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## Natal-Transvaal and Cape Conference Sessions

J. F. WRIGHT

It has been the good pleasure of the writer to attend both the Natal-Transvaal and the Cape Conference sessions which convened during the month of January. Truly, both these meetings were deeply spiritual and very uplifting. And now I am glad to join the other brethren in passing on just a word concerning these meetings to the readers of the *OUTLOOK*.

The Natal-Transvaal meeting was beyond our fondest expectations as regards attendance. Of course the officers had done all within their power to advertise the meetings, and thus urge as many of our people as possible to attend. Naturally the depression being on, it was a great question in the minds of many of us as to just how many would be able to respond to the invitations sent out. However, we are glad that it was possible for us to meet and greet such a large number of the believers in the conference at the time of this annual convocation. Over the week-ends the attendance ran about 500, and during the week, at both the day

meetings and the evening services, the average attendance ranged from 200 to 250. One feature of this meeting which was most noticeable was the fact that our people were regular in attendance and on time at each service. This helped to make every meeting a blessed and spiritual occasion.

Our hearts were greatly cheered by the reports rendered by the officers as well as the departmental secretaries of the conference. Truly God has been good to our people in the Natal-Transvaal field and, even in the face of the depression, the finances have kept up well, and the biennial period just closed has been one wonderfully blessed of the Lord in soul-winning.

The Bible studies and devotional hours, both for the youth and adults, were of such a nature as to help our people to a deeper experience in the things of God as well as aid in securing greater victories day by day. Never has the writer joined the workers of the conference in a spirit-

ual uplift for our people when the same was more deeply appreciated than seemed to be the case this time. We believe that those in attendance at this conference session returned to their homes with renewed faith and courage in the message, and a determination to press the battle on as never before.

Practically the same officers were elected for the ensuing term as served in the conference during the past term. We pray God to abundantly bless Brother Hyatt and his co-workers as they press onward in building up the work in the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

The Cape Conference session convened on the Sentinel Publishing Company's grounds. The large evangelistic tabernacle was erected, and about fifty tents were pitched, so that the brethren and sisters were able to enjoy somewhat of an old-time camp-meeting. During the first few days of the meeting the weather was very inclement. However, in answer to prayer, the Lord gave good



Delegates and others attending the Natal-Transvaal Conference, Johannesburg, January 1-9, 1932.

weather during the major portion of the meeting. From the very beginning to the close of the conference session, a splendid spirit of co-operation and earnestness prevailed, and we believe that, as a result of the Bible studies given, the brethren and sisters were helped equally as much as was the case during the Natal-Transvaal Conference session.

The attendance over the week-ends ranged about 600 and during the week about 150 to 200 daily. The business of the conference session passed off with dispatch, and the present officers were appointed for the ensuing term. Brother L. L. Moffitt has the confidence of both the workers and laymen of this field, and the brethren are pleased to have him serve for another term.

The devotional hour studies, as well as the Bible studies, were along the lines of a more godly life and a deeper experience in the things of the Lord. Many victories were gained, and we feel confident that all who were able to attend these meetings were greatly strengthened in their Christian experience, and returned to their homes with renewed vigour and determination to press onward and upward until the work is finished. It certainly was a pleasure for the writer to join with the Division, Union and local workers in attendance in making the meeting a great blessing.

Among those in attendance at the meeting we would mention the names of Elders D. F. Tarr, W. S. Hyatt and Peter Wessels. Their pictures appear elsewhere in this issue. Elder D. F. Tarr was the first among the English-speaking people of South Africa to accept the message. He was also our first ordained minister among the English colonials. Elder Peter Wessels was the first Sabbath-keeper, as well as the first ordained minister among our Dutch people. Elder W. S. Hyatt was the first president of the South African Union Conference upon its organisation. It was truly good to have these veterans in service with us at the time of this meeting.

As we look to the future, we believe that the work of the aforementioned conferences will continue to enjoy much of the favour and blessing of the Lord. Strong plans have been laid along the lines of evangelism and a more careful shepherding of the flock. May God bless the recommendations and plans laid

at both these conference sessions to the end that the work may be quickly finished among the European people in the Union of South Africa.

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## Missionary Volunteer Meetings and Conventions

E. D. HANSON

AT the Natal-Transvaal camp-meeting this year there was a maximum attendance of over ninety senior young people and thirty Juniors. Each day three meetings were conducted for the young people and two for the Juniors. One of these meetings was a convention at which various topics were introduced and discussed by the young people. Some of the topics discussed were, "Amusements," "Employment for Sabbath Keepers," and "Sabbath Keeping."

The morning meetings were definitely devotional in character, whereas the afternoon meetings were more of an instructional type. One evidence of the interest shown by the young people was the number of questions placed in the question box. These opened the way for profitable discussions on subjects of special interest to the young people.

The young people expressed themselves as being greatly encouraged and as being determined to return to

their homes and let their light shine out to others.

At the Cape Conference camp-meeting we had a maximum attendance of eighty-five Juniors and seventy-five senior young people. This was the largest attendance of young people in the history of the Cape Conference camp-meetings.

There was an excellent spirit manifested throughout the meetings. Near the close of the camp-meeting several young people were baptised and a number of others decided to "Try Again," in the words of one of the morning devotional topics.

The young people greatly enjoyed the convention hour where many questions were discussed. This convention and the one held in Johannesburg were the first to be held in Africa.

The Juniors were divided into bands under the leadership of captains. They took an active part in keeping the camp-grounds clean and neat, and in keeping the tent ropes tight. They greatly enjoyed the meetings that were especially prepared for them. On Friday an investiture service was held when two people received their "Friend" pins and one Junior received his "Companion" pin. This was the first "Companion" pin to be conferred upon a Junior in the South African Union Conference.

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# Natal-Transvaal Conference Session

## Synopsis of President's Report

*Read at the Twenty-third Session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference*

W. LEROY HYATT

THROUGH the blessing of God we find ourselves once more assembled at a biennial conference session, and it is with profound pleasure that we open this twenty-third session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference. We extend a most hearty welcome to you one and all, and as we open this conference it is with an earnest prayer that the same spirit of harmony and co-operation which has been manifested through our entire field may pervade the councils of this session.

We do not need to have the im-

portance of this gathering set before you. The march of events that fill the world with unspeakable fear and dread, the intense pressure in every land, because of the world-wide financial collapse, the opening doors in every city, town and village, where every opportunity of preaching the third angel's message is being offered to our workers,—all these things lead us to appreciate the importance of the present hour, and emphasise the solemnity and responsibility resting upon this conference. Never before have such problems confronted us; never before have conditions so compelled the attention of thinking men and women, to search for the meaning of current events; never before have the open doors made such demands upon us.

**A Stronger Evangelism**

We are confident that our delegates have been greatly cheered, as they have heard from time to time of the excellent results which have attended our public evangelistic work.

God has abundantly blessed the faithful efforts of our evangelists and their associates in direct soul-saving evangelism. Our public efforts have been very fruitful, and we are thus encouraged to press this line of work as never before.

The total baptisms for the three years 1926-1928 numbered 234, whereas the total baptisms for the three years, 1929-1931 amounted to 442, showing an increase of 208 over the previous three year period. However, the unentered towns of our territory constitute a great challenge to this conference; souls are perishing without a knowledge of this message. What will be our response to the clarion invitation that is sounding on every side?

It has frequently been recommended that all conference workers should engage in a public effort once each year. Therefore, plans were laid for the writer to conduct an effort in Pretoria. We greatly enjoyed privilege and as a result, forty-two precious souls have already been baptised, and many others are interested. This effort was entirely self-supporting.

It is our firm conviction that the time has fully arrived, for a stronger evangelism. We must plan for more evangelistic efforts, and we must study to make these efforts more successful in the winning of souls. We must endeavour to arrange our work so that every conference worker can engage in these public efforts. Time is hastening on, soon probation will close, we must sound aloud the third angel's message, until every city, town, village and hamlet in our conference, will have heard the message of the soon coming Saviour.

**Membership**

At our last biennial conference our membership was 902, we then adopted as a membership goal 1,000. We are very happy to report that the membership now stands at 1,124. We believe that under the guidance of our heavenly Father, we should aim at a much higher figure as our membership goal to be reached during the next biennial period.

**Departmental Reports**

Each departmental secretary will render a full report. These depart-

ment shave shown a splendid development during the past two years, and a growth in each department will be clearly noted as the reports are read.

**Finances**

The financial distress which has swept over the world during the past two years, causing "Distress of nations with perplexity; . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth," has entered into the ranks of this movement in all parts of the world, and our conference has not been an exception. The financial strain of our conference work has caused the officers much anxiety and perplexity, oftentimes, we have not known what to do.

The tithe for the past four years is as follows:

1918 - 1929	1930 - 1931
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£10,924-6-8	£11,501-10-8

During the past three years the conference operating figures show a gain of £6. This indicates a very narrow margin, but in view of the financial crisis in the world, we are thankful that these figures show a small gain.

**Evangelistic Pledge Fund**

That which has made it possible for the conference to press forward its evangelistic programme so strongly during the past two years, has been the development of the Evangelistic Pledge Fund. Our churches throughout the conference have loyally contributed to this fund. The money thus raised has been used exclusively for evangelistic purposes, not a penny has been used in the regular operation of the conference. These funds have made it possible for us to employ temporarily, special help for effort, and to conduct more efforts. We have greatly appreciated the spirit of evangelism thus manifested by our loyal members. In some instances large sums of money have been donated for efforts to be conducted in specific towns. This all goes to show that a real burden for the salvation of the lost is resting upon the hearts of the people. This is a golden opportunity to invest our money in the saving of souls, through these evangelistic campaigns. Soon money will be worthless; today it can be used in bringing precious souls into the truth. The Evangelistic Pledge Fund for the past two years amounted to:

1930	1931	TOTAL FOR 2 YEARS
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£344-1-0	£332-9-1	£676-10-1

We may express our sincere appreciation to our people who have donated so loyally to our evangelistic work. We trust that they will continue this support, so that a large number of efforts may be conducted in the future.

**Mission Offerings**

The interest of our people in foreign mission work has been clearly demonstrated during the past year. Even though their income has been greatly increased, yet, our mission offerings show a healthy condition. The following figures will be of interest:

1928 - 1929	1930 - 1931
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£7,212-13-6	£7,327-14-4

**The Future**

As the portal swings open, we gaze into the next biennial period. The interrogation marks along the horizon are brightened by the blessed hope of the soon coming of our Lord and Master; as the promises are sure and certain, they have never failed and never will fail, we can grasp His hand fearlessly, as we step forth into the untried paths of the future. The Christian pathway shines brighter and brighter as we near the perfect day. However, darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness covers the people. We are rapidly approaching the time of trouble such as never has been, and we have been instructed that the work which we failed to do in times of peace and prosperity will have to be done in the midst of trouble and perplexity, when it will be far harder to work than we can possibly imagine. Therefore, stronger plans must be laid in every department of our conference work, that we may press forward as a united solid unit, gaining victories and reaching higher heights. In our evangelistic programme in the past, we have been strengthening the weak links in our chain, transferring weak, struggling churches into strong united bodies. A few other such weak links must be strengthened by public efforts being conducted in their midst, then the conference must face the great problem entering into, and evangelising the unentered towns in this territory.

Our conference funds will not per-

mit the employment of additional workers, indeed, the conference will be very fortunate, if it does not have to lay off some workers. Therefore, the only way that we can enter new territory is by drawing our workers away from the old fashioned churches where we have been labouring for years, and allowing them to go into the unentered sections of our conference. This is by no means a new plan in God's work, for the Lord has given us very definite instruction along this line. However, we can only cite a few quotations this morning:

"Look, I beg of you, at the many, many places that have never been entered. Look at our workers treading over and over the same ground, while around them is a neglected world, lying in wickedness and corruption—a world as yet unwarned." *Vol. 7. p. 104.* "Our ministers are not to spend their time labouring for those who have already accepted the truth. With Christ's love burning in their hearts, they are to go forth to win sinners to the Saviour. Beside all waters they are to sow the seeds of truth. Place after place is to be visited; church after church is to be raised up. Those who take their stand for the truth are to be organised into churches, and then the minister is to pass on to other equally important fields."—*Id., pp. 19, 20.*

"God has not given His ministers the work of setting the churches right. No sooner is this work done, apparently, than it has to be done over again. Church members that are thus looked after and laboured for become religious weaklings. If nine-tenths of the effort for those who know the truth had been put forth for those who had never heard the truth, how much greater would have been the advancement made! God has withheld His blessings because His people have not worked in harmony with His instruction.

"It weakens those who know the truth, for our ministers to expend on them the time and talent that should be given to the unconverted. In many of our churches in the cities the minister preaches Sabbath after Sabbath, and Sabbath after Sabbath the church members come to the house of God, with no words to tell of blessings received, because of blessings imparted. . . .

"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."—*Id., pp. 18, 19.*

"Open new fields, is the word from the Lord. . . . Our God has not called young men to labour among the churches."—*Vol. 6, p. 415.*

#### Conclusion

The biennial period is now in the past. The conference officers, the executive committee, and the departmental secretaries, have endeavoured to press forward the cause of God as strongly and as rapidly as possible in our conference. We praise God for the success which has attended His work. However, we are now happy that we can place the burden of the conference upon the delegates assembled at this twenty-third session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference, praying that God will give wisdom in planning for the future, that His work may go forward conquering and to conquer.



