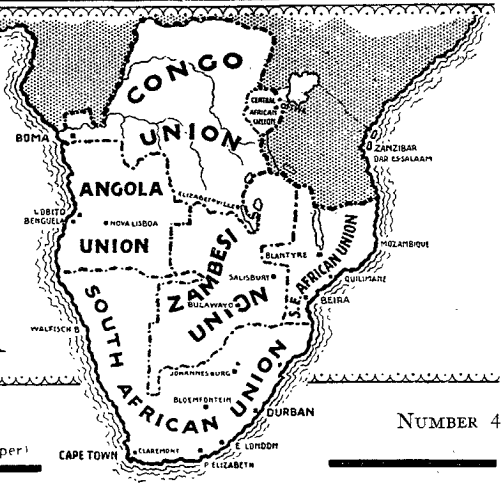


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“We Want an Effort”

F. E. POTTER

HOW often the conference president is besieged with requests from churches for an evangelist to be sent to their town to “hold an effort.”

The believers are anxious that the message they deem so precious shall be heralded publicly to all within their church territory. Many are the claims they present to support their requests. Generally, the foremost of these is the length of time since the last effort was held. In some cases it is claimed that an effort to evangelise their town has not been made for several years. Other proposals are that the church will finance the effort or, that it will stand behind the evangelist with the personal service of its entire membership.

All this is right and very worthy, but, such churches fail to sense the fact that they, not the conference staff, are primarily responsible to God for the evangelisation of their own territory. The admission that no “effort” has been held in any given church territory for several consecutive years is surely a shameful admission for any church to have to make. Such neglect cannot be condoned by an offer of extra financial or moral support toward an “effort” conducted by a conference evangelist.

This state of affairs, too common in the South African Union, is but a pronouncement that the work of God is to be finished through the official class in His church. This is contrary to the gospel commission, “Go ye into all the world,” spoken not to apostles only but to every believer in Jesus Christ till the end of time. Also, this is not in harmony with the inspired record of early church history in the Christian era, that witnesses to the fact that it was the church membership in the main and not the apostles, that evangelised.

Public evangelistic efforts are glorious and successful undertakings, but when they are allowed to take the place of “every

member evangelism” the remnant church of God is in a perilous condition. Such a procedure is a reversal of the divine plan and is bound ultimately to work disaster to church growth, spiritually and numerically.

Surely the unprecedented conditions in every walk of life, and in almost every

ARE YOU WILLING?

To close your book of complaints and open your book of praise?

To stop looking for friendship and to start being friendly?

To be content with what you have and to stop whining for what you have not?

To cease looking for someone to help you and to devote yourself to helping others?—*Selected.*

country of the world today should force upon God’s remnant people a solemn recognition of the fact that they are living in the “last days.” In those days “perilous times shall come”—perilous alike to the worldling and the Christian. To the former because of his refusal to accept salvation for himself. To the latter because of his neglect to acquaint his fellow men with the plan of salvation and, by personal effort under the direction of God’s Spirit, to urge them to accept.

“Love to man is the earthward manifestation of the love of God. . . . When we love the world as He has loved it, then for us His mission is accomplished. We are fitted for heaven; for we have heaven in our hearts.

“But if thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; if thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not He that pon-

dereth the heart consider it? and He that keepeth thy soul, doth not He know it? and shall not He render to every man according to his works?” In the great judgment day, those who have not worked for Christ, who have drifted along thinking of themselves, caring for themselves, will be placed by the Judge of the whole earth with those who did evil. They receive the same condemnation.

“To every soul a trust is given. Of every one the Chief Shepherd will demand, ‘Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?’ And ‘what wilt thou say when He shall punish thee?’—*“Desire of Ages,” page 641.*

So let our churches throughout this great Union plan right away to start “efforts” of their own. An “effort” need not necessarily be a public one such as is conducted by an evangelist and his staff. A worthy “effort” to save souls can be carried on successfully by means of the literature ministry. It can be carried on collectively by the whole church or by specially appointed members of the church.

There are several methods of literature evangelism and these are outlined in Home Missionary pamphlets Nos. 7 and 19, copies of which have been recently circulated gratis to all churches in the South African Union. One of the most successful is to circulate the *Signs* and/or *Tekens* throughout the church territory by securing yearly subscriptions, or selling single copies monthly.

There is no gainsaying the fact that the literature ministry is as good an “effort” as could be conducted. Through the years it has been the means of bringing in over fifty per cent of the souls won to this message.

So, dear believer, start your “effort” today. Through faith in God’s promises, and perseverance on your part, you can be a soul winner—and that will result not only in additions to your church but in richer spiritual blessings for yourself personally.

Our Day of Opportunity

J. F. WRIGHT

TRULY this is our day of opportunity to spread the message with freedom and with power within the borders of the Southern African Division. At the present time we do indeed have liberty and peace in our country. Doubtless this will not always continue. Soon (how soon we cannot tell) there may be thrown about our work the same restrictions as are being experienced in other lands. When such a day comes to this fair land, it will be far more difficult to carry forward our work than is now the case. So it behooves us to work with zeal and devotion "while it is day" for "the night cometh when no man can work."

At the recent conference session held in Port Elizabeth, the writer was deeply stirred by the most earnest appeal made by the conference president in his report. This appeal called for a great step forward in lay-evangelism. Following the report, it was my good pleasure to join in speaking to the delegates on behalf of the appeal. Of course only a few of our people, comparatively speaking, were present to hear the remarks, as well as to take part in the discussion. This being true, I desire now to sound my voice farther afield, and have chosen to do this through the channel of the *OUTLOOK*. Yes, I want right here to sound forth the same appeal to all of our dear people in the entire Division territory.

For a good many years we have heard the words, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Vol. IX, page 117.*

Mind you, these words, though given a number of decades ago, have lost none of their significance. They are fraught with just as great force and meaning now as when penned by the servant of the Lord. Why is this so? Because we have come to a new day of opportunity.

Now, my dear brethren and sisters, we hope a much greater number of you can devote a little extra time to real lay-missionary work during the present year. It may be the simple service of giving out tracts, selling the new *Signs* out of hand, or taking subscriptions. Then, too, there is the splendid work of conducting Bible studies or holding meetings in the homes of those who may become interested through the literature ministry. Why, there are scores of ways in which lay-members can do an excellent work. Even though the service be small, if faithfully rendered, it can be blessed of the Lord in winning some poor soul to the light of present truth.

