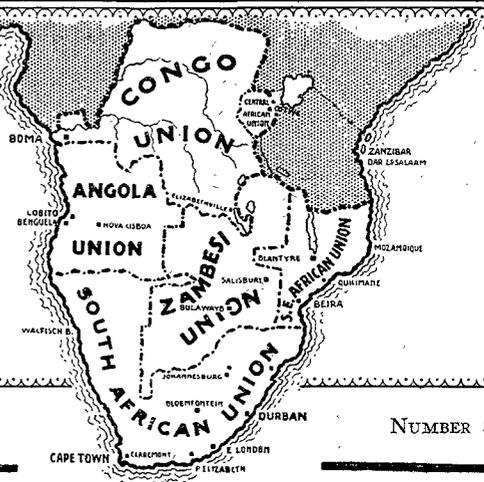


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An Unparalleled Opportunity

C. H. WATSON

AN opportunity without parallel in the past lies before Seventh-day Adventists today. It is an opportunity to which leaders and believers in the third angel's message have long looked forward and have prayed much that it might come speedily. In the wonder-working providence of God it is now here, and its presence in fact should thrill all our hearts.

It is the opportunity of winning souls under favouring conditions and with a largeness of fruitage that is unsurpassed in our history as a people. The advent movement that has now become world wide in its every aspect, has only one underlying purpose,—the winning of men and women to the acceptance of Christ, and their heart preparation to meet Him with joy at His coming, which hasteth greatly. We have much organisation, wonderful in kind, and reaching to the ends of the earth. But organisation counts for little except as it serves the one purpose of winning men and women to the kingdom of God. We have a large, well trained force of labourers, but these avail nothing except as their labours result definitely in the salvation of souls. We have a marvellous system of financing our world-wide work, but money counts for little except as its use results in bringing to sinners the unspeakable blessings of the everlasting gospel.

Measured in the light of these considerations, an unprecedented opportunity has come to us of realising in a large way the sole purpose of all our endeavours in the name of the Lord in these last days. The successful winning of souls requires the power of the Spirit to accompany the preaching of the Word, and readiness of the people to hear. A new zeal, a renewed passion for souls, is taking hold of our preachers and teachers of the all-powerful Word of God. Workers not assigned to the direct ministering of the gospel to the unsaved, are pressing into that blessed work at every opportunity. Our brethren and sisters in the churches are renewing the old-time zeal in spreading the truth among their neighbours and friends. The Spirit of God is stirring the hearts of men who know the truth to carry its wonderful story to those who know it not.

On the other hand, the people are revealing a readiness, yes, an eagerness, to hear the gospel of the speedy coming of Jesus, that is beyond all precedent. The prolonged depression has tried men's souls, and humbled their spirits, to the point where they are willing to listen to the message of hope and comfort and joy that we have to give them. Our halls and tents are filled beyond capacity, and with a sustained attendance, as the people drink in the truth for these stirring times. In cottages and schoolhouses, laymen are winning souls on a scale that compares favourably with the work of ministers.

Great Gains in Souls

Truly an unparalleled opportunity is ours to press the preaching of the gospel, that the end may speedily come. A few figures will help us to sense how rapidly the fruitage of our gospel endeavours is increasing. In North America, during the four years from 1925 to 1928, when times generally were at their peak of prosperity and money was flowing liberally into our treasury, the average increase in membership was 1,200 a year. In the three years from 1929 to 1931, when the financial depression was settling rapidly upon the world and our own funds suffered serious shrinkage, the average increase of our membership was 3,339 a year, or not far from three times as many as during the previous four years of general prosperity. But best of all, the returns for the first half of 1932 in souls won mounted up to a net gain of 6,498.

Who will not say that this is the marvellous hand of God working wonders in the last days, and that too in the face of great odds? Who will not say, also, that this is the beginning of God's baring His arm to cut short the work in righteousness and do a quick work in the earth?

How Shall We Relate Ourselves?

Now, brethren and sisters, workers and laymen, how shall we relate ourselves to the unparalleled opportunity that lies immediately before us to press the work of God to the finish for which we have so long prayed and hoped and laboured? As the prophet of the last days, the beloved

John, wrote so earnestly to the believers, "It is the last time; . . . we know that it is the last time," so we now verily live in the very last time. The great heart of God yearns to finish His work in the earth, and to take His people home to dwell with Himself. He has gone out before us in a marvellous way to move men's hearts to the acceptance of the gospel. He is looking down earnestly from heaven to see if we are pressing into the opening wake of His providence. He longs to clothe His people with power for the finishing of the work. His Spirit is wooing the hearts of the multitude wandering blindly in the ways of sin. He has honoured us with the high privilege of bringing the light to those who are groping in darkness, in the gross darkness that envelops the earth. His appealing voice comes sounding down the centuries, "Son, go work today in My vineyard." "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth; . . . but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over."

It is in very truth the last time in which we are now living. Can we not grasp the soul-stirring fact that it is the culminating time—the last of the last time? What we do must be done quickly. What we give must be given now, before "the harvest is past, the summer is ended." The time is near, and is hastening on apace, when there will be no more opportunity to give. Now, just now, the suffering cause of God is in great need. It is no time to draw in our missionaries who have courageously gone to the ends of the earth to help finish the work quickly. It is rather high time to send more labourers into the highways and byways of the great world field.

We can afford to give as we are able at such a time as this. We cannot afford to give less than we are able at such a time. And we can give cheerfully, joyfully, as unto the Lord. We need not think of our giving as sacrifice. We can best think of it as high privilege to give at such a time of dire need in the Lord's treasury, and a time of unparalleled opportunity in the world about us.

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TAKOMA PARK, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Why Big Week?

J. F. WRIGHT

SUCH a question is a proper one. Unless a suitable answer can be given to it, it would seem that the only reasonable conclusion to be drawn is that Big Week is an unnecessary cog-wheel in our organised machinery and that it could be eliminated without much loss to the cause. Let us therefore consider briefly certain facts, and see if we cannot discover a reasonable solution to the question.

FACT No. 1.—That Big Week has become a very special feature of our missionary activities is without doubt. It has brought most definite blessing to every union field in this Division as well as to other parts of the world field where the plan has been put into operation. As a result of the extra funds received annually through this channel, assistance in the erection of schools, hospitals, dispensaries and church buildings has been made possible. Thus we do feel that, without laboured argument, such splendid results afford an excellent answer to the question "Why Big Week?"

