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What Does Christ Honour Most?

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WHAT would be your answer? Just think for a few moments before you attempt to reply. If we asked this question of a Bible class, no doubt we would receive a number of answers. Doubtless one would say, "Christ honours sincere consecration of life and heart in a very definite way." Another would reply, "He honours whole-hearted, unstinted service." Still we might hear from another, "He honours the soul-yearning supplication of His faithful child." So we might go on, giving various replies, all of which are good and direct. Truly Christ does honour all of these things. But again, permit me to press the question home,—*Just what does Christ honour most?* Let me now give what might be a reasonable answer. It is summed up in just one word. Let us spell it out in capital letters and we have,

S A C R I F I C E.

Just why does the writer suggest that word as the answer to the question? Listen! We are told in the Spirit of prophecy that "the plan of salvation was laid in sacrifice." The greatest thing Christ ever did for mankind, was to give His life in sacrifice. All that He made possible for us through His sufferings on the cross was due to a life sacrificed for us. Think as you may of all He did while here upon earth for poor lost souls, and you will come right back to the term SACRIFICE as the answer to the question.

Now sacrifice means something more than consecration, service, prayer, etc. We may render all of these to the Lord without much loss or suffering. However, when we come to sacrifice in the true sense, it means giving up something, and giving until it hurts. That is why it is so hard to sacrifice for Christ and His cause. There is, however, no one thing we can render to the Lord which will bring to us greater peace, joy, honour and reward than sacrifice.

Call to Sacrifice

Delay in Sacrifice Fatal

"The angel said, 'Destruction is coming like a mighty whirlwind.' I begged of the angel to pity and to save those who loved this world, who were attached to their possessions, and were not willing to cut loose from them, and sacrifice to speed the messengers on their way to feed the hungry sheep who were perishing for want of spiritual food.

"I saw that when the cause of God called for some of their property like the young man who came to Jesus (Matt. 19: 16-22), they went away sorrowful; and that soon the overflowing scourge would pass over and sweep their possessions all away, and then it would be too late to sacrifice earthly goods, and lay up a treasure in heaven."—*Early Writings,* p. 49.

Sacrifice Enriches Giver

"Three years he journeyed from place to place, a homeless wanderer. But selfish men will repine and murmur if called to leave their little earthly treasure for Christ's sake, or to labour in the work of saving souls for whom he gave his precious life. Oh, what ingratitude! No one can appreciate the blessings of redemption unless he feels that he can joyfully afford to make any and every sacrifice for the love of Christ. *Every sacrifice made for Christ enriches the giver,* and every suffering and privation endured for His dear sake increases the overcomer's final joy in heaven."—*Testimonies,* Vol. IV, p. 219.

To sacrifice for the cause of God, is something all of us can do, regardless of our talents, or vocation in life. True, we can labour, we can pray, we can have the spirit of devotion and loyalty; all of which are good. The Lord will honour these, but He will honour sacrifice more.

Once more we come to the Week of Sacrifice. The date as set by the Division committee for this purpose during the present year is April 18-25, 1936. Last year, as we review the records, we find that £825-6-8 was given during the Week of Sacrifice. £637-14-3 of this amount was contributed by our European members. As we compare the total receipts with those received during the previous year, we discover a gain of £172-1-9. This is splendid! What will the gain be for 1936? That is the question! Listen, "He gave His blood; He asks our silver."

That there should be a gain, there can be no question. The needs of our ever expanding work loom large before us. This will become more and more so as we near the end. God is calling anew for funds with which to press the battle forward to victory. So again we ask, What will be the response this year? We hope it will be larger than ever before in this Division.

It is planned that all of our workers give *one week's salary*. In addition to this, *our people are asked to give the equivalent of one week's income*. The writer plans to respond to this invitation. He heartily invites all others of our leaders and workers to take the lead in this matter. And as we do so, may the Lord give to our people anew the spirit of sacrifice. There are many things you may not be able to do in service for the Lord due to a lack of training or time or talent; *but one thing you can do is to sacrifice for the cause*. By so doing you will be greatly honoured of God.

The Demand of Our Age

A. FLOYD TARR

WE find ourselves on the eve of another Week of Sacrifice. This occasion has brought blessing to all who have taken part in past years. It has reminded us of the sacrifice that all true believers have made in every age and it has awakened an ardent desire on our part to enter into that same spirit and share in its blessings.

Sacrifice is not confined to religion; it never has been. Men have always been prepared to sacrifice for various ideals. They are willing to suffer that these ideals may be realised. But no ideal that they have ever had can compare with that for which the Christian is working: his goal transcends all other goals, and his willingness to sacrifice should be proportionately greater. Especially should this be so in the age of earth's history in which Seventh-day Adventists believe themselves to be living.

No other age ever demanded such zeal and fervour. One crisis upon another has arisen, bringing perplexity to leaders of the nations and causing grave problems for those responsible for advancing the kingdom of God. These crises have in recent years, and especially in recent months, come upon us with unparalleled rapidity and we cannot but feel that as each succeeding day passes a greater degree of fervency should possess the lives of our members. How could it be otherwise with those who "see that day approaching"? As we therefore face another Week of Sacrifice, we believe that a greater response will be accorded it than in any previous year. It is our prayer to God and our request of you that this may be so. We invite workers and lay-members alike to share in bringing this about. As you have given a week's income in the past, do it again this year and try to get others to join you. What a substantial sum will be available for hastening the coming of the Lord if every believer will at this time devote one week's income to the Week of Sacrifice Fund!

As Seventh-day Adventists, let us enter whole-heartedly into every objective that the denomination sets for itself and then expect confidently to share in the reward.



"If those to whom God's money has been entrusted will be faithful in bringing the means lent them to the Lord's treasury, His work will make rapid advancement."



No bank ever closes its business day until its balance is found to be absolutely correct. And no Christian should close a single day until its accounts with God for that day have been perfectly adjusted alone with Him.—R. A. Torrey.

Is There Room for Me?

H. M. SPARROW

So many times when Week of Sacrifice comes round we wish it would not come so often. Time slips by so easily, that one hardly realises that it is a year ago since we last gave of our means in this way.

It is possible that one cannot give a whole week's salary in one month, but we can give a part in one month and a part in the next. Our chief aim should be to make the "Sacrifice." If we gave of our plenty, it would not be a Week of Sacrifice. "Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." "Offer unto God thanksgiving and pay thy vows unto the most High." Ps. 50:5, 14.

We may say, well, it is easy enough for the man who draws a monthly wage to make such a donation, but how can I do it, I grow cotton, or oats, or I run a dairy or a factory of some kind. If you will sit down with pencil and paper, and figure out what you make in a year and then divide it by fifty-two you would be able to correctly arrive at the amount you should give. Possibly if you take an average of your last three years' income and then divide it, you would arrive at the correct amount. One thing sure, you would arrive at some figure, and some of you might be surprised what it amounts to.

If each worker and lay-member faithfully did this reckoning, there would be a large offering come into the treasury for advanced work, during this Week of Sacrifice. We trust that no worker or lay-member will shun the responsibility of co-operating in giving his week's income during this week.

A story is told of a woman in China who worshipped the goddess of fire. She had two little twin girls. The one was a healthy child, the other a very puny, sickly babe. The mother was to make a sacrifice that day to that great image which was to receive the infant sacrifices of many homes in his red-hot arms. The mother was met by a missionary, as she walked towards the temple. Seeing the two children in her arms and knowing she was going to offer the one as a sacrifice, the missionary said, "I suppose you will offer him the sickly child." The mother replied, "Sir, I must give my best to my master." Dear friends, we can do no less for our Master. He does not ask you to lay down your life just now, but He does ask for a little of your means.

The following quotation from the Spirit of prophecy should cause us to stop and think:

"If you are not willing to sacrifice that you may save means for the work that is to be done, there will be no room found for you in the kingdom of God."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 103.

May God add His blessing to the sacrifice that is made by His people, for "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."



Exchange!

WHEN Jesus was here upon earth He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." This statement was based on His own experience. He had left His beautiful heavenly home with all its glory and luxury, to live in a sin-cursed world—the only one and the smallest at that, in all the universe, that had fallen into the hands of the enemy.

He came to dwell amongst a people who, in their lost condition are compared to that terrible disease of leprosy. Just as the lepers in the days of Christ were restricted from society lest they should contaminate others, so this world and its inhabitants have been isolated from the rest of the universe. In spite of this Jesus was willing to leave heaven and dwell among men that He might heal us of our diseases and make it possible for us to associate with the rest of the universe.

Ever since sin came into this world heaven has been *giving* to us. First, God the Father, *gave* His only begotten Son. The Son *gave* His own life a ransom for all. While the Son has returned to heaven to plead our cases before the Father, yet God has *given* us His Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts and to help our infirmities.

In addition to all this our heavenly Father *gave* us all His holy angels, innumerable in number, to work in the interests of men. "Are they (the angels) not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Heb. 1:14.

We cannot begin to count all that God has *given* and is *still giving* to the human family day by day.

Genuine giving is sacrifice. When God gave His Son to this world He sacrificed His most valuable treasure. He gave all He had. So likewise when Jesus gave Himself for us He sacrificed heaven and all its riches. When we come to the place where we are willing to give as God gave it will mean sacrifice.

"The foundation of the plan of salvation was laid in *sacrifice*. Jesus left the royal courts, and became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich. All who share this salvation, purchased for them at such an infinite sacrifice by the Son of God, will follow the example of the True Pattern. . . . The life of Christ upon earth was unselfish; it was marked with humiliation and sacrifice. And shall men, partakers of the great salvation which Jesus came from heaven to bring them, refuse to follow their Lord, and to share in His self-denial and sacrifice?"—"Testimonies," Vol. III, p. 387.

Everything Worth Gaining Secured

"Eternal life is of infinite value, and will cost us all that we have. I was shown

that we do not place a proper estimate upon eternal things. Everything worth possessing, even in this world, must be secured by effort, and sometimes by most painful sacrifice. And this is merely to obtain a perishable treasure. Shall we be less willing to endure conflict and toil, and to make earnest efforts and great sacrifices, to obtain a treasure which is of infinite value, and a life which will measure with that of the Infinite? Can heaven cost us too much?"—*Testimonies*, Vol. III, p. 255.

