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Giving as Christ Gave

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Again the call to a Week of Sacrifice comes to us. The time set for the offering to be received is Sabbath, February 25. The reason the Division Committee arranged for the date to come during the first quarter of the year rather than during the second quarter as has been the custom in former years, is due to the fact that the Big Week (and in some fields, the camp-meeting offering) comes during the second quarter. The committee, therefore, felt that it would be helpful to both our workers and laity, should the Week of Sacrifice be arranged to come at another time rather than during the second quarter. Hence the change in plan.

In passing on this call for special sacrifice during the week February 18-25, we wish to assure both our workers and laity that their sacrifice in connection with the 1932 call was deeply appreciated. The day of final reckoning will alone fully reveal the good accomplished by the response last year. We know that the sacrifices made have brought light, courage, and help to many who sat in darkness.

Now, what will we do for 1933? The writer has just had contact with many problems as presented to the South African, Zambesi, and South East African union committees. Never have the brethren wrestled with graver problems. Never have the calls pressed more heavily upon both union and local field leaders, and never has the opportunity been brighter for giving the message. Today we have open doors before us which may soon be closed by the enemy. To fail to enter these doors

now will doubtless bring eternal loss to many a dear soul. To turn a deaf ear to these urgent calls throughout the Division seems nothing short of a tragedy.

So, as we come up to the Week of Sacrifice (February 18-25), dear brethren and sisters, let us give as never before. Let us study our family budget a little more closely so as to be able to share a bit more fully in the call this time. We want to do even better than was the case one year ago. Therefore, we would invite and kindly urge every worker and lay member, without exception, to give the full week's income to missions.

If we will each pray over the matter as earnestly as Christ prayed concerning His sacrifice, and if we will each give in our sphere as Christ gave in His sphere, there is no doubt but that the 1933 Week of Sacrifice returns will be the largest ever received during any such week in the experience of this Division.

Let us then make such an event a most vivid reality. What do you say? We know we can again fully count upon YOU to do your best in helping us provide the "sinews of war" for the completion of the unfinished task.

NOTE.—We kindly request workers and church officers to do their very best in placing this call to sacrifice before our churches Sabbath morning, February 18. Then let the offering be received Sabbath, February 25.)

REMEMBER THE

WEEK OF SACRIFICE

FEBRUARY 18-25

Why the Week of Sacrifice?

FREDERICK GRIGGS

THIS question may well be answered by the opening words of one of King David's songs. In picturing the second coming of Christ in most terrible majesty, he represents Him as saying, "Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."

One chief characteristic of the saints is that they sacrifice. Now to sacrifice is to render back to God something that we may actually need. That student who went without a meal that he might have something for the Sabbath school offering, made a real sacrifice. The dear old sister who goes without a new dress to take the place of the worn, patched one, that she may have a Mission Offering, has the spirit of the saints whom Christ commands the angels to gather to Him. The missionary's family that contributes a full week's salary to the cause of missions, in addition to their regular offerings, has entered into that covenant with Christ, that ensures their being gathered with all His saints, provided such an offering is a joyful, willing one given that God's work be not retarded. It

is to be noted that Christ's covenant with the saints is made by sacrifice. He sacrificed and they sacrifice. This is their token and bond of brotherhood. He sacrificed because He loved the lost; so do His saints. When He comes Christ will not call for those who have not sacrificed, but for those who have made real sacrifices.

It is the privilege of all, and also their duty, to take full measure in this 1933 WEEK OF SACRIFICE. If every believer in our message contributes a full week's earnings to its advance, and does not diminish either tithe or other regular offerings, there will be an abundance in the treasury house of the Lord. We could then add workers to our forces and the cause of truth would be greatly advanced. But suppose all do not take their full part in this WEEK OF SACRIFICE, are we excused? NO! We are to borrow faithfulness from their indifference. We are to renew our covenant with God at this time, and this means also, we are to encourage every other believer to do likewise by word as well as deed.

and leaders of all youth include in their public ministry instruction in the principle of tithing.

b. That in Missionary Volunteer institutes, conventions and rallies, the Bible plan for the support of the gospel ministry be studied and emphasised.

c. That in our Junior societies the boys and girls be taught faithfulness in the payment of tithe, and that church treasurers recognise this faithfulness by giving individual receipts for all such payments, however small.

d. That parents be urged to teach their children while very young the obligations of stewardship, and to make it possible for the children to practise this principle.

e. That this principle be fostered in the college Missionary Volunteer Society and that students be encouraged to pay the tithe on all earnings.

Sabbath School Work

WHEREAS, The Sabbath school in its ministry of the word is one of the most efficient and powerful agencies for stemming the tide of unbelief that in these last days is permeating the thought of the world; and,

WHEREAS, In the Southern African Division the Sabbath school contributes nearly fifty per cent of all the mission offerings given in this field for the support of our world-wide mission work, therefore,

Resolved, That we as workers and leaders here assembled unite in sounding a clarion call to our ministry and workers everywhere to rally to the support of our Sabbath schools by co-operation with Sabbath school objectives, such as prayerful daily study of the Sabbath school lesson, regular attendance at the Sabbath school on the part of every church member, soul-winning effort for every pupil, and liberal Sabbath school offerings through:

- The weekly Sabbath School Offering.
- The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.
- The Birthday Offerings.
- The Investment Fund.

WHEREAS, Because of the combination of departments in many fields, the promotion work necessary to strong continuous Sabbath school endeavour is seriously curtailed,

We recommend, That all our ministers and all officers and leaders in union and local fields acquaint themselves with the plans of the Sabbath School Department, and promote in the churches under their care, all phases of Sabbath school work, thus acting in co-operation with and strengthening the hands of those in the field upon whom these added departmental responsibilities have been placed.

