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Big Week Projects

A. E. NELSON

The two union mission fields which are anxiously looking to this 1932 Big Week effort are the Zambesi Union and the Angola Union. So many needs which cannot be supplied in any other way have been helped through the Big Week proceeds. Here and there dotted throughout the Division are memorials erected as monuments of missionary effort in securing Big Week funds. What a blessing this has brought to our work; and what a loss would result should the plan be abandoned!

In the Zambesi Union a school and chapel needs to be erected at Katima Mulilo Mission. This is a dire need. At Chimpempe a grass building is being used as a school and chapel. This is but a temporary structure and needs to be replaced by a more substantial building. The people at this place are already gathering poles and making brick. Let us help them along in their efforts.

Farther away, in Angola, the brethren are struggling to do a large work with limited means. The union secretary-treasurer is endeavouring to carry on his work in one room of the hospital which is greatly needed by the doctor. A building should be erected. Already a plot of ground has been secured and the stones for the foundation are waiting to be used. Let us help this year to erect the home and office so much needed in Angola.

Let us not disappoint those who are looking to us for assistance from the Big Week effort—April 30 to May 7.

Our Golden Hour of Opportunity

N. C. WILSON

IN the annual church calendar there are two major campaigns for mission offerings—Big Week and Harvest Ingathering. The one which chiefly concerns us just now is Big Week—April 30 to May 7. Every member of the church should thus early definitely plan on having an active part in this important work.

Earnest appeals for service reach us so often that I sometimes wonder if we do not become so accustomed to these that to some extent they lose their force. However, dear brethren and sisters, I feel that we should calmly and thoughtfully look the future squarely in the face, and, realising the situation facing the cause of God today, lay definite plans for success. The cause of God in our field and the world over faces an unparalleled crisis, which, under Heaven's plan of human responsibility, can only be averted by the church of God arising to the situation in a united and definite way. Heavenly beings, we are told, could easily accomplish the task given the church but, thank God, this is not the plan—the opportunity and privilege is ours.

The world situation calls for more earnest and active service than at any previous time. There can be no letting down in our mission programme due to trying and unfavourable financial conditions. This is our golden hour of opportunity for, when God's "judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." Present world conditions are ordered by God to open doors hitherto closed. The present distressing world situation has resulted in an enquiring attitude of mind. In this unparalleled hour of world crisis and opportunity, what will the church do to measure up to her task? May God by His mighty power lay hold upon us as individuals and as a people, and enable us to accomplish far more for Him than ever before.

We earnestly appeal to every believer in South Africa to plan definitely to have an active part in 1932's first major missionary endeavour—Big Week. May there be a quiet but definite planning to the end that this year's Big Week may be the most blessed, the most fruitful in souls

and funds for missions. We are definitely counting on every church in the South African sisterhood of churches arising to the call of God and to the blessed opportunity which is ours during the coming Big Week campaign.

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Filling Empty Hearts

F. E. POTTER

THE serious financial depression that has now enveloped the whole world has not only brought divers physical ills—misery, privation, and want—into countless homes in every land, but it has created a definite want in the hearts of men and women of all classes in every clime.

The Prince of Wales just recently pictured world conditions in these words: "We have before us today a world sick with fearful doubt, weary with repeated disappointments . . . and we see in almost every land wide-spread distress and perplexity."

The Prince of Peace, picturing world conditions in the last days to his little band of disciples back in A.D. 33, especially spoke of "distress with perplexity" and "men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth."

Truly, dear believers, "this day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." All around us are fellow beings "broken-hearted" by their burdens, "bruised" by the enemy of souls, held "captive" by false doctrine and "blind" to the issue before them. These are they whom we have been "called out" to minister to. To these we are commissioned to let our light shine so that they may also escape

the darkness whilst time still is.

What are we doing about it all? Governments, charitable organisations, religious bodies, and good Samaritans in every land are bending every energy to meet the physical needs of their peoples.

Those efforts, essential and worthy though they be, are not calculated to meet man's need *now*. Sixty centuries of trial have fully proved that "man cannot live by bread alone." In this hour of the world's crisis man must be brought to realise that his salvation in every sense of the term hangs on his obedience to "every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

We have been entrusted with the sacred work of enlightening souls around us—of filling empty hearts with the true bread from heaven. How are we individually measuring up to our duty? We are not sacrificing anything in thus meeting the world's need today. It surely cannot be a sacrifice to share abundance with one in need. "Freely ye have received, freely give." The opportunity presented to us this Big Week of sharing this wonderful truth with those around us should be counted a great privilege and should bring gladness to our hearts.

Brethren and sisters, the chains of Satanic captivity have been sundered from us, our bruised souls have been made whole by the blessed power of God, and we have been healed of our spiritual maladies. Then let us "sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing." Psalm 107: 22. Let us give *concrete* evidence of our thanksgiving for salvation by going out

A Big Week Recipe

J. A. STEVENS

FOR FAILURE

- To make the dark side blacker—*Be a slacker.*
- To increase the work of every worker—*Be a shirker.*
- To give aid to our great foe—*Re-guse to "go."*
- To make others lose heart—*Fail to do your part.*
- To hold the Big Week goal down—*Talk depression, and frown.*

FOR SUCCESS

- To make the dark side light—*Pray and work with all your might.*
- To lighten the task of one and all—*Cheerfully respond to every call.*
- To defeat the foe in every field—*Fight on! Fight on! Refuse to yield.*
- To hearten others—*Talk courage, brothers.*
- To exceed all Big Week goals before—*Work on! Work on! Do more! Do more!*

among our neighbours and declaring God's goodness to us, and His love for them.

"What regret must then be mine when I meet my Lord divine,
If I've wasted all the talents He doth lend!

If no soul to me can say 'I am glad you passed my way
For 'twas you who told me of the sinner's Friend.'

"If my gratitude I'd show unto Him who loves me so,

Let me labour till the evening shadows fall;

That some little gift of love I may bear to realms above,

And not empty-handed be when comes the call."

So You're Glad You are a Seventh-day Adventist?

L. A. VIXIE

AND so am I,—glad that you are one and that I am one. So often I have heard these words, "I am so glad I am a Seventh-day Adventist!" And you have a right to be glad. You have a right to feel jubilant. As the years go by, the older you are, the more pathos, the more ring there is to those words. And why shouldn't there be?

When Paul said "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth," I am certain he said it with much fervour and very deep feeling.

I am reminded of a canary. This bird belonged to one of the softest, sunniest climates on the face of the earth, yet it sang with more gaiety and abandon when the ship, in which it was a passenger, was in the midst of the ice. At the South Pole, where piercing winds, nipping frosts, driving snow storms, continents of ice and snow drifts, had piled themselves into frozen mountains, is where this golden chorister sang. A stranger, a captive, yet he didn't hang his harp on a tree, but, amidst snow and ice he gave them of his best. Why did he sing down there in the cold? I can only suppose that he sang just because he was a canary, and, being a canary, could not but sing.

A Christian, just because he is a Christian, or coming just a bit nearer home, a Seventh-day Adventist, just because he is a Seventh-day Adventist, will find some way of expressing, naturally, acceptably, delightfully, the best of life that is in him, even

in the most nipping and chilling circumstances.

The Big Week affords a very special opportunity for passing on in printed form, and sometimes by word, the reason for that which makes your heart sing. The little books to be sold this year contain much of that which makes you so glad you are a Seventh-day Adventist.

The prospects may be cool, yea, cold; you may have much work on hand. There are many excuses. The canary, too, had real reason for remaining silent, but he could not be silent when his heart was full of song.—No, not he.

Big Week Books

J. G. SLATE

IN selecting the books to be used in the Big Week campaign this year, the committee chose six, instead of the usual two. The books are to sell at 1/- each, or 6/- for the set. At the close of the campaign the books will revert to the usual price, 1/6 each.

Two new books, "Better Meals for Less" and "Signs of Christ's Coming," will be included in each set. The other four books will be chosen from the popular "Crisis" series. Some of these have been used in the Big Week campaign in years past, but it was felt this should not prevent our using them again.

In Dutch sections of the South African Union Conference an Afrikaans book will be included in the set. As a selection we have "Die Bybel: Is Dit 'n Waar Boek?" "Die Weg tot Kristus" and by Big Week date we hope to have a second edition of "Die Bybel Duidelik Verklaar" ready. We feel sure that those working Afrikaans speaking sections will appreciate having an Afrikaans book included in the set.

Since the Big Week set is larger this year, and the price set at 6/- instead of 3/-, it is expected that the individual goal for these sets be reduced by just one half. The books should sell more easily at the reduced price. If you have been ordering ten sets, then try five this year. The goal for all lay-members is three sets each. Do not fail to order your sets promptly.

May the Lord bless the work to be done this year in placing these good books in the hands of the people in the Southern African Division.

An Open Letter on Effecting Economies in Our Division

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Even though this letter appears in this form in the OUTLOOK I trust each of you will read it with just as much care and personal interest as if it were addressed to you individually. The reason why I want you to read it thus, is because it will bring to you certain vital information which I wish to convey to you at this time. One has briefly expressed it: "Information is oftentimes more helpful than so much exhortation," and I believe the information contained in this letter will be helpful to you. Now to the point.