Sacrifice means "to give up for the sake of something." Sometimes I fear we are inclined to look upon sacrifice as giving something for nothing. When our Saviour sacrificed all the glory that He had with the Father, He received in exchange "our griefs" and "our sorrows," for we read in Isa. 53:4, 5, "Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. . . . He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him: and with His stripes we are healed."

When we compare His sufferings with what He had in heaven, we can truly say that He received *nothing* for His sacrifice. I am glad, however, that in the near future, He will receive the reward of which we read, as follows:

"Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame." Heb. 12:2.

"When Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, . . . He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied." Isa. 53:10, 11.

From these texts of Scripture we gather that Christ's great reward will be souls saved in His kingdom.

Dear fellow believer, let us not look upon our gifts as "giving something for nothing" or as a sacrifice, because "We are never called upon to make a *real* sacrifice for God. Many things He asks us to yield to Him, but in doing this we are but giving up that which hinders us in the heavenward way. Even when called upon to surrender those things which in themselves are good, we may be sure that God is thus working out for us some higher good."—*Ministry of Healing*, pp. 473, 474.

While we may spend and be spent in the service of God, keep in mind that by so doing we are laying up treasure in heaven where beautiful mansions are being prepared for us. In fact the apostle Paul, quoting from the Prophet Isaiah, tells us that "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." 1 Cor. 2:9.

"Whatever Christ asks us to renounce, He offers in its stead something better."—*Education*, p. 296.

When we behold the One "Altogether lovely," "Duty becomes a delight and sacrifice a pleasure."—*Education*, p. 297.

May this be the experience of each one of us during the coming Week of Sacrifice.

D. A. W.

Constituency Meeting of the Zambesi Union

[The constituency meeting of the Zambesi Union was held in December, 1935, but we take the liberty of copying the following report from the Zambesi Union Missionary for February, in order that it may have a wider circulation.—D.A.W.]

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

J. I. ROBISON

THIS, the year 1935, marks the end of forty years of missionary endeavour within the territory of the Zambesi Union Mission. It is fitting at such a time to pause for a few minutes to look back over the years to see what God has wrought. With Moses we can say, "For the Lord their God hath blessed thee in all the works of their hand. He knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness, these forty years the Lord thy God hath been with thee, thou hast lacked nothing." Deut. 2:7.

Forty years ago on this very spot where we stand today, the faithful pioneers of the great army of Seventh-day Adventist missionary workers established the first outpost of the Advent Message to be founded anywhere in the world. Here on this sacred spot, through hardships and sacrifice, the Lord began a work for the heathen races of mankind, then lying in darkness and superstition, that has swept around the world bringing joy and peace to thousands in every land. From this humble beginning and as a result of the sacrifice and untiring labour of those who now sleep in the little cemetery, across the campus, the Lord has blessed the efforts of his faithful workers, not only in the Zambesi Union Mission, but throughout the world, until the little candle that was lighted here forty years ago has been multiplied a thousand times, and its rays have reached the end of the earth.

If Brethren Tripp and Mead and Dr. Carmichael, with the other pioneers who sleep, could but see what we see, they would surely praise the eternal God and realise that their sacrifice has not been in vain, and that soon, "He that shall come, will come, and will not tarry." Therefore to those who have been privileged to see this day, I would say, with Joshua, "Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9. The God of Israel is leading this people, "underneath are the everlasting arms," and although walls of difficulty sometimes stand in our way, and rivers of perplexity sometimes almost overwhelm us, still if we remember in the dark hour of perplexity how the Lord has led this movement on to such triumphs during the years, and that He has promised to be with us, "even unto the end," then we can be assured that "He will make our way prosperous," and that we too may "have good success."

Brethren, after forty years of labour, en-

compassing the mountain of sin and evil in this wilderness, is it not now time to turn our faces homeward and cross over Jordan with the souls He has given us as a result of our labour? Yes, it is high time and everything in the world is prepared for that last day, save the people who are to stand ready to meet our Saviour at His coming. As we look out upon the world with men's "hearts failing them for fear;" and as we see a spirit of intensity taking possession of men until no one dare predict what a day will bring forth; as we see the signs of our coming Lord multiplying on every side and hear of wars and rumours of war until the hope of the world peace has vanished from among men; then too, as we look upon the whitened harvest fields standing waiting for reapers, and hear thousands calling for help, and see other tens of thousands lying in darkness and superstition unready for that day; and when we know that the only message that can bring hope to these benighted souls, is the message we believe and love, then we can realise that the one thing that is delaying the coming of our Lord is the unfinished task—the unfulfilled prophecy that the everlasting gospel is to go to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.

We stand here today on the spot where forty years ago this people set their hand to the task of giving the advent message to every tribe and nation. Would it not be fitting for us here to rededicate ourselves to the task of finishing the work in the Zambesi Union Mission so nobly begun by the pioneers? It may be that the Lord who saw fit to choose our corner of the world field in which to begin the proclamation of the advent message to the heathen world will accept our whole-hearted consecration and loyal devotion and begin a movement here at Solusi, after forty years, that will swell into the loud cry of the third angel's message and bring this movement in Africa to its glorious triumph with the coming of our Lord to take us home.

And so, at this council, may we each humble our hearts before God, and draw near to our Saviour in self denial and sacrifice, dedicating our lives to the one aim of finishing the work of God in this field. Our resources are limited, our budgets are inadequate, our workers are few and from a human standpoint the task is impossible. But we have a mighty God, His resources are unlimited, He is all powerful; and when we, through humble dependence upon Him, are willing to consecrate our all to His service, He will accept that whole-hearted devotion and multiply our resources even as He multiplied the loaves and fishes by the lake; and will send forth labourers into His harvest that the ripened sheaves may be gathered in.

The work began in sacrifice, such sacrifice as we know nothing of in our day, and only as we unselfishly commit ourselves, our plans and our all to our Master in whole hearted devotion will the message

which was first proclaimed on these grounds forty years ago swell into the loud cry and warn the millions in the Zambesi Union Mission Field of a soon-coming Saviour.



None Compelled to Sacrifice

"THE suffering Jesus, His love so deep as to lead Him to give His life for man, was again held up before me; also the lives of those who professed to be His followers, who had this world's goods, but considered it so great a thing to help the cause of salvation. The angel said, 'Can such enter heaven?' Another angel answered, 'No, never, never, never. Those who are not interested in the cause of God on earth, can never sing the song of redeeming love above.'

"The mighty shaking has commenced and will go on, and all will be shaken out who are not willing to take a bold and unyielding stand for the truth, and to sacrifice for God and His cause. The angel said, 'Think ye that any will be compelled to sacrifice? No, no. It must be a free-will offering. It will take all to buy the field.'"—*Early Writings*, pp. 50, 51.

Example of Apostle Paul

"The apostle [Paul] would also give an example to his brethren, thus dignifying and honouring industry. When our ministers feel that they are suffering hardships and privations in the cause of Christ, let them in imagination visit the work-shop of the apostle Paul, bearing in mind that while this chosen man of God is fashioning the canvas, he is working for bread which he has justly earned by his labours as an apostle of Jesus Christ. At the call of duty, this great apostle would lay aside his business to meet the most violent opponents, and stop their proud boasting, and then he would resume his humble employment. His religious industry is a rebuke to the indolence of some of our ministers. When they have opportunity to labour to help sustain themselves, they should do so with gladness."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IV. p. 410.



An Open Letter From the Division President

*En route to the General Conf.,
March 3, 1936.*

MY DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN AND SISTERS:

As I sailed out to sea from Durban on Sunday afternoon at 5:00 P. M., March 1, I could not but have mingled feelings; feelings of gratitude that it was my precious privilege to represent the cause of Africa at the coming General Conference, as well as feelings of sadness in leaving behind my own loved ones, together with God's great family in Africa, whom I have

learned to love with all sincerity. Somehow there is a tie of love which binds our hearts together in this blessed faith and thus it gives us inward pain when we have to be separated for a season. So, my dear brethren and sisters, be assured that I am thinking of you and praying daily for you, as I sail away from African shores *en route* to that mighty General Conference convocation which is to convene so soon across the deep waters.

At the General Conference it will be my privilege to present your Christian love and sincerest greetings to all who may assemble for the session. It will be an occasion when I will be able to say on your behalf, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Yes, it will be a cheering report I shall be able to render to the delegates assembled from all lands.

When Elder Branson gave his report six years ago, we had a total church membership of 13,070, whereas at the close of 1935 we had 26,167. This gives us a net gain of 13,097, and means that we have once more doubled our membership between General Conference sessions. In fact we have a little more than doubled it by the figure of 27. This is splendid and affords us great cause for rejoicing.

Looking at the figures of the Bible classes for a moment, we find that whereas six years ago we had 12,976 people in preparation for baptism, we had at the close of 1935 a total of 28,162 souls in these classes. This gives us a gain of 15,186 in Bible class membership during that period. Thus today, counting both baptised and Bible class members, we have the grand total of 54,329 Sabbath keepers as compared with the total of 26,046 six years ago. A wonderful record, is it not? Surely the Advent family is rapidly increasing in dear old Africa. What do you say? These facts, together with many others that I shall be able to present, will bring real courage to the conference assembly.

Now, while I shall greatly appreciate the privilege of telling Africa's story of advance; yet my mind will often be with you. I shall think of you and pray for you. It may be this will be the last General Conference ever to be held. Who knows! However that may be, there is one thing we do know, and that is THE END IS VERY NEAR. Truly we are living in a troubled world and the end seems to be drawing on apace. There is no doubt but that before another General Conference might convene, grave changes will have taken place in the world. In any case, the end is near.