Ministerial Reading Course

WHEREAS, The value of systematic and united Reading Course study for our evangelistic workers is now a principle recognised throughout our ranks; and

WHEREAS, The Ministerial Reading Course is annually growing in favour and participation, the past year showing the largest enrolment in the history of the plan, though still far from including all workers; and

WHEREAS, The selections for the 1933 course have been made with unusually wide and competent counsel, one of the central features being the united reading of the Old Testament in the chronological order of the writing of the component books, with reading guide and outline furnished: therefore,

Partial List of Actions and Resolutions Passed by the Division Council (Concluded)

Work for Young People During Week of Prayer

WHEREAS, Our young people are called upon to meet unprecedented conditions affecting their employment and their pursuit of education, which, combined with the strong temptations of worldly pleasure, are leading many of them into great discouragement, perplexity and doubt,

We recommend, a. That during the Week of Prayer earnest efforts be made for the young people, and that all conference workers and church leaders be asked to unite their prayers and efforts for the salvation of the thousands of our youth who have not yet been brought to a decision for Christ, and for others who find their feet slipping.

b. That we earnestly request all parents and other church members to unite in earnest prayer that our young people may be protected from the snares of the enemy during these trying times.

Missionary Volunteer Study and Service League

WHEREAS, The Standard of Attainment plan has been revised as follows at the recent Fall Council:

a. It is to be called the Missionary Volunteer Study and Service League.

b. It will include a course in Bible Doctrines, a course in Denominational History, and training in methods of soul-winning and of giving Bible readings.

c. The textbooks will be our present "Senior Standard of Attainment Studies in Bible Doctrines," a brief denominational history (about 100 pages), and a book of methods and experiences in soul-winning.

d. The class members will be required to practice giving Bible readings to the

class, and encouraged to give Bible readings to others.

e. The certificate is being revised in harmony with the foregoing plan, and it will be given only to those who pass the examinations in Bible Doctrines and Denominational History and who have given at least five Bible studies, either to the class or to others.

f. The society officers will be the nucleus of a prayer and personal workers' group in the society in which the Missionary Volunteer Study and Service League shall be made a chief objective and through which effort shall be made to lead those who complete these studies into active missionary endeavour. Therefore,

Resolved, a. That the Missionary Volunteer Study and Service League be introduced in the Southern African Division as recommended at the Fall Council, and

b. That renewed emphasis be placed on this instruction in Bible Doctrines, Denominational History and personal soul-winning service in all our Missionary Volunteer societies.

Stewardship Among Young People

WHEREAS, The principle of stewardship is basic in all right relationship between the Creator and His creatures, and

WHEREAS, It is essential to character development and divine blessing that the principle of tithing be recognised and practised in childhood and youth, as well as in maturity, thus placing a solemn responsibility upon all Missionary Volunteer leaders and other workers among the youth to foster this principle by constant public and personal teaching; Therefore,

We recommend, That as aids to this end the following plans be used:

- That Missionary Volunteer workers

We recommend, 1. That our English-reading evangelical workers everywhere be urged to enrol for the 1933 Ministerial Reading Course which has as its sole objective the improvement of the ministry through deepening the spiritual life and widening the working knowledge of the worker, laying the burden of encouragement earnestly upon our conference executives.

2. The books comprising the course for 1933 are as follows:

"Patriarchs and Prophets," By E. G. White.

"The Soul Winner," By C. H. Spurgeon.

"The History of the Christian Church," By F. J. Foakes-Jackson.

The new S. D. A. "Church Manual," By J. L. McElhaney.

Reading of the Old Testament chronologically—with study outlines furnished. (Together with an elective volume, personally chosen.)

WHEREAS, There is a demand throughout the Division for a combined Ministerial and Educational Reading course,

We recommend, To the Ministerial and Educational Departments that they give study to the advisability of providing two books from the Ministerial Reading Course and two educational books to make up a combined Ministerial-Educational Reading Course and that these departments issue a joint certificate upon the completion of this course.

A. F. TARR, *Secretary,*
Southern African Division.



The Sabbath in the Home

ARTHUR W. SPALDING

THE Sabbath is a day saved from Eden. In the beginning it was a day made to crown the activities of the week. God stopped His work, but He did not leave His work. He brought it out in review before Him, "and, behold, it was very good." The same purpose is in the Sabbath still.

The Sabbath is not a fetish to be superstitiously regarded, to be watched fearfully lest some inadvertent act shall profane it and excite the hostility of its keeper. God is not withholding the Sabbath from man for some selfish purpose of His own. Rather, He gives it to man for the most benevolent purposes. Jesus said: "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." Whatever is for the best and highest and happiest interests of mankind, that is the Sabbath for. Through all the week we are to seek communion with God, in study, in labour, in service. But since the demands of toil too much prevent this, the Sabbath is God's merciful provision for realisation of the great purpose in life. In His own holy day God has made provision for happy com-

munion with Him, with nature, and with one another.

The Sabbath was made for children. There are many who do not believe this, and among the chief doubters are children themselves. Caught up in a maze of Sabbath-day forbiddings, reduced to unnatural quiet, and made desperate by enforced inactivity, they rebel against the artificial confinement of the day, and long for the Sabbath to be over. Even today there are thousands of little noses pressed against the windowpanes, watching the sun in its slow descent down the western sky,

My Preference

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;

I'd rather one would walk with me than merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear;

Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear.

The best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,

For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it, if you'll let me see it done.

I can watch your hands in action, but you tongue too fast may run.

The lectures you deliver may be very wise and true;

But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do.

I may not understand the high advice you give;

But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

—Selected.

and thousands of little voices sighing, "Oh, when will the sun go down?"

Not so did God intend it to be. He means that on this day we shall live more fully than is possible on other days the life of Eden. What was the life of Eden? It was a life without anxiety, a life of purity and innocence, a life of love and delight, a life spent in study of God's created works and in communion with the family, with angels and with God Himself.

