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## Is the Family Altar Breaking Down ?

J. F. WRIGHT

No, we do not believe it has broken down, or that it is breaking down in most Adventist homes. However, we do have grave fears that there is a growing careless attitude toward the family altar in some homes. Doubtless this is not intentional, but it is a matter which should give concern in the home where such an attitude seems to be creeping in.

Today we live in an extremely busy age. Never did business or home cares press in so heavily upon us. It is rush, rush, rush from morning till night. No day seems long enough to cope with what we face. Such an atmosphere surrounding us cannot help but be fraught with tremendous dangers to Christian experience. One of these dangers is that we shall fail to find time to pray. This being true, we certainly need now to heed as never before, the counsel of the Master when He said:

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be counted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21: 34-36.

Indeed this counsel has never meant more to the children of God than at the present time. In fact it was given specifically for our day. It has a special bearing upon the times in which we live. Everywhere we see surfeiting and drunkenness. On every hand we see men and women breaking under the burdens and strain of the hour. This is none the less true of Seventh-day Adventists. Hence we need to beware and take care. To heed the foregoing counsel of the Saviour means power

and victory in Christian experience. To give unconcern to this counsel obviously brings in its train weakness, failure and disappointment in spiritual matters.

During the last two years while the writer has observed in many homes a deep regard for the family altar as well as noted the power for good it wields in the family circle, he has witnessed in some homes what appears to be a careless attitude toward this most sacred institution. Surely such a carelessness ought not to be, for if there ever was a time when the family altar ought to play its part in the home life of our dear people, *that time is now*. Of a certainty, Seventh-day Adventists with the kingdom so near, cannot afford to become so absorbed in the things of life that they find little time, if any, for family prayer. Surely if we ever did need to have a personal contact with the power of the Almighty, both in private as well as family devotions, now is the day.

So in these ominous and perilous times to which we have come, and in this period of closing probation when we face the final issues of human events, we would admonish every advent believer to keep the "family altar fires" burning brightly. It would be

well for every father and mother to read anew and meditate once more upon the following counsel given us by the Lord's servant:

"In the morning before he leaves home for his daily labour, let the father gather his children about him, and, bowing before God, commit them to the care of the Father in heaven. When the cares of the day are past, let the family unite in offering grateful prayer and raising the song of praise, in acknowledgement of divine care during the day.

"Fathers and mothers, however pressing your business, do not fail to gather your family around God's altar. Ask for the guardianship of holy angels in your home. Remember that your dear ones are exposed to temptations. Daily annoyances beset the path of young and old. Those who would live patient, loving, cheerful lives must pray. Only by receiving constant help from God can we gain the victory over self."—*Ministry of Healing*, pages 392, 393.

These words are to the point. They direct us to the only wise and safe course for fathers and mothers to pursue with their children. If this be true then may the Lord help us (and especially those who are growing a bit careless) to give the family altar its rightful place in the home-life's busy programme. May it indeed become the power, the safeguard and the protection heaven would have it to be in making us and our children strong to meet successfully the temptations and the trials which press in upon us so constantly on every side.



"WHEN you neglect to pray, you notice it yourself inside of an hour, your associates know it inside of a day, and the world knows it in a week."

# Solusi

E. M. CADWALLADER

Solusi Training School, once known as Solusi Mission and still commonly so called, is the main station of the Zambesi Union Mission Field, and serves its constituency by giving a Christian education and professional training to students who may come from Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia, North-eastern Rhodesia, or Bechuanaland Protectorate. From a small beginning forty years ago, it has grown, more or less steadily, until today it is an institution of considerable size, wielding a strong influence in the union field, and growing in popularity among the native believers.

The institution is located in Matabeleland, thirty miles from Bulawayo, and is reached most conveniently by motor-car from that town. The length of the road lies in bush country, typical of Matabeleland's near-desert landscape, which is beautiful during the rains, but depressing to one's esthetic nature during the long dry months that follow. The first half of the journey is quite comfortable, but beyond the imaginary fifteenth milestone, the car seems to be trying to move in every direction excepting backwards.

## The New Dam

An observant individual may notice as he crosses the boundary into Solusi's 8,000 acres, that a strip 10 feet wide has been cleared through the bush to make it easy for herders and others to know just where the property ends. Shortly after crossing the line, one may see to the left, and close to the road, a very large embankment, which is the new dam, not yet even wet by the rain, which it is hoped will catch and store 16,000,000 gallons of water.

Toward the end of the dry season each year, the water supply reaches a critical state. The two wells situated near the dwellings yield only enough water for the four families of missionaries, if they are economical in using it. Another well, at the end of a pipeline over a half mile long, flows too slowly to keep the windmill busy, but it is the source of supply for the two large boarding establishments, for the girls and boys respectively. The cattle, weak as they tend to become at the end of the cold season, have to be driven several miles daily to a water hole in some streambed, as their regular drinking places have dried up. Buildings which should have been completed by now, have not been begun, because bricks can be made for a few weeks only at the end of the rainy season. It was not only so, but a few years ago, the water supply began to diminish. Two bore-holes were sunk without success. It was after this failure that it was decided to construct the dam, with the counsel and assistance of engineers from the Government Irrigation Office. The expectation is that next year the above-

mentioned troubles will have ended, that there will be an irrigated vegetable garden below the dam, that the citrus and fruit orchards will be revived, and that the mission may be beautified in the vicinity of the buildings, by new trees, shrubs, and flowers, which are not too plentiful just now.