There is no need denying that there is a depression on and that times are hard. All of us know differently; hence there is only one thing we can do, and that is to face the fact, and then seek to adjust ourselves the best we can to the situation. It is certainly no time for us to become discouraged, for our heavenly Father has a solution to our every problem.

I know your hearts have been deeply stirred with the articles appearing in the *Review and Herald* recently, calling for greater sacrifice and economy on the part of our people. The last Autumn Council, while appealing most earnestly to the laity throughout the world for increased giving to missions, also laid some very definite plans for effecting saving in the administration of our work. Now, the question naturally arises: "How will these plans affect the work here in the Southern African Division?" It is surely a proper one to ask, and I shall seek to answer it, at least briefly, in this letter.

First of all, may I state that the ten per cent cut in appropriations from overseas, together with a shortage of tithes in this country, gives the Division between £8,000 and £9,000 less to carry forward the work of the entire field during 1932. You can at once safely conclude from this that every committee, from the Division to the local field, had to do some very close trimming in order to balance budgets. And I want to assure you, my brethren and sisters, that our committees this year have tried to do their best in planning to save as much as possible and yet carry on the work without serious retrenchment.

Beginning with the Division office

budget, we cut it over £1,000. This was done by another reduction of ten per cent in all salaries, by retiring one stenographer, and by cutting down materially both travelling and office expense.

As the Division office took the lead in this respect, every union and local field was invited to follow. And from the word which has already come to the writer from many sections of the field, we know that an earnest effort has been, and is being made, to save and to make every pound go as far as possible.

But we are not finished with the problem yet. Definite plans have been laid for survey commissions to carefully study the work of our institutions and field organisations. We are now seeking counsel from our General Conference officers, as to how this work can be done most effectively. As these survey commissions get to work, and it is found that certain fields can be united with profit, or further office and administrative expense can be reduced, be assured, brethren and sisters, that we will gladly pursue such a course of action.

We know a few here and there have felt that this Division is too highly organised, and that there is too much machinery. Well, dear fellow-believers, when some of us who know the position a bit more fully begin to compare ourselves with other division fields, we find that we are not so highly organised after all. In fact, brethren, most of our organisation in Africa is quite simple. But, be that as it may, we purpose to give every field careful study and where we can save so as to devote more time and means to soul-winning, we shall effect such economies. However, we must not go to an extreme in either direction, but seek to keep in the middle of the road and thus carry our work forward in a strong and sensible manner. We feel that if we endeavour to pursue such a course, God will richly bless the efforts we shall put forth in trying to quickly finish the work here in this Division.

Now, in closing, permit me to say we are sorry that certain of our Colonial and American workers have had to be retired, but some very definite conditions made this necessary. Very careful study was given in each case and, after seeking the Lord for guidance, actions were taken which were deemed for the best. In most cases, these workers had to be

retired in order to balance the budget. But we have not been alone in this respect, for we learn that every other division of the world-field has had to do likewise in order to balance their budget. We feel that we have done exceptionally well, brethren and sisters, to hold intact at least 95% of our European working force, as well as being able to place our 1931 Helderberg College graduates.

And now I must not weary you by writing at greater length. This briefly sets before you what we have done, and what we still plan to do in order to safeguard the funds which you

THE OTHER SIDE

Look kindly on another's faults.
Give praise where praise is due.
Remember that the God of heaven
Has kindly thoughts of you!
Remember, too, your keenest sight
May not be all complete.
There is a side to you unseen
That may be fair and sweet!

Should friendship plead, but plead in
vain,
Let justice take the throne,
And with that holiest One declare,
"Let sinless cast the stone."
But "sinless" does not dwell below,
Sharers in failure still.
A thousand errors mark the years
That measure out our will.

Read kindly, then, though trembling
hands
May mar life's fair design,
Putting their earthliness in place
Of that which is divine.
God yet can see and rule aright.
Grant Him the judgment throne.
Leave other eyes, let us attend
The mote within our own.

R. HARE.

sacrifice to give, and yet advance the work of God without retreat.

As leaders, we are not only asking you to continue to give most liberally toward the support of the cause, but we do earnestly request a continued interest in your prayers. We are of good courage as we look to the future, and yet we do need divine wisdom daily for our leadership in these days of peril and worldly uncertainty. Let us be true and loyal to our never-failing Captain and He will see us safely through to the end.

With Christian love to all, I am,

Yours in the Master's service,

J. F. WRIGHT.

That Bitter Pool

R. HARE

THERE is a bitter pool in many lives, and into it the owner casts all the hateful things,—criticisms, suspicions, tales, scandal, bitter words, fault-findings, accusations, and all the no-confidence votes of life! Then they seek some like-minded or suspicious companion to sit with them by the pool and stir up its dark and bitter waters continually. Round and round, over and over, turn and twist, stir and stir, until the evil odour reaches heaven, and poisons their own heart and conscience.

Under the miasma thus created, their own faith becomes sickly, their confidence in God and in their fellow men dies out, and the help they might have been to the work of God is lost and forgotten. The influence that might have made other hearts strong is changed to a weak and dangerous thing, and the longer they sit by that unholy pool, the more dangerous their influence becomes.

We do not think, but perhaps that bitter pool is responsible for more deflections from the work of God than any other association of life. It is poisonous, but the sons of clay love to sit by its murky waters, till the smell of its deception ceases to terrify them. Could they but think, they would surely seek a holier resting place!

Esau sat by that pool. He did not notice the devil on the other side, but the enemy was there. Satan is always near that pool. He likes to help stir its bitter waters. Jacob had dishonestly stolen the birthright, and this wrong was talked over and greatly enlarged. Then other features were cast into the pool—father and mother were shielding the "supplanter." Jacob was sent off to get a wife from Abraham's family. So Esau went and got another wife from the Ishmael-Abraham line also.

Thus the evil pool grew more bitter until his whole family "let their anger tear perpetually." Then the tribe and nation raged over this bitterness until finally they joined with the enemy in the overthrow of Jerusalem and the people of Israel. (Obadiah 1: 10-14.)

My brother, my sister, is there a bitter pool in your life? There may be. Do not sit by it and stir its murky waters. Rather, get the Spirit of the Eternal God to help you remove every "root of bitterness" that

your life may become healing, sweet, and divine. Play not the dirge of life's criticisms, rather the glad song, "His mercy endureth forever."

On one of the American transcontinental lines the express was speeding along through the darkness. At one of the stations it stopped and a passenger carrying a little child, entered. The train sped on and the father did all he could to amuse and soothe the little one, but it cried and cried and would not be quieted. Presently a burly head was pushed out of one of the compartments and a rough voice called, "Cant you keep that baby quiet?" The father replied, "Its mother is in her coffin in the luggage van—I will do my best!" in a few minutes that man with the rough voice came out and said, "Here, give me the baby. You go and rest. I did not know, I did not know." Then through the night he walked up and down soothing the little one to sleep.

Ah! we do not know! If we did, the criticism and scandal would be forever hushed, and we would no longer sit by the bitter pool.

M.V. Department

J. I. Robison, Secretary

Our Youth in the Hour of Crisis

J. I. ROBISON

THE crisis of the ages lies just before us, yes even now we are entering upon the final conflict which is to terminate in the glorious coming of our Lord and Saviour. The world is groping in darkness, a fearful foreboding is gripping the hearts of men as they see civilisation tottering, and the stable financial institutions, upon which international credit and business have been founded, failing in the hour of the world's greatest need.

For many years Seventh-day Adventists have been looking forward to this hour. The "time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation," has been a definite prediction that we have long believed would precede the coming of our Lord, and even now we see it breaking upon the world.

In such an hour as this our hearts go out to our young people who, in the bloom of youth's exuberance and

without the experience that age alone can bring, are surrounded with all the modern enchantments of the evil one. Satan is endeavouring to keep our young people in a whirl of excitement, until probation's hour will be closed, every case eternally decided, and then he will rejoice in the bitter wail, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." We are told that, "It is Satan's studied effort to secure the youth in sin," and further that, "the enemy of souls is filled with intense hatred against every endeavour to influence the youth in the right direction." So in our effort to arouse our young people to a realisation of the times in which we live, we must expect opposition. We will find that our efforts are sometimes thwarted; and right in connection with our most earnest endeavours there will be an outbreak of the wrath of the evil one as he attempts to destroy the good impressions made, and to snatch away the blessings imparted.

But as workers together with God for the salvation of our youth it is surely "high time to awake out of sleep. . . . The night is far spent, the day is at hand;" and what we do for our young people must be done quickly. The enemy has set his snares, thousands of our young people have been trapped and are held captive even today by the evil one. Oh who will rescue these dear souls? How can we stand in the judgment to answer the question, "Where are the children and youth that I entrusted to your care?" unless we can reply, "Those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them are lost."