Just as one illustration of this fact permit me to give one experience. Some years ago the writer learned of a poor old wash-woman, uneducated and having a hard time to make both ends meet; yet she found some time each week to serve her

Lord and Master by using the *Signs of the Times*. She devoted this time to a careful distribution of the paper. Following this she would return home and earnestly pray God to bless the people as they read the message contained in the *Signs*. *The results!* Well, she brought six souls into the truth that year. They were people from among the better class. She took them as far as she could with literature, and then turned them over to the city Bible-worker to bind off. When these six were baptised, she started in again, and the next year she won several more to the truth. Many would not expect such results from the simple effort of a poor old ignorant sister. The experience, however, is such as to cause us to think seriously before we ask to be excused or find ourselves so busy with other things that we cannot afford a little time in which to do aggressive missionary work. As you read this experience of the poor old wash-woman, I am sure you will agree with me that we must not pass by even the day of small things in doing missionary work. We are to cast our bread beside all waters. If the aforementioned sister could do something very tangible for the Lord with her lack of talent, *what could many of our lay-members do who are better qualified?* Yes, that is the question! Personally, I feel that if many would but consecrate a little time each week to a systematic effort in soul-winning business, wonderful results would soon be forthcoming,—yea, I am confident of it.

So, as we get well into the work for 1936 let there be a real revival and an onward movement in lay evangelism among our laity. What a wonderful achievement it would be if each one of our lay-members would bring *JUST ONE SOUL* to Christ during the present year. Such is not an impossible undertaking. Oh, what rejoicing it would bring to both heaven and the individuals concerned. Certainly there is no greater joy that can come to a person than to see a soul won to Christ because of his effort.

This being true dear readers, will you not try by God's help to lead just one soul to the Lord Jesus during 1936? Think it over! You can accomplish that personal goal if you will go to work with consecration and with prayer. Remember that "They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy," and "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:5, 6.

May God, therefore, help us as a people to arise and make this year the best one we have ever known in soul winning here in Africa, is the fondest ambition I can hold for the laity in *this the day of our opportunity*.



"He who with sincere and teachable spirit studies God's Word, seeking to comprehend its truths, will be brought in touch with its Author."

Wanted — Pioneers

J. HUDSON STOCKILL

FOR a long time the circulation of the *Tekens* has been giving the publishing house serious concern. The circulation of the Afrikaans magazine has not, so far, come up to the expectations of those responsible for having it published in the first instance. When the *Signs* and *Tekens* were innovated by enlargement and improvement, it was hoped that a substantial increase in the *Tekens* circulation would be evidenced. So far this has not been the case. As the publishing house cannot be expected to continue the publication of a magazine with a negligible circulation indefinitely, it behooves us to do all we can to support not only our English but our Afrikaans magazine.

No doubt the principal reason for the small sales of the *Tekens* is that very few people are selling it. A product can never be put on the market without salesmen somewhere in the picture. It is true that in our larger towns the majority of people read or prefer to read English. But what about the smaller towns? I recently had occasion to do some out-of-hand selling in some of the small towns in the Cape and Free State, and in some instances sold as many as three *Tekens* to one *Signs*. The difficulty seems to be that we are trying to sell the Afrikaans magazine in the English centres.

Before we can hope to see any material increase in the *Tekens* sales and subscriptions, we must make up our minds to work the Afrikaans sections more thoroughly. It is true that sometimes the Afrikaans-speaking person is a little more difficult to canvass because of religious prejudices, but because it is more difficult to take the truth to one section of the people is no reason for not taking it at all.

Are there not any in our field who will give some time to the building up of a stronger *Tekens* circulation? Surely there are some who will wish to become full-time magazine workers. There must be others resident in our smaller towns who will, with the Lord's help undertake the distribution of a certain number of our Afrikaans missionary paper each month. Brighter days are ahead of our Afrikaans magazine if we will only do the spade work now.

The need of the *Tekens* is men and women with the pioneer spirit. If any feel impressed to do more than they are at present I trust that they will not hesitate to write in to the Circulation Manager, *Signs of the Times* and Herald of Health, Box 6, Claremont, Cape, for full information about how to start work.



"The Lord is disappointed when His people place a low estimate upon themselves. He desires His chosen heritage to value themselves according to the price He has placed upon them."

SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION

Statement of Mission Offerings for Year Ended December 31, 1935

CONFERENCE OR MISSION	PER WEEK GOAL	MEMBER. END 1934	GOAL FOR YEAR	AMOUNT RAISED	AMOUNT OVER	AMOUNT SHORT	AVERAGE P.W.P.M.
South African Conference	1/8	2576	£11162 13 4	8858 17 5		2303 15 11	1/3 $\frac{3}{4}$
South African Mission Field	1/8	27	117 0 0	758 10 7	641 10 7		10/9 $\frac{1}{2}$
*Bechuanaland Mission Field	1/8	6	19 10 0	42 3 7	22 13 7		3/7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total European	1/8	2609	11299 3 4	9659 11 7		1639 11 9	1/5
South African Mission Field	2d.	1632	£707 4 0	876 14 5	169 10 5		2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
*Bechuanaland Mission Field	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	318	25 16 9	29 0 2	3 3 5		9/17d
Cape Field	9d.	445	867 15 0	653 9 8		214 5 4	7d.
Total Missions		2395	£1600 15 9	1559 4 3		41 11 6	
SOUTH AFRICAN UNION		5004	£12899 19 1	11218 15 10		1681 3 3	
South Congo Mission Field	1/8	9	£39 0 0	128 19 0	89 19 0		5/6
N. Rhodesia Mission Field	1/8	11	47 13 4	275 13 10	228 0 6		9/7 $\frac{1}{2}$
S. Rhodesia Mission Field	1/8	22	95 6 8	241 19 2	146 12 6		4/2 $\frac{1}{2}$
N. E. Rhodesia Mission Field	1/8	3	13 0 0			13 0 0	
†Bechuanaland Mission Field	1/8		6 10 0	11 11 1	5 1 1		2/11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rhodesia - Bechuana. Conference	1/8	157	680 6 8	783 0 11	102 14 3		1/11
Total European	1/8	202	£881 16 8	1441 4 0	559 7 4		2/9
South Congo Mission Field	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	753	£81 11 6	26 12 9		54 18 9	1/6d
N. Rhodesia Mission Field	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	2977	322 10 2	132 13 10		189 16 4	11/52d
S. Rhodesia Mission Field	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	4739	513 7 10	297 17 9		215 10 1	5/17d
N. E. Rhodesia Mission Field	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	500	54 3 4	3 2 4		51 1 0	1/35d
†Bechuanaland Mission Field	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.		8 12 3	2 3 6		6 8 9	1/8d
Total Native	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	8969	£980 5 1	462 10 2		517 14 11	3/11d
ZAMBESI UNION		9171	£1862 1 9	1903 14 2	41 12 5		
South Nyasa Mission Field	1/8	16	£69 6 8	298 4 2	228 17 6		7/2
Unattached Missions	1/8	8	34 13 4	119 5 4	84 12 0		5/8
Total European	1/8	24	£104 0 0	417 9 6	313 9 6		6/8
South Nyasa Mission Field	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	6642	£719 11 0	186 5 10		533 5 2	1/8d
Unattached Missions	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	1040	112 13 4	35 14 11		76 18 5	2/13d
Total Native	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	7682	£832 4 4	222 0 9		160 3 7	1/7d
SOUTH EAST AFRICAN UNION		7706	£936 4 4	639 10 3		296 14 1	
European	1/8	21	£91 0 0	249 19 2	158 19 2		4/7
Native	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	652	70 12 8	30 4 3		40 8 5	3/14d
ANGOLA UNION		673	£161 12 8	280 3 5	118 10 9		
European	1/8	26	£112 13 4	255 3 4	142 10 0		3/9
Native	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	2036	110 5 8	112 10 0	2 4 4		3/11d
CONGO UNION		2062	£222 19 0	367 13 4	144 14 4		