## The Mission Compound

One enters the mission grounds by passing under a rustic arch, bearing the words "Solusi Training School," which was made by the lower standards in the wood-work class. Spread out before the eye, lie most of the buildings, most of them pleasing in appearance, the more important ones painted white, and trimmed in brown.

There are four dwellings, a large church with classrooms at each side, boys' and girls' industrial buildings, an office, two compounds for boarding students, a practising school, and numerous smaller structures for use in connection with farm work. The native staff members have little homesteads scattered about the mission, but in close proximity to the main group of buildings.

Other buildings are needed. Money is in hand but bricks are not ready. If the Hebrews could not make bricks without straw, neither can the Solusi builders make houses without bricks. The Southern Rhodesian Government has made it possible to build a much-needed "normal" building to house the teacher-training department. Gifts have provided funds for a dispensary to take the place of the "eight by ten" shed in which the medical work is done now. One teacher's house is falling down around his ears, and another teacher is living in too cramped quarters. Another practising school is an urgent need, and the dormitories are over crowded. The compound for married students is an antique thing, and the girls' industrial classes are not quite practical because they have no model practising cottage.

A minimum amount of money will be needed for erecting these buildings as much of the material will be obtained locally, and the boys' building and wood-working classes will do the work under the supervision of the instructor.

## The Courses

There are four industrial courses for boys who wish to specialise in some line of manual work, after completing Standard IV, but all pupils of the lower standards have ten hours a week training in crafts of various kinds, including agriculture. This is a part of the regular course of study, and is in addition to the time which the boarders have to work as part of their payment of fees.

In the four industrial courses for boys, namely, Agriculture, Wood-work, Building,

and Metal-work, the objective is to train students to teach such subjects in our mission schools, or to go back to the native reserves and be lay-evangelists, self-supporting, earning a good living, and augmenting the funds for mission work through increased tithes and offerings made possible by serving their fellow tribesmen.

All girls from beginners to Standard IV are trained in village crafts and home making, but subsequent to this standard, they may elect to enrol in a three-year Home Making Course, on the completion of which they will be awarded a Government certificate, and be qualified to teach industries in girls' classes on our larger missions, to have an uplifting influence in any community where they may live, and to keep a humble home—a hygienic, happy, Christian home.

Perhaps the most important course viewed through the eyes of our denominational leaders, is the Teacher-Evangelist Training Course. Picked candidates are admitted to this course upon the completion of Standard IV, and are given a thorough training over a three-year period. This course may be divided into four branches, namely, Religious, Professional, Industrial, and Academic. In addition to book learning and theoretical instruction, provision is made whereby every pupil in training gets practice in all the varied duties which he will be called upon to do if he enters the organised work, as nearly all of them do.

The institution is well staffed, though not adequately so, but, if plans carry, additions will be made next year which will relieve some of the over-burdened workers, and take care of the growing enrolment and rising standards.

## Spiritual and Financial Aspect

The moral tone and spiritual influence of the institution is good, there being a high percentage of the students who are members in full fellowship and in good and regular standing. Discipline for moral breaches is rare. The Missionary Volunteer Society is active and the older students take part in annual evangelistic efforts in neighbouring villages.

One of the very pleasing features about this large institution, is that it is practically self-supporting as a result of income from Government Grant-in-aid, fees, farm income, rentals, etc.

The above description gives the reader but a glimpse of Solusi Training School, an institution planted of God, watered by faithful husbandmen, and bearing rich fruit. May it have your sympathies, co-operation, contributions, and prayers, to the end that it may play well its part in developing intelligent Christians, and master craftsmen, and thus hasten the Master's second advent.



"TAKE me, O Lord, as wholly Thine. I lay all my plans at Thy feet. Use me today in Thy service. Abide with me, and let all my work be wrought in Thee."

# Three Questions Answered

THERE have come to the editor of the OUTLOOK three questions concerning the payment of tithe, the answers to which, doubtless will be of interest to the readers of the OUTLOOK.

The first is:

**"It is very good for a person to give unto the Lord some of what the Lord has entrusted to him, but I would like to know where did Jesus ever in all His preaching make mention about tithes?"**

In the first place the questioner states that "it is very good for a person to give unto the Lord some of what the Lord has given him." If it is good to give "some" to the Lord then it is good to give one-tenth of our substance to the Lord. And if it is good to give one-tenth or a tithe to the Lord then it cannot be bad or harmful. If the questioner thought seriously when making this statement it would have answered the third question he raised. The payment of tithe is either good or bad; it cannot be at once good and bad for the individual.

Tithe-paying is good for the individual from many viewpoints, but it is sufficient for our present purpose to point out that Christ Himself approved of tithe-paying. The record of His approval is found in Matt. 23:23. Addressing the Scribes and Pharisees Jesus said, "Ye pay tithe of mint and anise, and cummin . . . these ought ye to have done." The word "ought" indicates that Jesus considered tithe-paying an obligation on the part of individuals among whom are included religious workers. Obviously we have Jesus' approval for the payment of tithe.

The second question is:

**"I am an old man; have a wife and three children to support. How can I, of the little I earn give tithes and still support my family?"**

It is necessary to state at the outset that the tithing plan was not the invention of a person or a group of persons, it was commanded by God. The Scriptures verify this statement, the reference being Lev. 27:32-34: "And concerning the tithe . . . these are the commandments which the Lord commanded."

