His servants advance the work of soul-saving that they have undertaken to do?

There is still another agency which God has placed here for His servants to use, and they are using it, too, to good effect, but not in its fullness,—and that is the printing press. Our publishing houses in different parts of the world are perhaps doing more

extensive missionary work for the promotion of Seventh-day Adventist teachings than any other single branch of the cause, yet they have their limitations in production and circulation, and millions of human beings have yet to learn anything of the last message of mercy, either in printed form, or from the lips of the living preacher or teacher.

What about the vast avenue that God has opened to us through the public press—what we ordinarily call the newspaper and the magazine, that are different from the publications of Seventh-day Adventists? Over in North America, scores of Seventh-day Adventist preachers are conducting systematic advertising campaigns through the newspapers to attract persons to their meetings, and to the message they are preaching. Money is being spent judiciously to announce the subjects of sermons and the place of meetings in advertising columns, while the preachers are either preparing reports of their sermons themselves for publication in the free columns of the newspapers or having some member of their evangelistic company do so. Success attends this kind of publicity in the way of attracting interested persons to meetings, or in sowing the seeds of the gospel in the minds of persons who read the message in the newspapers who may be too prejudiced to attend an Adventist service. There are honest-hearted men and women in our ranks in different parts of North America who were attracted to our Message through newspaper publicity, and is it not possible that there are honest persons in other parts of the world who would accept Jesus as their Saviour, and cast their lot with the company looking for His return, if they could see something in their newspapers about the message or the church promoting the message? God tells us to sow beside all waters. Will not newspaper editors of other parts of the world do what North American editors are doing if God's servants will but supply them with information about the message and the activities of the denomination in general?

Something has been accomplished through some of the newspapers of England, South America, Australia, New Zealand, China, Ceylon and Africa, which should indicate to workers in these sections that editors there are favourably impressed with us and our message as far as news is

concerned, but should not a more pronounced and systematic effort be put forth by every worker in these lands to form contacts with newspaper editors, and have the advent message go through the powerful agency of the public press to the most remote sections while it is being circulated at the same time among the multitudes living in the cities where the papers are printed? Does not God want His servants everywhere to utilize this agency that reaches every class of humanity? The possibilities of reaching the multitudes through the public press cannot be computed, so vast are they, yet a marvellous work can be done through them if the papers are faithfully utilised.

Why not begin now to get acquainted with newspaper editors and reporters, and pray God to make favourable impressions on the minds of these men so that they will aid in the proclamation of the message through the columns of their papers?

The Press Bureau of the General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., will gladly give free of charge helpful information on writing for the newspapers to all who request it. What is news in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination? How should it be written? These and other questions concerning newspaper reporting are fully answered in this information.

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Camp-meetings in Nyasaland

IN a personal letter received from Elder Wright regarding his visit to the northern mission fields, he says,

"We have had some wonderful camp-meetings thus far. The attendance at Solusi was over 1,000. The attendance at Lower Gwelo was over 1,200, which is the largest meeting they have ever had there (so the brethren say). Then at Inyazura there were about 1,500 in attendance. Brother and Sister C. Robinson are doing good work at this place. Also Brother and Sister R. Buckley are getting nicely started in their work. At Lower Gwelo they baptised 74, and at Inyazura the number ran over 100. I do not know the actual number yet. At Solusi they expected to baptise about sixty. In all of the

meetings the Lord drew near, and we had a good time.

"This last week-end, the Malamulo and Malanji meetings were in session. These were the two largest meetings ever held in Nyasaland. The attendance at Malamulo reached almost 4,000, and at Malanji, just forty miles away, they had over 4,000 present on the Sabbath. Just think of it, about 8,000 people at these two meetings. It was certainly an inspiration to look into such a sea of upturned faces. At both meetings the people were quite orderly. At Malamulo, Sister Montgomery spoke to almost 800 children during the meetings held for them. The baptism at this station totalled 182. They turned down over fifty, asking them to remain on in the class a little longer. They did not have a baptism at Malanji, but will care for this matter later in the year.

"Yesterday we passed by the Malanji meeting en-route to Blantyre. About 2,500 people came down the road to greet us. They certainly did give us a royal welcome. It was quite a thrill to the Montgomerys. She said she would not have missed it for anything. Both Elder Montgomery and I spoke for a little while in the afternoon, and then we drove on last night.

"At the Malanji meeting we met the paramount chief. He came with his retinue of soldiers and headmen. Some under-chiefs were also present. This paramount chief has become a great friend of Pastor Roman, and seems interested in the Truth. He is really a bright fellow, and dresses quite well. We had the pleasure of meeting him and talking with him. Surely Pastor Roman is doing a wonderful work in this section.

"But one of the most thrilling things we found at this meeting was the two Malamulo boys who spent their vacation just over the line in Portuguese East Africa. They have, in face of much opposition, stirred up an interest which is beyond them to handle. They find the people most eager to learn the Truth, and they presented to us yesterday a well-written record containing over 500 names of people who have given their hearts to God and want to prepare for baptism. They had some of the men along with them, and they are certainly a fine class of native people. They came with these two boys to beg for more help. Really it does look like God is going

before the brethren here and opening the way very definitely to enter that territory, which we have so long desired to enter. What the outcome will be, we know not, but, surely, from what I see in this union this time leads me to believe, as never before, that God is pouring out His spirit in large measures and is finishing His work. Let us pray earnestly that God will help Brother Giddings and his men to know how to cope with the situation they face with such limited means and men."

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Claremont Auditorium Effort

R. G. MORTON

IN response to inquiries regarding the result of the recent Bible Auditorium effort at Claremont, I am passing on this short news note.

The Claremont effort opened on Sunday night, February 22, and closed on a Sunday night, April 26 last. Assisting the writer and his wife, were Sisters Aileen G. Fleming, medical secretary of the South African Union, Elders R. P. Robinson, and D. E. Delhove, on furlough from the Congo Union Mission, Miss P. M. Naude of Port Elizabeth, and the lay members of the Claremont church. Owing to ill health, however, in the second week of the effort Sister Naude was taken to a nursing home to undergo a serious operation. This was a real loss to our programme for Sister Naude was our only conference Bible worker to connect with the effort. Yet the Lord overruled and special mention should be made of the faithful visiting and Bible work done by two lay members, Sisters N. Melvill, and A. Vixie.

The daily workers' meeting was characterised by a definite desire among the workers for a closer walk with God. The Lord honoured our humble consecration by accepting every worker as an effectual instrument in His hand to accomplish the task of heralding the Message in Claremont. We daily realised that "*It is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.*"

We have reason to rejoice and to lift our voices in thanksgiving to God for twenty-nine souls have been baptised and adopted into the family of God in earth as a direct result of the labours of these faithful workers.

