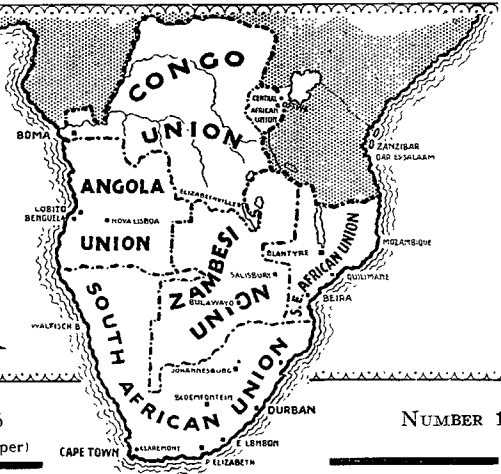


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## Where Art Thou?

J. HUDSON STOCKIL

It was, we are told, in the cool of the day that the Creator, walking in the garden which was man's first home, asked the question, "Adam, where art thou?" Instead of the usual joyous, "Here I am Lord," we read of a shameful hiding from the divine presence. Sin, burning itself deep into the pure undefiled conscience of the first of our race, had caused for the first time a barrier between Creator and created.

Into the sacred precincts of that great all-sufficing love had crept a hitherto unknown estrangement. What feelings of unutterable anguish must have passed through Adam's soul as he listened to words of reproof from his Maker, the Omnipotent Being who had given him life!

However, that same Being who would frown upon any act of disobedience to the divine laws of the universe, in His infinite love for the erring pair before Him offered the Son whom He loved with a love incomprehensible to the human mind, that "Whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This message must have been a source of great comfort to the fallen Prince of the world. No doubt the thought of regaining the paradise where he might live once again the celestial life in the sinless environment was to him a sustaining hope throughout the long years of aftermath.

In the centuries which have followed the utterance of that first divine call to man, there have been calls made from time to time. Repeatedly, through the medium of His Word, God has called to fallen humanity. As with the first, so it is with others—all are coupled with a great and wonderful promise. In Jeremiah 35:15 we find one of these invitations: "Return ye now every man from his evil way and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers."

What is the response of the heart to this call and admonition against sin? Does it

find us so engrossed in the affairs of the world that we are not able to heed it? Are we, by giving our time, energies, and attention to material things for the acquiring of earthly riches, serving other Gods? "Where art thou?" Let the appeal be one which will cause us to stop a moment in the rush and whirl of modern life and take our bearings. Does it awaken in us a resounding echo of joyous response and renewed allegiance, or does it find us hiding in shame?

The repentant sinner is a source of great joy to the heavenly beings. "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from His way and live: turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways, for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" Eze. 33:11. Unlike the heathen deities of old, our God does not delight in the death of the wicked. Eternal death is the wages of sin, and is merited by the person who transgresses the law of God; but far from giving any sense of satisfaction to God, the death of the wicked, He plainly states, gives Him cause for sadness.

Thus, throughout the Word of God we find His repeated appeals to come to repentance. Where are we? Are we in a position to accept the invitation? "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock:" says Jesus, "if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with Me." Rev. 3:20.

The above scripture opens a new line of thought. In responding to the call, we place ourselves under a certain obligation.—"If any man hear My voice and open the door,"—having heard the invitation and listened to the pleading voice of the One who was "wounded for our transgressions," it is necessary that we open the door of our hearts that He might enter, and in turn thus make possible our entry into the renewed glories of the earth made new.

After taking account of our position, and our relationship to our God, let us ask ourselves the question, which was asked

by the Jews who sought the Master at the feast, "Where is He?"

Has He entered the door of our hearts? Are we enjoying that relationship which is necessary for a true Christian life? Is Christ a reality, or is He merely the expression of some line of idealistic thought? If He is indeed One with whom we are in constant communication, or in whom we do have confidence, let us accept this invitation, and open the doors of our hearts to Him. He who was crucified for us will come in and sup with us.

To those who have known Him, and have perhaps allowed themselves to drift away, the appeal of Hosea 6:1 is given. "Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and He will bind us up." The return will be one which will not only bring the joys of the consciousness of right but also the blessed experience of a renewal of one of the dearest and most precious friendships.

Thus, after having answered the call "Where art thou?" and adjusted ourselves to it, let us then ask ourselves, "Where is He?" Following this, let us read the three-fold call given in Rev. 22:17. "And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come, And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."



