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An Open Letter

TO OUR FELLOW-WORKERS AND BELIEVERS
IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION.

MOST CORDIAL GREETINGS:

Our annual session of the Division Committee has just convened. We enjoyed an inspirational and uplifting council together; we seriously took stock of ourselves; we honestly searched our hearts and we earnestly sought guidance of our great Leader in the rightful solution of our every problem. Out of our hearts we talked with Him. He, in turn, spoke definitely to us through the message which came to us daily from the Word and the Spirit of prophecy. Indeed our hearts were softened, subdued, and richly blessed during those hallowed days together. It was a season of refreshing which will not soon be forgotten! And now as your trusted leaders, we want to speak to you as we enter the new year just before us.

That we have come to a solemn, sobering hour is no news to you. It is very definitely true that we have never assembled in committee session when the clouds were darker. That the times are ominous and gravely filled with peril no one can deny; in fact the present situation is one which baffles the stoutest minds and stems the bravest hearts.

The Prime Minister of England said only a few months ago, "When I look out upon the world, I must confess, I stand appalled at the prospects." To this solemn declaration, we may well add the significant comment of an editor of a large city daily newspaper. He says, "Not since Christ was born in Bethlehem have the stars looked down upon a world more filled with anxiety and fear. Truly the days are here of which the Saviour prophesied, when He said, 'Men's hearts failing them for fear.'"

Indeed, dear fellow-believer, this is no ordinary hour either for the world, or for the church. For the world, it is one of the gravest moments; for the church it is the hour which God wants to use for glorious advancement and triumphant victory on behalf of His cause. Thus to the

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An Old Friend In a New Dress

F. G. CLIFFORD

For some time considerable difficulty has been experienced by the Publishing House in producing two papers circulating within the same territory.

With paper prices soaring because of war conditions, it is no longer possible to continue printing the "Signs" and "Tekens" without increasing the cost of the paper to the public.

The two papers are now to appear as one, continuing the lofty mission of presenting the truth to the public in both official languages. Each issue will contain original articles in both English and Afrikaans. The former prices and discounts will remain unchanged.

The "Signs" and "Tekens" are already preaching the message in over 10,000 homes. The new paper

can reach thousands more this week with your good help.

If ever there was a time when our message should reach every home, it is now. With the world shaking beneath our feet and civilisation tottering to its end, it is imperative that a constant visitation of truth should reach the homes of our land.

With a burning heart every believer should search out his friends and neighbours and endeavour to interest them in this saving message. There is no better way to do this than to secure subscriptions for the "Signs-Tekens."

The hours of opportunity are fast slipping by. The destiny of millions is already decided. Do your best under God for those around you, ere it is too late.

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THOUSANDS OF NEW READERS
TO ENJOY THE
BI-LINGUAL "SIGNS - TEKENS"

The Magazine That Meets Today's Need

An Open Letter

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church, the future is just as bright as the promises of God.

With these sobering facts before us, we, as a committee, endeavoured to face our problems, our needs, and the opportunities of 1940 seriously. Most of all, we sought to discover more fully our chiefest need. Of this need the Lord did not leave us in doubt, for He spoke very definitely to us through the Spirit of prophecy in these words:

"We need the breath of the divine life breathed into us. We are to be channels through which the Lord can send light and grace to the world. . . . *Floods of spiritual power* are to be poured forth upon those prepared to receive it."—*Vol. VIII, page 46.* (Italics ours.) Think of it,—**FLOODS OF POWER!**

Then again we read: "There never was a time when God was ready and waiting to do more for His people than now."—*Vol. III, page 455.*

These messages were concrete and definite. The first one expresses the need of every heart; the second assures us that God will send the power as we prepare the way.

To us, as a committee, the instruction came home with new force and tremendous import. As brethren we humbled ourselves before the Lord, and we honestly endeavoured to clear the king's highway of everything that still hinders the coming of the wonderful power upon us. Truly we stand as needy souls before God!

Now, we have also thought of you and your need. As we have viewed the situation and need confronting us, we desire to pour forth our hearts in a sincere and solemn appeal to all at this time. Our fervent plea is for a definite advance in spiritual life; a richer and deeper experience in the things of God. In forming such an appeal we would mention the following for your thoughtful and prayerful consideration:

In this late hour of setting sun—the closing period of human probation; this hour while the Bridegroom tarries—we solemnly appeal for an experience wherein the lamp is kept trimmed and burning, and the vessel filled with oil, so that we may accompany Him as He goes into the wedding feast.

We appeal for a life of Christian living, of loyalty and service, which will prove to be the most powerful sermon we can preach, as well as to prove the most convincing argument we can offer to our friends and neighbours on behalf of Christianity.

We appeal to our fathers and mothers in Israel to set their house in order for the coming of Jesus. Permit nothing, dear parents, to cross the threshold which would hinder your home from being all Heaven ordains it should be.

We appeal for the restoration of the family altar wherein it has fallen into disuse, for only as its influence is kept strong will the home life be safeguarded against the cunning snares and subtle devices of the devil's last-day delusions.

We appeal to our youth; we appeal to their young manhood and young womanhood; we appeal to their ardour and zeal, that they keep themselves clean, pure, and unspotted by the world, that they in turn may give of their best to the Master. We appeal to the lambs of the flock to be like little Samuel of old, when he said, "Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth." Let them daily surrender their young lives to the Saviour who said: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

To all, both young and old, we sincerely appeal for a life that will be absolutely free from the spirit of criticism, fault-finding, worldly fashions, lowering of moral standards, reading of cheap and unwholesome literature, listening to questionable radio programmes, and all else which savours of the worldly spirit at this late

hour in human experience. In other words, we appeal for a life in word, in deed, and in action, which becometh a true child of God, a member of the Lord's family.

Lastly, we earnestly appeal for the genuine spirit of sacrifice, of loyalty, of devotion and service, which will truly measure up to the needs and requirements of an unfinished task in this time of God's mighty power and unparalleled missionary opportunity.

Now, dear fellow-workers and laymembers, this is the sincere entreaty of our hearts in these solemn, sobering times.