Wouldn't you like to be in Eden? Well, here is the opportunity to come nearest to the life of Eden. And that not once a year merely, nor

twice a year, nor once a month, but every week. Is the Sabbath day such an experience to you? or is it a payment you make to your sense of duty, a day grudgingly taken away from your business or your pleasure because God commands it? Oh, God never asks such a thing of us! The Sabbath day is to be made the most delightful day of the week. It is not to be a round of unpleasant duties to either our children or ourselves. Plan to make your Sabbaths days of delight.

The Sabbath services of the church are usually held in the forenoon, and are directed to Bible study and religious instruction. Provision is made in the Sabbath school, and should also be made in the church service, for the happy participation or alert appreciation of the child as well as of the adult. How the Sabbath services may be made most beneficial to the children by the combined efforts of pastors and parents is a study to which they may well give most serious attention.

A part of the Sabbath should be devoted to a study of nature. And generally that part of the Sabbath which may best be so used is the afternoon. Usually the Sabbath morning is occupied with Sabbath school and church service, though, for a fact, the very early Sabbath morning may be one of the most blessed periods for individual communion with God and nature. But the afternoon, in most cases, is the time when the family can best plan to be together out in the fields or the woods, or at least the parks.

What shall you do? The walk itself is of benefit, for it rests the aching muscles of the growing children, and there is no law against the children's sometimes running and shouting; and so if there were nothing else in it but exercise, it would be good. But that is not good enough.

We want to become acquainted with specific things in the works of nature. We want to know the names and some of the habits and the uses of flowers, and trees, and insects, and birds, and animals. We cannot do everything at once, and so we must select, and we should set out every time with a definite aim.

In the spring of the year both flowers and birds especially attract our attention. We may well make the Sabbath walk a special study on either or both. Picking of wild

flowers is all right, if the children or you desire to do so, though you may well prefer to leave most of the flowers to grow where God put them, for there they seem most beautiful and sacred. But in any case we should seek to learn the name of every flower we find. Some of these the parents may know, and may instruct their children about them. About others we may have to inquire of people in the neighbourhood who may know what we do not, though often we shall find they give local and not true or generally recognised names to some flowers.

A very valuable aid is a flower book. The botany is a very technical guide, and only the expert can get much from its key; but there are many popular nature books which help us to identify flowers and birds in a more or less nontechnical way, with illustrations and easy classifications.

Seated on a shady bank, sometime when the children's feet have tired, we gather our treasures together, recognise and admire the familiar wild flowers, or violets, or maybe a rare lady's-slipper; and then pick up the new, unknown flowers. By their colour and appearance and their habitat we seek to trace them in the book of flowers, and learn their names. Ever after they are our friends, recognised where we may find them, and studied as to habits and use.

Tracing the birds is a like occupation, only, of course, we do not have them in hand to study closely, but must carefully watch and note their appearance, song, and habits as we go along the way, or perhaps while we quietly sit in the grove. The bolder of the birds are easily identified; it is after we get thoroughly interested and begin to hunt the shier birds, that we learn more of the intricacies of the chase, and feel the added fascination.

All this is legitimate Sabbath occupation, for it is learning of the creation of God. And its influence, perhaps not immediately perceptible, is deeper than we suppose, and it grows with the weeks and years. It leads us into communion with God; it puts upon us an influence that draws away from the turmoil and distraction of worldly life; it quiets and calms our souls, and helps to put them in touch with God.

But to reach the highest experience in this communion with God

through nature, we must connect with it the Word of God, the Bible. Here may most easily and delightfully be carried on a study of Bible-nature. Not too much time should be employed in the sedentary work of searching texts. That, indeed, may occupy part of an evening or of a rainy Sabbath day, or it may come after the return from the walk, when tired nerves and aching muscles have been rid of their toxins.

In time you will come to have considerable lists of texts that you and the children have learned. Do not overforce this study upon the children. If you are yourself interested in it, and search for and learn these texts, you can interest the children.

Then when you go out with them upon the Sabbath day, call for texts that relate to the things you see—a bird, a stone, a mountain. Carry this just so far as it seems profitable. Do not weary the children with it, but so long as they delight in it (and they will the more delight in it the

more skilful they become) you may continue the exercise.

Religious instruction and Bible study, which make a part of Sabbath occupation, are not wholly supplied by the church services; they are an integral part of home teaching. But while Bible study may consist in part in reading from the Sacred Book, there are also other interesting forms of study. One is story-telling; another is guessing games; still another, kindergarten forms such as block building, sand table, object teaching, picture clipping and pasting, and picture tracing.

All too soon the darkening shadows proclaim the nearness of the Sabbath's close. Alice goes to the piano, and for a while plays some favourite melodies, and soon John joins her with his clarinet. Quietness falls upon the group, and so they are ushered into the last exercise of the day, with song and Scripture quotation and prayer, bidding adieu to the blessed Sabbath for another week.

Natal-Transvaal Conference

W. LEROY HYATT

*Portion of President's Address to the Natal-Transvaal Conference Committee
Held at Johannesburg, January 22-24, 1933*

It is with profound pleasure that we open this annual session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference committee. We are pleased that so many members are present at this opening meeting, and we extend to you a most hearty welcome.

God has been most gracious to the small band of workers in our conference during the past twelve months. While sickness has entered several homes, yet our lives have been spared and we thank our heavenly Father for His abundant mercy.

The history of the work of our conference for the past year is a record of one victory after another. In many respects the year 1932 goes upon the page of record as the most successful year of our conference history. As we view many of the reports and figures of this year, and see what God has done through a small band of workers, we stand aghast in wonder and amazement.

Lay Members and Home Missionary Work

We would first pay a tribute to the faithfulness and loyalty of our dear lay

members scattered throughout our conference territory. There is a marked spirit of unity and harmony throughout the rank and file of our members. In the world there is a spirit of disintegration, strife and confusion, but the hearts of our faithful members are knit together and united with this advent movement in the eternal bonds of God's love and fellowship.

