

A Model Church

It should be the aim of every Seventh-day Adventist to make our church a model church. It is possible to realize this objective, but the question may be asked, "how can it be obtained and maintained?" Also, how shall we set about making the church a model one, which will please God, as well as provide a refuge for the poor lost souls in this world?" We have left us the record of just such a church back in the Apostolic times. We read concerning it as follows:

"The church, however, throughout the whole of Judea, Galilee and Samaria, HAD PEACE, and was SPIRITUALLY BUILT UP; and GREW IN NUMBERS, living in the FEAR OF THE LORD, and receiving ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT." Acts. 9: 31. (Weymouth's Translation.)

For just a few moments let us analyze the programme of this church and see what we find:

1. IT HAD PEACE: What a blessed experience! Peace with God, peace with one another. Some notable characteristics which made possible such an experience are given: They were of "one accord;" "were of one heart and one soul;" "had all things common;" "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and fellowship." Acts 2: 42. Brotherly love existed.

2. IT WAS SPIRITUALLY BUILT UP: They fed daily upon the Word; they continued and lived in the spirit of prayer while carrying forward God's work. Acts 2: 42-46. This tended to build up faith, earnestness, consecration and the devotion needed in their day. They were firmly rooted and grounded in the truth, "delivered to the saints."

3. IT WAS A GROWING CHURCH: It was not a dead church, but a live, active body. They were filled with the MISSIONARY SPIRIT. A passion for souls gripped each heart. They gave liberally to support the cause, for they "sold their possessions and goods and parted

them to all men as every man had need." (They thus set a good example for the church today in raising mission offerings.) "They praised God and had favour with the people. . . . And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2: 47.

4. IT WAS CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY: It walked not with the world; followed not after the fashions of the world, but was transformed according to the will and ways of God. It was submissive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit; enjoyed a well-ordered life and a godly conversation.

5. IT WAS COURAGEOUS: Its members had the spirit of Caleb and Joshua; courage to speak forth the truth with Christian boldness; always of good cheer, even in face of persecution.

6. IT RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST: (See Acts 2: 38.) It shared in the outpouring of the former rain; was led by the Holy Spirit; pleased the Holy Spirit. It was fired with zeal by the Holy Spirit; taught by the Holy Spirit; "and being scattered abroad, went everywhere preaching the Word" in power as the Spirit gave utterance.

7. IT WARNED THE WORLD IN ONE GENERATION: (See Rom. 1: 8; Col. 1: 6, 23; 1 Thess. 1: 8.) It went forth to conquer and did conquer, for it gave the message of a crucified and risen Saviour to the then known world in its generation. It finished the task which God committed to it.

My dear reader, would it not be a joy and a real pleasure to belong to such a church as that? That is just what God wants His church on earth to be today, and He has left a model plan for us to follow. How does the one to which you belong compare with the model? If it has failed to reach the standard,

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God's Great Family Upon Earth

(Sermon by Elder W. A. Spicer, preached in the Cape Town church, April 25, 1925, Concluded)

IN post war times, our brethren in the East have had terrible times. In many of the towns the tide of war has destroyed everything. One Seventh-day Adventist family lost everything. They had been struggling and struggling; they had only ragged clothing to wear, and poor food to eat. But, somehow, the father had managed to get together a thousand Polish marks. Now they were going to have a few better clothes, and, perhaps, something to eat. One day, the father came in and said he had discovered a second-hand Polish Bible that could be bought for a thousand marks, and asked what they had better do. Should they buy it? Their Bible had been lost with everything else. The father and mother and six children held a council, and at last they decided they would buy the Bible. "For," said the children, "we have learned all the texts that you can teach us, and how can we learn more without a Bible?" They would have to wear the old, ragged clothes, and eat the same kind of food they had been eating. But that family loved the Word of God, and so they spent the thousand marks on the second-hand Bible. So should we love the blessed Book. It is the foundation of our faith. We Seventh-day Adventists claim that every doctrine, that we teach that is necessary to salvation, we can read in the Holy Scripture without any word added. There is safety in that.

I must tell you of an incident in South America. In one family there, the husband was away from home and the priest came to argue with the wife. He said, "You are wrong. The Bible teaches that, since the resurrection of Christ, we should keep the first day of the week as the Sabbath." The wife said, "I cannot argue with you. I cannot even read. You say that it teaches that we should keep the first day of the week, now you read it to me." He began to back away; but she followed, pushing the Bible toward him. "But," he said, "it is not in the Bible. It is in history." "Oh," she said, "You say we must follow the Bible, and now you tell me I must follow history." Thank God we can read our faith in the Holy Scriptures. We can no more maintain spiritual strength without it, than we can physical strength without eating daily physical food. It is the Word of Life to our souls.