SUMMARY

UNION	PER WEEK GOAL	MEMBER. END 1934	GOAL FOR YEAR	AMOUNT RAISED	AMOUNT OVER	AMOUNT SHORT	AVERAGE P.W.P.M.
South African Union	1/8	2609	£11299 3 4	9659 11 7		1639 11 9	1/5
Zambesi Union	1/8	202	881 16 8	1441 4 0	559 7 4		2/9
South East African Union	1/8	24	104 0 0	417 9 6	313 9 6		6/8
Angola Union	1/8	21	91 0 0	249 19 2	158 19 2		4/7
Congo Union	1/8	26	112 13 4	255 3 4	142 10 0		3/9
TOTAL EUROPEAN	1/8	2882	£12488 13 4	12023 7 7		465 5 9	1/7
South African Union	9d.	445	£867 15 0	653 9 8		214 5 4	7d.
TOTAL COLOURED	9d.	445	£867 15 0	653 9 8		214 5 4	7d.
South African Union	2d & $\frac{1}{2}$ d	1950	£733 0 9	905 14 7	172 13 10		
Zambesi Union	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	8969	980 5 1	462 10 2		517 14 11	3/11d
South East African Union	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	7682	832 4 4	222 0 9		610 3 7	1/7d
Angola Union	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	652	70 12 8	30 4 3		40 8 5	3/14d
Congo Union	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	2036	110 5 8	112 10 0	2 4 4		3/11d
TOTAL NATIVE		21289	£2726 8 6	1732 19 9		993 8 9	
DIVISION							
European	1/8	2882	£12488 13 4	12023 7 7		465 5 9	1/7
Coloured	9d.	445	867 15 0	653 9 8		214 5 4	7d.
Native		21289	2726 8 6	1732 19 9		993 8 9	5/13d
TOTAL DIVISION		24616	£16082 16 10	14409 17 0		1672 19 10	

* Three quarters of 1935.

† Last quarter of 1935.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION

Report of Tithe for Year Ended December 31, 1935

UNION	EUROPEAN	NATIVE	TOTAL
South African Union	£15781 9 0	2099 3 5	17880 12 5
Zambesi Union	2111 13 9	547 5 1	2658 18 10
South East African Union	441 3 4	201 15 0	642 18 4
Angola Union	248 10 3	31 16 1	280 6 4
Congo Union	258 12 10	105 3 1	363 15 11
DIVISION GRAND TOTALS	£18841 9 2	2985 2 8	21826 11 10

Annual Report of Tithe and Mission Funds for Year 1935

A. E. NELSON

WE take pleasure in reporting herewith a statement of Tithe and Mission offerings for the year 1935. In this connection we call attention to a few interesting facts connected therewith.

The total mission offering receipts for the year amounted to £21,826-11-10 which, when compared with the receipts of 1934, show an increase of £948-8-10. While the total funds indicate an increase yet the per capita for both the European and Coloured membership is the same for both years, viz., 1/7 p.w.p.m. for Europeans, and 7d p.w.p.m. for Coloured members. With regard to the native offerings the per capita is a little less for 1935 as compared with 1934 receipts. In 1935 the per capita was 10/26 of a penny and in 1934 it was 11/26 of a penny p.w.p.m.

The highest per capita offering from Europeans was made by the South East African Union, viz, 6/8 p.w.p.m. This is a good showing. The other unions also show good offerings from European members.

In comparing the tithe received in the Division in 1935 with that of 1934 we find an increase of £1,935-18-3. No doubt the increase in membership of 3476 is to a degree the cause of the increase. Also economic conditions in South Africa have changed for the better.

We are pleased to be able to report increases both in tithe and mission offerings, which indicate that we have turned the corner, and now face better times. Let us thank God and take courage. Let us also determine to be faithful in these days of blessing in performing our vows to God by returning to Him His own.

Appreciation

ELDER AND MRS. C. ROBINSON desire to express their thanks for the many acts of kindness and loving sympathy that came to them during their son's illness, and since his death. The letters and telegrams will be answered in due time.



"LAY the foundation of your Christian character upon the eternal Rock of salvation, and let the structure be firm and sound."

Staat van Tiendes en Sendingoffergawes 1935

A. E. NELSON

DIT is met genoëe dat ons 'n staat van Tiendes en Sendingoffergawes vir die jaar 1935 publiseer. In hierdie verband wil ons u aandag vestig op 'n paar interessante feite.

Die totale sendingoffergawes vir die jaar het £21,826-11-10 beloop wat, vergeleke met 1934, 'n vermeerdering van £948-8-10 toon. Hoewel die totale fondse 'n vermeerdering toon was die per capita bedrag vir die twee jare dieselfde, n.l., 1/7 per lid per week vir Europeane, en 7d p.l.p.w. vir Kaapse lede. Wat die per capita bedrag vir natuurle betref is dit minder as in 1934. In 1935 was dit vyf dertiendes van 'n pennie en in 1934 was dit elf ses-entwintigstes p.l.p.w.