O brother, sister, fellow-worker, as we enter the new year before us, may it prove to be the brightest, the most spiritual we have ever as yet known in our Christian warfare. The times demand it should be so; the Lord of harvest desires it to be so; and we firmly believe that you, with us, want it to be so. Then let us therefore join our hearts, our prayers, our efforts, and our determination to make it so.

With confidence, we are, hopefully and expectantly yours,
SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION COMMITTEE.

Good Hope Training School

Graduation Exercises

P. H. MANTELL, *Principal*

A LARGE number of parents and friends attended the graduation services of the Good Hope Training School held on Sabbath, December 9, 1939. The consecration service in the afternoon was conducted by Elder J. V. Wilson, who chose as the basis of his remarks the class motto, "Steering and not Drifting," and related many experiences from mission work as evidence that God has been steering and will continue to steer His work until its triumphal close.

The Class Night programme in the evening was combined with the Commencement service, the main address being presented by Brother K. Landers, a former graduate of the school. An interesting feature of the evening programme was the participation of all, except one who could not attend, of the normal-theological graduates of the institution since its inception.

The services brought to a close a very successful year for the school. Though the enrolment was not as large as that of the previous year, an encouraging feature was that 83% of the pupils in attendance were from Adventist homes. All except two of the pupils in the training classes were baptised church members.

One student completed the normal-theological course and another a special Bible course, having completed the professional training at a Government institution. Both these students will enter the organised work next year as church school teachers. Four

pupils were prepared for, and wrote the Junior Certificate examination.

During the year a brief visit was paid to the school by a Government school inspector, who commented favourably on the classroom accommodation and the neat appearance of the children.

Are You Steering or Drifting?

(The following is an extract from the talk given by Ingram du Preez at the Good Hope Training School graduation exercises.)

"We expect that great care will be exercised while a ship is making her way out of harbour. But when the harbour entrances have been passed and the ship is well out to sea, with the shore-line veiled in the haze behind, the vigilance of the officers does not for a moment relax. They still watch and direct the ship as though they were expecting the most serious eventualities, and the seaman still keeps his hand on the wheel as though they were surrounded by other craft and in imminent danger of collision. 'Take no chances' seems to be the motto of good seamanship. It is also the motto of all wise young people. There are young people who drift, trusting to good fortune, and there are young people who steer their way through life with careful concentration. Which are you?"

"One of the purposes of steering, of course, is to get to the place that we intend. From large harbours there leave every day a number of ships, and they do not all

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go to the same place. Boats leaving on identical days from Table Bay may pass to Buenos Aires or Bombay, Southampton or Sydney. The difference lies all in the steering. And, generally speaking, they cannot steer for two places at the same time. Boats may go to different countries and ports at different times by making successive voyages, but you and I can hardly do that. For we can make only one voyage, the rather uncertain but always interesting voyage of life. And owing to the shortness of our days, we can hardly touch at all the ports. If only we could live long enough to learn everything and be everything! But we can't! Therefore it behooves us to think well what our port shall be, and how best we may steer toward it.

"There are millions of young people in the world around us who go on from day to day drifting along and living rather vegetative lives. But the Christian young person must steer carefully if he is to avoid shipwreck. The young person who is following Jesus has his chart in the Bible, the Word of God. He has his compass in the guiding power of the Holy Spirit which, unseen as the magnetic force which draws the needle to the pole, seeks to lead the youthful heart to God.

"But ships have been lost whose cabins were full of charts, and whose compasses were unswervingly accurate. Regardless of how many helps to navigation he may have, the navigator must steer; he must set a right course, and having set that course, must adhere to it.

"It is not uncommon for ships, if they sail at the right time of the year, to avoid all storms, and to experience only the warming sunshine and the pleasant breeze. It is also not unknown for persons who have lived in times when our world's history was placid and undisturbed to sail a long voyage from cradle to the grave and encounter no dreadful tempest, no wrecking forces of destruction. But we do not live today in times when the world is placid and undisturbed. We live in days when civilisation trembles, and strange forces are dissolving all of peace and security that the centuries have bequeathed to us. Class strife wrenches at the foundations of national life. War with gas and shell, submarine and aeroplane, has broken out and is now raging in China and in Europe. A spirit of confusion broods over a weary world.

"In such times it is that you and I, by the providence of God, must make our voyage. We shall need more than education, we shall need wisdom; we shall need more than strength, we shall need grace; we shall need more than confidence, we shall need faith. Woe to him that drifts, for in these troubled times he will surely be wrecked. But to him who steers wisely and well, is assured the help of God, and he may know that he will surely reach his port at last."

N. T. Conference

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Baptismal Services

THE year 1939 has been made happy by growth in the churches in Johannesburg. There has been much to encourage and we have seen many evidences of the Lord's power to save.

Recently our fifth and sixth baptisms were held on November 18, and December 16, respectively. On these occasions six brethren and eight sisters followed their Lord in baptism. While these were not large baptisms, yet God was very near to us. These dear souls represented the power of the Lord to transform human lives. We were indeed made happy and rejoice that they now walk in the light of present truth.

Others are preparing for baptism, having accepted the message at the tent mission at La Rochelle. We look forward to 1940 with hope and courage.

A. W. STAPLES.

Appreciation

As we come to the end of 1939 and commence another year's work, I do wish to pass on just a word of deep appreciation to the various church, and Sabbath school officers, who have so faithfully completed their responsibilities for the year. I realise that at times, we scarcely acknowledge the faithful work done by our various officers.

I trust that you will each realise that it is almost impossible, for us to send you an individual letter of thanks for your past year's work, but when we think of the many, many hours of work put in by church elders, Sabbath school superintendents, secretaries, Home Missionary secretaries, treasurers, Dorcas leaders and members, and the many other church activities in which our members take part so cheerfully, we realise our deep debt of gratitude to each one of you.

To those who commence their year's responsibilities, we offer our thanks in advance and trust that you may be richly blessed in your own experience and be a blessing to those whom you serve.

THE OFFICE EXECUTIVE.



Notice

WILL all of our members, who subscribe to overseas periodicals, whatever they may be, including such papers as the Junior and Primary Quarterlies, note that due to war conditions, the receipt of these papers will undoubtedly be very irregular. We have

had a number of complaints already from both churches and individuals, and upon investigation we have found that as far as we are concerned, the matter is in order; apparently, the mails are upset because of sailing conditions. This is especially true of second and third class matter. We will be glad to help in every way possible and investigate any difficulty that may arise.