FACT No. 2.—Each year Big Week has offered a wonderful opportunity for lay members to join our faithful colporteurs in the work of the literature ministry. Thus, through the Big Week idea thousands of pages of truth have already found their way, and will continue to find their way, into the homes of hundreds of families who might not learn of the message in any other way. Surely such a ministry

will reap a fruitful harvest for the kingdom.

FACT No. 3.—Because of the two foregoing answers to the question "Why Big Week?" we are brought face to face with the fact that Big Week is not an unnecessary cog-wheel in the machinery, but, rather, a very, very important and vital phase of our missionary activity. To do away with it now, or to fail to support it in a strong way, would mean a dire loss to our missions' advance in these days of special opportunity.

Therefore, in light of these facts, let us unite in making the 1933 Big Week our BEST Big Week. We trust that an exceptionally large number of the two books—"Steps to Christ" and "Simple Treatments"—will be placed in the homes of the people. In addition to going out with this literature, and especially where our lay members or workers find it impossible to go out, we would kindly urge that the recommended plan be followed of contributing one day's income to the fund.

The Congo Union is looking to Big Week this year to help erect a greatly-needed training school and chapel building. The Portuguese East field is looking to the fund for means with which to erect the first hospital building in their territory. Let us not disappoint these fields in their Big Week expectations.

Literature Evangelism

N. C. WILSON

It seems very clear that the greatest opportunity afforded the church during Big Week is that of placing God's message for this hour in the hands of the public—not the gathering of a few hundred pounds for a mission enterprise, as worthy and urgent as that objective may be. Seventh-day Adventists have a God-given and heaven-inspired message for this the most critical hour of earth's history. Other organisations are doing a good work, but to the remnant church has been committed God's message to the world for this mighty hour. The greatest privilege that any believer can have today is to have a part, though small, in carrying the message to others.

During these days of financial perplexity, when we are obliged to curtail other lines of gospel service, we should so plan as to greatly extend the literature ministry. The entire church cannot engage in holding public services, or even in giving Bible readings, but every member of God's family—regardless of age or training—can have a part in giving the message through the truth-filled literature. Big Week offers to nearly every believer an opportunity for ministry and service to those who are looking for spiritual help. The contacts made, the encouraging words spoken, the message of God contained in the books sold during Big Week, are sure to be seed sown in receptive hearts which will later bear fruit. While sometimes it may seem that comparatively little has been accomplished, there can be no question but that many who stand on the sea of glass in the new earth will be there through Big Week in-

fluences. Our truth-filled literature, regardless of how or when distributed, is bearing good fruit—and more abundantly than we realise—and every opportunity to place it in the hands of the public should be accepted and used to the fullest extent. Many of our people throughout South Africa and the world field could tell of precious and blessed Big Week contacts. Many church members today could give a ringing testimony to the effectiveness of Big Week service, having themselves been started in the advent pathway by means of this annual church activity. Great blessings have come to the church of God throughout South Africa during past years as they have unitedly visited from home to home in the literature ministry, and we are confident that this will be so to even a greater extent in 1933.

We desire to earnestly bring to the attention of our people everywhere the urgency of having an active and personal part in the 1933 Big Week ministry. In this hour when hearts are anxious and minds are enquiring; in this unequalled hour of opportunity for service and soul-winning, let us enter the Big Week harvest field with faith and courage, with the paramount object in mind of extending the kingdom of God and hastening that day for which we have long prayed and worked. The literature ministry should increase and become an ever enlarging factor in the finishing of the work in South Africa and to this end we invite the united and full co-operation of every believer during the week set aside for this good work.

The Need of Medical Work in Portuguese East Africa

E. G. MARCUS, M. D.

It was my privilege during 1932 to travel quite extensively in Portuguese East Africa and to study to some extent the conditions existing among the native people. Naturally, as a medical man, I observed most carefully those things that pertained particularly to the health of the people; and what is being done to combat diseases prevalent there.

We must first realise that Portuguese East Africa is a very extensive country, and in many places in the interior it is thickly populated. The Portuguese Government is doing all it can to establish hospitals and treatment centres as fast as it can; but owing to the financial crisis that faces the world at this time, these places are not going up very rapidly. Consequently there are large areas that are still without medical aid, and the people are entirely dependent upon witchcraft and native medicine.

Last year a man came to Malamulo from the Mozambique district. He had fractured his leg ten years previously. With no one to care for him properly, his leg had united in a bad position, and as a result grew crooked and he was unable to walk on it. When he came to us he had a large and ugly ulcer where the bone had broken through the skin, and for a while we thought we might have to amputate. But after six months the ulcer healed, and we were able to straighten his leg and he left us happy. Think of it, this poor man had carried on for ten years with a broken leg, and no one near enough to help him! I might cite many other instances where people have had to journey hundreds of miles to get medical attention because they had no one near by to give it to them. Some are lepers, others are blind, while others suffer from the numerous tropical diseases prevalent among them.

Much of the country in Portuguese East Africa is very low, and in these places malaria and elephantiasis abound. While travelling through the bush one day, we found a man who was going through an attack of ague. His friend, not knowing what to do, had turned him over on his stomach and was cutting him all over his back and legs to let the evil spirits out, and this man was losing the very blood he needed to enable him to combat the infection. After putting an end to this torture we gave the poor man quinine and covered him with blankets; he began to perspire and his temperature came down and he felt better. What might have happened to him under his previous treatment I leave to your imagination.

These are only two instances out of the great number which occur daily, and I suppose, compared with some that we know nothing about, they are very mild. I do not dare think of the untold suffering inflicted upon the mother during childbirth because of their ignorance and witchcraft. Truly our task in Portuguese East Africa is very great but it can be rendered much easier through the intelligent application of the medical work. How can one solicit and hold the interest of those whose mentality is dulled by a great number of diseases that afflict their bodies? Even though they become converted, how can they become active and intelligent workers

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if their bodies are not freed from disease? This gospel must certainly go into that needy field, and God is opening up the way in a most marvellous manner. Let us give it our every support that it may find a happy entrance and bear much fruit.

