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A New Year's Greeting

C. W. BOZARTH

With this issue of the OUTLOOK we of the Division office family, wish to send Christian greetings for the New Year to the advent family of the Southern African Division.

The past year has brought many changes in world affairs. We are truly thankful to our heavenly Father that the war is over and peace has come to the earth again. The war years have brought many perplexities to our dear people as well as to the work of God, but these things are now in the past. So let us at the beginning of 1946 determine to be more earnest and zealous in the Master's service. Let us grasp every opportunity to win souls to the truth, and so improve every moment that the Lord Jesus can say to us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

May the Lord richly bless and keep each one of you during the coming year is our sincere prayer for you.

Nuwejaarsgroete

C. W. BOZARTH

Die gesin van die Divisie kantoor wil graag met hierdie uitgawe van die OUTLOOK aan die hele adventgesin van die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie nuwejaarsgroete stuur.

Die wêreld het gedurende die afgelope jaar baie verander. Ons is ons hemelse Vader dankbaar dat die oorlog verby is en dat daar weer vrede op aarde heers. Die oorlog het baie moeilikhede aan die werk en aan Gods volk gebring, maar dié dinge is nou verby. Laat ons dus aan die begin van 1946 besluit om meer ywerig te wees in die diens van die Here. Laat ons van elke geleentheid om siele tot die waarheid te lei, gebruik maak, sodat die Here Jesus kan sê: „Mooi so, goeie en getroue slaaf.”

Dit is ons ernstige bede dat die Here elkeen van u gedurende die jaar wat voorlê, ryklik sal seën.

Itinerating in the Cape Conference

W. H. HURLOW

I have just returned to Bloemfontein after a very interesting, and in many respects inspiring, visit to a number of churches in the Cape Conference. Generally, throughout the field, I found a deep consciousness of the meaning of the times in which we live, and of the overwhelming evidence to be found in current developments of the unquestionable nearness of the return of our Lord. This has created a keen desire to have a part in warning friends and neighbours of the grand though terrible events soon to take place in this distressed world.

In Vredendal I was particularly happy to be able to meet with the members in their new church and to see the joy and pride with which they regarded this monument to their faith. They are a happy company and diligent in the Master's service.

In the Cape Peninsula special meetings were held in the interests of the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer departments, where it was urged that the departments be more completely organised and an effort be made to cover the Peninsula with an all-out effort in lay evangelism. A number of the young people had completed the studies for various Progressive Classes and a very interesting investiture service was held at which time five Friends and two Master Comrades were given the Charge. At Helderberg College I was happy to have a part in an investiture service for which an instructive programme had been prepared. Helderberg College is our reservoir of young workers, and it augurs well for the future of the M. V. work when the graduates come forward as Master Comrades. In this investiture only one Master Comrade came forward, but one Comrade, five Companions, and eleven Friends, took part in the investiture service with their eyes on the goal of Master Comradeship.

At George, the small but earnest company, were eager to learn how best they might organise for better service in the cause they love, and responded well to the instruction given. On Sunday morning a keen group of Juniors were enthusiastic pupils at a demonstration of knot-tying and other Junior requirements.

My next visit was at Graaff Reinet where Brother M. Coetzee acted as interpreter. The principal occasion was an investiture service where eight Friends made their solemn promise to be true to the principles symbolised in the pin insignia with which they were invested. The following week-end was spent in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage where study was given to still further enlarging the scope of missionary endeavours already of fair dimensions. Three Helpers, seven Friends, and seven Comrades were given the solemn charge and invested with

their insignia at a most impressive service where the Juniors sat around a very realistic camp fire and gave evidence of their successful preparation for the investiture which followed.

I then made my first visit to the church at Somerset East. Here the "first love" still shines brightly and is evidenced in the rapt attention and ready response given to the suggestions for missionary activity. The young people are particularly keen and we shall be hearing of their missionary activity soon. A class of Companions are awaiting instruction in astronomy requirements to complete their readiness for an investiture service. One Friend was invested.

My itinerary ended at East London where our old-established church still keeps its church lights burning on Sunday nights, setting an example in witnessing which our other churches would do well to follow. The feature of my visit was an exceptionally well prepared programme given by the young people in their investiture service. It was a great pleasure to examine those who presented themselves for investiture, owing to the thoroughness with which they had prepared the requirements of the various classes. Two Helpers and thirteen Friends were invested.

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Securing Names for Voice of Prophecy Enrolment

The success of our work depends upon securing new names for enrolment. Nearly forty thousand new names were added during the year 1945 to our list of Bible students. We have set a goal of fifty thousand new names for 1946. Our avenues of approach are through the public press—such as newspapers and magazines, in both English and Afrikaans; by means of the Tuesday night radio programme in English and Afrikaans from Lourenco Marques; through contacting large numbers of names through letters sent out, and last, but not least, through the efforts our people make in visiting neighbours and friends.

