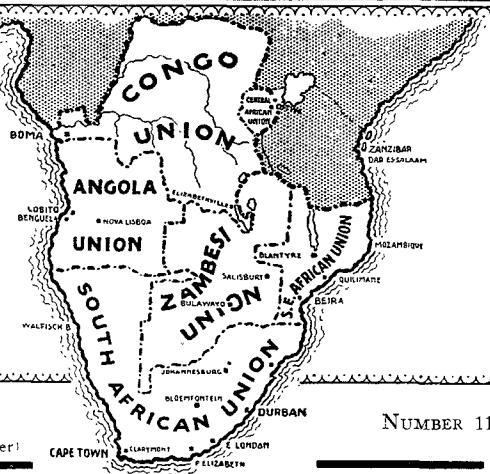


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The Safeguarding of Christian Education

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If our schools are to serve their distinctive purpose it is evident that the standards and objectives must be safeguarded at all costs. To a large degree the welfare of our work depends upon our turning forth workers who shall maintain the distinctive standards of our message.

The dangers confronting our educational programme are very real. The Spirit of prophecy warns us of these repeatedly. In this seventh and last article in the series it may be well to note briefly the nature of some of these dangers.

1. The danger of traditional education in contrast to a specific type designed to prepare young people for a special need.

"Those teachers who are as determined as were the priests and rulers to carry their students over the same old path in which the world continues to travel will go into still greater darkness."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 471.

"The work of our schools must bear a different stamp from that borne by some of our most popular schools. The mere study of the ordinary text book is not sufficient, and many of the books that are used are unnecessary for those schools that are established to prepare students for the school above."—*Ibid.*, page 516.

"This is not a time for students to be gathering up a mass of knowledge that they cannot take with them to the school above. Let us carefully weed from our course of study all that can be spared that we may have room in the minds of the students in which to plant the seeds of righteousness." *Ibid.*, page 525.

"Those who regard as essential the knowledge to be gained along the line of worldly education are making a great mistake, one which will cause them to be swayed by individual opinions that are human and erring."—*Ibid.*, page 535.

The danger portrayed in this quotation is a familiar one. Uncertainty with regard

to anything, lack of conviction, is surely characteristic of people's thinking today. People are so open minded and life is held to be so relative that real conviction is likely to be termed narrowness. We live in an age when almost every wrong can

be made to appear right by someone. This attitude of uncertainty is well illustrated by the statement of a leading educator whom I heard a few years ago and who declared that he wasn't sure of anything and that he didn't really know his own mind. Such is the effect of much knowledge today.

2. The danger of being enamoured of worldly education.

"Those who seek the education that the world esteems so highly, are gradually led further and further from the principles [not the profession] of truth until they become educated worldlings."—*Ibid.*, page 536.

"There is among us too much clinging to old customs, and because of this we are far behind where we should be in the development of the third angel's message."—*Counsels to Teachers*, page 533.

"Many today have veils upon their faces. These veils are sympathy with the customs and practices of the world, which hide them from the glory of the Lord."—*Vol. VI*, page 146.

It is quite needless to quote at greater length from the host of warning messages of this nature. A study of all this precious instruction leaves one with the impression that we have still a work to do in revising the work of our schools with a view to making them even more distinct and separate in the matter of subjects taught and methods followed.

"Our people are now being tested as to whether they will obtain their wisdom from the greatest teacher the world ever knew, or seek to the God of Eckron. Let us determine that we will not be tied by so much as a thread to the educational policies of those who do not discern the voice of God, and who will not harken to His commandments."—*Counsels to Teachers*, page 255.

Finishing His Work

Nearly 2,000 years ago a mysterious scene took place in heaven. The beloved leader of the angel host disappeared from the realms of light, and lo, as the angels sought for Him they found Him in Bethlehem's manger.

Step by step we watch the child Jesus grow. We follow Him beside the sea, in the temple, through the narrow streets. He preaches, teaches, and heals. Then comes Gethsemane, the judgment hall, and Calvary. But from Joseph's new tomb He ascends back to the throne of God.

Before He leaves, however, He organises a church, and commences a programme. He came to seek and save the lost, but His personal ministry did not reach China, India, Africa, South America, and the islands of the sea. So He organises His church and gives it its commission. What a thrilling thought to contemplate our work as related to Him. How inspiring to know that to us He gives the privilege of completing what He began! This is beautifully expressed in this wonderful and yet solemn paragraph:

"When Jesus ascended to heaven, He committed His work on earth to those who had received the light of the gospel. They were to carry the work forward to completion. He has provided no other agency for the promulgation of His truth. 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.' 'And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.' This solemn commission reaches us in this age."—*Christian Service*, page 23.

When one realises that one-third of HIS work in ALL the world for another WHOLE YEAR is dependent upon the Harvest Ingathering campaign, surely no member will want to miss the opportunity of having a part, and being a "minute man" if possible.—*Selected*.

Z. U. Mission

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Forbidden Books

J. B. COOKS

MANY of the outstanding stories of history reveal God's providence in preserving His Word, and the persecutions waged against those who would dare to scatter or read the precious pages of truth.

During the Dark Ages reading the Scriptures was considered one of the grossest of crimes. One writer tersely sketches that time in the following words: "Not murder, robbery, or any other offence was punished with such dreadful severity. The tongues of gentle criminals were usually cut out; they were racked until their limbs parted; they were forced to mount a cart and were jolted over rough streets, in agony, to the stake. Here they were burned amid the jeers of the priests and the populace."

The Bible, if owned, was hidden most cautiously, and was only read under cover of darkness. In a dimly lighted room, with blinds drawn, the "Precious Book" was read in whispered tones, while eager ears strained to catch the words of life. Discovery would have meant certain and cruel death.

The Dark Ages with its persecution of God's Word is history to us; but the devil's opposition to the printed message of truth is unchanged. Our faithful ministers of the printed page constantly encounter warnings against the "Forbidden Books" of Seventh-day Adventists.

