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Two Golden Days

There are two golden days in the week upon which, and about which, I never worry —two care-free days, kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is yesterday. Yesterday with its cares and frets, and all its pains and aches, all its faults, its mistakes and blunders, has passed forever beyond reach of my recall. I cannot undo an act that I wrought, I cannot unsay a word that I said. All that it holds of my life, of wrong, regret and sorrow, is in the hands of the Almighty Love that can bring honey out of the rock, and sweet waters out of the bitterest desert—the Love that can turn weeping into laughter, that can give beauty for ashes, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, joy of the morning for the woe of the night.

Save for the beautiful memories, sweet and tender, that linger like the perfume of roses in the heart of the day that is gone, I have nothing to do with yesterday. It was mine; it is God's.

And the other day I do not worry about is to-morrow. To-morrow with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its perils, its large promise and poor performance, its failures and mistakes, is as far beyond the reach of my mastery as its dead sister, yesterday. It is a day of God's. Its sun will rise in roseate splendour, or behind a mask of weeping clouds. But it will rise. Until then, the same love and patience that held yesterday holds to-morrow. Save for the star of hope that gleams forever on the brow of to-morrow, shining in tender promise into the hearts of to-day, I have no possession in that unborn day of grace. All else is in the safe keeping of the infinite Love that holds for me the treasures of yesterday. The Love that is higher than the stars, wider than the skies, deeper than the seas. To-morrow is God's day. It will be mine.

There is left for myself, then, but one day in the week—to-day. Any man can fight the battles of to-day. Any woman can carry the burdens of just one day, any man can resist the temptation of today. It is only when, to the burdens and cares of to-day, carefully measured out to us by the infinite Wisdom and Might that give with them the promise, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be," we wilfully add the burdens of those two awful eternities—yesterday and to-morrow—such burdens as only the mighty God can sustain—that we break down. It is not the experience of to-day that drives men mad. It is the remorse for something that happened yesterday, and dread of what to-morrow may disclose.

These are God's days. Leave them with Him.

Therefore I think and I do, and I journey but one day at a time. That is the easy way. That is the man's day. Dutifully I run my course, and work my appointed task on that day of ours, God the Almighty and the All-loving, takes care of yesterday and to-morrow. —SELECTED

Consecration

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Mrs. E. G. WHITE

God's promise is, "Ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13.

The whole heart must be yielded to God or the change can never be wrought in us by which we are to be restored to His likeness. By nature we are alienated from God. The Holy Spirit describes our condition in such words as these: "Dead in trespasses and sins;" "the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint;" "no soundness in it." We are held fast in the snare of Satan; "taken captive by him at his will." (Eph. 2:1; Isa. 1:5, 6; 2 Tim. 2:26.) God desires to heal us, to set us free. But since this requires an entire transformation, a renewing of our whole nature, we must yield ourselves wholly to Him.

The warfare against self is the greatest battle that was ever fought. The yielding of self, surrendering all to the will of God, requires a struggle ; but the soul must submit to God before it can be renewed in holiness.

The government of God is not, as Satan would make it appear, founded upon a blind submission, an unreasoning control. It appeals to the intellect and the conscience. "Come now, and let us reason together" (Isa. 1:18), is the Creator's invitation to the beings He has made. God does not force the will of His creatures. He cannot accept an homage that is not willingly and intelligently given. A mere forced submission would prevent all real development of mind or character; it would make man a mere automaton. Such is not the purpose of the Creator. He desires that man, the crowning work of His creative power, shall reach the highest possible development. He sets before us the height of blessing to which He desires to bring us through His grace. He invites us to give ourselves to Him, that He may work His will in us. It remains for us to choose whether we will be set free from the bondage of sin, to share the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

In giving ourselves to God, we must necessarily give up all that would separate us frôm Him. Hence the Saviour says, "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:33. Whatever shall draw away the heart from God must be given up. Mammon is the idol of many. The love of money, the desire for wealth, is the golden chain that binds them to Satan. Reputation and worldly honour are worshipped by another class. The life of selfish ease and freedom from responsibility is the idol of others. But these slavish bands must be broken. We cannot be half the Lord's and half the world's. We are not God's children unless we are such entirely.

There are those who profess to serve God, while they rely upon their own efforts to obey His law, to form a right character, and secure salvation. Their hearts are not moved by any deep sense of the love of Christ, but they seek to perform the duties of the Christian life as that which God requires of them in order to gain heaven. Such religion is worth nothing. When Christ dwells in the heart, the soul will be so filled with His love, with the joy of communion with Him, that it will cleave to Him; and in the contemplation of Him, self will be forgotten. Love to Christ will be the spring of action. Those who feel the constraining love of God, do not ask how little may be given to meet the requirements of God; they do not ask for the lowest standard, but aim at perfect conformity to the will of their Redeemer. With earnest desire they yield all, and manifest an interest proportionate to the value of the object which they seek. A profession of Christ without this deep love, is mere talk, dry formality, and heavy drudgery.

Do you feel that it is too great a sacrifice to yield all to Christ? Ask yourself the question, "What has Christ given for me?" The Son of God gave all -- life and love and suffering - for our redemption. And can it be that we, the unworthy objects of so great love, will withhold our hearts from Him? Every moment of our lives we have been partakers of the blessings of His grace, and for this very reason we cannot fully realise the depths of ignorance and misery from which we have been saved. Can we look upon Him whom our sins have pierced, and yet be willing to do despite to all His love and sacrifice? In In view of the infinite humiliation of the Lord of glory, shall we murmur because we can enter into life only through conflict and selfabasement?

The inquiry of many a proud heart is, "Why need I go in penitence and humiliation before I can have the assurance of my acceptance with God?" I point you to Christ. He was sinless, and, more than this, He was the Prince of heaven; but in man's behalf He became sin for the race. "He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Isa. 53:12.

But what do we give up when we give all? — A sin-polluted heart, for Jesus to purify, to cleanse by His own blood, and to save by His matchless love. And yet men think it hard to give up all! I am ashamed to hear it spoken of, ashamed to write it.

God does not require us to give up anything that it is for our best interest to retain. In all that He does, He has the well-being of His children in view. Would that all who have not chosen Christ might realise that He has something vastly better to offer them than they are seeking for themselves. Man is doing the greatest injury and injustice to his own soul when he thinks and acts contrary to the will of God. No real joy can be found in the path forbidden by Him who knows what is best, and who plans for the good of His creatures. The path of transgression is the path of misery and destruction.

It is a mistake to entertain the thought that God is pleased to see His children suffer. All Heaven is interested in the happiness of man. Our heavenly Father does not close the avenues of joy to any of His creatures. The divine requirements call upon us to shun those indulgences that would bring suffering and disappointment, that would close to us the door of happiness and heaven. The world's Redeemer accepts men as they are, with all their wants, imperfections, and weaknesses; and He will not only cleanse from sin and grant redemption through His blood, but will satisfy the heart-longing of all who consent to wear His yoke, to bear His burden. It is His purpose to impart peace and rest to all who come to Him for the bread of life. He requires us to perform only those duties that will lead our steps to heights of bliss to which the disobedient can never attain. The true, joyous life of the soul is to have Christ formed within, the hope of glory.