## Mission Extension — Past and Present

A. E. NELSON

SCATTERED here and there throughout the Division may be seen schools and chapels, hospital buildings and dispensaries, mission homes and mission station equipment. Some of these owe their existence to the Mission Extension Fund. Were it not for the contributions made to this fund in times past our work would have been handicapped.

During the past five years the sum of £1,336-4-3 has been contributed to the Mission Extension Fund. Here is the list of the amounts raised during that period:

YEAR	AMOUNT RAISED
1931	£323 12 5
1932	370 7 5
1933	274 6 6
1934	219 16 8
1935	148 1 3

Total £1,336 4 3

These funds were raised for specific projects in the union chosen to receive the benefit of the fund. The organisations who benefited during the past five years are listed as follows:

YEAR	ORGANISATION
1931	S. African and Cent. African Unions.
1932	Zambesi and Angola Unions.
1933	Congo and So. East African Unions.
1934	Helderberg College.
1935	Congo Union.

The unfortunate aspect of these figures is indicated in the decreased amounts contributed each succeeding year since the year 1932:

Times have definitely improved since that date, and the present is not one of severe depression but actual prosperity. It cannot be stated, therefore, that available funds are less today than five years ago.

To encourage a larger offering this year than last the Division committee has suggested the following:

1. That all workers contribute a day's wages.

2. That each European church member contribute at least 1/- toward the Fund.

There may be some among our laity who would contribute a day's wages as is suggested for the workers. Indeed some of our laity might be willing to contribute a substantial sum in view of the project selected for this year.

Others will present in the OUTLOOK the project for this year and the reasons for its selection. It is therefore necessary to make only cursory mention of these. The Helderberg College is in great need of a normal building in order to properly train its normal students. This work is now carried on under very unsatisfactory conditions. These conditions should be changed. You can help us change them by making a liberal offering on Sabbath, March 7. We can only present our appeal, you must do the rest. May the Lord give us all liberal hearts on this day of March 7.

## S. A. Conference

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## Then — and Now

MRS. F. MACDONALD

Who can keep good news to himself? I can't! I have acquired two pen-pictures and I want to show them to every reader of our OUTLOOK.

Twelve years ago my family and I were visitors in East London. On Sabbaths we would make our way to the S. O. E. Hall to attend Sabbath school and church service together with a handful of fellow-believers, not more than twenty. There was no pastor, but Elder Sturdevant would come from Kingwilliamstown now and again to preach. There was a spirit of earnestness, however, and each one of that little company, I am sure, was true and faithful, week after week and all the time. Faithfulness brings results—always.

And now the second picture. I saw it for the first time on September 28. A proper church—well appointed! A real congregation! How inspiring to see among this congregation a number of those who belonged to the little company of twelve years ago as well as many new faces besides! I might almost have felt a stranger, but how could I with the familiar hymns being sung and our message for today being taught? I was at home here though hardly a soul knew me. How earnest the prayers and how sweet the children's voices as they did their very best to make the thirteenth Sabbath programme a complete success. Even the flowers—clusters of watonias—seemed to breathe out the spirit of gentleness and love. Then came the Home Missionary period which revealed that our people were working and praying and giving. A special burden was on their hearts, to help make the evangelistic effort at Cambridge, nobly conducted by Elder W. L. Hyatt, a success. Came the preaching service. Yes, I knew the visiting minister, Elder Symons. His message was—what else could it be—the world's unrest, the futility of national efforts for peace, and the coming kingdom.

May I not show you this picture over again? Only this time it is the following Sabbath. The same church, the same congregation, the same spirit of Christian fellowship, a beautiful Sabbath school lesson. I said the same congregation, but in addition I saw Elder and Mrs. Hyatt, Snr. How we love the fathers and mothers of the work! I remember Elder Hyatt as one of our bravest and most rigorous leaders when I was a child. His voice rang out thousands of times, calling to godliness and consecration. Today I am sure his influence is even more far-reaching for he has endured through the heat and burden of the day and still he admonishes the flock to love one another. "Let there be not a shadow of misunderstanding among you—not a shadow. . . We as followers of Jesus have a right to be sons and daughters of God." As I listened to these words I thought what a privilege church fellowship is, only we isolated ones know how great is that privilege.

And so, dear friends, remember these two glimpses of our East London church and let them be an encouragement as examples of the growth of the Lord's work.

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"ALL who joy would win  
 Must share it,—happiness was born a twin."