At the end of last year the consignment of Catechisms in the Kiluba language (this is the first of our books to be printed in Kiluba) arrived at Songa Mission in the Belgian Congo. Dr. Morel has been enthusiastic about the sale of this book, and has urged our workers to help in distributing it. In a letter written during the month of March he related the following:

"I am sure that you will be glad to hear that we have sold about 250 of the Kiluba Catechisms since they arrived in December. Pastor Titus is certainly making good use of them while making his out-school trips. Last month he returned from a three weeks' tour of the schools toward Bukama. . . . He sold sixty-four on that trip but ran out of books on his way home. He had a rather interesting experience at Kabonda Dianda where a certain missionary objected to his selling the books among the Christians there. Previously he had sold two to the head teachers there. They liked the books and asked Titus to leave ten with them to sell to other interested ones. Titus left the books and instructed the teachers to give the money to their "Bwana" to forward it to Songa. (Titus should have known better!) Anyway when the missionary

found out that the teachers had the books he confiscated them, took their personal copies and after looking them over took a pair of scissors and cut out all the pages about the "Sabbath," the "Law of God," and the "State of the Dead." He then returned the books to them, saying that they were now good to read and to teach from.

"We sent Titus for the books. The books were returned, but Titus had no sooner left the mission and gone over the village proper when the two teachers came to him with their books asking him to exchange them for "good books" with all the pages in them. Titus not only exchanged the books but sold eighteen others to native Christians in that village, who came over with their money in their hands to buy the books.

"Just this last week, Noah, who is also selling books in his spare time, received a letter from Pastor Daniele, of a certain mission, who is in charge of the work around Mutumbu Mukulu, enclosing three francs (about fivepence) and asking for one of the Catechisms he had heard about from some of the natives."

The same God who preserved His Word in days gone by and has caused it to be carried to all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, is watching over His silent messengers of truth, and is using them in the grand proclamation of the message. You may share in this great work by praying for those who labour with the printed page.

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Harvest Ingathering Jottings

THE East London church reports everything ready for a big drive.

THE Aliwal North church has pledged itself to reach the goal set.

THE Peninsula churches, Elder Le Butt reports, are planning a big drive.

A NUMBER of our Conference Church members are taking part.

ELDER W. H. HURLLOW is soliciting the business section of Port Elizabeth, after which he will proceed to Grahamstown.

ELDER A. C. LE BUTT, Home Missionary Secretary of the Cape Conference, is giving a fine lead to the Harvest Ingathering campaign. June 1 found the pre-campaign work practically completed and the churches ready for service. Only Brother S. S. Hiten has had to hold back awaiting the return of Brother William Hyatt and Miss Heywood to Cradock. He is now doing his part.

WE are hoping by the time these notes are read by our people in this conference that our conference goal of £1,500 will have been reached and passed.

ELDER D. F. TARR, after working in Cape Town, Kingwilliamstown and East London, proceeded to Bloemfontein to assist Brother R. Hiten, the church elder there.

AN enthusiastic Harvest Ingathering meeting held in the vestry of the Port Elizabeth church, under the leadership of Brother Q. H. Jubber, revealed a well-organised working church.

News Notes

ELDER AND MRS. A. FLOYD TARR and Eric paid a flying visit to the office a few weeks back.

BROTHER BOEKHOUT reports the beginning of the cottage meeting plan in Kimberley.

SISTERS Boyley of Graaff Reinet, and Keulder, of Queenstown, were recent visitors to the office.

CHURCH missionary secretaries do not fail to keep your clubs of *Signs* and *Tekens* in a healthy condition.

FOR the last Investment Offering the Kingwilliamstown church planned a sale with the result that they were able to send in a substantial offering for missions.

THE Christian Home Calendar for 1936 can now be obtained for 1/-, postage paid, and the 1936 Morning Watch Calendar for 2d, postage paid. Order from the Religious Book Depository.

REMEMBER every member may have a part, no matter how small, in the evangelistic work of the conference. All will have received a Pledge Card by now. Pray for the spring efforts.

BROTHER HERMANN FICKER plans a big *Signs* and *Tekens* drive at Beaufort West directly that place has been solicited for Harvest Ingathering. Every home in Beaufort West is to have the opportunity of subscribing to our missionary paper.

WE were recently favoured by a visit from Professor E. R. Warland and family, Principal of the Kamagambo Training School, Kenya Colony. Brother Warland and family are proceeding *via* the Cape on their way to England on furlough.

ELDER AND SISTER S. G. HITEN, who are slowly regaining their health, are spending a time with Brother and Sister Snyman at their farm, "Groot Dam," Aliwal North. Although unable to give his usual strong help to the Ingathering work Elder Hiten hopes to be able to join with the Spring Evangelistic Campaign.

MISS AUDREY DALE is acting as assistant to Miss Bristow in the Bloemfontein church school for the second half year.

ON Sabbath, May 30, the Port Elizabeth church was greatly favoured by a visit from Elder S. G. Maxwell, Superintendent of the East African Union Mission, in Kenya. Elder Maxwell is brother to A. S. Maxwell, known so well to all as author of "Bedtime Stories," "This Mighty Hour," etc. Illustrating his talk with a large map, Elder Maxwell told of the work in that difficult field of over fifty languages and dialects. His address was followed with keen interest as he told of the gradual expansion of the work, manned and financed by the native believers. Greetings, which were heartily reciprocated, were received from the South African friends forming the Eldoret church in Kenya Colony.

N. T. Conference

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A Retrospect

A. W. STAPLES

JUST a year has passed since the writer was asked to take charge of the work on the Rand. We arrived in May 1935 and were made welcome by the many believers of the existing six churches and two companies.

We found Brother J. J. B. Combrinck doing pastoral work among the churches of the East Rand. During the winter months we continued in pastoral work and were rewarded in seeing twenty-one souls baptised before the end of the year as the result of our efforts. There were some from nearly all the churches.

The coming of the spring saw our evangelistic work launched in a strong way. Brother Combrinck opened up at Springs in a hall. A goodly number have been baptised and a company organised as a result. We thank God for this new light kindled at Springs on the far East Rand.