### Special Blessings in Johannesburg

N. C. WILSON

THE Natal-Transvaal camp-meeting held at Johannesburg, January 1-9, was a wonderful occasion and one which will long linger in our memory as a season of special blessing and victory. Despite the difficult financial times through which we are passing the attendance was larger and more constant than two years ago. The Spirit of God was present during the entire session and the windows of heaven were opened to us in showers of rich blessings. A spirit of deep earnestness and heart searching characterised the meeting. Each day the windows of heaven seemed to open wider and still wider and it was with deep regret that we came to the closing day and the time to go to our homes. It was a great privilege and inspiration to meet with the brethren and sisters assembled and to witness their desire and willingness to know and follow the programme of God for His people in this time of difficulty and uncertainty.

The young people's and children's needs and interests were well cared for and many definite victories were recorded. The work went forward quietly and steadily. A wonderfully deep and precious experience was en-

tered into by our young people which we pray may be maintained and strengthened during coming days and months.

The testimony of all was that the recent camp-meeting was the best in many respects that has ever been held in the Natal-Transvaal Conference. Sinners were led to the foot of the Cross, backsliders were reclaimed, the cold and indifferent received renewed courage and strength, the saints of God were inspired and blessed and a shout of victory and triumph in Christ went up from the camp of Israel. Truly it was good to be there, and may the Spirit of God, which inspired this convocation of God's people take possession of the entire membership of the conference and lead on to final and full victory.



### Report of the Publishing Department

S. J. FOURIE

THE house to house method of preaching the gospel did not cease with the days of the apostles, when the example of Christ in this respect was so faithfully followed and so signally blessed. This same plan was followed during the days of the Reformation in the sixteenth century, also during the days of the Waldenses. The greatest privilege experienced by the Christian is that of having a part in the spreading of the gospel message. Thousands are ready for the acceptance of the last message, and with our truth-filled literature, we have a wonderful opportunity to do a great work in extending the kingdom of God. There is no work so effective as the personal work made possible by the literature ministry. How quickly the work will be finished, when God's people are prepared to faithfully act their part.

We are indeed grateful to God for the privilege of reporting to the delegates assembled here relative to the seed that has been sown during the last biennial period. In making comparisons, we first of all want to give praise to God for His guiding hand and His overruling power. God's work has surmounted and defeated the depression as this comparative triennial report of book sales will reveal:

1926 - 1928 .....	£17,235	12	10
1929 - 1931 .....	20,927	2	6
Gain for 3 years	£3,691	9	8

The last biennial period shows a gain over the previous period of £888-14-10. When we stop to think of the serious financial crisis existing in the commercial world, this is nothing short of a miracle of God.

During the past biennial period we had an average of seven regular colporteurs working in our field. Besides the regulars we accommodated twenty-two students from Helderberg College, eight in 1930 of whom four returned to college with full scholarships, and two special students who also earned scholarships, but did not return to college. Out of the fourteen that came to our field during 1931 vacation, two already have orders to the value of over £200, four to the value of over £125, the others have around £100 worth of orders. The prospects are good for as many scholarships as last year.

We want to assure our faithful colporteurs, that their loyal efforts together with those of our faithful church members have been highly appreciated. However, brethren and sisters, the coming biennial period faces us with far greater responsibilities than the one which has just closed, and we want to make a personal appeal to each individual here, to give more time to this method of house to house ministry, as we enter afresh upon our allotted duty, to preach the gospel to every nation.

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## Conference Notes

The following officers were elected for the next biennial period:

- President*, W. Leroy Hyatt.  
*Secretary-Treasurer*, P. W. Willmore.  
*Secretary-Treasurer of Depository*, P. W. Willmore.  
*Sabbath School Secretary*, W. Cowper.  
*Home Missionary Secretary*, W. Leroy Hyatt.  
*Missionary Volunteer Secretary*, W. Cowper.  
*Field Missionary Secretary*, S. J. Fourie.  
*Educational Secretary*, Union Educational Secretary.  
*Medical Secretary*, Dr. John Blaine.  
*Executive Committee*: W. Leroy

Hyatt, *Chairman*, P. W. Willmore, *Secretary*, F. G. Clifford, P. A. Venter, J. H. Raubenheimer, Dr. H. G. Hankins, S. J. Fourie, J. Cadle, J. J. Millard.

### Sabbath School Department

The soul-winning feature of the Sabbath school has been kept in the fore-front, and the Lord has blessed in a wonderful way. Consecration services have been held regularly from time to time. These services have brought up-lift and spiritual blessings to the members.

The present Sabbath school membership is 1,114, an increase of sixty members over 1930, and a total net increase of 95 members for the biennial period.

During the year 1930, 882 members received honour cards, while 116 book-marks were distributed. In 1931, 1,088 honour cards and 109 book-marks were awarded. This makes a total of 1,970 honour cards and 225 book-marks for the biennial period.

### Partial Report of Committee on Plans and Resolutions

WHEREAS, The Lord has graciously blessed us during the past biennial period, and has again permitted so many of us to gather in conference assembled, and,

WHEREAS, The lives of our workers have been miraculously preserved from danger seen and unseen, and furthermore He has blessed the efforts of His servants in the preaching of the message, resulting in the large numbers of precious souls that have been won for the truth, therefore,

We wish herewith to record our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our heavenly Father for His manifold blessings, and rededicate ourselves anew to the finishing of the work in this generation.

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.

WHEREAS, The fund which is generally known throughout the conference as the Evangelistic Pledge Fund which was started in April of 1930, has proved to be such a financial strength to the conference in evangelistic endeavours during times of severe financial stringency, and has enabled the committee to carry on an unabated,

more extensive, soul-winning programme resulting in the salvation of hundreds to the message of the hour, and

WHEREAS, The future is as promising as it ever has been for the advancement of the message and soul-winning endeavours,

*Resolved*, That we as a conference hereby pledge ourselves anew for the whole-hearted support of the Evangelistic Pledge Fund during the coming biennial period.

WHEREAS, We recognise the *Signs of the Times*, both English and Afrikaans, to be one of our most effectual mediums for the promulgation of the third angel's message in the Natal-Transvaal Conference, 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:

(a) By encouraging our churches to increase their present club subscriptions.

(b) By urging workers and lay-members to set definite individual goals in taking subscriptions from those not of our faith.

(c) 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 practicable 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.)

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## Missionary Volunteer Report

BEATRICE IVES

WE are glad to render a report of the Missionary Volunteer Department of our conference. At the outset we wish to express our gratitude to all those who have so kindly rendered assistance, and for the work which has been accomplished.

In these days when our people are faced with alluring attractions of all kinds, and when sin abounds on every hand, our young people need to keep in close touch with God, therefore we endeavour to stress the importance of the daily use of the Morning Watch calendar, and we are very happy to report that an average of 123 Missionary Volunteers reported daily Morning Watch observance during the past year.

Good books are essential to the young people of today, and above all we encourage our young people to

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# Cape Conference Session

## Synopsis of the President's Address

L. L. MOFFITT

*To the Delegates Assembled in the Thirty-third and Second Biennial Session of the Cape Conference of S. D. A.*

### GREETINGS:

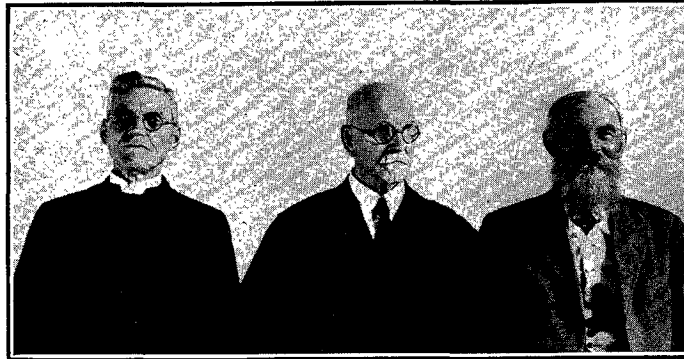
It is indeed a pleasure to welcome so many of our constituency to this first meeting of our 1932 conference session. We are glad to see delegates from so many sections of the field, and we confidently believe that as we unitedly seek the Lord for wisdom to plan our growing work in these times of difficulty and depression, that heavenly guidance will be given.

While we have felt the pinch of the financial stringency to some extent, yet, it is evident that South Africa has much for which to be thankful in comparison with other parts of the world. In North America the situation has become so serious that the Mission Board has had to cut its appropriations 12 per cent. The Southern African Division has been compelled to institute rigid economies, wages have been cut 5 per cent last year, and 10 per cent this, or 15 per cent during the past two years.

In the Cape Conference we did not feel the influence of the depression to a great extent until 1931. Our tithe for 1931 has fallen short £528 as compared with last year, and mission offerings have dropped £332. In spite of it all, however, we have been able to put on during 1931 the most aggressive evangelistic campaign in years, and the Lord has blessed the work that has been done and the funds that have come in, so that the conference has been able to operate the past year with a gain of £80. However, considering the whole biennial period, our tithe shows a gain over the previous biennial period of £696, and our gain in mission offerings for the biennial period is £355, while our total operating gain for the bi-ennial period is £695.

### Evangelistic Efforts

During the past biennial period we have held twelve evangelistic efforts, six in the European Department and six in the Coloured, besides special meetings in our churches for the public. During the previous biennial period, six efforts were held,—three in the European and three in the Coloured Department, or a gain for the present period of six. This does not include the Helderberg College efforts each year in which the conference has a most sympathetic interest. During 1931, efforts were held in the following places: Claremont, Stellenbosch, East London, Mossel Bay, Packeltdorp, Blanco, Stellenbosch (Coloured), and Diep River.



Three pioneers of the Advent Message in Africa, Elders D. F. Tarr, W. S. Hyatt, and Peter Wessels, who were present at the Cape Conference session.

It will be recalled that at our last constituency meeting at Helderberg College it was voted to devote a portion of the camp-meeting offering to a fund for the erection of a portable tabernacle for evangelistic work. This tabernacle, now known as the Bible Auditorium, was first erected for a central effort at the foot of Adlerley Street, Cape Town, early in 1930. Here Elder R. G. Morton, assisted by Sister Morton, Brother and Sister Milford, Sister Jeffrey, and members of the Cape Town church, conducted two efforts, the tabernacle remaining up for nine months. About thirty-eight persons were baptised as a result of the efforts.

Brethren Billes, Vixie, and Vail, assisted by their wives, Elder Theunissen and members of the Salt River church, conducted a well-attended effort for the Coloured Department in Forester's Hall, Woodstock, in 1930.

Following this effort thirty-one were baptised.

Brother J. J. B. Combrinck, assisted by Elder J. V. Wilson, followed up the interest at Athlone with a series of meetings in the new church. As a result, twelve were baptised.

Early in 1931 Elder Morton began a series of meetings in the Bible Auditorium, Main Road, Claremont, Miss A. G. Fleming, missionaries on Cape furlough, and members of the Claremont church assisting. At the close of the effort, upon the occasion of Elder Montgomery's visit, the regional meetings for the Western Province were held in the auditorium. This was a fitting climax to this series. About fourteen were baptised.

Elder W. H. Hurlow, assisted by Brother and Sister Milford, began an effort in Stellenbosch early in 1931.

This effort met strong opposition. Three persons were baptised at the close of the effort, and others are expected to follow at the present camp-meeting.

Elder S. G. Hiten, assisted by Brother Louis Strick, held a tent effort in Mossel Bay. Considerable opposition was also encountered at this effort. Following the meetings one person was baptised and united with the Elim church, George. Elder Hiten also baptised four

at Miller, and six at Langkloof in December.

Elder Hurlow's East London effort, held in the Railway Institute, has been well attended. Elder and Sister D. F. Tarr have done faithful Bible work in connection with this effort. Brethren Marter and Shankel also assisted for a time. Brother Hurlow reports that twenty-four have been baptised and that fifteen are in the baptismal class.

Elder D. C. Theunissen and Brother D. May conducted two tent efforts the past year in the George district, one at Pacaltsdorp, and the other at Blanco. Following the Pacaltsdorp effort the Elim church was organised with a membership of twenty-one. Eleven of these were transferred from the George church. At the close of the Blanco effort, four were baptised, making a total from the two efforts of fifteen. There are several in the baptismal class.

Brother and Sister Milford remained at Stellenbosch after Elder Hurlow left for East London. Sister Milford continued the Bible work, and Brother Milford began an effort for the Coloured people. He reports that ten are ready for baptism and that others are deeply interested.

In October, Brother Billes and Elder Nelson, from the Division office began a tent effort in Diep River. This effort was well attended from the beginning and, although handicapped for lack of Bible workers, good results have been obtained. Brother Combrinck assisted part-time in this effort, and Brother Jackson, leader of the Salt River church, was tent-master and did Bible work. Brother Billes reports seventeen keeping the Sabbath and preparing for baptism on the last Sabbath of camp-meeting, with about ten others to follow later.

**Baptisms, Membership, and Churches**

Our baptisms for the biennial period number 228, an increase of three over the previous two years. However, our increase would have been considerably more had we not definitely adopted the Division Council recommendation to delay baptisms for a longer period, so as to more fully establish the new converts in the faith. There will be several baptisms early in 1932 that would have come before the close of the biennial period, had we not been working on this conservative and safer policy. For the period just closed there were 150 baptisms in the European Department, and seventy-eight in the Coloured, or a total of 228.