Die hoogste per capita offergawe was 6/8 p.l.p.w. deur die Europese lede van die Suidoos-Afrikaanse Unie. Dit is baie goed. Die ander unies was ook taamlik goed wat die Europese lede betref.

Die totaal van tiendes oor die Divisie gedurende 1935, vergeleke met 1934, toon 'n vermeerdering van £1,935-18-3. Dit kan gedeeltelik toegeskryf word aan die aanwas in ledetal n.l., 3,476. En dan ook het ekonomiese toestande in Suid-Afrika verbeter.

Ons is bly om vermeerderings te sien in beide tiendes en sendingoffergawes, wat bewys lewer dat ons beter dae tegemoetgaan. Laat ons die Here dank en moed skep; maar laat ons ook besluit om getrou te wees in hierdie dae van voorspoed om aan die Here Sy deel uit te keer.

Thankfulness

SISTER H. M. DOUGLAS of Beaconsfield, desires to give thanks and praise unto God in that He hath heard the prayers offered on her behalf, and that He was with her in the hour of a major operation, from which, by His grace, she has now fully recovered.

A. BOEKHOUT.



"PRAYER is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold upon God's willingness.—*Phillips Brooks*.

Spesiale Kommissie Inspekteer Helderberg Kollege

J. F. WRIGHT, *Voorsitter van die Kollegeraad*

VIR geruime tyd al was dit gevoel dat dit wenslik sou wees om Helderberg Kollege te laat inspekteer deur 'n aantal bevoegde opvoedkundiges. So 'n inspeksie sou die gehalte van die werk by die kollege aan die lig bring en mens beter in staat stel om die werk van die kollege op te weeg. Derhalwe het die Divisie-komitee verlede jaar 'n kommissie benoem om die kollege te inspekteer. Die kommissie het op 7 Oktober met sy werk begin en het bestaan uit die volgende lede:

Milton Robison, *Opvoedkundige Sekretaris, Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie.*

E. M. Cadwallader, *Opvoedkundige Sekretaris, Samesie Unie Sendingveld.*

F. T. Milne, *Prinsipaal, Johannesburgse Handels-Hoërskool.*

Dit was gevoel dat hierdie manne, weens hul rype ondervinding, hulle goed van hul taak sou kwyt.

Dele van hul rapport was reeds op die Port Elizabeth Konferensie voorgelees, en dit was aan die hand gegee dat ons sekere dele van die rapport sou rigbaar maak in die OORLOOK.

Ek deel die volgende uit die rapport mee: „Dit doen u kommissie genoëe om hul rapport uit te bring oor die gehalte van werk op Helderberg.

„Ons aarsel nie om te sê dat die werk by die skool van 'n baie hoë gehalte is nie. Die skool is goed toegerus, en die staf doen deeglike werk. Die sillabusse in verband met die verskillende onderwerpe is van 'n hoë peil—om die waarheid te sê is die van sommige onderwerpe te swaar. Die gehalte van die werk van die studente is oor die algemeen bevredigend. Daar heers 'n gees van bedrywigheid by die skool. Die ordelike gedrag van die studente in en buite die skool het 'n goeie indruk op ons gemaak. . . .

„*Program*.—Die tydtafel is goed ingedeel, behalwe dat daar smiddae meer tyd beskikbaar behoort te wees vir handwerk en praktiese klasse. Die klasperiodes is so ingedeel om die minste vermoënis te veroorsaak. Die onreëlmatige programme van baie van die studente maak dit moeilik om die tydtafel beter in te deel.

„*Lengte van Skooljaar*.—Die skooljaar bestaan uit veertig weke, van 30 Januarie tot 4 November; dit bring die werklike skooldae op 188. Dit is tien dae minder as die van die hoërskole van die Unie, maar goed tien dae meer as die van die universiteite.

„*Biblioteek*.—Die biblioteek bevat sowat 3,300 boeke, wat mooi gerangskik is op rakke in die boekkamer. Die leeskamer is goed voorsien van lig en is 'n baie geskikte plek om in te studeer. Die huidige reëlings vir toesig oor die biblioteek is uitstekend. Gedurende die dag word daar deeglike toesig gehou; alles gaan ordelik toe en daar heers 'n atmosfeer van stilte en studie.

„Die boeke van die biblioteek is uitgekies om aan die behoeftes van die skool te voldoen; daar is 'n groot aantal geskiedenis en godsdienstige boeke. Ons gee aan die hand dat die boeke in die volgende vakke aangevul word: Algemene opvoeding, natuurwetenskap, en kinderboeke oor die natuur.

„Die biblioteek ontvang ook 'n verskeidenheid van goeie tydskrifte, waarby ook ons kerklike tydskrifte. Ons beveel aan dat daar ook ingeteken word op 'n Suid-Afrikaanse opvoedkundige tydskrif, byvoorbeeld die *Education News*, wat by Maskew Miller kan bestel word teen 7/6. En dan ook sal dit wenslik wees om op 'n tydskrif oor „toesig” in te teken—hieroor meer later.

„GEBOU EN TOERUSTING

„*Administrasiegebou*.—Die administrasiegebou voldoen aan die behoeftes van die skool. Daar is goeie swartborde en sitplekke; die verligting is goed. Die tikskrifkamer is te klein en het 'n swartbord nodig. Die Normaal-opleidingkamers is ongeskik; daar behoort 'n aparte gebou te wees. Laboratorium en uitrustig is goed, virale die apparaat vir die studie van elektrisiteit. Landkaart en ander kaart is goed. Die kommissie is van mening dat daar behoefte is aan 'n goeie duplikator. So 'n masjien sal tyd bespaar en ook baie help met die onderwysmetodes in sommige klasse. Ons beveel aan dat 'n „Multi-graph” aangeskaf word, wat ook kan gebruik word vir die drukwerk van die skool.

„*Nuwe Eetsaal*.—Dis 'n baie mooi gebou en ook doeltreffend. Kombuisuitrustig is goed. Daar kan beter fasiliteite wees vir skottelgoed was.

„*Nuwe Huishoud- en Naaldewerkkamers*.—Voorsien in 'n groot behoefte.

„GEESTELIKE BELANGE

„*More- en Aandgodsdien*.—Die oggendgodsdien word in die kapel gehou; die studente gaan voor in sang, gebed, en die lees van die Skrif. Daar is goeie leierskap en 'n goeie gees. Die aandgodsdien word in die verskillende koshuise gehou, onder leiding van die huismoeder en huisvader. Vrydae, Sabbatdae, en Sondae word daar gesamentlike godsdien gehou in die eet-saal. Sabbataande word die godsdien deur 'n sangdiens voorafgegaan.