P. W. WILLMORE.

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Master Comrade Investiture Service

A. C. LE BUTT

WEDNESDAY evening, November 29, will be a time long remembered by the Port Elizabeth church members, for they witnessed for the first time in the history of their church a Master Comrade investiture service.

Promptly, at 8:00 P.M., the young people, who were to be invested, walked upon the platform and stood under a large arch, upon which were the words, "Master Comrade," and also their class motto, "In His Footsteps."

After the opening exercises the Master Comrades stood around a glowing camp fire. As the lights of the church were lowered the red glow from the fire was most effective as it shone upon those taking part, bringing into prominence the sashes each young person wore, upon which were affixed the numerous Vocational Honour Tokens earned during their training. As each one rendered his part, it soon became obvious that the fire was a symbol of the Christian experience. Those things that would quench the flame of the Godly life were to be dispensed with, and only such virtues as love, kindness, longsuffering, and mercy were to be added to the fire to make it burn more brightly.

As the Master Comrades, saying appropriate words, added their small logs to the fire, all in the audience were impressed, and one found oneself joining in the promises and pledges made in song and verse. Earnestly the leader of the M. V. society pleaded that God would fire all hearts with



a zeal and determination to live a warm and bright Christian life, and thus influence others for right.

The four invested were: Misses Elaine Roberts, Lois Davies, Loris Roberts, and Winifred Le Butt. These young people have put in three-and-a-half years of hard study to attain their present status, and they are to be complimented upon the way they have remained at their task, and the determined attitude manifested throughout the Progressive Classes.

The Cape Conference Missionary Volunteer Department appreciates the help given by Sister Hurlow, in coaching and examining the candidates for their first-aid and home nursing certificates.



"Let Us Go to the Seer"

ARTHUR L. WHITE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS are characterized by their great desire to do that which is right in the sight of God, and to avoid that which is wrong. Through the ages God's people have counted it a privilege to learn what His will for them was. Thus in the experience of the chosen people of old, it is recorded: "In Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer." 1 Sam. 9:9.

In His love to mankind, God has through the ages opened up resources of information and guiding counsel through the prophets. In this way His people have been led and preserved. Today the word of God, comprising the writings of the prophets and apostles that have been preserved, can be had by all who wish it.

We are now living in the last days of earth's history—the closing days of the great conflict between the powers of good and evil, and in this perilous hour, God has spoken to His people through the Spirit of prophecy. In our age, the printing press makes possible the wide dissemination of the writings of the Lord's messenger for the remnant church, and in tens of thousands of families, these writings, giving detailed counsel for the crisis days in which we are living, speak words of instruction and guidance.

Many years ago Ellen White, while in vision, seemed to be in a meeting where men of God were pleading for light. The Spirit of God rested upon her and she "took the precious Bible, and surrounded it with the several Testimonies to the Church, given for the people of God. Here," she declared, "the cases of nearly all are met. The sins they are to shun are pointed out. The counsel that they desire can be found here."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. V, pp. 664, 665.

Surely God cannot be pleased if those who claim to be His people fail to know and follow His revealed will. He has done His part. Shall we not more often turn to the writings of the Spirit of proph-

ecy, and thus "go to the seer"? Can we stand clean before Him if we are indifferent to His warnings and counsels?

Let every Seventh-day Adventist, with gratitude in his heart, diligently seek the help given for all.

Build a Spirit of Prophecy Library

As from time to time in earlier years of the message the "Testimonies for the Church" and other of the Spirit of prophecy writings came from the presses of the denomination, they were eagerly secured and carefully studied, and then formed a part of the library in each Seventh-day Adventist home.

Those joining the church today find available a veritable library of helpful volumes which are spoken of as the Spirit of prophecy writings. Whether one is able to secure all the volumes at one time and thus have immediately available the advantage of the full range of counsel at his finger tips, or whether he can secure only a few books at a time and thus build up his library over a period of months or years, no Seventh-day Adventist with an appreciation of the task before us, and facing the perils of these last days, will deprive himself of the help God has sent to this people through His servant Ellen G. White.

"As the end draws near, and the work of giving the last warning to the world extends, it becomes more important for those who accept present truth to have a clear understanding of the nature and influence of the Testimonies, which God in His providence has linked with the work of the third angel's message from its very rise."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. V, page 654.

There are several classes of Spirit of prophecy books, some fundamentally essential to every Seventh-day Adventist and others of more special value to certain groups of workers in the cause.

Such volumes as "Steps to Christ," "Early Writings," "Great Controversy," and "Ministry of Healing," with the "Testimonies for the Church," or the "Selections From the Testimonies," will make an excellent foundation upon which to build a Spirit of prophecy library. "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Prophets and Kings," "Desire of Ages," and "Acts of the Apostles" will fill out the Conflict of the Ages Series, and should be added as soon as possible.

Other volumes especially helpful in the home are "Counsels on Diet and Foods," "Education," as well as "Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students," "Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing," and "Christ's Object Lessons." One biographical work should be included. Of these are three from which to choose, "Life Sketches" and "Experience and Teachings," in fuller form, or a shorter account as found in "Life and Teachings."

Of the volumes of interest to all, but of particular value to workers, are "Gospel Workers," "Testimonies to Ministers,"

"Fundamentals of Education," "Counsels on Health," "Medical Ministry," "Counsels on Sabbath School Work," "Colporteur Evangelist," and the comprehensive "Index."

How essential it is that we study the counsel which God has given to us, covering so many phases of experience and work. We are told "there was never a time when God instructed His people more earnestly than He instructs them now concerning His will and the course that He would have them pursue."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. V, page 661.

While these books can be secured at any time the special twenty-per-cent price reduction arranged by the General Conference to encourage you to complete your Spirit of prophecy library, or to begin building it, as the case may be, is in effect until March 15. Now is the opportune time to secure the E. G. White books which will mean so much to you. The exceptionally low prices cannot be extended beyond March 15.

The next step is yours. Will these writings of the "Seer" speak in your home?