How and where do we stand personally in this grave, yet wonderful hour? Are our lamps trimmed and burning? Are we each yearning, praying, anxiously awaiting our Lord's returning? Is the world becoming less and less to us, and the cause of truth more and more dear to our hearts? Such should be the case, if it is not. Oh, how sad it will be when the Lord returns to find us as the foolish

virgins, asleep and with no oil in our lamps. May God help us to be among the wise and not the foolish.

In closing, permit me to assure you each of my deepest Christian love and ardent prayers, to the end that the Lord may keep you near to Him while we are thus separated by the mighty seas. I know you will remember me. Many letters and expressions of esteem and regard already received before I sailed give evidence that such is the case. I know too, you will pray for the Spirit of God to rest in a large measure upon the General Conference. We want only the will of the Lord done in every action taken. Let us unitedly pray then that this may be so. And while you pray for me and the conference, may I say that you will have a part in my devotions daily at the throne of grace. Thus I commit you to the "arms of His loving and tender embrace," until we meet again.

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever, Amen."

Faithfully yours in the blessed hope,
J. F. WRIGHT.



Praying and Listening

Prayer is not always coming to God for something we are wanting. It is just the uplifting of the heart to God, saying, "Lord, what wouldst Thou have me to do? Can I answer the prayer of one of Thy dear ones who is praying to Thee for something they are needing? Lord, I am Thine. Can I be of use to Thee?"

Who else can help to answer the prayers of His loved ones, who are tired, and perhaps only telling their heavenly Father all they need? It may be a bit of cheer and comfort! May be their trouble is depression and nerves, and no one understands. Can I comfort? It may be a garment, a letter, a smile, a call, a few flowers, or little love gifts. Can I do it, Lord? Oh, the joy of being able to help. God answers the prayers going up to Him every day!

A missionary was without food to give to six or eight missionaries who were passing through the station. What should she do? That morning in her time of prayer, she said, "Lord, undertake; I cast this care on Thee." Before ten o'clock there was a load brought in which had been laid aside at the coast and came that very day, with tinned stuff and enough to last just the time while they were there. Praise God! He answers prayer!

A little pair of knickers was made out of some material for a wee boy—his first pair—but no elastic or buttons. He said, "Mummy, shall we ask Jesus to send it? I do want to wear them so." In a little while came an enclosure of a yard of white elastic and a packet of needles. It may

seem nothing to us, where shops are all around, but it meant so much to them and the prayer was not too small for God to hear and send—but He used a dear girl to send it.

Just close your eyes, and ask Him now: Do I help to answer someone's prayer? I expect mine to be answered, and God is so good to ME! What can I do for Him?

Nehemiah prayed to God (Neh. 2:4), and God helped him to answer his own prayer. He had a purpose, to go on a long journey for God, and felt no time was like the present. He asked the king to help him, and the king granted his request, but it was in answer to prayer, for God did it. Nehemiah proved all through that when God calls us He will give us strength, money, and influence to do the work. There may be trials, testings, and difficulties, but if we hold on to God in prayer, we SHALL get through.

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber, and having shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall recompense thee." Matt. 6:6. R. V.

There are too few who have an "inner chamber," consequently no "open reward." This simple yet strongly imperative instruction from our Lord should be carefully heeded by every Christian.

Notice, "thine inner chamber"—shut in from the world, undisturbed, quiet. It belongs to each one of us, be it at home or abroad. A selected place, a sacred spot, because one can talk face to face with "thy Father." SHUT IN WITH GOD. What infinite and loving condescension on the part of God; what an exalted privilege given to His children!

"Thy door." Closed against all intruders. Entire separation from all distraction and disturbing environment. Just "thou" and "thy Father" ALONE. Dwelling in the secret place, listening to the secret things a loving Father has to tell His loving, inquiring, obedient child. How many hearts would cease aching, how many lives become "all sunshine" if the "inner chamber" was only resorted to daily!—*Australasian Record*, Dec. 16, 1935.



SPENDING money uselessly is sin. In this day when there are people suffering for the necessities of life, when there is an even greater spiritual need, we must be careful in the expenditure of every penny. "Money is a trust from God. It is not ours to expend for the gratification of pride or ambition. In the hands of God's children it is food for the hungry, and clothing for the naked. It is a defence to the oppressed, a means of health to the sick, a means of preaching the gospel to the poor. You could bring happiness to many hearts by using wisely the means that is now spent for show. Consider the life of Christ. Study His character, and be part-takers with Him in His self-denial."—*"Ministry of Healing,"* p. 287.

Thy Father Shall Recompense Thee

I heard a prayer!
It came from one I knew
Who loved Me much and at My bidding
flew
To do My will!
But she lay helpless, wanting little things
She could not do herself;
Her clothes were needing mending;
But she was weary, tired, and weak,
So she just told her Lord and left it.
I heard her prayer!

I heard her prayer!
I looked around for one I knew
Who yielded up her hands to Me!
Her skill was precious!
So I asked her this to do.
She just obeyed and did it straight away
That very day, and finished off the task,
And sent it to My child.
When she was getting well
She put it on at once, and went to tell
I always heard her prayer.

I heard a prayer!
It came from two dear saints
Bowed down with burdens in another State;
So much to bear! They needed help at
once,
Money to pay the rent; I heard them pray
And lay the burden down that day;
I told a dear one who was ill in bed
To write at once and send them £1-9-0.
She wrote a line and caught the post,
It just arrived an hour in time.
So all was well, they trusted Me;
I heard their prayer!

I answered prayer!
And look around for those who love Me
And tell Me they are willing
At ONCE to do my bidding!
And so I know to whom to go in need,
And answer with all speed;
They oft are busy and do not always heed,
So then aside I lay them for awhile,
Until they hear My voice
And give Me time to show them
IF THEY ARE STILL, THEY DO MY
WILL
And help Me answer prayer.

I heard a prayer!
"Lord, send me help, for I have much to
do."

I knew the one to send, and bade her work
for Me.

I gave her strength and wisdom for the task
To stay at home when needed, if not asked,
To pray without ceasing, as the need arose.
This was a service sweet as unto Me.
And helped Me answer prayer.

The prayer was answered!
And the care was gone,
Her heart was rested; she was full of song
And free to serve Me in the way I chose
And helped so many dear ones with their
loads.

I longed to have her free that I might be
A living power behind her;
Don't you see, SHE needed QUIET TIME
ALONE WITH ME?

And thus she got it—both were serving
ME;
And thus I answered prayer!

BESSIE PLAYER.

Education Dept.

M. P. Robison, Secretary

The Scope of True Education

G. E. SHANKEL

IN our first article we enquired into the meaning of Christian education. We shall next consider the scope of Christian education.

There is no phase of life that is not comprehended in a true education. Education is not simply knowledge imparted in some particular field. Rather it should prepare one adequately for a complete life. It is as inclusive as our message, for it is a preparation to live the truth; and to all true parents the making of a life is vastly more important than the making of a living.

"To bring man back into harmony with God, so to elevate and ennoble his moral nature that he may again reflect the image of the Creator, is the great purpose of all the education and discipline of life."—*"Counsels to Teachers and Parents,"* p. 49.

"True education means more than taking a certain course of study. It is broad. It includes the harmonious development of all the physical powers and the mental faculties. It teaches the love and fear of God, and is a preparation for the faithful discharge of life's duties."—*"Counsels to Teachers and Parents,"* p. 64.

Such a broad conception of education as expressed in these two quotations from the Spirit of prophecy envisages infinitely more than is attempted even by the best public schools. "In order to understand what is comprehended in the work of education, we need to consider both the nature of man, the purpose of God in creating him . . . and God's plan for still fulfilling His glorious purpose in the education of the human race."—*"Education,"* pp. 14, 15. Those who do not understand these things are therefore unfitted to educate our youth. They may lead them along the narrow path of intellectualism, but oblivious as they are to the deeper issues before us, they cannot be expected to bring into their work a fraction of the scope to be covered in the education of our youth. On the other hand the true teacher "presents an education that is as high as heaven and as broad as the universe, an education that secures to the successful student his passport from the preparatory school of earth to the higher grade, the school above."—*"Education,"* p. 19.

The above statement of general principle compasses a wide field. Briefly it includes a deep knowledge of the Word of God and a thorough understanding of the writings of the Spirit of prophecy. It calls for a

knowledge of practical things as agriculture, carpentry, etc., for young men and the science of home making, including dressmaking and cookery for young women. It teaches the science of salvation, the greatest of all sciences. It inculcates the basic elements of true character, places before our youth the finer ideals of Christian manhood and womanhood and prepares them to fill their place in the church and in society with dignity and pose. It trains them to serve humanity and to bring hope where hope is dead. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and in the world to come. Is not such a heritage worthy of the utmost sacrifice, and are our youth not worth it?

Cape Field

J. N. de Beer, Superintendent

Partial Results of the Retreat Effort

B. W. ABNEY

ON Sunday night, October 6, 1935, the writer, assisted by Brother P. Jackson, Gold Theunissen, and Miss Sutherland, began a series of meetings in Retreat. From the start the meetings were well attended with increased interest until the second week when every available space was taken up. There were two meetings per week held especially for children, on Sabbaths and Sundays at 5 P.M. At some of these meetings for the children, we had 130 present until opposition started. These children's meetings were in charge of Miss Sutherland.

We had some very strong opposition in Retreat. Some of it came in a way I had not experienced before. But in spite of it all, the Lord blessed the effort with souls. On February 16 twelve people were buried with their Lord in baptism in the Wynberg church, eleven of whom were from Retreat and one from Wynberg. There are several others deeply interested with whom we are still working. We now have a Sabbath school in Retreat of 21 members thus far, with prospects of growth.

Some of these people came out through strong opposition. One of them was offered half of her rent paid monthly if she would just reject the message and remain with her former church. She was sent a large bundle of clothing, much of which was practically new, in order to win her back to their church, but the clothing was refused and returned to those who sent it with the words: "I will not sell my soul for a bundle of clothing." An offer was also made her to purchase from the clinic, at any time, free of charge, anything she desired. All these offers were made to one party with threats of "hell and damnation" uttered against her by one of the three different "fathers" who visited her.