Due to certain transfers the European Department shows a loss of thirty-eight members. The Coloured Department shows a gain of thirty-seven. The membership in the European Department, Dec. 31, 1931, was 194, and in the Coloured Department, 331; or a total membership for the conference of 1225 enrolled in sixteen European and eight Coloured churches.

During the biennial period the Coloured Department has made splendid progress, its membership having increased from 189 to 311.

**New Church Buildings**

Two new church buildings have been erected within the biennial period; one at Athlone, the other at Elsie's River. The Athlone believers held their meetings in an old dilapidated hall until it was condemned.

Then they met in a private home, but it was inadequate and inconvenient. A plot of ground was purchased in 1930 and a wood and iron church erected.

In 1931 a brick church was built at Elsie's River. The General Conference gave £205 through the Church Extension Fund toward this building, and Brother Billes secured over £100 worth of donated material from Cape Town merchants.

Elder B. W. Abney, who took up work in the Coloured Department upon his arrival from America in August, 1931, has conducted a series of Sunday and Wednesday night meetings in the church, and reports that twelve will go forward in baptism at the close of camp-meeting.

**Campaigns**

In our campaigns for the last biennial period the Harvest Ingathering has maintained its pre-eminence. For 1930, the total Harvest Ingathering funds were £2,200, and for 1931, £2,055; a total of £4,255 as compared with the previous biennial period total of £3,811, or a gain of £444.

Last year's campaign was especially encouraging. In spite of the depression, our people went forth with commendable courage and determination, more than reaching the conference goal by the close of the sixth week. Brother F. E. Potter, our Home Missionary Secretary, gave efficient and inspiring leadership.

The Big Week did not carry with it the same degree of inspiration and success as did the Harvest Ingathering. 1930 brought in £174, while 1931 resulted in but £67, or a total of £241 for the period. This is a loss of £57 over the previous two years.

The *Review and Herald* and the *African Signs* campaigns by no means exhausted the possibilities of circulation, there being only 109 families in the Cape Conference who subscribe for the *Review*. The *Signs of the Times* should be reaching thousands more than it is. Now that we have the *Signs* in Afrikaans, we ought to endeavour during 1932 to double the circulation of "Africa's Prophetic Monthly."

While the Week of Sacrifice is not a campaign, it will not be out of place to mention the progress made in this special offering during the past four years. In 1928 the Week of Sacrifice amounted to £221, and in 1929 to £337, or a total for the period of £558. During the last bi-

ennial period this offering registered as follows: £262 for 1930, and £231 for 1931, or a total of £493, showing a loss of £65 over the previous two years.

We close this report with deep and heartfelt gratitude to our loyal constituency, and to our corps of faithful labourers who have so fully cooperated with the conference officers and committee in making this report possible, and above all to the angels of heaven, the Holy Spirit and our blessed Lord and Saviour, and to our heavenly Father; for, when all is said, it is, "What hath God wrought!"



**Summary of the Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

MISS P. E. WILLMORE

WE are happy today to bring you a good report of the present financial standing of the Cape Conference, and of the Religious Book Depository (Port Elizabeth).

**Conference**

During 1931 tithe receipts dropped over £500 as compared with 1930. However, camp-meeting offerings exceeded the budget estimate by over £200, the total receipts being £616-13-5. Because of this fact, and because we realised £100 interest from certain money on fixed deposits, we were able to close our records for the year 1931 in a satisfactory way.

**Religious Book Depository**

Our Balance Sheet will show that for the year 1931 we have just about broken even, the decrease in our total capital, contributed surpluses and reserves being £9-18-1.

We wish to thank the officers of the South African Union Conference for their support during the last biennial period, and for appropriations passed to both European and Coloured Departments. Our appreciation is also expressed to the Sentinel Publishing Company for courtesies shown the Religious Book Depository. We, too, appreciated the loyal co-operation of the church treasurers, home missionary secretaries, clerks, isolated believers, and faithful colporteurs.

TITHE	Financial		
	1930	1931	TOTAL
European .....	£5494	£4889	£10383
Coloured .....	656	743	1399
Totals	£6150	£5632	£11782

MISS. OFF.	1930	1931	TOTAL
European	£4241	£3875	£8116
Coloured	444	478	922
Totals	£4685	£4353	£9038

### Statistical

CHURCHES	1928-1929	1930-1931
European	17	16
Coloured	6	8
Totals	23	24

BAPTISMS	1928-1929	1930-1931
European	194	150
Coloured	31	78
Totals	225	228

MEMBERSHIP	1928-1929	1930-1931
European	950	914
Coloured	189	311
Totals	1139	1225

### Religious Book Depository

	1930	1931
Sales	£2501 14 7	£2125 2 8
Operating loss	118 6 7	
Net gain		£20 1 11



## Summary of Departmental Reports

### SABBATH SCHOOL

"THE Sabbath school is an institution of world-wide extent and importance. Beginning in obscurity and weakness in the early days of the advent movement, it has grown to be a mighty factor in all lands to which the third angel's message has been carried."—"Soul-winning Sabbath School," page 27.

Experience has taught us that our Sabbath schools do much better work when definite goals are set before them. After careful study, six goals have been chosen for our Sabbath schools. Following each goal, a summary of accomplishments for the biennial period is given.

1. *Every believer an enrolled member of the Sabbath school.*—Our Sabbath school membership at the close of 1931 was 1,391, the highest ever attained in this field. We are pleased to report an increase in membership of 151 during the past biennial period. Sixteen of our thirty-two Sabbath schools have reached their membership goals.

2. *Every member present and on time every Sabbath.*—Our Sabbath school attendance the last quarter of 1931 was 93 per cent of the membership in the European Department and 87 per cent in the Coloured.

3. *Daily study of the Sabbath school lesson.*—As an incentive to perfect attend-

ance and daily lesson study we have the Perfect Honour Card. During the past biennial period 3,001 Perfect Honour Cards were issued, or an average of 385 a quarter. This is an increase on an average of 169 a quarter over the previous biennial period. 365 bookmarks were issued during the years 1930-1931.

4. *Personal work for every pupil.*—One hundred and fifty-eight Sabbath school members have been baptised during the past two years, an increase of fifty-eight over the preceding period.

5. *Every officer and teacher taking the Training Course.*—We have issued thirty-eight certificates during the past two years to those who have completed the course.

6. *More liberal offerings to missions.*—During the past two years, the Sabbath Schools in this conference have contributed £3,373 for missions, an increase of £89 over the corresponding previous period.

Out of a possible attainment of eleven Sabbath school goals, the European Department showed a gain in seven, and a loss in four. The Coloured Department registered a gain in all goals over the previous biennial period. The Investment Fund shows the largest gain, 52 per cent in the European and 74 per cent in the Coloured Department, or a total increase of £89.

I wish to express to the faithful officers and loyal members of our Sabbath schools my sincere appreciation of the co-operation given. Let us all take this as our motto, "Higher ground in study, higher ground in experience, higher ground in service."

MRS. L. L. MOFFITT, *Secretary.*

### PUBLISHING

The biennial period under review reveals in a marked manner the wonderful watch-care God has over this very important branch of His work on earth. Despite the depression, our sales have slightly exceeded the total for the previous two years.

The following comparative report will be of interest:

	1928-29	1930-31
Regulars employed	12	8
Students employed	21	23
Per cent of medical books	50%	42%
Per cent of religious books	50%	58%
Scholarships earned	11	18
Orders taken	£12353	£12936
Orders delivered	£7296	£7422

We wish to place on record our deep appreciation of the noble manner in which our regular colporteurs have performed their work. We also wish to thank our student-colporteurs for their splendid service they have given during the summers of 1930-1931.

Because the object of our publications is to make clear and simple the spiritual basis of our faith and to publish the news of the soon coming of Jesus, we believe, with deep sincerity, that the hour has struck for the laity also to engage in this branch of the Lord's work with all their heart.

F. E. POTTER, *Secretary.*

### HOME MISSIONARY

Although our report of missionary endeavour for the past biennial period is slightly in excess of the previous one, we feel that it does not in any way measure up to the providences of God in these days.

### Harvest Ingathering

Few thought that the conference goals of £1600 and £1750 respectively would be reached, but at the close of the biennial period we had £905 over our goal. This is £444 in excess of the previous two years.

### Big Week

Our goals were £165 and £175 respectively and our receipts £174 and £67—a decrease of £57 compared with the previous period.

### Signs Campaign (English)

We greatly appreciate the splendid way our constituency rallied to this campaign. The number of subscriptions received was 1,596.

### Signs Campaign (Afrikaans)

Our Conference Committee guaranteed to use 2,500 copies monthly of the Afrikaans *Signs*. The recent campaign only produced 597 subscriptions. We earnestly appeal to our laity to support this new missionary publication, for we believe that it fills a long-felt need in this field.

### Review and Herald

There are 500 European families in the conference and only 109 are subscribing to the *Review*. The campaigns brought in but thirty new subscriptions, in addition to renewals of existing subscriptions.

### General Missionary Work

The majority of items of missionary endeavour show an increase. 27,347 more pieces of literature were distributed during 1930-1931 than during the previous period.

F. E. POTTER, *Secretary.*

### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER

We have a cheering report of advancement to bring to you from this department. The young soldiers of the cross have pushed ahead in spite of obstacles.

### Harvest Ingathering and Big Week

Each succeeding year sees increased activity on the part of our young people in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, as the following figures indicate:

1928	1829	1930	1931
£254	£278	£374	£405

During 1928-1929 over £33 were raised in the Big Week, and during 1930-1931 £36 resulted, or an increase over the previous period of £3.

### General Missionary Work

It is a pleasure to note from the itemised report that in only one item of missionary work have our young people shown a decrease—number of persons taken to Sabbath school.

F. E. POTTER, *Secretary.*

### EDUCATIONAL

During the past biennial period we have operated four schools in the Cape Conference. In these schools were enrolled ninety-six pupils during 1930 and 118 during 1931. The increase in enrolment during 1931 is due to the growth of the Good Hope Training School, Athlone. Eight teachers have been employed in our schools, and we deeply appreciate their faithful ef-



forts in giving our children a Christian education.

We have one home school in our field, and we wish that more of our isolated brethren might take advantage of the subsidy that is now offered to make these schools possible.

Under great difficulties the Good Hope Training School has reached its present size. A combined dormitory and school building has been erected and some equipment has been reached. Now is the time to provide a Christian education for our children. Remember we are training, not for time, but for eternity.

E. D. HANSON, *Secretary*.



## Summary of Business Sessions of the Cape Conference

NATHANIEL KRUM

THE first business meeting of the Cape Conference convened in the Bible Auditorium, January 17, at 11:00 A.M., with about 107 official delegates from sixteen churches in attendance.

Early in the meeting it was the pleasure of the delegates to receive into the sisterhood of churches the Elim church at George. This church is the twenty-fourth church in the conference, and was recently organised with a membership of twenty-one. It is the result of an effort conducted by Elders D. C. Theunissen and D. J. May.

### SECOND MEETING

January 18, 4:30 p.m.

The report of the Nominating Committee, of which Elder N. C. Wilson was chairman was adopted as follows:

*President*, L. L. Moffitt.

*Secretary-Treasurer*, Miss P. E. Willmore.

*Secretary-Treasurer, Religious Book Depository, Port Elizabeth*, Miss. P. E. Willmore.

*Field Missionary Secretary*, F. E. Potter.

*Home Missionary Secretary*, F. E. Potter.

*Sabbath School Secretary*, Mrs. L. L. Moffitt.

*Educational Secretary*, E. D. Hanson.

*Medical Secretary*, W. H. Hurlow.

*Missionary Volunteer Secretary*, Miss B. Davies.

*Executive Committee*, L. L. Moffitt, *Chairman*, W. H. Hurlow, S. G. Hiten, B. W. Abney, L. S. Billes, F. E. Potter, W. D. Smith, F. Snyman, and N. Jeffes.

### Expression of Gratitude

WHEREAS, The blessing of God has rested upon the work of the Cape Conference in all of its departments, and God has given to His people the spirit of loyalty in support of the work with tithes and offerings, enabling the conference to operate at a gain during the past biennial term; and

WHEREAS, The signal blessing of God has rested upon the work of evangelism in the ingathering of souls; therefore,

*We express* our gratitude to our heaven-

ly Father, and re-dedicate ourselves individually and as a body with all that we are and have to the Lord for the finishing of the work of the third angel's messages in the Cape Conference.

### THIRD MEETING

January 19, 4:30 p.m.

Following reports from the Educational, Home Missionary, and Missionary Volunteer Departments, the Plans Committee, of which A. F. Tarr was chairman, rendered the following partial report:

#### Religious Liberty

In view of the constantly increasing tendency to restrict in varied ways the religious liberty of this people, and of the need of keeping informed of the various moves that are being made in that direction, and of acquainting our members with the tremendous issues at stake and as to how best to relate ourselves to them:

It is the opinion of this conference that the time has come when more definite steps ought to be taken toward strengthening this phase of our work, and as a measure to this end,

*We recommend*, The establishment of a branch of the International Religious Liberty Association with this conference, and of the appointment of some person to direct its activities.