Getting in Step with the Church

W. LEROY HYATT

THERE is a wonderful record given us in the book of Chronicles regarding the time when David was made king over Israel. We are told of the large number who gathered together for the occasion. They were men who had been trained in the art of war, and David was a great warrior himself, therefore, he could appreciate their ability. Concerning these men, we read in 1 Chron. 12:38, "All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David King over Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king." We love to read of this experience. We notice carefully that these were men who could "keep rank." They were men who would please their king. They would be an honour to him as they marched forward in battle array, keeping step with each other. There is a further expression in this verse which cannot help fixing itself upon our minds. The inspired writer says, they "came with a perfect heart." In the thirty-third verse of the same chapter, there is a similar statement, "they were not of double heart." They had one purpose in mind; they had one fixed determination, therefore, they went forward as a unit.

There are many such experiences recorded in the Sacred Volume, but space does not permit us to refer to the experience of the Gideon band, and also to the people of faith in Joshua's army, and many other outstanding experiences. These loyal men and their noble deeds have been recorded as an inspiration to God's people today. We should frequently read these records and gather courage and fortitude from their experiences.

We thank God for the loyalty of our faithful members scattered throughout our churches. It is most remarkable how our dear members respond to every call and to every plan of missionary endeavour. Just a few months ago a new call was sounded to "Save Our Missions." Our members and churches everywhere arose to the occasion and donated loyally to maintain the cause of God.

We are now facing another golden opportunity to spread the third angel's message. The Big Week for 1933 is just before us. The books chosen will be very helpful to all those who receive them, and the financial profits arising from this campaign will greatly assist the depleted treasury.

Now, dear brethren and sisters, let us arise to the occasion and keep step with the onward progress of the message. Let us go forth into this campaign with a "perfect heart," and let us "keep rank," and let us be sure not to have a "double heart." The members who grow in their Christian experience and rejoice in the message and in the organisation which God has given to us, are those who seize every plan that is laid and do their best to make

it a success. So, let us take courage. Let us work valiantly for our Master, and we will receive rich blessings in our own experience as well as being a blessing to others.

"Simple Treatments for Common Ailments"

DR. A. N. TONGE

WHEN man was created in the beginning he was made perfect and it was the Maker's plan that he should remain perfect. Disobedience marred that healthful condition, *Disobedience* is a terrible thing. It is the one thing that has brought all the misery that has come to our world at this time. We read daily of thousands who die every year of heart trouble, kidney disease, cancer, lung trouble, etc. What is bringing it all about? There is but one answer—*disobedience*. But we hear some ask, *Disobedience to what?*

The answer comes back,—*Disobedience to the laws of health as they were first given to us by God Himself.*

So many think as soon as someone gets sick that the medicine bottle is the first thing to rush for. More than likely it is one of those patent preparations that are used so extensively. No one is allowed to know just what it contains, but because some grandmother said that it was good, why of course, it must be good. Medicines of that kind are an abomination to the public and only serve as a money-making scheme for those who manufacture them. They cure nothing and should never be found in the house of a Christian. God tells us that drugs never cure. Why should we disregard a plain "Thus saith the Lord;" spending money for something which will never help us, and making no attempt to learn what God wants us to know about His laws of health, which, after all, are the only principles that we can follow and expect to keep well.

The little booklet "Simple treatments for Common Ailments" sets forth in a very clear way these health principles. Here we learn how necessary it is that we know how to care for our bodies. We have all read that there is real religion in a good loaf of bread, then how much more religion could be expressed in daily presenting foods to the family that are nourishing, tasty and healthful! How many have not heard the doctor, upon that first visit to the patient, recommend plenty of water, fresh air and sunlight? After reading the above mentioned booklet we are inspired to study more about the proper use of these natural agents, for they are all inexpensive, easily available and are so potent.

The treatments suggested for many of the common ailments, outlined in "Simple Treatments for Common Ailments," can be followed by any parent, and they are in harmony with the best and latest routine treatments as recommended by the medical profession.

I feel that the above booklet should be in every home in South Africa. Something should be done to awaken the people to a fuller understanding of the care of their bodies, that they may be able to face the future more intelligently.

"Steps to Christ"

NATHANIEL KRUM

As I have reconsidered this beautiful little volume, "Steps to Christ," and thought of its messages of comfort, help, and inspiration, I have been caused to realise again that here is a book which is never out of date. Despite the sale of over 1,200,000 copies, the world needs its message now as much as when the first edition came from the press.

Where can one find a more beautiful statement of "God's Love for Man," than that in the first chapter, beginning, "Nature and revelation alike testify of God's love"? How can one be made to feel "The Sinner's Need of Christ" more keenly, than by a perusal of that second chapter in "Steps to Christ"? Hundreds of readers in many languages have fed their souls on the messages contained in the chapters on "Repentance," "Faith and Acceptance," "The Privilege of Prayer," and "Rejoicing in the Lord." They have joyed in the new experience that comes from following step by step the path marked out by the lowly Nazarene. Shall we not be the instruments through which still others may share this experience?

Fortunate, indeed, are those who as God's co-labourers have the opportunity of placing this splendid volume in the homes of their neighbours and friends, in both English and Afrikaans.

Truly, Christ is now standing at the door. But there are thousands who do not know *how* to let Him into their lives. "Steps to Christ" will tell them *how* to let Him in, and may be the means whereby many earnest seekers after righteousness will be led to the cross.

Brethren and Sisters in the Southern African Division, shall we not do our best to place this worthy booklet into scores of South African homes during Big Week?

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Visiting the Churches

W. LEROY HYATT

DURING the past few weeks the writer has enjoyed the privilege of visiting the Bethlehem, Standerton, Parys and Ermelo churches, as well as giving considerable assistance to the churches on the Rand. At each of these churches we celebrated the Lord's supper and also conducted a church business meeting.

Upon these occasions our brethren and sisters from the surrounding districts come in to the churches. This naturally increased the attendance, and over the week-end six or seven services were conducted. We seldom closed these week-end gatherings without a good rousing testimony meeting. Our hearts have been greatly cheered to see the faith and courage manifested by our loyal members in these churches. In face of drought and disease on the farms, and unemployment and distress in the towns, our dear people are of good courage

and realise that these conditions fortell the imminent return of our Lord and Master.

We greatly appreciate the strong leadership that is being given by our church officers. The church work in general is making good progress and the different departments are being carried forward in an admirably strong manner. More and more we must rely upon our dear members who have a knowledge of the truth and who love the message, to put their shoulders to the task and carry forward our local church work. This will release our ministry to press forward the aggressive work of carrying the message to those who know it not.

This plan of work is in harmony with the instruction we have received again and again from the Spirit of prophecy. The following quotations are upon this subject and should be understood by all:

"Look I beg of you at the many, many places that have never been entered. Look at our workers treading over and over the same ground, while around them is a neglected world lying in wickedness and corruption."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 103.