She was also visited by five different sisters trying to turn her away from the message, but thank God she had the courage to say "no" to it all. When they found that they could not win this sister from the message her work was taken from her. However, the following day the Lord gave her other work with the Sabbath off.

Some very hard things (which we will not mention here) were spoken against Seventh-day Adventists, but all to no avail. The husband of the sister about whom we have just written is an Indian. He will soon take a stand with his wife for the message. His plan is to go to Durban and give the message to all his relatives.

Two of the candidates were ministers in their former churches. Their wives have accepted the message with them and so these are two happy homes now.

Let us earnestly pray for these dear people that they may be faithful to the end and win many others to the message.

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News Note

FROM a letter recently received from Brother A. N. Ingle we quote the following: "I have just returned from a trip through a large section of our field and find our fellow-believers of good courage and eager for news of the progress of the message in other parts of our Union.

"We have five evangelistic efforts in progress in this conference at the present time, and are looking for a harvest of souls as a result."

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Wat Eer Christus die Meeste?

J. F. WRIGHT

WAT sou u op so 'n vraag antwoord? Dink maar vir 'n paar oomblikke voordat u 'n antwoord waag. As mens hierdie vraag aan 'n Bybelklas sou stel, sou daar ongetwyfeld verskillende antwoorde wees. Een sal miskien sê, „Christus eer die opregte toewyding van die lewe die meeste.” 'n Anderen sal miskien sê, „Hy eer opregte diens die meeste.” 'n Derde mag antwoord, „Hy eer die opregte gebed van Sy getroue kinders, die meeste.” En so sou daar verskillende goeie antwoorde op die vraag wees. Dis waar, Christus eer ook al hierdie dinge. Maar laat my weer vra, *presies wat eer Christus die meeste?* Laat ek nou 'n redelike antwoord op die vraag gee; dit kan in net een woord uitgedruk word. Laat ons dit met hoofletters skryf: OPOFFERING.

Waarom gee ek nou hierdie antwoord op die vraag? Die Gees van profesie leer ons: „die verlossingsplan is op opoffering gegroond.” Die grootste ding wat Christus ooit vir die mensdom gedoen het was om Sy lewe vir hulle op te offer. Alles wat Hy vir ons aan die kruis verwerf het, was moontlik gemaak deur die lewe wat Hy vir ons opgeoffer het. Hoe ons ook al dink omtrent wat Christus vir arme, verlore siele hier op aarde gedoen het, ons kan dit nie losmaak van die woord *opoffering* nie.

Opoffering beteken heelwat meer as toewyding, diens, gebed, ens. Ons kan al hierdie dinge doen sonder enige opoffering of lyding. Maar waar ons met opoffering te doen het, beteken dit om iets te gee, en te gee totdat ons dit voel. Daarom is dit so swaar om vir Christus en Sy saak op te offer. Daar is egter niks wat ons vir die Here kan doen wat groter vrede, vreugde, eer en beloning sal bring as *opoffering* nie.

Ons kan almal vir die saak van die Here opoffer, afgesien van ons talente of roeping in die lewe. Ons kan ook werk en bid en getrou wees—almal hierdie dinge is goed; die Here sal dit eer, maar Hy sal opoffering meer eer.

Andermaal staan ons weer voor 'n Week van Opoffering. Die week wat deur die Divisiekomitee daarvoor afgesonder is, is vanaf 18 tot 25 April 1936. Verlede jaar was daar £825-6-8 gegee, £637-14-3 waarvan deur ons Europese lede gegee was. Dit was 'n vermeerdering van £172-1-9 op die vorige jaar. Dit was regtig goed! Wat sal die wins vir 1936 wees? Onthou, „Hy het Sy bloed gegee; Hy vra u silwer.”

Dat daar 'n wins moet wees behoef geen betoog nie. Die behoeftes van ons uitbreidende werk word altyd groter, en dit sal al meer en meer die geval wees namate die einde nader. Die Here vra opnuut om middele sodat ons tot oorwinning kan voortgaan. Ons vra dus watter antwoord sal ons mense hierdie jaar gee? Ons hoop dat die bedrag groter sal wees as die van verlede jaar.

Die plan is dat alle werkers *een week se salaris sal gee*, en ons leke word gevra om elkeen *een week se inkomste te gee*. Ek myself sal hieraan voldoen, en ek versoek ons leiers en werkers om die voortou in hierdie opsig te neem, en waar hulle dit doen, mag die Here aan ons mense opnuut die gees van opoffering gee. Daar is miskien baie dinge waaraan u, weens gebrek aan opleiding of andersins, nie kan deelneem nie; *maar daar is een ding wat u wel kan doen, en dit is om op te offer vir die saak van die Here*. Deur dit te doen sal die Here u grootliks eer.



Week van Opoffering

A. FLOYD TARR

ONS staan weer op die vooraand van 'n ander Week van Opoffering. Hierdie okkasie het nog altyd seën gebring aan diegene wat in die verlede daaraan deelgeneem het. Dit herinner ons aan die opoffering wat alle ware gelowiges deur die eeue gemaak het, en dit het 'n begeerte by ons laat ontstaan om die saak in dieselfde gees aan te pak en ook in die seëninge te deel.

Opoffering is nie slegs tot die godsdienste beperk nie; dit was nooit. Die mens was altyd gereed om vir verskillende ideale opofferings te maak. Hulle is gewillig om te ly ten einde hierdie ideale te verwesenlik. Maar nie een van daardie ideale kan vergelyk word met die waarvoor die Christen werk nie: sy doelwit oortref alle ander mikpunte, en sy gewilligheid om op te offer behoort ook in proporsie groter te wees. Veral behoort dit die geval te wees in hierdie tydperk van die wêreld se geskiedenis waarin Sewende-dag Adventiste glo dat hulle nou lewe.

Geen ander tydperk het nog ooit sulke ywer vereis nie. Die een krisis volg op die ander; dit veroorsaak baie hoofbrekings aan die leiers van die volke en groot probleme vir diegene wat verantwoordelik is vir die uitbreiding van die koninkryk van God. Hierdie krisis van die afgelope jare en veral van die afgelope paar maande het mekaar so vinnig opgevolg dat ons voel dat ons groter ywer aan die dag moet lê namate die dae verbygaan. Hoe kan dit ook anders wees met diegene wat „die dag sien naderkom”? Waar ons dus weer 'n ander Week van Opoffering tegemoet gaan, glo ons dat dit nog groter byval sal vind as in enige vorige jaar. Dit is ons bede tot God en ons versoek aan u dat dit die geval mag wees. Ons versoek werkers sowel as lede om saam te werk in hierdie opsig. Waar u in die verlede 'n week se inkomste gegee het, doen dit weer hierdie jaar, en probeer andere oor te haal om dit ook te doen. Watter aansienlike som sal gevolglik beskikbaar wees om die koms van die Here te verhaas as elke gelowige 'n week se inkomste sal stort aan die Week van Opoffering Fonds!

Laat ons as Sewende-dag Adventiste met ons ganse hart streef om die doel-

witte wat die denominasie stel te bereik, en laat ons dan ook met alle vertroue hoop om te deel in die beloning.



'n Ruiling!

TOE Jesus hier op aarde was het Hy gesê, „Dit is saliger om te gee as om te ontvang.” Hierdie verklaring het uit Sy eie ondervinding gevloei. Hy het Sy heerlike woning in die hemel verlaat om op hierdie deur sonde vervloekte aarde te kom woon—die enigste wêreld, en die kleinste in die ganse heelal, wat in die hande van die vyand geval het.

Hy het kom woon onder 'n volk wat in hul verlore toestand vergelyk word met die vreeslike kwaal van melaatsheid. Net soos die melaatse in die dae van Christus uitgesluit was uit die samelewing sodat hulle nie andere mag aansteek nie, so ook was hierdie wêreld en sy bewoners afgesonder van die heelal. Maar ten spyte hiervan was Jesus gewillig om die hemel te verlaat en onder die mense te kom woon ten einde hul kwale te genees en dit weer moontlik te maak vir ons om met die andere in die heelal gemeenskap te hê.

Van die tyd af dat sonde in die wêreld gekom het is die hemel besig om aan ons te gee. Eers het God die Vader Sy eniggebore Seun gegee. Toe het die Seun weer Sy lewe gegee as losprys van die sonde. Hoewel die Seun na die hemel teruggegaan het om ons sake waar te neem, het God nogtans Sy Heilige Gees gegee om in die harte van die mense te woon om ons swakhede te hulp te kom.

En benewens dit alles het ons hemelse Vader die ontelbare engele gegee om in belang van die mens te werk. „Is hulle nie almal dienende geeste wat vir diens uitgestuur word terwille van die wat die saligheid sal beërwe nie?” Heb. 1:14.

Ons kan nie alles opnoem wat God gegee het, en nog daeliks gee aan die menslike geslag nie.

Gee beteken opoffering. Toe God Sy Seun aan hierdie wêreld gegee het, het Hy Sy kostelikste gawe gegee. Hy het alles gegee wat Hy gehad het. Toe Jesus Homself vir ons gegee het, het Hy die hemel en al die rykdom daarvan opgegee. Wanneer ons tot die plek kom waar ons gewillig is om te gee soos God gegee het, sal dit ware opoffering beteken.

„Die fondament van die verlossingsplan was in *opoffering* gelê. Jesus het die koninklike paleis verlaat en arm geword, dat ons deur Sy armoede kon ryk gemaak word. Almal wat deel het in hierdie verlossing wat teen sulke oneindige opoffering deur die Seun van God vir hulle verwerf is, sal die goddelike voorbeeld volg. . . Die lewe van Christus op aarde was onbaatsugtig; dit was gekenmerk deur vernedering en opoffering. En sal mense wat deel het aan die groot verlossing wat Jesus vir hulle verwerf het, weier om hul Here te volg en te deel in Sy selfverloëning en opoffering?”—„*Testimonies*,” Deel. III, bls. 387.