„*Vrydagaanddiens*.—Tweeweekliks; gewoonlik gevolg deur 'n getuisediens. Dis 'n baie belangrike faktor in die skoollewe. Staffede of besoekers neem die leiding.

„*Strewersdiens*.—Tweeweekliks op Vrydagaande. Die program word opgestel deur die Strewersbeamptes en komitee met medewerking van die stafraadgewer.

„*Junior Strewersdiens*.—Daar word 'n Junior Strewersdiens elke week in die kerk-skool gehou. Die kinders neem leiding onder toesig van onderwysers.

„*Gebedskringe*.—Hieraan word vyftien minute daeliks bestee, voor die moregodsdien. Groepe onder leiding van studente kom saam vir gebed. Die leier gee 'n kort geestelike toespraak. Stafraadgewer hou toesig oor die algemeen.

„*Sabbatskool*.—Studente neem verantwoordelikheid as beamptes en onderwysers.

„*Onderwysersopleidingsklas en Diens*.—Word gereeld gehou op Sabbatmores.

„*Sabbatoggenddiens in Kapel*.—Staffid of besoekende leraar neem diens; af en toe ook een van die senior studente.

„*Kapeldienste*.—Word driemaal per week gehou. Daar word besielende toesprake gegee. Die prinsipaal neem die diens Maandae, en 'n staffid op Vrydae. Woensdae word die diens geneem deur een van die teologiese of Normaal studente.

„Die deeglike werk wat daar in die *Seminarklas* gedoen word het 'n indruk gemaak op die kommissie. Ons beskou dit as een van die belangrike faktors van die skool. Ons beveel aan dat die werk hier nie sal verswak word nie, en stel voor dat van die toesprake ook af en toe in die Bantoe tale vertolk word.

„Met al hierdie verskillende werksaamhede van die skool, wat elk 'n rol speel in die geestelike lewe van die studente, is dit duidelik dat die skool 'n baie goeie invloed ten goede moet hê in die opbouing van 'n Christelike karakter.

„*Die Doopklas*.—Hierdie jaar was daar veertien wat na die inspeksie gedoop is.

„OPVOEDKUNDIG

„*Studiekursusse en Sillabusse*.

„*Akademiesekursus*.—Hierdie kursus is nou gewysig om by die Matrieksillabus in te pas, maar al die Matriek onderwerpe word nie gedosseer nie, aangesien die Bybelonderwerpe behoue bly. Om die leemte aan te vul word daar twee somerkursusse gehou sodat die studente wat die Matriek eksamen wil skryf die addisionele onderwerpe kan neem.

„*Handelskursus*.—Hierdie kursus word in Standerds IX en X geneem in plaas van Standerds VII en VIII.

„Die sillabus vir die handelsvakke is bietjie swaar. Daar kan sommige dinge uitgeskakel word sonder om afbreek te doen aan die kursus soos gewoonlik in die Hoërskole geneem word.

„Die kommissie voel dat die handelskursus te swaar is omdat daar te veel letterkundige onderwerpe ingesluit word. Ons besef egter dat die huidige toestand van sake te wyte is aan 'n begeerte om die kursus op 'n hoër peil te hou met die oog op toelating tot die kollegeklasse.

„Die kommissie beveel sterk aan dat daar definitiewe voorsiening gemaak word vir 'n Boekhouillabus wat die metodes en vorms van Sewende-dag Adventiste kantore en inrigtings insluit.

„*Rekenkunde VII*.—Sillabus te swaar. Daar moet sommige dinge weggelaat word sodat daar tyd sal wees vir deeglikheid en hersiening.

„*Engels VIII*.—Beveel aan dat „Remedial Reading” by sillabus gevoeg word, wat hulp in studie-tegniek en studie-gewoontes sal insluit.

„*Kollege*.—Die kollege opleidingskursusse duur nou drie jaar voordat die studente kan graduateer. Ons glo dat dit 'n stap in die regte rigting is. Daar is ook voorsie-

ning gemaak vir genoeg klasse sodat 'n student nou die keuse van die volgende kursus het, n.l. 'n Teologiese, Normaal, of Literêre kursus. Hierdie indeling ruim die moeilikheid weg wat daar eers bestaan het in verband met die driejarige kursus. Die verskillende kursusse maak voldoende voorsiening vir 'n deeglike opleiding vir diens in die sendingveld, terwyl dit ook voorsiening maak vir 'n spesiale opleiding in die vakke wat die student verkies.

„TOETSE EN EKSAMENS

„Die volgende rapport in sake toetse word aangehaal uit 'n brief van Broeder F. T. Milne, Prinsipaal van die Johannesburgse Handels-Hoërskool:

„*Rekenkunde*.—(Volgens die grafiese voorstelling wat in die rapport voorkom, word die merke deur Helderberg studente behaal vergelyk met die van die studente op Johannesburg.) Die klein aantal studente in die verskillende klasse op Helderberg het 'n noukeurige vergelyking onmoontlik gemaak, maar nietemin is die syfers oor die algemeen leersaam.

„U sal in die eerste grafiek opmerk dat die werk van Standerds II tot VII bevredigend en bo die gewone peil is. Die feit dat rekenkunde nie in Standerd VIII gegee word nie is miskien verantwoordelik daarvoor dat daardie klas swak gevaar het. Dieselfde geld ook van die Meganiese Rekenkunde in grafiek 2. Wat betref die oplossing van probleme (grafiek 3) het die skool, behalwe Standerds VIII, goed afgesteek. Die grafiek van die grootste betekenis is die een waar die toets as 'n geheel aangetoon word (grafiek 4). In Standerds II tot VII het die skool 'n hoër peil bereik as die skole op die Witwatersrand, en die peil van die Rand se skole is net so hoog as die van enige ander provinsie van die Unie. Oor die algemeen kom ons tot die gevolgtrekking dat die peil op Helderberg hoër is as die van die Randse skole. (Die toetse wat aan Helderberg gestel was, was dieselfde as wat op die Rand aan sowat 6,000 leerlinge gestel was. Ek was persoonlik verbaas oor die resultate, veral die van Standerds V, VI, en VII, want dit is tamlik groot klasse.)