The greatest opportunity for direct soul-winning our people has ever had is offered to them through the Voice of Prophecy enrolment plan. According to our statistics, an average number out of every hundred names gathered, will develop a definite interest, and some will accept the message immediately. If you want to be God's helper in preparing people for the coming of the Lord, we believe, dear brethren and sisters, that in this direct approach to the people, and the follow-up work that the Voice of Prophecy does, you will see the results of your labours both in this world, and in the world to come.

A sister has just written us, saying that she has not much time to devote to visiting, yet she has

been able to secure three hundred names in the past few months for the Voice of Prophecy. Think what it would mean if each one of our members would secure even ten names! What a host of students we would have! and from them hundreds would sign the covenant card indicating their desire to keep the Sabbath. We presume some will say, "Why develop more interest in the country when we are unable to follow up personally the hundreds of people who signify their desire to keep the Sabbath?"

We believe such will look at the matter differently when it is realised that God has laid upon us the burden of teaching His message, and warning people of what is coming. Over and over we have been told, in the Spirit of prophecy, that thousands will take their stand for the truth in a day. We can readily see how this will come to pass when large masses of the people have been given a chance to understand the full truth for this time.

So, we invite you all to press on and secure new names for the Voice of Prophecy. If you are so situated that advertising matter does not come to you through your church, please write us and we will send you our new attractive advertising for securing both senior and youth enrolments. Nearly ten thousand youth enrolled in 1945, and we want a similar number at least, in 1946. We would be glad to send our advertising literature to our members in any part of Africa. Write us for this literature, and be ready to start in this great enrolment-gathering campaign by the first of January.

E. L. CARDEY.

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Are We Condoning Sin?

A. G. PEARCE

For the people of God there can be doubt no longer that the hour has struck, and to us who live in these grand and solemn times, there come the words of the Wilderness Preacher with even greater urgency and insistence, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

God through past and present events is warning His church to arise to her task and finish the work, a work which cannot be completed until we as individual members sense our great responsibility to our God and fellow man.

There is only one standard of judgment, and only one distinguishing feature between God's people and the world—"Here are they which keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." There is no other class. We belong to one or the other.

God's great testing truth for this time—the Sabbath—is being used by the adversary as a subtle weapon to defeat the very principles for which we stand, and a leavening process is taking place which must be halted at all costs. Although we strongly discourage fanaticism or harshness in any form as not savouring of the spirit of Christ, yet we must

never fail to call sin by its right name. When we contact those who have grown cold and indifferent to the message, even though there be ties of blood, we must not hesitate in our solemn duty of warning and labouring for their salvation, pointing out to them the grave danger into which their present spiritual condition might lead them.

How many loving parents condone this sin of Sabbath-breaking in their own children who have grown up in the truth by their silence or their failure to make them fully aware of their position in the sight of God. Sometimes they excuse them on the grounds of the difficulty of obtaining suitable work, thus lulling them into a sense of false security, and virtually separating them from God's remnant people. Brethren and sisters, this is not love, but indulgence.

Is it not for this very reason that Satan brings trials and discouragement? Has he not achieved his purpose when we turn from truth, and by our very failure accuse God with Satan of the injustice and the impossibility of honouring His law? Have we forgotten that the righteous have not been seen "forsaken, nor his seed begging bread"? Have we forgotten our covenant of sacrifice? Does not our attitude unite us with those "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof"?

Let us be honest with God, ourselves and the weaker brethren in our midst. The messenger of the Lord has not failed to raise her voice. Let these few statements suffice: "God holds His people, as a body, responsible for the sins existing in individuals among them."—"Testimonies," Vol. III, page 269. "If wrongs are apparent among His people, and if the servants of God pass on indifferent to them, they virtually sustain and justify the sinner, and are alike guilty, and will just as surely receive the displeasure of God; for they will be made responsible for the sins of the guilty."—Id., page 266.

"One sinner may diffuse darkness that will exclude the light of God from the entire congregation. When the people realise that darkness is settling upon them, and they do not know the cause, they should seek God earnestly, in great humility and self-abasement, until the wrongs which grieve His Spirit are searched out and put away."—Id., page 265.

May God give us grace not in any way to bring discredit upon His cause. Let us jealously guard the privilege of membership in God's remnant church, that His blessings might not be withheld from His people and those honest in heart who will yet accept the message. Never let us turn God's mercy into a dagger with which to stab His justice. God calls upon His people not to fail at this critical hour.

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14: 12.

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Missionary Volunteer Activities

(Cape Field)

MISS A. V. SUTHERLAND

November 17, 1945, was a red-letter day for the young people of the Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage churches, when they had a united investiture service in the Mackay Street church.

After they had presented a short programme comprised of appropriate recitations, songs, and special items of music, our Cape Field superintendent, Pastor A. C. Le Butt, invested seventeen Friends and one Helper.

Seven of the young people were trained in Port Elizabeth by Brother A. Beaton and eleven at Uitenhage by Miss Sutherland. There was great pleasure in training these young people as they took a keen interest in the work. The book "Ideals for Juniors" was read to them by the class leader on Sabbath afternoons, and when it was ended several expressed their desire to purchase the book.

