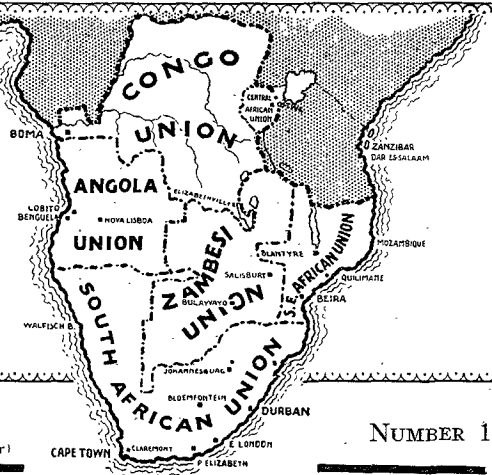


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Only a Step to the Better Land

E. E. Andross

HOW rapidly the wheels of time are revolving in their course! Another year has come and gone. Its opportunities for the development of Christian character,—Christ-likeness,—personally to prepare to stand in His holy presence, are now all in the past. They are gone forever; so also are its opportunities for helping others prepare for that great day of days.

The record of our lives for the year has been written on the books above with infinite precision and with divine exactness, unalterable (except as through repentance and forgiveness of our sins they may be blotted out), awaiting the final decision at the bar of eternal justice. How solemn the thought! Soon the irrevocable decision that will fix your eternal destiny, as well as mine, will be made. What shall it be? Each day and each hour our own personal relationship to God and to our associates, is, unconsciously to ourselves, writing our destiny, which the judgment will declare, just as certainly as the bloodless hand traced in letters of fire on the palace walls of Babylon her doom.

During the past twelve months great and decisive events in fulfilment of divine prophecy have occurred. One sign after another has followed in quick succession, each declaring in trumpet tones, "Prepare to meet thy God." As these thrilling words have fallen upon our hearts have they been heeded? In our families, in our intercourse with men, as a husband, a wife, a parent, a child in the family, a friend, a citizen, have we been the steadfast, unwavering servant of God, the intimate friend, and loyal compan-

ion of our compassionate Saviour? These are vital questions to which we should each give careful, prayerful study. Nothing short of this will meet the divine standard of righteousness or give us a passport to heaven.

We now stand on the threshold of a New Year. While its record will be in the keeping of the holy watchers, we alone can determine what it shall be, whether for weal or for woe.

Among our workers a sweet spirit of unity and brotherly love prevails. Reports received present heart-thrilling recitals of marvellous progress of the mighty working of God's Holy Spirit, in pulling down the strongholds of the enemy and in the transformation of human hearts and lives. The desert places are beginning to rejoice and blossom as the rose. The Spirit of God is once more moving on the face of the waters and beauty is coming out of chaos. From all nations God is gathering the remnant of His people. How short! how short the time still left in which to prepare to stand in the presence of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Throughout the great world field "the Lord Jesus is" just now "making experiments on human hearts through the exhibition of His mercy and abundant grace. He is effecting transformations so amazing that Satan with all his triumphant boastings, with all his confederacy of evil united against God and the laws of His government, stands viewing them as a fortress impregnable to his sophistries and delusions. They are to him an incomprehensible mystery. The

The New Year's Motto

I asked the New Year for some motto sweet,
Some rule of life by which to guide my feet;
I asked and paused. It answered, soft and low:
"God's will to know."

"Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?" I cried;
But ere the question into silence died,
The answer came: "Nay; this remember, too,
God's will to do."

"To know, to do; can this be all we give
To Him in Whom we are, and move and live?
No more, New Year?" "This, too, must be your care:
God's will to bear."

Once more I asked: "Is there still more to tell?"
And once again the answer sweetly fell:
"Yea, this one thing, all other things above,
God's will to love."

—J. M. C. Bouchard.

angels of God, seraphim and cherubim, the powers commissioned to cooperate with human agencies look on with astonishment and joy, that fallen men, once children of wrath, are through the training of Christ developing characters after the divine similitude, to be sons and daughters of God to act an important part in the occupations and pleasures of heaven."

Only a moment of time is left between this and the coming of Jesus; only a step between us and the land of the blest. Soon the portals will open and the walk with God begun here will be continued in the realm of light and glory. But, my brother,

my sister, is this really your experience? Are you truly walking with God each moment? No deception can be practiced upon God. The hidden things of darkness are soon to be brought to light. Will the secret things of your life endure the searchlight of that great day? Each soul is soon to be tried with fire.

I appeal to the messengers of God and to all our beloved brethren and sisters to make the year 1933 by far the best of their lives. May it be the most fruitful in soul-winning, the most thorough in heart-searching, the most blessed in soul-sanctification, the sweetest and most precious in communion with the Saviour.