Good News for the Housewife

Cero, Soya-beans, Gluten Cutlets, and Soya-Gluten Loaf are all obtainable from The Sentinel Publishing Company.

THE following recipes can be made from the above health foods:

Soya-bean Cutlets

(Mrs. Slate)

- 1 part Soya-beans (minced)
- 2 parts mashed potato
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 little browned onion salt to taste.

Method.—Form into cutlets; dip in beaten egg, and toasted breadcrumbs; drop in cooking oil, smoking hot, till cooked.

Gluten Cutlets

(Mrs. Anderson)

Roll cutlets in beaten egg, and toasted breadcrumbs and cook a few minutes in smoking hot cooking oil.

Soya-Gluten Loaf Rissoles

(Aileen G. Fleming)

- 1 cup Soya-Gluten Loaf
- 1 cup of mashed, buttered potato
- ½ teaspoon salt
- pinch of sage
- ½ cup hot milk
- 2 eggs
- breadcrumbs.

Method.—Add hot milk to mashed potato, with butter and salt, sage, and Soya-Gluten Loaf. Mix well together, add one well beaten egg. Form into rissoles, dip into beaten egg, and roll in toasted breadcrumbs, and drop into saucepan, half full of smoking hot cooking oil.

THE "SIGNS-TEKENS" HAS A MESSAGE FOR THE MOMENT

'n Ou Vriend in 'n Nuwe Mondering

F. G. CLIFFORD

VIR geruimte tyd reeds het die uitgewers dit moeilik gevind om twee aparte maand-blaaie in dieselfde terrein te sirkuleer.

Met die styging van die prys van papier weens die oorlog, is dit nie langer moontlik om beide die *Signs* en die *Tekens* te druk sonder om die prys te verhoog nie.

Die twee blaaie is nou saamgesmelt, en sal steeds voortgaan met hulle edele werk om die waarheid in albei offisiële tale te verkondig. In elke nommer sal daar verskillende artikels in Engels en Afrikaans verskyn. Die pryse en kortings sal dieselfde bly.

Die *Signs* en die *Tekens* verkondig reeds die boodskap in meer as tienduiseend wonnings. Dit kan hierdie week na duisende meer huisgesinne gaan met u hulp.

As daar ooit 'n tyd was dat ons boodskap elke huis behoort te bereik, dan is dit nou. Met die skudding van die wêreld en die skok wat die beskawing gekry het, is dit dringend nodig dat die waarheid sonder onderbreking na elke huis in ons land gestuur sal word.

Met 'n brandende hart behoort elke gelowige na sy vriende en bure te gaan in 'n poging om hulle belangstelling in hierdie reddende boodskap op te wek. Daar is geen beter manier om dit te doen nie as deur intekenaars vir die *Tekens-Signs* te werf nie.

Die tyd van ons geleentheid gaan vinnig verby. Die lot van miljoene is reeds beslis. Doen, onder die leiding van God, u bes om diegene in u omgewing te waarsku voordat dit te laat is.

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Verpligte Registrasie Kragtens Verdedigingswet

A FLOYD TARR

VIR inligting van Sewende-dag Adventiste gelowiges wat onder die bepalings van die Verdedigingswet val, herhaal ons die instruksies wat ons van die Verdedigingshoofkwartiere ontvang het, en wat breedvoerig in die *Outlook* van 1 September 1939 verskyn het:

„(a) Lede moet, ooreenkomstig die Verdedigingswet, hulleself op die gewone wyse laat registreer gedurende Januarie van die jaar waarin hulle die ouderdom van sewentien jaar bereik.

„(b) Tydens die registrasie moet hulle 'nie vrywillig nie' antwoord op vraag 10 op die Registrasievorm wat as volg lui: Wens u om vrywillig vredesopleiding te ondergaan hierdie jaar; so nie, in watter jaar?”

„(c) Burgers wat reeds geregistreer en vrywillig ingeskryf is vir vredesopleiding, moet die „Officer-in-charge of Citizen's Records, Defence Headquarters, Pretoria,” in kennis stel, en versoek dat hulle regis-

trasievorms gewysig moet word soos aangedui in paragraaf (b) bostaande.

„Burgers wat hulle laat registreer as „Nie Vrywillig Nie” sal natuurlik nie automaties vrygestel word nie, maar hulle name sal in hiersiening geneem word wanneer hulle hulle een-en-twintigste jaar bereik; as hulle nie deur hierdie kantoor vrygestel word nie, mag dit vir hulle nodig wees om voor 'n Vrystellingsraad te verskyn en bewys te lewer dat hulle lede is van 'n godsdienstige liggaam volgens die belydenis waarvan hulle teen oorlog gekant is.

„Dit moet verstaan word dat volgens die Verdedigingswet geen burger vrygestel is van diens in tyd van oorlog nie; diegene wat godsdienstige gewetensbesware het, kan versoek word om in 'n non-kombatante hoedanigheid te dien.”

Ons vertrou dat elke Sewende dag Adventiste jongman wat gedurende die jaar 1940 die ouderdom van sewentien jaar sal bereik, hom voor 31 Januarie sal laat registreer ooreenkomstig bogemelde instruksies.

Werf Orals Intekenaars

„SIGNS - TEKENS”
WEEK

27 Jan. - 3 Febr.

Aansienlike Korting
aan Lede

'n Ope Brief

Aan Ons Medearbeiders en -gelowiges

DIE jaarlikse vergadering van die Divisiekomitee is verby; ons het 'n geseënde tydjie saam deurgebring; ons het onself ondersoek, en ons het ernstig die leiding van ons groot Leier gesoek ter oplossing van ons probleme. Ons het uit ons hart tot Hom gespreek, en Hy weer het op bepaalde wyse tot ons gespreek deur daelike boodskappe uit die Woord en die Gees van profesie. Ons harte is versag, tot erns gestem, en geseënde gedurende die dae wat ons saam was. Dit was 'n tyd van verkwikking wat ons nie gou sal vergeet nie. En nou wil ons, as u getroue leiers, tot u spreek waar ons die nuwe jaar ingaan.