„Die ewige lewe is van oneindige waarde en sal alles kos wat ons besit. Aan my was getoon dat ons nie genoeg waarde heg aan ewige dinge nie. Alles wat die moeite werd is om te hê, selfs in hierdie wêreld kos inspanning, en soms dure opoffering. En dit slegs om 'n skat te verkry wat sal vergaan. Sal ons minder gewillig wees om te stry en te werk, om ernstige pogings aan te wind en groot opofferings te maak om 'n Skat te verwerf van oneindige waarde, en 'n lewe wat sal gelykstaan met die ewige? Kan die hemel vir ons te veel kos?"—„*Testimonies*," Deel III, bls. 255.

Opoffering beteken om „op te offer vir iets." Ek is bevrees dat ons soms geneig is om opoffering te beskou as *iets gee vir niks*. Toe ons Heiland die heerlikheid wat Hy by die Vader gehad het opgeoffer het, het Hy in plek daarvan „ons krankhede en ons smarte" ontvang, want ons lees in Jes. 53:4, 5: „Nogtans het Hy ons krankhede op Hom geneem, en ons smarte. . . Hy is terwille van ons oortredinge deurboor, terwille van ons onge-regtigheide is Hy verbrysel; die straf wat vir ons die vrede aanbring, was op Hom, en deur Sy wonde het daar vir ons genesing gekom."

As ons Sy lyding vergelyk met wat Hy in die hemel gehad het, dan kan ons waarlik sê dat Hy *niks ontvang* het vir al Sy opoffering nie. Ek is egter bly dat Hy in die nabye toekoms Sy loon sal ontvang waarvan ons as volg lees: „Wat vir die vreugde wat Hom voorgehou is, die kruis verdra het, die skande verag het." Heb. 12:2. „As Sy siel 'n skuldoffer aangebied het, sal Hy sy nakroos sien. . . . Weens die moeitevolle arbeid van Sy siel sal Hy dit sien en versadig word." Jes. 53:10, 11.

Geagte mede-gelowige waar ons gehoor gee aan die oproepe in hierdie uitgawe van die *Outlook* in verband met die Week van Opoffering, laat ons nie daaraan dink as „iets gee vir niks" nie, of as 'n opoffering nie want, „Ons word nooit versoek om 'n ware opoffering vir die Here te maak nie. Hy vra dat ons baie dinge aan Hom sal oorgee, maar daardeur gee ons maar net dinge op wat ons hinder op ons reis na die hemel. Al word ons ook versoek om dinge op te gee wat op sigself heeltemal goed is, dan kan ons verseker wees dat dit vir ons eie beswil is."—„*Ministry of Healing*," bls. 473, 474.

Hoewel ons ons middele en onself gee vir die diens van God moet ons altyd onthou dat ons vir onself skatte in die hemel weg lê waar daar vir ons pragtige wonings berei word. Waar die Apostel Paulus uit die profeet Jesaja aanhaal sê hy: „Wat die oog nie gesien en die oor nie gehoor en in die hart van 'n mens nie opgekome het nie, wat God berei vir die wat Hom liefhet." 1 Kor. 2:9.

„Christus bied altyd iets beter aan in die plek van die dinge wat Hy ons vra om op te gee."—„*Education*," bls. 296.

„Wanneer ons die een sien wat „geheel-en-al lieflik" is, dan word ons pligte 'n plesier en opoffering 'n vreugde."—„*Education*," bls. 297.

Mag dit die ondervinding van almal wees gedurende die aanstaande Week van Opoffering.

D. A. W.



Is Daar ook Plek vir My?

H. M. SPARROW

So baie maal as dit tyd is vir die Week van Opoffering wens ons dat dit nie so dikwels sal kom nie. Die tyd gaan so vinnig verby dat mens byna nie kan beseef dat daar 'n jaar verbygegaan het vandat ons laas gegee het nie.

Dit is moontlik dat ons miskien nie 'n hele week se salaris in een maand kan gee nie, maar ons kan dit oor twee maande versprei. Ons hoofdoel behoort te wees om die „opoffering" te maak. As ons uit ons oorvloed gee dan sal dit nie „opoffering" wees nie. „Versamel My gunsenote vir My, hulle wat My verbond by die offer maak." „Offer dank aan God, en betaal jou geloftes aan die Allerhoogste." Ps. 50:5, 15.

Ons mag sê, Wel, dis maklik genoeg vir die man wat 'n salaris trek om dit te doen, maar hoe kan ek? Ek kweek katoen, of hawer, of ek het 'n melkery, of die een of ander fabriek. As u die bedrag sal neem wat u in 'n jaar verdien en dit met twee-en-vyftig deel, sal u presies weet hoeveel om te gee. Moontlik sal dit nodig wees om u gemiddelde inkomste oor die afgelope drie jaar te neem om die regte bedrag uit te werk. Een ding is seker, dit sal op 'n sekere bedrag uitwerk, en sommige van u sal verbaas staan oor die bedrag.

As elke werker en leek getrou is sal daar gedurende hierdie Week van Opoffering 'n groot som in die skatkis gestort word.

Ons hoop dat geen werker of leek sy plig sal versuim en nalaat om een week se salaris te gee nie.

Daar is 'n verhaal van 'n vrou in China wat 'n aanhanger van die godin van vuur was. Sy het tweeling dogtertjies gehad; die een was fris en gesond, en die ander een was tengerig en sieklik. Op 'n sekere dag moes die moeder 'n offer bring aan die godin wat rooi-warm gemaak was. Op weg na die tempel het die vrou 'n sendeling ontmoet. Toe hy haar met die twee kinders sien, en wetende dat sy een sou offer, het die sendeling gesê, „Jy sal seker die siek kind offer." Daarop het die moeder geantwoord, „Mnr. ek moet my beste aan my godin gee." Liewe vriende, sal ons minder vir ons Here oor hê? Hy vra op die oomblik nie om u lewe nie, maar Hy vra om 'n deel van u middele.

Die volgende aanhaling uit die Gees van profesie gee ons stof om oor na te dink:

„As u nie gewillig is om op te offer sodat daar middele kan wees vir die werk wat moet gedoen word nie, sal daar vir u geen plek in die koninkryk van God wees nie."—*Deel IX*, bls. 103.

Mag die Here die offergawes van Sy volk sien, want „waar u skat is, daar sal ook u hart wees."

Niemand Word Gedwing om Opofferings te Maak nie

„Die lyding van Jesus en Sy oneindige liefde wat Hom beweeg om Sy lewe vir die mens te gee, was weer aan my voorgehou; asook die lewens van diegene wat bemiddel is en wat voorgee om navolgers van Hom te wees, maar wat dit as 'n te groot opoffering beskou om in belang van die saligheid hulp te verleen. Die engel het gesê, „Kan sulkes hemel-toe gaan? 'n Ander engel het geantwoord, „Nee, nimmer, nimmer. Diegene wat geen belang stel in die saak van God op aarde kan nooit die lied van verlossende liefde daarbo sing nie." Die magtige skudding het begin en sal aanhou, en almal sal uitgeskud word wat nie gewillig is om manmoedig en onwrikbaar vir die waarheid te staan nie, en op te offer vir God en Sy saak nie. Die engel het gesê, „Dink jy dat enigeen gedwing sal word om opofferings te maak? Nee, nee. Die offergawe moet vrywillig geskied. Dit sal alles neem om die saailand te hoop."—„*Early Writings*," blss. 50, 51.

Die Voorbeeld van die Apostel Paulus

„Die Apostel Paulus gee ook 'n voorbeeld aan sy broeders wat arbeid veredel en die waardigheid daarvan verhoog. As ons ontbering moet verduur in die saak van Christus, laat ons dan in die gees 'n besoek bring aan die werkwinkel van die Apostel Paulus, en laat ons onthou dat terwyl hierdie uitgelese man van God met sy seildoek besig was, hy vir brood gewerk het wat hy eerlik verdien het as 'n apostel van Jesus Christus. Wanneer plig dit vereis het, het hierdie groot apostel sy werk opsy gesit om die kwaaieste teenstanders te ontmoet, en hul grootpraterij te stop om dan weer sy nederige werk te hervat. Sy bedrywigheid op godsdienstige gebied is 'n bestraffing vir die traagheid van sommige van ons predikante. Wanneer hulle die kans het om vir hul eie onderhoud te werk moet hulle dit met blymoedigheid doen."—„*Testimonies*," Deel IV, bls. 410.

Dis Gevaarlik om Opoffering uit te Stel

„Die engel het gesê, „Die verwoesting kom soos 'n magtige rukwind." Ek het die engel gesmeek om diegene wat hierdie wêreld liefhet genadig te wees—diegene wat geheg is aan hul besittings en wat nie gewillig is om dit op te gee en op te offer om die boodskappers met alle spoed te stuur om die hongerige skape te voed wat beswyk weens gebrek aan geestelike voedsel.

„Toe daar namens die saak van God 'n beroep op hulle gemaak was vir 'n deel van hul besittings, het ek gesien dat hulle, soos die jongman wat na Christus gekom het (Matt. 19:16-22), bedroef weggegaan het; dat die vloek eerlank al hul goed sou wegvaag, en dat dit dan te laat sou wees om opofferings te maak en skatte in die hemel weg te lê."—„*Early Writings*," bls. 49.

Opoffering Verryk die Gewer

Drie jaar lank het Hy van plek tot plek gereis, 'n swerwer sonder tuiste. Maar selfsugtige manne sal treur en murmureer as hulle hul aardse besittings vir Christus sou moet opgee, of moet gaan arbei vir die redding van siele vir wie Hy Sy dierbare lewe gegee het. O, watter ondankbaarheid! Niemand kan die seëninge van verlossing reg waardeer tensy hy gewillig is om blymoedig alles op te offer vir die liefde van Christus. Elke opoffering wat vir Christus gemaak word verryk die gewer, en elke ontbering wat om Sy ontwil verduur word sal die oorwinnaar se uiteindelijke vreugde in die hemel vermeerder."—*„Testimonies,” Deel IV, bls. 219.*



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VERSLAG VAN DIE SEKRETARIS

J. I. ROBISON

Die jaar 1935 is die veertigste jaar wat ons in die Sambesi Unie sendingwerk verrig. Dit is goed om op hierdie tydstrip vir 'n oomblikke stil te staan en terug te kyk op wat God gedoen het. Met Moses kan ons sê, „Die Here jou God het jou geseën in al die werk van jou hand; Hy ken jou trek deur hierdie groot woestyn; nou veertig jaar lank was die Here jou God met jou; geen ding het jou ontbreek nie.” Deut. 2: 7.