Today is the day of salvation, but before long the door of mercy will forever shut, and the solemn announcement will be made: "It is done." Then, dear fellow workers, it will be too late to gather in the children, too late to labour for our dear young people; but today, while mercy still lingers, we can heed the counsel of Zephaniah: "Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, . . . Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." Zeph. 2: 1-3.

The Durban Investiture Service

E. D. HANSON

SABBATH, February 27, was a memorable day in the lives of six of our Durban Juniors and their leader, Miss Irene Smith. For nearly a year they had been faithfully preparing for their "Friend" insignia, and for three months had been looking forward to the investiture service. Much time and prayerful effort were spent in preparing the programme, which was given in the church at the time of the eleven o'clock service.

Before the beginning of the programme, the members of the "Friend" band gathered in the vestry, where a few words were spoken concerning the solemnity and importance of the occasion, and a prayer was offered on behalf of these Juniors who were following their Saviour, the perfect Junior. Then the Juniors quietly took their places in the front seat of the church. The other members of the Junior society sat in the seats immediately behind the "Friends." After the elder had cared for the opening parts of the church service, Audrey and Dulcie Hankins played a special violin number.

Miss Smith, the church school teacher, spoke for a few minutes pointing out the relation of the church school to the Junior Missionary Volunteer Society. When Raymond Norcott had recited a poem on "Courage," all of the Junior Missionary Volunteers enthusiastically sang the Missionary Volunteer Rally Song. All followed closely the repeating of the ten commandments by the "Friends" and the twenty-third Psalm by Raymond Norcott and Alfred Sheppard. Ronald and Muriel Sheppard rendered a beautiful song, and then Dulcie and Audrey Hankins and Helga Jacobsen repeated the Lord's promise. Jean Ingle concluded this part of the programme by reciting that interesting little poem, "Be a Friend."

All eyes were turned toward the front while a large, beautiful blue candle was lighted and the "Friends," each holding a little candle, took their places on the rostrum under the big blue "Friend" banner. Each member stepped forward and repeated and explained some part of the Junior Law; then lighted his little candle from the big one and stepped back into line. When all of

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the candles were lighted, the Union Conference Missionary Volunteer secretary came forward and explained the meaning of the lights. "You must brighten the corner where you are. You must walk in the footsteps of Jesus, the perfect Junior, who was obedient to His parents; who knew His Bible so well that He surprised the Bible teachers of His day; who, when He was only twelve years old, said that He must be about His Father's business; and who became the Light of the world that shall never be hid."

Then, with right hands upraised, the "Friends" took the solemn pledge to live up to the spirit of the Junior Law. When the "Friend" pins had been presented to Miss Irene Smith, Helga Jacobsen, Audrey Hankins, Dulcie Hankins, Tommy Magee, Raymond Norcott and Alfred Shepard, the Juniors were welcomed into the band of Junior Missionary Volunteer "Friends." Thus closed a programme that gave the parents and friends a little fuller insight into the Junior Missionary Volunteer work, and crystallised in the mind of more than one Junior the determination to be a "servant of God and a friend to man."

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THE best thing men can do is to spread the Bible and to get it read and obeyed. This would be the end of hard times, of poverty, of unemployment, of injustice, or wrong, or war.—*Robt. E. Speer.*

Natal-Transvaal Missionary Volunteer Department

W. COWPER

Maritzburg

The Missionary Volunteer societies will be glad to know that Maritzburg is back on the list again. It is now under the leadership of Miss H. Stow, who has spent some time at Helderberg College, and it gives promise of growing once more into its usual stride.

Ermelo

The writer is at present holding a series of nightly meetings at Ermelo for the young people and the church members. The Young People's society has been under the leadership of Miss Dixie and we are very sorry that she has to leave. Ermelo has always had a strong society and now under the leadership of one of its senior members it gives every promise of maintaining its high standard.

Pretoria

While the brethren were working faithfully at Standerton the members of the church and Missionary Volunteer society in Pretoria were rushing a hall up at all possible speed. In this work of building special mention should be made of the Juniors who gave their whole-hearted support to the work by pushing wheelbarrows, mixing dagga and carrying bricks.

Pretoria has a Young People's society of long standing which proved

of great help during the effort recently held in that city, in giving out handbills and in welcoming young people into their midst.

Standerton

AFTER five months of hard labour spent on the church at Standerton the work is now drawing to a close. Brother Clifford and the writer motored over from Johannesburg to aid in the last great drive to finish the building before Elder Raubenheimer's departure. The day after our arrival Elder Clifford stepped on a nail, which resulted in his being laid up for a few days.

Although Standerton is only a young church it has a strong Missionary Volunteer society. It was one of the first societies in the Natal-Transvaal Conference to go over its Harvest Ingathering goal last year. Now once more with an enthusiastic corps of workers they are ready for aggressive missionary work.

Elder Raubenheimer and family leave for Potchefstroom this month. The members are very sorry to see them go, but they are glad that Elder Venter will be here to take their place.

S. S. Department

J. I. Robison, Secretary

The Sabbath School Department Accepts the Motto: "No Retreat During 1932"

J. F. WRIGHT

WHAT a splendid motto to choose! What a noble attitude for the department to take in this time of world crisis! Surely the motto expresses a wonderful undertaking. And when the leaders of our General Conference Department take the lead in standing so loyally by our world missionary programme, then all of us, as members of the "household of faith" should fall into line. To do anything less would be tragic in this the "day of God's mighty power."

Now, we feel confident that the heart of every reader of the OUTLOOK was deeply touched by the appeal of Sister Plummer which was placed in the last issue of this paper by Elder J. I. Robison. We trust you read it carefully, and that it struck a responsive chord in your heart. I can



Six members of the Durban Junior Missionary Volunteer Society and their leader who recently received the "Friend" insignia.

certainly say it made an appeal which stirred my own soul.

Well, dear brethren and sisters, just think what a difference an extra "tickey" per week would make to our offerings during the present year. And a "sixpence" extra from each European member per week would cause £3,350 more to flow into the missionary fund during the year. Such an increase in our giving would not work any hardship upon the large majority of us. By carrying our figures a bit further, it would only mean an extra £1-6-0 from each of us during the year. And surely that amount is not asking for a very large increase in our giving, is it?

Of course we quite well understand that not all can increase their giving to this extent. But we do honestly believe there are many who can give the extra sixpence, or more, each week to the Sabbath offering, and not materially feel the sacrifice.

So let us set our hearts to accept the motto, "There shall be no retreat during 1932" in our mission giving, and God will bless, yes, richly bless our limited efforts in supporting His cause at this time.

As we study the 1931 Sabbath school report, we learn that our offerings for this Division were far below what they should have been. Therefore, let all of our European believers rally to the call of the Sabbath school in helping it to more fully support our missionary work world wide. We can do it if we will, and I am sure we will. **WHAT DO YOU SAY?**

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Evangelism in South Africa

N. C. WILSON

SUCH good news is reaching our office continually from the various evangelistic efforts that we feel to pass on some of the items to the Outlook readers. We are assured that from hundreds of family altars throughout South Africa earnest petitions daily ascend to the throne of God on behalf of our evangelistic workers. We watch the efforts with

the keenest interest, for our hopes and ambitions are bound up in their success.

Shall we begin at Johannesburg where Pastor Clifford and his associate workers opened a series of meetings on March 6 in one of the suburbs—Orange Grove. God has richly blessed the Orange Grove effort from the very first and the attendance and interest is steadily growing. Over one hundred names have already been handed in and the workers are busy visiting these interested people. With the church members already living in Orange Grove and vicinity it is hoped that a church may be organised following the effort and another beacon light established in the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

Most encouraging tidings come to us from Potchefstroom where Pastor Raubenheimer and his corps of workers have been at work since February 21. God has wonderfully blessed and the workers are full of courage and are watching with the keenest interest the guiding and protecting hand of God in developments there. In the face of severe opposition the interest is growing and rich and poor, high and low, are earnestly seeking for truth and the way of salvation. Nearly 200 names of deeply interested people have been received and the workers are busy visiting. We may be assured that God will reward the Potchefstroom workers with a large harvest of souls.

The Kimberley effort has been in progress since February 14 and the city has been stirred from centre to circumference. The attendance has been large from the first and is continuing undiminished. Pastor Staples' report of the Kimberley effort appearing in this issue of the Outlook will be of special interest. Many have already signified their desire to join with the people of God and a spirit of deep earnestness characterises the meeting and work in Kimberley. Surely this in a triumphant hour for the cause of God in the diamond city.

The Kensington effort near Cape Town, under Pastor Abney, opened February 14 and has been greatly blessed of God. Brother Abney's meetings have been exceptionally well attended from the first and the brethren there have had many encouraging and precious experiences. Their courage increases as the meetings continue and as they see manifold evidences of divine guidance and blessing. A goodly company have al-

ready taken their stand for the truth and thirty converts from this effort are already attending the Sabbath services as the first fruits. The net is only now being gathered in and it is too early to forecast results.