## Z. U. Mission

E. C. Boger ..... *Superintendent*  
 J. I. Robison ..... *Secy.-Treas.*  
 Box 573, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia

## Zambesi Union Constituency Meeting

Solusi Mission, Dec. 5-10, 1935

J. F. WRIGHT

FOR four years now, the Zambesi Union has not held a constituency meeting; so it was a joy to join in such a meeting with the workers in this important mission field once more. The meeting was held from December 5 to 10 and convened at the Solusi Mission.

Inasmuch as there were many problems to be considered, and much important business to be handled, quite a full representation of the working force in this field was called together. The meeting was also held at such a time as would make it possible for the year-end meeting of the union committee to take place, thus a saving in expense was made possible.

This council was a deeply spiritual one. While the workers present entered into a very earnest study of their problems, they also felt their greatest need to be one of drawing nearer to the Lord; thus a splendid spiritual atmosphere prevailed in all of the meetings. I deeply appreciated the opportunity which was mine to speak to the workers on several occasions. There is certainly a wonderful spirit of fellowship and brotherly feeling among all who labour in this union at the present time.

Some important changes were made which may be briefly mentioned as follows: Elder Siepman and his wife will take up work in the South Congo field, where Brother Siepman will serve as the local field superintendent. Elder J. R. Campbell has been invited to take the superintendency of the Southern Rhodesia Mission Field. We hope Elder Campbell and his faithful companion will see their way clear to accept the appointment. They will be given a hearty welcome. Elder N. C. Stuart will follow Elder Mason as head of the North East Rhodesia Mission Field.

In addition to the foregoing changes Elder and Mrs. C. E. Wheeler go to Liumbe Hill Mission, Elder and Mrs. R. P. Robinson to Rusangu Mission, upon their return from overseas, while Elder C. Robinson goes to Inyazura Mission and Brother G. Hiten and his wife to the Musofu Mission.

Three of the Helderberg graduates from the 1935 class were appointed for service in the Zambesi Union, namely, Walter Cooks, Myrtle Hegter and Evelynne Wright. At the present time quite a large number of graduates from Helderberg are rendering splendid service in this union. It was a real pleasure to come in contact

with them at this constituency meeting

The last meeting was an impressive one. At this time Brother N. C. Stuart was set apart to the gospel ministry. This service was followed by a thrilling testimony meeting. Really I have not been in a more touching service for a long time. The Lord drew very near as all present rededicated their lives for better and more efficient service in the Master's vineyard.

Now the workers are scattering to the various sections of the field. They go back full of courage to press onward. They praise God for the wonderful progress made during recent years; yet they are not satisfied with present attainments. With renewed zeal they mean to press the battle more valiantly than ever before. For such a spirit of consecration and devotion we are exceedingly thankful. So, as I turn my eyes to other parts of the field and shall soon leave this place to attend other important meetings in the Division, I can but pray that God will continue to bless Elder Boger and his associate workers in the Zambesi Union to the end that the task committed to these faithful servants may soon be finished and a great fruitage of souls be won for the kingdom of heaven.



### Muchenje Mission

S. M. KONIGMACHER

God has wonderfully blessed the work in this section of His vineyard, Muchenje Mission. We have just closed our camp-meeting season. In order to reach a larger number of people two camp-meetings were held; one at Sala Reserve, with an attendance of 450, and another at Muchenje, in the Mungule Reserve. The attendance at the latter place was not so good because numbers of natives have had to go away to pay their taxes, nevertheless the little stone church was filled. At this place twenty-one persons were baptised, while at Sala forty-two went forward in baptism. What a blessing and a help it would be to the work in the district if all these new church members would become bright and shining lights in this large district!

Some of our people came from Kawemba, about sixty miles away on the border of the great Kasempa District, to attend camp-meeting. In the Kasempa District much dissatisfaction has been caused, and some have been turned from the truth, because of the activities of the Watch Tower people. During a visit to one of the villages I found that two boys, who had been with us, were holding a meeting on one side of the village while their father, who was still faithful to the message, was holding services in his hut. I gave the father a song book. When I saw the old man again he told me that his boys, who has been influenced by the Watch Tower people, had again lined up with our people.

After camp-meeting I encouraged our stewards and teachers to reach out into the villages that had not heard of Jesus and tell the people of our blessed Saviour. The

result was that an effort was held seventy miles from the Sala station and another effort was held to the north, where no one has been before.

My son, Arthur, and his wife have opened up self-supporting work near the old chief's kraal at Mungule. The chief was highly incensed and angry with us and he said he would close every school in the district if we did not let him have his school. By sacrificing a little more we started the work again in his district, thirteen miles from Muchenje. Kimberley bricks have been made and next week I shall go over to see what can be done to build the church.