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MEVR. L. FLORA PLUMMER

ONGETWYFELD het vele lede in alle opregtigheid die vraag gestel. Wel ons het die antwoord in die "*Testimonies*" en ook in ons eie lewe, en ons kan die antwoord sien as ons ander mense oplet. As dit moontlik sou wees om die waarde van geestelike dinge deur syfers aan te toon soos met die finansiële kant van ons werk, sal ons verbaas wees hoeveel die daelike ondersoek van die les bydra tot ons sukses in ons ander werksaamhede. Die persoon wat elke dag sy les studeer sal nie onverskillig word en onder die wees wat uit die Waarheid en in die wêreld wegdryf nie. Hy is gewoonlik teenwoordig en op tyd in die Sabbatskool. Sulke lede word ons beste onderwysers, en hulle is gewoonlik die aktiewe lede in die werksaamhede van die Sabbatskool en van die kerk. Ons het al dikwels opgelet dat die vrygewigste klasse in die Sabbatskool die is, wat die hoogste persentasie lede het wat gereeld elke dag hul les studeer.

Op 'n sekere kollege was daar 'n onderwyser wat 'n goeie opleiding in opvoedkunde ontvang het, en hy het gesê: "In die begin was ek geneig om te dink dat dit van belang is om daeliks jou les te studeer—dat dit maar enige gedeelte van die Skrif kan wees. Maar ek het uit ondervinding geleer dat as ek die Sabbatskool-les ses dae studeer het, dan eers begin ek die geestelike waarde daarvan te besef." Ek glo dat vele dieselfde ondervind het. Ek sien elke dag meer en meer die waarde in die gewoonte om elke dag die les te studeer.

Hier het ons die grootste rede dat ons volk oral die Sabbatskool-les elke dag studeer.

"Leer die Sabbatskool-les, nie net 'n kyk na die les op Sabbatmôre nie, maar deur op Sabbatnamiddag te begin studeer vir die volgende week, en dan elke dag herhaal gedurende die week. Sodoende sal die les in die geheue bly,—'n skat wat nooit totaal verlore sal gaan nie."—"*Education*," blss. 251, 252.

Ons kannie maklik bereken wat die waarde van 'n deeglike studie van die Sabbatskool-les week vir week is nie.

Wat ons eenmaal hoor of lees, vergeet ons gou weer. Maar in die Sabbatskool-les het ons 'n gedeelte van die Skrif gerangskik om tuis te ondersoek, in die klas die voordrag, en ook die herhaling. As ons deeglik gedurende die week studeer, en die tyd in Sabbatskool reg gebruik sal die waarhede van die les onuitwisbaar op die geheue afgedruk word. Die waarde van die les lê in die persoonlike gedagtes en kragte ingespan om die les in die Bybel te ondersoek. Iets wat onself oorweeg, en wat ons verstand aandryf om aktief en oorspronklik te werk, sal langer by ons bly as iets wat ons inneem as ons stil sit en luister soos na 'n preek of 'n lesing. Die Sabbatskool gee 'n geleentheid om self 'n lewende deel te neem in die studie van Godswoord. Die geestelike welvaart van ons lede is nouer verwant met die gereelde sistematiese studie van die Sabbatskool-les as wat ons ooit gedink het.

Die meerderheid van ons mense neem geen ander sistematiese kursus in die Bybel nie as die Sabbatskool-lesse. Wanneer hulle nie die les studeer nie dan ly hulle geestelik honger deur keuse en nie deur nood, tog verbeter dit nogtans die toestand nie. Die wat nalatig en sorgeloos is omtrent die geroep van die siel na hemelsbrood het netso seker hulp nodig asof die liggaam aan broodsgebrek sterwe. Die sielsvyand stel die hongerige siele gerus sodat oud en jonk meer of min onbewus van hul behoefte is, en dit maak sake soveel moeiliker om die doel te bereik, maar dit verminder die behoefte nie 'n duit nie.

Hier is 'n goeie voorbeeld van die kontras tussen die les elke dag te studeer en om dit af en toe, en onreëlmstig te studeer. Die verhaal kom van die bekende leraar W. R. Clark. Hy kom met huisbesoek by een van sy gemeentelêde en vra, "Hoe vorder u in u Kristelike lewe?"

"O," sê sy, "maar swak; my lewe strek my en die kerk tot skande, en tot oeneer van Jesus Kristus. Ek kannie verstaan waarom dit so is nie."

"Studeer u die Bybel elke dag?" vra Mnr. Clark.

"Nee, maar ek lees dit af en toe as ek tyd kry."

In 'n waentjie digby het daar 'n babetjie gelê. Mnr. Clark sê, "Ver-

onderstel u voed die babetjie vandag elke twee uur, en môre elke ses uur, en laat hom dan vir drie of vier dae sonder kos gaan, en dan weer die volgende dag elke twee uur, en so aan. Dink u die kind sal ontwikkel?"

"Natuurlik nie," sê die vrou, "Ek dink die kind sal onder so 'n behandeling sterwe."

"En tog," sê Mnr. Clark, "dis die manier wat u u eie siel behandel."

Ek glo die plan om die les elke dag te studeer kom van die Here om Sy volk die waarhede te bring wat hulle nodig het. Dit dra ook veel daarby om 'n vaste fondament in die karakter-ontwikkeling van kinders en jongmense te lê en om die ou lede te help in genade op te was. Dis juis vir die doel wat ons die ouers en Sabbatskoolonderwysers leer. Jesus het van karakter-ontwikkeling gespreek en van die kostelike materiaal om mee te bou. (Matt. 7: 24, 25.

Dus is dit eers die plig van die ouers daarna van die Sabbatskoolwerkers om die fondament te help lê—om daeliks met 'n biddende hart die Woord te studeer—sodat geen storm van versoeking van die vyand, geen storm of verleiding van die laaste dae enige huisgesin van die waarheid van Godswoord, of van die vaste fondament in die rots waarop hul karakter-ontwikkeling gebou en hul geloof geanker is, losskud nie.

As ek in die Bybel lees dat die Skrif die lewensbrood en oor en oor dat dit die lewenswater is, en dan in die Gees van profesie die skerpe vermanings lees oor die behoeftes om die Bybel elke dag te studeer, dan verbaas ek my dat ons so stadig was om die plan in ons Sabbatskool te volg. Ons volk glo dit. Die meerderheid is daarin getrou. Vele slaag nie om op die ererol vir die kwartaal of vir die jaar te kom nie, tog vorm hul die gewoonte om die les elke dag te ondersoek en sal nie soos voorheen tot Vrydagaand wil wag nie.

As ons elke dag studeer sal ons elke dag oor die les nadink en gevolglik sal ons in ons geestelike groei en ons werklik ander die dinge kan leer wat onself geleer het. Die hele moeilikheid waar ons ander wil leer, is dat ons te min studeer; dan raak ons gedagte in die war en ons kan onself nie goed uitdruk nie. Ons dink die fout lê by ons bekwaamheid,

maar die hele fout is omdat ons na-laat om noukeurig te studeer, en dikwels oorgaan en herhaal wat ons wil leer totdat ons daarvan meester is en dit in ons lewe en gedagte ons eie is.