His strength is made perfect, not in our strength but in our weakness. Our strength is only a hindrance.

At a school I once witnessed a teacher drill his pupils in dumb-bell exercises. They were unfamiliar with the exercises and most of their movements were awkward. The expert teacher would stand behind them and take hold of their arms and do the exercises for them. In their attempt to assist in doing the exercises they still blundered. When he came to assist a certain frail weak boy the exercises were done perfectly. This boy completely relaxed and let the teacher do it all. The result was that there was perfect harmony. This is a striking picture of the one who goes out to sell literature to bring souls to Christ. It was when Paul had this experience that he said: "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me." How important that Jesus find no hindrance in working through us.

To sum it all up, what is needed today in service is to put your will into the hands of Christ, then trust in him with your work, then your yoke will be light and your work a pleasure. With such a band of workers there is no limit to what might be done. Truly one such can chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight and nothing would be impossible to them.

May God raise up such an army of workers. May you find your place among them in yielding yourself fully to God and be an instrument of righteousness to be used by Him to save others joyfully.

How Do You Serve?

L. A. VIXIE, *Secretary, Publishing Department*

IN service for Christ there is apt to creep in more or less drudgery and service is done more as a matter of duty than a matter of love. What at first gives joy and delight becomes a weary task. You find yourself saying, instead of the "may I" of love, the "must I" of duty. The yoke, which at first was easy, begins to gall and the burden feels so heavy. Yes, such a one has become a slave to his daily task instead of finding true pleasure in service. Nothing could be sadder than when the worker for God enters upon his work in this frame of mind.

On the other hand the soul who enters fully into the blessed experience of faith in Christ is delivered from this bondage. His service becomes a delight because he has surrendered his will to God who works in him "to will and to do of His good pleasure." That soul finds himself wanting to do the things that God wants him to do.

It is always pleasant to do the things we want to do, be they ever so difficult. If a man's will is really set on a thing he regards with indifference the obstacles that lie in the way. Man has gone gladly and thankfully to the ends of the earth in search of worldly fortunes or to fulfil worldly ambitions and has scorned the thought of any cross connected with it.

It all depends on the way we look at things whether we think they are crosses or not. Then why should we see workers with long faces telling of

their sacrifices, when a worldly man would be only too glad to do this work for money. What we need is to want to do God's will as much as other people want to do their own will. This is really the idea of the gospel. It is not a law given from outside controlling us but a law operating within. Let Him put His law in our minds and write it on our hearts. Then how sweet it will be to do His bidding because it will be our bidding too.

The solution then lies in letting Christ take full possession of the inside controlling and managing of the will. This experience makes obedience easy and service a delight.

Do you ever feel your work in the canvassing field a heavy burden, then put your will completely over into the hands of Jesus, trust in Him to work in you to do His own good pleasure and He will bring your wishes and affections into conformity to His own perfect will. Then what seems hopeless and impossible will appear easy. It is truly wonderful what miracles God works in wills that are utterly surrendered to Him. He turns hard things into easy and bitter things into sweet. It is not that He puts easy things in place of the hard but he actually changes the hard things into easy ones and makes us love the things that we before hated.

At times we think that the hardness of the work is due to our lack of natural ability. This is impossible in Christian service. Our greatest qualification lies in our human weakness.

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With Our Missionary Volunteers in the Transvaal

J. I. ROBISON

It was the writer's privilege recently to spend a few weeks visiting some of our churches in the Transvaal in the interests of the Missionary Volunteer work in company with Brother Wentzel Cowper, the secre-

tary of the Missionary Volunteer department in the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

Arriving at Potchefstroom on the 25th of November, we found there a splendid group of Missionary Volunteers under the leadership of Mrs. J. H. Raubenheimer. This society is largely made up of new members who have accepted the truth during the evangelistic efforts of 1932 and they are filled with the enthusiasm that goes with their first love. While at Potchefstroom a beautiful programme was rendered by the Missionary Volunteers and an Investiture Service held at which time thirty of the young people were admitted into the class of Friends and received their pins as tokens of their attainment and faithfulness. Some of the young people at Potchefstroom are suffering real persecution and opposition in their homes as they have stepped out by faith to obey the commandments of the Lord. But such influences have only tended to drive them nearer to the Lord, and we were indeed pleased to meet such a fine and loyal band of Missionary Volunteers. May the Lord ever help them to be "pure and kind and true" as they have promised to be in their Junior Pledge.