We found the Johannesburg central church over crowded and immediately realised that the future of our work in Johannesburg lies in de-centralisation. After a careful survey of the city, we chose the southern suburbs as a suitable place to establish a new church. These suburbs are detached from the city, requiring two tram fares to reach the central church.

We launched our campaign in the Masonic Hall, Kenilworth. From the start the Lord blessed with splendid audiences and these continued for many weeks. At the close of the mission a new company was organised made up of both old and new believers. This new company held its preaching service before the Sabbath school so

as to enable the writer to rush away to one of our other churches for the 11:00 A. M. service. This plan works splendidly, enabling one man to do the work of two and guaranteeing special help for the new believers. Following the baptism held in March, this year, the company was organised into a church with fifty charter members. Brother and Sister T. K. Smith are leading this new organisation as lay workers. Their self-sacrificing efforts are appreciated by all.

While the mission itself was under way Brethren F. Ficker, J. Oosthuizen and Sisters M. J. Dixie, Coetzee and Grenville assisted the writer as part-time workers.

The autumn of 1936 found Brother Combrinck launching an effort at Brakpan in the conference tent, where a number have taken a firm stand for the truth.

At the same time the writer crossed over from Kenilworth to the adjoining suburb of Turffontein, renting the Oddfellows Hall for a series of meetings. Here again the Lord blessed us with a splendid hearing and a goodly number have and still are taking their stand for the message.

Subsequent baptisms in April and May have lifted the membership of the new church to well over seventy—only a few of the first fruits from Turffontein going forward. We are encouraged to find an additional thirty adults keeping Sabbath and more planning to in the southern suburbs. We hope to see these baptised in the spring of this year. Brethren Ernest Stevenson, Leslie Le Butt, and Sisters M. J. Dixie and Hilda McCullough are associated with the writer at Turffontein.

A fine corner stand has been purchased in Tramway Street and funds are being raised by pledge and the Dorcas Society to erect a suitable Seventh-day Adventist church for the southern suburbs. We expect to see the church project not only launched but completed in 1936.

During the past year eighty-four souls have been baptised and have joined the Rand churches. There are many more preparing for baptism, not only in the southern suburbs as stated above, but also on the East Rand. Brother Combrinck is busy with a mission at Boksburg at the present time.

The past year has been one of many blessings, and the writer has greatly appreciated the co-operation of fellow workers.

We invite the prayers of all in our behalf as workers that the work of God may be advanced in this populous city and Reef towns.



Sabbath School Grades

MARCH 31, 1936

HEREUNDER, we present the grades of the Natal-Transvaal Conference Sabbath schools for the quarter ending March 31, 1936.

The schools are graded upon three objectives:

- a. 85% of the Sabbath school membership perfect in attendance for the quarter.
- b. 65% of the Sabbath school membership, perfect in daily study for the quarter.
- c. 75% of the offering goal of 9d per week per church member.

An "A" grade indicates that these three objectives have been attained. A "B" grade indicates that any two objectives have been reached, while "D" indicates the low level of no objective having been reached.

We are glad to report two Sabbath schools having reached the "A" grade class. This denotes a high standard in Attendance, Daily Study, and Offerings.

Eleven Sabbath schools have reached the "B" grade, and we are hoping that a number of these schools will strive during this next quarter to step up into the "A" grade.

It is encouraging to see our schools raising the standards high and we are sure the seventeen "C" grade schools are planning to do better this next quarter. Success to them in their worthy efforts.

We are indeed very sorry to have to report one "D" grade school, but we feel confident that this school will not be graded under this class next quarter:

BEATRICE DAVIES,
For Sabbath School Secretary.

GRADE A

Sab. School	% of Attend.	% of Daily Study	% of Offer.
Sweetwaters	120	70	154

GRADE B

Johannesburg	88	67	119
Lilani	175		395
Nongoma	114	43	316
Orange Grove	93	51	146
Bethlehem	132	61	83
Durban	112	27	112
Pretoria	90	72	68
Maritzburg	93	27	107
Benoni	87	13	126
Fochville	100	70	31
Aberfeldy	100	97	3
Ladysmith	88	12	90

GRADE C

Germiston	189	61	29
Booyens Res.	131	63	37
Kroonstad	84	68	66
Christiana	95	45	62
Mafeking	109	14	60
Reismierbult	100	58	23
Boksburg Nor.	104	24	47
Potgietersrust	96	52	23
Krugersdorp	88	31	52
Standerton	95	44	22
Potchefstroom	86	38	23
Brakpan	87	28	28
Parys	87	45	6
Senekal	91		43
Doornpoort	100	33	2
Frankfort	100	24	9
Reitz	100		10

GRADE D

Ermelo	81	28	21
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Situation Wanted

APPLICANT, 48; English. Manager of large drapery concern for some years, also done commercial travelling. Highest references. Open to consider anything. Write, "H. H." C/o Elder Ingle, Box 7768, Johannesburg.

Employment Wanted

ENERGETIC, trustworthy, Seventh-day Adventist young man, 29 years of age, married, desires employment, preferably along mechanical lines with motor-cars. He has the following experience as a recommendation:

3 years Motor Industrial School, Willowmore.

Cartage Lorries and Taxi service—own account.

2 years Kemp & Co., Mafeking, as delivery van driver.

18 months' Service Station attendant at Orange Grove Garage, Johannesburg.

12 months' Service Station attendant at Central Garage, Springs, Tvl.

Educational qualifications: passed Std. 7.

Present employment unsatisfactory. Desires to better his position. Please address replies to: "Service," P. O. Box 7768, Johannesburg.

Cape Field

J. N. de Beer, Superintendent

Harvest Ingathering

First Week's Report and Goals

J. N. DE BEER

"So built we the wall, and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof; for the people had a mind to work." Neh. 4:6. What a splendid record this is, "written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." With such a mind in every one of our church members, what wonderful results will be seen in the Harvest Ingathering at the expiration of the six weeks period set for the present campaign! So my dear people come, every one of you, with hearts fired with zeal and let us give our God the opportunity of working marvellously through us in this gathering of funds for His holy cause.