Dat ons tot 'n ernstige tyd gekom het, is geen nuus vir u nie. Ons kan inderwaarheid sê dat ons nog nooit as komitee in 'n tyd vergader het wanneer die wolke donkerder saamgepak het nie. Dat die tye ernstig en gevaarlik is, sal niemand wil ontken nie; om die waarheid te sê is die toestande verbysterend vir die moedigste en dapperste harte.

Dis nie so lank gelede nie dat die Eerste

Minister van Groot-Brittanje gesê het, „As ek so oor die wêreld kyk, moet ek erken dat ek ernstig ontsteld is deur die vooruitsigte.” Hierby kan ons nog die kommentaar voeg van die redakteur van 'n voraanstaande nuusblad. Hy sê: „Nie sedert die tyd dat Christus in Betlehem gebore is, het die sterre op 'n vreesagtiger wêreld geskyn nie. Die dae is gewis hier waarvan die Here geprofeteer het toe Hy gesê het, „Mense se harte beswyk van vrees.”

Geagte medegelowiges, dit is 'n buitengewone uur vir die wêreld en vir die kerk. Vir die wêreld is dit een van die ernstigste oomblikke; vir die kerk is dit die uur waarin God ver wag dat ons vooruit sal gaan om Sy saak tot 'n heerlike oorwinning te voer. Vir die kerk dus, is die toekoms verlig deur die bemoedigende beloftes van God.

Onder 'n besef van hierdie feite het ons, as komitee, ons probleme en behoeftes moedig in die gesig gesien. Almal van ons het getrag om vas te stel wat ons grootste behoefte is, en die Here het ons duidelik gewys wat dit was in die volgende woorde:

„Ons het behoefte aan die asem van die goddelike lewe in ons. Ons moet kanale wees waardeur die Here lig en genade aan die wêreld kan stuur. . . . Strome van geestelike krag sal uitgestort word op diegene wat gereed is om dit te ontvang.” —*Deel VIII, bl. 46.*

Verder lees ons: „Daar was nog nooit 'n tyd dat God meer bereid was om nog groter dinge vir Sy volk te doen as nou nie.” —*Deel III, bl. 455.*

Hierdie boodskappe is bepaald en definitief. Die eerste openbaar die behoefte van die hart, en die ander een gee die versekering dat God die krag sal gee as ons die weg sal berei.

Tot ons, as komitee, het die boodskappe met grote krag en betekenis gekom. Ons het ons voor die Here verootmoedig sodat alles wat die uitstorting van die krag kan verhinder, uit die weg geruim kan word.

Maar ons dink ook aan u behoeftes. Waar ons die toestande oorpens het, wil ons graag 'n ernstige beroep op almal doen. Ons wil u aanspoor tot 'n verdieping van u geestelike lewe, en 'n voller kennis van die dinge van God. In verband hiermee wil ons graag die volgende aan die hand gee vir u biddende oorweging:

In hierdie plegtige tyd wil ons 'n ernstige beroep op elkeen doen om toe te s'en dat u lamp brandende en vol olie is, sodat ons saam met die Here kan ingaan tot die brui- lofsmaal.

Ook vra ons u om getrou te dien en die Christelike lewe uit te leef, want dit is die kragtige soort preek wat daar bestaan, en dis ook die sterkste argument wat u kan aanvoer by u vriende ten behoeve van die Christelike geloof.

Ons doen 'n beroep op die vaders en moeders in Israel om hulle huis in orde te bring voor die koms van die Here. Moet niks toelaat om te belet dat u huise alles

DIE „TEKENS” RED SIELE — HET U BURE DIT GESIEN?

sal wees wat God verorden het dat hulle sal wees nie.

Ons doen 'n beroep vir die wederoprigting van die huisaltaar in die huise waar dit in puin lê, want alleen dan sal u huislike lewe gevrywaar wees teen die listige strikke van die laaste dae.

Ons doen 'n beroep op die jongmense— die jongmanne en jongvroue om hulle te beywer om hulleself rein en onbevlek van die wêreld te bewaar, sodat hulle hulle beste aan die Meester kan gee. Ons doen ook 'n beroep op die lammers van die kudde om te wees soos Samuel vanouds toe hy gesê het, „Spreek Here, want U kneg hoor.” Laat hulle daeliks hulle lewens aan die Here oorgee, wat gesê het: „Laat die kindertjies na My toe kom, want aan sulkes behoort die koninkryk van die hemel.”

Op almal, jonk en oud, doen ons 'n beroep om nie te kritiseer, en fout te vind nie; om nie wêreldse modes na te aap nie, om nie die sedelike peil te verlaag nie, om nie die slechte leesstof te lees nie, om nie na onbetaamlike radioprogramme te luister nie, en om alles in hierdie laaste uur te versaak wat wêreld is. Met ander woorde: ons vra u om in woord en daad te wandel soos dit 'n ware kind van God betaam.

En eindelijk wil ons 'n ernstige beroep doen vir 'n opregte gees van opoffering, getrouheid, en diensvaardigheid in die mate wat dit geveerg word deur die behoeftes van ons onvoltooide taak in hierdie uur van Gods almag en ongeëwenaarde geleentheid op sendinggebied.

Waar ons die nuwe jaar binnegaan, mag dit die geseëndste en geestelike tyd wees wat ons nog ooit in ons Christenstryd beleef het. Die tye waarin ons leef verg dit, die Here verg dit, en ons meen dat u dit ook graag so sou wil hê. Laat ons dan saam werk en bid dat dit so mag wees.

Met alle vertroue bly ons,

Verwagende Die Uwe,

SUIDELIKE AFRIKAANSE DIVISIEKOMITEE.

Kaapse Veld

J. N. de Beer, Superintendent

Good Hope Opleidingskool

Graduasiedienste

P. H. MANTELL, Prinsipaal

'N GROOT aantal ouers en vriende het die graduasiedienste by die Good Hope Opleidingskool bygewoon, wat op Sabbat, 9 Desember 1939 gehou is. Die toewydingsdiens in die namiddag is deur Leraar J. V. Wilson waargeneem. Hy het as uitgangspunt die leuse van die klas geneem, naamlik „Koershou, nie Dryf nie,” en hy het baie staaltjies geneem uit die sendingwerk

om aan te toon dat God aan die roer is, en sal aanhou om te stuur totdat Sy werk op seëvierde wyse voleindig is.