On behalf of the ministers whose names have been mentioned and who carry the great burden of these public meetings and on behalf of the loyal co-workers associated with them, may we appeal to our people everywhere throughout the Union to especially bear them up to God in strong faith that as the result of their work in these important centres the cause of truth may triumph gloriously. Let us join these workers in expectantly praying for the largest and most substantial ingathering of souls ever witnessed in South Africa.

Heavy and at times almost crushing burdens press down upon these workers. They meet problems of the most difficult and delicate nature and divine wisdom is essential. The workers conducting these meetings are our representatives and God's ambassadors and let us pray that they may be all and accomplish all that He has in mind for them. During the next few weeks the gospel net will be gathered in at each place. Hundreds of souls are in the balances and decisions are being made for eternity. We invite our membership throughout the Union to special intercession on behalf of the success of these efforts at this critical time.

Cape Conference

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With Our Evangelists

L. L. MOFFITT

Elder A. W. Staples, assisted by Brother and Sister J. L. Milford, Miss H. Stow, Brother R. L. Jones and Brother D. Williams is having a most encouraging interest in the Kimberley evangelistic effort, which began February 14.

The hall in which the week night meetings were being held proved inadequate so the main auditorium of the City Hall was secured and crowds ranging from 400 to 700 have been eagerly pressing in to the services.

The workers are kept exceedingly busy in visiting the interested people.

The Kensington effort, near Maitland, conducted by Elder B. W. Abney, assisted by Brother A. G. Koen and P. S. Marks is having a remarkable attendance. The tent is crowded to overflowing night after night. A good company of believers will doubtless be gathered out from these meetings.

Elder S. G. Hiten has just closed a short revival effort in Vredendal near van Rhynsdorp. Unable to find a suitable meeting place the believers solved the problem by erecting a temporary auditorium. Here our believers and their neighbours gathered in to hear the preaching of the Word.

As an outgrowth of this revival effort the Vredendal believers were organised into a church.

Brother J. J. B. Combrinck is conducting an aggressive house to house work in Queenstown. Although he has been there only a short while he has taken 23 subscriptions for the *Signs of the Times* in both English and Afrikaans and he has quite a number of interested people with whom he is holding Bible studies.

Brother P. J. van der Merwe has located at George where he will assist the church and work the surrounding districts.

Evangelistic Work in Kimberley

A. W. STAPLES

HAVING responded to the call of the Cape Conference to do evangelistic work in Kimberley, we hurried back to Maritzburg from the Cape camp-meeting at Kenilworth. We had a few days in which to vacate our house and leave for Kimberley. They were busy days, crowded with packing, preaching and visiting the homes of our dear people. It seemed hard to leave, hard to part from one and all.

Before leaving, a baptismal service was conducted and four more precious souls were added to the church. This made the total for the year's work twenty-seven. We pray the Lord's richest blessing upon these. We have confidence that the Lord

will keep with His own grace these precious ones and make them workers in the church.

We were happy to know that Pastor A. C. le Butt would be leading out in the work at Maritzburg. We pray that God will signally bless his labours.

Sister Staples and I, with our family, arrived in Kimberley on February 5. The following days were strenuous ones in getting settled as

Furlough Notice

THE Cape Conference constituency will please note that the conference president and the Sabbath school secretary will be leaving the field on furlough on April 15.

Elder N. C. Wilson, the president of the South African Union Conference, will act as chairman of the Cape Conference Committee, and give a more detailed supervision of the work in the Cape Conference during the absence of the president.

The conference committee has asked Miss P. E. Willmore to look after the Sabbath school work during Mrs. Moffitt's absence. After April 10 all Sabbath school correspondence and reports should be addressed to:

Miss P. E. Willmore,
P.O. Box 378,
Port Elizabeth, C. P.

Our conference workers, church officers and members will also address all letters referring to conference business after April 1, 1932, to the same address.

Items demanding counsel will be referred by Miss Willmore to Elder Wilson.

well as in making the arrangements and preparations for the coming mission.

We opened our mission on Sunday night, February 14, in the City Hall. There were well over 600 present and since then the City Hall has been crowded on Sunday nights. On one occasion the attendance reached 800. The week night attendances out-grew the supper room and so we transferred our meetings to the main hall.

On the part of many there seems to be a soul hunger for spiritual things. Many are finding the Saviour and are now searching the Scriptures.

Our second Sunday night's offering, amounting to £9-14-0, was handed to

the mayor for the unemployed. There is real distress in this city.

Brother R. L. Jones is leading out in the music, and the congregational singing is an inspiration. We also have Brother and Sister Milford, Sister H. Stow and Brother Derrick Williams doing personal work. The Lord is blessing them in their personal work among the interested. Our church members are rallying around us and are loyally distributing handbills. We are happy in the mission and are praying for the mighty power of God to work for the salvation of many in this city.

By the time this note reaches our believers some will be in the valley of decision. Souls will be in the balance. Will you not, dear reader, spend time each day in intercessory prayer for these? Pray that not one honest hearted soul will be lost, but rather gathered into the fold of heaven's last message to a dying and perishing world.

East London Church

L. L. MOFFITT

A SUCCESSFUL effort conducted by Elder W. H. Hurlow, assisted by Sister Hurlow, Elder and Sister Tarr and others, has so augmented the membership of the East London church that the long-felt need for a church home is greatly accentuated.

East London is about the only large city left in the Union without a church building, and the need there is acute.

The East London church members have raised over £300 with which they have purchased a plot of ground, in a good position, and Elder D. F. Tarr has started a campaign in East London for the raising of funds toward the church project.

If any members of the Cape Conference would appreciate having a part in the needy enterprise their contribution would be greatly appreciated by the East London church. Address all communications to:

Pastor D. F. Tarr,
2, Fifth Avenue,
Berea,
East London, C. P.

"GATHER the children; for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." Joel 2: 16.

Measuring up to the Standard

L. S. BILLES

A MESSAGE of courage seems to be the keynote that rings through our church life at present, and although we are facing a great financial crisis, there is every evidence of a spiritual revival. Somehow, when adversity comes, when our financial props are struck from beneath us, then that strong faith, latent so long from lack of use, asserts itself and the everlasting arms underneath are felt in all their power. Although in some of the homes of our people they do not know where the next meal is coming from, the spiritual fires are burning brighter than ever. A radiance fills their faces as they testify of God's goodness, His nearness and their abiding trust and faith in Him. No, our dear people are not leaving the truth because of the depression. Instead, they are learning "that man shall not live by bread alone," and that God is their refuge in time of trouble.

Therefore, when, the other day, the report came to me for the first two months of this year, showing the largest deficit we have had in our department, I did not feel over anxious regarding the finances; for when the spiritual fires are glowing, the financial affairs generally take care of themselves. And, while many are not able to pay so much tithe as formerly, into the treasury of the Lord, yet there is evidence of increased faithfulness in this respect in the churches. Many are realising that he who does not act his part in the kingdom of the Lord here on the earth, cannot expect to share in the soon coming kingdom of glory.

As we look upon the field in general our courage is indeed bright. Word comes to us from Brother Derrick Williams of a wonderful interest in Kimberley, and we are looking forward with confidence to a large increase in the Beaconsfield church membership. Then at Kensington a most marked interest has been manifested. For the first five weeks the tent has been altogether too small, and Elder Abney and his co-workers have been hard put to cope with their large visiting programme. On Sabbath afternoon, March 19, for the first time many of those people attended their first Sabbath meeting. It was a wonderful experience.

At Diep River, Athlone and Salt

River there is a growing demand for baptismal classes. The school also is increasing its enrolment. A fine body of young people is in attendance.

But while the work on every hand is progressing under the Lord's blessing, and we are not concerned for the welfare of the department as a whole, yet we do feel deeply concerned for the spiritual welfare of each individual member. For we fear that in such a time as this, there may be some who are not enjoying this general experience, some who are not reaping the personal blessing of faithful tithe paying, some whose feet are slipping. And we do make an earnest appeal to these dear members to come up to the standard of the Lord and not fail on the very borders of the promised land.



News Notes

Elder D. F. Tarr recently paid a visit to Elliot. The believers there greatly appreciated the services he conducted.

Brother F. E. Potter has been effecting student colporteur deliveries in Cradock, Graaff Reinet, Uitenhage and Kirkwood.

Mr. A. F. Tarr recently spent a few days at the Cape office auditing the conference and Book Depository accounts.

We are glad to welcome the Vredendal church organisation into the Cape Conference sisterhood of churches.

Brother Potter states that the first quarter's activities in the Home Missionary work indicate encouraging progress along almost every line.

The latter part of February and the first part of March Elder Moffitt visited the believers at Kimberley, Beaconsfield, Aliwal North, Queenstown and East London.

The Sabbath School Department reports the organisation of a new Sabbath school of twelve members in Queenstown with Brother J. J. B. Combrinck as superintendent.

A farewell service was held Monday night, March 14, in the Missionary Volunteer hall of the Port Elizabeth church for Elder and Mrs. Mof-

fitt and daughter prior to their leaving on furlough.

Among recent visitors at the conference office were Mrs. J. G. Siepmann and three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wheeler, on furlough from Northern Rhodesia, and Elder and Mrs. Hurlow on their way from East London to Cape Town.