Many are inquiring, "How am I to make the surrender of myself to God?" You desire to give yourself to Him, but you are weak in moral power, in slavery to doubt, and controlled by the habits of your life of sin. Your promises and resolutions are like ropes of sand. You cannot control your thoughts, your impulses, your affections. The knowledge of your broken promises and forfeited pledges weakens your confidence in your own sincerity, and causes you to feel that God cannot accept you; but you need not despair. What you need to understand is the true force of the will. This is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you 'can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be in harmony with Him.

Desires for goodness and holiness are right as far as they go; but if you stop here, they will avail nothing. Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians. They do not come to the point of yielding the will to God. They do not now *choose* to be Christians.

Through the right exercise of the will an entire change may be made in your life. By yielding up your will to Christ, you ally yourself with the power that is above all principalities and powers. You will have strength from above to hold you steadfast, and thus through constant surrender to God you will be enabled to live the new life, even the life of faith.

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Why I Read the "Review and Herald"

The Review and Herald to my mind is one of the most valuable papers issued by this denomination. I do not believe that we have another publication equally as valuable. Matters of the greatest interest for the Church are found in the Review every week as it comes to our homes. There should not be a single Adventist home where this publication is not a weekly visitor. If any are too poor to subscribe to this paper we are told that the Church must provide some plan whereby such families can obtain the Review. I believe that the plan which the General Conference has made of providing a monthly Review free of charge is a wonderful forward step, but it does not fully take the place of the weekly paper.

Why do I read the Review?

My first and foremost reason is based on a remark that was made by one of our workers about twenty-five years ago. This individual said that those who read the *Review* faithfully every week, very seldom leave the Truth. I have never forgotten that statement, and I believe there is a great deal of truth in it.

As soon as I notice the *Review* in my mail, it is one of the first magazines I open. I then immediately look to see the names of the missionaries who have gone to foreign countries. I read all the names and the countries to which they have gone, even if I do not know the people. It just gives me a thrill to see the new recruits going into the great harvest field.

There are general articles, doctrinal sermons, deeply spiritual articles. There is the "spot news" of the work in the different world divisions and the North American News. I make it a special point to read over the short paragraphs on world trends. Then lately we have on the second page three paragraphs on the work seventy-five - fifty - twenty-five years ago. These I read through very carefully and how my heart burns within me when I read, for instance, of the "organisation of the Taungs Church twenty-five years ago" and that it was one of the large churches in the Cape Conference and so faithful in tithe paying.

Every Adventist should read the "Review and Herald"

When I have gone through the *Review* and have read most of the articles through very carefully, I just feel that I am "up-todate" with the work and movements of the Church, and so happy to know that I am part of such a great movement.

Some of the names of our workers whom I have never yet met become dear to me and I form a mental picture of what I think they are like and some day when I meet them and listen to them, they will mean so much more to me because I have learned to know them through the *Review*.

"Through its pages, Christ may speak to us in warnings, in reproofs and counsel, which would change the current of our thoughts, and be to us as the bread of life."

J. VAN DE MERWE.

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"Prove Me Now Herewith Saith the Lord of Hosts." Mal. 3: 10.

For some years the drought conditions have been serious in the lowveld country of the Eastern Transvaal. Here many farmers depend on their potato crop as their main source of income.

Among these farmers is a gentleman who, having experienced a very difficult time on his farm for some years, could hardly make a living for his fairly large family. One day he read an article from the Voice of Prophecy. This man felt himself almost unable to carry the extra expense of postage, but he sent for the lessons and proved to be a very good student. As the light came to him on various Bible subjects, he and his entire family responded to that light. Then came two lessons which brought a real test. One was the subject of tithe. He had so little to give that he could not see how he could pay tithe with the little he had. Then came the lessons on the Sabbath, showing that the seventh day is God's true Sabbath. After studying these lessons they rejoiced in the light God had sent, and the whole matter of religion began to clear up. He immediately took his stand with the entire family, to walk in the light of the Lord and keep the Sabbath.

A year ago they planted a large potato crop, promising that they would pay their tithe when the crop was gathered. When the time came for gathering the crop in November, they had passed through another dry spell and the crop was very poor. This man then wrote to the Voice of Prophecy as follows: "Almost a year ago, after studying your Bible lessons, I decided to observe the seventh-day Sabbath. I have done so ever since, with my wife and two children and my aged father and mother who live with us. When I began to keep the Sabbath, we were in real difficulty with our debts. Our main crop here is the potato crop which we harvest for sale in October. I looked forward to this crop very much, intending to pay my tithe on it, but when I had sold it, I found I had just cleared my debts. I have arranged with the bank now for an overdraft and I am sending you £25 for tithe. I hope I have done right in borrowing this money to pay my tithe." He had studied the lessons that we sent, and had read the promise: "Prove me now herewith the bank of the total total the total total the sole the promise is the potato were the total the total the total the total the total the total total the total total the sent the total total the sole the promise is the port total total the total the total total the total the total total the total total total to the total total the total total total to the total total total total total to the total total total total total total to the total to the total to

He had studied the lessons that we sent, and had read the promise: "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:10.) He acted upon that promise and sent the money which he had to borrow to pay over to God's work. Our office wrote him that we felt God would honour his sacrifice in a very

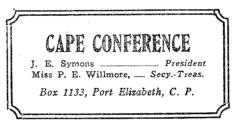
definite way. He then decided to put out a crop of tomatoes immediately. He wrote and asked us to pray that the Lord would bless his new crop of tomatoes, so that he might have the means to care for his family and for God's work. At the end of six months he wrote again, giving us a wonderful testimony of God's mercy, and of the certainty of the promises contained in Mal. 3:10.

He wrote: "I have almost completed selling my crop of tomatces, which so far has given me a gross return of over $\pounds 1,000$. I am sending you a cheque for $\pounds 100$, hoping that it will be used in spreading a knowledge of this truth. I have certainly been blessed in this crop, and God has blessed as He said He would, so long as I try to do His will. Pray that I will be kept faithful, with my family, to the truth we love."

This is another wonderful evidence that God is ready to meet His part of the contract we make with Him in giving to Him His own. It pays to put God to the test: it pays not only in spiritual blessings received, but in financial returns as well. How many there are who are missing these blessings!

E. L. CARDEY.

[If any of our readers have proved the blessing of tithe-paying by actual experience, we shall be pleased to publish the same for the benefit of all believers.—Ep.]



Cheering reports have come from our churches telling of the good times experienced by our young people during the Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer. Meetings were well attended; many travelled long distances nightly to be present. Baptismal classes have been organised. Our young people realise that this is their hour and they are preparing to answer the call of the Lord to them.