The knot-tying class on Saturday nights was full of enjoyment for all, and some of those, under the age for the Friend pin, also tried to make the knots while looking on. A little three-year old girlie got hold of a rope to knot up, and said, "Look, I can also make a bow-line!"

This Progressive Class work is proving to be a great blessing to our dear juniors and youth, and will serve as an anchor to hold them fast in the precious truth that we all love so dearly. If their M. V. training is begun in the Helper's Class at eight years of age, and faithfully kept up through the Friend, Companion, and Comrade classes, they will have no difficulty in becoming Master Comrades when they are sixteen years of age. When they reach their years of maturity and go forth into the Father's field as soul-winners, they will show an interest in the training of the young people in the churches where they labour.

At the beginning of 1945, our young people at Uitenhage decided to raise their share towards the annual M. V. Project by a few weeks of real sacrifice in the giving of their pocket money. One young man sacrificed his sweetmeats in order to have the full amount for the offerings on Sabbath afternoon.

During the year a sacred programme was rendered by the M. V's in the church and a silver collection was taken up to cover the cost of the Reading Course Books. Sister Le Butt acted as chairlady for us in the unavoidable absence of Brother Landers, our evangelist, and as she gave a deeply spiritual setting to the sacred items, many hearts were touched and moved to tears while the items were rendered.

A few weeks after the programme the church gave a picnic at the Uitenhage Springs where both old and young had an enjoyable time in one of the beauty spots of nature. This picnic was made possible through the kind hospitality of one of our oldest church members, Brother I. Japtha (Sen.), who hired a large lorry for the conveyance of the members to the picnic grounds five miles away.

The M. V. Week of Prayer, in August, proved to be of great spiritual uplift to our young people, and all resolved to keep their heart gardens clean from the weeds of sin and filled with the beautiful traits of the character of Jesus.

The following were invested:

Port Elizabeth: *Friends*—Mr. C. M. Sampson, Mrs. E. Frieselaar, Mr. A. Beaton, Miss Grace Prinsloo, Mr. J. Ramage, Mr. A. Boesack, Jean Sampson.

Uitenhage: *Friends*—Miss Ada Japtha, Miss Joyce Bruinders, Miss Pearlle Japtha, Miss Hazel Japtha, Mr. Isaac Japtha, Willie Japtha, Mavis Japtha, Rose Japtha, Stanley Japtha, Gallie Japtha.

Helper—Minnie Japtha.

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Baptismal Service, Port Elizabeth

(Cape Field)

To our members of the Mackay Street, and Uitenhage churches, as well as to our newly-formed company at Schaudertownship, Sabbath, November 17, will be remembered for a long time. In the morning we met for combined Sabbath school and preaching services, which were very much appreciated by all, as we seldom meet in this way.

The afternoon services, however, were to be the special features of the day. At 3:00 p.m. a Missionary Volunteer investiture service was conducted. This was followed by a baptismal service when eighteen precious souls were buried in the watery grave, and arose to a new life of service and sacrifice among God's remnant people.

The Mackay Street church, where the services were conducted, was filled to capacity both in the morning and in the afternoon. A number of non-Adventist friends were present at the afternoon services. Many were moved to tears during the baptismal service as they looked upon their friends and relatives witnessing to their faith in Jesus and their acceptance of His final closing message, so precious to all of us.

Of those baptised, eight were from Uitenhage and ten from Schaudertownship. Five others, who were also ready, could not be baptised at this time owing to various circumstances. We were happy to have Elder Le Butt with us, and he officiated at the services.

Sien Ons Sonde Deur die Vingers?

A. G. PEARCE.

Gods volk kan nie langer twyfel dat die uur aangebreek het nie. Die woorde van die profeet van die woestyn kom dringend tot ons: „Bekeer julle, want die koninkryk van die hemele het naby gekom."

God waarsku Sy kerk deur verlede en hedendaagse gebeurtenisse om op te staan en die werk klaar te maak. En dit sal nie klaarkom voordat elke lid sy verantwoordelikheid teenoor God en sy medemens besef nie.

Daar is slegs een standaard vir die oordeel, en net een verskil tussen Gods volk en die wêreld—„Hier is hulle wat die geboorte van God en die geloof in Jesus bewaar." Daar is geen derde klas nie. Ons moet óf aan die een óf aan die ander behoort.

Die vyand gebruik die dinge wat die dierbaarste in ons lewe is, as wapens om die juiste beginsels wat ons handhaaf, te oorweldig. Daar is 'n suurdeeg wat in ons midde werk, en ons moet dit ten alle koste keer.

We sincerely wish these dear brethren and sisters much of God's blessing and keeping power. May we all be faithful until Jesus comes.

K. LANDERS.

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Helderberg College Honour Roll

The following students have succeeded during the fourth quarter in making an average of B in all their school work and have, therefore, been placed on the Honour Roll:

PRIMARY SCHOOL—Doreen Higgins.