Any commandment which God gives His children is not grievous, or harmful; if obeyed it will result in benefit to man. "How," it is asked, "can benefit follow from giving up part of my money—one tenth—when I wish to use it to support my family?" The answer is as follows: nine-tenths of our income will go farther with God's blessing than ten-tenths with His curse.

God has definitely promised to bless the tithe-payer. The promise found in Mal. 3:10-12 is quoted as follows:

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine

house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

"And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts."

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that a curse is pronounced upon him who withholds that which belongs to God—the tithe. The prophet of God penned the words as found in Mal. 3:8, 9:

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings.

"Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation."

The question of tithe-paying is a matter of faith. It takes faith to believe that nine-tenths will go further in providing for our needs than ten-tenths. Yet God has given the promise of blessing, and those who have based their faith on that promise of God, and have loyally obeyed His command have demonstrated that God is true to His word; that God is not a liar.

The third question raised is:

**"Which is the biggest sinner in the sight of the Lord,—To be a robber— not giving tithes, or give tithes and not provide for my household which is worse than an infidel?"**

The enquirer has definitely alleged that the non-tithe payer and the one who does not support his family are sinners, but he questions which one of the two is the biggest sinner. That any good purpose can be served by differentiating between degrees of guilt and the wickedness of sinners in this instance is doubtful.

A Christian should both pay his tithe i.e. return to God what belongs to Him, and support his family. God does not excuse a person from paying tithe because his income is small or because his family is large. The reason is obvious: God has provided for any lack owing to the payment of tithe by making nine-tenths go further through His blessing. The testimony of many faithful tithe-paying children of God indicates that they have been blessed to that degree which has enabled them to support their families, even on small incomes.

God does not require proportionately more of one who receives a small income than from another who receives a larger income. The person who receives £1 per week returns to God only one-tenth— not more than that—just as a person who receives £10 per week also returns one-tenth.

Those who have accepted the invitation: "Prove Me now, herewith, saith the Lord of hosts" have found their obedience, faith, and loyalty rewarded beyond what they anticipated. Let us believe the word of God, and with faith, and loyalty obey His divine will.

## God's Wonderful Power

E. H. WILCOX

(President South Brazil Union Conference)

EVERY day God's wonderful power is being manifested. In the large centres of civilisation, in the territory of the South Brazil Union, we see new souls accepting the truth; we see new groups and churches being formed; new church buildings being erected. Two hundred more souls were won to the Lord last year than in any other year in the history of this union. We are made to realise more than ever that God's power is indeed wonderful.

We have, however, in the South Brazil Union a great field as yet almost unexplored. This territory is largely inhabited by the men of the forests, men who know not God, and practically nothing of civilisation. Their clothes are God-given, nature's garments. We call these people Indians and many wonder if really it is worth while to work for them, but God has given the commission, and we feel obligated to help them.

Two years ago we sent a young man with his wife and two children way out into the jungles of Brazil to a place called Frontoura. This young man built himself a house, and began a school for the Indians. The first year there were few students; the second year there were more. At first there was but little enthusiasm about the school. The Indians did not care to learn. Today they are very enthusiastic about their school and anxious to study. We are teaching them also to plant cotton, and desire to teach them later to make their clothes.

To live in a place like Frontoura means

sacrifice. There are no doctors, no civilised neighbours, no stores, nothing but naked Indians, alligators, and leopards. There are many tropical diseases including malaria. There are mosquitoes and gnats till one can not rest a minute either day or night. One would hardly choose such a place for his home, but the one who really loves Jesus and is anxious to save souls, is ready to go anywhere if only souls may be saved.

Last year Antonio became very ill. He wrote and told us of his distress. His letter was two months in arriving. We had special prayer and our brother soon was up teaching again. His little boy then became ill. He lived only a few days. The father and mother buried him under a lone tree back of the house, there to await the Life-giver. It was a real trial to them, but God's wonderful word gave the counsel and comfort necessary. The Indians came to attend the funeral and Antonio spoke words of comfort and courage to all present. As he spoke of his hope and trust, many became deeply interested and expressed a desire to know Jesus.

A short time ago we asked Antonio to come out and rest a while. We felt that perhaps it would not be best for him to go back. He informed us that he and his wife desired to return, and they are back again. We have sent a young man, Juvencio Decól, to accompany them as teacher. We desire to send another young man, Antonio Gomes, farther down the river to another village where the people desire to know about Jesus. We have many tribes of Indians in the interior of the states of Matto Grosso and Goyaz, who have not as yet heard of Jesus. We believe this message is for all. Lives are being transformed. I was pleased to meet some Indians from Frontoura recently, and also to see them on Friday evening going to the river and taking a bath and changing their clothes and getting ready to greet the Sabbath when it came. May God help us to be faithful in our giving a little longer, and may all these men of the forest be warned of the coming of Jesus.



## Our Schools in the Union

MILTON ROBISON

WHILE conditions are not always ideal and there is still room for improvement, we do not need to be ashamed of the work being done in our church schools. This is the conviction of the Division Education Secretary after a tour of inspection.

The church schools are well equipped, and qualified teachers are in charge. The work being done is generally of a high standard.

We were pleased to learn that when they were given a test that had been given to 6,000 children on the Rand, the Johannesburg church school children made a very good showing indeed. Each standard in the school made a grade equal to or above the norms for the same standard in the group of 6,000. From our inspection of

the other church schools, we feel sure they would make an equally good record.