This spirit is reflected in the wonderful work which has been accomplished by our lay members. Notice the figures and comparisons at foot of page.

The Laymen's Movement has been marked with great success in souls won during 1932, and after carefully studying the figures, we find that eighty-three precious souls have been brought into the truth by those not in our conference employ. These have already been baptised and are rejoicing in the third angel's message.

Sabbath School Department

As we continue examining the interest and loyalty of our members, we direct our attention to the Sabbath school department,

	1931	1932
No. Bible Readings and Gospel Meetings.....	3331	5136
No. Missionary Visits	9948	11660
No. taken to Sabbath school or other services	1695	2691
No. given needed help	26796	43608
No. treatments given	2241	4376
No. articles of clothing given	5006	5822
No. books, periodicals, tracts, etc., given	92002	65302
No. letters written	4048	4601

WEEK OF SACRIFICE OFFERING

which has proved to be such a mighty factor in strengthening our churches. A strong interest is being manifested in the Sabbath school as is clearly indicated by the fact that the donations for 1932 show an increase over the previous twelve months of £47-19-9. The interest in this department is shown, furthermore, by the splendid increase in membership. Note the following figures:

1931	1932	Increase
1134	1300	166

Missionary Volunteer Department

Our young people have certainly taken a step forward in their work and in Christian development during the past year. This department together with the Sabbath school department has grown in an encouraging manner. The report follows:

Membership	345	502
Reading course certificates issued	22	151
Friend pins issued	8	87
Companion pins issued		9
No. observing Morning Watch	80	138
Bible year certificates issued	11	17
Harvest Ingathering funds received	£234 0 0	£247 5 0

Church Schools

We are happy to report that three new church schools are being started this year. This means that we now have five church schools and one home school in our conference. We are pleased with this growth and hope that all of our churches may soon have church schools.

Our Colporteurs

This has been somewhat of a difficult year with our canvassing. Only a few colporteurs have held regularly to their work throughout the year. Others have come and gone. We are looking for a band of steady regular men who will hold to the work regularly. Brother Fourie's report shows a decrease in orders taken; however, I believe the report of the depository which Brother Willmore will present will show a very small drop in actual sales. The value of orders taken is as follows:

1931	1932	Decrease
£7005-5-0	£5198-0-1	£1807-4-11

Growth in Membership—Evangelistic Work

We turn now from our lay members and consider more directly the work of the conference force, and surely the Master has greatly blessed the sincere, faithful, untiring efforts put forth by the small band of loyal, consecrated, devoted workers. We take this opportunity of thanking each one for the efforts put forth to spread the truth, and to strengthen the cause of God in the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

N.-T. Conf. Membership 1928	660
O. F. S. Conf. Membership 1928	189
	Total 849
N.-T. - O.F.S. Conf. Mem. 1932	1351
Net increase for four years	502

Comparative Statement of Baptisms

Year	Number	Year	Number
1925	32	1929	104
1926	124	1930	192
1927	51	1931	150
1928	69	1932	250
	276		696

It is almost impossible to believe some of these figures, but they are true and we thank God for what He has done. We stand speechless as we think of what God might have done through us if we had been more consecrated and if we had seized every opportunity granted of spreading the message. But we must press on to greater achievements for the cause of Prince Emmanuel.

Tithes and Offerings

As we address ourselves to the study of our finances for the past year, we feel to

1931	1932
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Membership	345	502
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exclaim with renewed emphasis—"What hath God wrought!"

It is universally admitted that the year 1932 was the worst of the depression years thus far. What the future may be no one can actually forecast. We consider it a miracle of God that in times like this we have been able to maintain our flow of tithe into the conference treasury. Looking over the figures we find that there is an increase in our tithe receipts of £50-18-7, in comparison with the previous year. We believe that this healthy condition is due primarily to the special blessing of God and to the strong evangelistic programme which has increased our membership, and to the excellent bond of unity throughout the field. The financial pulse is quite a certain indicator.

The following are the figures:

1931	1932	Increase
£5509-5-4	£5560-3-11	£50-18-7

In this same connection we will add a few words regarding the conference operating statement. The treasurer, Brother Willmore, will present the details. However, I cannot refrain from stating how happy we are to show a surplus of £29 for the year's work. This is most remarkable in days like these. This excellent result has been made possible by the careful co-operation of all the workers in the rigid economy policy which the conference has been following. We thank the workers for their assistance in this direction, and crave its continuance for the future.

The past four years that we have been in office have been years of depression unparalleled in South African history. Putting together the results of the operating of the conference for these four years, we find a small deficit of £22. How remarkable! During the three years, 1926, 1927 and 1928, the conference showed an operating loss of £1,733.

The amount of the free-will offerings which we have sent forward to the union

are also worthy of note. The Harvest Ingathering showed a loss. However, taking all other offerings, and these are from our own members, we show a satisfactory condition. They are as follows:

1931	1932	Increase
£1686-3-5	£1749-7-2	£63-3-9

This speaks very well indeed for the interest our people are showing in the spread of the advent message in mission lands.

Evangelistic Pledge Fund

Thanks to the evangelistic spirit in our conference, since this fund has been in operation it has amounted to nearly £1,000. Without this fund we could never have accomplished what has been done in our public efforts. The following figures show the increase year by year.

1930	1931	1932	Total
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£344-1-0	£332-9-1	£301-11-8	£978-1-9
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Of course, this is entirely a new fund, and therefore, we cannot contrast it with former years.

Working Force and Our Task

There are other interesting features of our work which we cannot mention in this brief report. The harvest truly is ripe but the labourers are few. Our working force is small, yes very small in contrast with the task before us. We must establish our members in such a manner and constantly educate them to the end that our churches can care for themselves with occasional supervision. This is the instruction of the Spirit of prophecy, and the practice of the workers in Apostolic days. Every worker must address himself to the difficult task of showing our members everywhere that they must grow up in their Christian experience, and rely upon God and not upon the ministry for their spiritual help, so that our full force of workers can press on the message into the unentered sections of our conference territory. This programme alone will see the completion of the work. This vision must ever be kept before workers and laity. As we face the problem of arranging for our efforts, it will be clearly seen that every worker will be needed for aggressive warfare in these public efforts.