At home, I do not take breakfast. It is just a notion of mine. Then, at noon I go home and eat something and I enjoy my dinner. And I eat again at night. Sometimes, I have been too busy to go home at noon, and then toward evening I feel somehow that something is wrong. I cannot work properly. Oh! do you ever feel weak spiritually, discouraged and downhearted? You will find you have not been eating the Word of God. Go and eat of the Word of God, and strength and courage will come again.

Wherever you meet these brethren and sisters of ours over the wide world, you will find they believe in the God of this Book. It puts courage and fortitude into the hearts of the believers.

We were in an ordinance service in Derby, England, ordaining three men. Afterwards, we asked these

three men to tell their experiences as to how the Truth came to them. By the way, one was English, one was Scotch, and one was Irish,—a good representation of the United Kingdom. Brother Whiteside, the Irishman, told his experience. Some years before, he and his wife had attended a tent meeting in the north of Ireland. The wife could not attend often, as she had children to care for, but he attended. One night, the subject at the tent had been "The Change of the Sabbath," and he said, "Wife, they are right. The seventh day is the Sabbath, and ought to be kept, but I cannot keep it. I want you to keep it, and bring up the children to keep it." But his wife turned on him and said, "What is this? You find out what is right and then want me to do it? You must do what is right, and not worry about our bread and butter." I remember that Brother Edmed was sitting next to me, and he leaned over and said, "That is the kind of wife for a Seventh-day Adventist minister to have." We praise the martyrs, the reformers, the pioneers of light who gave their lives for truth, but today men say, "I would like to obey God, but it is very inconvenient." Oh, my brethren, this is a matter of life and death. The children of Israel could not see their way through the Red Sea, but we read that God made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over, and thousands upon thousands of people are proving it around the wide world.

We see men come up to this question of the Sabbath of the Lord, and they cannot see the way. Probably, there is no way. But never yet in this whole movement have we ever seen a man face doubt and say, "By the help of the Lord I will go forward," but what we see the God of heaven make a way. The living God makes ways where there are no ways.

I remember a man in London, years ago. His wife was the first one baptized into this Truth in London. It was in 1888 or 1889. The wife and the child accepted the Truth, and the husband wanted to, but when he talked to his employer, an attorney, he swore that he would dismiss him if he kept the Sabbath. The poor man struggled over that thing. It seemed cruel. He was a man partially deformed. He had grown up in this attorney's business from childhood, and his father had been in it before him. Things did look dark. But, at last, the man was able to keep his position. His employer continued his service and increased his pay. The Lord makes a way where there is no way. This blessed hope gives courage.

Years ago in England, I stayed in a little home, a nicely furnished home. The father told me he did not have much in the bank, but he did not owe anything. The children were in school. The wife told me of the experience they had gone through some time before. He was the captain of a dock ship in Southampton Water. The Truth came to him, and he felt he ought to obey it. His companions and neighbours scoffed and laughed at him, and told him he would starve. He said, "If I do starve, I won't be the first man to give my life for truth." He decided to obey God, and he lost his position. He hired a

schooner and began doing a freight business. He was often away from home for long periods at a time. He would leave his wife all the money he had, but sometimes she had a hard time. The money would fail before he got back. Once, he had been gone so long that she and the children had nothing in the house to eat. When she went to bed one night, she knew there was nothing in the house for breakfast. The neighbours had been sneering and saying "she would starve, and she felt she could not go to them for help. They said she would come to want because of this Sabbath nonsense. In the morning, her little girl said to her, "Mama, what is the matter." She told her. Little Lizzie said, "Why mama, we have not had worship yet. Why are you crying before you have asked? Won't God give us food if we ask Him?" Then together they prayed the Lord's prayer. That is a custom in England, that I like. They do it more than we do. Mother and children prayed, "Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread." That was a hard phrase in the prayer that morning. The mother said she could hardly say it for she knew Lizzie was praying for her breakfast, and she did not know what she would say when it did not come. Just then, there was a knock at the back door. This was by a new neighbour, whom she had scarcely met before. She was reaching over the wall and striking the door with a brush handle; and, as our sister came out, the lady apologised and said, "I hope I will not offend you, but I have a friend who works at Osborne House. He works in the kitchen, and after the banquets, there are often refreshments over that are distributed amongst the workers. I do not like to see this spoil, but I have no one at home, and I cannot use it. Would you be offended if I offered it to you?" The mother could only say brokenly, "Thank you," and she thanked God. But little Lizzie said, "Mother, we asked God for our daily bread, and He has sent it to us from the Queen's own table." After that, prosperity came to the family, and they have never wanted since. God in heaven is watching over His family, caring for His loved ones, and as the members of the family take hold of the living God, courage comes.