HIGH SCHOOL—Robert Buckley, Barry Burton, Gatharina de Waal, Leslie Havenga, Charlene Higgins, Ruby Lehnberg, Lillian Marais, Roy Parsons, Peter Peach, Felicity Prinsloo, Zilia Schraeder, Lucio Soares, Donald Thomas, Elsa Venter, Eric Webster.

COLLEGE—Johannes Dry, John Evert, Ruth Hurlow, Elza Marais, Stanley Maxwell, Mary Nortje, Henri Smuts, Faith Stevens, Fred Thomas, Hope Ueckermann, Izak van Zyl, Joyce Vixie.

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Reading Course Books for 1946

The new Reading Course books for 1946 have been selected, and from information just received we are able to announce the titles and prices of these various sets, as follows:

Ministerial Reading Course

Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers	22/9
Evangelism	17/9
Spiritual Gifts, Vol. III, IV	15/3
Pastoral Work	10/3
	66/-
	59/-

CLUB PRICE

Senior M. V. Reading Course

Marconi, Pioneer of Radio	12/9
Managing Yourself	6/9
Light Bearer to the Amazon	9/-
In the Bright Syrian Land	6/9
Skipper of the Sentinel	7/9
	43/-
	38/-

CLUB PRICE

Junior M. V. Reading Course

Bombs and Blessings	10/3
School Days	7/9
Haym Solomon	12/9
Too Much Salt and Pepper	10/3
	41/-
	36/-

CLUB PRICE

Primary M. V. Reading Course

The Children's Hour	15/3
Jolita of the Jungle	4/3
Little Kildeer	7/9
	27/3
	20/6

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Ek praat van die Sabbat—die groot toetswaarheid van ons tyd. Ons veroordeel dweepsug en onredelikheid omdat ons weet dat dit nie die gees van Christus is nie; maar ons moet die sonde altyd bestraf. As ons met persone in aanraking kom, en vind dat hulle koud en onverskillig teenoor die boodskap geword het, moet ons nie aarsel om vir hulle redding te werk nie. Ons moet hulle wys op die groot gevaar waarin hulle, deur hulle koue geestelike toestand, verkeer.

Hoeveel ouers is daar nie wat die sonde van Sabbatskending in hulle kinders wat in die waarheid grootgeword het, deur die vingers sien nie? Omdat hulle nie praat nie, begryp die kinders nie hulle toestand nie. Partykeer seek sulke ouers verskoning op gronde dat dit moeilik is om goeie werk met Sabbatsvoorregte te vind. Hulle sus die kinders, tot 'n valse gevoel van veiligheid hulle van Gods volk skei. Hierdie houding is nie liefde nie; dit is toegewendheid.

Is dit nie om hierdie juiste rede dat Satan beproewing en teleurstelling bring nie? Het hy nie sy doel bereik wanneer ons van die waarheid afwend en God van onregverdigheid beskuldig, en voorgee dat dit onmoontlik is om Sy wet te hou nie? Het ons dan vergeet dat die regverdige mens

„noot . . . verlate gesien” is „of dat sy nageslag brood soek nie”? Het ons ons verbond vergeet? Verbind ons houding ons nie met diegene wat „n gedaante van godsaligheid het, maar die krag daarvan verloor het,” nie?

Laat ons dan met God, met onself, en met die swakkere broeders in ons midde eerlik wees. Die dinesmaag van die Here gee ons die volgende boodskappe. „God hou Sy volk gesamentlik verantwoordelik vir die sonde wat in persone onder hulle voortleef.”—„Testimonies,” Deel III, bl. 269. „As sonde onder Sy volk verskyn, en die knegt van God hulle nie daaraan steur nie, is dit so goed asof hulle die sondaar verregverdig, is hulle self ook skuldig, en sal hulle net so wel as die sondaar in onguns by God verkeer, want hulle sal vir die sonde van die skuldige verantwoordelik gehou word.”—Id., bl. 266. „Een sondaar kan duisternis versprei en die hele gemeente van die lig van God skei. Wanneer die volk uitvind dat hulle in duisternis verkeer, en nie die rede daarvoor weet nie, moet hulle die Here in alle erns en nederigheid soek, totdat die sonde wat Sy Gees bedroef, ontbloot is, en verlaat word.”—Id., bl. 265.

Mag God ons genade gee om Sy saak te vereer. Ons moet die voorreg van lidmaatskap in Gods oorblyfselkerk streng bewaar sodat Sy seën op Sy volk en op diegene wat daarby gaan aansluit, mag rus. Ons moet nooit van Gods genade ’n mes maak waarmee ons sy regverdigheid kan aanval nie. God roep Sy volk aan om in hierdie belangrike uur vas te staan.

„Hier kom die geduld van die heiliges te pas; hier is hulle wat die gebooe van God en die geloof in Jesus bewaar.” Openb. 14:12.