Our next call was at Standerton, and here too we found a fine group of young people, but unfortunately because of the recent illness of their leader we could not have an Investiture Service with them. It was our privilege, however, to visit in the homes of nearly all our people in Standerton and also to hold three meetings in the church. We tried to help both old and young as we were able. I think that some of our less fortunate companies who, without pastoral leadership, are upholding the banner of truth in these smaller towns certainly need our prayers and support, for they have to meet difficulties and opposition unknown to our larger churches as they stand loyal for the truth under such circumstances. Let us pray for the work in Standerton.

In Pretoria we found a good live Missionary Volunteer society, both Senior and Junior. The Seniors are under the leadership of Miss D. Eva while her sister is conducting the Junior work very successfully. It was our privilege to hold some spiritual meetings over the week-end with our church in Pretoria which just at the present time is getting on as best

they can without a pastor. On Sunday evening a beautiful Investiture Service was held in the church when eight Juniors with their leader were received into the class of Friends and took their pledge "to be pure, and kind and true, to keep the Junior Law and to be a servant of God, and a friend to man." The Missionary Volunteer society in Pretoria has

the next step in Junior membership.

These Investiture Services as conducted in each of these places were very impressive and will long be remembered by all I am sure. Brother Cowper, in his work for the young people, has endeavoured to hold up high ideals before them. As these Juniors lighted their candles in each of these services as a symbol of the light of truth that has begun to burn on the altar of their hearts, and then as they took their pledge of loyalty to the high ideals of the Missionary Volunteer movement, and all bowed together as the consecration prayer was offered, every heart was deeply touched and we all felt inclined to hold out a helping hand to these young people in their endeavours to be a "servant of God and a friend to man."



Triumphs of the Message at Potchefstroom

J. H. RAUBENHEIMER

DURING the past few months it has been my privilege to conduct a follow-up effort in Potchefstroom. Due to the fact that it is more or less an experiment no conference funds were budgeted nor any workers supplied. With the church members' aid we began meetings with a full house, October 2. The lectures were greatly enriched with soul stirring gospel songs by our members. I only gave the sermon and left all the rest of the service in the hands of the church.

The work seemed light and the burdens easy as we greeted at the door some of the dear faces whom we had learned to love in the Chautauqua days. The earnest prayers of the children of God were watering the seeds of truth and now they began to germinate.

Sunday, December 11, the church was crowded to the limit with members, friends and sceptics, who had come, it seemed, for a bit of fun. The Spirit of God took control and came near to us in a marked manner. Hearts were solemnised as a resumé of the beautiful truths entrusted to us by our Saviour was reviewed.

The subduing power of God's Spirit evoked deep thoughts and a decided change came even upon the faces of the few who had entered

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wonderful opportunities for missionary work in the capital city of South Africa and I believe is using these opportunities in service.

In Ermelo we found another faithful group of Missionary Volunteers under the leadership of Miss J. Bosch who has, with the help of Sister Adendorff, organised the young people of the Ermelo church into a working band of real volunteers. We had several meetings at Ermelo, and on Friday evening the young people rendered a very interesting programme setting forth the high ideal to which God has called all those who would be either a Friend or a Companion in the progressive membership classes. At the close of this service twelve Friends were admitted into membership and four young people received their Companion class pins which is

God's sanctuary with sneered visage.

Following the service twenty-six dear souls renounced the world and cast in their lot with the people of God. Eyes swam in tears as we witnessed among the candidates an old mother, eighty-one years of age, bent with life's toil. It warmed my heart to see with what confidence and trust she stepped into the water. A heavenly radiance filled her face. Amid the hush of this solemn moment heaven rejoiced as heartfelt "amens" ascended on high.

For the past year we have seen 103 follow their Lord in baptism. To God be all the glory, great things He has done for us, is the song of our lips and the prayer of our hearts as we glance at the work in Potchefstroom. Brethren and sisters we thank you for your many prayers. Let us ever bear one another up before the throne of grace for it gives courage and strength.



Reading Course Books

WE are pleased to announce that the books for the 1933 Reading Courses are now available.

SENIOR

"High in the Andes"	6/-
"Jean's Victory"	6/-
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Regular Price	24/-
Course Price	21/9

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Course Price	9/-

PRIMARY

"Bluebirds and Their Neighbours"	6/-
"Bedtime Stories," No. 8	1/6
Regular Price	7/6
Course Price	6/6

These books are among the very best that have been recommended in the Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses, and they should have a large circulation. Let us not only encourage each church to purchase a complete set of the books for the Missionary Volunteer library, but let us also encourage the young people, Juniors and Primary children to secure them for their private libraries.

How Readest Thou?

W. COWPER

A FEW men were running about turning little taps and adjusting wheels. A man pulled a lever over several buttons and in response some wheels began to turn. A low humming noise filled the room. The lever moved again. The humming noise increased in volume. The men fell back, the lever was moving over those copper buttons again. Then in response to that hidden urge it burst into a full throated roar, pouring forth from its whirling wheels and cogs scores of newspapers a second. The marvel of the twentieth century was shooting papers over its rollers at the rate of over 215 miles an hour.