Veertig jaar gelede het die baanbrekers van die groot leër van Sewende-dag Adventiste sendelinge op hierdie selfde plek die eerste buitepos van die Adventiste boodskap in die hele wêreld gestig. Hier op hierdie heilige plek het die Here, deur opoffering en ontbering, werk begin onder die heidene wat destyds in die bande van duisternis en bygeloof was—'n werk wat oor die ganse wêreld versprei het en vreugde en vrede gebring het aan duisende in alle lande. As gevolg van hierdie klein begin, en deur die opoffering en swaar werk van diegene wat nou in die kerkhoffie daar anderkant slaap, het die Here die pogings van Sy getroue werkers geseën, nie alleen in die Sambesi Unie nie, maar oor die ganse wêreld, totdat die ligte wat veertig jaar gelede hier aange-steek is so sterk geword het dat dit oor die hele aarde skyn.

As Broeders Tripp en Mead en Dr. Carmichael, en die ander afgestorwe broeders kon sien wat ons sien, sou hulle gewis die ewige God loof en besef dat hul opoffering nie te vergeefs was nie, en dat „Hy wat kom, gou sal kom en nie versuim nie.” Aan diegene dus wat hierdie dag beleef sê ek met Josua, „Wees sterk en vol moed, wees nie bevrees of verskrik nie; want die Here jou God is met jou, orals waar jy geen gaan.” Josua 1: 9. Die God van

Israel lei hierdie volk, en al word ons soms omring deur mure van moeilikheid en al skyn dit of die riviere van benoudheid ons partykeer wil oorweldig, moet ons nogtans onthou dat die Here belowe het om met ons te wees tot die einde toe, en ons kan verseker wees dat ons „weë voorspoedig sal wees, en dat ons met goeie gevolg sal handel.”

Broeders, is dit nie nou tyd, na veertig jaar se werksaamhede, om ons aangesigte huiswaarts te keer en die Jordaan deur te gaan met die siele wat Hy ons gegee het as loon op ons arbeid nie? Ja, dit is hoog tyd en alles in die wêreld is klaar vir die laaste dag, behalwe die volk wat moet gereed wees om die Heiland te ontmoet as Hy kom. As ons so oor die wêreld kyk waar mense se harte beswyk van vrees, en as ons die spanning sien wat daar heers sodat niemand kan sê wat more sal gebeur nie; as ons die tekens van die koms van die Here sien vermenigvuldig en hoor van oorloë en gerugte van oorloë totdat daar geen hoop meer op vrede is nie; as ons die ryp oeslande sien wat wag op arbeiders; die duisende hoor roep om hulp en die tien duisende sien wat nog in duisternis en bygeloof verkeer, onvoorberei; en waar ons weet dat die enigste boodskap wat hoop aan hierdie siele kan bring die boodskap is wat ons liefhet, dan besef ons dat die enigste ding wat nog die koms van Jesus verhinder die onvervulde profesie is dat die evangelie aan elke nasie en geslag en tong en volk moet verkondig word.

Ons staan vandag op die plek waar hierdie volk veertig jaar gelede die werk begin het om die Adventboodskap aan alle volke te verkondig. Sal dit nie paslik wees om onself opnuut toe te wy aan die taak om die werk wat die baanbrekers in die Sambesi Unie op so 'n edele manier begin het te voltooi nie? Dit mag wees dat die Here wat dit goedge-dink het om ons hoekie van die wêreldveld uit te kies om die verkondiging van die boodskap aan die heidene te begin, ons toewyding sal aanneem en 'n werk hier op Solusi aan die gang sal sit wat sal uitbrei tot die luide geroep van die derde engel se boodskap wat die beweging hier in Afrika sal afsluit met die koms van die Here om ons huis-toe te neem.

Mag ons ons dus by hierdie byeenkoms voor God verootmoedig; mag ons deur selfverloëning en diens nader aan Hom kom en ons lewens toewy aan die een taak n.l. om die werk van God in hierdie veld te voltooi. Ons middele en werkrigte is beperk, en uit 'n menslike oogpunt skyn die taak onmoontlik. Maar ons het 'n magtige God met onbeperkte middele en alle krag; en wanneer ons, afhanklik van Hom, gewillig is om ons geheel aan Hom toe te wy, sal Hy ons aanneem, ons middele vermenigvuldig soos Hy die brode en visse vermenigvuldig het, en arbeiders uitstuur sodat die gerwe ingesamel kan word.

Die werk het met opoffering begin—opoffering soos ons dit nie vandag ken nie, en alleen namate ons ons planne, onself

en ons alles op 'n onbaatsugtige wyse oorgee aan ons Meester vir toegewyde diens, sal die boodskap, wat ons eerste hier veertig jaar gelede verkondig het, uitbrei tot die luide geroep wat miljoene in die Sambesi Unie sal waarsku van die spoedige koms van die Heiland.



'n Brief van die Divisie President

GELIEFDE BROEDERS EN SUSTERS,

Dit is met gemengde gevoelens dat ek op 1 Maart van Durban vertrek het; gevoelens van blydschap oor die voorreg om Afrika te verteenwoordig op die aanstaande wêreldkonferensie, en gevoelens van droefheid omdat ek my dierbares moes agterlaat, saam met die groot huisgesin van God in Afrika, wat ek in alle opregtheid leer liefryk het. Daar is bande wat ons harte saambind in hierdie salige geloof, en dit maak dus seer as ons vir 'n tyd van mekaar moet skei. Wees dus verseker geagte broeders en susters, dat ek aan julle dink en elke dag vir julle bid terwyl ek op weg is van Afrika na die wêreldkonferensie in die Verenigde State.

Op die konferensie sal ek die voorreg hê om u groete oor te bring aan die afgevaardigdes. Dit sal 'n geleentheid wees wanneer ek namens u kan sê, „Die Here het groot dinge vir ons gedoen, waaroor ons bly is.” Ja, ek sal 'n bemoedigende rapport kan voorlê aan die afgevaardigdes uit alle lande.

Toe Leraar Branson ses jaar gelede sy rapport ingedien het, het ons 13,070 lede gehad, en nou, aan die einde van 1935 het ons 26,167. Dit beteken 'n wins van 13,097, en dat ons ons ledetal sedert die laaste wêreldkonferensie meer as verdubbel het. Dit is uitstekend en gee ons stof tot grote blydschap.

Wat die syfers vir die Bybelklasse betref vind ons dat waar ons ses jaar gelede 12,976 siele gehad het wat vir die doop voorberei het, het ons aan die einde van 1935, 28,162 siele in hierdie klasse. Dit toon 'n aanwinst van 15,186 Bybelklaslede oor daardie tydperk. As ons gedoopte lede sowel as Bybelklaslede saamreken dan het ons 'n totaal van 54,329 Sabbathouers vergeleke met 26,046 sese jaar gelede. Dit is 'n wonderbaarlike rekord nie waar nie? Die Adventgesin groei gewis baie vinnig aan in Afrika. Hierdie feite, en nog ander wat ek sal voorlê sal die konferensielede baie bemoedig.

Hoewel dit my groot vreugde sal gee om van die vooruitgang in Afrika te vertel, sal ek nogtans in die gees met u wees. Ek sal aan u dink en vir u bid. Dit mag wees dat dit die laaste wêreldkonferensie sal wees, wie weet? Hoe dit ook al sy, een ding weet ons, n.l., dat die einde baie naby is. Ons lewe voorwaar in 'n benoude wêreld en die einde is vinnig aan kom. Ons twyfel gladnie daaraan nie dat daar verreikende veranderinge sal plaasvind in die wêreld voordat daar weer 'n wêreldkonferensie gehou word.

Hoe, en waar staan ons in hierdie betekenisvolle uur? Is ons lampe gereed en brandende? Is ons verlangende, biddende en wagtende vir die koms van die Here? Dink ons minder en minder van die wêreld, en word die waarheid al dierbaarder vir ons? Dit behoort die geval te wees. O, hoe treurig sal dit nie wees nie as die Here wanneer Hy kom ons soos die dwase meisies slapende sal vind sonder olie in ons lampe. Mag die Here ons help om onder die verstandige meisies te wees.

Laat my ten slotte toe om u te verseker van my liefde, en gebede dat die Here u naby Hom mag hou terwyl ons geskei is deur die magtige oseaan. Ek weet u sal ook aan my dink. Die baie briewe van aanmoediging wat ek reeds ontvang het lewer bewys dat dit die geval is. Ek weet ook dat u sal bid dat die Gees van God ryklik op die Konferensie mag uitgestort word. In alle besluite wat ons neem wil ons net die wil van die Here doen. Laat ons dan saam bid dat dit die geval mag wees. Terwyl u vir my en die Konferensie bid, mag ek sê dat ek u ook daeliks sal gedenk voor die genade troon. Ek vertrou u dus aan Sy sorg toe totdat ons weer ontmoet.

„Aan Hom nou wat magtig is om julle vir struikeling te bewaar en julle sonder gebrek voor Sy heerlikheid te stel met gejuig, aan die alleen wyse God, onse Verlosser, kom toe heerlikheid en majesteit, krag en mag, nou en tot in alle ewigheid. Amen.”

Getrou die Uwe in die salige hoop,
J. F. WRIGHT.