### FOURTH MEETING

January 20, 4:30 p.m.

The Publishing and Sabbath School Departments rendered reports to open the fourth meeting of the conference session. (A brief summary of departmental reports will be found elsewhere in the OUTLOOK.)

Following these, the Plans Committee brought in the following recommendations:

#### Country Districts

WHEREAS, The fast-fulfilling events in the world clearly indicate that the end of all things earthly is rapidly approaching, and believing that the message must be given to gather into the fold every honest heart, and as a witness to all nations; therefore,

*We recommend*, To the conference executive committee that earnest consideration be given to ways and means of giving the message to the thousands of people living in the country districts, the large majority of whom are Afrikaans speaking.

#### Appeal for Economy

"Puritan plainness and simplicity should mark the dwellings and apparel of all who believe the solemn truths for this time. All means needlessly expended in dress, or in the adorning of our houses is a waste of our Lord's money. It is defrauding the cause of God for the gratification of pride."  
—Vol. V. page 189.

In view of this statement from the Spirit of Prophecy and the financial depression existing in the world at the present time, we urge upon all the necessity of binding about every unnecessary want, so that more means may be devoted to the finishing of the work in the great harvest field.

#### 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 are as aids to deeper and more consistent Christian experience is unquestioned; therefore,

*We recommend*, That as 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 for 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 for the Church" only are found, that the visiting worker bring to the notice of the heads of such homes the more important of the other works of the Spirit of Prophecy, such as, "Christ's Object Lessons," "Great Controversy," "Desire of Ages," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Prophecies and Kings," "Steps to Christ," and the "Acts of the Apostles," and stress the value of such as aids to deeper study of God's Word and a clearer knowledge of denominational principles.

#### Welfare Work

WHEREAS, The gospel of the Lord Jesus calls for definite action in ministering to the destitute and needy; and

WHEREAS, In many communities there is great need of this kind of work;

*We therefore recommend*, The following plans as a means of helping all our churches in this line of Christian service:

#### 1. Purpose and Objective

(a) To relieve physical suffering and need.

(b) To bring new life and spirit into our churches.

#### 2. Organisation

*Name*: Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Society.

*Officers*: Director, secretary, and treasurer.

*Governing Committee*: Local church board.

*Conference supervision*: Conference Home Missionary Secretary.

It is understood that no local church organisation of the Welfare Society is to be launched without the counsel of the conference officers and the Home Missionary Secretary.

*General Promotion*: This work is fostered by and is under the general supervision of the Home Missionary Department, with the co-operation of the Missionary Volunteer Department.

*Working Groups*: (a) Regular church bands, (b) Dorcas Society, and (c) Missionary Volunteer Societies.

#### 3. Plan of Work

(a) *Maintain Identity*: The Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Society is not to merge its identity with other welfare organisations, but hold to its legitimate field of welfare service.

(b) *Co-operative Relationship*: The Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Society should thoroughly understand the principles upon which other welfare organisations work, and should ever maintain a co-operative attitude.

(c) *Scope of Operation:* It is the intention of this organisation to render temporary aid to families in real need, along the lines of furnishing clothing, bedding, fuel, and food. We do not plan to enter the field of paying rent or providing weekly cash allowances to needy cases, but at all times desire to manifest a Christian interest in the unfortunate and seek to put such in touch with the proper organisations.

## M. V. Report

(Concluded from page 5)

read the Bible. We are happy to state that twenty-one Bible Year Certificates have been issued during the past biennial period as compared with twelve during the previous two years. Our young people are also encouraged to read the Missionary Volunteer reading course, which is carefully chosen by the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department. These books are not only interesting, but they tend to draw the thoughts to nobler aspirations.

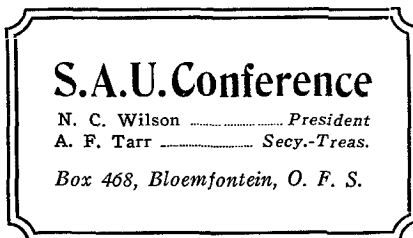
We are very happy to state that our young people are showing a real enthusiastic spirit in the church activities, especially is this true in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, as indicated by the following figures:

YEAR	GOAL	AMOUNT RAISED
1929	£150	£155 1 2
1930	£200	£215 4 4
1931	£190	£232 8 7

This good work has only been accomplished through the blessing of God, and we praise His name for this marked success. It is encouraging to note the eagerness of the young people in endeavouring to reach their individual goals.

At present there are fifteen Missionary Volunteer societies in the Natal-Transvaal Conference. Fifty young people were baptised during the year. It is the aim of the Missionary Volunteer society to help the young people as much as possible in their Christian experience, therefore, we are hoping that many more young people will join our ranks and enjoy the blessings that are ours.

We would again express our gratitude and appreciation to our Missionary Volunteer leaders and secretaries throughout the conference, for their willing assistance in all the missionary activities of the past, and we trust that the year 1932 will prove to be the brightest year in the history of the Missionary Volunteer work in the Natal-Transvaal Conference.



## Closing Exercises at the Spion Kop Missionary Institution

EVA ANSLEY

TEACHERS and students, as well as several European and native visitors thoroughly enjoyed the recent closing exercises at Spion Kop Missionary Institution.

Some weeks previously the senior and junior classes had been organised and the young people proudly displayed rosettes of their respective class colours.

Pastor Hlubi, of Swaziland, and Pastor Molokomme were among the visitors, and the latter conducted the consecration service on Friday evening. It was good to see the young people come forward to consecrate their lives to service.

We were very pleased to have Brother A. Floyd Tarr, from the South African Union office, with us, and his sermon to graduates on Sabbath morning was greatly appreciated. He dwelt on the motto of the class "Ever Pressing On," and presented a copy of the "Charge to the Graduates" to each member of the class.

Saturday evening was devoted to the annual school concert. Teacher Elizabeth Moko, with the advice and assistance of Mrs. Hodgson, had been in charge of the singing classes, and the rendering of the various songs and recitations reflected great credit on their training and also showed the interest of the students in this phase of their education. The school chapel presented a very pretty appearance, being decorated with willows and the senior class colours.

The younger students were greatly interested in the proceedings and when, on class night, the seniors entered the hall in a dignified processional march the interest and pleasure grew in intensity, many of the students later expressing their determination to return to school and finish their course.

Abraham Mabawe, the class presi-

dent, well-known to many of our workers, delivered the address of welcome, and the following themes were presented by the other members of the class:

"Ever Pressing On" (the class motto), by Ernest Tsotetsi; "Women's Place in the Finishing of the Work," by Florrie Kalaka; "First Things First," by Moses Mazamane; "Real Greatness," by Joy Senkoto; "Class History and Prophecy," by Gladys Monala; and "Farewell," by Zabilon Motse.

Musical items by the class completed an excellent evening's entertainment, and the teachers felt justifiably proud of the dignified, confident manner in which the graduates acquitted themselves.

Brother William T. Hodgson, delivered the Commencement address the following night and the diplomas were presented by the Principal, Elder F. E. Thompson.

Faculty members co-operated in every way and were responsible for some excellent musical items on the various occasions.

Besides the visiting native ministers, Brother Kuboni had sent a number of visitors from his field, among them being the wife of Chief Kumalo, who expressed herself as delighted with the standard of training offered by the Spion Kop Institution.

A full report of the proceedings was published in the Ladysmith paper, together with one of the themes and this should do much to advertise the school and cause a friendly interest in its activities.

As teachers we were pleased to receive letters of appreciation from the graduating class, these proving that they realise and appreciate the labours and kindly interest of the faculty on their behalf.

Elder Thompson has done much by his constant watchfulness and unstinting labour to raise Spion Kop from the plane of a mission school to that of a training school and we, as his co-workers, are endeavouring to co-operate with and assist him as far as lies in our power, and trust that the school may continue to have the success which his unselfish, faithful leadership deserves.

## Visit to Spion Kop Missionary Institution

It was a great joy to me to visit the above institution as this was my first time of visiting the place. I

was very glad and much attracted to the place; my heart was pleased to seem how things are running. Elder Thompson, the principal of the school, was so kind to us, that one day he left his work, and took us round to show us everything in the class rooms and outside on the farm. Oh, how I wish our native people in the Union of South Africa, especially the parents, would pay a visit to the school, say once a year.

I am speaking as the Queen of Sheba, when she saw the wisdom of King Solomon and the house that he had built, she said, "It is a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy sayings and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words until I came and mine eyes had seen it: and behold the half was not told me." Even myself when I saw the work at Spion Kop, and the lessons, and the future plans, I was highly attracted.

Elder Thompson has a desire as regard to our children. Blessed are those children who have the privilege of going to be taught there. We had a nice time there of welcoming the young people or the graduates. They were seven in number, five young men and two young women. This was really a fine time, which we who were there will never forget. Oh, my brethren and sisters, send your children to Spion Kop where they will receive true education. May God bless the workers there.

Yours in the work,  
LAZARUS S. MOLOKOMME.



### Elim Church Growing

D. C. THEUNISSEN

SUNDAY, January 3, was another happy occasion at our Elim church when four candidates went forward in the ordinance of baptism. One among them came from Mossel Bay where she was converted under the labours of Elder Hiten. It was also my happy privilege to baptise my son Dan Gold among the number, and thus welcome him into the fold of God's remnant church. He was just home on vacation from our Good Hope Training School at Athlone and is the last of my children to join the

church. May God brighten his future.

I am thankful to God for the way He has blessed our Elim church which is growing spiritually. We hope to have another baptism before many weeks.



### Work Onward in Maritzburg

A. W. STAPLES

SOME months ago we launched out in a follow-up effort here in Maritzburg. Some of our church members assisted in various ways. Especially did the Lord lay a burden on Brother Fowler's heart. This constant support was much appreciated. Brother



The graduating class of the Spion Kop Missionary Institution for the year 1931.

Floyd Tarr and Sister Sanders of the Union office assisted for one month. We were glad of their help.

The Lord has added His blessing to the work done. Quietly souls have reached out after the Lord and taken their stand for the message for these last days.

Sabbath, December 12, marked still another day of triumph in the Maritzburg church. At 3 P.M. many gathered in the church and entered heartily into the service. Ten precious souls came forward, made their confession and were received into church fellowship. Brother J. C. Baumann and the writer extended the right hand of fellowship to these converts. In the sweet solemnity of the hour many were moved to tears by the Spirit of God. One after another the candidates followed their Lord in baptism and came forth to put on the whole armour of God and to fight the good fight of faith. Our prayers go with them, and may the good Lord make them valiant soldiers of the cross.

During 1931 we baptised twenty-

three souls in Maritzburg. Others are attending the Sabbath services. Early in the new year we hope to see another group stepping forward in baptism.

For this fruitage garnered in conservative Maritzburg we thank the Lord, knowing that Jesus alone saves. We press on to seek still others.



### Greetings from South West Africa

HERMANN FICKER

THE few widely separated and lonely believers of the Advent Message here send greetings to all of like precious faith elsewhere in the Southern African Division. The number of adult Sabbath keepers is less than ten, yet the banner of truth is being staunchly upheld. Although the times are extremely hard, yet we can still lift up our hearts to God in praise.

Wide distances have to be travelled to meet the dear brethren and sisters, yet, as we plan to go to their several farms, we know that God will impart a bountiful blessing to thirsty hearts as we once more tell them of

the other companies far away, yet all working for the Master. The desert will yet blossom as a rose when the seed sown here by these worthy souls will take root and bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

Throughout this great land "Bible Readings" and "Home Physician" have been placed in practically every home in even the smallest cluster of mining shacks. It brings joy to our hearts to see one or both of these books being taken down from the shelves and proudly displayed. Here the evangelist will probably never draw a large audience, but the silent printed page is softening men's hearts and showing the way to life.

Dear fellow-believers, pray for those of us who are here; pray for those who are scattering our good books here as the very leaves of autumn and pray most fervently that God will cut His work short in righteousness here also. Even from this far out corner of the Lord's vineyard will souls come rejoicing bring their sheaves with them.

## Day of Rejoicing at Uitenhage Church

P. ST. CLAIR MARKS.

ON Sabbath, November 21, the walls of the Milner Street church echoed with songs of joy and thanksgiving as Pastor and Mrs. Moffitt met with the members and friends of the church assembled for worship.

It was an occasion for rejoicing and deep heart searching and the renewal of our baptismal vows, for six dear souls publicly confessed their Lord in the waters of baptism. Elder Moffitt, who motored over from Port Elizabeth, performed this rite. The right hand of fellowship having been given to these dear souls Elder Moffitt, in an earnest discourse, prayed that God would ever help them to be faithful until Jesus comes.

The baptismal service was followed by the members gathering around the table on which were spread the emblems of the Lord's broken body and of His spilt blood. As president and people partook of these emblems a spirit of consecration possessed the hearts of God's dear people.

In closing, the president exhorted one and all that in these times of depression we ever look unto Jesus, pressing on toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus ever abounding in the work of the Lord and at last be received into glory.