As we behold such a sight it brings the words of Paul to mind, "Give attendance to reading." Once more we look at the great press and think of the many more like it which are every day pouring their millions of books and papers into the world, and the question arises, What shall we read? It all can't be good.

Parents, is it true what D. H. Stovall said, viz., "We are now giving our boys what they demand, rather than what we think they ought to have," or, are we like the man in the Bible who once had his house cleared of such rubbish but failed to fill it with good things?

In the Natal-Transvaal Conference we have a library filled with good books which we are using to displace the bad books which sometimes find their way to the hands of our young people. As we look at our library, however, we find that we do not have enough of these good books. Our young people, especially those who are isolated, want something to read. Already this year sixty Reading Course certificates have been issued which means that our young people have read over 240 books. Many do not have the privilege of attending school but through these books their lives are receiving a mould and stamp that will prepare them to withstand the temptations of the evil one.

If you, dear reader, have any of our books which you feel would be doing more good circulating among our young people will you not write to the Missionary Volunteer Department, Box 6154, Johannesburg, and we will be glad to forward you the postage. Three books we are especially needing are: "Hands Around the

World," "Sindago the Savage," and "Three Young Crows." We thank you for your kindness in helping our young people.



Golden Wedding

Elder and Mrs. W. S. Hyatt
1882-1932

A NEAT little card came to me through the post, a few days ago, inviting me to be present at the Golden Wedding of William Spencer Hyatt and Sadie Melvina Armitage, at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hocking, 2 Escombe Terrace, Point, Durban. I arrived a little late, and found the sitting-room full of people, and seated at one end of the room, in state, were the bride and groom of fifty years ago. The bride held a beautiful bouquet of flowers, and the groom wore a flower in his button-hole. The master of ceremonies was their son, Elder W. L. Hyatt, and all the immediate members of the family were present. It was indeed a happy occasion for them all. Mrs. Watt, the youngest daughter, had come all the way from Australia to be present.

The programme consisted of various musical items, interspersed with little reminiscences of the family, since the days of the courtship and marriage of the bride and groom. Since Elder Hyatt has been in the ministry practically all of his married life, the incidents mentioned were very interesting to us, who also feel that this message is a part of our lives. Several documents were passed around for us to see. Perhaps the most interesting of these was the ordination certificate. Each member of the family took part in giving us these reminiscences. One spoke of the courtship. Another of the wedding. Then the arrival and early labours in South Africa, the weddings of the different children, and many other interesting incidents.

Refreshments were then served, and the health of the bride and bridegroom was drunk, the absent members of the family being also remembered. To close the programme, we all united in singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and, as was fitting in such circumstances, a prayer that God would continue to bless this family in His service.

We wish for Elder Hyatt and his bride of fifty years ago, all the bless-

ings that Heaven can send them, and many more years of useful service in His vineyard. And above all, the joy of a family reunion at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

H. G. HANKINS.

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The Third Angel's Message Enters a New District

C. W. BOZARTH

"THE plans and work of men are not keeping pace with the providences of God. There are many that are pleading with God that they may understand what is truth. In the secret places they are weeping and praying that they may see the light in the Scriptures and the Lord of heaven has commissioned His angels to co-operate with human agencies in carrying forward His vast design, that all who desire may behold the glory of God."—*Mrs. E. G. White, General Conf. Bulletin, 1893, p. 294.*

Surely these words of the servant of the Lord picture the conditions in Ruanda-Urundi today. Everywhere we go we find hundreds of people pleading for an opportunity to know more about God's love and His saving grace.

A week ago it was my privilege to visit with Elder Monnier a new interest in a district where our work has never touched before. On the Sabbath there were over 1,200 people out to the Sabbath school and church services. Between five and six hundred of these are now members of our Bible classes and preparing for baptism. Following the service on Sabbath a call was made for those who desired to turn from the life of sin and follow the Saviour. There were forty-four who responded to this call. Surely our hearts rejoice as we see these people giving up their heathen ways and turning to the Lord Jesus.

This was the first time a European worker had ever met with these people,

and it was a blessed occasion for all present. Five months ago there was not a single Seventh-day Adventist in this district, and today we find this large company of people rejoicing in the Sabbath truth. During our special evangelistic month some teachers with a few Missionary Volunteer members went into this country to hold meetings. From the very beginning they met determined opposition. Several times their meetings were entirely broken up and many of the interested ones persecuted. In fact, some have been forced to flee to the forests to keep from being taken from the country. However, in face of all this opposition God overruled and we have this large company of faithful Sabbath keepers today who are rejoicing in the blessed hope of a soon coming Saviour.