"Our ministers are not to spend their time labouring for those who have already accepted the truth. With Christ's love burning in their hearts, they are to go forth to win sinners to the Saviour. Beside all waters they are to sow the seeds of truth. Place after place is to be visited. Church after church is to be raised up. Those who take their stand for the truth are to be organised into churches, and then the minister is to pass on to other equally important fields.

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

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

"The greatest help that can be given to our people is to teach them to work for God, and to depend on Him, not on the ministers. Let them learn to work as Christ worked. Let them join His army of workers, and do faithful service for Him."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, pp. 18-20.

Revival Meetings in the Johannesburg Church

A. W. TICKTON

APRIL 11-18 will long be remembered by the members of the Johannesburg church as "red letter" days, special meetings having been conducted during this period by our conference president.

TITHE BULLETIN, No. 3

A Test of Heavenly Fellowship

"Our heavenly Father bestows gifts and solicits a portion back, that He may test us whether we are worthy to have the gift of everlasting life."—*Testimonies*, Vol. III, p. 408.

DISHONESTY

"If you have been withholding your tithes and offerings, it is because you have left your first love; you have set up idols in your heart. There is not the slightest hope for a branch that remains thus separated from the vine. How many there are who die practising dishonesty toward God, robbing Him in tithes and offerings."—*Mrs. E. G. White in "Review and Herald," Dec. 23, 1890.*

EVEN THOUGH IN DEBT TO FELLOW-MEN

"The man who has been unfortunate, and finds himself in debt, should not take the Lord's portion to cancel his debts to his fellow-men. He should consider that in these transactions he is being tested, and that in reserving the Lord's portion for his own use he is robbing the Giver. He is a debtor to God for all that he has, but he becomes a double debtor when he uses the Lord's reserved fund in paying debts to human beings. Unfaithfulness to God is written against his name in the books of heaven. . . . The man who will rob God is cultivating traits of character that will cut him off from admittance into the family of God above."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 391.

RESULTS OF MEDDLING

"The tithe is the Lord's, and those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasure, unless they repent."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 227.

COVETOUSNESS ABHORRENT TO GOD

"It is the spirit of covetousness that leads men to keep for gratification of self means that rightfully belong to God, and this spirit is as abhorrent to Him now as when through His prophet He sternly rebuked His people, saying, 'Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me.'—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 339.

THEM THAT HONOUR GOD HE WILL HONOUR

"God has made men His stewards. The property which He has placed in their hands is the means that He has provided for the spread of the gospel. To those who prove themselves faithful stewards He will commit greater trusts. Saith the Lord, 'Them that honour Me, I will honour.'—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 529.

There was a splendid response on the part of our people every night, indicating a real hunger for the spiritual bread. The spirit of the Lord was present to bless.

Brother Hyatt's powerful messages vividly brought to our minds the God-given messages delivered to us by his esteemed father on many an occasion in years gone by. The clear-cut messages for a deepening of the spiritual life voiced by God's servant, we believe, brought good results. Backsliders were reclaimed. All expressed new desires and aspirations to have some humble part in sounding the third angel's message to a world fast going to perdition. We had a real revival. God heard the cries of His children as they were led to a higher plane of Christian experience.

The two Sabbaths were high-day festivals, the church being packed on both occasions. On Friday evening we had with us Elder Wright, our Division president, who delivered an earnest message which was much appreciated. All were glad to meet Elder Wright again. On the last great day of the feast we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. Prior to

this Elder N. C. Wilson preached a sermon which was well received. We were all pleased to see our genial Union Conference president once more.

Our courage is good, we are all anxious to press on in the upward way until Jesus comes to take us home. We send fraternal greetings to one and all.

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The Signs and Tekens Campaign

DURING the time of the *Signs and Tekens* campaign this year, 744 subscriptions for the *Signs of the Times* and 350 subscriptions for the *Tekens van die Tye* were received at our office from various parts of the Division. This makes a total of 1094 subscriptions added to our list during the campaign, as compared with 1043 subscriptions for the *Signs* last year. This is the first campaign in which the *Tekens* has figured and so a comparison with previous years is not possible. But by counting the two papers as one, the comparison of the results for 1933 with 1932 is in favour of

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1933. A total of fifty-one subscriptions was received this year in excess of the number received last year.

Below we give the results of our tabulation which has been made as these subscriptions have come in to our office.

	<i>Signs</i> 1932	<i>Signs</i> 1933	<i>Tekens</i> 1933
Cape Conf.	624	325	169
N.-T. Conf.	108	194	172
Rhod.-Bech. Conf.	284	214	9
N. Rhodesia M. F.	2		
S. Rhodesia M. F.	1		
So. African M. F.	24	3	
Bechuana. M. F.		8	
	1043	744	350

Church Clubs

For the purpose of this report, our church clubs for the *Signs* and *Tekens* are grouped into conference and mission field organisations as listed below:

	<i>Signs</i>	<i>Tekens</i>
Cape Conference	2077	1103
Natal-Tvl. Conference	2584	1320
Rhodesia-Bech. Conf.	769	5
So. African Miss. Field	24	10
S. E. Af. Union Miss.	14	
	5468	2438

It will be noticed that our church clubs at present stand at 5,468 *Signs* and 2,438 *Tekens*. This totals 7,906 papers being sent out each month for our church members to use in doing missionary work. The total subscriptions and clubs for both *Signs* and *Tekens* is an even 9,000. In addition to this number there are the unexpired subscriptions from 1932 and renewals sent in direct by subscribers totalling 574 *Signs* and 348 *Tekens*, making a grand total of 9,922 papers being distributed monthly. This does not include 2,212 copies of the *Tekens* which are being taken by the conferences to make up the printing order of 5,000.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all who have joined to make this good report possible.

J. G. SLATE, Manager,
The Sentinel Publishing Company.



How is Your Health?

THE old proverb that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure is especially applicable to one's health. In these days of depression, of cut budgets, and unemployment none of us can afford to be sick. So, as never before, we should learn how to care for our health and protect it as we would our character.

The following books on health and diet will be worth their weight in gold to you if you but follow the dietetic suggestions and health principles therein set forth. They also give ways and means of caring for the sick that will often save further complications and more serious illness.

"The Home Physician and Guide to Health"

This is our largest and most complete medical book. It deals with the cause and prevention of disease and the great principles underlying health and happiness. Rational methods of treatment are described in this book, as opposed to drugs

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Waarom Groot Week?