## Z. U. Mission

E. C. Boger ..... *Superintendent*  
D. A. Webster ..... *Secy.-Treas.*  
Box 573, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia

## Greetings from Salisbury

A. N. INGLE

JUST a word of greeting from Salisbury. We feel we have so much to be thankful for in this corner of the field and have seen so much of God's blessing in our midst. We were made especially happy by being able to move into our new church building on Christmas day. We held a thanksgiving service that morning and had several friends meet with us also. It was two years ago on January 5 that our first meeting was held

in Salisbury. What God has wrought since then!

We have a lovely little building of our own with a debt of only £275 on it. There is a baptised membership of forty faithful members and a Sabbath school of something over sixty. We held a baptism service on Sabbath, January 9, when seven went forward, four sisters and three brethren. We also had one brother baptised on Sunday, December 20, as he was leaving at that time for the Union.

There are still others that are yet halting between two opinions. We have started Sunday evening services, that are to be conducted by the lay brethren and we are hoping that this will bring in some souls during the next few months.

I am moving to Umtali with my family at the end of January. We have taken a hall there and expect to start a series of meetings commencing February 14. We are hoping that the promise of some help for the meetings will eventuate, for it is a lonely proposition conducting a series of meetings all alone. In our last series of meetings in Salisbury, we averaged six for an attendance. Takes some keeping on, when the hall will seat a couple of hundred, but thank God we have baptised eight adults as a result of those meetings, so do not despise a small attendance, brethren.

As we go to Umtali we crave an interest in your prayers, both for ourselves, as we go to a new field, and for the brethren who are left behind here to carry on. Our canvassers are doing good work. Brother Cowley has placed about £200 worth of "Bible Readings" in Salisbury in spite of our being here. He started in Umtali on January 11 and took about £8 worth the first day. The age of miracles is not yet past when one can sell books at thirty shillings each to people who do not know whether their jobs will last another week. Where the canvasser goes, there is bound to be fruit to follow and we are happy to have a canvasser go over the ground before we get there.

Our good wishes to you all for 1932. May it be a year of real progress in the giving of the message, for we want to see the coming of our Saviour that we may get away from all the troubles of this world.

## Angola Union

W. H. Anderson ..... *Superintendent*  
P. Stevenson ..... *Secy.-Treas.*

Bongo Mission, Lepti, Angola

## The Dawn of Light After an Epoch of Darkness

E. A. BUCKLEY

IN response to Elder Anderson's request that I should render a report of conditions as they prevail in a section of the Lunda district, also giving an account of the "Massenga effort" conducted in that area, I count it a privilege to state circumstances as I have found them among that strictly primitive people.

Immediately following the camp-meeting held at the Luz Mission, seven mission boys and myself started out to our field of labour, situated forty miles north-east of the mission. Early on Thursday morning, August 28, we set out on our "tramp." I used the word "tramp," as that word, to my mind best conveys the idea. Were it not for the abundance of rainfall in this country, this section of the Lunda district would be a "Kalahari" desert, hence you might imagine that we were almost always walking through sand. Sometimes, we would walk through swamps when we sank into the mud ankle deep. In spite of the sandy condition of the soil in the district, we found rich black deposits along the river beds, stretching along on either side of the river, comparatively horizontal with it.

Heathenism in its lowest form, might be seen in the villages. There is the witch doctor, who holds his magic sway over the people. There is the woman, with her hair all decorated with red mud, her body painted with red clay, and a small rag or skin serving the purpose of clothing. She is the queen of her kraal. (Evidently the use of powder and paint is strictly pagan in its origin.) The man is a little more modest, for he neither decorates his hair, nor does he paint his body, however he does make a woollen suit, and attached to this suit is a mask, not unlike that of "Santa Claus" but much more formidable. Masked in this fashion he goes about performing antics. He is usually the leader of dances, and as

a rule carries out his part exceedingly well. The Chokwee tribe has only partly come under the influence of civilisation during the last twenty years. The greater masses know little about the European and his teaching. We find, however, that this tribe is not afraid of the white man, but will walk within a foot of him, and look him straight in the face. It also appears, though, by what I have heard and seen, that they are ever ready to protect him from danger of any kind. Upon arriving at the village on Friday afternoon, my boys began pitching my tent about 200 yards from the village, when the old head-man came out, and with great excitement, told me his heart was very sad because I was so far away and he could not protect me. "Come into the village," he argued, "where I can look after you and protect you." I, on the other hand, felt quite capable of looking after myself, and explained to him that I was not afraid and would be quite safe. I went on to tell him that the white man must have fresh air, and be away from the noise at night. We finally compromised, resulting in my taking up my abode 100 yards from the village. I had reasons to regret this move afterwards for besides the beating of the drums, the dogs and pigs disturbed me at night. My sugar went unusually fast, and one evening while I was preaching to the natives, my food was stolen out of the pot. The old head-man was extremely upset and worried about the stealing, but what might we expect from people who are groping in heathenism of the grossest form?

The hygienic condition of the natives in this area is appalling. How they possibly exist is a marvel to me. Near the village, we passed a stagnant pool of water, the which if a white man drank would turn him ill immediately. It is at this pool, that all the drinking water of the village is procured. It was fortunate for me, that we passed this "death trap," for upon arriving, my cook boy immediately headed in that direction for water. I called him back and told him to get the water from the river. A clean stream, clear as crystal, is about a quarter of a mile farther away than the pool. Hence the natives have no reason at all for drinking the water from the pool. The question now comes to our minds, is it because of ignorance or laziness? I would say both, with

greater emphasis upon the latter. The results of this bad water might be clearly seen upon the inhabitants of the village. Many have internal as well as other disorders. Here I have literally seen a man as thin as a rake. These conditions have been largely caused by this water. Besides preaching to them the simple truths of the Bible, I had occasion to talk to them about health reform, and at the same time painting rather an extreme picture of the possible results of drinking such water. A great reformation has taken place there, and every native, from the chief to the servant, is drinking from the beautiful stream of water, which must prove beneficial to them.

Unfortunately the girls thus far have not realised the necessity of an education. It seems that they have fallen a little lower than the men, and our present problem in this field,

is how to educate the girls as well as the boys. Our native teachers work at a great disadvantage when their wives are heathen, and are of no practical assistance to them. Somehow, we must educate the girls in this field. Our future efforts will be directed along this line.

As the result of our effort, together with the help of the teacher, 300 have heard that there is a God, and of this number eighteen have joined the "hearers" class. These figures may not mean much, when you hear of thousands gathering in other parts, but when you consider that our work is in its infancy and that the population is vastly scattered, it means a great deal to the workers in Angola. The seeds of truth which are falling in virgin soil, will yet spring forth and when watered with the showers of the latter rain will bear fruit unto everlasting life.

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## Die Sitting van die Natal-Transvaal en Kaap Konferensies

J. F. WRIGHT

DIT was skrywer se voorreg om albei die sittings van die Natal-Transvaal en die Kaap Konferensies wat in die maand Januarie gehou is, by te woon. Albei die vergaderings was inderdaad diep geestelik en sielverheffend. Ek is bly om nou saam met die ander broeders die lesers van die *OUTLOOK* iets omtrent hierdie vergaderings te vertel.

Wat opkoms betref het die Natal-Transvaal vergadering ons stoutste verwagtings oortref. Die kerkbeambtes het natuurlik alles in hul vermoë gedaan om die vergadering te adverteer en soveel moontlik ons mense aan te moedig om dit by te woon. Vanweë die depressie was dit natuurlik vir baie van ons 'n groot vraag hoeveel mense aan die uitnodigings wat uitgestuur was, gevolg sou gee. Maar ons was bly dat ons so 'n groot aantal gelowiges in die konferensie op hierdie jaarlikse vergadering kon ontmoet. In die naweek was die opkoms ongeveer 500, en gedurende die week, sowel op die dag as in die aand, was die gemiddelde opkoms van 200 to 250.

Een ding was baie opmerklik by hierdie vergadering en dit was die feit dat ons mense gereeld opgekóm het en by elke diens op tyd was. Dit het daartoe bygedra om elke verga-

dering tot 'n geseënde en geestelike geleentheid te maak.

Ons harte was verblyd deur die rapporte van die beambtes sowel as van die sekretarisse van die departemente van die konferensie. Waarlik God is goed gewees vir ons mense in die Natal-Transvaal en selfs in hierdie depressie is die finansies in goeie toestand en die tweejarige tydperk wat hiermee geëindig is, was wonderlik deur die Here geseë in die win van siele.

Die Bybelstudies en die godsdienstige ure vir die jongmense sowel as vir volwassenes was van die aard dat dit ons mense 'n dieper ervaring in die dinge van God gegee het en hulle gehelp het om dag vir dag groter oorwinnings te behaal. Nooit het die skrywer met die werkers van die konferensie saamgewerk in 'n geestelike oplewing vir ons mense waar dit so groteliks waardeer is, as dit hier die geval was nie. Ons glo dat die wat hierdie konferensiesitting bygewoon het, huistoe gegaan het met verlewendigde geloof en nuwe moed in die boodskap en met die besluit om vooruit te beur as nooit tevore.

Feitlik dieselfde beambtes is vir die komende term gekies as wat die konferensie gedurende die afgelope twee jaar gedien het. Ons bid dat

die Here Broeder Hyatt en sy werkers oorvloedig mag sien waar hulle voorwaarts gaan om die werk in die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie op te bou.

Die sitting van die Kaap Konferensie het plaasgevind op die gronde van die Sentinel Uitgewers Maatskappy. Die groot evangelistiese tabernakel is opgetrek en ongeveer veertig tente is opgeslaan, sodat die broeders en susters min of meer 'n outydse kampvergadering kon geniet. Die weer was die eerste paar dae baie onstuimig. Maar in antwoord op gebed het die Here goeie weer gegee gedurende die grootste part van die vergadering. Reg van die begin tot die end van die konferensiesitting het daar 'n uitstekende gees van saamwerking en erns geheers en ons glo dat as gevolg van die Bybelstudies die broeders en susters dieselfde help ontvang het soos dit die geval was by die sitting van die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie.

Die opkoms oor die naweek was ongeveer 600 en gedurende die week ongeveer 150 tot 200 elke dag. Die besigheid van die konferensiesitting het goed van stapel geloop en die teenwoordige beamptes is opnuut benoem. Broeder L. L. Moffitt geniet die vertroue van die werkers sowel as die lede van die konferensie en die broeders is baie bly dat hy weer aanbly.

Die studie vir die godsdienstige ure sowel as die Bybelstudies het gehandel oor die godsalige lewe en 'n dieper ervaring in die dinge van die Here. Baie oorwinnings is behaal en ons vertrou dat alger wat die vergaderings het kan bywoon, in hul kristelike ervaring versterk is, en dat hulle huistoe is met nuwe krag en besluit om vorentoe te gaan totdat die werk klaar is. Dit was aangenaam vir die skrywer om saam met die Diwiesie, Unie en plaaslike werkers wat daar was, die vergadering 'n groot sien te help maak.

Onder die wat daar was, noem ons ouderlinge D. F. Tarr, W. S. Hyatt, en Pieter Wessels. Hul foto's verskyn in hierdie blad. Ouderling D. F. Tarr was die eerste van die Engelssprekendes in Suid-Afrika wat die boodskap aangeneem het. Hy was ook ons eerste geordineerde prediker onder die Engelse koloniste. Ouderling Pieter Wessels was die eerste Sabbathouer en die eerste geordineerde prediker onder ons Boerebevolking. Ouderling W. S. Hyatt was die eerste president van die Suid-Af-

rikaanse Unie Konferensie toe die georganiseer is. Dit was waarlik aangenaam om hierdie veterane in ons midde te hê.

Dink ons aan die toekoms, dan glo ons dat die werk van bogenoemde konferensies ook verder die guns en sien van die Here sal geniet. Sterke planne is beraam tot uitbreiding van die evangeliewerk en beter sorg vir die kudde. Mag die Here die aanbevelings en planne wat op albei die konferensiesittings geneem is, sien sodat die werk onder die Europeane in die Unie van Suid-Afrika spoedig klaar mag wees.

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## Besondere Seëninge in Johannesburg

N. C. WILSON

Die Natal-Transvaal kampvergadering wat van die eerste tot die negende Januarie in Johannesburg gehou is, was 'n wonderlike geleentheid en sal as sodanig lank in herinnering bly as 'n tyd van besondere sien en oorwinning. Nieteenstaande die moeilike finansiële tye waarin ons verkeer, was die opkoms groter en bestendiger as twee jaar gelede. Die Gees van God was gedurende die hele sitting teenwoordig, en strome van ryk seëninge het vir ons van die hemel afgedaal. 'n Gees van diepe erns en ondersoek van die hart het die vergadering gekenmerk. Dit het gelyk of die vensters van die hemel elke dag wyer en wyer oop gaan en ons was alger jammer toe die laaste dag kom en dit tyd was om huistoe te gaan. Dit was 'n grote voorreg en tegelyk besielend om die vergaderde broeders en susters te ontmoet en getuie te wees van hul begeerte en gewilligheid om die program van God vir Sy volk in hierdie moeilike en onsekere dae te ken en te volg.

Vir die behoeftes en belange van die jongmense en kinders was goeie voorsorg gemaak en baie bepaalde oorwinnings is daar behaal. Die werk het stil en bedaar aangegaan. Ons jongmense het 'n wonderlik diepe en waardevol ervaring opgedaan en ons gebed is dat dit gedurende die komende dae en maande mag bewaar en versterk word.