Our final Harvest Ingathering figures show a total of £8,564, the largest amount ever raised in this Conference, and being £293 in excess of the total for 1946.

The Conference Committee, at a meeting held recently, voted for five major evangelistic efforts to be held this coming Spring. Elder J. van de Merwe, Elder R. Visser, Elder Mellett Coetzee, and Elder T. L. Gillett will head up four of these efforts respectively, each being assisted by as large a staff as it is possible for us to arrange for with our slender working force.

A programme of building has been approved by the Conference Committee. These comprise new office headquarters for Port Elizabeth, a church building for Port Elizabeth, three other church buildings in different parts of the Conference territory, and extensions to the Hillcrest Secondary School. These projects call for the expenditure of many thousands of pounds. These are all urgently needed projects and we must "arise and build."

Up to the end of July the literature sales for the Book Depository showed a total of $\pounds7,589$. 4. 10 actual deliveries for the first seven months of 1947, an increase of $\pounds4,413$ -1-2 over the same period of 1946. Colporteur

orders increased by 3536 and in value by £5,660-9-4. Several new colporteurs have joined the ranks of those already employed. In spite of adverse conditions and the shortage of book stocks, the literature work shows a marked growth.

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A Paper That Keeps Adventists Adventists

The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald was first published in November 1850. It has been published continually ever since. This paper has its roots right down in the very early history of the Seventh-day Adventist church. It has grown with the church and we might well say has become an integral part of the church. There are some things that have been developed by the church that if they were lost from us or ceased to function, it would scarcely be noticed or the effect of their loss would not be serious, but we could never imagine the church losing its general paper without it being felt as a very serious and grievous loss through the entire world field. In fact, it would be very difficult to conceive of the operation of the church without the voice of the church as it is found in the *Review*.

Through its long history the paper has proved to be a large factor in developing the experience and enlarging the vision of our people. It has stabilised the experience and kept warm the love of the truth in thousands of hearts. It would be safe to say that many have wandered from the truth because they failed to keep their hearts warmed with the continual flow of counsel and the encouraging story of growth and development that is available through the weekly visits of the *Review*.

The Review and Herald accomplishes its purpose by meeting the varied needs of the average church member. It is the pastor who regularly visits the church members. In the home it preaches its sermons and gives its heart to heart talks. It is the Bible instructor who sits with the family around the table and leads the way through interesting Bible studies, warning, teaching, and guiding all who will read. It is the reporter from far-off mission lands who brings up-to-date news of the progress and soul-winning activities in lands both near and far, new and old, strange and familiar. It is the visitor from headquarters who brings information regarding the development of the work in its various phases and lays before us plans for further growth. It is the home counsellor to help the tired parent with the deep and far-reaching problems that surround the up-bringing of children in a Christian home in a largely pagan world.

One and all, we stand in real need of all the help which can be obtained for the development and maintenance of our Christian experience and church life. The *Review and Herald* should be considered a vital necessity by every Adventist household.

For some time now we have all been enjoying the regularly monthly visits of the world edition of our church paper. This has been and is being issued, free of charge, to every Adventist family in either. Afrikaans or the English language. This monthly edition is but a foretaste of what is available in the regular English weekly edition. The price for the regular weekly edition, post free to your home, is 23s. 6. per annum. If you order during the month of September, there is a reduction of 1s. 0. on the subscription price. Your order should be placed with your church missionary secretary or Religious Book Depository. F. G. CLIFFORD.

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Renew your "Review and Herald" subscription NOW



Group of believers in Durban, all of whom are over 70 years of age. Nine of this number are over 80 years of age. Reading back row, left to right.— Mr. D. Sparrow, Mrs. Teifel, Mr. McMoreland, Elder J. C. Rogers, Mrs. Browne, Elder D. F. Tarr, Mr. R. Morton, Mrs. Leach, Mr. Linforth. Front row, left to right.— Miss Hayes, Mrs. Tait, Mrs. Hands, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. McMoreland, Mrs. Leverett, Mrs. Kinnersley.

Van Heinde en Ver

DOELSTELLINGS VIR SIELE

Die verskillende velde van die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie het hulle ten doel gestel om gedurende 1947 20,500 siele tot bekering te bring. Laat ons ons verenig in die gebed dat God hierdie aanwas aan Sy.kerk sal toestaan.

EEN-DERDE MILJOEN EKSEMPLARE

Ons is bly om u te kan meedeel dat die Amerikaanse Signs of the Times nou ongeveer een-derdemiljoen eksemplare elke week uitgee. Dit beteken dat die Signs die grootste sirkulasie het van enige Protestantse weekblad met sestien of meer bladsye in Amerika. Die Metodiste blad, Christian Advocate kom tweede met 310,000 eksemplare.

FEITE OMTRENT DIE SUIDELIKE AFRIKAANSE DIVISIE

Het u geweet dat die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie die volgende lande insluit? Die Unie van Suid-Afrika, Basoetoeland, Swasieland, Suid-Wes Afrika, Portugees-Oos-Afrika, Belgiese Kongo, Angola, Roeanda, Oeroendie, Njasaland, Betsjoeanaland, Noordelike Rhodesië, Suidelike Rhodesië, die eilande van St. Helena, Tristan da Cunha, Ascension, Tanganjieka, Kenia, die eilande van Zanzibär en Pemba, Oeganda, en die Suidelike Anglo-Egiptiese Soedan en dat hulle die Angola, Kongo, Oos-Afrikaanse, Suidoos-Afrikaanse en Sambesie Uniesendingvelde en die Suid-Afrikaanse Uniekonferensie uitmaak.

Het u verder geweet dat die bevolking van die Divisie uit 2,252,98 Blankes, 831,397 Kleurlinge, 241,751 Asiate, 52,651,659 Naturelle bestaan; en dat die totaal 56,077,725 beloop?

Honouring Our Pioneers

The Durban church is very fortunate in having among its members a substantial number of pioneers and others of advanced years, who have grown old in the service of the Master. Our church is proud of its association with these fathers and mothers in Israel, and is glad of opportunities to demonstrate our affection and respect for them.

Such an occasion occured recently, when the Dorcas Society held a luncheon for the church. To this social occasion, all our members over 70 years were invited as guests of honour. All were not able to come, but we had the privilege of entertaining seventeen of our dear pioneers, whose ages ranged from 72 to 86. Nine of them were over 80.

After the luncheon, a short programme was rendered, in which, by song and recitation, our guests of honour were given the assurance of our love, honour and respect. A photograph was taken of the group—all over 70 years of age. We are glad to share this picture with readers of the Outlook. G. S. STEVENSON.

Het u geweet dat onder hierdie groot bevolking ons ledetal as volg verdeel is: 4,755 Blankes, 1,019 Kleurlinge, 38 Indiërs, 40,484 Naturelle; die totaal is dus 46,316 lede met 'n verdere 44,797 gelowiges wat nie gedoop is nie, en dat ons dus 91,113 aanhangers het?