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Rondreis in die Kaapse Konferensie

W. H. HURLOW

Ek is so pas terug van ’n baie interessante rondreis in die Kaapse Konferensie, en ek voel dat hierdie verslag ’n inspirasie vir ons gemeentes sal wees. Orals waar ek gegaan het, het ek die gelowiges aangetref, diep onder die indruk van die tye waarin ons lewe en van die wêreldgebeure wat onwettigbare bewys is van die nabyheid van die koms van die Here. Hierdie gees het by vele die drang geskep om hulle vriende en bure te waarsku van die groot dinge wat eerlank in ons benoude wêreld sal plaasvind.

Dit was aangenaam om op Vredendal ons gelowiges toe te spreek in hulle nuwe kerkgebou. Ons het ’n gelukkige en ywerige klompie gelowiges daar. In die Kaapse Skiereiland het ek spesiale dienste gehou in belang van die Buurtsending- en Strewersdepartemente. In die loop van die dienste is daar aangedring op beter organisasie met die oog op lekeopogings. ’n Aantal jongmense het hulle Progressieweklas-studies voltooi. Vyf Vriendspelde en twee Meesterkameradspelde is uitgereik.

By Helderberg Kollege het ek ook deelgeneem aan ’n investituurprogram, en daar is een Meesterkamerad-, een Kamerad-, vyf Gesel-, en elf Vriendspelde uitgereik. Op George was die gelowiges ook gretig om te leer hoe om beter te organiseer vir diens in die saak wat hulle liefhet. Die juniors het ’n demonstrasie van hulle werk gegee.

Die volgende plek wat ek besoek het, was Graaff-Reinet waar Broeder M. Coetzee vir my moes tolk. Daar het agt van die jongmense Vriendspelde ontvang. Daarvandaan is ek na Port Elizabeth en Uitenhage waar ons planne bespreek het vir die uitbreiding van die buurtsendingwerk. Op hierdie twee plekke het drie Helpers, sewe Vriende, en sewe Kamerade spelde ontvang. Die investituurdiens het om ’n kampvuur plaasgevind.

Ek het ook Somerset Oos besoek. Die vuur van hulle „eerste liefde” brond nog sterk in die gelowiges daar, en hulle het gretig die wenke aangeleem om hulle buurtsendingwerk uit te brei. Veral die jongmense is baie ywerig.

My rondreis het geëindig op Oos Londen. Ons gelowiges daar laat nog steeds hulle lig skyn deur Sondagaanddienste te hou; ons hoop dat ander gemeentes hulle voorbeeld sal volg. Ons het ’n baie mooi investituurdiens gehou. Die jongmense het hulle werk baie goed geken. Twee helpers en dertien Vriende het spelde ontvang.

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Betrekking Gevra

S. D. A. weduwee vra om betrekking as huishoudster of moedershulp vir Afrikaanse S. D. A. gesin, op ’n plaas of op die dorp. Skrywe aan Mev. L. van Tonder, Somersets Gift, P.K. Nieuweplaas, Langklouf.

Doopdiens te Port Elizabeth

K. LANDERS

Sabbat, 17 November, was vir ons gelowiges te Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage, en Schraudersdorp ’n heuglike dag. In die oggend het ons ’n gekombineerde Sabbatskooldiens gehad; almal het dit waardeer, want ons kom maar selde so bymekaar.

Maar die groot plegtigheid het in die namiddag plaasgevind, toe daar ’n investituur- en daarna ’n doopdiens gehou is. Daar is agtien kandidate gedoopt. Trane het gevloe tydens die doopplegtigheid. Daar was ’n hele aantal besoekers teenwoordig.

Agt van die kandidate was van Uitenhage, en tien van Schraudersdorp. Daar is nog vyf kandidate wat weens omstandighede verhinder is om die doop te ontvang. Leraar Le Butt het die dienste gelei. Ons wil die nuwe lede die seën van die Here toewens, en ons bede is dat hulle getrou bewaar mag word.

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Werf Name vir die Stem-van-Profesie

E. L. CARDEY

Die voorspoed van ons werk is afhanklik van nuwe bekeerlinge. Gedurende die jaar 1945 het ons byna 40,000 nuwe leerlinge ingeskryf. Ons doel vir 1946 is 50,000 nuwe name. Ons werf die name deur die openbare pers soos koerante en tydskrifte in beide Engels en Afrikaans, deur die Dinsdagaandse Engelse en Afrikaanse radio uitsending vanuit Lourenco Marques; deur briewe wat ons uitstuur, en deur die werk van ons leke.

Die Stem-van-Profesie bied ’n gulde geleentheid aan ons lede om vir siele te werk. Volgens ons syfers vind ons dat onder elke honderd persone wat inskryf, ’n sekere aantal belang stel en party van hulle neem die boodskap dadelik aan. As u ’n deel wil hê in die werk om siele vir die koninkryk te berei, glo ons dat u, deur die mense te ken in deur die Stem-van-Profesie te laat studeer, in die toekomstige wêreld geredde siele sal sien.

Een suster het onlangs aan ons geskryf. Sy vertel dat sy nie veel tyd het om, te gaan besoek nie, en tog het sy gedurende die afgelope paar maande driehonderd name vir die Stem-van-Profesie gewerf.