Alger het getuig dat die jongste kampvergadering in baie opsigte die beste was wat ooit in die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie gehou is. Sondaars is aan die voet van die kruis gebring, afvalliges teruggevoer, die

verkoeldes en onverskilliges het nuwe moed en krag ontvang, die vromes is besiel en het 'n sien ontvang en 'n geroep van oorwinning in Kristus het van die kamp van Israel opgegaan. Waarlik dit was goed om daar te wees en mag die Gees van God wat daardie vergadering besiel het, besit neem van al die lede van die konferensie en lei tot uiteindelijke en volkome oorwinning.

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## Sinopsis van die Verslag van die President

*Gelees op die Drie-en-Twintigste Sitting van die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie*

W. LEROY HYATT

ONDER die sien van God sien ons mekaar weer byeen in die tweejarige konferensiesitting en met groot genoë open ons hierdie drie-en-twintigste sitting van die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie. Ons roep u alger hartelik welkom toe en ons begin hierdie konferensie met die innige bede dat dieselfde gees van eensgesindheid en van saamwerking wat die hele veld gekenmerk het, ook die beraadslagings van hierdie sitting sal kenmerk.

Dis onnodig dat ons u die belangrykheid van hierdie vergadering skets. Die loop van gebeurtenisse wat die wêreld vul met onuitspreeklike angens en vrees, die buitengewone druk in elke land, as gevolg van wêreldwye finansiële instorting, die geopende deure in elke stad en dorp, waar ons werkers elke geleentheid gegee word om die derde engelhoodskap te predik,—al die dinge laat ons die betekenis van die teenwoordige ure sien, en lê die nadruk op die erns en verantwoordelikheid wat op hierdie konferensie rus. Nooit tevore het ons sulke vraagstukke moet oplos nie; nooit tevore het die toestand so die aandag van denkende manne en vroue gevra nie; en nooit tevore het geopende deure so veel van ons geverg nie.

'n Sterker Evangeliewerk

Ons vertrou dat ons afgevaardigdes baie bly gewees is as hulle nou en dan gehoor het van die uitstekende resultate as gevolg van ons publieke pogings.

Die Here het die getroue pogings van ons evangeliste en hul medewerkers in regstreekse sielewinnende evangeliewerk ryklik geseën. Ons publieke pogings was baie vrugbaar en dit moedig ons aan om met hierdie

werk aan te gaan as nooit tevore nie.

Die aantal gedooptes vir die drie jare 1926-1928 was 234, vir die drie jare 1929-1931 was dit 442, 'n aanwinst van 208 oor die vorige tydperk van drie jare.

Maar die onbewerkte dorpe in ons gebied vorm 'n groot uitdaging vir hierdie konferensie. Siele gaan die ewigheid in sonder kennis van hierdie boodskap. Wat sal ons antwoord wees op die luide uitnodiging wat van al kante tot ons kom?

Herhaaldelik is dit aanbeveel dat al die konferensiewerke eenmaal per jaar aan 'n publieke poging sou deelneem. Daarom is daar planne beraam dat die skrywer 'n poging in Pretoria sou hou. Ons was baie bly vir hierdie voorreg en gevolglik is daar alreeds twee-en-veertig dierbare siele gedoop en baie ander is belangstellend. Hierdie poging het sy eie koste gedek.

Ons is vas daarvan oortuigd dat die tyd ryp is vir sterker evangeliewerk. Ons moet planne lê vir meer evangelistiese pogings, en ons moet ons daarop toelê om daarby meer siele te win. Ons moet ons werk so probeer reël dat elke konferensiewerke kan deelneem aan hierdie publieke pogings. Die tyd gaan vinnig verby, die hemelse ondersoek sal netnou op n' end wees, ons moet die boodskap van die derde engel uitbasuin, totdat elke stad en dorp in ons konferensie die tyding van die spoedig komende Heiland sal gehoor het.

**Ledetal**

By ons laaste tweejarige konferensie was ons ledetal 902; ons het toe die doel van 1,000 gesit. Ons is baie bly om te sê dat ons ledetal nou 1,124 is. Ons glo dat ons onder leiding van ons Hemelse Vader 'n baie hoë syfer moet sit vir ons doelwit vir die komende tweejarige periode.

**Verslae van die Departemente**

Die sekretaris van elke departement sal 'n volledige verslag gee. Hierdie departemente wys in die laaste twee jaar 'n gesonde groei, en dit sal uitkom terwyl die verslae gelees word.

**Finansies**

Die geldelike verslaenheid wat die laaste twee jaar die hele wêreld aangetas het in vervulling van die profesie "en op aarde benaauwdheid der volken met twijfelmoedigheid . . . en den menschen het hart zal bezwijken van vrees en verwachting der dingen, die het aardijk zullen overkomen." Lukas 21: 25, 26, het ook die geleedere van hierdie beweging oor die

hele wêreld aangetas, en ons konferensie is daarop geen uitsondering. Die geldelike spanning van ons konferensiewerk het ons beamptes baie sorg en verslaenheid besorg. Ons het dikwels nie geweet wat te doen nie.

Die tiendes vir die laaste vier jaar is as volg:

1928 - 1929	1930 - 1931
£10,924-6-8	£11,501-10-8

Gedurende die laaste drie jare wys die syfers uit dat die konferensie gewerk het met 'n finale wins van £6, 'n baie klein speelruimte. Maar in aanmerking nemende die finansiële krisis in die wêreld, is ons dankbaar dat die syfers 'n klein wins wys.

**Evangelistiese Waarborgfonds**

Wat dit moontlik gemaak het vir die konferensie om in die afgelope twee jare so 'n sterke evangelistiese program te volg is die ontwikkeling van die Evangelistiese Waarborg Fonds. Deur heel die konferensie het ons kerke getrou bygedra tot hierdie fonds. Die geld wat op die manier bymekaar gemaak is, is uitsluitend vir evangelistiese doeleindes gebruik en nie 'n enkele pennie is vir die gereelde werk van die konferensie bestee nie. Hierdie gelde het dit moontlik gemaak om tydelik ekstra hulp vir pogings aan te neem en om meer pogings te hou. Ons het die gees van evangeliewerk wat ons getrou lede gewys het, baie waardeer. In party gevalle is groot somme gegee vir pogings in bepaalde dorpe. Dit alles wys dat die werklike las om siele te win rus op die harte van ons mense. Hier is die gulde geleentheid om ons geld te belê in die redding van siele deur hierdie evangelistiese veldtogte. Netnou sal geld waardeloos wees; vandag kan dit nog gebruik word om kosbaar siele in die waarheid te bring. Die Evangelistiese Waarborgfonds in die afgelope twee jaar het bedra:

1930	£344	1	0
1931	332	9	1

Vir die twee jare £676 10 1

Ons wens ons opregte waardering uit te spreek voor al ons mense wat so getrou bygedra het tot ons evangelistiese werk. Ons vertrou dat hulle dit ook verder sal ondersteun sodat 'n groot aantal pogings in die toekoms mag gehou word.

**Sending Offerandes**

Die belangstelling van ons mense in buitenlandse sendingwerk is in die afgelope jaar duidelik aan die lig ge-

kom. Selfs waar hul inkomste aanmerklik verminder is, daar wys ons Sending Offerandes tog 'n gesonde toestand. Die volgende syfers is van belang:

1928 - 1929	1930 - 1931
£7,212 12 6	£7,327 14 4

**Die Toekoms**

Waar die deur oopgaan, staar ons in die komende tweejarige tydperk. Die vraagtekens aan die horison word verlig deur die geseënde hoop van die spoedige koms van ons Heer en Meester. Waar die beloftes waar en seker is, hulle het nooit gefaal nie en sal nimmer faal nie, kan ons sonder vrees Sy hand vat, terwyl ons die onbeproefde paaie van die toekoms bewandel. Die pad van die Kristen word helderder verlig al na ons nader kom aan die volkome dag. Maar duisternis bedek die aarde, en donkere duisternis die volke. Ons kom vinnig nader aan die tyd van benoudheid soos nog nooit gewees is nie, en aan ons is voorsê dat die werk wat ons nalatig gewees het om te doen in tye van vrede en voorspoed, gedaan sal word in dae van moeite en verslaenheid, wanneer dit soveel moeiliker sal wees om die werk te doen, moeiliker as ons ooit kan indink. Daarom moet ons in elke departement van ons konferensiewerk beter planne beraam, sodat ons voorwaarts mag gaan as 'n verenigde, soliede eenheid, en oorwinnings behaal en groter hoogtes bereik. In ons evangelistiese program van die verlede het ons die swak skakels in ons ketting versterk en daardeur swak, worstelende kerke in sterk verenigde liggamme verander. Nog 'n paar van die swak skakels moet versterk word deur publieke pogings wat ons in hul midde gaan hou; en dan moet die konferensie die groot vraagstuk aanpak om die onbewerkte dorpe in hierdie gebied te bewerk en te evangeliseer.

Die fondse van ons konferensie sal ons nie toelaat om nuwe werkers aan te neem nie. Die konferensie sal inderdaad baie gelukkig wees as dit nie party werkers sal moet afdank nie. Die enige manier waarop ons dus die nuwe gebied kan ingaan, is dus om ons werkers weg te neem van die ou kerke waar hulle jarelank al gearbeid het en hulle te laat gaan na die onbewerkte gedeeltes van ons konferensie. Dit is volstrek nie 'n nuwe plan in die werk van God nie. Die Here het ons bepaalde las in hierdie rigting gegee. Ons kan vanmôre net 'n paar aanhalings opnoem:

“Kyk tog, ek bid u, na die baie, baie plekke wat nooit bewerk is nie. Kyk tog hoe ons werkers oor en weer dieselfde grond bewerk, terwyl rondom hulle ’n verwaarloosde wêreld lê in sonde en goddeloosheid—’n wêreld wat nog nie gewaarsku is nie.”—*Deel 7, bld. 103.* “Ons predikers moenie hul tyd bestee in arbeid vir die wat alreeds die waarheid aangeneem het nie. Met die liefde van Kristus brandende in hul harte moet hulle uitgaan om siele vir Jesus te win. Hulle moet aan alle watere die sade van waarheid saai. Plek na plek moet hulle besoek; kerk na kerk stig. Die wat hul standpunt jeens die waarheid inneem, moet in kerke organiseer word, en dan moet die prediker verder gaan na plekke wat net so belangryk is.”—*Dieselfde, bld. 19, 20.* “Die Here het nie aan die predikers die werk opgedra om die kerke reg te sit nie. Sodra hierdie werk oënskynlik gedaan is, moet mens dit weer oordoën. Kerklede wat op die manier versorg en bearbeid word, word godsdienstige swakkelinge. As nege tiende van die arbeid vir die wat die waarheid ken, bestee was aan die wat die waarheid nog nooit gehoor het nie, hoeveel groter vooruitgang sou ons gemaak het. Die Here het Sy seëninge weerhou omdat Sy volk nie volgens Sy raad gewerk het nie. Dit maak diegenes wat die waarheid ken, swak as ons predikers aan hulle tyd en talente moet bestee wat aan die onbekeerdes moes gegee word. In baie van ons kerke in die groot dorpe predik die prediker Sabbat op Sabbat, en Sabbat op Sabbat kom die kerklede na die huis van God sonder ’n woord te kan sê omtrent ontvang seëninge as gevolg van meegeede seëninge. . . .

Die beste hulp wat ons ons mense kan gee is om hulle te leer om vir die Here te werk en na Hem op te sien, en nie na ons predikers nie. Laat hulle leer werk soos Kristus gewerk het. Laat hulle hul aansluit by Sy leer van werkers en Hem getrou dien.”—*Dieselfde, bld. 19, 10.* “Maak nuwe velde oop, sê die Here. Ons God roep nie die jongmense om onder die kerk te arbeid nie.”—*Deel 6, bld. 415.*

#### Bestuit

Die tweejarige tydperk behoort tot die verlede. Die beamptes van die konferensie, die uitvoerende komitee en die sekretarisse van departemente het die werk van die Here in ons konferensie so sterk en so vinnig moontlik probeer aanstoot. Ons dank

die Here vir die sukses waarmee Sy werk gedaan is. Maar ons is nou bly dat ons die las van die konferensie kan lê op die afgevaardigdes hier teenwoordig op die drie-en-twintigste sitting van die Natal-Transvaal konferensie. Ons bid die Here om ons verstand te gee om die toekomsplanne so te lê dat Sy werk oorwinnende mag aangaan om te oorwin.



## Verslag van die Uitgewers Departement

*Gelees op die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie*

S. J. FOURIE

Die manier om die evangelie van huis tot huis te predik het nie opgehou met die dae van die apostels nie, toe die voorbeeld van Kristus in hierdie opsig so getrou gevolg en so blykbaar geseën is. Hierdie selfde manier is gevolg in die sestende eeu, in die dae van die Hervorming, sowel as in die dae van die Waldenses. Die grootste voorreg wat die Kristen kan hê is dat hy mag deelneem aan die verbreiding van die Evangelie Boodschap. Duisendes is bereid om die laaste boodskap aan te neem en met ons literatuur, so vol waarheid, het ons ’n wonderlike geleentheid om ’n grote werk te doen in die uitbreiding van die koninkryk van God. Geen werk is so doeltreffend as die persoonlike werk deur middel van die verspreiding van leestof. Hoe gou sou die werk gedaan wees, as die kindere van God gewillig was om getrou hul deel te doen.