Transv'l-Delagoa Mission Field

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Camp-Meetings

J. R. CAMPBELL

THE new year was begun with a camp-meeting and council held at Sophiatown, Johannesburg. Almost all the field workers were present, as well as a goodly number of delegates from the different churches and companies.

Throughout the camp-meeting and council a splendid spirit prevailed. The Lord came very near to bless, and workers and people returned to their homes with a greater determination to help hasten the finishing of the work in the field.

We were very grateful for the help given by Elders J. F. Wright, N. C. Wilson, and Mr. A. F. Tarr, as well as Elder W. S. Hyatt and others.

Before the meeting closed, offerings and pledges were given to the amount of £156—the largest offering yet taken in the field.

About a month later, we conducted another camp-meeting and council at Emmanuel Mission, which proved beneficial to all.

The brethren were led to take a more definite stand on faithful tithe-paying. One of our members, a chief, passed his cattle which were at his home village under the rod, and is planning definitely to do the same with his herds out in the mountains.

An offering of about £33 was taken here, which, together with offerings taken at the local churches when the workers returned home, makes a total of about £200 for the camp-meetings.

News Notes

Elder Walston has not been well for some months, but we are glad to report that he is feeling much better now.

The new Zulu paper, *Izibonakaliso Ze Zikati*, seems to be taking very well among the Zulu people. We believe this little paper will fill a long-felt need.

The book sales in the field during 1931 were a little below those for the previous year, due, no doubt, to the depression. The sales (not the orders) amounted to £941.

Elder G. F. Jones from the South Sea Islands is making his home in Natal. At the present time he is busy holding an effort for the Zulu-speaking people at Edendale, near Maritzburg.

Elder R. C. Sharman and family will be leaving on their furlough overseas the latter part of April, and Elder and Mrs. W. C. Tarr will take over the directorship of Emmanuel Mission during their absence.

The tithe for the year, excluding Europeans, was £23-9-11 below 1930, and the offerings £4-1-6 below 1930. We are grateful for God's blessing and the faithfulness of our native brethren during these difficult times.

The baptisms in the field numbered 110, a smaller number than for the year before, but the net gain in membership was much larger than for the previous year. The baptismal class has also shown a healthy increase.

The Rand Mission, which is under the direction of Elder Modise, was again more than self-supporting during 1931. The other missions are showing a steady gain, but, not being so favourably situated, have not yet reached this desired goal.

We are pleased to say that two of the six students from Spion Kop who canvassed for scholarships went back to school with more than their scholarships. A third one has left some orders for Brother Tsukudu to deliver, which no doubt will give him a complete scholarship.

Z. U. Mission

E. C. Boger Superintendent
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"Hand-Picked" Fruit in Bechuanaland

J. VAN DE MERWE

SOMEONE has remarked, "What is Bechuanaland doing, we never seem to hear anything and never see any report of the work done there?" Well, even though we do not write very much or send many reports, yet we feel confident that the Lord is accomplishing something through the services of His humble workers.

The records for the year 1931 have closed and I wish to give a few figures which will show in a way what has been done. Our total tithe for the year 1931 was £214-10-2. The mission offerings total was £139-0-7. This is actual cash which was turned into the treasury. However, it did not come in in large sums or in cash, but some brought fowls, sheep, goats, grain, etc. This we turned into cash. The figures are not large, yet we thank the Lord for what He has done. Our people here in Bechuanaland are very poor, and do not have much to give, yet they love the Lord and like to give of what they have.

During the year we baptised forty-two worthy souls. This is a very small figure when we compare it with that of other fields, but these are "hand-picked" fruit. We are not in a field where we gather them in by the hundreds, but have to bring them in one by one. We all rejoice and thank the Lord for these forty-two souls. We also organised a new church at Maribege and ordained Brother Solomon Sehiri as local elder. At Vryburg we erected a nice burnt brick church building which has been needed for many years.

The work here is moving slowly but surely, there are many openings, and we believe that the Lord is going to do great things for us in the very near future. From Lake Ngami we have had a call to come in and hold meetings. But brethren, where are the reapers? We need consecrated Sechuana workers. The whole of the Bechuanaland Protectorate is practi-

cally unentered. We need your prayers and your help that the year 1932 may see a great forward step in this needy field.

Angola Union

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

Bongo Mission, Lepi, Angola

Seekers After Truth

M. E. ANDERSON

ABOUT eight or ten months ago a native man came to the dispensary for treatment. He waited until every one had gone, then he asked if we could not send his people a teacher. I obtained from him all particulars and told him to come back when my husband was here and talk to him. He did not return so I dismissed the matter from my mind. Some time previous I had sent the books, "Beblia Esclericida" (Bible Made Plain) and "Baptismal Manual" out to his district.

About the middle of December, two more native men came and spent the night with our boys. In the morning, they said they had "words for the ndona." As they proceeded I learned that they had been sent by their chief for a teacher. They said they were Protestants and had had a teacher from the Evangelical Mission, but he had not walked uprightly and now they had decided to change their religion. They had gone twice to the Adventist missionary at Lepi and he had not come. The chief told them to bring a teacher this time, whether from above or beneath, dead or alive, but a teacher they must have. I told them I could not give them an answer, but Sunday morning, December 27, my husband would be home and if they were here to see him, then we would know they really wanted a teacher and he could arrange for one.

In the evening of December 27 these two men were here having walked forty miles. They told their story again and a date was set for us to go out to interview the chief. On the appointed day we went out. At the crossroads a boy met us to show us the right road. At another turn of the road, another boy was posted

showing us where to turn off the motor road into another road which they had made into their village, a distance of two and a half miles.

We were conducted to a newly made village. Later the chief and his counsellors arrived. This new village belonged to the Christians who were desirous of changing their religion. Our interview lasted more than an hour. We asked the chief if he knew any of our schools, "Yes," said he. "Do you know Daniel or Costa?" "Yes, I have visited their schools." "Do you know the mission at Bongo?" "Yes I have been there." "We do not teach as other missionaries do, are you sure you want to change to our religion?" "Yes, we are sure."

We found out they had been investigating our schools and the message for several months. Unknown to the missionaries, they had been to the mission at Bongo to see and find out all they could. The chief said he and his people had definitely decided to change their religion and asked for a teacher from the Adventist mission. He said he would send his men to make the bricks for the schoolhouse, and would put his influence behind the school to make it a success.

As soon as we can make arrangements with the government we will hold an evangelistic effort there and establish a school. This will open another section to us that has been closed till now.

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News Notes

Dr. Roy B. Parsons has now been at Bongo Hospital a little more than two months. In that short time quite a large number of Portuguese have consulted him.

The recent visit of Elder Nelson to our field was much appreciated, especially by our union office, where Brother Nelson spent most of his time in aduit work. As well as doing the audit he was able to accompany Elder Anderson on a visit to the Quengue country where we hope to establish our work in the very near future.

Professor E. D. Dick arrived at Bongo Mission on February 23 to spend about twelve days assisting in the native teachers' institute, which is in session at present, and also to

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Planne vir Groot Week

A. E. NELSON

DIE twee unie sendingvelde wat verlangend uitsien na die Groot Week poging vir 1932 is die Zambesie Unie en Angola Unie. In baie behoeftes waarvir geen voorsiening kon gemaak word nie, is deur die opbrengs van die Groot Week voorsien. Oor heel die Diviesie sien ons hier en daar gedektekens opgerig as gevolg van die pogings in Groot Week. Wat 'n seën was dit vir ons werk, en wat 'n verlies sou dit wees as ons hierdie plan sou opgee!

In die Zambesie Unie wil hulle 'n skool en kapel bou op die Katima Mulilo stasie. Hulle het groot behoefte daaraan. Op Chimpempe gebruik hulle 'n riete gebou vir skool en kapel. Dis maar tydelik en sal

moet plek maak vir 'n beter gebou. Hulle maak al pale bymekaar en maak al stene. Laat ons vir hul help.

Ver in Angolaland worstel ons broeders om 'n groot werk te doen met beperkte middele. Die unie sekretaris en tesourier probeer sy werk te doen in 'n kamer van die hospitaal en die dokter het dit baie nodig. Hulle het al 'n stuk grond en klippe vir die fundasie. Laat ons vir hulle help om die tehuis en kantoor waaraan hulle in Angola so behoefte het, op te trek.

Laat ons nie ons broeders teleurstel nie. Hulle sien op ons om vir hulle te help deur die Groot Week poging van 30 April tot 7 Mei.

Ons Gulde Geleentheid

N. C. WILSON

IN die jaarlikse kerkkalender is daar twee vername veldtogte vir die sending—Groot Week en Oes Insameling. Op die oomblik het ons ver naam belang by die Groot Week van 30 April tot 7 Mei. Elke lid van die kerk behoort vroegtydig plan te maak om 'n aktiewe aandeel in hierdie belangrike werk te neem.