Weet u hoeveel gemeentes ons het? Daar is nege-en-sestig Blanke gemeentes, sestien Kleurlinggemeentes, twee Indiërgemeentes, 324 Naturelle gemeentes. Totaal 411.

Het u geweet dat die Angola Unie in 1925 georganiseer is? Dat sy oppervlakte 510,670 vierkant myl in beslag neem? Dat daar seween-dertig blanke lede is en 2,047 Naturelle. Totaal 2,084? Dat daar 1,877 ongedoopte gelowiges is en dat ons dus daar 3,961 aanhangers het? Het u geweet dat die Kongo Unie ook in 1925 georganiseer is? Dat dit die Belgiese Kongo- en Roeanda-Oeroendie insluit? Dat dit 'n oppervlakte van 900,000 vierkant myd insluit? Die totale bevolking is 14,000,000.

Ons het agt-en-twintig blanke lede en 6,663 Naturelle; d.w.s. 6,691 lede. Daar is 19,282 ongedoopte gelowiges wat die totaal opbring na 25,973 aanhangers.

Om die belange van hierdie groot veld te behartig het ons 19 werkers en 543 onderwysers.

Die hoofkantoor van die Kongo Unie sal nou in Elizabethville gevestig word.

HEENGAAN VAN LERAAR McNAY

Ons is jammer om u te moet meedeel van die dood van Leraar G. R. E. McNay op 17 Junie te Ontario, Kanada. Leraar McNay het 'n aantal jare in Suid-Afrika gewerk, en baie van ons lede sal hom onthou.

Werkers en kerkdienaars in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie word genooi om kort berigte aangaande kerklike bedrywighede wat algemene belangstelling sal opwek, in te stuur. Skryf kort en saaklik aan: Die Redakteur, THE OUTLOOK, Posbus 6, Claremont, Kaap.

Leraar J. V. Wilson het onlangs 'n hartaanval gehad, en dit het hom verplig om tot die einde van die jaar siekverlof te neem. Ons wens Leraar Wilson 'n spoedige herstelling toe. F. G. C.

Berigte uit die Kaapse Konferensie

Die laaste syfers vir ons Oesinsameling toon aan dat ons £8,564 ingesamel het. Dit is die grootste som wat ons nog ooit in hierdie konferensie ingesamel het en dit is £293 meer as vir 1946.

Die Review and Herald verhoed afvalligheid

Ons het goeie berigte van ons kerke ontvang aangaande die ondervinding van ons jongmense tydens die Strewers Week van Gebed. Die opkoms by die dienste was goed, en talle het ver gekom om die dienste by te woon. Doopklasse is gestig. Ons jongmense besef dat hierdie uur hulle s'n is en hulle is gereed om te antwoord op die roepstem van die Here.

Tydens die laaste komiteevergadering is dit besluit om vyf groot pogings in die Kaapse Konferensie te hou. Leraar J. van de Merwe, Leraar R. Visser, Leraar M. Coetzee en Leraar T. L. Gillett sal elkeen 'n poging hou en hulle sal bygestaan word deur soveel helpers as moontlik.

Die komitee het ook 'n groot bouprogram goedgekeur. In Port Elizabeth sal nuwe kantore en 'n nuwe kerk opgerig word. In drie ander dorpe sal kerke opgerig word, en die Hillcrest Sekondêre Skool sal vergroot word. Hierdie werk sal 'n hele paar duisend pond kos, en die grootste deel daarvan moet nog gevind word. Daar is groot behoefte aan al hierdie geboue, en die tyd het aangebreek wanneer ons moet "opstaan en bou."

Tot aan die einde van Julie het die Boekdepot leesstof ter waarde van $\pounds7,589-4-10$ verkoop. Dit is $\pounds4,413-1-2$ meer as gedurende dieselfde tydperk van 1946. Die kolporteurs het 3,536 meer boeke bestel as verlede jaar en die boeke is $\pounds5,660-9-4$ werd. 'n Aantal nuwe kolporteurs het by ons aangesluit. Ten spyte van moeilike omstandighede en 'n tekort aan boeke, is daar goeje vordering in die leesstofbediening.



Eerste Bekeerlinge te De Aar

D. C. THEUNISSEN

Ons kantoor in Claremont het so teen die helfte van Junie tyding ontvang dat daar in De Aar 'n huisgesin was wat belangstellend was en wat graag gedoop wou word. Leraar Le Butt het my gebel en ons het besluit dat ek daarheen sou gaan om ondersoek in te stel.

Toe ek in De Aar aangekom het, moes ek eers na die mense soek. Toe ek hulle eindelik gevind het, was hulle tog alte bly om die man te ontmoet wat kon voldoen aan hulle begeerte. Dit sou te veel tyd neem om u te vertel hoe hulle omtrent die waarheid geleer het, maar toe ek hulle deeglik ondervra het, was ek oortuig dat hulle gereed was om gedoop te word.

Ons het Woensdagaand begin en tot laat Vrydagaand die Skrifte ondersoek toe ek tevrede was dat hulle gereed was om gedoop te word. Maar die vraag was, waar ons hulle sou doop. 'n Vriendelike buurman het ons toegelaat om die sinkdam by sy windpomp te gebruik, en daar het ons die vader, die moeder en 'twee dogters van ses-en-twintig en van sewentien jaar op Sabbat, 19 Julie, gedoop.

Avondmaal Gevier

Daarna het ons die Avondmaal gevier, en die Here was teenwoordig terwyl ons van Sy gebroke liggaam en gestorte bloed geneem het.

'n Nuwe Baba Gebore

Daardie selfde Sabbat is 'n nuwe Sabbatskool van nege lede gestig en by die groot gemeenskap van Sabbatskole in die Kaapse veld gevoeg. Die vader van die gesin is die leier en die jongere suster is die sekretaresse. Ons vertrou dat hierdie Sabbatskooltjie sal aanhou om te groei en dat dit nog 'n groot ker'k in De Aar sal word.

Ek het ook die gemeentetjie by Upington besoek en daar is 'n broeder aangestel as ouderling en ander kerkdienaars is ook aangestel. Ons het daar ook die Avondmaal gevier, en die Here was met ons.

Ek het ook 'n naweek te Worcester deurgebring en die groepie gelowiges daar versterk en het op Sondag, die 27ste weer tuis gekom, moeg maar tog baie gelukkig.

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Waarom Ek die *Review and Herald* Lees

J. VAN DE MERWE

Myns insiens is die *Review and Herald* een van die waardevolste tydskrifte wat deur ons genootskap uitgegee word. Ek glo inderwaarheid nie dat ons nog 'n tydskrif het wat daarmee gelyk staan nie. Daar verskyn elke week dinge wat vir die kerk van die grootste belang is. Daar behoort geen Adventiste huis te wees waar hierdie tydskrif nie elke week sy verskyning maak nie. Ons word vertel dat die kerk 'n plan behoort te reël waardeur persone wat te arm is om in te teken, die genut van die blad kan hê. Dit is my mening dat die plan waardeur die Wêreldkonferensie maandeliks 'n vrye uitgawe van die *Review* uitstuur 'n groot stap in die regte rigting is, maar dit is nog nie voldoende om die plek van die weeklikse uitgawe in te neem nie.