Offisiere en onderwysers in die Sabbatskool, onthou dat ons nie met sukses by ander kan aandrang nie om iets te doen waarin onself nalatig is. Ons kan ander nie tot 'n hoogte lei wat onself nog nie bereik het nie. Ons persoonlike voorbeeld, ons eie lewe sal krag in ons woorde bring, of soos kaf maak wat voor die wind wegwaai. "Ek kannie hoor wat u sê nie, want wat u is dreun in my ore," het 'n ongelowige eens aan iemand gesê wat voorgegee het om veel van die godsdiens van Jesus te weet maar intendeel min daarvan besit het. Laat ons op pas dat dieselfde nie in die gedagte van iemand is wat ons probeer beïnvloed nie.

Ons almal verlang na die hulp van die Heilige Gees met ons moeilikhede en ons werk vir ander. Ons het die belofte dat die Gees ons sal herinner aan die dinge wat ons geleer het wanneer ons dit nodig het. As ons die voorbereiding nalaat om die kennis in ons geheue te bring, kan ons nie ver wag om die nodige hulp te ontvang nie. Deur die ondersoek van die Woord en die bystand van die Gees sal ons kinders voorberei word om opreg en getrou voor die Here te bly, en om die vele ketterye van die laaste dae te beveg. Die Sabbatskool en die daelike studie van die Sabbatskool-les is ongetwyfeld voorsienings vir ons en ons kinders om bereid te wees vir wat voor die deur staan, dat ons tot die einde toe getrou mag bly. Voor die kinders 'n bepaalde stap tot bekering neem, en soms lank voordat volwasse mense uit die wêreld tot ons kom om aanhangers van die Boodschap te word, begin die voorbereiding in die Sabbatskool vir die groot stryd wat aan kom is.

Mag die liewe Here ons broeders en susters in Afrika seën. My hartlikste groete aan u almal. Ek het al enige van u leiers en onderwysers ontmoet. My hart brand om Afrika met die surplus van die dertiende Sabbat te help, en ons het so hard as ons kon gewerk om Afrika op die manier te help. Laat my dan hiermee my liefdegroete bring dat u geestelik mag opwas soos u op finansiële basis gegroei het: en in die artikel het ek probeer om u die weg aan te wys.

Doele in die Sabbatskool

W. B. COMMINS

DAAR is 'n hoë standaard voor die Departement van die Sabbatskool, en met die hulp van die Here hoop ons om dit te bereik. Die boodskap van die Here aan Sy kerk is "Die Sabbatskool behoort die grootste en doeltreffendste middel te wees om siele na Kristus te bring."—"Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," bls. 20. En ons het hiermee begin dat ons skole deur die leiding van God die doeltreffendste middel kan wees om siele na Kristus te bring; en ons vertrou dat ons met die seën van die Here die doel gaan bereik.

Om die einddoel te bereik het ons sekere doele voor ons gestel om ons by te staan om volgens die wil van God te handel. Hier is 'n paar van die doele om ons skole te help om onder die leiding van God die grootste en doeltreffendste te wees om siele na Kristus te bring.

Elke dag die Sabbatskool-les studeer.

Elke gelowige 'n lid van die Sabbatskool.

Persoonlike sielsarbeid aan elke leerling.

Elke lid teenwoordig en op tyd elke Sabbat.

Vrygewige offerandes vir sendingwerk.

Hier is 'n verhaal wat aantoon hoe dit help om 'n doel voor jou te stel. "n Messelaar het die kontrak aangeneem om 'n klipmuur te bou en het bereken dat dit in twintig dae kan klaar wees. Sy seuntjie het saam met hom gewerk, en voordat hulle begin, vra hy die seun of hy dink dat hulle dit in twintig dae kan bou. Maar die seun het vas geglo dat dit onmoontlik is.

"Vroeg die môre toe hulle sou begin bou, het die vader na die plek gegaan en een-twintigste lengte van die muur afgemete en daar 'n pen ingeslaan. Toe hulle begin, vra die vader vir die seun of hy dink dat hulle tot by die pen sal kan werk. Die uitdrukking op sy gelaat het getoon dat hy seker gevoel het dat hulle sover sal kan kom. Die volgende dag was daar weer 'n pen ingeslaan vir nog 'n een-twintigste. Hulle kon die doel vir elke dag bereik, en na twintig dae was die muur klaar." Ons glo dat elke Sabbatskool tenvolle tevrede is met die waarde van doele, en ons kan hier net sê hoe wonderlik die plan ont-

wikkel het om spesiale offerandes op elke dertiende Sabbat in te kry. In 1912 was die eerste poging aangewend om 'n spesiale gif vir die sendingveld op te bring, en daar het £1,534 ingekom. Agtien jaar later, of die Dertiende Sabbatofferande vir die vierde kwartaal 1929 was die bedrag £24,949. Miskien het niemand in 1912 gedink dat dit moontlik is nie, maar die Here het die gesamentlike en aanhoudende pogings van Sy kinders oorvloedig geseën waar die behoeftes van die sendingveld meer en meer hulp vra.

Ons vra ons lesers om al die artikels oor die betekenis en waarde van ons doele in die uitgawe te lees. Dit kom van sterke ondersteuners van die Departement van Sabbatskool. Waar ons skole elke doel bereik daar is hulle soveel nader om die doel van God vir hulle te bereik om middele te word om siele na Kristus te bring.

Ek sluit met die woorde van die diensmaag van die Here omtrent die doel en strewes wat die Here van ons verwag:

"Die ideaal van God vir Sy kinders is ver bokant enige gedagte wat die mens kan vorm. Goddelikheid—Godsvrug is die doel voor ons. Daar is 'n weg voor die student om gedurig vordering te maak. Die doel en standaard wat hy moet bereik, sluit alles in wat goed, edel en heilig is."—"Education," bls. 18.

"As ons in enigiets wil slaag moet ons 'n doel hê."—*Id.*, bls. 262.



Die Waarde van die Sabbatskool

Waarom elke gelowige 'n lid van die Sabbatskool behoort te wees

J. I. ROBISON

Ek het al mense hoor sê dat elkeen kan vir 'n sekere som geld omgekoop word. Dit mag so wees, maar ek glo dit darem nie. Egter, in die lewe skat ons dinge meesal in terme van geld. En ek glo die meeste van ons sal alle tydelike wat ons het, verkoop as ons ons prys daarvoor kan kry. Ons huis, ons plaas, ons kar, meubels, boeke, en selfs ons klere het 'n prys en met geld kan ons dit weer kry.

Maar as ons by die Sabbatskool kom, sal ons dit vir 'n paar armsalige stukkies geld verruil? Nee, ek glo nie, want hier kom ons by die geestelike voorregte wat maar net met geestelike standarde kan gemeet word. Ek glo vas dat niemand wat

waarlik verstaan wat die Sabbatskool vir die kind van die Here beteken, ooit gewillig sal wees om van die salige voorregte vir enigiets behalwe die hemel af te wil staan nie.