JOHN FRANCIS WRIGHT

Ons is geregtig om hierdie vraag te doen. En as daar nie 'n geskikte antwoord kan gegee word nie, kan ons maar tot een redelike slotsom kom n.m. dat Groot Week net 'n vyfde wiel aan die wa is en dus maklik gemis kan word. Laat ons 'n paar feite opnoem om tot 'n verstandige oplossing van hierdie vraagstuk te kom.

Eerste Feit.—Groot Week neem onge-twyfeld 'n baie besonder plek in ons sendingwerk in. Dit bring bepaalde seëninge vir elke unieveld in ons Divisie en vir elke onderdeel van die wêreldveld waar hierdie plan gevolg word. As gevolg van die ekstra fondse wat jaarliks op hierdie manier inkom, was ons in staat om skole op te rig, hospitale, apteke en kerksies te bou. Ons besef dus sonder meer dat hierdie pragtige resultate 'n goeie antwoord is op die vraag waarom ons so iets as Groot Week het.

Tweede Feit.—Groot Week gee ons getroue gemeentelede 'n kans om saam met ons gereelde kolporteurs die bediening van die geskrewe woord waar te neem. Op die manier het duisende bladsye van waarheid in die woninge van honderde families ingang gevind. Hierdie families sou op geen ander manier van die waarheid hoor nie. Hierdie evangeliewerk sal tog seker ryk vrugte vir die koninkryk afwerp.

Derde Feit.—Die twee bogenoemde feite bring ons daartoe om te erken dat Groot Week gladnie 'n vyfde wiel aan die wa is nie, maar eerder 'n baie belangrike onderdeel van ons sendingwerk. Om dit nou na te laat of te weier dit te ondersteun, beteken 'n groot verlies vir ons sendingwerk en dit in ons dae van ongeëwenaarde openings.

In die lig van hierdie drie feite laat ons dan ook algar saamstaan om die Groot Week van 1933 ons *beste* Groot Week te maak. Ons vertrou dat 'n besonder groot aantal van die twee boekies—"Skreke na Christus" en "Simple Treatments" in die woninge van die mense sal ingang vind.

Behalwe dat ons algar met hierdie boekies sal uitgaan, wil ons tog dringend versoek dat veral waar ons gemeentelede of ons werkers verhinder word om uit te gaan, algar die aanbevole plan sal volg om 'n dag se salaris aan hierdie fonds te gee.

Die Kongo-unie verwag van die Groot Week hierdie jaar hulp om 'n opleidingskool en 'n kerkie te bou. Portugees-Oos-Afrika hoop met hierdie fondse die eerste hospitaal in hul gebied op te rig.

Laat ons dus hierdie broeders in hul ver-wagtings nie teleurstel nie.

Evangelisme deur Literatuur

N. C. WILSON

Dis duidelik dat die S. D. A. Gemeente gedurende die Groot Week die grootste kans het om die boodskap vir hierdie uur aan die algemene publiek bekend te maak. Dit alleen is die dringende behoefte van die uur—en nie die insameling van 'n paar honderd pond vir die een of ander sending-onderneming nie.

Sewende-dag Adventiste het 'n boodskap wat die Here hulle vir hierdie kritieke uur van die geskiedenis van die wêreld gegee het. Ander genootskappe doen goeie werk. Maar aan die gemeente van die oorblyfsel gee die Hemel self 'n boodskap aan die hele wêreld. Die grootste voorreg wat die gelowige S. D. A. vandag kan hê, is om hierdie boodskap aan ander te gee.

In hierdie dae van geldelike verslaenheid is ons verplig om seker takke van evangeliediens te besnoei. Daarom moet ons so veel moontlik hierdie bediening van die geskrewe woord ontwikkel. Die hele gemeente kannie besig wees met openbaar dienste of selfs nie met Bybellesings nie, maar elke lid van die hujsigesin van God, onverskillig van watter ouderdom of opleiding, kan deel hê in die uitgee van die leesstof wat die waarheid bevat. Elke gelowige S. D. A. kry dus in Groot Week 'n geleentheid om die wat na geestelike hulp uitsien, te help.

Die aanraking met die mense, die be-moedigende woorde, die boodskap van die boekies wat mens gedurende Groot Week probeer verkoop,—dit alles is die saad wat in ontvankelike harte gesaai word en later vrugte dra.

Partykeer lyk dit of ons min bereik, maar een ding is seker, ons sal op die nuwe aarde ontmoet mense wat deur middel van die Groot Week poging vir Christus gewin

is. Ons leesstof dra sy vrugte, hoe en wanneer dit ook versprei word, en ons besef dit nie altyd nie. Daarom moet ons van elke geleentheid gebruik maak om ons boekies in hande van die publiek te laat kom.

Baie van ons mense in Suid-Afrika en oor die hele wêreld kan vertel van heerlike oomblikke wanneer hulle gedurende die Groot Week met mense in aanraking kom. Baie gemeentelede kan vandag getuig hoe nuttig hierdie Groot Week is, waar hulle self deur hierdie jaarlikse poging hul voete op die adventpad gesit het. In die verlede is die gemeente oor heel Suid-Afrika geseën, waar die lede as een man van huis tot huis gegaan het in hierdie literatuurdiens. Ons vertrou dat hierdie seën in 1933 nog groter gaan wees.

Ons vestig die aandag van al ons mense op die dringende behoefte dat algar aktief en persoonlik aan hierdie Groot Week diens van 1933 deelneem. Dit bring allereers 'n persoonlike seën en versterk ook die gemeente; daarna bring dit die nodige sendingfondse in. Vandag vra die mense oral na lig en dis dus 'n ongeëwenaarde geleentheid om hulle te help en te win. Laat ons moedig en gelowig deelneem aan die Groot Week en die groot deel voor oë hou om die koninkryk van God uit te brei en die dag te verhaas waarom ons al so lank bid en werk.

Die bediening van die geskrewe woord behoort onder ons toe te neem en uit te brei, totdat die werk in Suid-Afrika klaar is. Ons nooi daartoe die verenigde saam-werking van elke gelowige S. D. A. gedurende die week wat vir hierdie goeie werk afgesonder is.