Die Klasaand-program is die aand saam met die „Commencement” diens gehou; Broeder K. Landers, 'n oudstudent van die skool het die hoofrede gehou. 'n Belangrike kentrek van die verrigtings was dat almal wat van die stigting van die skool af die normaalkursus daar gevolg het, behalwe een, aan die program deelgeneem het. Nog 'n bemoedende feit was dat 83% van die studente wat hierdie jaar die skool bygevoon het uit Adventiste gesinne was. Al die studente in die opleidingsklasse, behalwe twee, is gedoopte lede van die kerk.

Vier van die studente het vir die Junior-sertifikaat eksamen ingeskryf. Twee studente wat hulle onderwyserskursus in regeringsinrigtings gevolg het, het vir die jaar onder bespreking 'n kursus in ons skool gevolg— een 'n normaal-teologiese kursus en een 'n spesiale Bybelkursus.

Gedurende die jaar is die skool besoek deur 'n regeringsinspekteur, en hy het gunstige melding gemaak van die klaskameruitrusting en die netjiese voorkomste van die studente.

Hou U Koers of Dryf U?

(Die volgende is 'n opsomming van 'n toespraak gelewer deur Ingram du Preez, tydens die sluitingsverrigtinge by die skool.)

„Ons verwag dat die grootste versigtigheid aan die dag gelê sal word wanneer 'n skip eers op die oop see is, word die waaksaamheid van die bemanning nie verslap nie. Hulle is nog net so versigtig en waaksaam asof daar enige oomblik gevaar kan wees; die stuurman hou sy hand steeds aan die roer asof daar elke oomblik gevaar van 'n botsing met 'n ander vaartuig was. „Ons Laat Niks aan die Toeval oor nie,” skyn die leuse van goeie seeliede te wees. Dit is ook die leuse van alle verstandige jongmense. Daar is jongmense wat ronddryf en wat op geluk vertrou, terwyl daar ander is wat koershou op die lewensweg met alle kragte. Onder watter klas val u?

„Een van die redes waarom ons koershou, is om die plek van ons bestemming te bereik. Daar vaar elke dag uit die groot seehawens baie skepe, maar nie almal na dieselfde plek toe nie. Byvoorbeeld, bote wat op dieselfde dag uit Tafelbaai vaar, mag Buenos Aires, Bombaai, Southampton of Sydney as bestemming hê. Dit hang alles af van die koers wat die skepe inslaan. En geen skip kan in twee verskillende rigtings terselfdertyd vaar nie. Bote kan op verskillende tye na verskillende bawens vaar, maar u en ek kan dit nie doen nie. Ons kan slegs een reis onderneem, naamlik die onseker, maar teweens interessante lewensreis; en weens die kortstondigheid van die lewe kan ons nie alle hawens aandoen nie. As ons lank genoeg kon lewe, alles kon leer en alles kon wees, dan misken wel, maar soos sake is, kan ons nie! Daarom behoort ons baie ernstig te dink

aan die hawe van ons bestemming, en hoe om daar te kom.

„Daar is miljoene jongmense in die wêreld wat dag na dag doelloos ronddryf, maar Christen-jongmense moet baie versigtig vaar as hulle skipbreuk wil voorkom. Die jong persoon wat Jesus navolg, het sy kaart in die Woord van God. As kompas om rigting aan te dui, het hy die Heilige Gees, wat net so onsigbaar as die magnetiese krag wat die naald na die pool trek, ook trag om die jong hart tot God te lei.

„Maar skepe het vergaan met die beste kaarte en die betroubaarste kompas. Afgesien van die hulpmiddels wat ons mag hê om ons op die regte koers te hou, moet die stuurman self aan die roer wees; hy moet die rigting vasstel en dan getrou volg.

„Dit is moontlik vir skepe om, as hulle die regte tyd kies, alle storms vry te spring, en om slegs ligte windjies en sommige weer te hê. Ook was daar mense wat in tye van wêreldvrede 'n voorspoedige reis kon hê, sonder om die vernietigende elemente teë te kom. Maar ons lewe nie vandag in so 'n tyd van vrede nie. Ons lewe in 'n tyd wanneer die beskawing geskud in die vrede verstoort is. Klassestryd skud die fundamente van die nasionale lewe. Oorlog met gas, bomme, duikbote en vliegtuie woed tans in die Ooste en die Weste. 'n Gees van verwarring sweef oor die wêreld.

„Dis in hierdie tyd dat u en ek ons lewensreis moet onderneem. Ons sal meer as opvoeding, meer as wysheid, meer as krag, en alle genade nodig hê; en wat meer i s, meer geloof en vertroue. Wee hom wat geen koers het nie, want in hierdie stormagtige tyd sal hy seker skipbreuk ly. Maar aan diegene wat koers hou, is die hulp van God verseker, en hulle sal gewis hulle salige eindbestemming bereik.”

N. T. Konferensie

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Doopdiens

A. W. STAPLES

DIE jaar 1939 was 'n gelukkige een vir die gemeentes van Johannesburg. Daar was veel om ons te bemoedig, en ons het baie bewyse gesien van die Here se krag om te red.

Gedurende November en Desember het ons ons vyfde en sesde doopdienste gehou, en daar is toe ses broeders en agt susters gedoop. Hoewel die doopdienste nie groot was nie, was die Here kenlik naby. Hierdie siele het hulle oorgegee aan die krag van die Here Jesus om hulle lewens te verander. Ons is baie bly om te sien dat hulle nou in die lig van die teenwoordige waarheid wandel.

VERKOOP DIE „TEKENS” VIR DIE TYE

Nog ander kandidate maak klaar vir die doop; hulle het die boodskap aangeneem tydens die tentdiens op La Rochelle. Ons gaan die jaar 1940 vol hoop tegemoet.



'n Woord van Waardering

A. N. INGLE

WAAR ons die einde van 1939 bereik het, en weer 'n nuwe jaar se werk begin het, wil ek graag 'n woord van innige waardering rig aan die verskillende kerk- en Sabbatskoolbeamptes wat so getrou hulle verantwoordelikhede vir die jaar gedra het. Ek besef terdee dat ons nie altyd die getroue dienste van die verskillende beamptes op prys stel nie.