The union training school at Spion Kop is feeling a thrill of new life, and the teachers and students alike are filled with a spirit of progress. Buildings are being repaired and plans are on foot to rebuild the girls' dormitory. The enrolment is good and Elder Hanson states that the prospects for the coming year are very good.

At the mission stations of Bethel, Cancele and Emmanuel, we found well-organised schools and efficient teachers. At Bethel, Brother and Sister Sharman have entered upon their new work with energy and en-

## EDUCATION DAY

### Sabbath, Nov. 9

**REMEMBER**—that the offering on Education Day each year is to increase the permanent Student Loan Fund at Helderberg College. This fund has been a great blessing to a number who otherwise would have been unable to continue their education. When the student graduates and enters the work, he pays back his loan in payments and thus the money is available for others in their turn.

In the Cape Field the offerings will go to a similar fund for the Good Hope Training School.

*Note.*—Will the church treasurers please be sure that the Education Day offering is kept separate and reported accordingly.

MILTON ROBISON,  
Division Education Secy.

thusiasm. Already a marked change has been made in the looks of the mission, and there is a large increase in enrolment. At Cancele we found the smallest church school. Miss Doreen de Beer teachers in the mission school forenoons and in the afternoon has regular classes for her brother. He is working hard and hopes to pass Standard V this year. At Emmanuel we almost forgot the purpose of our visit for the fruit trees were in bloom. The cherries were especially beautiful. The prospects are very promising for a large fruit crop. The Buckleys are of good courage and the school is progressing nicely.

Our native outschools have many difficulties to contend with, such as lack of equipment, few books, or slates, crowded classrooms and often no writing desks. In spite of these handicaps, however, the teachers are faithful and we find the children doing very acceptable work in most cases.

In all our schools God is blessing and the inspector was greatly encouraged to see the good spirit of earnestness and endeavour.



## Bring the Children and Youth to the Camp-meeting

L. L. MOFFITT

IN these days of difficulty and perplexity in the world, and with the great stress of the times, our camp-meetings become more and more important to the children of God. We need the encouragement and strength which these general gatherings give us, and especially do our young people and children need the help of the camp-meetings. The General Conference, recognising in a special way the need of our young people, recently passed the following action which we feel should be passed on to our believers throughout the field:

"WHEREAS, We have come to the days swift and final movements of world events, leading to the consummation of all things, in the midst of which both parents and young people are thrust into overwhelming perplexity and peril, and it is imperative that there be a deepening of spiritual life and greater power for victorious living; and,

"WHEREAS, We have come to the days when we should encourage the turning of the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers,' therefore,

"We recommend, That earnest counsel be given to our people, urging parents to bring their children and youth to the camp-meetings to remain throughout the meeting, and that our leaders endeavour to bring about the conversion and revival of our people, young and old, to teach them the way of victory in these days of peril, thus preparing them for Jesus' second coming."

## Cape Field

L. S. BILLES, Superintendent

## A Cheering Word From the Cape Field

L. S. BILLES

A MOST successful Sabbath School Convention was held at the Good Hope Training School on September 14 and 15, about 550 members being present. We were privileged to have the help of Elders Wellman, Moffitt and Hurlow. A new vision was given to the Sabbath school officers of the great importance of their work, and already there can be seen abundant evidences that the work of the Sabbath school department is going forward with fresh impetus. We do not remember having had a more helpful convention.

On September 29, at a general gathering

of our Peninsula churches, a baptismal service was held, when fourteen candidates passed through the watery grave. The previous week an additional candidate was received into the Elsie's River church on profession of faith. Some of these candidates are joining the church as the first fruits of the Athlone effort at the beginning of the year. They are tried, tested members, well established in the truth.

We are looking forward to another baptism on December 16, as the result of the faithful work of the churches. Whereas formerly we depended almost entirely on the evangelists to interest and bring in new members, we are glad to report that a new day is dawning. Our members are at work. The Home Missionary reports are very encouraging—one church reports a baptismal class of fifteen.

On Sunday evening, October 6, Elder Abney opened a series of meetings in the portable hall, which was erected at Retreat. He reports a full house every night and a growing interest. Let us raise our voices in earnest petition to the Throne of Grace that he and his band of workers may have an abundant outpouring of God's power in their work.

## Angola Union

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## Angola's Ripening Harvest

O. I. FIELDS

TRULY the harvest is ripe. This has been made more evident to us within the last few months.

Our boys and girls at Bongo Training School this year have shown a more enthusiastic spirit than in the past. Some of the boys have spent their entire vacation period preaching and teaching in near-by villages, spending only one day at home with their parents. In one village one of our students worked up quite an interest, and then asked that we inspect the work to see if the people were ready for the Hearer's Class. Responding to this request another boy and I went to the village, and spent several evenings there. We organised a Hearer's Class of forty members, and now they are anxiously waiting for a teacher. There were about 160 present at the Sabbath services held in this village at the time of our visit. This group of people are about the most interested and the most eager to learn the truth that I have ever met among primitive natives.

Then, in another near-by village one of our believers asked us to give him a teacher if he guarantees fifteen students. He already has a good school house ready.