Mediese Sendingwerk in die Bo-Kongo

DR. ELTON MOREL

Met uitsondering van Roenda-Oeroendi is die boswêreld van die stroomgebied van die Bo-Kongo die digstbevolkte streek in Belgies Kongo. Hier op die ewenaar is daar elke jaar 'n swaar verlies van menselewens aan tropiese siektes soos slaapsiekte en melaatsheid.

Die Kiroendoestasië is die enigste sendingstasie in hierdie uitgestrekte gebied. Skrywer het dit onlangs besoek en toe gekyk Broeder en Suster Victor Norcott gehelp om in die pas opgerigte apteek mediese sendingwerk te begin. Van myle vër het die natuurlike by honderde gekom, sodra hulle hoor dat daar vir hul siek liggame hulp te verkry was. Hoewel ons nou die apteek op die stasie gebou het, kan ons deur die beperkte jaarlikse toelae so min medisyne en benodighede koop, dat ons nie vir die helfte van die wat vir verpleging kom, behoorlik voorsiening kan maak nie.

Skrywer was voortdurend besig met operer en tog na veertien dae was daar nog meer as twintig pasiente wat gesoebat het om tog geopereer te word, maar deur gebrek aan tyd en omdat ons kort was van benodighede, moes ons hulle afwys.

Daar is geen beter of meer doeltreffende manier om hierdie mense vir Christus te win as deur mediese sendingwerk nie. Allereers kry die geplaagde en sieke liggam verlossing en daarna kan ons die dankbaar pasient wys op die Groot Heelmeester Wat siel en liggam genes en van sonde verlos. En tog is daar in hierdie uitgestrekte gebied nie een Sewende-dag Adventistiese dokter nie.

In die stroomgebied van die Bo-Kongo is daar dringende behoefte aan 'n dokter. Die geleentheid tot diens is onbeperk. Honderd duisende heidene roep om hulp. Maar daar is geen geld om 'n dokter soontoe te stuur nie. Die vraag is: Hoelank moet hulle nog vir 'n dokter wag? Hoe lank moet hulle wag eer hulle hoor van 'n Heiland Wat vir hulle gesterwe het en Wat spoedig kom? Wat gaan u antwoord wees, broeders en susters? U gawe gedurende die Groot Week sal hierdie kwessie oplos, want 'n deel van die opbrengs word hierdie jaar bestee aan 'n nuwe stasie in daardie gebied.

Die Behoefte aan Mediese Werk in Portugees-Oos-Afrika

DR. E. G. MARCUS

In 1932 het ek die voorreg gehad om heel wat in Portugees-Oos-Afrika rond te reis en tot op seker hoogte die toestand onder die kafferbevolking te studeer. As dokter het ek natuurlik meer gelet op die dinge wat die gesondheid betref en wat gedaan word om die heersende siektes te bestry.

Ons moet allereers daaraan dink dat Portugees-Oos-Afrika baie groot is, en op baie plekke in die binnelandse digbevolk is. Die Portugese Goewerment doen sy uiterste bes om hospitale en apteke op te rig. Maar die finansiële krisis in die wêreld hinder hierdie werk natuurlik baie. Bygevolg is daar groot streke wat nog sonder mediese

hulp is. Die bevolking is dus nog afhanklik van hul toordokters.

Verlede jaar het daar 'n man uit die distrik van Mozambique na Malamulotoe gekom. Tien jaar gelede het hy sy been seergemaak. Niemand het behoorlik daarna gekyk nie, die been het dus lelik gegroei en was so krom dat hy onmoontlik daarmee kon loop. Toe hy by die sendingstasie kom, het hy 'n lelike sweer aan daardie been gehad en dit het gelyk of ons die been sou moes afsit. Na ses maande was die sweer beter en die been reg gesit, sodat die man ons oorgelukkig verlaat het. Dink nou net om tien jare lank met 'n gebreekte been te moet sukkel en dan niemand om hom te help nie.

Ek kan nog baie ander gevalle noem waar mense honderde myle ver moes reis om mediese hulp te kry: melaatses, blindes, en baie wat aan die heersende tropiese siektes ly.

Die grondgebied van Portugees-Oos-Afrika is meerendeels lae land waar koorsiektes en olifantsiekte heers. Ons trek een dag deur 'n bos en kry daar 'n kaffer wat koorsiekte het. Sy maat was besig om hom orals op 'n rug en bene te sny om die bese geeste uit te laat. Op die manier verloor hy die bloed wat hy die meeste nodig gehad het. Ons het gou 'n end aan daardie ding gemaak, hom 'n dosis kinien gegee en hom laat sweet. Toe het hy natuurlik gou reggekrom. Dink nou net wat van hom sou geword het sonder ons hulp. Dis nou net twee gevalle van die groot aantal wat aldag voorkom, en hulle is nog nie eens ernstig nie. Hoe onseggbaar is die lyding wat die moeder by die geboorte van 'n kind moet verduur as gevolg van hul onwetendheid en toordery!

Ons taak in Portugees-Oos-Afrika is baie groot. Die mediese werk gaan dit baie help. Hoe kan iemand wie se liggam deur allerhande siektes gepla word, ooit met aandag na die evangelie luister? Seifs al word hulle bekeer, hoe kan hulle verstandige werkers word as hul liggame deur siektes aangetas word.

Die evangelie moet ook daar gepredik word en dis wonderlik hoe die Here die pad oopmaak. Laat ons dit met alle kragte ondersteun, sodat die werk kan vrugte dra.

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Gemeentebesoeke

W. LEROY HYATT

Die laaste weke was dit my voorreg om die gemeentes Bethlehem, Standerton, Parys en Ermelo te besoek en ook die gemeentes op die Rand tot hulp en troos te wees.

Ons het oral die heilige Awondmaal gevier en onmiddellik daarna 'n besigheidsvergadering gehou. Van die plase het ons broeders en susters vir die geleentheid opgekrom, dus was die opkoms goed en kon ons oor die naweek ses of sewe dienste hou. Na afloop daarvan het ons altyd 'n opgewekte getuienisdienst gehou.

Dit het ons goed gedaan om die geloof en die moed van ons getroue gemeentedele te sien. Ondanks die droogte en siekte onder die vee op die plase en werkeloosheid en armoede in die groot dorpe is ons mense oral vol moed en besef hulle dat die koms van die Here naby is.

Ons waardeer die goeie voorbeeld en leiding van die beamptes van die gemeentes. Die gevolg is dan ook dat die gemeentearbeid oor die algemeen goeie vordering maak en die verskillende departemente goeie werk doen. Ons sal meer en meer moet leun op die gemeentedele wat die waarheid ken en liefhet om hul skouers aan die wiel te sit en die werk van die plaaslike gemeente vorentoe te help. Op die manier sal dit ons predikers vrymaak om die boodskap te bring aan die wat dit nie ken nie.