While we were with these people there were five calls made for teachers to open up new centres. These calls represent 265 people who are anxious to join the Bible class, and hundreds of other interested people, who live too far from any of our schools to attend services. It made our hearts sad to have to turn these calls down on account of the shortage of funds. We had to put them off and send them back to their people with no hope of a messenger of light to lead them out of heathen darkness.

Never have I seen people so eager to accept and follow the truth as they are in Ruanda-Urundi today. The adversary is putting forth every effort to hinder, or even close up some of our work, but in face of all this large numbers are continually turning to God and following the teachings of this message. So far the opposition to our work has caused more people to enquire after the truth than it has turned away. In the Rwankeri district alone there will be over 600 additions to the Bible classes for the last quarter of the year. This will make a total of 3,000 for the union this year. It is wonderful to see the unwavering trust these new people have in God, and to note their simplicity of faith. We continually marvel at the rapid change the gospel makes in the lives of these heathen people, and it gives those of us who labour for them more confidence day by day in the sure triumph of this message.

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Umtali Notes

HERMANN FICKER

THE little Umtali company is experiencing much of God's goodness, especially in the regular prayer seasons when we always pray for *others*. We have adopted a regular church prayer list for people in the town and other interested ones. The same people are also on our private lists. We are trusting in God's mercy to call out some more people to swell our little number.

Our faith is strong. One unbaptised brother who works on the railway has had no definite promise about getting the Sabbath off, but he is striving hard to keep the Lord's day. Practically every week he has to drive a ten ton lorry load all Thursday night over slippery mountain roads, but always he is on time when Sabbath begins. God is pleased to honour people who honour Him before men.

At the present time we are conducting a weekly study two-and-a-half miles out of town on the Vumba Plots in a little Afrikaans settlement. Usually at least ten attend. One day the Dutch Reformed minister sharply rebuked the man in whose house the meetings are being held. He accused him of being untrue to his own church by allowing others to come into his house to explain the Bible, also we were told that we were first to obtain permission from him before holding meetings among his congregation. The man told him plainly that during the last few months since the Seventh-day Adventists have been in Umtali he has learned more than in his previous fifty years' experience.

The next day we visited the Dutch Reformed minister and gave him an open invitation for himself, or an elder, to visit the meetings and we would give them an opportunity to show from the Bible where we are wrong. He refused and added that he would still preach against us from his pulpit; he said he classed us the

same as the Catholics. Yet that only turns attention to us.

We are visiting every home in this community distributing tracts. Please pray with us that the seed sown thus may produce bountifully to God's glory.

News Notes

Our training school at Solusi closed on November 20. Sixteen students were graduated, eight from the Ministerial and eight from the Normal Courses. These graduates will be employed in the work in this union.

Good rains have fallen all over the union and our workers on the mission stations are busy ploughing and planting. A good season is expected.

We now have a small printing press at Solusi and already some work has been done. The announcements for the Sunday evening meetings in the Bulawayo church were printed there.

Elder and Mrs. Higgins have a new daughter born on November 25. Best wishes to father and mother and little Doreen.

Elder S. M. Konigmacher writes that a new district is opening up in his part of the field. This is a very thickly populated district and there are many villages. In closing his letter, he says, "Oh, if we had the men and a little money to put into Barotseland now, we could have a fine work."

Brother D. A. Webster audited the Bechuanaland Mission Field books at Mafeking and spent the Week of Prayer with the church at Taungs.

Professor E. M. Cadwallader has returned from his furlough. He will take up his work as Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary for the Zambesi Union. We extend to him a hearty welcome. His wife and family will come later.

Our Harvest Ingathering in this union has gone slowly forward and we have raised over £550. Our goal is £600 and we hope that when this month's reports come in from the field that we shall have reached that amount. We want to thank all who had a part in this good work. Your faithful work has been greatly appreciated.

Ons Sendingvrywilligers in die Transvaal

J. I. ROBISON

SKRYWER het die voorreg gehad om 'n paar weke in die Transvaal deur te bring om saam met die sekretaris Broeder Wentzel Cowper die gemeentes te besoek in belang van die Sendingvrywilligers. Die 25ste November was ons in Potchefstroom; ons kry daar 'n uitstekende groep Sendingvrywilligers onder leiding van Suster J. H. Raubenheimer. Hulle was merendeels nuwe lede wat die waarheid gedurende die evangelistiese poging van 1932 aangeneem het en hulle was vol ywer in die eerste liefde tot die waarheid. Hulle het toe 'n mooie program gelewer en ons het 'n Investituur-diens gehou waarby dertig jongmense ingelyf is tot die "Vriende" en as teken van bekwaamheid en getrouheid hul spelde ontvang het.