Ons hoor so baie van ernstige oproepe vir diens dat ek partykeer begin te dink of ons nie gewoon word daaraan. Maar, broeders en susters, ek voel dat ons kalm en ernstig die toekoms behoort te oorweeg en te besef in watter toestand die saak van die Here vandag is en dan bepaalde planne maak vir sukses. In ons veld en oor die hele wêreld verkeer die saak van die Here in 'n nooitgekende krisis en dit kan onder die hemel se plan van menslike verantwoordings alleen afgewend word as die kerk van die Here wil opstaan en die toestand verenigd en definitief aanpak. Hemelse wesens, so word vir ons vertel, sou die taak van die kerk maklik kan volbring, maar dank die Here dis nie die plan nie—aan ons behoort die geleentheid en die voorreg.

Die toestande in die wêreld doen 'n beroep op ons om meer ernstig en aktief as ooit tevore te wees. Ons moenie die hande nou laat slap hang in ons sendingsprogram van weë die ongunstige en moeilike geldelike omstandighede nie. Dis ons gulde geleentheid nou die "oordele van die

Here op die aarde is, leer die inwoners van die wêreld geregtigheid." Die teenswoordige toestande is bestel van die Here om deure wat tot nou toe gesluit is, oop te maak. Die mense begin vandag te vra. Hulle wil weet wat die teenswoordige moeilike wêreldtoestande beteken. Wat gaan die kerk doen om haar taak te volbring? Mag die krag van die Here op ons as individue kom en ons so as een volk meer as ooit tevore vir die Here gaan werk.

Ons maak 'n ernstige beroep op elke gelowige in Suid-Afrika om bepaalde planne te maak om aktief deel te neem aan die eerste groot sendingpoging in 1932—die Groot Week. Mag daar 'n stil maar definitiewe voorbereiding wees met die gevolg dat daar 'n seën met die gevolg dat daar 'n seën sal rus op hierdie jaar se Groot Week sodat siele gewin en fondse vir die sending versamel mag word. Ons reken definitief op elke kerk in Suid-Afrika om gehoor te gee aan die roepstem van die Here en gebruik te maak van die geseënde geleentheid gedurende die komende Groot Week veldtog.

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Leë Harte vul

F. E. POTTER

DIE ernstige finansiële depressie wat die hele wêreld aantast, het nie alleen verskillende liggaamlike kwale—ellende, ontbering en gebrek—in ontelbare woninge in elke land gebring nie, maar dit het in die harte

van mense van elke klas, in elke streek 'n bepaalde behoefte gewek.

Die Prins van Wallis beskryf die wêreldtoestande in hierdie woorde: "Ons het vandag te doen met 'n wêreld wat ly aan vreeslike twyfel, wat moeg is van die herhaalde teleurstellings. . . Ons sien in amper elke land uitgebreide ellende en verwarring."

Die Vrededors beskryf die wêreldtoestande van die laaste dae vir sy disiepele in die jaar 33 aldus: "benoudheid van nasies in radeloosheid" en "mense se harte beswyk van vrees en verwagting van die dinge wat oor die wêreld kom."

Vandag is "hierdie skrif in u ore vervul." Oral sien ons mense met "gebreekte harte" onder hul laste, "krank" deur die vyand van siele, "geblind" deur valse leer en "blind" vir die toekoms. Dis die mense wat ons moet help. Vir hulle moet ons ons ligte so laat skyn dat hulle aan die duisternis mag ontkom voor en aler dit te laat is.

Wat doen ons? Goewermente, liefdadigheidsvereniginge, godsdienstige liggame en die Samaritane in elke land doen hul uiterste om in die liggaamlike behoeftes van hul mense te voorsien. Hierdie pogings hoe lofwaardig en nodig op sigself, kannie in die behoefte van die mens voorsien nie. Die proefneming van sestig eeue het ten volle bewys dat "die mens nie alleen by brood kan leef nie."

Vandag moet die mens daartoe gebring word om te besef dat sy redding alleen afhang van sy gehoorsaamheid "aan elke woord wat uit die Here se mond uitgaan."

Op ons rus die heilige plig om siele om ons te verlig en die leë harte te voed met die ware brood van die hemel. Doën ons elkeen ons plig? Ons maak geen opoffering om dit te doen nie, ons kan dit tog geen opoffering noem om iemand van ons oorvloed te gee nie. Om niet het ons ontvang, om niet behoort ons te gee. Die geleentheid om in hierdie Groot Week die wonderlike waarheid te vertel aan die wat om ons woon, moet ons beskou as 'n groot voorreg, en dit moet ons harte bly maak.

Die kettings van Sataniëse gevangenskap is vir ons verbreek, ons verslae siele is genees deur die gesênde krag van Bo, ons is verlos van ons geestelike kwale. "Laat hulle loffers bring en met gejubel sy werke vertel." Ps. 107: 22.

Laat ons konkrete bewys lewer deur uit te gaan onder ons bure en die Here se goedheid aan ons verklaar en Sy liefde vir hulle.

Groot Week Boeke

J. G. SLATE

By die keuse van boeke vir die Groot Week veldtog het die komitee hierdie jaar ses boeke in plaas van die gebruikelike twee gekies. Hul prys is 1/- elk of 6/- vir die stel. Natuurlik as die veldtog verby is, word die gewone prys weer 1/6 elk.

Op die omslag sien ons twee nuwe boeke geadverteer: "Better Meals for Less" en "Signs of Christ's Coming." Die ander vier boeke word nie genoem nie, maar hul behoort tot die bekende "Krisis" serie. Party is alreeds in vorige jare gebruik, maar die broeders het gedink dat ons hul weer kan gebruik.

In Afrikaanse dele van die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie Konferensie sal ons 'n Afrikaanse boek by die stel doen. Ons het "Die Bybel: Is Dit 'n Waar Boek?" "Die Weg tot Christus" en teen die tyd van die Groot Week hoop ons 'n tweede uitgawe van "Die Bybel Duidelik Verklaar" te hê. Ons meen dat die wat in Afrikaans sprekende dele moet werk dit sal waardeer.

Aangesien die Groot Week stel boeke groter is hierdie jaar, en die prys 6/- in plaas van 3/- is, kan mens verwag dat die individuele mikpunt vir hierdie stelle ook laer sal wees. Die boeke kan mens makliker teen die verlaagde prys verkoop. Waar u vroeër tien stelle bestel het, probeer hierdie jaar vyf stelle. Ons verwag dat elke lid van die kerk drie stelle elk sal neem. Bestel tog u boeke vroegtydig a.u.b.

Mag die Here die werk wat ons hierdie jaar doen, seën, waar ons uitgaan om hierdie goeie boeke te versprei onder die bevolking van die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie.

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'n Ope Brief oor Besuinig in ons Divisie

GELIEFDE BROEDERS EN SUSTERS,

Al verskyn hierdie brief ook in hierdie vorm in die OUTLOOK, hoop ek tog dat iedereen dit sal lees asof dit persoonlik aan hom gestuur is. Die rede waarom ek wil hê dat u dit lees op die manier is omdat ek u iets van baie belang gaan vertel. Iemand het een dag gesê: "Inligting help dikwels baie meer as opwekking," en ek glo dat die informasie wat hierdie brief vir u bring, vir u gaan help. Dog ter sake.

Ons hoef nie te sê dat daar 'n depressie is en die tye swaar is nie. Ons

weet dit algar. Daarom kan ons net een ding doen en dis om die feite te erken en ons te skik na omstandighede. Dis seker nie nou die tyd om ontmoedig te word nie, want ons Hemelse Vader het 'n oplossing vir elke vraagstuk.

Ek weet dat die stukke wat in die *Review and Herald* verskyn het en wat ons oproep tot groter opoffering en besuiniging, die harte van die wat dit gelees het, geroer het. Die laaste Heris Raad het 'n ernstige oproep aan al ons lede oor die hele wêreld gedoen om meer vir die sending te gee. Tegelyk het hulle bepaalde planne gemaak om die administrasie van ons werk te besuinig. Natuurlik kom nou die vraag: "Hoe gaan hierdie planne ons werk in Afrika affekteer?" Dis reg om dit te vra en ek sal probeer om in kort daarop te antwoord.

Laat ek allereers sê dat die tien persent besnoeiing in die appropriasie van oorsee saam met die tekort in tiendes in hierdie land, die Divisie ongeveer £8,000 of £9,000 minder gee om die werk oor die hele veld in 1932 te doen. U kan onmiddellik sien dat elke komitee, van die Divisie tot die plaaslike veld, hul moes besnoei om die begrotings te laat balanseer. Ek kan u verseker, broeders en susters, dat ons komitees hierdie jaar hul uiterste bes gedaan het om so veel moontlik te besuinig en tog moet die werk aan gaan sonder ernstige inkorting.

Om met die begroting van die Diviesiekantoor te begin, ons het dit meer as £1,000 besnoei. Ons het dit gedoen deur 'n nuwe korting van tien persent in al die salarisse, deur een stenograaf te bedank en deur die reiskoste en kantooruitgawes aanmerklik te besnoei.