Waarom ek die Review lees?

Die eerste rede het betrekking op iets wat 'n werker omtrent vyf-en-twintig jaar gelede gesê het. Daardie persoon het gesê dat diegene wat die *Review* elke maand getrou lees, baie selde die waarheid verlaat. Ek het daardie woorde nooit vergeet nie, en ek glo dat daar baie in skuil.

Sodra ek die *Review* in my pos gewaar, is dit een van die eerste tydskrifte wat ek oopmaak. Die eerste ding waarna ek soek, is dan ook die name van sendelinge wat na die sendingvelde vertrek het. Ek lees al die name en die lande waarheen hulle vertrek het, al ken ek hulle nie een nie. Dit maak my net bly om die nuwe werkers in die veld te sien uitgaan.

Daar is algemene artikels, preke oor leerstelling, diep-geestelike artikels. Daar is kort berigte aangaande die werk in alle lande, en nuus uit Noord-Amerika. Ek stel in besonder belang in die kort paragrawe oor wêreldverskynsels. In die laaste tyd het ons ook op die tweede bladsy drie paragrawe wat handel oor die werk van vyf-en-sewentig jaar, vyftig jaar, en vyf-en twintig jaar gelede. Ek lees hierdie paragrawe altyd versigtig deur, en my hart brand in my wanneer ek byvoorbeeld lees van die organisasie vyf-en-twintig jaar gelede van die gemeente te Taungs, en oplet dat hulle een van die grootste gemeentes in die Kaapse Konferensie was en baie getrou was in die betaling van tiendes.

Wanneer ek die meerderheid van die artikels in die *Review* versigtig deurgelees het, voel ek dat ek heeltemal op hoogte is betreffende die werk van die kerk en ek voel gelukkig om deel te wees van daardie groot beweging.

Die name van sommige werkers met wie ek nooit kennis gemaak het nie, word vir my so bekend dat ek hulle in my verbeelding probeer voorstel, en wanneer ek hulle eendag ontmoet en na hulle luister, sal hulle vir my soveel meer beteken omdat ek hulle deur die Review ontmoet het.

"Deur sy blaaie kan Christus tot ons spreek deur waarskuwings, vermaning en raadgewing wat ons gedagtegang kan verander en vir ons die brood van die lewe kan wees."

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Die Stem-van-Profesie E. L. Cardey

Ons Bybelskool bereik 'n hooggety van krag en invloed. Ons wend nou 'n poging aan om elke ingeskrewe persoon te bereik met 'n reeks lesse en leesstof waarin die behoeftes van ons werk en feite aangaande tydsomstandighede gemeld word. Waar ons meer as 'n honderdduisend inskrywings op rekord het, kan 'n mens jou voorstel hoe 'n groot taak dit is om slegs een brief aan elke persoon te stuur. Die aantal persone wat werklik nog besig is om lesse te studeer en aan wie leesstof week ná week gestuur moet word, beslaan omtrent 40,000. Op die oomblik stuur ons sowat 'n ses duisend Amerikaanse Tekens van die Tve per week uit. Hierdie leesstof is aan ons geskenk deur vriende in Amerika. Hierdie blad skep 'n wonderbare effek op die studente wat alreeds met ons die lesse studeer het, en wat in die reël 'n besluit geneem het aangaande die Sabbatwaarheid.

Die finansiële ondersteuning wat ons in die laaste dae van ons studente ontvang het, bewys dat die belang van gewese studente nog vurig gebly het. Duisende van ons studente wag angstiglik op iemand om hulle te kom besoek en met hulle te spreek omtrent lidmaatskap in die beweging. Tog, tenspyte van die feit dat niemand hulle tot nog toe kon opsoek nie, bly die meerderheid van hulle by hulle besluite wat hulle geneem het en ondersteun steeds die werk van die Stem-van-Profesie.

In die afgelope stonde het ons baie wonderhare besluite ontvang van persone wat die Sabbat wil heilig hou. Persone uit die hoër stand van die lewe sowel as uit die gewone klas skrywe nog steeds om lesse. Nieteenstaande hierdie vordering is daar 'n skreiend gebrek aan meer name. Hierdie gebrek kan alleen aangevul word deur ons mede kerkgangers, en dus doen ons die volgende nuwe metode aan die hand.

Ons sal graag dat u die name van vriende, sonder om hulle vooraf te vra of hulle die lesse wil ontvang, instuur: stuur ons net die name van alle persone met wie u bekend is en ons sal hulle paslike leesstof en briewe stuur en beweeg om aan te sluit by die skool. Hierdie name is afsonderlik van die waarvan u definitief seker is dat hulle lesse wil ontvang.

Geduriglik geniet ons die getuienis van Gods genade in die verhoring van die gebede van ons Gebedskring. Baie interessant is die geval van 'n dame wat onlangs 'n advertensie in die Outspan gesien het en ingeskryf het vir die lesse. Toe sy verneem van die Gebedskring, het sy ons gevra om vir haar gesondheid en dié van haar man asook hulle finansiële toestand te bid. Hulle was bedreig deur die totale verlies van hulle eiendom en had geen geld om sake te herstel nie. Hierdie week het ons 'n geïnspireerde brief van haar ontvang waarin sy God dank vir verhoorde gebed. Onder andere lui dit: "Ek kan nooit genoeg dankbaar wees dat ek tot u skool gelei is nie. Nou kan ek die goddelike leiding in u lesse bespeur. Ek was so bedruk partykeer dat ek gevoel het niks sou ooit help nie, en so byna byna het ek moed opgegee. Toe het ek in aanraking gekom met u skool en Gebedskring, en my hoop het ontvlam. My gesondheid is baie beter en my man kla nie meer van sy hartaandoenings nie. Dan, op baie wonderbare wyse het die Here ons geld gestuur wat

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ons nooit verwag het nie. Dit is net genoeg om al ons laste af te skud. Ek weet dit is die verhoring van gebed. Hierdie openbaring van Gods liefde en Sy krag het ons geloof in Hom versterk. Bo alles dank ek God dat ek nou meer weet omtrent Jesus deur die bestudering van hierdie Bybellesse."

Hierdie is 'n voorbeeld van baie ander briewe wat tot ons kom. Hulle versterk die bewyse dat God gereed is om te handel in alle dele van die aarde. Ons het die hulp van ons geloofsgenote in al die kerke bitterlik nodig. Hierdie is die grootste geleentheid vir elke kerkganger om sendingwerk te verrig en die name aan ons te stuur. Onthou asseblief om u name in te handig by u Buurtsendingsekretaris of direk te stuur aan die Stem-van-Profesie, Posbus 88, Kaapstad.