Another one of our mission boys during last vacation went to preach in a village

## To the Parents of Our Junior Boys

**Is Your Boy Restless? Does He Feel That His Faith Isolates Him? Is He Lonely?**

Does he look longingly at the many innocent enjoyments of the boy whose parents do not keep the Sabbath? He probably has few Adventist friends. His school companions are not Sabbath school boys nor J. M. V's. They are "Scouts" or "Voortrekkers" and enjoy fine times and innocent pleasure at the parades, camps, and jamborees of their units. But these functions usually involve the Sabbath and so your boy cannot join in. Moreover, the associations at these functions are not always what we want for our boys. Of course, your boy wants to be a faithful J. M. V. and develop to be a consistent Adventist, but it is natural that he will experience an acute sense of loss and isolation as he views the privileges and activities of his fellows. In some sad cases this feeling has been overwhelming and we have lost our boys.

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near his home. He took a Sabbath school picture roll with him, and told the simple stories of Jesus the best he could. The teacher of another mission near-by came to our student and demanded that the latter stop telling the gospel stories; but our student continued his meetings. As a result, the angry teacher became so enraged that one evening he gave our student a good thrashing. The latter took the beating without a word; but he had to come to our hospital for treatment the next morning.

One of our best teachers the other day was offered a large salary by a priest if he would work for his mission society. Furthermore, the teacher was told that he would not have to work half so hard for them as he must work for the Adventists. Our teacher replied that he was not working for money, but for the salvation of souls.

These experiences of soul-winning efforts indicate to us that the Holy Spirit is working on the hearts of the people of Angola, in making them ready to receive the truth; and also this same Spirit is filling the hearts of our students in training native workers and making them extremely zealous in soul saving work. All this makes our hearts glad, and also thankful to be working in the vineyard of the Lord.

## Z. U. Mission

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## What Northern Rhodesia is Doing

WRITING from Katimo Mulilo Mission, situated in the Caprivi Strip, Elder W. H. Anderson gives the following interesting report of the work in Barotseland:

We have had good meetings all the way down the river. In all there have been in attendance about two thousand five hundred at all these meetings including the one at Katimo Mulilo. The baptisms for Northern Rhodesia will pass the eight hundred mark this year if they are able to reach all that are ready for baptism by the end of the year.

The extent of our work in Northern Rhodesia may be expressed in the following way: One person in every 100 pupils of school age among the natives in Northern Rhodesia is in an Adventist school. One person in every eighty of the total population has been to camp-meeting this year, and one out of every 120 is now keeping the Sabbath. That is what has been accomplished during the last thirty years. The work in the Barotse country could be doubled during the next five years if they could answer the calls that have come to them.

When we left Nalolo the queen told us that what she now wants is for us to fill her country with our message, and to this end she is ready to back it with all her influence. We ought to take advantage of such requests and advance into these new places. There is a tribe that sent to us every induna from the tribe—seven men in number—and the tribe numbers five thousand. They said they had heard of the second coming of Christ, and they are not ready; they pleaded for some one to come and to help them get ready. They ought to have help.

There is famine all along the river this year. The locusts ate everything last year, and thousands of the people have nothing to live on except roots and bulbs they are gathering from the bush. I feel very sorry for them, and still in spite of all that, at Sitoti, they gave five head of cattle for their camp-meeting offering in addition to fowls, sheep, goats and other things.

They have had institutes for the help of the teachers in their work in this field. They tell me they have never, since away back in my time up here, had a workers' meeting where they have been instructed in soul-winning and Bible doctrines like we have this year.

When we closed the institute at Liumba Hill, the workers agreed to accept a goal of eight hundred and fifty new members in the Hearers' Classes during this new year. If they do that then it will be the biggest step forward they have ever taken.

A. E. N.

## Is die Huisaltaar Besig om te Verbokkel?

J. F. WRIGHT

NEE, ons glo nie dat dit afgebreek is of besig is om te verbokkel in die meeste van ons Adventiste wonings nie. Ons is egter bevrees dat daar in sommige huise 'n steeds toenemende nalatigheid te bespeur is wat betref die huisaltaar. Dit is miskien nie moedswillig nie, maar in huise waar hierdie neiging bestaan is dit 'n saak wat ernstige aandag nodig het.

Ons leef in tye van groot druk. Nog nooit het besigheidssorge of huislike sorge soveel van ons tyd geëis nie. Dit is 'n gejaag van die more tot die aand. Die dae is te kort om al ons sake te behartig. So 'n atmosfeer is baie gevaarlik vir die Christelike lewe. Een van die gevare is dat ons sal nalaat om tyd te neem om te bid. Omdat dit waar is behoort ons, soos nog nooit tevore nie, ag te slaan op die raad van die Heiland waar Hy sê:

„Maar pas op vir julleself, dat julle harte nie miskien beswaar word deur swelgery en dronkenskap en sorge van die lewe nie, en dié dag julle nie skielik oorval nie. Want soos 'n strik sal hy kom oor almal wat op die harte aarde woon. Waak dan en bid altyddeur, sodat julle waardig mag geag word om al hierdie dinge wat kom,

te ontvlug en te staan voor die Seun van die mens.” Lukas 21:34-36.

Hierdie raad was nog nooit meer van toepassing as vandag nie. Om die waarheid te sê is dit spesiaal op ons dae van toepassing. Orals sien ons swelgery en dronkenskap. Aan alle kante sien ons hoe-dat manne en vroue ten gronde gaan onder die laste van ons dae. Dit geld net so-seer van Sewende-dag Adventiste. Daarom

die binnekamer sowel as by die huisaltaar, dan is dit vandag.