Waar die Diviesiekantoor die voorbeeld gee het, het ook elke unie en plaaslike veld gevolg. En te oordeel na wat ons van al kante hoor, weet ons dat iedereen sy bes doen om te besuinig en elke pond net so ver te laat gaan as dit moontlik is.

Maar daarmee is ons nie klaar nie. Bepaalde planne is gemaak om die werk van ons inrigtings en organisasies noukeurig te ondersoek. Ons het raad gevra by die Generale Konferensie om te weet hoe te werk te gaan. Sodra hierdie komitees van ondersoek uitvind dat seker velde met voordeel kan verenig of seker kantoor- of administrasiekoste kan bespaar word, kan u glo, broeders en susters, sal ons dit doen.

Ons weet dat party het gemeen dat hierdie Diviesie te veel georganiseer is en daar te veel masjienerie is. Maar broeders, as ons sake bietjie noukeuriger ondersoek en dit met ander diviesies vergelyk, dan sien ons dat ons nie so danig georganiseer is nie. Die feit is dat die organisasie in Afrika oor die algemeen baie eenvoudig is. Maar tog ons plan is om elke veld noukeurig te studeer en waar ons kan besuinig en meer tyd aan siele win gee, daar sal ons dit seker doen. Ons moet net oppas om nie in die ander uiterste te val nie, ons moet probeer om die gulde middeweg te bewandel en ons werk op verstandige en sterk manier aan te stoot. As ons dit doen, sal die Here ons seën in die pogings om die werk hier in ons Diviesie klaar te maak.

Tot besluit staan my toe nog dit te sê dat ons jammer is om party Koloniale en Amerikaanse werkers te moet afset, maar die omstandighede maak dit noodsaaklik. Elke geval het ons noukeurig ondersoek en nadat ons die Here gevra het, het ons besluite geneem wat ons die beste gedink het. In die meeste gevalle moes ons hierdie werkers bedank om die begroting te balanseer. Maar ons staan nie alleen nie in hierdie opsig want ons hoor dat hulle in elke diviesie van ons wêreldwye werk netso moes maak om hul begrotings te balanseer. Ons voel dat ons besonder goed af is, broeders en susters, waar ons minstens 95% van ons Europese werkers kon behou en dan nog al die gegradueerdes van Helderberg Kollege van 1931 'n plek gee.

Maar ek moenie u langer ophou nie. Ons het u in kort laat weet wat ons gedaan het en wat ons plan is om die fondse wat u met opoffering gee, te beskerm en tegelyk die werk van die Here te laat aangaan sonder aftog.

As leiers vra ons nie alleen dat u sal mildelik gee vir die saak van die Here nie, maar ook dat u sonder ophou vir ons sal bid. Ons is vol moed as ons die toekomst beskou, maar ons het aldag hemelse wysheid nodig in hierdie dae van gevaar en wêreldse onsekerheid. Laat ons getrou wees aan die Here en Hy sal ons lei tot die end.

Met Christelike broedergroete aan algar,

Die Uwe in diens van die Meester,

J. F. WRIGHT.

Kaap Konferensie

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Met Ons Evangeliste

L. L. MOFFITT

OUDERLING A. W. STAPLES, ondersteun deur Broeder en Suster J. L. Milford, Mej. H. Stow, Broeders R. L. Jones en D. Williams het 'n baie bemoedigende belangstelling in die poging wat die 14de Februarie te Kimberley begin het.

Die saal waar hulle die gewone aanddienste gehou het, was te klein, en hulle het toe die groot auditorium in die Stadssaal gekry en van 400 tot 700 mense het die dienste bygewoon.

Die werkers is baie besig om belangstellendes te besoek.

Die poging te Kensington deur Ouderling B. W. Abney met hulp van Broeder A. G. Koen en P. S. Marks het 'n wonderlike opkoms. Die tent is elke aand stampvol. Ons verwag dat baie siele sal gewin word.

Ouderling S. G. Hiten het 'n korte opwekkingsdiens gehou te Vredendal naby van Rhynsdorp. Die gelowiges het nie 'n goeie plek kon kry nie en toe maar 'n tydelike auditorium opgerig. Hier het hulle en hul bure saamgekom om die Woord te hoor. Later is hulle in 'n kerk georganiseer.

Broeder J. J. B. Combrinck doen huis tot huis werk in Queenstown. Hy is nog maar kort daar en het alreeds 23 intekenaars van die *Signs* in Engels en Afrikaans gekry en hou Bybellesings met 'n aantal belangstellendes.

Broeder P. J. van der Merwe help die kerk te George en bewerk die omliggende distrikte.

Suid-Wes-Afrika

L. L. MOFFITT

DRIE of vier jaar gelede is die Kaap Konferensie gevra om die werk in Suid-Wes-Afrika aan te help. Ons is baie blv om oor die vooruitgang

in daardie gebied te skryf.

Die gebroeders Ficker was ons pioniers in daardie gebied. In die laaste drie jaar het hulle ons boeke daar verkoop. Broeder Potter skryf dat Frederick Ficker £906 se waarde aan "Bybellesings" en £245 se waarde aan "Die Huisdokter," en Hermann Ficker £327 se waarde aan "Die Huisdokter" afgelewer het.

Broeder Frederick Ficker sê in sy jongste brief dat hy die hele Suid-Wes-Afrika gekolpoorteer het met uitsondering van twee klein dorpieë ver van die treinspoor, en 'n halte. Hy sou daardie halte die volgende dag aanpak.

Behalwe die boeke wat hulle verkoop het, het hulle 70 subskripsies vir die *Signs* en 77 vir die *Tekens* geneem. Ook stuur die Konferensie nog 50 *Signs* en 50 *Tekens* elke maand.

Ons het 'n paar Sabbathouers in Suid-Wes-Afrika en ons wil u vra om in u gebied hierdie afgesonderde lede te gedink. Mag die Here die gestrooide saad in daardie uitgestrekte gebied seën.

Evangelistiese Werk te Kimberley

A. W. STAPLES

WAAR ons die beroep van die Kaap Konferensie aangeneem het om evangelistiese werk te Kimberley te gaan doen, het ons ons gehaas om van die Kampvergadering te Kenilworth na Maritzburg te kom. Ons het net 'n paar dae gehad om ons goed te pak en na Kimberley te trek. Ons was net baie besig met pak en preek en mense besoek. Dit was swaar om van algar afskeid te neem.

Voor ons weggaan, het ons nog 'n doopdiens gehou en vier dierbare siele is tot die gemeente toegedaan. Mag die Here vir hul ryklik seën. Ons vertrou dat die Here hul sal bewaar deur Sy genade en hulle werkers in die kerk mag word.

Ons was baie bly om te hoor dat Broeder A. C. le Butt die werk in Maritzburg oorneem. Mag die Here sy werk sigbaar seën.

Die 5de Februarie het Suster Staples en ek in Kimberley aangekom. Die volgende dae was ons net besig om te vestig en klaar te maak vir die komende poging.

Ons het die 14de Februarie in die Stadssaal begin. Meer as 600 mense was teenwoordig en van die tyd af was die Stadssaal Sondagaande meer

ontwaak. . . Die nag is verby, die môre kom" en wat ons vir ons jongmense doen moet ons haastig doen. Die vyand het sy strikke gespan, duiendes van ons jongmense word gevang en deur die bese gevangene gehou tot vandag toe. Wie sal hierdie dierbaar siele red? Hoe sal ons die vraag in die oordeelsdag beantwoord: "Waar is die kinders en jongmense wat Ek u gegee het?" tensy ons kan sê: "Oor die wat U my gegee het, het ek gewaak; en nie een van hulle het verlore gegaan nie."

Vandag is die dag van saligheid, maar netnou word die genadeprediker vir altyd gesluit en die woorde gehoor: "Dis volbring." Dan sal dit te laat wees om die kinders bymekaar te maak; te laat om vir ons jongmense te werk; maar terwyl die genadeprediker nog is, laat ons luister na die raad van Zefanja: 2: 1-3.

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Versoek om Voorbidding

'N Suster in die Claremont kerk het bitter teenstand in haar huis vanweë die waarheid en vra nou ernstige voorbidding van al ons mense dat die Here haar man mag bekeer en haar eie liggaam mag genees.

Angola Union

W. H. Anderson Superintendent
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Soekers na Waarheid

M. E. ANDERSON

ONGEVEER agt of tien maande gelede kom daar 'n man na die apteek vir behandeling. Hy het gewag tot iedereen weg was en toe gevra om ons nie 'n onderwyser kon stuur na sy mense nie. Ek vra toe al die besonderhede en sê dat hy maar moes terugkom as my man daar was. Verder het ek niks van hom gehoor nie en ook nie verder aan die saak gedink nie. Van tevore het ek die boekies "Die Bybel Duidelik Verklaar" en "Doop Manuaal" na sy distrik gestuur.