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Kerk-Adreslys

Ons is van mening dat 'n adreslys van ons kerke nuttig sal wees vir ons mense wat op reis gaan of wat met vakansie ander dorpe besoek. Met hierdie uitgawe verskyn daar 'n adreslys van ons kerke in die Kaapse Konfe-rensie. Ons stel voor dat u dit uitknip en in u liederboek plak sodat dit altyd byderhand is. Ons is van plan om later adreslyste van ons kerke in ander velde ook te publiseer.

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Church Directory

We believe that a directory of our churches will be useful to our people who are called upon to travel and who go on occasional holiday visits to different parts of the country. At this time we are giving a directory of the churches and companies in the Cape Conference. We suggest that you cut this list out and paste it in your hymn-book for ready reference. We hope to give a directory for other parts of the field at a later date.

ALIWAL NORTH .-- Contact J. Hulley, 3 Park Ave., Aliwal North, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School - 9:30 A.M.

BLOEMFONTEIN .- S. D. A. Church, c/o Selbourne and Aliwal Street, Bloemfontein, O. F. S.

Time: Sabbath School - 9:30 A.M.

BONNIEVALE.— Contact C. J. Meiring, "Gum Grove," Bonnievale, C. P.

CAPE TOWN .- S. D. A. Church, 56 Roeland Street, Cape Town.

Time: Sabbath School - 9:30 A.M.

CLAREMONT .--- S. D. A. Church, Grove Ave., Claremont, Cape.

Time: Sabbath School — 9:30 A.M.

DOUGLAS .- Contact J. M. Coetzee, "Die Erwe," Douglas, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School — 10:00 A.M. (Services held in homes of various members.)

EAST LONDON .- S. D. A. Church, Park Ave., East London, C. P.

> Time: Sabbath School — 9:30 A.M. Service -- 11:00 A.M.

GEORGE .-- S. D. A. Church, Market St., George, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School — 9:30 A.M.

GOODWOOD .- Goodwood Hall, Main Road,

Time: Sabbath School - 9:30 A.M. Service -- 11:00 A.M.

Reinet, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School — 9:30 A.M. Service — 11:00 A.M.

GRAHAMSTOWN.— Tcc H. Hall, High Street, facing Drostdy Arch. off

Time: Sabbath School - 9:45 A.M.

HELDERBERG COLLEGE .--- Helderberg College Chapel.

Time: Sabbath School - 9:45 A.M.

KIMBERLEY .--- S. D. A. Church, Jones Street, Kimberley, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School - 9:30 A.M. Service ______ — 11:00 A.M.

KINGWILLIAMSTOWN.-Odd Fellow's Hall, Ayliff Street, Kingwilliamstown, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School - 9:30 A.M.

LANGKLOOF .--- "Dagbreek," Nieuweplaats, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School — 10:00 A.M. Service — 11:00 A.M.

LANSDOWNE .- S. D. A. Church, Corner Racecourse and Leafmore Roads, Lansdowne, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School - 9:30 A.M. Service ______ - 11:00 A.M.

PAARL .-- S. D. A. Church, Main Street, next to Protea Bioscope, Paarl.

Time: Sabbath School — 9:30 A.M. — 11:15 А.М. Service

PORT ELIZABETH.-S. D. A. Church, Parliament Street, Port Elizabeth, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School - 9:30 A.M. Service — — 9:30 A.M. Service — — 11:00 A.M. ROKEBY PARK.— S. D. A. Church, Rokeby Park, Langholm, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School — 10:30 A.M. Service — 11:45 A.M.

SOMERSET EAST .- S. D. A. Church, New Street, Somerset East, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School — 9:45 A.M. Service — 11:00 A.M.

TAUNGS .--- S. D. A. Church, Taungs Village, B. B.

Time: Sabbath School — 10:00 A.M. Service — 11:15 A.M.

UITENHAGE .- S. D. A. Church, Milner Street, Uitenhage.

Time: Sabbath School - 2:45 P.M.

UPINGTON .--- S. D. A. Church, Swart Modder Road, Upington, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School — 9:30 A.M. Service - 11:00 A.M.

VREDENDAL .- S. D. A. Church, Vredendal, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School - 10:00 A.M.

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WORCESTER .- Masonic Hall, Worcester, C. P.:

Time: Sabbath School - 9:45 A.M.

COMPANIES

BEAUFORT WEST.—Home of T. J. Schwartz, North End, Beaufort West, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School - 10:00 A.M. Service -- 11:00 A.M.

CATHCART.--"Tarsus Farm," 7 miles from Cathcart, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School - 3:00 P.M.

CRADOCK .- 104 Frere Street, Cradock, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School - 9:30 A.M.

DE AAR.—Home of Mrs. C. v. z. v. d. Merwe, 49 Cilliers Street, De Aar, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School - 9:30 A.M.

DELTA .- Delta Farm, 25 miles from Lady Grey, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School -- 9:45 A.M.

BOSKAMP .- C. B. Pretorius, P. O. Vollgraaffsig, via Upington, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School - 10:00 A.M.

STRAND .-- Contact Mrs. M. Bouwer, Strangman's Cottages, Beach Road, Strand, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School — 4:00 P.M. (Homes of various members.)

UMTATA.— Contact Mrs. D. Kocks, 14 Wesley Road, Umtata, C. P.

Time: Sabbath School — 10:00 A.M. (Homes of various members.)

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'n Tydskrif wat Adventiste in die Kerk Hou

F. G. CLIFFORD

Die Advent Review and Sabbath Herald is in November 1850 vir die eerste keer uitgegee, en het sedertdien gereeld verskyn. Hierdie tydskrif het in die vroegste geskiedenis van die Sewende-dag Adventiste Kerk ontstaan. Dit het saam met die kerk gegroei en ons kan wel sê dat dit 'n hoofdeel van die kerk geword het. Daar is sommige dinge wat deur die kerk in die lewe geroep is, wat gestaak kan word sonder dat dit ons veel sou beseer, maar ons kan ons nie voorstel dat ons ons algemene kerkblad kon staak sonder dat dit oor die hele wêreld gevoel sou word nie. Dit sou inder-waarheid moeilik wees om die kerk in stand te hou sonder die stem van die kerk soos dit deur die Review geuiter word.

Deur sy lang bestaan het die Review veel bygedra tot stigting van ons volk en hy het gehelp om ons visie te vergroot. Dit het die liefde vir die waarheid in duisende harte warm gehou, en daardie selfde mense gestig. Ons kan met veiligheid beweer dat talle die waarheid verlaat het omdat hulle nie die Review gelees het nie.

Die Review and Herald bereik sy doel deur in die verskeidenheid van behoeftes van die gewone kerklid te voorsien. Hy lewer sy preek in die woning, en daar praat hy van man tot man. Dit is die Bybelinstrukteur wat langs die tafel sit en die huisgesin voorgaan in interessante Bybelstudies, hulle waarsku, leer en lei Dit is die verslaggewer van die afgeleë sendingvelde om die jongste nuus van vooruitgang in beide die ou en die nuwe, die bekende en die onbekende sendingvelde aan u

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Goodwood, C. P.