Waar ons dus hierdie gevaarlike tye beleef, en waar ons die einde van die genadetyd en die eindtonele snellik tegemoet gaan, wil ons elke Advent gelowige vermaan om die vuur brandende te hou op die huisaltaar. Dit sal goed wees as elke vader en moeder die raad van die diensmaag van die Here opnuut sal lees en oorpeins:

„Voordat die vader smorens na sy werk gaan, moet hy die kinders rondom hom vergader, en voor God neerbuig en hulle aan die sorg van die hemelse Vader toevertrou. As die werksaamhede van die dag verby is, laat die gesin weer saamkom om hul danklied en dankgebed te laat opstyg vir die goddelike beskerming van die dag.

„Vaders en moeders, al het u ook hoeveel werk, moenie nalaat om u gesin rondom die huisaltaar te versamel nie. Vra om die beskerming van heilige engele in u huis. Onthou dat u dierbares aan versoekings blootgestel is. Daar is elke dag hindernisse in die pad van oud en jonk. Diegene wat geduldige, liefdevolle, en blymoedige lewens wil lei, moet bid. Slegs deur gedurig hulp te ontvang van God kan ons die oorwinning oor self behaal.”—„*Ministry of Healing*,” blss. 392, 393.

Hierdie woorde is baie treffend. Hulle wys ons op die enigste veilige weg wat vaders en moeders met hul kinders moet inslaan. As dit dan waar is, mag die Here ons help (veral diegene wat nalatig is) om die regte plek te skenk aan die huisaltaar in ons gejaagde huislike lewe. Mag dit inderdaad 'n krag word om ons en ons kinders te beskerm en sterk te maak om die versoekings en beproewings wat ons daeliks teëkom te weerstaan.

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## Bring die Kinders en Jongmense na die Kampdienste

L. L. MOFFITT

IN hierdie moeilike tye en te midde van die spanning wat daar heers, kry ons kampdienste steeds meer betekenis vir die kinders van God. Ons het behoefte aan die bemoediging en krag waarmee hierdie algemene byeenkomstes ons besiel, en veral ons jongmense en kinders het die hulp nodig wat die kampdienste aanbied. Om in die besondere behoeftes van ons jongmense te voorsien, het die Wêreldkonferensie onlangs die volgende besluit geneem waarmee ons voel dat al ons lede dwarsdeur die veld in kennis gestel moet word:

„AANGESIEN, Ons onself in die laaste vinnige bewegings van wêreldgebeure bevind wat lei tot die voleinding van alle dinge, te midde waarvan beide ouers en jongmense aan oorweldigende gevare en moeilikhede blootgestel is, en dit dringend noodsaaklik is dat daar 'n dieper geestelike lewe en meer krag vir 'n oorwinnende geestelike lewe sal wees; en,

„AANGESIEN, Ons die dae bereik het waarin ons die „wederbrenging van die hart

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Received ..... 713

Surplus ..... £13

### ANOTHER UNION OVER THE TOP

Total to Date ..... £6,741

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Surplus to Date ..... £1,721

moet ons waak en op ons hoede wees. Om die raad van die Heiland ter harte te neem sal krag en oorwinning beteken in ons Christelike lewe. Maar om dit te verontagsaam sal swakheid, teleurstelling, en mislukking as gevolg hê in ons geestelike lewe.

Oor die afgelope twee jaar het ek die goeie invloed opgemerk wat die huisaltaar het in die huise waar dit in ag geneem was; dog in sommige huise was daar nalatigheid in hierdie opsig te bespeur. Daar behoort onder geen omstandighede nalatigheid te wees nie, want as daar ooit 'n tyd was dat die huisaltaar sy rol moet speel in die huislike lewe van mense, dan is dit nou die tyd. Waar die koninkryk so naby is, kan Sewende-dag Adventiste dit nie bekostig om so in beslag geneem te word deur die dinge van hierdie lewe, dat hulle min of geen tyd vind vir huisgodsdienste nie. As daar ooit 'n tyd was dat ons aanraking nodig het met die Almagtige, in

van die vaders tot die kinders en die kinders tot die vaders" moet aanmoedig, daarom

„Beveel ons aan, Dat ons gelowiges ernstig vermaan word, en ouers bewege word om hul kinders en jongmense na die kampdiens te bring en tot die einde te bly, en dat ons voorgangers trag om die bekering en herlewing van ons mense, jonk en oud, teweeg te bring, om hulle te leer hoe om die oorwinning te behaal in hierdie gevaarlike dae en hulle also voor te berei vir die wederkoms van Jesus."

## Uitgewers Dept.

F. E. Potter, *Sekretaris*

### Op die Randjie van die Koninkryk

F. E. POTTER

JOHN COOKS, die Veld-sendingsekretaris van die Sambesie Unie, en Broeder Schoeman het 'n besoek afgelê by die huis van mense wat aan die Apostoliese geloof behoort het. Die huisvrou wou graag 'n eksemplaar van „Great Controversy" hê, maar sy wou nie 'n bestelling plaas sonder haar man se toestemming nie. Toevallig het die vrou se skoonouers ook daar aangekom, en hulle het geluister na 'n beskrywing van die boek. Hulle het 'n eksemplaar bestel en by Broeder Schoeman aangedring om terug te kom en hul skoon-dogter se man te kom sien. Die kolporteurs het daardie aand weer teruggekom, met die gevolg dat hulle nog vyf bestellings gekry het van mense wat deur die vrou se skoonouers bymekaar gemaak was.