Dink net aan wat dit sou beteken as elkeen van ons lede net tien name sou instuur! Hoe ’n groot aantal leerlinge sou daar nie wees nie. En honderde van hulle sou die verbondskart teken om aan te toon dat hulle die Sabbat wil hou. Iemand sal sê: „Waarom nog meer belang in die land opwek wanneer ons reeds nie al die belangstellendes wat nou daar is kan besoek nie?”

Ons is oortuig dat sulke persone anders sou dink as hulle kon besef dat God aan ons die opdrag gegee het om die evangelie te verkondig en om die mense te waarsku van wat gaan kom. Die Gees van profesie vertel ons keer-op-keer dat duisende op een dag vir die waarheid sal uitstaan. Ons kan goed verstaan hoe dit kan gebeur wanneer groot skares van mense die geleentheid gehad het om die waarheid te verstaan.

Dus nooi ons u almal om aan te hou met die werwing van name vir die Stem-van-Profesie. As u omstandighede sulks is dat u nie deur die kerk reklamemateriaal ontvang nie, skryf aan ons en ons sal vir beide senior en jongmense materiaal aan u stuur. Byna 10,000 jongmense het gedurende 1945 ingeskryf en ons verwag in 1946 minstens dieselfde getal. Ons sal bly wees om aan ons lede in alle dele van Afrika reklamemateriaal te stuur. Skryf aan ons vir hierdie leesstof en staan gereed om teen die eerste Januarie te begin en ’n groot aantal name in te stuur.

Doodsberig

VORSTER.—Getruide Elisabeth Vorster (gebore Keyser) is op 16 Julie 1902 gebore, en het na ’n bittere lyding, op 1 Oktober 1945 in die ouderdom van 43 jaar sag in die Here ontslaap. Haar eggenoot, twee seuns en drie dogtertjies sowel as ander familiebetrekkinge betreur haar heengaan.

Suster Vorster het die waarheid in 1943 aangeleem toe Leraar Visser op Graaff-Reinet dienste gehou het. Sy was die enigste in haar huis wat uitgestaan het. Weens haar lang siekbed kon sy nie die dienste in die kerk gereeld bywoon nie, daarom het Broeder Kruger en ek haar, tydens die laaste nagmaal daar, by haar bed gaan bedien.

Suster Vorster was een van die beste moeders wat ek nog ooit geken het. Soete rus vir die wat in Jesus slaap. M. COETZEE.

Obituaries

STERLING.—Sister Elsie Sterling accepted present truth as a result of the untiring efforts of Miss Nellie George of Port Elizabeth—a faithful lay-worker—and was baptised by Elder Willis Hyatt in 1936.

After nine years of faithful witnessing she passed to her longed-for rest in the Johannesburg Hospital on Sabbath, October 6, 1945.

Sister Sterling suffered the extreme anguish of a lingering death by cancer. Only Jesus—her dear and trusted Friend—knows what she passed through. Her sufferings were mollified by the loving ministrations of her daughters, and by brethren and sisters of the church. She was faithful unto death; her crown lies waiting for her in her Saviour’s keeping.

Our sister is mourned by her devoted daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren. She lies waiting the call of the Life-giver at West Park Cemetery, Johannesburg. The last rites were performed by PASTOR E. J. STEVENSON.

SMUTS.—Matthew Smuts was born in April, 1884, at Goudshoorn, C. P., and died on October 22, 1945.

The deceased was the husband of a valued Seventh-day Adventist Church member, Sister M. Smuts, of the Central Church, Johannesburg, and the father of six beautiful daughters. He was known as a man of sterling character, steadfast devotion to duty, and unblemished reputation. Respected and loved by a large circle of friends, both Adventist and non-Adventist, he is greatly missed, and by his family deeply mourned. The late Mr. Smuts fell a victim to heart disease and passed away suddenly, and without warning, amid all the busy activities of life.

Our sympathy is extended to his sorrowing wife and daughters who lose their stay and support. May they find a Friend who changes not in Jesus.

The funeral sermon, and the interment in the beautiful West Park Cemetery, were conducted by PASTOR E. J. STEVENSON.

CERFONTYNE.—Five years ago Hazel was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. Cerfontyne of Innis Road, Wynberg. The little treasure was welcomed with great joy. This only child grew into a happy and intelligent companion to her parents, but alas, Hazel’s little life was cut short. She became dangerously ill and after three weeks of intense suffering, the parents and helpers who watched over her night and day were grief-stricken to see her breathe her last early on the morning of October 16, 1945.

At the funeral services, both at the house and the graveside, the writer spoke words of comfort, found in Jeremiah 31:15-17 and 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

In parting with sweet little Hazel, the hymn, “Shall We Gather at the River,” was sung tearfully at the grave side.

D. C. THEUNISSEN.

KEARNEY.—Charles David Kearney was born in Barkley East on November 25, 1873, and passed away peacefully to his rest early in the afternoon of November 25, 1945, at his home in Butterworth.