GRAAFF-REINET .- Maconic Hall, Graaff-

te bring. Hy is die besoeker van die hoofkwartier wat berigte bring aangaande die uitbreiding van die werk, en planne vir nuwe werk. Dit is die raadgewer wat die ouer met raad bedien oor hoe om Christelike kinders in 'n heidense wêreld groot te maak.

Ons het almal behoefte aan die hulp wat verkrybaar is tot stigting en instandhouding van die Christelike en kerklike lewe. Die *Review and Herald* behoort in elke Adventiste huisgesin as 'n lewensbelangrike benodigheid beskou te word.

Vir 'n hele tyd nou geniet ons reeds die gereelde maandelikse verskyning van die wêreld edisie van ons kerkblad. Dit word gratis verskaf aan elke Adventiste huisgesin en is in beide Afrikaans en Engels verkrybar. Hierdie maandelikse uitgawe is siegs 'n voorsmaak van wat in die gereelde weeklikse uitgawe verskyn. Die prys van die gereelde weeklikse uitgawe is 23/6 per jaar, pos vry. As u gedurende Septembermaand bestel, kry u 'n afslag van een sieling. Bestel by u kerksendingsekretaris of by die Boekdepot.

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"Beproef My tog hierin, sê die Here van die Leërskare"

Mai. 3:10

E. L. CARDEY Die Laeveld in die Oostelike Transvaal het vir die afgelope paar jaar swaar droogte gely. Baie boere is hoofsaaklik afhanklik van hulle aartappeloes vir 'n bestaan. Onder andere was daar een boer wat vir 'n hele paar jaar swaar gekry het, en dit moeilik gevind het om vir sy groot huisgesin 'n bestaan te maak. Hy het eendag 'n artikel van die Stem-van-Profesie gelees. Hy het gevoel dat die orige posgeld al byna vir hom te veel sou wees, maar hy het darem die lesse laat kom, en was 'n getroue leerling. Namate hy die lig oor verskillende Bybelonderwerpe ingesien het, het hy en sy hele gesin dit aangeneem. Daarna het hy twee lesse ontvang wat 'n ware toets was. Een het gehandel oor tiendeheffing. Hy het so min gehad om te gee, dat hy nie kon verstaan hoe hy op sy klein inkomstetjie tiende kon betaal nie. Daarna het hy die lesse oor die Sabbat gekry en gesien dat die sewende dag die ware Sabbat is. Nadat hulle hierdie lesse deeglik ondersoek het, het hulle die hele godsdiens beter begin verstaan en hulle bet hulle in die nuwe lig verbly. Hy en sy hele gesin het dadelik besluit om in die lig ven die Here te wandel en om die Sabbat te hou.

Verlede jaar het hulle 'n groot aartappeloes ingesit en beloof om daar tiende op te betaal. Toe hulle in November begin te oes het, het hulle weer droogte deurgemaak, en die oes was maar skraal. Hy het as volg aan die Stemvan-Profesie geskryf: "Dit is byna 'n jaar gelede dat ek, nadat ek u lesse ondersoek het, besluit het om die sewende dag Sabbat te hou. Sedertdien het ek met my vrou en twee kinders en met my bejaarde ouers wat by my inwoon, getrou die Sabbat gehou. Toe ons begin het om die Sabbat te hou, was ek in groot moeilikheid weens my skuld. Ons vernaamste oes hier is aartappels, en die word in Oktobermaand geoes en verkoop. Ek het baie uit-gesien na hierdie ces en was van plan om daar tiende op te betaal, maar toe ek blaar geoes het, het ek net mooi my skuld betaal. Ek het by die bank vyf-en-twintig pond geleen om tiende te betaal. Ek hoop dat ek reg gedoen het om geld te leen om mee tiende te betaal."

Maar hy het sy lesse goed ondersoek en het daarin gelees: "Beproef Mv tog hierin, sê die Here van die leërskare, of Ek vir julle nie die vensters van die hemel sal oopmaak en op julle 'n oorvloedige seën sal uitstort nie." (Mal. 3:10.) Hy het volgens daardie belofte gehanadel en die geleende geld aan Gods werk gestuur. Ons kantoor het hom geskryf dat ons gevoel het dat die Here sy opoffering op bepaalde wyse sou vereer. Daarop het hy besluit om dadelik tamaties te plant, en het ons geskryf om tog te bid dat God die oes moes seën sodat hy beide sy gesin en Gods werk kon onderhou. Ná ses maande het hy weer geskryf en op wonderbare wyse getuig van Gods genade en van die betroubaarheid van die beloftes van Mal. 3:10.

Hy skryf: "Ek het nou byna al my tamaties verkoop, en tot dusver het dit my altesame 'n rapsie oor die £1,000 ingebring. Ek stuur u 'n tjek vir £100 in die hoop dat dit gebruik sal word om die kennis van hierdie waarheid te versprei. God het hierdie tamatieoes waarlik geseën, net soos Hy beloof het om te doen solank ek Sy wil doen. Bid dat ek met my gesin getrou mag bly aan die waarheid wat ons so liefhet."

Dit is weer 'n bewys dat God Sy deel sal doen wanneer ons aan Hom gee wat Syne is. Dit is die moeite werd om God te beproef; dit betaal beide in geestelike seëninge en in tydelike sake. Hoeveel is daar nie wat hierdie seëninge misloop nie!

[As daar van ons lesers is wat soortgelyke ondervindings gehad het, sal ons bly wees om in hierdie tydskrif daarvan te vertel om ander aan te moedig.— RED.]



First Fruits of the Message at De Aar

D. C. THEUNISSEN

It was about the middle of June that word came to our office at Claremont that there was a family of Sabbath-keepers at De Aar and that they wished for a minister to come and baptise them. Pastor Le Butt rang me up and wished to consult with me about the matter. It was then arranged that I go up there to investigate and to act accordingly.

Arriving at De Aar I had to search for the family and I finally found them. How happy they were to meet the pastor that would fulfil their desire. To detail out the different agencies that were used by the Holy Spirit would take too much space; suffice it to say that by questioning and comparing notes 1 found them very well versed in the message and oractically ready for the rite of baptism.

From Wednesday night till well into Friday night the Scriptures were searched back and forth until we felt satisfied that they were ready to go forward. But where to baptise them vas the question. A kindly neighbour lent the reservoir of his windmill for the occasion and on Sabbath the 19th July four happy persons, father, mother, and two daughters aged 26 and 17 respectively, were led into the watery grave and buried with their Lord to rise to newness of life.

The ordinances of the Lord's house were introduced and celebrated and as we partook of the Lord's broken body and spill blood the Holy Spirit came down in a very marked manner to witness and seal these newborn souls into the family of heaven.