Party van ons jongmense te Potchefstroom ondervind werklike teenstand en vervolging in hul wonings, nou hulle in geloof uitstaan om die gebode van die Here te gehoorsaam. Maar dit het hulle nader tot die Here gebring en ons was bly om so 'n flukse groep Sendingvrywilligers te sien. Mag die Here hulle help om altyd "rein en vriendelik en waar" te wees soos hulle belowe het.

Die volgende plek was Standerton en ook hier het ons 'n flukse groep gevind. Ongelukkig kon ons geen Investituurdiens met hulle hê nie. Ons het egter die voorreg gehad om al die gelowiges in hul huise te besoek en drie dienste in die kerk met hulle te hou. Ons het probeer algar te help, die oues met die jonges. Party van ons gemeentes wat minder bevoorreg is en sonder prediker is in daardie dorpe, het behoefte aan ons gebede en ons ondersteuning. Hulle het moeilikhede en ondervind teenstand wat onbekend is in ons groot gemeentes. Laat ons bid vir die werk te Standerton.

In Pretoria het ons opgewekte Sendingvrywilligers gevind, die Seniors onder Mej. D. Eva en die Juniors onder haar suster. Ons het die voorreg gehad om 'n paar dienste te hou met die gemeente wat op die oomblik sonder prediker probeer klaar-kom. Sondagaand het ons 'n pragtige Investituurdiens in die kerk gehou. Ag Juniors en hul leier is onder die "Vriende" opgeneem en het be-

lowe om "rein, vriendelik en waar te wees, die Junior wet te hou en 'n dienskneg van die Here en 'n vriend van die mens te wees." Die Sendingvrywilligers van Pretoria het wonderlike geleenthede vir sendingwerk in die hoofstad van Suid-Afrika en hulle maak daarvan ook gebruik.

In Ermelo het ons 'n getroue groep gevind onder leiding van Mej. J. Bosch wat met die hulp van Suster Adendorff die jongmense van die gemeente georganiseer het in 'n werkende groep Vrywilligers. Ons het verskeie dienste te Ermelo gehou en Vrydagaand het die jongmense 'n baie goeie program gegee. Hulle het gewys hoe hoog die ideaal is waartoe die Here elke "Vriend" in die verskillende klasse roep. Aan die end is twaalf "Vriende" as lede opgeneem en vier jongmense het hul "Metgesel" spelde gekry; dit volg op die Juniors.

Hierdie Investituurdiens is baie indrukwekkend en algar sal seker nog lank daaraan dink. In sy werk vir die jongmense probeer Broeder Cowper hulle hoë ideale voor te hou. Terwyl die Juniors hul kerse aansteek as 'n teken van die lig van waarheid wat op die altaar van hul harte brand, en hulle die eed van die Sendingvrywilligers-beweging neem en algar neerkniel gedurende die gebed van toewyding, word elke hart diep geroerd en algar voel lus om hierdie jongmense te help om "'n dienskneg van die Here en 'n vriend van die mens te wees."

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Oorwinnings van die Boodschap te Potchefstroom

J. H. RAUBENHEIMER

DIT was my voorreg om die laaste maande 'n nuwe poging te Potchefstroom te hou. Aangesien dit min of meer 'n proefneming was, het die Konferensie ons nie geldelik of met werkers ondersteun nie. Die tweede Oktober het ons met die hulp van ons gemeentede ons poging begin met 'n stampvol saal. Die opgewekte liedere wat ons gemeentede met hart en siel gesing het, het die lesing kragdadig ondersteun. Ek het net die preek gelewer, hulle het al die andere self gedaan.

Dit doen mens goed en maak die

laste ligter om dierbaar gesigte uit vroeër dae weer te sien by die uitgang aan die deur. Die ernstige gebede van die kindere van die Here het die saad van waarheid agtervolg en nou sien ons dit opkom.

Sondag die elfde Desember was die kerk stampvol met gemeentelede, vriende, en selfs ongelowiges wat daar was om met ons die spot te dryf. Maar die Gees van die Here het spoedig op besondere manier besit geneem, sodat die harte ernstig gestem is waar die heerlike waarhede wat die Heiland aan ons toevertrou het, een vir een verkondig is. Hierdie hemelse invloed het al spoedig die mense ernstig laat nadink en die paar mense wat gekom het om te spot, het hoogernstig sit en luister.

Na die diens het ses-en-twintig siele die wêreld vaarwel gesê om saam te staan met die volk van die Here. Die oë was vol tranen toe ons onder die kandidate 'n ou moeder sien, een-en-tagtig jaar, geboë onder die las van die lewe. Maar met watter vertroue en geloof het die moeder die water ingestap, met 'n hemelse glans op haar gelaat. In die stilte van hierdie heilige oomblik het daar hartelike "Amens" opgegaan na die hemel. Daar was toe ongetwyfeld vreugde by die engele.