During our ministry here several persons have been healed in answer to prayer and God has been very good to us.

### Obituaries

JEFFREY.—Edmund William Harry Shepstone-Jeffrey was born at Khamastone, District of Queenstown, South Africa, on April 13, 1875 and died at the National Hospital, Bloemfontein, November 22, 1935.

Brother Jeffrey was the nephew of the late Sir Theophilus Shepstone. It was in 1911 while practising as a chemist at Bloemfontein that Brother Jeffrey accepted present truth under the labours of Pastor D. F. Tarr.

In 1912 he was invited to connect with the Cape Conference staff as secretary-treasurer at Cape Town. In 1914 Brother Jeffrey was appointed superintendent of the Kaffirland Mission Field in which capacity he continued until 1921 at which time he disconnected from the ministry and settled in Port Elizabeth.

During the last two years of his life Brother Jeffrey circulated many of our truth-filled books at Bloemfontein and enjoyed a bright experience in the service and fellowship of his Master. He sustained a stroke and with rapidly-failing health the last few months of his life were spent confined to his bed.

He leaves to mourn, his devoted wife, three daughters and one son.

We laid him to rest at Bloemfontein to await the call of the Life-giver and the resurrection to life eternal.

A. W. STAPLES.

BOTHA.—On Sabbath afternoon, Dec. 27, 1935, our dear Sister Sheila Amy Botha (born McCuaig) passed peacefully away at her home "Hadley" Greenbushes, near Port Elizabeth. In the untimely decease of our sister, who was 33 years and 6 months, the Port Elizabeth church has suffered a great loss.

During her long illness of two years our sister was an inspiration of courage and patience to those who visited and ministered to her. Prior to her illness she was an active member of the Port Elizabeth church and those who were co-labourers with her as deaconess, junior division leader, and assistant superintendent will long remember her and have happy memories of their work

with her. Her cheerful disposition and ready sympathy endeared her to all in the church both young and old. She was indeed "a friend to all."

Sister Botha first heard the truth of the advent message in Adelaide under the ministry of Elder D. F. Tarr. About eight-and-one-half years ago she was baptised in Port Elizabeth and since then had been a faithful worker and member of the church.

It was very fitting that the funeral service should be held in the church where she loved to be, for, even though unable to attend for the past two years she always followed with interest the services of the church. Brother Jubber conducted a very impressive service on Sunday afternoon when many came to pay their last respects to one they loved.

After paying tribute to our sister and her work and expressing the sympathy of the church to her sorrowing husband and little son Neil and to her aged mother, Sister McCuaig, Brother Jubber read Psalm 90. Brother Honiball offered a beautiful prayer.

A short service was held at the grave side when our sister was laid to rest to await the resurrection day. Brother S. Stevenson closed the service with prayer. The thought left with us was that we should so live that we may meet our dear sister when Jesus comes to gather His children to the home He has prepared.

D. E. GEORGE.

JOERNING.—Miss E. Joerning was born in 1859 and passed away peacefully in Cape Town on Sabbath, Nov. 9, 1935.

Sister Joerning accepted the truth through the efforts of Elder Branson, and united with the Cape Town Seventh-day Adventist church on March 31, 1923. Through the years she has lived a quiet, faithful and consistent Christian life, often sacrificing personal desires that she might give more to the work of God.

Two brothers and three sisters are left to mourn.

Words of comfort were spoken by Pastor A. C. Le Butt at the grave side, Third Gate, Woltemade. Sister Joerning rests from her labours, awaiting the call of the Life-giver at the first resurrection.

J. N. KRUM.

NELSON.—Na 'n smartlike lyding aan kanker het Suster Johanna Maria Nelson, gebore Kruger, op Vrydagaand 15 Nov. in haar huis op Boksburg Noord saggies in Jesus ontslaap in die ouderdom van byna 58 jaar.

Suster Nelson het die waarheid in 1933 onder die bearbeiding van Broeders A. Herholdt en P. van der Merwe aangeneem. Sy was steeds 'n ywerige en toegewyde suster in die gemeente.

'n Tydank was sy klaend en toe die spesialiste 'n paar maande gelede verklaar dat sy aan kanker ly, was sy berus in die wil van God. Haar begeerte was dat in haar geval sou gehandel word volgens die opdrag in Jak. 5:16-18, en op 9 November het dit geskied. Sy het beter geword maar is die volgende week oorlede. Selfs vreem-

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delinge het getuig van haar geduld onder die lyding.