We cannot take on additional workers. On the contrary we should increase our liquid capital. Do you brethren, realise the situation? It is just this. Were our total income to cease for only one month we would not have sufficient money in the bank to pay the wages and expenses for that one month. The General Conference recommendation is to have sufficient reserves for three months. We must therefore, plan our financial matters wisely and carefully and keep our house in order in these critical days in which we are living. We must pray God for a financial vision to keep the work out of embarrassment.

The same is true regarding the depository. It is imperative that we increase our sales in order to avoid annual losses. And no matter what happens we cannot continue having losses. Five organisations have kindly and graciously united to get the depository out of debt, and now we must stay out of debt, and there is only one way and that is by increasing our sales.

The Future

We must aim higher than ever before. We must not be satisfied with present at-

tainments nor past records. We are living in the "loud cry" of the message—what a privilege is ours! The message will swell louder and louder. The year 1933 should see more souls won for the Kingdom than ever before. But, brethren, we will have

to work hard to do it. However, the future is as bright as God's promises. He has promised to be with us to the end, and to hold us with His right hand. Let us attempt great things for God, and expect great things of God!

wat ons lede doen. Kyk net na die volgende syfers en vergelyk hul:

	1931	1932
Bybellesings en Dienste	3331	5136
Huisbesoeke	9948	11660
Besoekers na S. S. en dienste	1695	2691
Betoonde hulp	26796	43608
Behandeling	2241	4376
Stukke klerasie	5006	5822
Boeke, blaaië, ens.	92002	65302
Briewe	4048	4601

Die Lekebeweging het in 1932 aanmerklik siele gewin. Drie-en-tigtig siele is tot die waarheid gewin deur lede wat nie in diens van ons konferensie is nie.

Sabbatskool-Departement

Ook in 'n ander rigting blyk die belangstelling en getrouheid van ons gemeentelede, n.m. die Sabbatskooldepartement was 'n kragtige middel tot versterking van ons gemeentes. Dit word die beste gesien in die giftes van 1932 wat 'n vermeerdering van £47-19-9 oor die laaste twaalf maande wys.

Sendingvrywilligers-Departement

Ons jongmense het seker in hul werk en hul Christelike ontwikkeling vorentoe gegaan. Ook hierdie departement het toegeneem.

	1931	1932
Lede	345	502
Leeskursus sertifikate	22	151
Vrindespelde	8	87
Kameraadspelde		9
Môreuer	80	138
Bybeljaar sertifikate	11	17
Oes Insameling	£234-0-0	£247-5-0

Kerkskole

Ons is bly om te kan sê dat daar hierdie jaar drie nuwe kerkskole geopen is. Ons het nou vyf kerkskole en een huisskool in ons Konferensie. Ons is baie tevreë oor hierdie groei en hoop dat al ons kerke net nou kerkskole sal hê.

Ons Kolporteurs

Vir ons kolportasiewerk was dit 'n moeilike jaar. Net 'n paar kolporteurs het gereeld deur die jaar gearbei. Daar is die wat kom en gaan. Ons sien uit na 'n klompie standvastige manne wat die werk gereeld sal doen. Die rapport van Broeder Fourie wys 'n vermindering van die bestellings wat geneem is. Die rapport van die Boekedépôt wat Broeder Willmore sal voorlees, wys 'n baie klein daling in die aktuele verkoop. Die waarde van die bestellings wat geneem is, is as gevolg:

1931	1932	Vermindering
£7005-5-0	£5198-0-1	£1807-4-11

Vermeerdering van Ledetal.

Evangeliewerk

Laat ons nou die werk van die kragte van die konferensie beskou. Die Here het die opregte, getroue en onvermoeide poging van die klein klompie toegewyde werkers geseën. Ons wil elkeen dank vir die pogings om die waarheid te verkondig en die saak van die Here in die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie te versterk.

Ledetal, N.-T. Konf. 1928	660
Ledetal O. V. S. Konf. 1928	189
Ledetal, O. V. S. Konf. 1928	189

Totaal	849
Ledetal, N.-T. en O.V.S. Konf. 1932	1351
Vermeerdering in vier jaar	502

Gee Soos Christus Gegee Het

JOHN FRANCIS WRIGHT

Weer is die Week van Selfopoffering daar. Ditmaal sal die offerande op Sabbat, 25 Februarie, gevra word. Die rede waarom die Divisie komitee die datum in die eerste kwartaal van die jaar lieverste as in die tweede kwartaal soos voorheen gestel het, is te danke aan die feit dat die Groot Week (in party velde die offerande vir die Kampvergadering) ook in die tweede kwartaal val. Vandaar hierdie verandering van datum.

Terwyl ons hierdie oproep vir bepaalde selfopoffering gedurende die week van 18-25 Februarie uitstuur, wens ons ons werkers en lede te verseker dat ons hul opoffering gedurende 1932 baie waardeer het. Die toekomende dag alleen sal uitwys hoeveel goed die antwoord op die oproep van 1932 gedaan het. Ons weet dat die opofferings vir baie mense wat in duisternis sit, lig en hoop en nuwe levensmoed gebring het.

Wat gaan ons in 1933 doen? Skrywer het juis voeling gehad met baie vraagstukke wat die komitees van die Unies van Suid-Afrika, die Sambesi en Suid-Oos Afrika opgebring het. Die broeders worstel met ernstige vraagstukke soos nooit tevore nie. Die roepstemme lê swaarder op die leiers van Unie- en plaaslike velde en nooit was die geleentheid skoner nie om die boodskap te gee. Vandag staan ons voor oop deure wat die vyand net nou mag sluit. *As ons nou nie*

binnegaan nie, beteken dit dat menige siel vir ewig verlore gaan! Om aan hierdie dringende roepstemme oor die hele Divisie geen gehoor te gee nie sal noodlottig wees.