Bid en Luister

GEBED beteken nie om gedurig na God te gaan en iets te vra nie. Al wat dit is, is om ons harte tot God op te hef en te sê: „Here, wat wil U hê dat ek moet doen? Kan ek die gebed beantwoord van een van U kinders wat om iets bid? Here, ek behoort aan U. Kan ek U tot diens wees?”

Wie anders is daar wat kan help om die gebede te beantwoord van Gods kinders wat moeg is, en waarvan hul hemelse Vader alleen bewys is? Hulle mag 'n bietjie troos en bemoediging nodig hê; dit mag wees dat hulle bedruk voel en aan hul senuwees ly, en dat niemand verstaan nie. Kan ek hulle troos? Kan ek hulle help — miskien deur 'n kledingstuk, 'n brief, 'n glimlag, 'n besoek, 'n bos blomme, of die een of ander liefdegawe? O, hoe heerlik is dit om te kan help. God verhoor die gebede wat daeliks tot Hom opstyg.

'n Aantal sendelinge sou 'n sekere sendingstasie besoek, maar die kosvoorraad daar was byna op. Wat moes die vrou van die sendeling aanvang? Daardie more in haar gebed het sy haar sorg op die Here gewerp. Voor tienuur het daar 'n vrag goed gekom wat net daardie dag aan die kus gearriveer het, en daar was genoeg kos vir almal. Loof die Here, Hy verhoor gebed!

'n Moeder het vir haar seuntjie 'n broe-

kie gemaak — sy eerste broekie — maar sy het nie rek of knope gehad om daaraan te sit nie. Die seuntjie het gesê, „Mammie laat ons vir Jesus vra om dit te stuur, want ek wil die broekie so graag aantrek.” 'n Rukkie daarna het iemand 'n jaarts rek en 'n pakkie naalde gestuur. Vir ons wat omring is van winkels mag dit niks wees nie, maar vir hulle het dit baie beteken, en die gebed was nie te gering vir God om te verhoor nie. Hy het 'n dogtertjie gebruik om die goed te stuur. Maak u oë toe en vra Hom nou: „Help ek om iemand se gebed te verhoor?”

Ek verwag dat God myne sal verhoor, en Hy is so goed vir my. Wat kan ek vir Hom doen?

Nehemia het tot God gebid (Neh. 2:4), en die Here het hom gehelp om sy eie gebed te antwoord. Hy het 'n plan gehad om op 'n lang reis vir die Here te gaan, en het gevoel dat daar geen tyd soos die teenwoordige was nie. Hy het die koning gevra om hom te help, en die koning het hom gehelp, maar dit was in antwoord op sy gebed, want die Here het alles so beskik. Nehemia het bewys dat as God ons roep sal Hy ons ook die krag, middele, en ondersteuning gee om die werk te doen. Daar mag beproewings en moeilikhede wees, maar as ons die Here in gebed beeneem, sal ons oorwin.

„Maar jy, wanneer jy bid, gaan in jou binnekamer, sluit jou deur en bid jou Vader wat in die verborge is; en jou Vader wat in die verborge sien, sal jou in die openbaar vergelde.” Matt. 6:6.

Daar is te min mense wat 'n binnekamer het; gevolglik is daar geen openbare vergelding nie. Hierdie bevel van die Here moet deur elke Christen gehoorsaam word.

Let op, die „binnekamer” moet die wêreld daarbuite uitsluit; dit moet stil wees, en daar moet geen stoornis wees nie. Elkeen van ons kan so 'n plek hê — 'n be-

paalde, heilige plek, want daar kan mens van aangesig tot aangesig met „onse Vader” spreek. *Ingesluit met God.* Hoe neerbuiend is God nie; watter groot voorreg gee Hy nie aan elke Christen nie.

„Sluit jou deur.” Gesluit teen indringers, omgewing en verstoring. Net *u en u Vader alleen*. Sittende in die skuilplek van die Allerhoogste om in die geheim te luister na die dinge wat 'n liefdevolle Vader aan Sy geliefde, soekende, gehoorsame kind te sê het. Hoeveel harte sal van pyn verlos word; hoeveel lewens sal pure sonskyn wees as daar maar elke dag na die binnekamer gegaan word nie!

Kaapse Veld

J. N. de Beer, Superintendent

Gedeeltelike Resultate van die Retreat Poging

B. W. ABNEY

Op Sondagaand, 6 Oktober 1936, het ek, bygestaan deur Broeders P. Jackson, Gold Theunissen, en Mej. Sutherland 'n reeks dienste op Retreat begin. Daar was 'n goeie opkoms van die begin af en met die tweede week was daar nie meer sitplek nie. Saterdag en Sondag om vyftuurf was daar spesiale kinderdiens gehou deur Mej. Sutherland. Op sommige van hierdie dienste was daar partykeer tot 130 kinders teenwoordig, totdat daar naderhand teenstand gekom het.

Ons het met sterk teenstand te kampe gehad op Retreat, en partymaal op 'n manier wat ek nog nooit voorheen ondervind het nie. Dog ten spyte van alles het die Here die poging met siele geseën. Op 16 Februarie was daar in die Wynberg kerk twaalf persone gedoop — elf van die Retreat poging en een van Wynberg. Daar is nog 'n hele paar ander wat belangstel en met wie ons nog besig is. Ons het op die oomblik 'n Sabbatskool met een-en-twintig lede op Retreat, en die vooruitsigte is goed.

Sommige van hierdie mense het uitgestaan ondanks kwaai teenstand. Helfte van haar huishuur elke maand was aan een van die persone aangebied as sy die boodskap sou verwerp en by haar ou kerk bly. Aan haar was ook 'n aantal kledingstukke gegee om haar weer terug te win, maar sy het die klere teruggestuur met die volgende boodskap: „Ek sal nie my siel vir 'n bondel klere verkoop nie.” Daar was ook 'n aanbod aan haar gemaak om alles wat sy van die kliniek mag nodig hê te koop en te betaal. Al hierdie aanbiedinge het gepaard gegaan met dreigement van „hel en die verdoemenis” as sy nie tot inkeer kom nie. Verskillende ander het haar ook besoek met die doel om haar van die boodskap af te raai, maar dank die Here sy het die moed gehad om pal te staan. Toe hulle haar nie kon beweeg nie, het hulle haar uit haar werk ontslaan, maar

Versoek

As enige van die Kaap Konferensie lede die teenwoordige adres weet van die volgende persone wie se laaste adres hieronder gegee word, word hulle vriendelik versoek om dit te stuur aan die

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of Nieuweplaats.
Mev. A. E. Mills, Klipdam.
Mev. Betty Seymour, Oos Londen
en Engeland.

die volgende dag het die Here haar weer ander werk gegee met die Sabbat vry. Daar was baie harde woorde teen Sewende-dag Adventiste gespreek, maar dit het alles niks gebaat nie. Die man van die persoon van wie ons skrywe is 'n Indiër. Binnekort sal hy ook saam met sy vrou in die waarheid staan. Hy is van plan om na Durban te gaan om die boodskap aan sy familieledede te bring.

Twee van die kandidate was predikante in hul vorige kerke. Hul vrouens het ook die boodskap aangeneem, en nou is hierdie twee gesinne baie gelukkig.

Laat ons ernstig bid vir hierdie mense dat hulle tot die einde toe getrou mag bly en ook andere tot die waarheid mag win.

Opvoedings Dept.

M. P. Robison, *Sekretaris*

Die Betekenis van Christelike Onderwys

G. E. SHANKEL

[DIE volgende artikel is die eerste van 'n reeks deur Broeder Shankel, oor die grondbeginsels van opvoeding. In die voor-genome reeks sal die vernaamste punte van die onderwerp behandel word. Op geen gebied van die lewe heers daar groter verwarring as juis in hierdie verband nie. As ons teen hierdie verwarring wil vrywaar wees moet ons versigtig wees om op 'n hegte fondament te bou.—RED.]

Die term „Christelike Onderwys” is een waarmee alle Sewende-dag Adventiste goed bekend is. Dis 'n term wat vir eeue reeds gebruik is om 'n bepaalde soort opvoeding voor te stel in teenstelling met die populêre begrip van die opvoeding van ons dae. Presies wat bedoel ons deur Christelike onderwys? Ter verduideliking van hierdie term word daar drie boekdele van die gees van profesie bestee. Die boeke „Education,” „Counsels to Teachers and Parents” en „Fundamentals of Christian Education” is van die grootste belang vir elke Sewende-dag Adventiste ouer. As die drie boeke gelees word, veral die eerste twee, dan sal die kerklede 'n beter begrip kry van die belangrikheid van hierdie soort opvoeding vir ons jongmense.

„Ware opvoeding beteken 'n kennis van die waarheid. Die boodskap van die derde engel is die waarheid.”—„*Testimonies*,” Deel VI, bls. 131. Hieruit blyk die noue verband tussen die boodskap en ware opvoeding. In hierdie lig beskou is die behoorlike opvoeding van ons jeug net so belangrik as enige leerstelling. Dit vorm so 'n essensiële deel van ons boodskap dat dit die waarheid genoem word. Christelike opvoeding word op verskillende maniere gedefinieer. „Dit beteken die aanname van die beginsels van die leer van die Heiland, met die hart.”—„*Counsels to Teachers and*

Parents,” bls. 936. „Ware Opvoeding omvat meer as net 'n sekere studiekursus. Dit is baie wyd. Dit omvat die harmonieuse ontwikkeling van al die liggaamskragte en die verstandelike vermoëns. Dit leer ons om God lief te hê en te vrees, en dit maak ons bekwaam vir die getroue uitvoering van die lewenspligte.”—„*Counsels to Teachers and Parents*,” bls. 64.