As ons hier ruimte het dat al ons gelowiges in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Diwiesie wat die Sabbatskool kies bo goud, ja veel fyn gou, en hul getuënisse aflê, sal ons 'n dik boek kan vul. Vele kindertjies, honderde edele jongmense, en duisende dierbare broeders, blank en andersins sal hul dank en waardering uitspreek. Elke gelowige, selfs die klein kindertjies in die Wieg-afdeling tot die oudste oupa of ouma in ons midde waardeer die Sabbatskool; en dit behoort ook so te wees.

En waarom is die Sabbatskool so 'n groot skat onder ons volk? Ek glo dis omrede die geestelike hulp wat die Sabbatskool so oorfloedig na al sy lede bring. Dit bou ons op in die geloof, ja dit bou ook ons geloof op. Dit bou ons op in die allerdierebare Waarheid, en vermeerder ons geloof in die beweging.

Eerw. J. L. McElhany het in die vergange Wêreldkonferensie gesê: "As president van 'n konferensie het ek al dikwels gesê dat as ek moet kies tussen die preekdiens en die Sabbatskool, dan sou ek altyd die Sabbatskool verkies, en met 'n paar woorde sal 'n mens kan bewys dat dit meer prakties is. Dit sal meer doeltreffend en diensbaar wees om die geloof van ons mense op te bou."

As dit die geval is, dan behoort elke gelowige 'n lid van die Sabbatskool te wees. Ten eerste, ons werkers het die Sabbatskool nodig, en die Sabbatskool het die inspirasie en hulp nodig wat ons leraars en werkers kan gee. As ek 'n kerk besoek en die leraar teenwoordig en op tyd in die Sabbatskool is en self 'n klas neem, dan glo ek dat hy 'n ware geestelike leier van 'n lewende gemeente is, en dat hy in alles in sy herdersamp belangstel. En so kan ons werkers ware voorbeelde vir die gemeente wees deur gereëld Sabbatskool by te woon en deur hul leiding.

Ten tweede, ons leke broeders en susters het die Sabbatskool baie meer nodig as wat die meeste van hulle besef. Die grootste opvoedingswaarde van die kerk is in die Sabbatskool; dis daar en daardeur wat die waarhede van die Boodskap geleer word en 'n lewende belangstelling in ons program van buitelandse sending

gewek word. 'n Goed bestuurde Sabbatskool het veel geestelike waarde in die gemeente om al ons lede se geloof en vertroue te versterk in die heerlike oorwinning van die Derde-engelboodskap.

En verder het die Sabbatskool elke lidmaat nodig vir die finansiële doele. Elke Sabbatskool is versoek om verantwoordelik te wees om die finansiële doel te bereik wat volgens die ledetal bereken word, en as die kerk haar finansiële verantwoordelikhede vir sendingfondse wil nakom, dan het die Sabbatskool elke lidmaat nodig om die las te help dra. Ons het geen ander organisasie wat so geskik as die Sabbatskool is om geld vir die sendings te kry nie; maar om die doel van 1/3 per week per lidmaat te bereik, moet die Sabbatskool die volle saamwerking en die gereëld opkoms van elke gemeentelid hê. Op geen ander manier sal dit moontlik wees om die finansiële doel in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Diwiesie te bereik nie.

En om die doel te bereik van "Elke gelowige 'n lid van die Sabbatskool," nooi ons almal, werkers en leke dat elk afsonderlik sal beloof om opnuut getrou te wees aan die oudste instelling in die Sewende-dag Adventiste Kerk en die doeltreffendste om ons harte aan die wêreld-wye Boodskap te hou, ja aan u eie Sabbatskool vanaf aanstaande Sabbatmôre.



Gereëld en op Tyd in Sabbatskool

MEVR. A. P. TARR

VERONDERSTEL iemand gee voor dat hy belangstel in musiek, maar tog nooit enige moeite doen om daarna te luister nie; of dat hy lief is om goeie boeke te lees, en dit tog nie lees nie, of dat godsdienste alles in sy lewe is, en hy tog nooit die goddelike reisgids—die Bybel—lees nie. Sou hy nie vals met homself wees nie?

Dit is die wet van alles in die lewe. Die belangstelling in iets word gemeet met die mate wat ons ons uitsit om van die kans daarmee gebruik te maak. As ons onverskillig is dan is dit maar 'n skyn-belangstelling: 'n groot inspanning om iets te kry toon opregte belangstelling.

Ons belangstelling in die Sabbatskool is na die mate ons waarlik probeer om die wonderlike seëninge na ander te bring. Die wat die gewoon-

te vorm om gereëld en op tyd te wees, behoort die gewoonte om daarmee nalatig te wees, te beskou as 'n blyk van gebrek aan belangstelling in ewiglike dinge. Daar is omstandighede wat ons nie kan keer nie, en die Meester weet van alles. Toe Jesus die wet groot gemaak het het Hy gesê: "Ek wil goedertierenheid hê, nie offerande nie." "Die Sabbat is gemaak vir die mens, nie die mens vir die Sabbat nie."

Watter voordele is daar dan in die Sabbatskool? Die voordele is tweëlei: (1) Die kerk studeer die goddelike en inspireerde Boek, en (2) ons sien die velde wat ryp is vir die oes. En daar is nog ander seëninge wat netso vérreikend van invloed is. Die een is om alles in jou vermoë te doen om gereëld in die Sabbatskool te wees voor die openingslied opgegee word, en dit 'n geleentheid beskou om die Here stip te gehoorsaam.

Die Sabbatskool is 'n afspraak wat die Here met alle gemeentelide maak as hul name op die kerkregister kom. En die bepaling is nie alleen vir die lidmate nie. "Bring die babetjies, die jongmense en bejaarde bymekaar."—"Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," bls. 31. Jesus vergeet die afspraak nooit nie. "Waar twee of drie vergader in My Naam, daar is ek onder hulle." Hierdie weeklikse afspraak sal duur tot in die Ewigheid "dat van die een Sabbat tot die ander alle vlees sal kom om voor My aangesig te aanbid, sê die Here."

In besigheid en op skool word dit verwag dat ons op tyd sal wees, want dis die spil waarvan sukses afhang. "Orde is die eerste wet in die Hemel, en in die opsig behoort elke skool 'n model van die hemel te wees."—"Counsels to Teachers," bls. 175. Die Here verwag dat Sy kinders op aarde lesse sal leer om ordelik te wees om hulle voor te berei vir die ewige lewe. "God is geen God van wanorde nie, maar van vrede soos in al die gemeentes van die heiliges." 1 Kor. 14: 33. En in die skool van die kerk "Laat alle dinge in orde geskied."

As diegene wat die Here vrees bymekaar kom en met mekaar spreek, dan luister en hoor die Here en die skrywers in die hemele skryf daarvan op in die Gedenboek.



"ONS weet nie hoe ons moet bid soos dit behoort te wees nie."

"Here leer ons bid."

Sabbatskool Offerandes en Sendingveld Toekennings

A. E. NELSON

Is daar 'n belangrike verband tussen die Sabbatskoolofferandes en die geldvoorsienings vir die sendingveld? Hierdie woorde laat my terugdeins want ek vrees dat diegene wat die plan van ons genootskap ken om ons buitelandse sendingwerk in die hele wêreld met geld te voorsien, oor die vraag verwonderd sal wees. Die Sendingraad maak grotendeels op die Sabbatskoolofferandes staat om die wêreld sendingveld met geld te onderhou.