Ek hoop dat u sal besef dat dit nie moontlik is om aan almal 'n brief van dankbetuiging te stuur nie, maar as ons dink aan die baie ure van werk wat die Ouderlinge, Sabbatskool-superintendente en sekretarisse, sendingsekreterisse, tesouriers, Dorkasleiers en ander beamptes, sowel as ook die gemeentelede so blymoedig verrig het, voel ons dat ons aan elkeen baie verskuldig is.

Diegene wat die verantwoordelikhede vir die nuwe jaar reeds aanvaar het, wil ons byvoorbaat bedank; ons wil vertrou dat u 'n groot seën vir ander sal wees, en dat u self ook verkwik sal wees.

Kaapse Konferensie

W. H. Hurlow President
Mej. P. E. Willmore, Sek.-Tes.
Bus 508, Port Elizabeth, K. P.

Investituur van Meesterkamerade

A. C. LE BUTT

DIE lede van die Port Elizabethse gemeente sal Woensdagaand, 29 November 1939 nie gou vergeet nie, want hulle het toe vir die eerste maal 'n investituur van meesterkamerade gesien.

Presies om agtuur het die betrokke jongmense hulle plekke op die verhoog geneem, onder 'n boog waarop die woorde: „Meesterkamerade,” en ook hulle klasleuse, „In Sy Voetstaple,” gestaan het.

Na die openingsverrigtings het die jongmense hulle geskaar rondom 'n kampvuur, met hulle serpe om, waarop die verskillende ordetekens wat hulle van die begin af verower het, gepryk het. Namate hulle hulle verskillende dele in die program gespeel het, het dit spoedig geblyk dat die vuur 'n simbool van die geestelike lewe was. Die dinge wat die vuur van 'n goddelike lewe sou uitdoof is versmaak, en alleen die deugde, soos liefde, vriendelikheid, lankmoedigheid, en barmhartigheid is by die vuur gesit om dit nog helderder te laat opvlam.

Die vier betrokke lede was: Mejj. Elaine Roberts, Lois Davies, Loris Roberts, en Winifred Le Butt. Hierdie jongmense het drie en 'n half jaar gestudeer om hulle huidige status te bereik, en hulle verdien ons gelukwensing vir die wyse waarop hulle met hulle werk volgehou het.

By hierdie geleentheid wil die Konferensie Stewersdepartement Suster Hurlow bedank vir die leiding en hulp wat sy gegee het om die kandidate op te lei vir hulle eerstehulp en tuisverpleging sertifikate.



Ons is Wonderlik Geseën

J. F. WRIGHT

DIT is 'n merkwaardige feit dat geen ander Protestantse liggaam in die wêreld so wonderlik geseën is as die Oorblyfselkerk, wat die openbaring van die Gees van profesie betref nie. Van die begin van ons wêreldwerk was die Gees van profesie 'n seën vir beide werkers en leke.

Vir ons predikante was dit 'n veilige gids, 'n goeie raadgever, en die middel tot eenheid in die verkondiging van die boodskap. In die wêreldkonferensie en die ander konferensies was dit 'n magtige faktor om leiding te gee in alle ondernemings oor die wêreld. Dit het leiding gegee in al ons planne; in al ons besluite, en in alle belangrike ondernemings. Dikwels het dit die broeders bewaar van foute wat groot verlies of verleentheid sou gebring het.

Vir ons onderwysers, ons geneesere en ons verpleegsters—vir al ons werkers—was dit van die grootste geestelike hulp. Dit was vir hulle 'n waardevolle bron van kennis in tye van nood en krisis.

Vir ons gelowiges was dit 'n bron van inligting tot 'n beter begrip van die tye, asook 'n waarskuwer teen die strikke van die wêreld en van die vyand van alle geregtigheid.

Maar dis gladnie die bedoeling dat die Gees van profesie die plek van die Skrifte moet inneem nie; en die diensmaag van die Here het dit ook baie duidelik verklaar; maar aan die anderkant het die raadgeving en voorligting wat daarin bevat is, gelei tot 'n dieper kennis van die dinge van God en tot 'n lewe van groter hulpvaardigheid.

(Vervolg op bladsy 8)

Doodsberig

HUMAN.—Hester Human (geb. Saunderson) is gebore op Calvinia 2 Januarie 1900 en is oorlede op 14 Desember 1939 in die Groot Schuur Hospitaal, in die teenwoordigheid van haar eggenoot en die skrywer. Sy was by haar volle verstand tot die laaste oomblik, en haar laaste woord was „Amen.”

As 'n jong dogter van sewentien jaar het Suster Human deur eie ondersoek van die Skrif, tot die lig van die teenwoordige Waarheid gekom, en het in moeilike omstandighede en veel teenstand uitgestaan vir haar oortuiging. In die jaar 1919 is sy gedoop

deur Leraar W. B. White, en sy het 'n getroue lid van die kerk gebly tot die einde van haar lewe op die aarde.

Elf jaar lank het sy gely, en het drie groot operasies ondergaan. Haar begeerte en gebede was om herstelling, maar by dit alles was daar ook 'n volkome oorgawe aan die wil van die Here. Geduldig het sy die beproewing deurgemaak. Ja, sy was 'n voorbeeld vir ons van wat die Here vir die mens kan doen. Van haar kan ons met die Psalmidigter sê, „Kosbaar is in die oë van die Here die dood van Sy gunsgenote.”

Die lykrede is deur my gehou, bygestaan deur Leraar Cardey. Ons betuig ons innige medelyde met Broeder Human en sy drie seuns, en ons treur saam met hulle; maar nie soos die wat geen hoop het nie, want ons vind troos in die blye hoop op die opstanding van die regerdiges.

J. N. DE BEER.

Obituaries

SCHAEFER.—Maria Albertina Schaefer, née Koch, was born in 1862 and fell asleep in Jesus on September 15, 1939, in Johannesburg, Transvaal.