„*Tikskrif Toetse*.—Ek is ook in besit van die resultate van die Tikskrif toetse van Helderberg—Standerds IX en X, vergeleke met die van die Handels-Hoërskool. Dit was dieselfde toetse, onder dieselfde omstandighede gemaak en op dieselfde manier gemerk, ens. Die hoogste merke op Helderberg was 48 woorde per minuut; die van die Handels-Hoërskool was 25 woorde per minuut. Helderberg het gemiddeld 21.45 woorde per minuut bereik in Standerd IX, en 23.22 in Standerd X, vergeleke met 14.2 en 18 woorde van die Handels-Hoërskool. Verlede jaar het die Handels-Hoërskool van Johannesburg twee kandidate gehad in die eindwedstryd van die Junior Suid-Afrikaanse Tiksterswedstryd. Mens kan dus sê dat die peil van die Johannesburgse Handels-Hoërskool taamlik hoog is. Die gevolgtrekking waartoe ons kom is dat die peil van die Helderbergse

tikskrifklasse hoër is as die gemiddelde.

„Afrikaanse Toetse.—Die toetse wat in Afrikaans gestel was, was nie heeltemal so objektief nie. Die vraestelle was so ingerig dat die „opstel tipe” van vraag nie baie voorgekom het nie. Standerd VIII het gemiddeld 60% behaal, (gemerk op die basis van 60% om te slaag) terwyl Standerd X 62% behaal het — op dieselfde basis gemerk. Die vraestelle was van so 'n gehalte dat die Johannesburgse Handels-Hoërskool omtrent 40% sou behaal het — gebasseer op 40% om te slaag. Aangesien die Afrikaans van laasgenoemde skool op 'n hoë peil staan volgens die inspekteurs van die Unie Onderwysdepartement, voel ons dat die Afrikaans op Helderberg heeltemal bevredigend is, ten spyte van die feit dat die studente uit Rhodesië in die nadelige posisie verkeer van geen Afrikaans te ken as hulle na die skool kom nie.”

Behalwe wat ons reeds meegedeel het uit die rapport, wil ek daarop wys dat die kommissie ook sy sorgvuldige aandag geskenk het aan die volgende items:

1. Toesig oor die onderrig in die Junior Kollege (etlike bladsye van die rapport handel hieroor.)
2. Toesig en Beroepsstudie deur die prinsipaal en staflede.
3. Werksplanne en voorbereiding van lesse.
4. Die laste van elke lid van die fakulteit.
5. Toetse en eksamens.
6. Eerstehulp en Tuis-verpleging.
7. Ambagsvakke.
8. Industrië.
9. Verskillende fases van Normaal-opleiding.
10. Die kerkskool.
11. Verskillende oefeninge (drills).

Die rapport word afgesluit met 29 goeie aanbevelings vir oorweging van die Kollegeraad, Divisie-komitee, en die kollege staf, en hulle is almal gemik op die versterking van die werk in al die departemente van die skool.

Die rapport van die kommissie was baie op prys gestel beide deur die Kollegeraad en die staf. Maar afgesien daarvan is die rapport baie leersaam. Hoewel ons altyd gevoel het dat die skool op 'n hoë peil staan, het ons nie verwag dat die rapport so bemoedigend sou wees nie. Ons het alle rede om hoogmoedig te wees op, en geen rede om teleurgestel te wees in ons kollege op Helderberg nie.

Ons is bly om u mee te deel dat 'n inspeksie vir 1936 gereel is. Daar is nog 'n lid by die kommissie gevoeg en hierdie jaar is dit as volg:

Milton Robison, *Opvoedkundige Sekretaris, Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie.*

E. M. Cadwallader, *Opvoedkundige Sekretaris, Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie.*

F. T. Milne, *Prinsipaal, Johannesburgse Handels-Hoërskool.*

E. D. Hanson, *Prinsipaal, Spioenkop Sending Inrigting.*

Hierdie manne is terdeeg bevoegd vir die werk waarvoor hulle aangestel is, en ons kan verseker wees dat hulle op die fynste

besonderhede sal ingaan. Ongetwyfeld sal dit in 1936 nog meer die geval wees as in 1935, want nou weet hulle beter wat van hulle verlang word.

Waar ons die bostaande interessante feite uit die Inspeksie Rapport aan u meedeel, vertrou ons dat die informasie nuwe moed aan die ondersteuners van die kollege sal gee. Dit is alreeds die geval met die Kollegeraad. Hierdie rapport is nog meer bewys dat ons pogings om 'n sterk opvoedingsinrigting op Helderberg te vestig nie vergeefs was nie. Ons het 'n uitbreidende inrigting waarvoor ons ons nie hoef te skaam nie. Oor die afgelope agt jaar het daar oor die sewentig gegradueerdes sy poorte verlaat om hul plek te vul in 'n behoeftige wêreld. Dit is bemoedigend dat 85% van hierdie jongmense plek gekry het in die Meester se wingerd. Hulle doen vandag goeie werk.

Daarom sê ek nogmaals dat Helderberg Kollege 'n inrigting is van groot sedelike waarde. Dit is ons gebede en ondersteuning werd. Dit is deur God geplant om in 'n definitiewe behoefte te voorsien in hierdie dae wat ons bereik het. Dit het 'n heerlike toekoms. Dit het vandag 'n sterker staf as nog ooit tevore. Hierdie staf is toegewy aan die werk om die allerbeste te gee aan die jongmense wat aan hulle toevertrou is. Laat ons ons dus opnuut skaar rondom hierdie geseëde skool, en laat ons help om dit vir ons jongmense te maak wat die Here dit wil hê, beide in die redding van hul siele en om baie van hulle voor te berei vir die diens van Prins Emmanuel.



Ons Wil 'n Poging Hê

F. E. POTTER

HOE dikwels word die konferensie president nie oorlaai met versoeke van die kerke om 'n evangelis om 'n „poging” in hul dorp te kom hou.

Die gelowiges wil graag hê dat die boodskap wat vir hulle so dierbaar is ook in die terrein van hul kerk sal verkondig word. Hulle voer baie redes aan om hul versoek te steun. Een van die vernaamste redes is dat daar so lank laas 'n poging in hul dorp gehou was. Hulle stel soms voor om die poging geldelik te ondersteun, of dat al die lede hul sedelike steun sal gee.

Dit is alles goed en reg, maar daardie kerke besef nie dat hulle, en nie die konferensie staf, in die eerste plaas tot God verantwoordelik is om hul terrein te evangeliseer nie. Om te erken dat daar vir jare geen poging in hul terrein gehou is strek sekerlik nie tot eer van daardie kerk nie. Sulke nalatigheid kan nie vergoed word deur geldelike of sedelike steun aan te bied vir 'n poging deur 'n konferensie evangelis nie.