As die bydrae van al die Sabbatskole in die hele wêreld skielik teruggehou word, sal die Sendingraad £405,235-10-0 minder in die jaar inkry vir onderstand om die Evangelie van die koninkryk na die hele wêreld te neem. Met ander woorde 46½% van hul fondse sal kortskiet. So 'n toestand sal nie welkom wees nie vir die gewichtige boodskap wat aan Sewende-dag Adventiste opgedra is om in die hele wêreld te verkondig.

Die God wat ons die Boodskap vir die wêreld gegee het, sal ons ook instaat stel om die werk te verrig. Die Sabbatskole het die verantwoordelike geneem om die helfte van die nodige fondse op te bring, en hul bydrae was so 'n seën vir die werk. 'n Wêreldwye werk het 'n gelykmatige geldelike onderstand nodig. Daarom hang daar soveel af van die vrygewige en sistmatiese bydrae van die Sabbatskole.

Verder, laat my u indagtig maak dat as die Sabbatskoolofferandes op-hou, sal die sendingwerk wat in Afrika, Inter-Amerika, Sjiena, en die Verre Ooste daarmee ondersteun word, stopgesit word. Met ander woorde, die velde sal nie meer die gereelde toekennings ontvang nie.

Maar laat my in die besonder na die Afrikaanse Diwiesie wys. Hoewel baie dit nie weet nie, tog bly dit waar dat ons vanjaar £1,000 meer as verlede jaar in Sabbatskoolofferandes ontvang het, en as ons ander sendingofferandes nie afneem nie, dan ontvang ons die voordeel van die bykomende offerande vir gebruik in die Diwiesie.

Verlede jaar het die Diwiesie £4,955-1-5 deur die Sabbatskool ingekry en dit is slegs 36% van ons totale sendingsinkomste wat £14,002-7-6 is. Wat kan ons doen om die Sabbatskoolofferandes tot die helfte van ons sendingfonds te bring?

My Indrukke van die Diwiesie Raadsitting

'n Geseënde Vergadering

N. C. WILSON

DIE vergange Diwiesie Raadsitting was ryklik geseën deur die teenwoordigheid van die dierbare Heilige Gees. Ons sal daaraan terugdink as 'n tyd van spesiale seën waar ons krag vir die werk ontvang het.

Wat die grootste indruk op my gemaak het, was nie die veel besigheid wat ons afgehandel het nie, ook nie die sielroerende, inboesemende, en boeiende rapporte uit alle dele van die Diwiesie veld nie: maar wel die gedurige gees van eenheid en broederlike saamwerking in elke verrigting van die Raadsitting en 'n innige verlange van blykbaar elke afgevaardigde om die wil van God vir Sy volk in die ernstige tyd volkome te verstaan en te doen. Almal het ernstig gebid en gesmeek vir seëninge gelykmatig met die behoefte van die tyd. Daar was kosbare oorwinnings behaal, en vele het nuwe en helderder visioene gekry. Lewens het vervul geword met daardie krag wat alles in die werk beteken wat spoedig voleindig word. Waarlik sulke geestelike en geseënde vergaderings voorspel bepaald 'n haastige voleindiging van die werk en die volle en eidelike bereiding van die weg van die Koning.



Buitengewoon

C. W. CURTIS

VELE jare woon ek nou al ons algemene vergaderings by, maar dié Raadsitting op Boelawajo was vir my buitengewoon. Die geestelike belange van die aanwesiges het op die voorgrond gewees; hoewel daar geen skitterende vertonings was nie, was daar tog 'n diepe roering op almal se harte, om tot God te keer en alles aan Hom oor te gee.

Die Bybelstudies wat Eerw. O. Montgomery gegee het was van grote krag in hul sagte roepstem om tot ware godsaligheid op te waak en te hervorm.

In al die besigheidsvergaderings kon die ware Kristelike gees gewaar word. Niemand het na sy persoonlike guns gestreef nie; almal was begerig dat die wil van God sou geskied en het hul eie belange in die agtergrond geplaas.

Daar was baie dinge wat my getoon het dat ons die buie van die "spade reën" al ontvang, wat die oesveld van die aarde sal ryp maak vir die hemelse skure.



Verskillend van Vorige Sittings

W. C. WALSTON

Ek is dankbaar vir die voorreg om die Suidelike Afrikaanse Diwiesie Raadsitting in Boelawajo te kon bywoon. In sekere opsigte het dit verskil van enigeen wat ek tevore bygewoon het. Die vergaderings was nie soseer opwekkingsdienste nie, maar wel hervormingsdienste. Die Here het baie naby gekom en harte het gesmelt, trane het gevloei, belydenisse was gedoen, en nuwe besluite was geneem en daar was so 'n gees van toewyding soos ek nog nooit in my lewe in die Boodskap gesien het nie. Dit het my herinner aan wat die Gees van profesie lank gelede al gesê het: "Dis nou die tyd dat daar 'n deeglike hervorming moet plaasvind. As die hervorming plaasvind, sal 'n gees van gebed elke gelowige aandryf, en die gees van onenigheid en stryd verdryf. Die wat nie in Kristelike gemeenskap geleef het nie, sal nader aan mekaar getrek word. Die een lidmaat sal reg wandel en ander lei om saam met hom te verenig om te smek vir die openbaring van die Heilige Gees. Daar sal geen verwarring wees nie, want almal sal in harmonie met die mening van die Gees wees. Die struikelblokke tussen die gelowiges sal afgebreek word, en die diensknegte van God sal eners spreek. Almal sal verstaan hoe om die gebed te bid wat Kristus Sy diensknegte geleer het: 'Laat U koninkryk kom. Laat U wil geskied soos in die hemel, so ook op die aarde.'"—*"Testimonies," Deel VIII, bls. 251.*

Ek is seker dat almal wat bevoorreg was om die dienste by te woon, 'n nuwe besieling vir hul werk ontvang het, en vasbeslote is om voortaan die oorwinnende lewe te geniet. Die lig wat ons uit die lesse daar geleer het oor "Regvaardigmaking deur Geloof," sal in ons geheue bly, en ek is seker dit sal vrugte voortbring. Dit is makliker om mense hul sonde

te wys as om hulle die redmiddel te gee om van sonde verlos te word, wat so noodsaaklik is om in die ewige koninkryk in te kan kom.