Waar ons dus opnuut voor die Week van Selfopoffering (18-25 Februarie) staan, laat ons, geliefde broeders en susters, gee soos nooit tevore nie. Laat ons die begroting vir ons huisgesinne noukeuriger nagaan, sodat ons hierdie keer meer kan gee. Ons wil meer selfs as laaste jaar gee. Ons nooi al ons werkers en lede dringend om 'n volle week se inkomste aan die sending te gee.

As ons oor hierdie saak net so ernstig wou bid soos Christus gebid het oor Sy selfopoffering, en as elkeen van ons in sy sfeer wil gee soos Christus in Sy sfeer gegee het, dan sal die offerande van die komende Week van Selfopoffering seker die grootste wees wat ons ooit in so 'n week in hierdie Divisie ontvang het.

Laat ons dit dan 'n lewendige werklikheid maak. Wat sê u? Ons weet dat ons volkome op u kan reken, dat u u uiterste bes sal doen om ons die middele te verskaf om die taak wat ons opgelê is, klaar te maak.

(N.B.—Ons vra ons werkers en kerkbeamptes vriendelik om tog hierdie oproep tot selfopoffering Sabbatmôre 18 Februarie voor ons gemeentes te bring. Laat die kollekte dan op Sabbat, 25 Februarie, geneem word.)

Natal-Transvaal Konferensie

W. LEROY HYATT

'n Deel van die president se toespraak voor die Komitee van die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie 22-24 Januarie 1932

Met groot genoeë begin ons hierdie jaarlike sitting van die komitee van die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie. Ons is bly om so baie lede teenwoordig te sien en ons roep algar 'n hartelike welkom toe.

Laaste jaar se werk van ons Konferensie was die een oorwinning op die ander. In baie opsigte was 1932 die mees suksesvolle jaar in die geskiedenis van ons Konferensie. As ons die rapport en syfers vir 1932 nagaan en sien wat die Here deur 'n klein groep werkers gedaan het, dan staan ons verbaas.

Werk van die Leke en die Buurtsending

Ons wil allereers iets sê oor die getrouheid van ons gemeentelede oor heel die uitgestrekte gebied van ons Konferensie. Daar was 'n gees van eensgesindheid en saamwerking kenbaar onder al ons lede. In die wêreld heers 'n gees van verbroekeling, van stryd en verwarring, maar die harte van ons getroue lede word in hierdie adventbeweging saamgevoeg in die bande van die ewige liefde en gemeenskap met die Here.

Dit word gesien in die wonderlike werk

Tiendes en Offerandes

Dit word algemeen erken dat 1932 die slegste jaar van die depressie was. Oor die toekoms kan niemand enige berekening maak nie. Dis 'n wonder van God dat ons in hierdie tye 'n gereelde stroom van tiendes in die skatkis van ons Konferensie gesien het. Die syfers wys dat daar selfs 'n vermeerdering van £50-8-7 oor die vorige jaar is.

Die laaste vier jaar wat ons president was, was jare van ongekende depressie. As ons die vier jare se resultate bymekaar reken, dan kry ons die geringe tekort van £22. Dis wonderlik. In die jare 1926, 1927, 1928 wys die konferensie 'n verlies van £1,733.

Die bedrag van vrywillige bydraes wat ons aan die Uniekonferensie deurgestuur het, is ook opmerklik. Die Oes Insameling wys 'n vermindering. Maar al die ander offerandes, en hul is van ons eie gemeentelide, wys op 'n bevredigende toestand.

1931	1932	Vermindering
£1686-3-5	£1749-7-2	£63-3-9

Dit wys dat ons mense belangstel in die uitbreiding van die adventboodskap in die heidenlande.

Evangelistiese Geloftefonds

Dank sy die evangelistiese gees in ons konferensie het daar, vandat die fonds in werking gegaan het, amper £1,000 ingekom. Sonder hierdie fonds kon ons nooit gedaan het nie wat nou deur publieke pogings bereik is. Die volgende syfers wys op die vermeerdering van jaar tot jaar:

1930	1931	1932	Totaal
£344-1-0	£332-9-1	£301-11-8	£978-1-9

Hierdie fonds is nuut; geen vergelyking met vorige jare is moontlik.

Ons Werkkragte en Ons Taak

Daar is nog interessante dinge in ons werk waarvan ons in hierdie korte verslag geen melding kan maak nie. Die oes is wel ryp, maar die arbeiders min. Ons werkkragte is gering, nietig in vergelyk met die taak wat ons wag. Ons moet ons lede so opbou en voortdurend opvoed dat ons gemeentes kan klaarkom met nou en dan 'n toesig. So sê die Gees van Profesie, en dit was die gebruik in die dae van die Apostele. Elke werker moet hom tot taak stel om ons lede daarop te wys dat hulle moet toeneem in Christelike ervaring en dat hulle vir geestelike hulp op die Here moet vertrou en nie op die predikers nie, sodat al ons werkers die boodskap kan bring aan die onbewerkte dele van ons Konferensie. So alleen sal die werk klaarkom. En hierdie plan moet ons aldeur ons werkers en lede voor oë hou. Dan sal iedereen insien dat ons elke werker nodig het vir agressiewe werk in publieke pogings.

Die Toekoms

Ons moet hoër mik. Ons moenie met die verlede tevrede wees nie. Ons is nou in die "luid geroep" van die boodskap—wat 'n voorreg! Die boodskap sal toeneem. In 1933 gaan ons dus meer siele as ooit vir die koninkryk win. Maar, broeders, dan sal ons harder moet werk. Die toekoms is helder deur die beloftes van die Here. Hy sal met ons wees tot aan die end en ons met Sy regterhand behoed. Laat ons groot dinge vir God doen en van Hom groot dinge verwag!