Dis mos in ooreenstemming met die Gees van profesie, soos ons algar kan lees in "Testimonies," Vol VII, bid 103: "Dink net aan die baie, baie dorpe waar ons nooit gewerk het nie. Kyk net hoe die werkers telkens weer oor dieselfde gebied gaan, terwyl oral om hulle 'n verwaarloosde wêreld in boosheid en slegtigheid vergaan."

"Ons predikers moenie hul tyd vermors met arbeid vir die wat alreeds die waarheid aangeneem het nie. Met brandende liefde in hul harte moet hulle uitgaan om sondaars tot Jesus te bring. Laat hulle die saad van waarheid aan alle watere saai, en dorp na dorp besoek, gemeente na gemeente stig. Laat die wat vir die waarheid uitstaan, in 'n gemeente georganiseer word en laat die prediker dan verder gaan na ander velde wat netso belangrik is.

"Die Here gee ons predikers nie die taak om die gemeentes reg te ruk nie. Nouliks is daardie werk klaar of hulle kan weer opnuut begin. Gemeentedele wat op die manier bearbei word, word eenvoudig godsdienstige swakkeling. As nege-tiendes van die arbeid vir die wat die waarheid ken, bestee sou word aan die wat dit nog nooit gehoor het nie, hoe groot sou dan die vooruitgang nie wees nie! Die Here weerhou Sy seëninge omdat ons nie in ooreenstemming met Sy bevel arbei nie.

Dit maak die wat die waarheid ken, swak as ons predikers hul tyd en talent wat hulle vir die onbekeerdes behoort te gee, aan die gemeentedele moet bestee. In baie van ons gemeentes in die groot dorpe predik die prediker Sabbat na Sabbat, en kom die gemeentedele Sabbat na Sabbat op na die huis van die Here sonder dat hulle iets te sê het oor ontvangse seëninge as gevolg van seëninge wat hulle aan anderdeels meegedeel het."

"Die beste manier om ons mense te help is om hulle te leer hoe om vir die Here te werk en op Hom alleen te vertrou en nie op ons predikers nie. Laat hulle leer om te arbei soos Christus gearbei het. Laat hulle vir Sy leer van werkers aansluit en getrou vir die Here arbei."—Vol. VII, bid. 18-20.

"Die Here sê: besoek nuwe velde. Die Here roep ons jongmense nie om onder die gemeentes te arbei nie.—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, bid. 415.

"Die Paaslam moes geheel voorbereid word. Nie een van sy beendere mog hulle breek nie. So is ook nie een van die beendere van die Lam Wat vir ons geslag is, gebreek nie. (Ex. 12:46; Johs. 19:36.) Dit stel voor die volkmenheid van die offer van Jesus Christus."

Groot Week, 29 April tot 6 Mei 1933

ONS gemeentelede word vriendelik uitgenooi om nou te begin planmaak vir die komende Groot Week Veldtog. In hierdie en die volgende uitgawe verskyn daar stukke oor wat die doel van hierdie jaar se veldtog is:

1. 'n Hospitaal in Portugees-Oos-Afrika.
2. 'n Kerk- en skoolgebou vir 'n opleidingskool in die Kongo.

Die fondse hiervir kom uit die verkoop van ons leesstof. Hierdie jaar se boekies is "Steps to Christ" en "Simple Treatments for Common Ailments," die prys 2/6 per stel. Hierdie boekies behoort maklik te verkoop. "Simple Treatments" is 'n handige praktiese boekie. "Steps to Christ" het al menigeen aan die voet van die Kruis gebring. Ons vertrou dat albei boekies in meer as een woning ingang sal vind. Laat ons gou weet hoeveel stelle u wil hê. Dankie.

Alleen "Steps to Christ" is in Afrikaans en Engels verkrygbaar.

"Skrede na Christus"

NATHANIEL KRUM

WAAR ek hierdie mooi boekie, "Skrede na Christus," weer deurlees en nadink oor die boodskap van troos, hulp en bemoediging wat dit bevat, daar besef ek opnuut dat dit 'n boekie is wat nooit sal verouder nie. Hoewel daar alreeds een en 'n kwart miljoen van hierdie boekies verkoop is, het die wêreld vandag net so groot behoefte aan sy boodskap as toe die boekie vir die eerste keer gedruk is.

Waar kry mens 'n pragtiger paragraaf oor "die Liefde van God vir die Mens" as in die eerste hoofstuk beginnende met "Die natuur en die openbaring getuig albei van die liefde van God"? Hoe kan mens beter "Die behoefte van die Sondaar aan Christus" besef dan deur daardie tweede hoofstuk in "Skrede na Christus" te lees? Die siele van honderde lesers in baie tale is versadig deur die boodskappe van hoofstukke soos "Bekering," "Geloof en Aanneeming," "Die Voorreg van Gebed" en "Verbinding u in die Here." Hulle het hul verheug oor die nuwe ervaring wat hulle ontvang

deur die pad te volg wat die nederige Man van Nasaret aanwys. Laat ons dan opnuut die middel wees om ook anders tot hierdie ervaring te bring.

Gelukkig die wat as medearbeiders van die Here die geleentheid waarneem om hierdie mooi boekie, in Afrikaans of Engels, in die huise van hul bure en vriende te bring.

Christus staan voor die deur. Maar nog is daar duisende wat nie weet hoe Hom in te laat nie. Hierdie boekie "Skrede na Christus" sal hulle leer hoe Hom in te laat. Op die manier sal baie soekers na geregtigheid die pad na die kruis vind.

Broeders en susters in die Afrikaanse Divisie, sal ons dan nie as een man ons uiterste bes wil doen nie om hierdie boekie gedurende die Groot Week in tientalle woninge oor heel Suid-Afrika ingang te laat vind?