Hierdie toestand van sake, wat maar te dikwels in die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie aangestel word, is maar net 'n ander manier om te sê dat die werk van God deur die konferensie beamptes moet voltooi word.

Maar dit is regstreeks in stryd met die evangelieopdrag „Gaan die hele wêreld in” wat nie slegs aan die apostels gegee was nie, maar ook aan elke gelowige in Jesus Christus tot die einde.

En dit stryk ook nie met die geskiedenis van die vroeë Christelike kerk nie, wat bewys lewer dat dit grotendeels die kerklede was wat die evangelie versprei het en nie soseer die apostels nie.

Openbare evangeliese pogings is gewoonlik suksesvolle ondernemings, maar as dit toegelaat word dat dit die plek inneem van die evangeliewerk wat elke kerklid moet doen, dan verkeer die kerk van God in 'n haglike toestand. So 'n handelwyse is net die teenoorgestelde van die goddelike plan, en wat die groei van die kerk in getalle en op geestelike gebied betref, sal dit eendelig rampspoedige gevolge hê.

Die weergalose toestande wat vandag in alle lande van die wêreld heers behoort die volk van God onder 'n besef te bring van die plegtige feit dat hulle in die „laaste dae” lewe. In daardie dae sal daar „sware tye” wees — swaar vir wêreldling sowel as Christen. Die wêreldling sal swaar kry omdat hy nie die saligheid wil aanneem nie, en die Christen sal swaar kry omdat hy nalaat om die evangelie te verkondig aan sy medemens, en omdat hy hulle nie deur persoonlike pogings, onder leiding van Gods Gees, beweeg om dit aan te neem nie.

„Liefde tot die mens is die bewys op aarde van liefde tot God. . . . Wanneer ons die wêreld lief het soos Hy dit liefgehad het, dan is Sy sending, wat ons betref, volbreng. Ons is geklik vir die hemel, want ons het die hemel in ons harte.

„Red die wat na die dood gesleep word, en die wat na die slagbank wankel — hou hulle tog terug! As jy sê: Kyk ons het dit nie geweet nie! — sal Hy wat die harte toets, dit nie merk nie? En hy wat jou lewe behoed, sal Hy dit nie weet nie? Want Hy vergeld die mens na sy werk.’ In die groot oordeelsdag sal diegene wat nie vir Christus gewerk het nie, wat net oor hulleself gedink en vir hulleself gesorg het, deur die Regter van die ganse aarde met die goddelose gereken word. Hulle ontvang dieselfde loon.

„Aan elke siel is daar 'n pand toevertrou. Aan elke een sal die Groot Herder vra, „Waar is die kudde, wat aan jou toevertrou was — die mooi kudde?” En „Wat sal u sê as Hy u straf?” — „Desire of Ages,” bls. 641.

Laat ons kerke dan regdeur hierdie groot Unie reëlings tref om „pogings” van hul eie te hou. 'n „Poging” hoef nie juis die vorm te neem van 'n openbare poging soos die van 'n evangelis en sy staf nie. 'n Goeie „poging” om siele te red kan ook gemaak word deur middel van die leesstof-bediening. Die hele kerk kan saam daaraan deelneem, of die kerk kan spesiale lede aanstel.

Daar is verskillende metodes van evangelisasie deur leesstof soos uiteengesit in die Buurtsending pamflette wat onlangs aan al die kerke gestuur is. Een van die suksesvolste maniere is om *Signs* en *Tekens*

in die terrein van die kerk te versprei deur intekenaars te werf en deur maandeliks los nommers te verkoop.

Die feit kan nie weerspreek word nie dat die verspreiding van leesstof een van die beste „pogings” is. Oor die jare was dit die middel waardeur oor die vyftig persent van diegene wat die boodskap aangeneem het gewin is.

Begin u „poging” dus vandag, geagte gelowige. Deur geloof in die beloftes van God en deur volharding kan u ’n winner van siele word, en dit sal nie alleen die ledetal van u kerk aanvul nie, maar dit sal u persoonlik ook ryker sêninge besorg.



Gevra — Baanbrekers

J. HUDSON STOCKIL

VIR geruime tyd al is die sirkulasie van die *Tekens* onbevredigend. Die sirkulasie van die Afrikaanse tydskrif het tot nog toe nie die verwagtings geregverdig van diegene wat in die eerste instansie verantwoordelik was vir die publikasie daarvan nie. Toe die *Signs* en *Tekens* onlangs vergroot en verbeter was, was dit gehoop dat die sirkulasie van die *Tekens* aansienlik sou vermeerder. Tot dus ver is dit nog nie die geval nie. Aangesien dit nie van die uitgewers kan verwag word om ’n blad aan te hou uitgegaa waarvan die sirkulasie so te sê nietig is, is dit ons plig om alles in ons vermoë te doen om nie slegs die Engelse nie, maar ook die Afrikaanse tydskrif te ondersteun.

Die rede waarom daar so min *Tekens* verkoop word is ongetwyfeld toe te skrywe aan die feit dat daar so min is wat dit verkoop. ’n Artikel kan nooit op die mark gebring word as daar nie verkopers is nie. Dit is waar dat die meerderheid in ons groter dorpe liever Engels verkies; maar wat van die kleiner dorpie? Ek het onlangs geleentheid gehad om ons tydskrifte in party van die klein dorpie van die Kaapland en die Vrystaat te verkoop, en in sommige gevalle het ek drie *Tekens* teen een *Signs* verkoop. Die moeilikheid is dat ons probeer om die Afrikaanse blad in die Engelse sentra te verkoop.

Voordat ons kan hoop om ’n vermeerdering in die sirkulasie van die *Tekens* te sien, moet ons eers die Afrikaanse dele deeglik bewerk. Dit is waar dat die Afrikaanssprekende persoon, weens godsdiens-tige vooroordeel, soms moeiliker is om te nader, maar omdat dit moeiliker is om die waarheid aan een deel van die bevolking te bring is dit geen rede waarom die waarheid glad nie na hulle geneem moet word nie.

Is daar nie diegene wat van hul tyd wil bestee om die sirkulasie van die *Tekens* uit te brei nie? Daar is tog seker sommige wat voltydse tydskrifwerkers wil word. Daar is ongetwyfeld persone in die kleiner dorpie, wat sal onderneem om met die hulp van die Here ’n aantal van ons Afrikaanse sendingblaaie elke maand te versprei. As ons net baanbrekerswerk wil

doen sal ons Afrikaanse tydskrif beter dae beleef.