Belangrike Veranderingings

J. F. WRIGHT

Toe Ouderling E. D. Dick die beroep na die Noordelike Europese Divisie aanneem, en Ouderling J. I. Robison as hoofredakteur na die Sentinel gegaan is, was die Divisie Komitee verplig om die Generale Konferensie Komitee te vra anderses in hul plek aan te stel.

Na sorgvuldige oorweging van die behoefte in die Divisie is Ouderling Milton P. Robison benoem as Opvoedkundige en Sending-Vrywilligers Sekretaris vir die twee departemente.

In die laaste OUTLOOK het ons melding gemaak dat Broeder A. Floyd Tarr as Sabbatskoolsekretaris vir die Divisie benoem is. Hy sal hierdie werk doen, saam met die werk as sekretaris van die Divisie en redakteur van die OUTLOOK. Ons sal dus verder geen melding hiervan maak nie.

Gedurende die jongste vergadering van die Skoolraad het ons in oorweging geneem om iemand in die plek van Prof. Milton P. Robison te benoem. Verskeie het voorgekom en op die ou end het ons Broeder G. E. Shankel as prinsipaal gekies. Ons hoop spoedig van hom te hoor of hy hom die benoeming sal laat welgeval of nie.

Aangesien Broeder Shankel op verlof is, het ons Broeder Milton Robison gevra om gedurende die lopende jaar nog as prinsipaal te wil ageer. Hy het daarin toegestem. Ons waardeer sy gewilligheid baie. Hy sal ook probeer om deur korrespondensie vir die Opvoedkundige en Sending-Vrywilligerswerk van die Divisie te sorg. Ons sou natuurlik liever sien dat Broeder Milton Robison sy nuwe pligte in die Divisie dadelik kon aanvaar, maar vir die oomblik is dit onmoontlik. Hy sal dus aan Helderberg Kollege verbonde wees, tot dat Broeder Shankel begin 1934 terugkeer om die prinsipaalskap oor te neem.

As voorsitter van die Skoolraad wens skrywer tegelyk te sê dat Broeder Milton P. Robison in die laaste vyf jaar baie goeie en deëlike werk gedoen het. Hy het die agting en die liefde van studente en ouers gewin. Sy vertrek aan die end van hierdie skooljaar beteken 'n bepaalde verlies vir Helderberg Kollege. Ons is egter bly dat hy nog die belange van ons jongmense sal bly behartig, selfs in meerder mate, as Divisie-sekretaris van die Opvoedkundige en Sending-Vrywilligersdepartement.

Ons meen ook dat ons 'n goeie keus gedaan het in die opvolger van prof. Milton P. Robison as hoof van Helderberg Kollege. Ons wens Broeder Shankel alle seën waar hy later Helderberg Kollege oorneem.

Opening van Helderberg Kollege

J. F. WRIGHT

Die eerste Februarie 1933 saands om ag uur het die eerste kapeldiens in die kollege plaasgevind. Hulle het gesorg vir 'n baie interessante program, bestaande uit verskeie musiekstukke en 'n toespraak van die voorsitter van die skoolraad en die prinsipaal, en die gebruiklike voorstelling van die fakulteitslede. Helderberg Kollege het daarmee sy sesde diensjaar in die Divisie begin.

'n Paar uur voor die diens het hulle drie-en-tagtig studente ingeskrywe. Dis 'n goeie begin vir die nuwe jaar. 'n Paar studente

het laat aangekom, sodat hulle die volgende môre eers ingeskryf is. Ons verwag 120 tot 125 studente. En as ons hierdie aantal in ons dae van finansiële moeilikhede kan inskryf, dan is dit wel 'n bewys dat ons mense die beginsels van Christelike opvoeding hoog waardeer.

Daar was 'n goeie gees onder die studente wat in hul kamers mekaar ontmoet en gegroet het. Iedereen was gelukkig en gereed vir werk. Ons glo dat dit opnuut 'n goeie jaar vir Helderberg Kollege gaan wees. Prof. Milton Robison en sy staf het hul planne agtermekaar. Broeder J. V. Wilson het alreeds sy pligte as besigheids- en plaasbestuurder aanvaar. Mevr. Finn het alreeds deëlik as matrone opgetree. Mej. Annie Visser sal netnou kom om haar plek as hoof van die Meisies Tehuis in te neem. Intussen het Mevr. J. V. Wilson haar gewillig verklaar om hierdie verantwoordelikeid op haar te neem.

Die opening van die Junior Seuns-Tehuis is seker 'n stap in die regte rigting. Veranderinge in die kombuis en in die eetsaal en die Senior-Seuns Tehuis het daartoe bygedra om algar gelukkiger te maak. Ons wens net dat ons gou die hoofgebou kan klaarmaak en die gronde uitlê. Dit sal maak dat die kollege 'n plek is waar ons jongmense graag is.

Terwyl ons hierdie korte verslag oor die opening van Helderberg Kollege skryf, vra ons al ons mense oor die hele Divisie om die Christelike inrigting in hul gebede te gedink sodat dit in 1933 mag wees wat die Here wil dat dit in alles sal wees.

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Algemene Nuus

Maandagmiddag, 30 Januarie, het Ouderling en Suster W. H. Anderson met die S. S. Njassa van Kaapstad na Lobito vertrek. Dis hul eerste trek op pad na die Verenigde State. Na 'n paar weke oponthoud in Angolaland, waar Ouderling Anderson sy werk formeel aan Ouderling Curtis sal oorhandig, gaan Ouderling en Suster Anderson op groot verlof.