Ons is die Here dankbaar vir die voorreg om voor die afgevaardigdes hier verslag te doen aangaande die saad wat gedurende die laaste tweejarige tydperk gestrooi is. Allereers wil ons die Here dank vir Sy leiding en besturende hand waar ons nou ’n vergelyking maak. Die Here se werk het die depressie oorwin en verslae soos hierdie vergelykende driejarige verslag van boekverkopings wys:

1926-1928 .....	£17,235 12 10
1929-1931 .....	20,927 2 6
Toename in drie jaar	£3,691 9 8

Die laaste tweejarige tydperk wys ’n toename van £288-14-10 oor die vorige tydperk. As ons vir ’n oomblik dink aan die ernstige finansiële krisis wat in die handelswêreld heers, dan is hierdie toename seker ’n wonder van God.

Gedurende die laaste tweejarige tydperk het ons gemiddeld sewe gereelde kolporteurs in ons veld besig

gehad. Behalwe die gereeldes het ons plek gemaak vir twee-en-twintig studente van Helderberg Kollege,—ag in 1930 waarvan vier na die skool teruggegaan het met vol beurse, en twee spesiale studente wat ook ’n beurs gekry het, maar nie na die skool teruggegaan het nie. Van die veertien wat in die vakansie van 1931 in ons veld kom werk het, het twee alreeds bestellings tot ’n waarde van meer as £200, vier meer as £125 en die ander so omtrent £100 bestellings. Die vooruitsig is goed dat ons net soveel beurse sal kry as laaste jaar.

Ons wens ons getroue kolporteurs te verseker dat ons hul pogings, sowel as die van ons getroue kerklede, baie waardeer. Maar broeders en susters, die komende tweejarige tydperk lê grotere verantwoordelikheid op ons as die afgelepe tydperk en ons wens ’n persoonlike beroep te doen op iedereen hier teenwoordig en op elkeen van ons gemeentelede oral om meer tyd te bestee aan hierdie van-huis-tot-huis werk, waar ons opnuut die ons opgedrae taak op ons neem om die evangelie aan alle kreature te bring.



## Sinopsis van die President se Toespraak

*Aan die Afgevaardigdes Vergadering in die Twee- en Drie-en-Dertigste Tweejarige Sitting van die Kaap Konferensie van Sewende-dag Adventiste*

L. L. MOFFITT

#### GROETES

Dis inderdaad aangenaam om so baie van ons lede hier op die eerste vergadering van ons konferensiesitting in 1932 te verwelkom. Ons is bly om afgevaardigdes van so baie kante van ons veld hier te sien en ons glo vas dat waar ons as een man die Here soek om wysheid om vir ons toenemende werk in hierdie moeilike tye van depressie planne te lê, die Here ons leiding sal gee.

Hoewel ons enigsins die knyp van die geldelike skaarste gevoel het, tog is dit duidelik dat Suid-Afrika in vergelyking met andere dele van die wêreld nog veel het om dankbaar voor te wees. In Noord-Amerika is die toestand so ernstig dat die Sendingsraad sy appropriasies twaalf persent moes kort. Die Suidelike Afrikaanse Diwiesie was verplig strikte besuinigings in te voer; laaste jaar is die lone vyf persent gekort en dié



jaar tien persent, of vyftien persent in die afgelope twee jaar.

In die Kaap Konferensie het ons die invloed van die depressie nie groteliks gevoel voor 1931 nie. Vergelyke met die vorige jaar het ons tien-der-vir 1921 £528 laer gewees en die offerandes vir die sending het £332 geval. Nieteenstaande dit alles het ons tog in 1931 die mees agressiewe evangelistiese veldtog vir jare kan hou. Die Here het die werk gesien sowel as die gelde wat ingekom het, sodat die konferensie die afgelope jaar kon werk met 'n wins van £80. As ons egter die hele tweejarige tydperk in aanmerking neem, dan wys ons tiende 'n aanwys van £696 oor die vorige tweejarige tydperk, ons aanwys in offerandes vir die sending vir die tweejarige tydperk is £355, terwyl ons totale aanwys vir die werk oor die tweejarige tydperk £695 is.

#### Evangelistiese Pogings

Gedurende die afgelope tweejarige tydperk het ons twaalf evangelistiese pogings gehou: ses vir die Europeane en ses vir die Gekleurdes; en dan nog spesiale vergaderings vir die publiek in kerke. In die vorige tweejarige tydperk was daar ses pogings gehou, —drie vir Europeane en drie vir Gekleurdes,—of 'n aanwys van ses pogings vir die jongste tydperk. Dit sluit nie in die jaarlikse pogings van Helderberg Kollege nie; daarin stel die konferensie ook lewendig belang. Gedurende 1931 is daar pogings gehou in die volgende dorpe: Claremont, Stellenbosch, Oos Londen, Mosselbaai, Pacaltsdorp, Blanco, Stellenbosch (vir Gekleurdes), en Dieprivier.

U sal onthou dat ons op ons laaste ledevergadering te Helderberg Kollege gestem het om 'n deel van die offerande van die kampvergadering aan 'n fonds vir 'n verplaasbaar tabernakel vir evangelistiese werk te bestee. Hierdie tabernakel, vandag bekend as die Bybel Ouditorium, is die eerste vir 'n sentrale poging onderaan Adderleystraat in Kaapstad opgerig. Dit was begin 1930. Ouderling R. G. Morton, bygestaan deur Suster Morton, Broeder en Suster Milford, Suster Jeffrey en lede van die kerk van Kaapstad, het hier twee jogings gehou. Die tabernakel het daar nege maande bly staan. Ongeveer agendertig persons is as gevolg van die poging gedoop.

Die broeders Billes, Vixie en Vail, ondersteun deur hul vrouens, Ouderling Theunissen en lede van die kerk

van Soutrivier het in 19330 'n goed bygewoonde poging vir Gekleurdes in die Forester Saal te Woodstock gehou. As gevolg van hierdie poging is daar een-en-dertig gedoop.

Broeder J. J. B. Combrinck ondersteun deur Ouderling J. V. Wilson het die belangstelling te Athlone opgevolg met 'n aantal vergaderings in die nuwe kerk. As gevolg hiervan is daar twaalf gedoop.

Begin 1931 het Ouderling Morton 'n serie lesings gehou in die Bybel Ouditorium, Main Road, Claremont. Mej. A. G. Fleming, sendelinge op verlot aan die Kaap en lede van die kerk van Claremont het daarby gehelp. Teen die end van die poging by geleentheid van die besoek van Ouderling Montgomery is die gewestelike vergaderings vir die Westelike Provinsies in die Ouditorium gehou. Dit was 'n passende klimaks vir hierdie vergaderings. Ongeveer veertien persone is gedoop.

Ouderling W. H. Hurlow, ondersteun deur broeder en suster Milford, het begin 1931 'n poging te Stellenbosch begin. Hierdie poging het sterk teenstand gekry. Drie persone is aan die end van die poging gedoop en dit word verwag dat ander sal volg by hierdie kampvergadering.

Ouderling S. G. Hiten saam met Broeder Louis Strick het 'n tentpoging in Mosselbaai gehou. Ook hier het hulle taamlik teenstand gekry. Na die vergaderings is een persoon gedoop en die het aangesluit by die "Elim" kerk te George. Ouderling Hiten het in Desember vier te Miller gedoop en ses te Langkloof.

Die poging van Ouderling Hurlow te Oos Londen in die Spoorweg Instituut was goed bygewoon. Ouderling en Suster D. F. Tarr het getrou Bybelwerk gedaan in verband met hierdie poging. Broeders Marter en Shankel het ook vir 'n tydjie gehelp. Broeder Hurlow rapporteer dat daar vier-en-twintig gedoop is en dat daar vyftien in die doopklas is.

Ouderling D. C. Theunissen en Broeder D. May het die afgelope jaar twee tentpogings gehou in die distrik van George; een te Pacaltsdorp en een te Blanco. Na die poging te Pacaltsdorp is die "Elim" kerk georganiseer met 'n ledetal van een-en-twintig. Elf hiervan kom uit die kerk van George. Aan die end van die poging te Blanco is vier gedoop, dus totaal vyftien persone vir die twee pogings. Daar is nog verskeies in die doopklas.

Broeder en Suster Milford het op

Stellenbosch agtergebly toe Ouderling Hurlow Oos Londen toe gegaan het. Suster Milford het met die Bybelwerk aangegaan en Broeder Milford het 'n poging onder die Gekleurdes begin. Hy rapporteer dat daar tien klaar is om gedoop te word en ander is baie belangstellend.

In Oktober het Broeder Billes en Ouderling Nelson van die Diwiesie kantore 'n tentpoging te Dieprivier begin. Van die begin is hierdie poging goed bygewoon en hoewel hulle gehinder was deur gebrek aan Bybelwerkers, was daar tog goeie resultate. Broeder Combrinck het gedeeltelik in hierdie poging gehelp en Broeder Jackson, leier van die kerk te Soutrivier was tentmeester en het Bybelwerk gedaan. Broeder Billes rapporteer dat daar sewentien is wat Sabbat hou en wat klaarmaak vir doop die laaste Sabbat van die kampvergadering; en ongeveer nog tien sal later volg.

#### Dope, Ledetal en Kerke

Die aantal dopelinge vir die tweejarige tydperk bedra 228, 'n vermeerdering van drie oor die vorige twee jaar. Die vermeerdering sou egter heel wat groter gewees het, het ons nie beslis gehoor gegee nie aan die aanbeveling van die Diwiesie Raad om die doop langer uit te stel met die doel om die nuwe bekeerlinge grondiger in die geloof te bevestig. In die begin van 1932 sal daar verskeies gedoop word, wat feitlik voor die end van die tweejarige tydperk sou gebeur het, had ons nie volgens hierdie konserwatiewe en veiliger plan gewerk nie. Vir die afgelope tydperk was daar 150 gevalle van doop onder die Europeane en 78 onder die Gekleurdes, of 228 alles tesaam.

Deur verplasing wys die afdeling vir Europeane 'n verlies van agendertig lede. Die Gekleurdes het 'n aanwys van sewen-en-dertig. Desember 1931 was die ledetal onder Europeane 914, onder Gekleurdes 311, of 'n totale ledetal vir die konferensie van 1,225 verdeel oor sestien kerke vir Europeane en ag kerke vir Gekleurdes.

Gedurende die tweejarige tydperk het die Gekleures uitstekende vordering gemaak; hul ledetal het van 189 tot 311 opgekom.

#### Nuwe Kerkgeboue

Twee nuwe kerkgeboue is in hierdie tweejarige tydperk opgetrek; een te Athlone; en een te Elsie's Rivier. Die gelowiges te Athlone het hul vergaderings in 'n ou vervalde saal ge-

hou, totdat dit afgekeur is. Toe het hulle in 'n privaat woning bymekaar gekom; maar die was te klein en ongerieflik. In 1930 het ons 'n stuk grond gekoop en daarop 'n sink kerkie gebou.

In 1931 het ons 'n stene kerkie te Elsie's Rivier gebou. Die Generale Konferensie het £205 deur die kerkuitbreidingsfonds vir hierdie gebou gegee en Broeder Billes het meer as £100 se waarde aan materiaal present gekry van handelaars in Kaapstad.

Ouderling B. W. Abney wat by sy koms van Amerika in Augustus 1931 die werk onder die Gekleurdes opgedra is, het op Sondae en Woensdae 'n serie vergaderings in die kerk gehou. Hy rapporteer dat daar twaalf aan die end van die kampvergadering sal gedoop word.

#### Veldtogte

In die veldtogte vir die afgelope tweejarige tydperk het die Oes Insameling die vernaamste plek ingeneem. In 1930 het die totale Oes Insamelinggelde £2,200 bedra, in 1931 £2,055, totaal £4,255 vergeleke met 'n totaal van £3,811 vir die vorige tweejarige tydperk of 'n aanwinst van £444.

Die veldtog van die afgelope jaar was veral bemoedigend. Ondanks die depressie het ons mense met prysenswaardige moed en vasberadenheid uitgegaan en teen die end van die sesde week het hulle reeds die doelpunt van die konferensie bereik. Broeder F. E. Potter, ons Buurtsending-sekretaris, het op bekwame en opwekkende manier leiding in hierdie saak gegee.

Die Grootweek het nie met dieselfde besieling en sukses as die Oes Insameling gegaan nie. Die jaar 1930 het £174 ingebring, 1931 net £67 of 'n totaal van £241 vir die tydperk. Dis 'n vermindering van £57 oor die vorige twee jaar.

Die veldtog vir die *Review and Herald* en die *African Signs* het nie die moontlikheid van verder sirkulasie uitgeput nie, aangesien daar in die Kaap Konferensie net 109 families is wat inskryf vir die *Review*. Die *Signs of the Times* behoort nog duidendes te bereik wat ons vandag nie bereik nie. Waar ons nou die blad ook in Afrikaans het, behoort ons gedurende 1932 die sirkulasie van "Africa's Prophetic Monthly" prober verdubbel.