So gaan dit daar in die ruimte noorde waar die huise ver uitmekaar is. „Die ganse wêreld deur," sê die Gees van profesie, „is daar manne en vroue wat verlangend uitsien na die hemel. Gebede, trane, en versoeke styg op van siele wat verlang na lig, genade, en die Heilige Gees. Baie is op die randjie van die koninkryk, en wag net om ingesamel te word."—„Acts of the Apostles," bls. 109.)

### Moet U nie Laat Afsit nie

F. E. POTTER

TOE Broeder H. J. Schoeman besig was om te kolporteer in Salisbury, Suidelike Rhodesië, het hy die woning van Mnr. Botha besoek. Hy was net 'n rukkie tevore by 'n huis waar hy was, afgeraai om na die woning van „daardie arme boer" te gaan. Broeder Schoeman het egter gevind dat Mnr. Botha baie belang gestel het in die boek „Great Controversy," en hy het aan hom 'n eksemplaar in Hollands verkoop. Aangesien Mev. Botha nie Hollands kon lees nie, en haar man weer nie Engels

nie, het sy 'n eksemplaar in Engels bestel. Daar was dus twee boeke by die een huis verkoop. Toe Broeder Schoeman vertrek was dit vir hom snaaks toe die Bothas hom weer afraai om by hul buurman, 'n Mnr. Odendaal, aan te klop. „Hy is sommer 'n oujongkêrel," het hulle gesê.

Mnr. Odendaal was nie tuis nie, dog eindelijk het Broeder Schoeman hom gevind en hy het ook 'n eksemplaar van „Great Controversy" bestel. „Jy weet nooit watter sal geluk nie, hierdie of daardie," is goddelike raad wat deur die manne van die leesstofbediening moet in ag geneem word. Hulle is die gekose insamelaars, veral op die afgeleë plekke. Mag die Here gee dat hulle altyd getrou sal wees.

### Voorbidding Gevra

SPESIALE voorbidding word gevra vir die herstelling van Broeder Steenberg (Senior) wat reeds vir geruime tyd al siek is en baie ly. Hy is al oor die dertig jaar in die geloof en ons vra dus die voorbidding van Gods volk vir hom.

A. N. INGLE.

### Die Nuwe Kollege Personeel vir 1936

J. F. WRIGHT

VANDAT Helderberg Kollege gestig is, was dit nog altyd die strewe van die kollegeraad om dit ons doeltreffendste opvoedingsinrigting te maak. Die prestasie van die kollege was tot dusver baie bevredigend. Ek het onlangs persone ontmoet, nie van ons geloof nie, wat met groot lof van die kollege gepraat het. Hulle waardeer die doel en die werk van die kollege baie. Ons vertrou dat die kollege meer in die guns sal val van ons eie mense sowel as by die publiek oor die algemeen.

In die planne vir 1936, het die raad hom daarop toegelê om 'n doeltreffende personeel aan te stel. En daar dit 'n kwessie van belang sal wees vir ons gelowiges oor die ganse veld, gee ons nou die name van diegene wat op die personeel aanstaande jaar sal dien:

G. E. Shankel, M.A., *Prinsipaal*.

J. V. Wilson, F.R.H.S., *Bestuurder en Landbou-onderwyser*.  
A. V. Edwards, *Bybel-onderwyser*.  
W. F. Tarr, B.A., *Registrateur en Engels*.  
C. F. Clarke, M.A., *Wetenskap*.  
C. C. Marais, *Huisvader en Afrikaans*.  
Mej. H. M. Hyatt, B.A., *Wiskunde*.  
F. Meckling, M.A., *Geskiedenis*.  
Mev. Meckling, B.A., *Huishoudkunde*.  
Mej. Hope Hayton, M.A., *Frans*.  
Mej. Margaret Nickel, M.A., *Normaal*.  
Mej. A. Visser, *Huismoeder en Verpleegster*.  
Mej. Ethel Edmed, *Handelsvakke*.  
Mej. Y. de Gourville, *Normaal Afdeling*.  
Mev. C. C. Marais, *Normaal Afdeling*.  
Mev. A. E. Shone, *Matrone*.

Aan Mnr. P. J. van Eck is 'n jaar se studieverlof toegestaan vir spesiale taalstudie aan die universiteit.

Soos die staf nou staan is daar vyf wat die M.A. graad besit, en drie met die B.A. graad. Sover ek weet is dit die sterkste personeel wat die kollege nog ooit gehad het.

Maar dit is nie die feit dat die persone grade besit wat ons beweeg het om hulle aan te stel nie—gladnie! Hoewel ons 'n sterk personeel wil hê wat grade betref, het ons ons ook daarop toegelê om persone te kies wat die kollege op geestelike gebied sterk sal maak. Dit is in hierdie opsig wat ons nooit moet verslap nie.

Waar ons hierdie beknopte oorsig in die OUTLOOK gee aangaande die personeel vir 1936, wil ek, as voorsitter van die raad, my innige waardering betuig aan beide ouers en leke vir die edele wyse waarop hulle saamgestaan het om Helderberg Kollege die beste plek op aarde te maak vir ons seuns en dogters. U het almal u deel gewillig en blymoedig gedoen om hierdie prestasie te behaal en dit het ons grotendeels in staat gestel om die kollege te maak wat dit vandag is.