We have received six reports for the first week's work. You will see that Brother Links and one or two Sisters of Loeriesfontein have already gone over their goal but the end is not yet, for they have written to us to send them more solicitors' cards. We congratulate those faithful members.

Elsie's River has certainly surprised us by reporting £20 at the end of the first week. It is evident that they have "A mind to work," and a determination to

reach their goal in a short time. We also notice that Wynberg is following quite closely on the heels of Elsie's River. Salt River and Retreat have also made a good start. We know that the churches whose reports have not yet been received, are busily engaged in the good work, and we are looking forward for their good reports.

Leaders Please Note

On the first day of the week post your reports to us.

Send in names of members who have collected £1 and over.

Get the addresses of those who give 10/- or more.

Keep a list of the names of interested people for follow-up work.

Remember our address is—"Brentwood," Harcourt Road, Claremont, Cape.

See list of churches below showing their goals and what they have collected.

Oesinsameling

Eerste Rapporte, en Doelwitte

J. N. DE BEER

„MAAR ons het die muur opgebou, en die hele muur is tot op sy helfte herstel; want die volk was met hul hart in die werk." Neh. 4:6. Wat 'n uitstekende verslag is dit hierdie, wat opgeskrywe is „as 'n waarskuwing aan ons op wie die eindes van die eeue gekom het." Watter wonderbaarlike resultate sal daar nie aan die einde van ons Oesinsamelingsveldtog wees as die hart van al ons kerklede ook so in die werk is nie! Kom dan geliefde

kerklede, met harte vol ywer, en laat ons die Here 'n kans gee om deur ons te werk in die insameling van fondse vir Sy heilige saak.

Tot dusver het daar ses rapporte ingekom in verband met die eerste week se werk. U sal merk dat Broeder Links en een of twee van die susters op Loeriesfontein reeds hul doelwit verbygegaan het, maar hulle is nog nie klaar nie, want hulle vra om nog meer kollektelyste. Ons wens hierdie getroue werkers geluk met hul prestasie.

Elsiesrivier het ons waarlik verras deur £20 vir die eerste week te rapporteer. Dit is klaarblyklik dat hul hart in die werk is en dat hulle vasbeslote is om hul doelwit binnekort te bereik. Ons merk ook dat Wynberg kort op die hake van Elsie'srivier is. Soutrivier en Retreat het ook 'n goeie begin gemaak. Ons weet dat die kerke van wie ons geen rapporte ontvang het nie, druk besig is met die werk, en ons sien uit na hulle rapporte.

Leiers — neem asseblief kennis van volgende:

Pos u rapporte op die eerste dag van die week aan ons.

Stuur name van lede wat 'n pond of meer ingesamel het.

Kry adresse van donateurs wat 10/- of meer gee.

Skryf die name van belangstellende persone op, sodat u hulle later weer kan besoek.

Onthou ons adres is: „Brentwood," Harcourt Road, Claremont, Kaap.

(Refereer na Engels vir lys van kerke en doelwitte.)

Church	Goal	To Date	Short	Over
Athlone	£20 0 0	1 17 0	18 3 0	
Beaconsfield	5 0 0		5 0 0	
Calvinia	5 0 0		5 0 0	
Elsie's River	35 0 0	20 0 0	15 0 0	
Elim	5 0 0		5 0 0	
Good Hope Training School	20 0 0		20 0 0	
Johannesburg	20 0 0		20 0 0	
Kensington	7 0 0		7 0 0	
Loeriesfontein	2 10 0	3 0 0		10 0
Port Elizabeth	20 0 0		20 0 0	
Retreat	5 0 0	1 19 0	3 1 0	
Salt River	35 0 0	9 6 0	25 14 0	
Somerset West	3 0 0		3 0 0	
Stellenbosch	3 0 0		3 0 0	
Uitenhage	10 0 0		10 0 0	
Worcester	5 0 0		5 0 0	
Wynberg	40 0 0	13 0 6	26 19 6	
CAPE FIELD	£225 0 0	49 2 6	175 17 6	

Stop Press News

THE latest reports reveal that Wynberg church and the Retreat company have also run over their goals at the end of the second week of the campaign. Salt River church and the Good Hope Training School have nearly reached their goals. Reports from ten churches have been received, and each one indicates that splen-

did work has been done during the first two weeks of the campaign. Seven churches have not yet sent in their reports. Had these reported, we feel sure, the figures would show that the Cape Field has reached its goal of £225. However, we are pleased to state that the amount which has been reported shows that the field has reached 80 per cent (or £180) of its goal.

J. N. DE BEER.

Opvoedings Dept.

M. P. Robison, *Sekretaris*

Die Beveiliging van Christelike Onderwys

G. E. SHANKEL

As ons skole aan hul spesiale doel sal beantwoord, dan moet hul afsonderlike aard en die mikpunte wat oorspronklik beoog was ten alle koste gehandhaaf word. Die welsyn van ons werk hang grotendeels daarvan af dat ons werkers sal oplei wat die spesiale peil van ons boodskap sal hooghou.

Die gevare waaraan ons opvoedingstelsel blootgestel is, is gladnie denkbeeldig nie. Herhaaldelik waarsku die Gees van profesie ons daarteen. In hierdie sewende en laaste artikel van die reeks sal dit goed wees as ons kortliks let op die aard van sommige van daardie gevare.

1. Die gevaar van 'n tradisionele opvoedingstelsel in teenstelling met 'n spesifieke stelsel bereken om jongmense vir 'n spesiale doel op te lei.

„Daardie onderwysers wat vasbeslote is, soos die priesters en owerstes van ouds, om hul leerlinge in dieselfde ou groefie te lei waarin die wêreld beweeg, sal nog in groter duisternis vervalt.”—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*,” bls. 471.