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'n Toets van Gemeenskap met God

"Onse Hemelse Vader gee gawes en vra 'n deel terug sodat Hy ons kan toets of ons die gawe van die ewige lewe waardig is."—*"Testimonies," Deel III, bld. 408.*

ONEERLIKHEID

"As u die tiendes en offerandes teruggehou het, dan is dit omdat u in eerste liefde verlaat het en in u hart afgode aanbid. Daar is nie die minste verwagting vir 'n tak wat op die manier van die wynstok geskeie Here en Hom in tiendes en offerandes beroof."—*Mevr. E. G. White in "Review and Herald," 23 Des. 1890.*

SELFS WANNEER IN SKULDE

"Die ongelukkige mens wat skulde het, behoort daarom nie die Here se deel te neem nie om sy skulde te betaal. Hy behoort te oorweeg dat hy hierin beproef word. As hy die Here se deel vir sy eie gebruik aanwend, dan beroof hy die Gewer van alle goeie gawes. Hy is aan die Here verskuldig alles wat hy besit en word 'n dubbel skuldenaar as hy die afgesonderde fondse van die Here gebruik om aan mense sy skulde te betaal. In die boeke van die hemel staan agter sy naam: 'Ongetrouheid jeens die Here.' Die mens wat die Here beroof, ontwikkel karaktertrekke wat hom van die huisgesin in die hemel uitsluit."—*"Testimonies," Deel VI, bld. 391.*

GEVOLGE VAN BEMOEISUG

"Die tiendes is van die Here. Diegenes wat daarvan vat, sal gestraf word met die verlies van hul hemelse skat as hulle hul nie bekeer nie."—*"Gospel Workers," bld. 227.*

GIERIGHEID AFSKUWELIK IN DIE OË VAN DIE HERE

"Dis die gees van gierigheid wat die mens daartoe bring om vir selfbevreëning middelle agter te hou wat volgens reg aan die Here behoort. Hierdie gees is vandag net so afskuwelik in Sy oë, as toe Hy deur die profeet Sy volk met gestrengheid berisep en sê: 'Sal 'n mens God beroof? Tog het julle My berowe.'"—*"Acts of the Apostles," bld. 339.*

DIE WAT GOD EER, SAL HY EER

"Die Here het die mens tot Sy rentmeester gemaak. Die besittings wat Hy in hul hande geplaas het, is die middel vir die verspreiding van die evangelie. Aan die wat getrou rentmeesters is, sal groter skatte vertrou word. Die Here sê: 'Die wat My eer, sal Ek eer.'"—*"Patriarchen en Profeten," bld. 529.*

News Notes

ELDER R. M. MOTE and Brother G. L. Willmore, also Miss Y. H. Renoux, are up the Zambesi River. Miss Renoux will stay at Katima Mulilo while the brethren go 110 miles farther to Sitote to hold a camp-meeting.

Sitote is the place where Brethren H. M. Sparrow and G. L. Willmore held an effort in 1931 when over seventy people joined the Bible class. They hope that a church can be organised at this time. Sitote is right at a big bend in the river where every traveller must pass and is therefore an important place on the river. We hope soon to see a church erected there.

On March 14 a sale of health foods was carried out in the town of Bulawayo under the leadership of Sister A. Burton.

Before 8:00 A.M., Brother and Sister Boger with Sister Webster, and others deeply interested in our Dorcas Society doings, arrived with plants, flowers and eatables.

Brother Hendrie was able to procure an empty shop in the Market Square and here we displayed our goods.

Solusi Mission Press printed our bills, while Brother Ernest Marter did the local sign-writing in letters three feet high.

The trading was steady and lasted from 8:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M., just a ten-hour day, in which the Dorcas Society realised the sum of ten guineas to be used in helping to maintain a student at Helderberg College.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

We received a very encouraging letter from Elder J. van der Merwe this week, from which we quote the following extract in regard to tithes, offerings, and Week of Sacrifice. "Our tithe in this field is keeping up to the mark for this quarter, and as far as our offerings are concerned it seems to me that we are doing better this quarter than we did last year during the first

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quarter. I do not know for sure yet, but I think that our Week of Sacrifice is better than that of last year." In these days of financial depression when tithes and offerings are growing less and less in many fields, it certainly cheers our hearts to hear such news as this.

On Sunday evening, March 26, Elder and Mrs. A. N. Ingle and their associates, Miss A. G. Fleming and Elder and Mrs. J. van der Merwe, started an evangelistic effort in Mafeking where the Town Hall has been procured at a very low rental. One hundred and thirty persons were present at the opening meeting. There have been a number of believers in this town for some time, but there has been no organised church. Brother H. Grobler recently canvassed the town with the book, "Bible Readings." As far as we know this is the first series of meetings to be held there for Europeans. A short time ago some meetings were held for the natives. The only European couple who attended these native meetings has now accepted the truth. Our prayers are with this little company of workers in Mafeking that God will bless their labours and draw many souls out of darkness into the light of this blessed truth.

Big Week

L. A. VIXIE

"We are in the shaking time, the time when everything that can be shaken will be shaken. The Lord will not excuse those who know the truth if they do not in word and deed obey His commands. If we make no effort to win souls to Christ, we shall be held responsible for the work we might have done, but did not do because of our spiritual indolence. Those who belong to the Lord's kingdom must work earnestly for the saving of souls. They must do their part to bind up the law and seal it among the disciples."

A short while ago I looked into the faces of a group of men standing behind heavy iron bars. Some faces revealed tender youth while others revealed that they had followed the ways of sin for many years. The thought came to me, Why are these here and I am free? The answer flashed back: I belong to the Lord's kingdom and His promise is that He will keep His subjects in the hour of temptation. If these

persons could have had the life of the Redeemer presented to them, such as we have had, possibly they, too, would enjoy the same hope and peace that we do today.

There are many who could, at some time in their life, be helped if they were appealed to in an earnest, friendly way. Daily some are going beyond reclaim.

During Big Week God will use you, if you will let Him, to find some such needy soul before they take the last and final critical step. If you shake off the responsibility the Lord cannot excuse you. The day may come when you will be shaken out and no longer be a child of the kingdom. Make the effort now; God will do His part.

How Do You Meet Responsibility?

L. L. MOFFITT

Some people cannot bear much responsibility, a big task frightens and defeats them. The very word *big* gives them a cold chill. They shy at big houses; they suffer from an inferiority complex in the presence of big people; they recoil from big endeavour; even **BIG WEEK** drives them under cover.

Other people, while feeling a sense of their deficiencies, rise and grow under responsibility. To them a big task is a challenge for big effort. Their latent powers are brought to bear on the problem. As they stretch to meet the emergency they, many times, surprise themselves and others. It is big faith, big hearts, big ideals, big endeavour that the big job calls for. And **BIG WEEK** is a big opportunity for these big-hearted Christians.

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