Ek het 'n nuwe insig in my eie ervaring gekry wat die lewe in Kristus is, en in die toekoms sal dit meer as tevore die doelwit in my lewe wees. Dit kan gebeur as Kristus in ons leef en as ons daeliks die eie-ek afsterf. Die Gees van profesie leer, "Elkeen sal 'n heftige stryd hê om sondes in sy eie hart te oorwin. Dit sal somtyds 'n pynlike en ontmoedigende werk wees; omdat as ons die gebreke van ons eie karakter aanskou, dan bly ons daarop kyk in plaas van na Jesus op te sien en ons met die kled van Sy geregtigheid te beklee. Elkeen wat deur die pèlpoorte van die Godstad sal ingaan, sal as 'n oorwinnaar binnegaan, en sy grootste oorwinning sal die oorwinning oor die eie-ek wees."—*"Testimonies," Deel IX, bls. 182, 183.*

Die belofte is vir ons om "naar den rijkdom zijner heerlijkheid met kracht versterkt te worden door zinnen Geest in den inwendigen mensch; opdat Christus door het geloof in uwe harten wone en gij in de liefde gewortel en gegrond zijt; opdat gij ten volle kondet begripen met al de heiligen, welke de breedte, en lengte en diepte en hoogte zij, en bekennen de liefde van Christus, die de kennis te boven gaat, opdat gij vervuld word tot al de volheid Gods." Efe. 3: 16-19.



Wat die Here Gedoen het

W. S. HYATT

DIE Diwiesie Raadsitting was 'n grote besieling. Ek kan nog goed onthou toe ek ons Wêreldkonferensie vergadering bygewoon het toe daar nie meer afgevaardigdes was nie as wat by die Raadsitting was. In die afgelope tydjie het wonderlike dinge plaasgevind. Toe ek in 1898 na Afrika gekom het, was daar net een gedoopte bekeerling in Matabeleland, ons eerste sending onder die heidens. In daardie tyd het die werk stadig gegaan; maar in die afgelope paar jaar het dinge so verander!

In die begin het ons broeders vyf lange jare gearbei voordat daar een siel kon gedoop word, en in die tyd het daar vier van die werkers gesterwe. Dit lyk na 'n kostelike onder-neming, maar ons wis dat God ons

groot dinge belooft het, en in geloof en afwagting het ons gearbei. Gedurende die afgelope twee jaar is daar 6,215 gelowiges gedoop—dus is daar tans 14,995 lidmate en omtrent nog soveel in die doopklasse in die Diwiesie.

Ons leef waarlik in die tyd wanneer die buie van die "spade reën" val en die vrugte kom in oorvloed. Ons dorstige siele was gedurende die Raadsitting oor en oor verkwik terwyl ons na die wonderlike tyding van die heil van God verneem het uit die mond van Sy dienskneg, Eerw. Montgomery. Ek dank die Here dat ek die voorreg gehad het dat ek oor die dertig jaar in die land kon deurbbring, en die wonderlike werking van die Heilige Gees op die harte van beide blanke en inboorlinge sien. Alle eer en heerlijkheid aan Sy Naam.



Enige Besluite Geneem met Raadsitting

Verandering van Naam

IN antwoord op 'n voorstel van die Wêreldkonferensie ten belange van ander diwiesies dat die naam "Afrikaanse Diwiesie" verander word om meer juis die grondgebied te bepaal wat dit insluit, daarom is dit

Besluit. Dat voortaan die naam van die Diwiesie verander word tot "Suidelike Afrikaanse Diwiesie."

'n Woord van Dank

AANGESIEN, Die Hoof van die Gemeente, ja die Bevelhebber van die Here se leërskare, die Goddelike Leier, die Ondersteuner en Trooster van Sy volk die afgelope twee jaar die werk in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Diwiesie met Sy troue en tedere sorg bygestaan en instaat gestel het om nie alleen die huidige werk in die veld te behou nie maar ook om nuwe gedeeltes te begin bearbei het, en

AANGESIEN, Byna al ons werkers deur Sy goedertierenheid nie alleen in krag en gesondheid gespaar is nie, maar ook met genade en wysheid gesien was om die vele laste op hul skouers te kan dra, en

AANGESIEN, Uit elke deel van die groot Diwiesie veld die blye tyding kom van wonderwerke van genade dat oor die sesduisend siele gedurende die twee jaar gedoop was, en sodoende die ledetal met 43% vermeerder het, en daarby nog vele ander duisende uit die duister gebring is na Sy wonderbare lig, wil ons derhalwe,

Besluit. Dat ons almal afsonderlik, en as 'n liggaam van diensknegte van God hiermee ons innigste dank aan Hom betuig vir Sy tedere goedheid op ons en op die veld uitgestort, deur opnuut weer alles in ons vermoë sonder voorbehoud toewy tot die bevordering van die Adventbeweging, en ons ook weer alle kraginspanning belooft om die werk van God spoedig in

die Suidelike Afrikaanse Diwiesie te vol-eindig.

Raadgewings aan Leraars

AANGESIEN, Ons in die tyd leef wanneer duisende siele in die groot kerke afval en afwyk van die fundamentele waarhede van die Evangelie, en vele van hul leraars sagte dinge preek om die mense te behaag en te sus, en 'n idealisme voor te hou in plaas van 'n gekruisigde Heiland, en maatskaplike hervormings in plaas van die Evangeliekrag om die innerlike lewe te verander; en

AANGESIEN, Daar 'n groot behoefte is dat ons leraars die waarhede wat ons 'n besondere volk gemaak het, in die krag van die Heilige Gees duidelik en bepaald verkondig dat ons eie volk goed ingelig en vas gewortel sal wees in die geloof en leerstellingen wat aan die kerk van die oorblyfsel bemaak is, wil ons daarom

Besluit. Dat ons by al ons evangeliste, leraars, en Bybelwerkers aandring en hulle aanmoedig om in die besonder die skerp fundamentele waarhede van die Derdeengelboodskap verkondig in die lig van Golgota en die nabye einde, en dat ons die neiging van die populêre predikasies van ons tyd probeer vermy. Ons moet die Woord in alle eenvoud aan 'n sterwende wêreld verkondig wat binnekort voor die regterstoel van God sal staan.

Besluit van Simpatiebetuiging

Sedert ons Raadsitting twee jaar gelede, is vyf van ons medewerkers deur die dood weggeruk, Broeders G. W. Webb, P. Smailes, F. C. Ernst, George Mashwa, en M. D. Kalaka. Ons wens ons innige simpatie aan die weduwees en bloedverwante van die oorledenes te betuig; daarby wil ons hulle ook troos en bemoedig in die salige hoop dat hul geliefdes met die verskyning van Jesus mag deel hê in die opstanding van die regverdiges.

Intekenare op die Review and Herald

AANGESIEN, Die Raadsitting die geleentheid neem om aan ons mense die belangrike dinge in die geestelike lewe van die afsonderlike lede van die kerk, asook algemene planne vir die uitbreiding van ons werk voorhou, wil ons weer die nadruk lê op die feit dat die *Review and Herald* allernoodsaaklik vir al ons gelowiges is, en dat al ons mense aangemoedig word om daarop in te teken.

Planne en Werk van S. V. in die Unie Opleidingskole

AANGESIEN, Ons afhanklik is van ons Opleidingskole om ons onderwyser-evangeliste en ander werkers voor te berei op wie die verantwoordelikheid gaan rus om voor te gaan in alle sendingbedrywighede in ons inboorling gemeentes, en

AANGESIEN, Die departement van Sendingvrywilligers die las van alle sendingbedrywighede in die sendingvelde dra, daarom wil ons

Besluit. Dat al ons Inboorling opleidingskole 'n bepaalde onderrig gee in planne en werk van Sendingvrywilligers met hul opleidingskursusse.