Laat ons voortaan aanhou om die kollege met ons middele en gebede te ondersteun. Deur dit te doen sal ons dit nog 'n groter faktor maak in die redding van ons jongmense, sowel as 'n plek waar hulle kan opgelei word vir diens in die Meester se wingerd.

### Appreciation of "Outlook"

MANY readers of the OUTLOOK will remember Mrs. R. C. Porter, who with her husband laboured in this field many years ago. Mrs. Porter, who is now living in Battle Creek, Mich., U.S.A., is a regular reader of the OUTLOOK, and in sending in her renewal for another year's subscription to this paper she writes of her appreciation of the messages that the OUTLOOK contains, which are of special interest to her. Her closing remarks were, "THE OUTLOOK keeps me in touch with Africa."

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## Helderberg News Notes

A BONNY baby girl arrived to gladden the hearts of Brother and Sister Norcott a few days ago.

SOME eight or ten students are planning to spend part of the summer taking subscriptions for the new *Signs*.

THE graduation exercises will be held from October 31 to November 3. The Commencement exercise on Sunday evening will conclude the school year.

GEORGE AND BRIAN ELLINGWORTH left on the "Dunbar Castle" on the 20th bound for Dar-es-Salaam. They will spend the summer with their parents in Tanganyika.

MR. AND MRS. TIMM left on the 17th after visiting for several days. Miss Willmore of Grahamstown, Mrs. Heywood of East London and Mrs. Campbell are visiting at present.

THE annual spring outing was held on October 15 on Mr. Hendriks' beautiful farm, Parel Vallei, one of the old Van der Stel homesteads. From now on it is hard work until the closing of school.

THE plastering and colour washing of the gymnasium basement of Branson Hall, delayed for so many years, is now nearing completion. This improvement adds greatly to the cheerfulness of the lower floor.

A RECENT letter from Miss Hope Hayton written from Paris tells how she is enjoying her study there, and how she is looking forward to her arrival in South Africa, the land of her birth. She will have the Modern Language Department next year.

"THE vision that you glorify in your mind, the ideal that you enthrone in your heart—this you will build your life by—this you will become."

## South African Conference Session and Camp-meeting

THE second session of the South African Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene on the Agricultural Showgrounds, Port Elizabeth, Cape, Jan. 15-17, 1935. The first meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M.

Officers will be elected for the ensuing term, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the conference.

Immediately following this business session, the camp-meeting will take place, Jan. 17-25. The opening meeting will be held Friday night, Jan. 17; song service 7:30; opening sermon 8:00.

This camp-meeting of eight days' duration will be entirely devoted to spiritual meetings.



## Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensiesitting en Kampdienste

DIÉ tweede sitting van die Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie sal plaasvind op die tentoonstelling gronde, Port Elizabeth, van 15 tot 17 Januarie 1936. Die eerste vergadering sal om 9:00 v.m. gehou word.

Die beaampes vir die volgende termyn sal gekies word, en enige ander sake in verband met die konferensie wat mag voorgebring word sal afgehandel word.

Onmiddellik na die besigheidsvergaderinge sal die kampdienste begin—vanaf 17 tot 25 Januarie. Die openingsdiens sal op Vrydagaand 17 Januarie plaasvind; Sangdiens 7:30 n.m. en die preek om 8:00 n.m.

Die kampdienste, wat agt dae sal aanhou, sal almal geestelike dienste wees.

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## Obituary

HAWLA.—Wentzel Hawla was born in Austria in 1868, and died September 30, 1935, at his residence, 11 Loch Street, Cape Town.

Brother Hawla accepted the truth thirty-seven years ago through the efforts of Brother Ernst, and since 1906 he has been a member of the Cape Town Seventh-day Adventist church. When the truth came to Brother Hawla, he was engaged in the butcher's trade. But as an Adventist, he felt that he could not conscientiously follow this trade. So he prayed for guidance, and God revealed to his wife in a dream that Brother Hawla should start a cab service in Cape Town. He immediately acted upon this answer to his prayer, and for thirty-seven years Brother Hawla ran a cab service, becoming one of the most familiar and trusted drivers in the Peninsula. He told me a few days before his death that he had often driven Cecil Rhodes and other notables to Groot Schuur.

Brother Hawla was a true missionary. He invariably carried some tracts or papers with him for free distribution. Through his missionary zeal, Brother E. Weiss accepted the truth, and we feel sure that many others have been brought nearer to Christ because of Brother Hawla's labours.

For a number of years Brother Hawla has held positions of trust in the Cape Town church, which he filled faithfully. His regular attendance at Sabbath school, and his earnest public prayers will be greatly missed by all the church members.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor A. C. Le Butt at the home and also at the grave-side, Woltemade No. 3.

Brother Hawla is survived by his wife; four sons, Wentzel, Carl, William, and Joseph; two daughters, Minnie and Julia, also grandchildren. These sorrow not as those who have no hope, but look for the soon-coming Saviour, and the resurrection of the just, knowing that, if faithful, they shall meet their loved one, nevermore to part.  
J. N. KRUM.

Sister Hawla and family desire to express through the columns of the *OUTLOOK* their sincere thanks to Elder Le Butt, Brother Krum, the Cape Town church members and all others who sent letters of sympathy and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement. These kind tokens of sympathy were appreciated very much, and they assure all that they have an interest in their prayers.

"In communion with God is found the highest education."