Ongeveer midde Desember het weer twee naturelle hier gekom en die nag vertoef. Die volgende môre wou hulle vir my sien. Hul indoena het hul gestuur vir 'n onderwyser. Hulle was Protestante en onder die Evangeliese Sending, maar hul onder-

wyser het hom nie goed gedra nie en nou wou hul van godsdienste verandering. Hulle was al twee keer by die Adventis sendeling te Lepi, maar hy het nie gekom nie. Hul indoena het nou gesê dat hulle 'n onderwyser moes bring was dit dood of lewend, maar 'n onderwyser moes hulle hê. Ek kon hul nie 'n antwoord gee nie dan alleen dat my man Sondag die 27ste Desember sou tuis wees en as hulle hom wou kom sien dan sou ons weet dat hulle 'n onderwyser wou hê en hy sou hul een gee.

Die aand van die 27ste Desember was die twee manne hier nadat hulle veertig myl geloop het. Hulle het weer hul storie vertel en ons het 'n dag bepaal om hul indoena te gaan sien. Op die bepaalde dag het ons gegaan. By die kruispaaie kry ons 'n jong wat ons die regte pad wys. Op 'n ander plek in die pad het weer een gestaan om ons moter die regte pad te wys na hul dorp twee en 'n half myl verder.

Hulle bring ons na 'n pasgeboude dorp. Later het die indoena en sy mense gekom. Hierdie nuwe dorp behoort aan die Christene wat van godsdienste wou verander. Ons het meer as 'n uur gesels. Ons vra die indoena of hy ons skole ken. "O, ja," sê hy. "Ken jy vir Daniel of Osta." "Ja, ek was in hul skole." "Ken jy ons stasie te Bongo." "Ja, daar was ek ook." "Ons leer nie soos ander sendelinge nie, is jy seker dat julle van godsdienste wil verander?" "Ja, baie seker."

Ons het uitgevind dat hulle ondersoek gedaan het na ons skole en ons boodskap vir maande al. Sonder dat ons dit gewet het, was hulle al te Bongo om alles uit te vind.

Die indoena sê toe dat hy en sy mense definitief besluit het om van godsdienste te verander en die Adventiste te vra vir 'n onderwyser. Hulle sou sy mense stuur om stene te maak vir die skoolgebou en hy sou sien dat alles goedgaan.

Sodra ons met die Goewerment kan ooreenkom, gaan ons 'n poging daar hou en 'n skool bou. Dit maak 'n ander deel van die land wat tot nou toe gesluit is, vir ons oop.

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Sendingvrywilligers Week 16-23 April 1932

WAT is dit? Die week vir jongmense. 'n Week spesiaal gewy aan die vraagstukke en die redding van die jongmense en kinders van ouers wat Adventis is. Daar is 10,314 van

hulle op die lys van die Sabbatskole in Suidelik-Afrika. Hiervan is 1,287 in ons Europese Sabbatskole en dit alleen is een van die vrugbaarste sendingvelde in die Diviesie.

Wat doen ons vir hierdie leër van kinders en jongmense wat voor ons oë opgroei tot manne en vrouens? Hulle beskou die lewe met blye verwagting vol krag en ywer en moed en tog elkeen van hulle het behoefte aan 'n dieper geestelike ervaring. Van ons kinders praat Suster E. G. White toe sy skryf: "Met so 'n leër van werkers as ons jongmense, as hulle net goed opgelei word, sou ons spoedig die boodskap van 'n gekruisigde, opgestane en komende Heiland oor die hele aarde versprei."—"Education," bld. 271.

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Week van Offerande vir 1932

J. F. WRIGHT

DIE week van offerande vir die Suidelike - Afrikaanse Diviesie val hierdie jaar van 28 Mei tot 4 Junie. Om ons werkers en al ons lede voldoende tyd te gee om hul daarop voor te berei, wil ons die aandag hierop vestig.

Uit die rapport van die tesourier vir 1931 sien ons dat ons Week van Offerande heel wat minder was dan dit behoort gewees te hê. Ons vrees dat werkers sowel as die lede van die kerk nie aan hierdie saak gedink het soos dit moet wees nie. Ons weet dat diegenes wat laaste jaar gegee het vir die Week van Offerande, daardeur nie armer geword het nie. Hulle is ongetwyfeld meer geseën as die wat niks gegee het nie.

Geliefde medegelowiges, ons wens van harte dat elkeen wil nou begin plan maak om deel te hê in die Week van Offerande. Die saak van waarheid het dit nog nooit so nodig gehad as vandag nie. Nooit het die deur vir evangelisasie wyer oopgegaan nie. En waar die Here hierdie deure vir ons oopsit, vra Hy van ons, ja Hy verwag dit van ons om binne te gaan en die gebied te besit. Ons moenie ontrou aan die Here word nie.

Waar ons nou die eerste woord oor die Week van Offerande vir 1932 skryf, laat ons 'n plan maak om dan 'n week se salaris te gee. Onthou die datum, 28 Mei tot 4 Junie, en laat ons voor die Here kom en bereid wees om hierdie jaar se Week van Offerande die beste van wat in hierdie Diviesie nog ontvang is te maak. Mag die Here u hierin seën.

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News Notes

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help us with the many problems in our school work. Last year he placed the school work throughout the field on a stronger basis, now he is checking up on the year's work.

The Governor of Benguela, on a trip of inspection through his district, was pleased to spend several hours looking over our work at Bongo Mission, Lepi. In a speech, just before leaving the mission, he expressed his appreciation of our medical and also our educational work which lifts the native from heathenism and fits him to become a better citizen.

Recent word has come to us that our application to establish work in the Moxico district of Angola has been favourably passed by the governor of that district, and all the necessary papers have now been passed forward to the Governor-General of Angola for final approval. We earnestly pray the Lord will help us that this message may be started out in this, one of the several districts of Angola where it has never yet been proclaimed.

S. E. African Union Mission News Notes

Brother Ivan Ansley conducted an evangelistic effort during the month of March, in the Malamulo district.

A native church was organised by Elder Giddings at our Tete native mission on Sabbath, February 13, with 16 members. A native resident colporteur is doing much to create

an interest in our message in that vicinity. Recently a native shopkeeper began to close his shop on Saturday as the result of reading literature sold by the colporteur, Brother Lembo.

Week of Sacrifice for 1932

J. F. WRIGHT

THE Week of Sacrifice for the Southern African Division comes this year May 28 to June 4. In order that both our workers and laymembers may have ample time to arrange and prepare for it, as well as share in it, we take this opportunity of calling attention thereto.

From the treasurer's report for 1931, we note that our Week of Sacrifice fell quite short of what it should have been. We fear that both workers and laymembers did not respond to it as should have been the case. We know that those who did share fully in the Week of Sacrifice the past year, were none the poorer; in fact, they were doubtless blessed more abundantly than those who failed to take part.

Now, my dear fellow-believers, we most earnestly desire that everyone will begin to prepare now so as to share in the 1932 Week of Sacrifice. The cause of truth was never in greater need. The doors of evangelistic opportunity have never swung open more widely. And as God opens these doors before us, He bids us, yea, He expects us to enter and possess the territory for Him. We must never fail Him.

So, as we pass along this first word concerning the 1932 Week of Sacrifice, let us all begin *now to definitely plan to give our week's income at that time*. Remember the date, May 28 to June 4, and let us come to the house of the Lord prepared to make this year's Week of Sacrifice the largest ever received in this Division. May God richly bless to this end!

Dr. and Mrs. Janzen, who arrived recently from overseas are now located at Mwami Mission near Fort Jameson. The native people were glad of their arrival. Already the doctor has ingratiated himself to the natives through successful operations performed.

Word just arrived this morning from Brother Davy stating that on

Monday, February 29, the lightning struck the new house on Matandani Mission. Fortunately the only damage done was a split chimney, two splintered rafters, and minor injuries to one wall, door, and mosquito screen.

Elder and Mrs. M. M. Webster are preparing to leave soon for Lourenco Marques where they will study the Portuguese language, preparatory to opening up work in the Portuguese East Territory of this union.

General News

Pastor and Mrs. J. D. Baker have returned to Angola after four months' furlough at the Cape.

Pastor and Mrs. J. N. de Beer and son are spending their furlough at Glencairn, one of the seaside resorts of the Cape Peninsula.

Wednesday, March 9, saw the arrival of four workers for the Congo Union, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Morel and Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Norcott.

We are glad to welcome Elder C. E. Weeks of the General Conference Publishing Department, who will spend a few months in this Division in connection with the publishing work.

On Friday afternoon, March 18, Mr. and Mrs. Shreve and family sailed for the United States on furlough; Dr. and Mrs. Huse and infant for England; and four Helderberg College students—Mimmie and Sientjie Siepman, Mary and Hugh Worsley—for further studies in America. A large number of friends were at the docks to bid them farewell.

Situation Wanted

A YOUNG man of seventeen years, experienced mechanic and motor driver would consider any opening where the Sabbath could be kept. Communicate with Lloyd Graaff, Leyds Street, Standerton, Transvaal.

Request for Prayer

A SISTER of the Claremont church who is meeting bitter opposition in her home on account of the truth, earnestly requests the prayers of God's people for the conversion of her husband and for healing of body for herself.