Heilwense aan die Goewerneur en Eerste Minister

Besluit. Dat namens die Sesde Tweejaarlikse sitting van die Algemene Konferensie van Sewende-dag Adventiste (Afrikaanse Diwiesie), die sekretaris ons groete

en heilwense stuur aan Sy Eksellensie Sir Cecil Hunter Rodwell, K. C. M. G., Gouwerneur van Suid-Rhodesië, en aan die edelagbare die Eerste Minister H. U. Mof-fat, en ons waardering uitspreek vir die godsdienstryheid wat ons in die kolonie onder die huidige regering geniet, en ook vir vrygewige onderstand wat die regering aan ons genootskap vir opvoedkundige werk toegeken het.

Die Sabbatskool om Siele te Red

AANGESIEN, Die Sabbatskool as dit reg bestuur word, die doeltreffendste middel van die kerk is om siele te win, en

AANGESIEN, Die deel van die Sabbatskool dikwels nagelaat en uit die oog verloor word deur die formele roetiene van die Sabbatskool program, daarom wil ons

Aanbeveel, Dat hierdie hoogste doelwit, om siele na Kristus te bring, gedurig voor ons Sabbatskoolwerkers gehou word,

(a) Deur elke onderwyser aan te moedig om persoonlik belang te stel in die saligheid van elke siel in sy klas, en

(b) Deur sorgvuldig te beraam vir toewydingsdienste in die Sabbatskool en in die tyd bepaalde oproepe te maak om vir Kristus uit te staan en nader gebring en gedoop te word.

Kiesing van Onderwysers van Sabbatskool

OMDAT, Ons glo dat dit van groot belang is om noukeurig te wees in die kiesing van onderwysers dat die Sabbatskool kan dien om siele te red, en dat 'n onbekwame en onbevoegde onderwyser die skool baie kan terughou, daarom wil ons

Aanbeveel, Dat die leiers van die gemeentes en die direkteure van die stasies hul sorgvuldige aandag sal gee om die superintendente van die Sabbatskole by te staan en raad te gee om onderwysers vir die klasse te kies, en sorgvuldig eers die geestelikeheid van die persoon te oorweeg, en daarna sy bekwaamheid om te onder- rig, en sy opvoedkundige kwalifikasies.

Sabbatskool-lesse in Boekvorm

AANGESIEN, Vele van ons inboorling ge- lowiges verlang om die Sabbatskool-lesse in 'n meer blywende vorm van 'n boek te hê, en daar ons glo dat die boekies 'n groot hulp sal wees dat die inboorlinge die lesse meer algemeen kan gebruik en dus die les elke dag studeer, daarom wil ons

Aanbeveel, Dat die Sabbatskool-lesse vir 'n hele jaar so spoedig moontlik berei en in 'n boek gebind en dan so in die Sab- batskole gebruik word.

Pamflette vir Sabbatskool-Onderwysers

DAAR, Dit belangrik is dat die onder- wyser suksesvol sal wees om die les te neem, en dat die onderwyser die lesse volg wat met soveel sorg en koste voorberei is deur persone wat veel bekwamer as die onderwysers is om sulke lesse voor te berei, daarom wil ons

Aanbeveel, Dat alle onderwysers in die Sabbatskool die pamflette vir die lesse kry om hulle te help en te lei in hul onderrig.

Lesse vir Kinderklasse

Ons glo dat die lesse wat tans in ons inboorlinge Sabbatskole geleer word nie eenvoudig genoeg is om aan die behoefte van die kinders te voordien nie, en dus ver-

loor die werk van God vele siele. Ons glo dat daar 'n dringende behoefte is aan hulp in die rigting, daarom wil ons

Aanbeveel, Dat die Diwiesie Komitee sorgvuldig oorweeg om eenvoudiger lesse vir die kinderklasse van inboorling Sab- batskole op te stel asook hulpe by die lesse vir die onderwysers van die klasse.

Departement van Godsdienstryheid

DAAR, Die Here ons geleer het dat die tyd naby is wanneer 'n valse Sabbat deur wetgewing op ons sal afgedruk word, en die stryd sal wees tussen die gebode van God en die gebode van die mense, en

AANGESIEN, Ons gesê is dat dit ons plig is as ons die tekens van die naderende ge- vaar sien dat ons moet opwaak en alles in ons vermoë doen om die dreigende ge- vaar af te keer, en

DAAR, Die voorgestelde almanak-veran- dering ons volk tans 'n uitstekende kans gee om die beginsels van Godsdienstryheid voor die mense te bring terwyl die rege- rings voorstel om stappe te neem en vry- heid van gewete in te kort, en

AANGESIEN, Die Departement van Gods- dienstryheid van die Wêreldkonferensie ge- organiseer is om ons gemeentelede te leer watter grote gevolge daar kan kom deur Sondagswetgewing, en om vooroordeel te verwyder deur die grote beginsels van godsdienstryheid in die regte lig voor die publiek te bring, daarom wil ons

Aanbeveel, Dat die Diwiesie komitee beraam om binnekort 'n Godsdienstryheid Vereniging in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Di- wiesie te organiseer.

Die Signs in Afrikaans

N. C. WILSON

Die Komitee het vergange besluit om die maandelikse blad, *Signs of the Times* in Afrikaans uit te gee. Die eerste uitgawe van die *Tekens van die Tye* sal op 1 Januarie 1932 verskyn.

Die stap is geneem in antwoord op die vele ernstige versoeke uit alle dele van die Unie vir 'n evangeliese blad in Afrikaans. Ons vertrou dat dit aan 'n ware en dringende behoefte sal voorsien. Terwyl ons aan dui- sende Afrikaans - sprekende mense dink wat oor die platteland versprei is, vra ons onself af hoe hulle die boodskap van God vir ons tyd te hore kan kom. Ons glo dat die Afrikaanse blad veel daartoe bydra om aan die behoefte te voorsien.

Ons vra al ons lede deur die hele Unie om die evangelieblad sterk by te staan; dis 'n groot behoefte vir die Afrikaanse bevolking. Hierdie nuwe onderneming moet slaag. U sal dit met woord en daad onder- steun. Ons het die volle vertroue dat die Afrikaanse blad 'n krag en seën vir die werk van die Here in Suid-Afrika sal bring.

Eerw. en Mevr. Howard Vertrek

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EERW. EN MEVR. E. M. HOWARD het op 30 Junie per stoomboot na Amerika vertrek. Eerw. Howard het vir vele jare ernstig en toegewyd in die werk in Afrika gearbei. Op versoek van Eerw. Howard het die ver- antwoordelike komitees hom tydelik afgestaan van die werk in die Suid- Afrikaanse Unie om 'n paar jaar aan die Washington Sendingkollege te kan studeer.

Ons wens Eerw. en Mevr. Howard die seën van die Here toe en sukses gedurende hul verblyf in Amerika. Mag die God van vrede hulle al die verlange en doel in hul harte skenk.