„Die werk van ons skole moet 'n ander stempel dra as die van sommige van ons populêrste skole. Die blote studie van gewone teksboeke is nie genoeg nie; en baie van die voorgeskrewe teksboeke is onnodig vir dié skole wat opgerig is met die doel om studente voor te berei vir die skool omhoog.”—*Id.*, bls. 516.

„Dit is nie nou die tyd vir studente om 'n massa van kennis te versamel wat hulle nie met hulle kan saamneem na die skool daar bo nie. Laat ons sorgvuldig alles wat nie nodig is uit ons studieplan verwyder sodat daar plek in die verstand van die studente mag wees waarin die saad van geregtigheid gesaai kan word.”—*Ibid.* bls. 525.

„Diegene wat 'n wêreldlike opvoeding as onontbeerlik beskou maak 'n groot fout, en hulle sal onder die invloed kom van die mening van individue wat menslik en onbetroubaar is.”—*Ibid.*, bls. 535.

Die gevaar waarop hier gewys word is een waarmee ons welbekend is. Onsekerheid op elke gebied, gebrek aan oortuiging—dit is kenmerkend van die mense van vandag. Die mense is so ruimhartig en die lewe word uit so 'n abstrakte oogpunt beskou dat iemand wat volgens vaste oortuigings handel as eng en bekrompe beskou word. Ons lewe in 'n tyd waarin byna alle verkeerde dinge so voorgestel kan word dat hulle reg lyk. Die verklaring van 'n sekere opvoedkundige 'n paar jaar gelede gee ons 'n goeie voorbeeld van hierdie toestand van onsekerheid, toe hy bely het dat

hy van geen ding seker is en dat hy self nie weet wat hy dink nie. Dit is die uitwerking van die baie kennis van vandag.

2. Die gevaar van onder die bekoring te kom van 'n wêreldlike opvoeding.

„Diegene wat na die soort opvoeding streef wat so hoog geskat word deur die wêreld, word geleidelik verder en verder weggelei van die *beginsels* [nie die belydenis] van die waarheid dat hulle eendeliks slegs opgevoede wêreldlinge is. . .”—*Ibid.*, bls. 536.

„Ons hou te vas aan ou gewoontes, en derhalwe is ons ver agter met die ontwikkeling van die derde engel se boodskap.”—*„Counsels to Teachers,”* bls. 533.

„Veel vandag het sluiers voor hul oë. Hierdie sluiers is simpatie met die gewoontes en praktyke van die wêreld, wat hulle bedek van die heerlijkheid van God.”—*„Testimonies,”* Deel VI, bls. 146.

Dit is nie nodig om meer aan te haal van die baie waarskuwings van hierdie aard nie. 'n Studie van hierdie waardevolle onderrig laat mens onder die indruk dat daar nog vir ons werk te doen is om ons skole nog meer afsonderlik te maak wat betref onderwerpe en metodes.

„Ons mense word nou beproef om te sien of hulle om kennis sal gaan na die grootste onderwyser wat die wêreld ooit geken het, of na die god van Ekron. Laat ons vasbeslote wees dat ons ons nie deur een draadjie sal laat bind aan die opvoedingsbeleid van diegene wat die stem van God nie hoor nie en wat Sy gebooie nie wil gehoorsaam nie.”—*„Counsels to Teachers,”* bl. 255.

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Oesinsamelingsberigte

'n Aantal van ons konferensie kerklede neem deel aan die insameling.

LUIDENS 'n berig uit Oos Londen is alles daar agtermekaar vir 'n groot veldtog.

VOLGENS 'n berig van Leraar Le Butt is die kerke op die Kaapse Skiereiland besig om planne te beraam vir 'n groot veldtog.

ONS hoop dat ons kerklede, by die tyd dat hulle hierdie berigte lees, die konferensie doelwit van £1,500 reeds sal bereik hê.

NA hy in Kaapstad, Kingwilliamstown, en Oos Londen insamelingwerk gedoen het, het Leraar D. F. Tarr na Bloemfontein vertrek om Broeder R. Hiten, die voorganger van die kerk aldaar met die insameling behulpsaam te wees.

DIE lede van die Aliwal Noordse kerk het 'n gelofte gemaak om hul gestelde doelwit te bereik.

LERAAR W. H. HURLLOW is besig met insameling onder die sakelui van Port Elizabeth na afloop waarvan hy na Grahamstad sal gaan.

DAT die Port Elizabethse kerk goed georganiseer en 'n werkende kerk is, was getoon deur 'n geesdriftige Oesinsamelingvergadering aldaar onder leiding van Broeder Q. H. Jubber.

LERAAR LE BUTT, Sendingsekretaris van die Kaap-Konferensie het goeie leiding gegee in die Oesinsamelingveldtog. Op 1 Junie was die voorafgaande veldtog so-tese verby, en die kerke was gereed vir diens. Net Broeder S. S. Hiten moes wag totdat Broeder William Hyatt en Mej. Heywood na Cradock terugkeer. Hy is egter nou besig om sy deel te doen.



Nuusbrokkies

SUSTERS Boyley van Graaff Reinet, en Keulder van Queenstown, het ons onlangs op kantoor besoek.

DIE sendingsekretarisse van die kerke word daaraan herinner om nie hul *Signs* en *Tekens* klubs te laat kwyn nie.

OM hul Beleggingsfonds te styf het die Kingwilliamstownse kerk 'n veiling gehou met die gevolg dat hulle 'n mooi sommetjie byeengebring het.

ONS het onlangs die genot gehad van 'n besoek van Professor E. R. Warland en sy gesin, alvorens hul vertrek na Engeland op vakansie. Professor Warland is die prinsipaal van die Komagambo Opleidingskool in Kenia.

ONTHOU dat ons voorsiening gemaak het sodat elke lid deel kan hê in die evangelisasiewerk van die konferensie—al is dit ook hoe gering. Almal het seker al 'n Beloftekaartjie ontvang. Bid vir ons aanstaande pogings in die voorjaar.