Hoewel die Week vir opoffering geen veldtog is nie, sal dit tog nie verkeerd wees nie om die vooruitgang in hierdie besondere offerande gedurende die afgelope vier jaar te noem

nie. In 1928 het die Week vir Opoffering £221 opgebring, in 1929 £337, of totaal £558 vir die tydperk. Vir die afgelope tweejarige tydperk was dit as volg: £262 vir 1930, en £231 vir 1931, of totaal £493, dus 'n vermindering van £65 oor die vorige twee jaar.

Ons eindig hierdie rapport met opregte en hartelike dank aan ons getroue lede en aan ons korps getroue medearbeiders wat so gewillig met die beamptes en komitee van die konferensie saamgewerk het, waardeur hierdie rapport moontlik was. Maar boonal bring ons dank en lof aan die Hemelse Vader, aan ons geseende Heer en Saligmaker Jesus, en aan die Heilige Gees; want na alles gesê is, bly dit: "Wat het God gedaan."

## S. A. Unie-Konf.

N. C. Wilson ..... President

A. F. Tarr ..... Sekr.-Tes.

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## Die Werk gaan Vooruit in Maritzburg

A. W. STAPLES

'N Paar maande gelede het ons hier in Maritzburg 'n navolgende poging gehou. Party van ons kerklede het op verskillende maniere ons gehelp. Die Here het veral die las op die hart van Broeder Fowler gelê. Ons het hierdie voortdurende ondersteuning waardeur. Broeder Floyd Tarr en Suster Sanders van die Uniekantoor het ook vir 'n maand gehelp. Ons was bly vir hul hulp.

Die Here het Sy seën op die gedane werk gebied. In die stilte het die siele die Here gesoek en hul standpunt geneem met betrekking tot die boodskap van hierdie laaste dae.

Sabbat die twaalfde Desember, was vir die gemeente van Maritzburg weer opnuut 'n dag van oorwinning. Om drie uur in die namiddag was daar baie in die kerk; hulle het hartelik deelgeneem in die diens. Tien dierbaar siele het vorentoe gekom, belydenis gedaan en is in die kerkgemeenskap opgeneem. Broeder J. C. Baumann en die skrywer het hierdie bekeerlinge die regterhand van gemeenskap gegee. In die diep erns van hierdie oomblik was baie deur die Gees van God tot tranen toe bewoë. Die kandidate het die een na die ander hul Heer in die doop gevolg en het opgekom om die vol wa-

penrusting van God aan te doen en die goeie stryd van die geloof te stry. Ons gebede volg hulle en mag die Here hulle maak tot wakker stryers van die kruis.

Gedurende die jaar 1931 het ons in Maritzburg drie-en-twintig siele gedoop. Daar is nog wat die Sabbatdienste bywoon en ons verwag dat vroeg in hierdie jaar weer 'n groep kandidate vorentoe sal kom om gedoop te word.

Ons dank die Here vir hierdie vrugte wat ons uit die konserwatiewe Maritzburg mog pluk, wetende dat Jesus alleen red. Ons gaan moedig verder om nog ander te soek.

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## Groete uit Suid Wes Afrika

HERMANN FICKER

Die paar wydverspreide en eensame gelowiges in die Advent Boodskap hier stuur groete aan alger van dieselfde dierbare geloof in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Diviesie. Die aantal volwassene Sabbathouers is minder as tien, tog hou hulle moedig die banier van waarheid omhoog. Hoewel die tye swaar is, kan ons tog ons harte tot God ophef en Hom prys.

Groot afstande moet ons aflê om die dierbare susters en broeders te ontmoet, maar waar ons plan maak om hulle op hul plase te besoek, daar weet ons dat die Here hulle 'n oorvloedige seën vir hul dorstige siele berei waar ons vir hulle vertel van die ver gemeentes wat arbei vir hul Meester. Die woestyn sal nog bloei as 'n roos as die saad deur hierdie edele siele gestrooi, sal wortel skiet en vrugte dra tot verheerliking van God.

Heel die groot land deur is die boeke "Bybellesings" en die "Huisdokter" in feitlik elke huis geplaas, tot selfs in die kleinste groep mynhutte. Dit doen ons harte goed om te sien hoe hoogmoedig hulle is om een of albei hierdie boeke van die plank te haal en te wys. Die evangelis sal hier seker nooit 'n groot gehoor kry nie, maar die stille getuie van die boek maak die harte van die mense sag en wys vir hulle die pad van die lewe.

Geliefde medegelowiges, bid vir ons wat hier is; bid vir die wat ons goeie boeke soos die herfsblare versprei en bid veral vuriglik dat die Here ook hier Sy werk mag kortsny in geregtigheid. Selfs van hierdie uithoek van die wingerd van die Here sal siele met blydschap kom draende hul gerwe.

## Word die aangeneemde kind verwaarloos?

L. A. VIXIE

'N Welvarende Kristelike huisgesin het twee liewe kinders, twee dogtertjies, gehad. Hulle wou die gesin meer ideaal maak en besluit toe om 'n seuntjie aan te neem.

Die jare het die een na die ander verbygegaan en niemand het vermoed dat die seuntjie nie een van die drie was nie behalwe die wat dit gewees het. In elke opsig is hy ge-lyk en met liefde behandel.

Maar die dag het gekom toe Hendrik beskou is as 'n las, as oortollig. En gou het hy die verskil gesien en ongelukkig verstaan dat hy 'n aangeneemde kind was.

Ek sien nog 'n verwaarloosde seun in ons skone land. Weet u wie hy is? Stel u belang daarin? Hy is so 'n waardevolle seun dat ek hoop dat daar in die hart van elke opregte en wakkere Sewende-dag Adventiste 'n waar ouerlike liefde mag ontwaak en dat die seun weer mag aangeneem word. As u hom in u huis opneem, sal hy anderens wys wat hy wêrd is en die seëninge sal op u eie hoof weerkeer. Wie hy is? Niemand minders as die nagelate *Signs Veldtog*.

Die laaste paar jaar het die Oes Insameling en Grootweek Veldtog toegeneem. Elke jaar het 'n vermeerdering gewys. Maar die *Signs* het van sy verheve hoogte van 10,000 intekenaars afgekom tot 7,000.

Suid-Afrika se profetiese maandblad bewys goeie dienste in hierdie dae "as die mense hul harte beswyk van angs." Soos u alger weet maak dit die groot waarhede wat ons so waardeer, baie duidelik.

Belemmer ons nie die nut van hierdie seun deur hom te verwaarloos nie?

Let op uself. Gaan u u bes doen om die groei van hierdie "aangeneemde seun" te bevorder?

Sal u nie minstens vyf intekenaars probeer kry gedurende die komende veldtog nie? U kan as u wil. Daar is baie wat vandag in die kerk van die oorblyfsel is as gevolg van die *Signs of the Times*. Daar kan nog baie by ons aansluit as ons ons bes doen.

Die *Signs Veldtog* het u van node en u het behoefte aan die *Signs Veldtog*. Ja, wat meer is, iemand mag die Godstad binnegaan omdat u u plig nie verwaarloos het nie.

## Obituaries

**DEMPSEY.**—Sister Dempsey passed away in Durban, Sabbath, Dec. 12, 1931. She had gone to a lower altitude and to be with her son in her serious illness.

Sister Dempsey accepted present truth under the labours of Pastor C. A. Paap in Maritzburg, where she retained her membership till her death. She was seventy-four years of age. She was buried by the Rev. Skelton of the Church of England in the family plot in the Church of England cemetery, Maritzburg.

Our sympathies are with the bereaved relatives and we pray that the Lord may comfort their hearts.

A. W. STAPLES.

**MOKO.**—Richard Moko accepted present truth in the year 1893 and was baptised following the second camp-meeting held in this country, in 1895. Brother Moko was our pioneer South African native worker and laboured many years selling our publications in the various towns and villages of the Cape Province. He was an ordained minister and preached the Word with power. There is hardly a village in Kafirland where the name of Moko is not known and many today are rejoicing in the light of truth as a result of his labours. He glorified in tribulation and once had a tooth knocked out of his mouth while he was holding an open air meeting. But he boasted that on that very spot there is a church building standing and expressed his willingness to lose every tooth in the very same way, if for each tooth there could be raised up a church company.

For several months Brother Moko had not enjoyed the best of health. He came to East London several weeks ago to reside with his daughter. He was confined to his bed most of the time and gradually grew weaker. He died January 7, aged 82 years. A short service was conducted by the writer in the native Baptist church, very kindly loaned to us for the occasion, and Elder D. F. Tarr conducted the service at the graveside, a large number of people attending the funeral. Brother Moko's mortal remains were laid to rest in the East Bank Location cemetery there to await the call of the Life-giver.

To the sorrowing wife and children we extend our deepest sympathy.

J. E. SYMONS.

**BULL.**—The many friends of Mrs. E. Bull will be saddened to learn that she passed away in England on December 19 where she was visiting her people. She was buried in the Highgate cemetery, there to await the call of the Life Giver when He shall descend from heaven with a shout and with the voice of the archangel.

Sister Bull laboured for many years in the cause of truth in South Africa. Before she accepted the message she was an officer in the Salvation Army in whose service she was acknowledged as a real soul winner; and after the light of present truth came to her, she at once took up a wider service and laboured unceasingly in the interests of the cause in various parts of the Cape Conference. She will be especially remembered for her service on behalf of our coloured people in Kimberley, Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, where she spent herself untiringly in the service of the truth she loved so dearly.

A few months ago her health began to fail, and she requested a leave of absence that she might return to England to visit her people, expecting to return to this field again to give her life in service for the Master. But an all-wise God has decreed otherwise and she now rests from her labours to await the soon coming of her Lord.

**BOSHOFF.**—Johanna Botha was born November 3, 1874 in the Free State. Her father was a brother of the late General Louis Botha. Early in life she married Mr. J. Boshoff. About six years ago she accepted the message under the labours of Pastor W. H. Hurlow and united with the Maritzburg church. Ailing much this past year she was finally prostrated. After a painful and lingering illness she passed away at Grey's Hospital on December 7.

It was the writer's privilege to minister at the bedside. She loved the message. Her faith and confidence were anchored in Jesus.

She leaves a husband, three sons and one daughter and relatives to mourn their loss.

She was laid to rest in the family cemetery on the farm at Mooi River, Natal. Many gathered at the graveside, including her brother General Manie Botha. The Lord came wonderfully near to bless and comfort as the "blessed hope" was presented and accepted.

A. W. STAPLES.

**MEIRING.**—Onder blyke van groot belangstelling het 'n skare van omtrent 200 mense bymekaar gekom om die laaste oorskot van ou moeder Cornelia Arnoldina Meiring van Bonnie Vale te aarde te bestel.

Moeder Meiring het omtrent 40 jaar gelede onder die arbeid van Broeders Scholtz en P. Wessels die waarheid aangeneem. Ons betreur die heengaan van een van die oudste Adventiste in Suid-Afrika. Die ou moeder was twee maande siek waarvan sy die laaste veertien dae bedlêrig was. Sag en teder is sy heengegaan op die môre van die derde November met die volle versekering dat sy haar Heiland in die opstandings dag sal ontmoet.

Broeder P. v. d. Merwe van Helderberg Kollege het die lykrede gehou en die skare toegesprek by die graf na aanleiding van John. 11:11. Ons treur nie soos die wat geen hoop het nie maar ons is verseker ons sal ons moeder weersien in die opstanding.

S. A. VAN HANZEN.

"He who co-operates with the divine purpose in imparting to the youth a knowledge of God, and moulding the character into harmony with His, does a high and noble work. As he awakens a desire to reach God's ideal, he presents an education that is as high as heaven and as broad as the universe; an education that can not be completed in this life, but that will be continued in the life to come; an education that secures to the successful student his passport from the preparatory school of earth to the higher grade, the school above."—"Education," p. 19.

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## News Notes

The camp-meeting Sabbath schools were well attended at both Johannesburg and Kenilworth. The offering was over £32 in the Natal-Transvaal Sabbath school sessions, and over £37 in the Cape.

Brethren A. C. Le Butt and Leslie Billes were ordained, to the gospel ministry at the time of the recent camp-meetings, the former at the Johannesburg meeting and the latter at Kenilworth.

Elder S. G. Hiten was called away from the Cape camp-meeting last Sabbath to hasten over to George to conduct the funeral of Brother Donald van der Poel, who died as a result of an automobile accident in which he was injured about two weeks ago. Our sympathy goes out to the family in this hour of sorrow. An obituary will appear later.

The baptism on the closing day of the Cape camp-meeting was a very interesting occasion. A baptistry out in the open air had been prepared, and after a short service led by Elder W. H. Hurlow, forty-three souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Some of these were isolated members, others the fruit of evangelistic efforts on the Peninsula.

Mrs. Peter Stevenson recently passed through Cape Town on her way to East London from Angola. She has been called home because of the death of her mother in East London.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilfred Ingle recently arrived from England en route to Maritzburg. Dr. Ingle has been in

Europe for post-graduate work, while Mrs. Ingle has been visiting her parents, Elder and Mrs. I. J. Hankins, in America.

DURING the Cape Conference session word was received by wire from Port Elizabeth of the death of Brother Charles Tarr, of Tsesebe, who had been taking treatment in Port Elizabeth. We express our sincere sympathy to the sorrowing relatives in this hour of bereavement. An obituary will be published in an early issue of the OUTLOOK.

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