Die groot behoefte van die *Tekens* is aan manne en vroue met die baanbrekersgees. As daar diegene is wat voel dat hulle meer behoort te doen as wat hulle op die oomblik doen, dan hoop ek dat hulle nie sal wag om aan die „Circulation Manager, Signs of the Times and Herald of Health,” Posbus 6, Claremont, Kaap, te skryf om volle besonderhede nie.

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Omsendbrief aan die Lede van die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie

GEAGTE MEDE-GELOWIGES,

Die doel van hierdie omsendbrief is om u te verwittig van wat plaasevind het op die konferensie te Port Elizabeth, asook om u mee te deel dat u nou onder ons sorg kom en deel uitmaak van die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie.

Ek wil u hartlik verwelkom tot die nuwe organisasie, en hoewel dit ’n nuwe indeling is sal u merk dat dit ’n herstelling is van die grense van ons ou terrein.

Ons het maar net ’n paar werkers, en vir u inligting word hul staanplase hieronder aangedui:

Broeder Jno. Raubenheimer—hou ’n poging in een van die voorstede van Pretoria; *Suster Swanepoel* is hom behulpsaam.

Broeder A. W. Staples—hou ’n poging op Turfontein, Johannesburg; *Broeders Leslie Le Butt* en *Ernest Stevenson*, en *Susters Hilda McCullough* en *M. J. Dixie* is hom behulpsaam.

Broeder P. A. Venter—is op Pietersburg gevestig; *Broeder M. Coetzee* is hom behulpsaam.

Broeder J. J. B. Combrinck—is op Brakpan; *Suster R. van Rooyen* is hom behulpsaam.

Broeder A. J. Herholdt—is op Reitz; *Broeder D. A. de Beer* is hom behulpsaam.

Broeder P. J. van der Merwe—is op Kroonstad; *Suster Jeffrey* en *Broeder Aubyn Staples* is hom behulpsaam.

Broeder Duncan Eva—sal evangeliewerk begin onder d’e Indiërs in Natal.

Broeder Norman Cowley—is ons Veld-Sendingsekreteraris en het toesig oor die kolporteurs.

Op die oomblik het ons niemand om ons departementele werk te behartig nie, n.l. die Strewers, Sabbatskool, en Buurtsending Departemente, maar ons het ’n beroep uitgebring op *Broeder W. Cowper* wat op die oomblik in die Verenigde State

is vir verdere studie; ons weet hy sal die departemente op bekwame wyse behartig.

Ons het ook ’n beroep uitgebring op *Broeder Clifford Anderson*, ’n jong Australiese prediker wat op die oomblik in Londen werksaam is. Die plan is om hom in die wyk Durban-Maritzburg te plaas. *Suster H. Stow* sal hom behulpsaam wees as Bybelwerkster.

U sal besef dat ons min werkers het en dat ons ’n baie uitgestrekte terrein het om te bewerk. Waar ons trag om ons bes te doen moet u maar geduldig met ons wees geagte gelowiges. Ek hoop om u so spoedig moontlik te besoek. Gedenk aan ons in u gebede waar ons trag om die werk te behartig.

Ons is bewus van die groot behoefte aan ’n leraar om ons afgeleë lede te besoek. Ons weet wie ons vir hierdie werk kan kry, maar dit sal ten minste ’n ander £600 per jaar beteken om die onkoste te dek. Ek is egter seker, as almal hul tiendes getrou betaal, dat die moeilikheid sal opgelos word. Ek weet dat die meerderheid van ons lede hul tiendes en offergawes getrou betaal, maar hierdie brief mag iemand wat nie getrou is nie tot getrouheid aanspoor. Geagte medegelowiges ons het u hulp nodig in ons poging om die boodskap aan hierdie land te bring.

Ons kantoor sal so spoedig moontlik na Johannesburg verskuif word, maar dit sal nie voor die einde van Maart wees nie.

Waar ons groetnis aan u stuur vra ons om u voorbidding vir die uitbreiding van Gods werk in ons veld.

Met die beste heilwense, bly ek,

Getrou Die Uwe,

A. INGLE.



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Helderberg News Notes

SEVEN or eight of the teachers are enrolled in Afrikaans classes, doing their bit to make South Africa bilingual. We hope they persist until they use Afrikaans with facility.

THE bathroom in the basement of Salisbury house is being completely renovated and at the same time enlarged so as to make a modern bathroom for the young men.

THE latest student to enrol is Anna Alkema of Pretoria who arrived on February 20. A number of the student colporteurs have come in during the past few days as well.

THE election of student members of the College Council took place in chapel on Wednesday, February 19. Wesley Bastiaans, Brian Ellingworth, Muriel Hankins and Ferne Wilson were elected.

THREE weeks of school have now passed and much solid work has already been accomplished. An excellent spirit of industry prevails in the school, and each student seems bent on making this the best year in his experience.

At a recent meeting of the library committee plans were laid to add several hundred new books in the near future. The library is growing at the rate of about 500 volumes a year. Many gifts of books have been made by friends of the school. The idea is a splendid one.

THE finest crop of peaches for years is being thoroughly enjoyed by the school community. Grapes in abundance will be on in a few days. The school vineyards are just coming into bearing nicely. More than 1,000 quarts of choice Alberta peaches are ready for winter use.

MRS. MARX left on the 18th after spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Marais. Elder Bozarth spent a few hours at the school recently. Pastor Isaac of Solusi Mission spoke to the students in chapel a

few weeks ago. He is *en route* to the General Conference. Elder and Mrs. Mote spent Sabbath February 15 at the college. Elder Mote took the Sabbath service.

THE students enjoyed a very pleasant evening recently when Elder Wright showed several rolls of films which he has taken recently. These gave a vivid representation of native life and our far-flung mission work in Africa. The films shown are to be used at the General Conference in May. A variety of views of the college will also be included.

A FEW words from a graduate of the school expresses the real spirit of Helderberg and what it means to those who spend a few years here. "I want to thank you and the staff and all the students and all that I know for all that you have done for me. I can assure anyone who is at all doubtful, that next to one's own home and loved ones, Helderberg and the folk there mean more to one after one leaves than anything else in all the world. I am happy for the foundation which Helderberg has given me. I am happy for the interest and the wonderful friends made there, and truly I cannot thank God enough for all our school and Christian Education has done for me."

Such statements as the above cause us to realise anew the large place that our college is intended under the blessing of God to fill in the lives of our young people.

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