BROEDER HERMANN FICKER is voornemens om 'n groot *Signs* en *Tekens* veldtog op Beaufort Wes op tou te sit net sodra as hy met die Oesinsameling daar klaar is. Elke gesin op Beaufort Wes sal 'n kans kry om op ons sendingblad in te teken.

LERAAR EN SUSTER S. G. HITEN is stadigaan besig om hul gesondheid te herwin. Hulle is op die oomblik op die plaas van Broeder Snyman, „Groot Dam,” Aliwal Noord. Alhoewel hy ons nie hierdie jaar op sy gewone kragtige manier kan help met die Oesinsameling nie, hoop hy om ons by te staan met ons evangelistiese pogings in die voorjaar.

Op Sabbat, 30 Mei het die Port Elizabethse kerk die voorreg gehad om Leraar S. G. Maxwell, die superintendent van die Oos-Afrikaanse Unie in Kenia, te hoor. Leraar Maxwell is 'n broer van A. S. Maxwell, skrywer van die alombekende „Bed-time Stories,” „This Mighty Hour,” ens. Onderwyl hy van die werk in daardie moeilike veld vertel het, waar oor die vyftig tale en dialekte gepraat word, het hy sy toespraak met 'n groot kaart toegelig. Sy toespraak was met groot belangstelling gevolg. Hy het ook die groete oorgebring van die lede van die Eldoret kerk in Kenia, wie se lede Afrikaners is wat daarheen uitgewyk het.

N. T. Konferensie

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'n Terugblik

A. W. STAPLES

DIT is nou net 'n jaar gelede dat ek gevra was om toesig te neem oor die werk op die Rand. Ons het in Mei 1935 daar aangekom en was verwelkom deur die lede van die ses kerke en twee groepe wat daar destyds was.

Broeder J. J. B. Combrinck het herderlike werk gedoen onder die kerklede van die Oos Rand. Gedurende die wintermaande het ons ons herderlike werk voortgesit, en as beloning op ons werk was daar een-en-twintig nuwe lede gedoopt, waaronder daar verteenwoordigers was van byna al die kerke.

Met die aanvang van die lente het ons met ons evangelisasiewerk begin. Broeder Combrinck het dienste begin in 'n saal op Springs. Daar was 'n mooi klompie gedoop en georganiseer. Ons dank die Here vir die nuwe lig wat op Springs aange-steek is.

Ons het gevind dat die Johannesburgse kerk te klein was, en het dadelik besef dat die toekoms van ons werk in Johannesburg afhang van 'n beleid van desentralisasie. Na ons sake goed deurgekyk het het ons besluit om een van die suidelike voorstede te kies vir die stigting van 'n nuwe kerk. Hierdie voorstede is heeltemal verwyder van die stad en dit neem twee verskillende ritte per trem om die sentrale kerk te bereik.

Ons het ons poging begin in die Vrymesselaarsaal te Kensington. Van die begin af het die Here ons gesêen met goeie gehore, en dit het vir verskillende weke so aangehou. Na afloop van die poging het ons 'n nuwe groep georganiseer bestaande uit ou en nuwe gelowiges. Hierdie nuwe groep het hul preekdiens gehou voor die Sabbatskooldiens, sodat ek daarna na een van die ander kerke kon gaan vir die elfuurdiens. Hierdie plan werk uitstekend — een man kan dus die werk van twee manne doen en dit waarborg spesiale hulp

aan die nuwe gelowiges. Na die doopdiens, verlede Maart, het ons die groep in 'n kerk van vyftig lede georganiseer. Broeder en Suster T. K. Smith hou toesig oor hierdie kerk as lekerwerkers. Hul offering word deur almal gewaardeer.

Terwyl die poging aan die gang was het Broeders F. Ficker en J. Oosthuizen, Susters M. J. Dixie, Coetzee en Grenville gehelp as tydelike werkers.

Later in die jaar het Broeder Combrinck 'n tentpoging in Brakpan gehou, waar 'n aantal die waarheid aangeneem het.

Ek het terselfdertyd 'n poging op Turffontein begin. Hier ook het die Here gesêen met goeie gehore en 'n aantal het, en is besig om uit te staan vir die waarheid.

Twee latere doopdienste in April en Mei het die ledetal van die nuwe kerk tot oor die sewentig gebring — onder hulle was net 'n paar van die eersteling van die Turffonteinse poging. Dit is baie bemoedigend om te verneem dat daar nog sowat dertig volwassenes in hierdie voorstede is wat die Sabbat hou, en daar is nog andere wat besig is om skikings te tref met dieselfde doel. Ons hoop om hulle in die voorjaar te doop. Broeders E. Stevenson, L. Le Butt, en Susters M. J. Dixie en Hilda McCoullough is onder my medewerkers op Turffontein.

Ons het 'n mooi hoek in Tramwaystraat gekoop, en fondse word nou ingesamel vir 'n Sewende-dag Adventiste kerk vir die suidelike voorstede van Johannesburg. Ons hoop om die kerk voltooi te sien in 1936.

Oor die afgelope twaalf maande was daar vier-en-tagtig siele gedoop as lede van die Randse kerke. Daar is 'n hele aantal wat klaarmaak vir doop, nie alleen in die suidelike voorstede nie, maar ook op die Oos Rand. Broeder Combrinck is op die oomblik besig met 'n poging op Boksburg.

Die afgelope jaar was 'n jaar van baie seëninge, en ek het die samewerking van diegene wat my gehelp het baie op prys gestel.

Ons versoek u om ons as werkers in u gebede te gedenk, sodat die werk van God in die volkryke stede van die Rand vooruit mag gaan.