A NEW BABY BORN

On the same Sabbath morning a baby Sabbath School of 9 members was organised and will be added to the large sisterhood of Cape Field Sabbath Schools. The father was chosen as Superintendent and the younger of the sisters mentioned as Secretary. This infant school will need our prayers that it may grow and prosper and that in the large community where they are living many may be added and that this will be the beginning of a large Remnant church at De Aar.

My itinerary included a visit to the humble little church at Upington where some reorganising was brought about and a brother chosen by the church to lead out as local elder, and other needed officers established. Here also the dear Lord was present in the Ordinance service.

At Worcester, too, I stopped for a little more than a week-end for visiting and encouraging the little company of believers. I arrived home at noon on Sunday the 27th, tired but happy.

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The Voice of Prophecy

Our Bible School is reaching a high tide of power and influence. We are making an effort just now to contact our entire enrolment with a series of letters and papers, setting forth the needs of our work, and the facts regarding the times in which we live. Having, as we do, well over a hundred thousand students, one can imagine the amount of work it takes to send even one letter to this number. Our active list of students to whom papers must be sent week after week, is about forty thousand. We are sending out now about six thousand Signs of the Times per week, which have been given to us by friends in America. This paper is having a very wonderful effect on the students who have been studying the message with us, and who have as a rule, made a decision on the Sabbath truth.

The financial response we have been receiving from our students lately shows that the interest on the part of old students continues to hold. Thousands of our students are awaiting a visitor to come and talk to them about fully uniting with us, yet, in spite of the fact that no one has been able to see them, the majority seem to be holding right on to the light they have received, and are continuing to support the Voice of Prophecy work.

We have witnessed recently many wonderful decisions on the part of people to keep the Sabbath. Persons from higher walks of society, as well as the lower walks, continue to write in for the lessons. Nevertheless, we need the continuous effort of our people to secure names from all classes to take these studies. A new method of securing names is as follows:

We are asking that people send in the names of friends without asking them if they want the lessons,—just send us the names of all persons you may have known at any time, and we will send them special literature and letters, asking them to join the School. These names should be sent in separately and apart from those whom you ask personally to join the School.

Continually we have evidence of God's mercy in answering the prayers of the Prayer Circle. An interesting case is that of a lady who recently saw our advertisement in the OUTSPAN and wrote in for the lessons. When she learned of the Prayer Circle, she asked us to pray for the health of her husband and herself, and also for their financial position, since they were about to lose their property. They had no money to meet the ob-

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ligation. This week we have a wonderful letter from her, thanking God for answered prayer. Among other things she said, "I can never be thankful enough that I was led to your school. I can now see divine guidance in that leading. I was so depressed at times that I felt nothing was of any use, and I had prac-tically given up hope. Then I got in touch with your School and Prayer Circle, and hope is surely revived. My health is so much better, and my husband does not complain of his heart trouble. Then, in a very remarkable way the Lord sent us money that we had not expected to get, ever, sufficient to meet all our obligations. I know this is an answer to prayer. This demonstration of God's love and power has strengthened my faith in Him. Above all, I thank God that I am learning to know more about Jesus through the study of these lessons."

This is a sample of many, many letters that come to us. They give us renewed evidence of what God is ready to do in all parts of the earth. We do need the help of our church members, in securing names for us to work with. This is the greatest opportunity our church members have ever had to do missionary work. Please remember to send your names either to your Church Home Mis-sionary Secretary, or direct to the VOICE OF PROPHECY, BOX 88, CAPE TOWN.

E. L. CARDEY.

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It gives us pleasure to announce that the Signs of the Times (North American Division) is now printing a weekly edition of ap-proximately a third of a million copies. This This gives the Signs the largest circulation fall Protestant weeklies having sixteen or more pages. The second place is occupied by the Methodist Christian Advocate which is sted at 310,000 copies.

DEATH OF ELDER McNAY

We regretfully report the death of Elder G. R. E. McNay which occurred on June 17 at Ontario, Canada. Elder McNay laboured for some years in this country and will be known to a large number of our older believers.

Do You Know that the Cape Conference literature sales report for the first seven months of 1947 shows an increase of £4,413 over the same period of last year?

Do You Know that the membership of the church for the entire world now stands at 576,378?

FACTS ABOUT THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION

Did you know that the territory of the Southern African Division consists of the Union of South Africa, Basutoland, Swaziland, South West Africa, Portuguese East Africa, Belgian Congo, Angola, Ruanda-Urundi, Nyasaland Protectorate, Bechuanaland Protec-torate Northern Phodesia torate, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, the islands of St. Helena, Tristan da Cunha, Ascension, Tanganyika, Kenya Colony and Protectorate, the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba, Uganda Protectorate and Southern Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, comprising the Angola, Congo, East African, South East African, and Zambesi Union Missions, and the South African Union Conference.

Did you know that the population of the Southern African Division comprises European, 2,252,918; Coloured, 831,397; Asiatic, 341,751; Native, 52,651,659; Total population, 56,077, 725.

Did you know that among this large population of various races are to be found our church members as follows: White, 4,775: Coloured, 1,019; Indian, 38; Native, 40,484; Total members, 46,316. Believers not baptised, 44, 797. Total adherents, 91,113.

Did you know the number of our churches? If not, here is the information: White, 69 Coloured, 16; Indian, 2; Native, 324; Total churches, 411.

Did you know that the Angola Union Mission was organised in 1925? Its area is 510,670 square miles. Its membership is: European, 37; Native, 2,047; Total members, 2,084. Believers not baptised, 1,877. Total adherents, 3,961.

Did you know that the Congo Union Mission was organised in 1925? Its territory is the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi with an area of over 900,000 square miles. It has a total population of over 14,000,000. We have the following members: European, 28; Native 6,663; Total members, 6,691. Believers not baptised, 19,282. Total adherents, 25,973.

To care for the vast interests of this large field, we have 19 workers and 543 teachers. The headquarters of the Congo Union are now being located at Elisabethville.

We solicit brief reports of church activities of general interest from any of our workers and church officers throughout the Southern African Division. Make your contribution brief and to the point and send it to The Editor, The Outlook, Box 6, Claremont.

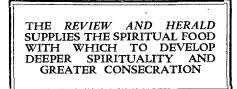
Elder J. V. Wilson, business manager of the College, suffered a heart attack recently which has necessitated his withdrawing from active work for a period of sick leave until the end of this year. We wish Elder Wilson a good recovery. F. G. C.

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Obituary

MOABI.—Johannes Paul, was a member of the Kliptown Church for three years. He passed peacefully to his rest on Friday the 8th August, 1947, at his home. He leaves behind to mourn his loss his wife and three small children, a fairly large family, and a host of Christian friends. Although we shall miss this brother now, we know that we shall see him again when Jesus comes to gather His children home. Till then, we leave his family in the loving arms of the Saviour who alone is able to heal all our wounds and give us comfort in our sorrow.

The writer was kindly assisted by Elder K. Landers both in the ceremony at the home of the bereaved and at the grave side. on, dear Brother, and take thy rest."

J. C. GOLIATH, Local Elder.

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