Brother Kearney surpassed his allotted time of three score and ten, by two years, laying down his burdens on the very day that he reached his 72nd birthday.

In 1896 he was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Nell. Our brother is survived by his wife, four children, and four grandchildren, and a host of friends. The children are: Mrs. L. Smith, of Cape Town; Mrs. M. Hall, David Kearney, and Mrs. P. Peters, of Butterworth.

In 1908 Mr. Kearney accepted the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and was a loyal, consistent member until the day of his death.

Brother Kearney was ever a lover of music and song. One of his favourite songs was entitled, “Thy Way, Not Mine.”

He was laid to rest in the Butterworth Cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver. Words of comfort were read and spoken by the writer.

A. V. EDWARDS.

VAN RENSBURG.—Jacobus Hercules Janse van Rensburg was born in 1882 and peacefully fell asleep in Jesus on Sabbath, November 10, 1945. Brother van Rensburg came under the influence of the message about fourteen years ago and was baptised in 1934. Our brother lived a life consistent with his profession and characterised by self-sacrificing service for his fellows. As a deacon in the Bloemfontein church he was faithful and dependable.

Left to mourn his passing are his widow, one son, and three daughters. The service in the church and at the graveside was conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder J. E. Symons, and Brother J. B. Cooks. W. H. HURLOW.

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Doopdiens in Kaapstad

Op Sabbat 10 November is sewe persone in die teenwoordigheid van 'n groot aantal van ons gelowiges in die Kaapse kerk gedoop. Vyf van hulle is uit Paarl, een van Saldanha Baai en een van Caledon.

Mej. Badenhorst van Caledon het in 1943 die poging op Paarl bygewoon. Sedert die tyd hou sy al die Sabbat en wag sy om gedoop te word. Sy het in die nag per goedere trein van Caledon na die doopdiens gekom en is weer op dieselfde manier terug. Sy is die enigste Sabbathouer op Caledon.

Mev. Veer het van Sandanha Baai gekom om gedoop te word. Sy verbly haar in die waarheid wat sy deur die Stem-van-Profesie baie deuglik bestudeer het.

Een van die vyf persone van Paarl het ook die diens daar bygewoon. Later het sy by die Stem-van-Profesie ingeskryf. Sy en haar man het die lesse sorgvuldig gestudeer, en die lede van die Paarlse gemeente het hulle gehelp om die waarheid te verstaan, en Suster van Wyk is gedoop. Haar man glo die waarheid saam met haar, en ons weet dat hy binnekort ook sal gedoop word.

Ons verantwoordelikheid is om die woord getrou te verkondig, en sodoende die saad te saai. God sal die oes verkeer. Party neem die waarheid dadelik aan, en ander volg agterna, maar die oes is verkeer. Laat ons net getrou bly in die diens van die Meester.

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Strewerswerksaamhede

MEJ. A. V. SUTHERLAND

Op 17 November het Leraar A. C. Le Butt 'n investituurdiens te Port Elizabeth gehou toe sewentien Vriende en een Helper spelde ontvang het (vir 'n name sien Engelse artikel). Daar was 'n program gereël, met voordragte en musiekitems. Sewe van die jongmense is te Port Elizabeth opgelei deur Broeder A. Beaton, en die orige elf het ek te Uitenhage opgelei.

Die Progressiewe klaswerk is baie leersaam en 'n groot seën vir ons jongmense; dit help om hulle in die waarheid vas te anker. As ons kinders vanaf agtjarige leeftyd met hulle studies kon begin, sou hulle op sestigjarige leeftyd hulle Meesterkameraad Speld kan ontvang.

Ons jongmense te Uitenhage het hulle deel bygedra vir die Strewersonderneming; sommige van hulle het van hulle sakgeld afgeknyp vir die doel, en ander het sonder lekkers gegaan. Gedurende die jaar het ons 'n gewyde konsert gereël om fondse in te samel vir die boeke van die leerkursus. 'n Paar weke ná die konsert is daar vir die jongspan 'n piekniek gereël. Broeder I. Japha was so vriendelik om te sorg vir die vervoer na die piekniek-terrein.

Die Week van Gebed was 'n groot seën vir ons jongmense, en almal het hulle voorgee om die tuin van hulle harte skoon te hou van alle onkruid, en die mooi dinge van Jesus se karakter aan te kweek.

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Wyksdienste—Kaapse Konferensie

Vir die wyksdienste vroeg aanstaande jaar is die volgende plekke en datums bepaal:

Port Elizabeth	11-13 Januarie.
Oos-Londen	18-20 Januarie.
Bloemfontein	25-27 Januarie.
Kimberley	25-27 Januarie.
Upington	1-3 Februarie.
Kaapse Skiereiland	15-17 Maart.

Verteenwoordigers van die Divisie, die Unie, en die Kaapse Konferensie sal met die diens behulpzaam wees. Tref vroegtydig reëlings om die diens naaste aan u woonplek by te woon.