Algemene Berigte

DIT sal ongetwyfeld vir die OUTLOOK lesers van belang wees om te verneem dat ons 'n kabel van Leraar Wright ontvang het waarin hy ons die een en ander meedeel met betrekking tot sommige van die aanstellings op die huidige Wêreldkonferensiesitting. Die kabel lui kortliks as volg: Leraar McElhany is nou president van die Wêreldkonferensie, terwyl Leraar E. D. Dick, wat 'n aantal jare in Afrika deurgebring het, aangestel is as sekretaris, en Leraar W. Nelson as tesourier. Daar is geen veranderinge gemaak in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie nie, behalwe in die departement van die tesourier. Leraar A. E. Nelson het 'n beroep ontvang na Indië as tesourier van daardie Divisie — waar Leraar N. C. Wilson nou die president is. Leraar

C. W. Bozarth is aangestel as tesourier van ons eie Divisie.

Leraar Nelson het ons Divisie getrou gedien vir byna nege jaar en dis onnodig om te sê dat ons hom en sy gesin leer liefkry het; maar ons is nogtans bly om Leraar Bozarth en sy gesin welkom te heet as die nuwe tesourier van hierdie Divisie. Broeder en Suster Bozarth geniet op die oomblik 'n welverdiende vakansie in die Verenigde State. Hy het die Kongo Unie baie jare gedien — eers as tesourier en later as superintendent. Ons glo dat die Wêreldkonferensie 'n wyse stap gedoen het met die aanstelling van Broeder Bozarth.

Laat ons bid om Gods rykste seëninge op ons leiers in die groot verantwoordelikhede wat op hulle rus.

Gevra

EERLIKE en betroubare gekleurde bediende vir algemene huiswerk op die plaas by Sabbathouers. Meld ouderdom en ander besonderhede. Doen dadelik aansoek by: OUTLOOK, Grovelaan, Claremont, K. P.

General News

THE readers of the OUTLOOK will be interested to know that we have received a cable from Elder Wright passing on to us information regarding some of the appointments made at the recent General Conference session. In brief the cable states that Elder McElhany is now the president of the General Conference, while Elder E. D. Dick, who has spent a number of years in Africa, is the secretary, and Elder W. Nelson is the treasurer. No changes have been made in the Southern African Division with the exception of the treasury department. Elder A. E. Nelson has been called to India as treasurer of the Southern Asia Division where Elder N. C. Wilson is president. Elder C. W. Bozarth is now treasurer of our Division.

Brother Nelson has served our Division faithfully and well for practically nine years and needless to say we have learned to love him and his family. Our hearts will be made sad as we bid them farewell. We are glad however, that in God's cause, we are one great family, and therefore while the transfer of Brother Nelson to the Southern Asia Division, will mean a decided loss to Africa, yet India, another section of our great family, will gain.

While we regret very much to lose Brother Nelson and his family yet we are happy to welcome Brother Bozarth and family, into the treasury department of this Division. Brother and Sister Bozarth are at the present time spending a well-earned furlough in the States. Brother Bozarth has served many years in Africa as treasurer and then as superintendent of the Congo Union. We therefore believe that the General Conference has made good provision for the vacancy caused by the transfer of Brother Nelson.

Let us pray for God's richest blessings

to rest upon our leaders as they carry the heavy responsibilities that devolve upon them.

ELDERS D. F. Tarr and Le Butt have recently spent several weeks at the Peninsula assisting the churches in Harvest Ingathering. This help is greatly appreciated.

ELDER MOFFITT will be leaving the Division office on Monday, June 15 on his way to attend camp-meetings in the Congo Union. On the return journey he will also attend the camp-meetings in Nyasaland. Altogether Brother Moffitt will be away from home for nearly four months as he expects to get back sometime in October. Let us pray for God's protecting care over Elder Moffitt as he leaves us to serve another part of the field for a while.

SISTER WRIGHT will also be leaving us on June 15 for Rhodesia, where she will attend some of the Zambesi Union camp-meetings in the interests of the women's work.

BROTHER O. O. BREDEKAMP, who has been spending a well-earned furlough at the Cape is leaving us today (June 11) on his return to Angola. We are very sorry to say that owing to health conditions, it is not possible for Sister Bredekamp and the children to accompany him at this time. We trust that they will speedily recuperate so that before long the family can join Brother Bredekamp in helping to finish the work in Angola.

Obituaries

TOPPENBERG.—Mine Kathrine Toppenberg, née Hansen, was born in Daler, Slesvig, Denmark, September 26, 1886. Her father died early and the mother and children left in 1900 for America. Seventeen years old, Sister Toppenberg gave her heart to God and joined the church in Portland, Maine. After preparatory studies in Union College, Nebraska, she started the nurses' course at the Washington Sanitarium, graduating in 1911. In 1913 she left for Tanganyika, East Africa, to be married to V. E. Toppenberg, who had already been there two years in mission service. When she returned with her husband on furlough in 1917, she was so poorly that doctors feared she had but a few months to live. But after the close of the war, in 1919, she returned with her husband and daughter to Africa.

In 1934 their youngest child, Robert, was taken very ill in Uganda. The doctors advised an immediate return. Sister Toppenberg brought the two children to Skodsborg in September of that year. Brother Toppenberg, who was superintendent of our Uganda Union Mission, bravely remained in the field and Sister Toppenberg fully intended to return in a short time. However, her resistance was undermined by many serious attacks of malaria in the tropics.

and it became evident that she could not return to Africa. She was stricken with the dread disease called the Australian sleeping sickness, contracted out in the mission field. For many months she suffered intensely. Her husband came back to Europe in the summer of 1935 and stayed with her and the children at the Skodsborg Sanitarium. After so long a separation, this was an untold comfort. All that skilful medical help and nursing could do seemed unavailing. To the last, her faith in the love of God held firm. Resigned to the knowledge that she was to be laid to rest, she died February 24, 1936, and in Vedbek Cemetery, where so many of our faithful workers are sleeping, she, too, awaits the call of her blessed Master, who is the resurrection and the life.

Brother and Sister Toppenberg were veterans in the foreign mission work of the Northern European Division. It is twenty-five years since he first went out to Africa. During the war they suffered much and were finally rescued and helped by the British soldiers. Since then they have laboured with great success in many parts of Africa. They opened up the work in Eritrea after the war. They were also the first Adventist missionaries to Addis Ababa and began our present large work in Ethiopia. That was in 1921. Of recent years they have been labouring in Uganda and God has signally blessed their work. Sister Toppenberg herself was a woman of great faith, a wise and loving mother, a faithful helper to her husband, and a true missionary.