Ouderling A. E. Nelson het met dieselfde boot vertrek om die vergadering van die Angola Unie Komitee by te woon en die boeke vir 1932 na te gaan. Ouderling Nelson sal daarna Elisabethville en Boelawayo besoek om daar die boeke na te gaan en dan na die Kaap terug te keer.

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Mej. R. Visser het die beroep na die Angola Unie aangeneem en is Maandag die 30ste Januarie met dieselfde boot van Kaapstad vertrek.

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Ouderling A. Floyd Tarr en familie het aan die Kaap aangekom. Broeder Tarr het reeds sy werk aan die Divisie kantoor begin.

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Broeder en Suster Robert A. Buckley het die 20ste Januarie aan die Kaap gekom om hul nuwe werk aan die Opleidingskool die Goeie Hoop te begin.

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Voorlopige Kennisgewing

Ons Broeder P. J. D. Wessels is 13 Febr. sag in die Here ontslapte ten huise van sy seun Broeder C. Wessels.

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Helderberg College

Opening Exercises

J. F. WRIGHT

PROMPTLY at 8 P.M., February 1, 1933, the opening chapel service of the college took place. A very interesting programme had been arranged consisting of special musical numbers, together with remarks by both the chairman of the board and the college principal, and the introduction of the faculty to the students present. Thus the college entered upon its sixth year of service in behalf of the young people of this Division.

During the few brief hours prior to the opening exercises, eighty-three students were enrolled. This was considered an excellent beginning for the new year. Several students arrived late so their enrolment was taken care of the following morning. It is confidently expected that the total enrolment will soon reach from 120 to 125 students. If this figure is secured and maintained during these days of financial difficulty, it will be one more very definite proof that our dear people do esteem and value very highly the principles of Christian education.

As the students were gathering and getting located in their rooms, a most splendid spirit prevailed. Everyone seemed to be happy and ready for real business. Therefore, we have every reason to believe that the college faces another very encouraging year in its experience.

Professor M. P. Robison and his staff have laid strong plans for the year. Brother J. V. Wilson has already entered upon his duties as combined business and farm manager. Mrs. Finn has in a splendid manner assumed her duties as matron. Miss Annie Visser will soon arrive to take up her duties as preceptress of the Girls' Home. In the meantime Mrs. J. V. Wilson has very kindly consented to carry this responsibility.

The opening of the Junior Boy's Home certainly seems to be a step in the right direction. The alterations made in the kitchen and the reconditioning of both the dining hall and the Senior Boys' Home have played a most definite part in helping

all to feel the more happy as the new school year opens. It is hoped that work may soon be started on the finishing of the main building and the beautifying of the campus, all of which will contribute toward making the college a place where our young people will love to be.

As we pen this brief statement regarding the commencement of the new school year, we would bespeak for the institution the united prayers of our people throughout the Division that it may become all that Heaven ordains it shall during its 1933 activities.

Important Changes Effectuated

J. F. WRIGHT

DUE to Elder E. D. Dick's accepting the call to the Northern European Division, and Elder J. I. Robison's connecting with the Sentinel Publishing Company as chief editor, the Division Committee found it necessary to request the General Conference Committee to make certain appointments to fill these vacancies.

After giving careful study to the need in the Division, Elder M. P. Robison has been appointed Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary for these two departments.

Reference was made in the last issue of the OUTLOOK to the fact that Brother A. F. Tarr has been appointed Division Sabbath School secretary, and he will carry this work in connection with his duties as Division secretary and editor of the OUTLOOK, so we need make no further mention of this change here.

During a recent meeting of the College Board, consideration was given to the matter of some one to succeed Professor M. P. Robison as head of Helderberg College. Several names were submitted for study, and it was finally voted to elect Mr. G. E. Shankel as principal of the school. We hope to hear from him soon as to whether he will accept the appointment or not.

Now, due to the fact that Brother Shankel is on furlough, the board has asked Brother Robison to continue his principalship at the school during the present year. This he has kindly consented to do, and his co-operation in this respect has been deeply appreciated. He will also endeavour, while at the college, to keep in touch with the Educational and Missionary Volunteer problems of the Division as best he can by correspondence. Naturally, we wish Brother Robison could assume his new Division duties at once, but this is quite impossible for the present, so he will carry on at the college until Brother Shankel arrives to take over the college principalship as from the beginning of 1934.

As we pass on to our constituency this information it is certainly appropriate for the writer, as chairman of the board, to state that Brother M. P. Robison has carried the work of the college in a very strong and efficient manner during the last five years. He has won the respect, the love, and the esteem of both students and parents. His leaving the school at the close of this present year will mean a distinct loss to the institution. It is cheering to know, however, that he will continue to serve the interests of our young people in a larger sphere as Division Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary.

We believe that we have also chosen a splendid man to succeed Professor Robison as principal of Helderberg College, and wish for Brother Shankel every blessing as he comes forward at a later date to take charge of the college.

General News Notes

Miss R. Visser, who has accepted a call to service in the Angola Union, sailed from Cape Town on Monday, January 30, for Lobito.

Elder A. F. Tarr and family have arrived at the Cape from Bloemfontein. Brother Tarr has already assumed his duties at the Division office.

On Monday afternoon, January 30, Elder and Sister W. H. Anderson sailed from Cape Town in the S. S. Njassa for Lobito. This was the first stage in their voyage to the United States. After a few weeks in the Angola field, during which time Elder Anderson will hand over his work to Elder Curtis, Elder and Sister Anderson will proceed on their furlough.

Elder A. E. Nelson left by the same boat to attend the meeting of the Angola Union committee and to audit the books for 1932. Elder Nelson will visit Elisabethville and Bulawayo, auditing the books at both places, before returning to the Cape.

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"THE only way in which we can redeem our time is by making the most of that which remains, by being co-workers with God in His great plan of redemption." —"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 342.

OUR readers will be made sad to learn of the death on the 13th instant of Brother P. J. D. Wessels, the pioneer believer in the advent message in South Africa. Full obituary will appear in our next issue.