Regional Meetings in the Natal-Transvaal Conference

Reef Regional Meetings, Benoni City Hall,
January 4-6, 1946.Pretoria Regional Meetings, Pretoria City
Hall, January 11-13, 1946.

Potchefstroom, January, 18-20, 1946.

Plan to Attend. Watch for Further
Announcements.

J. Raubenheimer.

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Cape Conference Regional Meetings

Port Elizabeth	January 11-13.
East London	January 18-20.
Bloemfontein	January 25-27.
Kimberley	January 25-27.
Upington	February 1-3.
Cape Peninsula	March 15-17.

Division, Union, and Local Conference Help
Will be There to Meet You.Plan to be Present at the Gatherings Nearest
to Your Home.

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Baptism in Cape Town Church

On Sabbath, November 10, seven dear souls were baptised in the presence of a large company of our believers. Five of these came from Paarl, one from Saldanha Bay, and one from Caledon.

Miss Badenhorst from Caledon accepted the truth while visiting Paarl during the effort held there in 1943. Since then she has been keeping the Sabbath and awaiting baptism. She came by goods train, at night, all the way from Caledon, and returned the same way. She is the only Sabbath keeper in the town of Caledon.

Mrs. Veer from Saldanha Bay came down specially for the baptismal service. She is very happy in the blessed truth which she has so carefully studied through the Voice of Prophecy Bible School lessons.

One of the five from Paarl also attended the meetings during the effort there and then later asked for the Voice of Prophecy lessons. She studied them with her husband, and the members of the Paarl church faithfully helped this family to become acquainted with the truth and so Sister van Wyk was also baptised. Her husband believes the truth with her and we know that soon he will also follow his Lord through the watery grave.

Our responsibility is to preach the word faithfully, thus sowing the seeds of truth. The Lord will give the harvest. Some accept right away, some come later on, but the harvest is sure. Let us be faithful in the Master's service.

J. VAN DE MERWE.

GUARD THE EDGES OF THE SABBATH
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Claremont Dorcas Society

Early in the morning, on November 7, the sisters of the Claremont Dorcas society were all busy preparing for the sale they were going to have in the Claremont Town Hall that day. A few of the Lansdowne sisters joined them. It was raining a little that morning but that did not dampen their spirits as they gathered with all their different articles for sale. Sister Lambe, in her usual smiling way, was there to direct the activities of the day. Many of our members came in to share the bounties which had been prepared for lunch and also for the evening meal. In the evening some very fine pictures, selected by Elder Hnatyshyn and Brother Cowper, were shown to close off the happy day spent together. Aside from the £100 raised that day, this society has a very large number of articles to send overseas for the poor and distressed, while they will close off with another sale in December.

To Sister Lambe, the leader of this Dorcas society, and all those who so willingly helped her to make the work a success during 1945, we wish to express our thanks.

J. VAN DE MERWE.

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Medical Department

A. G. FLEMING

It has given me much pleasure during this year to have visited several of our churches and to have given health lectures, and cooking demonstrations and to have shown our people the spiritual advantage of health reform.

I visited Somerset East, Graaff Reinet, Langkloof, Goodwood, Claremont, and Vredendal, and enjoyed giving instruction in Afrikaans, as well as in English.

While health reform does not exempt us from many of the common ailments of life, yet, it brings its blessings, and above all it is important, else the Lord should not have given it to us.

It meets the fulfilment of the fast on the Day of Atonement in the Wilderness, in self-denial and self-sacrifice, in living from principle, and not following inclination. In this way our characters are developed, and we are strengthened to resist evil, and cling to that which is good. We know that we are walking in obedience to the will of God, and it is a work that must be done, by each individual who is to stand triumphant through the last great conflict of this world's history.

It is of far greater importance than many think, and it takes grit to maintain its principles, but the Lord does not ask us to do anything that is not essential for our eternal welfare, so let us persevere, knowing that, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

L—ove is the greatest motive power.

O—bedience the highest act of love.

R—est is the result of obedience.

D—eliverance from self is experienced as we rest fully in Him.

Does the expression, "My Lord," mean love, obedience, rest, and deliverance, for you?

The reason it appears difficult to put health reform in its fullness into practice is because we love self in its lethargy, more than we love self in its striving energy for salvation.

Remember that if we are not growing in sweet love, and, mark you, much sweet love, joy, and peace, we are being deceived by the enemy of souls.

Health reform is summed up in self-control in appetite, dress, temper, thoughts, words, work and recreation, full faith, unwavering trust, entire dependence upon my Lord who

L—ovingly

O—vercomes for and in me.

R—enews my mind and heart;

D—raws me away from self to live and commune with Him day by day.

Is this your experience, if not, why not? You alone can give the reason.

Let us resolve that during 1946 we shall be in earnest, as we daily pray, expressing our willingness to allow Jesus to empty us of self, and to consent to the Holy Spirit's moulding and fashioning our thoughts.

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War Victims' Relief Fund

Previously reported	£74 6 6
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