Christelike opvoeding omvat dus die leer van die waarheid in verband met die liggaamlike, verstandelike, geestelike en praktiese lewe. So 'n opvoeding word inderdaad aan ons jongmense gegee in die gunstigste omgewing. „So 'n soort opvoeding maak voorsiening vir meer as slegs liggaamlike ontwikkeling. Dit versterk die karakter sodat waarheid en opregtheid nie opgeoffer word aan selfsugtigheid of wêreldlike ambisies nie. Dit versterk die hart teen boosheid. . . Elke beweegrede en begeerte word in ooreenstemming gebring met die beginsels van reg.”—„*Education*,” bls. 18. Christelike opvoeding sluit elke fase van die lewe in. Dit is daarom dat so 'n opvoeding verkry kan word alleen wanneer al die tyd van die studente gekontroleer en bestuur word. So 'n opvoeding kan met sukses tuis begin word en later voortgesit word in die skole volgens die patroon wat in die Gees van profesie aangedui word.

Ons skole het 'n hervormende invloed. Hulle is anders as ander skole, en moet altyd anders bly solank as ons voorgee om die Gees van God te gehoorsaam. Ek glo dat ons hoop vir die toekoms hierin geleë is, n.l. die aankweking van die beginsels van Christelike onderwys by ons jongmense. 'n Sorgvuldige studie van Deel VI vanaf bladsy 129 sal ons onder 'n indruk bring van die spesiale aard van die werk wat op ons rus in hierdie tyd in verband met die behoorlike opvoeding van ons groot erfdede—n.l. die jongmense.

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Die Bestek van Ware Opvoeding

G. E. SHANKEL

In ons eerste artikel het ons ingegaan op die betekenis van Christelike Onderwys. Ons sal vervolgens die bestek daarvan bespreek.

Daar is geen fase van die lewe wat nie inbegrepe is in ware opvoeding nie. Opvoeding is nie slegs kennis in 'n sekere rigting nie; inteendeel behoort dit mens deeglik voor te berei vir die lewe in alle opsigte. Dit sluit ook ons boodskap in, want dit is 'n voorbereiding om die waarheid uit te leef; en vir alle opregte ouers is die lewe meer as om slegs 'n bestaan te maak.

„Om die mens terug, in harmonie met God te bring, om hom op sedelike gebied so op te hef en te veredel dat hy weer die ewebeeld van sy Skepper kan weerkaats, dit is die groot doel van al die opvoeding en dissipline van die lewe.”—„*Counsels to Teachers and Parents*,” bls. 49.

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So 'n ruime opvatting van opvoeding soos in hierdie twee aanhalings vervat, sluit oneindig veel meer in as wat die beste openbare skole aanbied. „Ten einde te verstaan wat alles in die opvoedingswerk inbegrepe is, moet ons die aard van die mens, en die doel van God met sy skepping in ag neem . . . en ook die plan van God om nog Sy heerlike doel te bereik deur die opvoeding van die mens.”—„*Education*,” bls. 14, 15.

Diegene wat hierdie dinge nie verstaan nie, is onbevoegd om ons jongmense op te voed. Hulle mag die jeug langs die nou paadjie van intellektualisme lei, maar omdat hulle onbekend is met die wyere betekenis van opvoeding kan hulle nie verwag word om selfs 'n deeltjie van die opvoeding te dek wat aan ons jongmense gegee moet word nie. Aan die ander kant gee die ware opvoeder 'n opvoeding wat so hoog as die hemel en so wyd as die heelal is, 'n opleiding wat aan die suksesvolle student sy paspoort besorg uit die voorbereidende skool op aarde na die hoërskool daarbo.—„*Education*,” bls. 19.

Die algemene beginsel hierbo genoem is veelomvattend. Dit sluit in 'n diepe kennis van die Woord van God en 'n deeglike begrip van die Gees van profesie. Dit vereis ook 'n praktiese kennis van dinge soos landbou, houtwerk, ens., vir die jongmense, en huishoudkunde, soos kleremaak en die kookkuns vir jongvrouens. Dit gee onderrig in die wetenskap van saligheid—die grootste van alle wetenskappe. Dit boesem die beginsels van ware karaktervorming by ons jongmense in; dit hou die hoë ideale van Christelike manlikheid en vroulikheid aan hulle voor, en dit berei hulle voor om hul plek in die kerk en die samelewing met waardigheid te beklee. Dit lei hulle op om die mensheid te dien en nuwe hoop te bring aan diegene wat geen hoop meer het nie. Dit rus die student toe vir die diens in hierdie lewe en die lewe hierna. Is so 'n erfenis nie die grootste opoffering waardig nie, en is ons jongmense dit nie werd nie?

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„Die grootheid van God word gesien, nie alleen in die instandhouding van die wêreld nie, maar ook in die sorg wat Hy dra vir selfs die kleinste dingetjies wat Hy geskape het. Nie 'n mossie word deur Hom verwaarloos nie; as een op die aarde val sien Hy dit. Selfs die hare van ons hoof is almal getel! Dit openbaar dat God alles omtrent ons weet. Hierdie gedagte troos nie eintlik loue en skynheilige navolgers van Christus nie, maar aan die kind van God bring dit vrede en verban dit alle onnodige kommer en sorg.”

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General News

SISTER STEVENSON passed through Cape Town recently on her way to Angola to re-join her husband after having paid a visit to her people in East London.

DR. A. N. TONGE has recently gone to the Malamulo Mission to help out in the medical department during the absence of Dr. Marcus on furlough.

ON March 11 Brother and Sister Bozarth and family left our shores on the S. S. "Chincha" for America on a much-needed furlough. We trust this visit to the States will be beneficial to them in every way.

ON March 29, at the home of her mother in Wynberg, Sister Jardine, a member of the Claremont church, passed to her rest. In the next issue an obituary will appear in our columns.

A REQUEST for special prayer has come to us on behalf of Mrs. M. Clark of Ladysmith, Natal. We solicit your interest in this matter of special prayer for Sister Clark during this time of her physical and spiritual need.

WE received word from the Zambesi Union Mission that the Solusi Mission dam is full of water. They are now putting in a pumping plant at the dam whereby the water will be carried nearer the mission homes.

BROTHER POTTER sailed on the R. M. S. "Stirling Castle," on March 13, for England, where he will pay a short visit to his father in Liverpool before proceeding to San Francisco to attend the General Conference. On March 24 on the S. S. "City of Paris" Brother and Sister Baker of Angola, and Brethren Nelson and Symons left for England en route to America where they will attend the General Conference.

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Helderberg News Notes

A BAPTISMAL class of twelve members was organised on March 13.

MR. AND MRS. CHICK of Bulawayo spent a few days at the college recently.

MRS. BASTIAANS and her daughter, Mrs. Williams, spent a few days visiting Wesley recently.

BROTHER NELSON spent a few days recently auditing the books. While here he gave a number of helpful talks.

STANDARDS IX and X spent a day visiting Parliament last week. They report a very profitable day.

ELDER HITEN who has been ill with rheumatic fever during the past six weeks is now well on the road to recovery.

ELDER AND MRS. DAVY who have just returned from overseas furlough are spending a few days at the college with Arthur and Dorothy.

MR. AND MRS. ALLEN HAYWOOD, two of last year's graduates, spent a few days here before leaving for America where Mr. Heywood intends to begin the medical course.

PLANS are on foot for the building of a refrigeration chamber for the school kitchen. This will be some six by eight feet and will be large enough to hold large stocks of fresh fruits, milk, butter and other articles.

A VARIED and interesting programme was presented by members of the staff on the evening of March 1. A number of musical items, both vocal and instrumental, alternated with readings by Mrs. Shankel, Mrs. Clarke and Mr. Tarr. A large number of visitors were present.

DR. AND MRS. E. W. INGLE and family paid a short visit to the college just prior to their departure from Cape Town on an overseas trip. He expressed his satisfaction with the progress being made at the college. We appreciate the keen interest shown by Dr. and Mrs. Ingle not only in the progress of the institution materially but also in the young people who comprise the institution.

MISS ETHEL EDMED and Mrs. Edmed landed March 9 at Cape Town and proceeded immediately to Durban for a short visit with relatives. Miss Edmed will assume her duties as head of the Commercial Department at the beginning of the second quarter. This will complete the staff for 1936. For the first time for a number of years the teaching staff is now sufficiently large so that the teachers are not heavily overburdened.

A MIXED chorus of fifty voices has recently been organised. The chorus always furnishes a pleasant relaxation in the grind of school life. A special programme will be prepared for the end of school in the absence of the usual graduation exercise this year.

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North Bantu Mission Field of Seventh-day Adventists (South Africa) Change of Address

PLEASE note that the address of the above mission field office will be 43, Sacke's Buildings, 23 Joubert Street, Johannesburg, Tvl., as from April 1, 1936.

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Doodsberg

RAUTENBACH.—Beulah Marie Rautenbach, oud sestien maande, is veriede maand in die koorshospitaal op Johannesburg oorlede.

Broeder en Suster Rautenbach van Brakpan het pas teruggekeer van 'n besoek aan hul ouers in die Kaap toe Beulah skielik siek geword het. In die Oos-Randse Hospitaal het sy 'n operasie aan die keel ondergaan en is toe weer haastig na Johannesburg geneem waar sy oorlede is.

Die stoflike oorskot is in die Brakpanse kerkhof te ruste gelê waar die jong egpaar nou al drie kindergraffies het.

Die lyksrede was gehou deur—

J. J. B. COMBRINCK.

Obituary

BEYERS.—Mrs. Rosina Maria Beyers of Athlone, Cape, passed away on Thursday afternoon, February 27, 1936. She was 54 years of age and for the last 25 years of her life she had lived in harmony with the spirit of the advent message.

Elders Theunissen and May brought the truth to her, and it became the strong hope that sustained her through long years of physical suffering.

She had a great many disappointments and heartaches, but never allowed these to becloud her face nor shake her faith, for she possessed remarkable faith. She did try to follow in her Master's footsteps. She supplied soup to people, gave clothes to needy ones, could be called from her home night and day to help in trouble and in sickness. In a lovely, simple way her life was a living expression of the Dorcas spirit, and her church and community will miss her. She was predeceased by her husband, William John Beyers, two years ago, and she leaves two sons and three daughters to mourn the loss of a good mother. Brethren P. van Eck, P. H. Mantell and W. Arnold assisted in the services at the church and grave-side.

ALF. G. KOHEN.