Laaste jaar het ons een honderd en drie siele hul Heiland sien volg in die heilige doop. Die Here kom daarvir toe al die lof en dank en aanbidding.

Broeders en susters, ons dank u vir u gebede. Laat ons elkander gedenk voor die troon van genade. Dit alleen gee ons moed en krag.

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Goue Bruilof

Ouderling en Mevr. W. S. Hyatt
1882-1932

Oor die pos het ek 'n mooi kaartjie ontvang met die uitnodiging om die goue bruilof van William Spencer Hyatt en Sadie Melvina Armitage by te woon ten huise van hul dogter en skoonseun Menr. en Mevr. A. G. Hocking, 2 Escombe Terrace, Point, Durban.

Toe ek later in die dag daar aankom, was die sitkamer al vol mense en aan een kant het die bruid en die bruidegom van vyftig jaar terug in stasie gesit. Die bruid het 'n pragtige boeket in haar hande en die vrolike bruidegom 'n blom in sy knoopskat gedra. Hul seun, Ouderling W. L. Hyatt en die naaste familielede

was algar teenwoordig. Hulle was algar oorgelukkig. Mevr. Watt, die jongste dogter het heeltemal van Australië gekom om teenwoordig te wees.

Daar was musiek, afgewissel deur herinneringe uit die familielewe, van die dae van hul verlowing en huwelik.

Ons wens Ouderling Hyatt en sy bruid van vyftig jaar gelede die seën van die Here en nog baie jare van nuttige diens in Sy wingerd. En boonal die vreug om al die familielede verenig te sien aan die groot avondmaal van die Lam.

H. G. HANKINS.

Matigheidsnummer van die Tekens is Gereed

WAT GAAN U DOEN?

Die spesiale Matigheidsnummer van die Tekens is nou gereed om oor heel Suid-Afrika gepos te word. Die Matigheidsvereniginge, die W.C.T.U. werkers, en al die wat in hierdie saak belangstel, erken volmondig dat hierdie spesiale Matigheidsnummer een van die beste publikasies is wat sover nog uitgegee is om die Drankwet wat nou voor Parlement gaan kom, te bestry. Ons het duisende ekstra blaaië gedruk en ons vertrou dat die groot voorraad vinnig uitgeput sal wees, sodra ons mense in hierdie veldtog begin te werk en hierdie "Matigheidstoortse" begin te versprei soos die herfsblare.

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Aangesien ou Broeder Hyatt sy hele getroude lewe feitlik in die predikamp deurgebring het, was daardie herinneringe baie interessant vir ons wat voel dat hierdie boodskap ook 'n deel van ons lewe is. Party dokumente het die rondte gedoen. Die belangrikste dokument was die sertifikaat van amptelike inwyding. Elke familielid het deelgeneem in die verhale uit die verlede. Die een het gepraat oor die dae van die verlowing, die ander oor die troudag, daarna die aankoms en eerste jare van arbeid in Suid-Afrika, dan die huwelik van hul kinders en ander interessante voorvalle.

Toe kom die oomblik waarop ons op die gesondheid van bruid en bruidegom gedrink het en met 'n heildronk aan afwesige familielede gedink het. Daarna het ons 'n lied gesing en die Here gedank en Sy seën oor hierdie familie in Sy diens afgesmeek.

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Umtali Nuus

HERMANN FICKER

Die klein klompie gelowiges hier ondervind die goedheid van die Here veral in die gereelde bidstonde waar ons vir ander bid. Ons volg 'n gereelde kerk-bidlys in belang van die mense van Umtali en ander belangstellendes. Dieselfde mense is ook op ons privaat bidlyste. Ons sien uit onder die genade van die Here na die vermeerdering van ons klein klompie gelowiges. Ons geloof is sterk in die Here.

Een broeder wat nog ongedoop is en op die trein werk, het nog geen bepaalde belofte dat hy die Sabbat vry sou kry nie, maar hy doen sy uiterste bes om die dag van die Here te hou. Elke week amper moet hy 'n lorie van tien ton Donderdagnags oor die glad bergpaaie ry, maar aldeer nog was hy op tyd as die Sabbat begin. Die Here let op diegene wat Sy Naam eer voor die mense.