Sister Schaefer accepted the truth as the result of the reading of a book sold to her by the late Brother G. F. Visser, and subsequent studies with the late Brother Peter Wessels. She was baptised and joined the church at Kenilworth, Cape. Her life has been one of steadfast adherence to the principles of the faith she loved. During her last illness she was visited by Brother Vivian Cooks to whom she expressed her firm hope and confidence in the soon coming of her Lord and Master.

There are left to mourn: one son, four daughters, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Words of comfort and hope were spoken by Elder A. N. Ingle at the grave side in the Brixton Cemetery.

W. H. HURLLOW.

BREEN.—George Augustus Breen was born April 23, 1871, and passed away January 1, 1940.

Brother Breen accepted the message, and was baptised by Elder F. G. Clifford in Bloemfontein in 1934.

It was the writer's privilege often to visit and pray with our late brother who was ill a great deal of the time and was often confined to his bed. His faith in God was strong and his trust in the Lord Jesus was implicit.

His wife—Sister Breen—and a large family of children and grandchildren, are left to mourn.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer at the parlour and at the grave side. We laid him to rest at Brixton to await the call of the Life Giver. Our hearts are comforted with the assurance that he will come forth in the resurrection to life eternal.

A. W. STAPLES.

„Daar is geen plaasvervanger vir die krag van leesstof nie.”—Dr. Zwemer.

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Ons is Wonderlik Geseën

(Vervolg van bladsy 7)

Wel, geagte lesers, daar is niks meer wat ek kan sê om die nodigheid te beklemtoon om die geskifte van die Gees van profesie te ondersoek nie. Vandag, meer as ooit tevore, het ons behoefte daaraan. Hulle bevat juis die raadgeving waaraan ons so groot behoefte het in hierdie dae om ons voor te berei vir die dinge wat op die aarde sal kom. As bewys van die hulp en bemoeïgding wat daarin vervat is, wil ek net een aanhaling, as voorbeeld, maak:

„In die groot sluitingswerk sal ons voor baie moelikhede te staan kom wat ons nie sal weet hoe om op te los nie; maar laat ons nie vergeet nie dat die groot kragte van die hemel aan die werk is, dat die goddelike hand aan die wiel is, en dat God Sy beloftes sal gestand doen. Hy sal uit die wêreld 'n volk vergader wat Hom in geregtigheid sal dien.”—*Deel VIII, bl. 254.*

Bemoedig 'n aanhaling soos hierdie nie u hart nie? Besiel dit u nie met geestelike ywer en 'n vasberadenheid om aan te druk tot die uiteindelijke oorwinning nie? Ek doen dus 'n ernstige beroep op u om alle kragte in te span om hierdie goeie boeke te koop teen die spesiale verminderde prys, naamlik 'n korting van 20% op die ou prys.

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At Rusangu

P. B. FAIRCHILD

It was enrolment day at the mission; more than seventy-five boys and girls had passed by my desk. This number was to be more than duplicated on the following day. The staff of teachers necessary to handle this group of youth were happy when the hour came to go home, for the day had been trying.

As the last student left and the teachers bade me “good evening,” I thought back upon the day, and the precious text, “Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days,” came to

mind. These happy, vibrant children of the bush, who had passed me during the day were truly bread upon the water returning after “many days.” But Rusangu was not always thus:

The old trek wagon came to a halt at the spot that was to be Rusangu. Nothing but a few wild natives came out of the bush to welcome Elder W. H. Anderson. The site was promising and God's promises were sure.

Soon boys began to come for schooling; equipment was scarce; school buildings were out of the question so early in the programme, but in the heart of the Batonga the call had sounded, and this call was not to be hushed by the lack of buildings or equipment.

In those early days four years of schooling was about all the book learning these people were to get. The students left at the end of four years with only little

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lights but great zeal. The student body increased as the years went by. But only boys came for learning; girls were not to be given these strange new teachings. Theirs was to be the lot of home makers only, and education was not necessary—so said the fathers. But today it is different. Rusangu has an attendance of around 175. One-third of this number is made up of girls. Instead of four years' study the Batonga are taking eight years of good solid work.

After finishing Standard VI at Rusangu the selected ones go to Solusi Training School.

And today that institution is returning to us Batonga teachers who have but one aim, The gospel to all the world in this generation.

Yes, Elder Anderson cast his bread upon the waters. Today as he visits our field he can see the bread returning after many days.

Our hearts rejoice as we see these dark-skinned children coming to Jesus, and we, with you, long for that day when the harvest will be finished.

Registration Under Defence Act

A. FLOYD TARR

FOR the benefit of members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church who are affected by the Defence Act, we repeat here-with the instructions received from the Defence Headquarters, and which appeared in detail in the OUTLOOK of September 1:

“(a) Members must, in terms of the Defence Act, register themselves in the usual manner during the month of January of the year in which they will attain the age of seventeen years.

“(b) At the time of registration, the reply ‘non voluntary’ should be given to question 10 of the Registration Form which reads as follows: ‘Do you wish to enter voluntarily for peace training during this year; if not then during what year?’

“(c) Citizens who have already registered and volunteered for peace training should advise the Officer-in-Charge of Citizens' Records, Defence Headquarters, Pretoria, and request to have their registration changed as indicated in paragraph (b) above.

“Citizens who register as ‘non voluntary’ will, of course, not be exempted automatically but their cases will come up for review in their twenty-first year when, if they are not exempted by this office, they may be required to appear before an Exemption Board and to furnish proof that they are members of a religious body whose tenets are opposed to warfare.

“It should be understood that in terms of the Defence Act, no citizen is exempt from service in time of war; those having religious conscientious objections may be required to serve in a non-combatant capacity.”

We trust that every Seventh-day Adventist young man who will attain the age of seventeen years during 1940 will comply with the above instructions and register himself in the way suggested before January 31.

Shepherd's Pie

Nearly fill a baking dish with nicely seasoned nutmeat (any desired), cover with mashed potato, smooth the top with a knife dipped in melted butter, and bake until nicely browned.

Nuttolene Roast

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. nuttolene
1 pt. of hot water
salt and herbs to taste
Toasted breadcrumbs.

Method.—Mash nuttolene, add hot water, and beat to a cream, season, and thicken with toasted breadcrumbs till stiff enough to form into a moulded shape. Place in oiled baking tin, and bake 40 minutes. Pyrex dish may be used.