It is a great loss to the family and to the cause that Sister Toppenberg has been taken from us, but we know that she sleeps in Jesus and that He doeth all things well. She leaves a host of friends in America, in Europe, and above all in her beloved Africa. Her husband and two children now in Denmark, one brother and one sister in America, one sister in South Africa, as well as a foster mother in Washington, D. C., and other relatives mourn their loss. Pastor T. Tobiasen of the West Denmark Conference spoke words of comfort to the many present for the last farewell.

L. H. CHRISTIAN.

MARAIS.—Louisa Francina Marais was born on November 8, 1899 and passed away in the Johannesburg Hospital on May 20, 1936. Her death came as a shock to the Johannesburg church where she was a faithful and loyal member.

Our late sister accepted present truth under the labours of Pastor W. L. Hyatt in Pretoria in 1931.

She leaves a husband, two sons and one daughter to mourn. Our prayers go out for those bereaved of a true wife and mother in Israel.

Brother Ernest Stevenson and the writer were associated together in the services at the church and grave-side. We laid her to rest at Brixton in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

A. W. STAPLES.

Doodsberig

KOCH.—Dawid Christoffel Koch is op 2 Maart 1936 in sy woonhuis op die plaas "Goedehoop," distrik Ermelo, oorlede. Meer as twee jaar lank het ons elke Sabbat saam die Sabbatskoollesse gestudeer waarin hy groot belang gestel het. Al was ons maar net twee in getal was ons harte vol vreugde, want ons het geweet dat Jesus daar by ons teenwoordig was. Met die naweek, 27 en 28 Februarie was ons op die dorp om Leraar J. H. Raubenheimer se dienste by te woon. Hy het die dienste baie geniet, en toe ons daardie Sondagmiddag terug plaas-toe is, het hy aan my gesê dat hy treure is en gevind het wat hy na gesoek het. Die aand by ons huisgodsdiens het hy die Here gedank vir die groot dinge wat Hy aan ons gedoen het. Later daardie aand het hy aan my gesê dat hy 'n skriftelike bedanking gaan stuur aan die kerk waaraan hy tot dusver behoort het. Hy was ook oortuig dat die groot-doop reg is.

Die volgende Maandagmore, na hy 'n rukkie by sy werk was, het hy ingekom en gekla dat hy 'n pyn in sy hoof het. Dit het dadelik erger geword. Toe die dood nader het hy vrede gehad en was bewus van die nabyheid van Jesus. Hy het die volgende gesangversie uit die ou gesangboek opgesê:

„Hy wat ons lei deur die aardse dal,
Die nimmer ons verlate sal,
Het Sy liefde en trou verpand
Vir ons koms in die Vaderland.
Waar ons geen skepsel help, help Hy;
As alles vlug is Hy naby;
In rus en vreugd in nood en stryd,
Bly Hy dieselfde al die tyd.”

Hy het die Sabbat getrou gehou en was begerig om Gods hele Woord te gehoorsaam. Hoe swaar die verlies ook vir my is, treur ek nie soos diegene wat geen hoop het nie, maar troos my aan die gedagte dat hy in sy eerste liefde gesterf het en met die eerste opstanding sal opstaan. Ek bly agter met die liefdevolle herinnering dat ons lewe soet was.

Sy treurende eggenote

S. E. KOCH.

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Harvest Ingathering 1936

Ladder of Progress

Two Weeks' Work!
 Raised first two weeks, 1935 £3,254
 Raised first two weeks, 1936 £3,211

SHORT £43

Amount	Natal-Tvl. Conference	Cape Conference	Cape Field	North Bantu M. Field	South Bantu M. Field
£3,000					
2,900					
2,750					
2,600					
2,450					
2,300					
2,150					
2,000					
1,900					
1,750					
1,600	£1,731				
1,450					
1,300		£1,300			
1,150					
1,000					
900					
800					
700					
600					
500					
400					
300					
200			£180		
150					
100					
75					
50					
25					
SOUTH AFRICAN UNION		GOAL		£4,350	
Total to Date		£3,211			

While the above figures indicate that the South African Union has raised £43 less during the first two weeks of the 1936 campaign as compared with the same period of 1935, yet it should be noted that the figure reported for the Natal-Transvaal Conference is for one week only, including, of course, the pre-campaign.

We believe, therefore, that when the figures are received from the Natal-Transvaal Conference for the second week, they will reveal the fact that the South African Union has raised more thus far as compared with the previous campaign.

In spite of the fact that the Natal-Transvaal Conference figures represent one week's work, the two local conferences, during the same period, have raised £138 more than did the combined organisation in 1935. We rejoice with the local organisations over this wonderful achievement.

The South and North Bantu Fields open their campaign on June 27 and for that reason we cannot report any figures for these two fields.



Will You Obey the Master's Command?

L. A. VIXIE

"CHURCH members are to be ever ready to spring into action in obedience to the Master's command. Wherever we see work waiting to be done, we are to take it up and do it, constantly looking unto Jesus." Throughout the Union of South Africa there are those who are obeying the Master's command. A letter just received is an example of obedience. I quote a portion of the letter: "Up to date I have a little over £3. My little son has nearly £1 in his tin. He trudges along with me all morning and never complains."

"I enjoy the Harvest Ingathering as I never have before. Really it is a privilege to be able to solicit funds for our Friend who is so soon coming. Yesterday I made two lovely contacts. On the whole I find people very friendly. If any are rude I don't mind it at all. It just doesn't even hurt. I think we ought to act and talk joyfully about the Harvest Ingathering. I don't believe our hearts should dread it." —*Soliciting Member*. When we sense that our great friend Jesus is soon to come for His faithful working members and we go out to work in the consciousness of that event we shall not fear rude rebuffs. We shall say "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Let us go out in the right mental attitude, charged with the spirit of love and His hand will lead us to those who will hear and give. The feeling that you have done your share will more than offset the hardships the Ingathering may entail.