Ons is nou besig met elke week 'n Bybelstudie te gee in 'n nedersetting van Afrikaners twee-en-'n-half-myl buite Umtali op die Vumbagronde. Gewoonlik is daar tien mense. Die Hollandse predikant het een dag die man in wie se huis die studies gegee word, net ernstig berispe. Hoe kon hy sy eie Kerk ontrou word deur ander toe te laat om in sy huis die Bybel te kom verklaar. En ook ons wis die predikant te vertel dat ons eers van hom behoor verlof te vra om onder sy mense te kom vergaderings hou. Die huisvader sê toe dat hy in die paar maande vandat die Sewende-dag Adventiste in Umtali is, meer geleer het as in die vorige vyftig jaar.

Die volgende dag het ons die Hollandse predikant persoonlik gaan besoek en hom of sy ouderling genooi

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om die vergadering by te woon en ons dan uit die Bybel te wys waar ons verkeerd is. Hy het geweier en gesê dat hy weer teen ons van die preekstoel sou waarsku, want hy beskou ons net so 'n gevaar soos die Roomse. En daarmee vestig hy die aandag op ons.

Ons besoek elke huis op die dorp en laat 'n traktaat agter. Bid met ons, broeders en susters, dat die gestrooide saad vrugte mag afwerp tot eer van die Here.

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STOP PRESS NEWS

Reduction of Fees at Helderberg

The College Board has just taken action that the regular school fees as published in the College Calendar will be reduced by five per cent for the year 1933. It is to be hoped that this reduction will make possible a larger enrolment this year.

As we go to press we are glad to pass on the word that all the graduates for 1932 will, without doubt, be placed in the regular organised work by the committee now in session at the Cape. There are several calls for normal trained students which will have to remain unfilled.

Request for Assistance

A REQUEST has come from a family of isolated believers in our conference for material assistance. The members of this family find themselves in destitute circumstances, and would be indeed grateful if any of our brethren and sisters who are in a position to do so would donate second-hand clothing, etc., so that the situation might be relieved. All parcels addressed to the Cape Conference of S.D.A., 162 Russell Road, Port Elizabeth, C. P., will be forwarded to this needy family immediately.



VAN DRUTEN.—George Jacob van Druten was born November 14, 1851, in Beaufort West, C. P., and died November 25, 1932, at the age of eighty-one years, on his farm "Klipputts" in the district of Barkley West.

Mr. and Mrs. van Druten moved onto the diamond fields before any buildings had been erected. The people still lived in tents in those pioneer days. Later Mr. van Druten established a business in Beaconsfield. Being a devout man he enjoyed wonderful experiences which made his fellowship with the Lord real in his young manhood.

One day while he and his wife were driving they overtook an elderly man walking. Mr. van Druten said, "See that man, the people say he is lazy—he keeps two Sundays." His wife looked at the man and replied, "He looks to me like an old saint of God." This old man was Brother Hunt. He had left California for the gold fields of Australia, later to join in the diamond rushes at Kimberley. He had accepted the message in California and remained faithful in all his wanderings. Mr. van Druten then began to visit Brother Hunt who explained to him the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation. Soon both Mr. and Mrs. van Druten accepted the message, publicly confessing the Sabbath truth.

It was just about this time that Brother Peter Wessels also began the observance of the Sabbath. Thus in 1885 the first group of Sabbath keepers in South-Africa began to form. These brethren sent an urgent appeal with money to the General Conference asking that ministers be sent to them. In response to their appeal Elders Boyd and Robinson arrived in 1887.

About twenty-six years ago Brother and Sister van Druten and family moved into the country. Here they lived and witnessed for the Lord. Our brother has liberally supported the cause. His was a living fellowship with the Saviour. His earnestness gave him the radiant glow that made him a bright and shining light. Marvellous answers to prayer enriched his Christian experience. From his lonely outpost he watched through the *Review and Herald* the progress of the message with joy and satisfaction. His faith in the nearness of the Saviour's return was strong. Here was a man who had kept his first love through all the years.

Brother van Druten died suddenly on his verandah without pain or sickness and without warning. The writer hastened to the home. On Sunday, November 27, we laid him to rest on the farm. A large gathering at the graveside paid its last tribute of respect. Truly our brother rests in the Lord and his works do follow him.

Our sympathies go out to his aged companion left to mourn after sixty-two years of married life. Also to their five sons and four daughters and grandchildren. May the Lord comfort their hearts and may they also be ready to join in the reunion at the return of our Lord is our prayer.

A. W. STAPLES.

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Obituaries

HYDE.—On November 30 Sarah Judith Hyde passed peacefully to her rest after a short illness at the home of her daughter, Sister Curren. She had reached the ripe age of seventy-four years. Her life for the past twelve years had been brightened by the blessed hope and rejoicing in it she met the end. Her life was that of a quiet yet active Christian, respected and loved by all. Four sons and six daughters are left to mourn their loss.

Words of hope and comfort were spoken at the home and at the New Cemetery by the writer.

F. G. CLIFFORD.