Op Sondag, 17 November, is sy in die Boksburg kerkhof begrawe. Ek het die lyksrede by die huis waargeneem, en die grote opkoms het getuig van die agting waarmee die suster bejeën was. By die graf het Leraar Staples die diens waargeneem.

Suster Nelson laat na haar eggenoot, aangenome dogter, suster en bejaarde moeder. Die gemeente mis haar, maar ons treur nie soos diegene wat geen hoop het nie.  
J. J. B. COMBRINCK.

WARDEN.—Suster C. A. Warden is oorlede op Woensdagmore, 20 November.

In Juliemaand het sy 'n aanval van griep gehad waarvan sy nooit volkome herstel het nie. Eindelik was die hart uitgeput en toe was die einde daar.

Suster Warden het die waarheid aangeneem tydens die poging van Leraar Birkenstock op Parys in 1928. Sy was onder die eerstes wat die boodskap toentertyd omhels het. Tot haar dood was sy in alle opsigte getrou; sy het gereeld haar tiende betaal, nog tot die week voor haar dood.

By my laaste besoek aan haar het sy nog haar vaste geloof in Gods Woord bely en gepraat van haar verwagting van die spoedige wederkoms van Christus. Verder het sy gepraat oor vergifnis van sonde en gesê dat die Here haar aangeneem het.

Onder blyke van belangstelling het die skrywer haar ter ruste gelê tussen die hoë dennebome van Parys se kerkhof om te rus van haar arbeid tot die opstandingsmore.  
P. J. v. D. MERWE.

SMALL.—Frank James Small is op 6 November om kwart oor ag die aand in die Benoni-Boksburg Hospitaal oorlede, in die ouderdom van 32 jaar enige maande.

Mnr. Small het sy agterblewene eggenote in alles bygestaan en gehelp in die waarheid en het self ook plan gemaak om uit die myn te gaan om kolporteur te word, 'n werk wat hy baie graag vir die Here wou doen. Hy het sterk verlang na die blye dag as Jesus kom om sy volke te kom haal.

Maar na 'n ligte siekbed van twee dae is hy skielik aan longontsteking beswyk. Hy laat na Suster Small, klein Frankie en

ander dierbares wat sy heengaan baie diep gevoel. Dienste was waargeneem in ons saal op Boksburg Noord en by die graf in die Boksburg kerkhof deur skrywer. Hoewel Mnr. Small nog nie 'n gedoopte lid was nie, kon almal in ons gemeente saamstem dat die gestorwene 'n ernstige en voorbeeldige lewe gely het, en getrou was in die waarheid sover die toestande hom op die tydstip gebring het.

J. J. B. COMBRINCK.

MIENIE.—Onse droefheid was groot toe ons dierbare Vader en Oupa H. J. Mienie deur die dood weggenom is uit ons klein Sabbatskool op Doornpoort. Altyd was hy 'n getroue lid van die Sabbatskool en ook van die kerk. Hy was ons 'n voorbeeld in wandel en leer. Sy plek op aarde is leeg maar een dag sal ons hom ontmoet met die koms van Jesus om dan nooit meer geskei te word nie.

## Cape Field

L. S. Billes, Superintendent

### Baptism in the Cape Field

B. W. ABNEY

ON Sunday, Dec. 22, at 4:00 P.M., twenty-five candidates were buried with their Lord by baptism in the Salt River church. A large congregation witnessed this sacred ordinance. Thirteen of these candidates will unite with the Elsie's River church, six with the Wynberg church, three with the Kensington church, and three with the Athlone church.

There was one in addition to the twenty-five, taken into the church on profession of faith, who will unite with the Wynberg church. This brings the total number added to the Wynberg church to seven. The Cape Field is in fine shape for growth, and within the next few weeks another group will be baptised.

The Lord has blessed the effort in Retreat with a number of souls as "firebrands plucked out of the burning." Opposition has been strong against the work, and against those who have taken their stand for the message, but in spite of everything that has been done, men and women are taking their stand for God and His truth. Surely they need the united prayers of all. We hope that as we follow up the interest others who seem to linger, may come over with these faithful ones and join the army of our King.

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"HE has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it; . . . who has never lacked appreciation of earth's fine beauty, or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others, and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration, whose memory is a benediction."—*Author unknown.*

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## Death of Elder W. S. Hyatt

As we go to press, news reaches us that Elder W. S. Hyatt has passed away. Obituary will be given in the next issue of the OUTLOOK.