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“ONS bou op Kristus deur Sy Woord te gehoorsaam. Dis nie maar net diegene wat geregtigheid geniet wat regverdig is nie, maar die wat geregtigheid doen. Heiligheid is nie ekstase nie; dit kom deur alles aan God oor te gee; dit is om die wil van die hemelse Vader te doen.”—*“Mount of Blessing,”* bls. 214.

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Doodsberig

KRITZINGER.—Heengegaan op Woensdag- aand omtrent 10 uur, 1 Julie 1931, Mat- thys Johannes Lourens Kritzinger, na 'n korte siekbed van nege dae, op sy plaas in Langkloof, in die ouderdom van 78 jaar en een maand.

Broeder Kritzinger was die vader van tien kinders— sewe seuns en drie dogters —waarvan nege nog leef. Vader Kritzinger was een van die 66 mense wat die Sab- bat aangeneem het 28 jaar gelede, 13 jaar voordat hulle van die Sewende-dag Ad- ventiste ooit gehoor het: en tot die volle lig gebring was deur Brs. B. P. de Beer en D. F. Tarr 15 jaar gelede. Vir die laaste 28 jaar het Broeder Kritzinger nooit een diens gemis nie. Die dienste was mees- al in sy huis gehou, en sy plek was nooit leeg tot op die Sabbat voor sy dood. Ons broeder was 'n vriend van beide mens en dier. Sy teenwoordigheid sal gemis word deur sy kinders, kleinkinders, vriende en diensbodes.

Op spesiale versoek het ek en my eg- genote per motor van Mosselbaai oorge- kom om die lyksrede te hou. Woorde van troos was deur skrywer gespreek by die sterfhuis, in teenwoordigheid van 'n grote skaar van mense, wat 'n bewys was van die respek waarin die ou vader en famielie gehou is. Alhoewel ons treurig en bedroef is, treur ons nogtans nie soos diegene wat geen hoop het nie, want ons broeder is in die Here gesterwe, en weldra sal die tyd aanbreek wanneer hy met diegene wat in Jesus ontslape is, sal opstaan, om met al die verlose in die koninkryk in te gaan. Ons is seker dat Gods kinders oral met die bedroefde famielie deel in hul verlies.

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S. E. A. Union Mission News Notes

Dr. E. G. Marcus and family are now settled at Malamulo.

Elder Webster spent some time in the Cinyama mission section strengthening the work there.

Ce Yolam Kamwendo of Malamulo mission spent a week visiting the Jeanes Centre at Zomba.

Brother Davy and family have just returned from furlough, stopping over at the Division Council, enroute to Nyasaland. We heartily welcome these labourers back again.

We are glad to report that the Week of Sacrifice offering this year is a good one. Some sections have not been heard from as yet. However, others have exceeded their goals very well.

Word has been received that Elder Pearson and family, who are at present on furlough, are unfortunately having much illness, and will not be able to return as soon as they had hoped.

Miss Ingle, who has been carrying on the medical work at Malamulo in the absence of a doctor, has left on a much needed and well earned holiday. She plans to spend part, at least, of her furlough visiting friends and relatives in South Africa.

Ce Joseph Malinki, who is to take up work in the Central African Union, was among those present at the Council. He departed from Bulawayo for his new field of labour. We trust that he will be abundantly used of God in the salvation of those in the field to which he is going.

We were deeply grieved to learn that Ce Yonah Mbebuwa, who recently went to Luwazi mission as a teacher has passed away. This is a serious blow to the work in the North Nyasa Mission Field, where workers are few. Ce Damiston of Luwazi mission has lost his son. We are sad, and tender our sympathies to the parents and relatives.

A large number of our workers have been away from Nyasaland during the month. Those from Nyasaland who attended the Council are: Elder and Mrs. Giddings, Elder and Mrs. Webster, Mr. Cadwallader, Dr. Marcus, Elder Nash, Mr. Bulgin, Miss Ingle, Pastor James Malinki, Ce Yolam Kamwendo, and Ce Edward Martin.

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13th Sabbath Exercise at Uitenhage

P. ST. CLAIR MARKS

SABBATH, the 27th June last, was a special day for the little Sabbath school of Uitenhage. For it was the day set apart for the Thirteenth Sabbath. Throughout the quarter, our hearts were stirred as Sabbath after Sabbath we listened to the needs of the vast Indian field, with its teeming millions and now the opportunity had come to us, together with other Sabbath schools around the world wide field, to place our gifts into the treasury, and there to be used for the salvation of India.

We rejoiced when the superintendent announced that the school had reached its financial goal for the fourth successive quarter, and that thereby they retained the conference mission pendant which was placed in the school fifty-two Sabbaths ago.

We then rose to sing "God shall be the first in everything." The Ten Commandments were repeated in unison, followed by the kindergarten and primary classes repeating the twelve memory verses for the quarter. It did us good to listen to little children, three years of age, repeat these memory verses. Appropriate recitations and songs were rendered.

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Wanted

EMPLOYMENT for coloured man and his wife (Adventists). Highly recommended. For full particulars, apply to: Mrs. Lindup, 180 Longmarket Street, Maritzburg, Natal.

Appeal for Help

ON May 28 the girls' hostel at the Spion Kop Missionary Institution burnt. The school sustained a real loss in building and equipment destroyed by the fire, and the students also lost blankets and clothing, some of which have not been replaced.

The school would greatly appreciate it if anyone would donate the following:

Hand sewing-machine.
Blankets.
Sheets.
Pillow-cases.

The blankets are very much needed, for the students were not able to replace their loss, and the sewing class is greatly handicapped for lack of a machine.

All parcels would be gratefully received and should be addressed to, Spion Kop Missionary Institution, Ladysmith, Natal.

Obituary

GLOVER.—Bertha Susannah, Glover, aged 48 years, fell asleep in Jesus at the Kimberley Hospital, in the early hours of Tuesday, July 7, 1931.

Our sister accepted Present Truth and was baptised in Port Elizabeth about twenty-five years ago. Sister Glover has been a devoted member of the Kimberley church for a number of years and attended the services on the last Sabbath of her life. Although she did not take a very prominent part in the activities of the church, she was, nevertheless, ever true to the Message, and her life was most exemplary.

Deceased greatly endeared herself to her fellow-members, and to all with whom she came in contact by her kind, quiet, lovable disposition. Our deceased sister's illness was very brief, just a matter of hours, during which time she was unconscious, and she passed away without being able to express a last wish or recognise the presence of loved ones near.

She was laid to rest beside the remains of her late husband, who went to sleep seven years ago, where she sleeps to await the touch of the Life-giver, whom she loved and served so faithfully.

Four sisters, one brother, a son, a daughter, and a daughter-in-law are left to mourn their loss, and to these sorrowing ones we extend our sincerest sympathy, reminding them and ourselves that we do not sorrow as those that are without hope, for we believe that we shall meet our beloved sister again on the glad resurrection morning.

Services were held, and words of comfort spoken at the home of deceased's son and at the graveside by the writer.

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