I was over in Belgium. They told me the story of a Catholic who became an Adventist. Her husband was an atheist. He was a barrow-maker by trade, and chopped the staves for the barrow with a huge axe on a chopping block. Well, he was embittered by his wife's religion. One day, he seized her by the hair and laid her over a box and said, "You promise me that you will not go to those meetings, or I will cut off your head." The little sister was not alone; God was with her to put courage in her heart. She looked up at that angry husband and said, "I can never deny my Saviour. I must go to those meetings." He left her at that. God stayed his hand. A few days later, the man's little girl, the one treasure of his heart, climbed up and put her hands on his face and said, "Daddy, when are you coming to the meetings with mama and me? We want you to go to heaven when Jesus comes." He began to go. I shook hands with him and called him "brother" in the Sabbath school. He had not yet come over the line, but the church was just holding its breath and praying for him. Somehow, courage comes into the hearts

of such oppressed people. It is the blessed hope that gives it.

Here is a story of Russia in famine time. Among those who accepted the Truth in Russia just before the war was a wealthy woman, one of the nobility. It was she who sent a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons" to the Czarina; and, as we think of the sad end of that poor woman, we are glad she had the comfort of reading that good book.

Well, this sister lost her all. She had to care for her son's three children, orphaned by the war. They all worked in order to get money to buy a little black bread and milk. One day, they had nothing left in the house to eat. The grandmother assured the children that God would provide something, but the little girl said, "Grandma, you don't believe the Lord will provide, because you haven't sharpened the knife." It is a custom in that country, at the close of the meal, to sharpen the knife on the edge of the table, showing belief that the next meal will be provided. The grandmother had somehow failed to do this, and the little girl had noticed it. So, grandma sharpened the knife, and the little girl prayed. She said, "Lord, don't send us just a piece of bread, send us a whole loaf. You know, Lord, we need a whole loaf."

Just before bedtime, there was a knock at the door. When the door was opened, there stood an old friend of former years. He said he hardly knew why he had come, but, turning to the children, he said, "You don't know what I have brought for you." "Oh yes, we do," said the children. "What have I brought," asked the friend. "You have brought us a whole loaf. We know because we prayed to God and asked Him to send us, not a piece, but a whole loaf of bread." The grandmother then explained to the gentleman how they had been in want, and how they had prayed that the Lord would provide.

And He did provide, brethren and sisters. God had heard the prayer of that little girl. His angels are not too far away to come to the help of His suffering ones. When we get into this great family, we have a father who has resources.

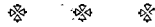
"My Father is rich in houses and lands,

He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands,
Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold
His coffers are full, He has riches untold."

A brother went through an experience in the Midlands of England. He was a cobbler. He decided he would keep the Sabbath, but he did not know how he would make a living. He decided that he must keep the Sabbath. Then, in the course of some meetings he attended, he learned about the tithing. "Well," Brother Hawkins said, "That is the finish. Wife, now I am done for. First I have to keep the Sabbath, and give that day of my time to the Lord, and now I must give one tenth of my money, when I cannot keep myself on the ten tenths." But he saw that it was right and determined to do it. Soon, a man came into the shop and said, "Can you make a pair of boots like this?" "Yes," he said, "I think I can." He made them. The man went away, but there came back an order for a dozen pairs. After they were finished, an order came for one hundred dozen. He had to begin employing men until he had 130 people working for him. Oh, we have a heavenly Father

who stands by those who put their trust in Him, and, brethren, wherever you find this family you will find that they love Jesus and they love each other. Oh, brethren, when we come into this great family of God, with the love of Jesus in our hearts, we love all the brethren and sisters in spite of their faults and failings.

Brethren, when we have the love of Jesus in our hearts, the world will see it. Brethren and sisters in the family of God, let us ask Him to make us true representatives of that great family. Let us ask Him to help us to love each other, and to make us indeed children of a King.



June 27, The Next Thirteenth Sabbath

FOR nearly three months, our Sabbath schools have been much interested in the articles of the Missions Quarterly telling of the work in the Philippine Islands, and of the great need there of more missionaries, school buildings, and a hospital. £19,500 is the sum asked of the world's Sabbath schools. All given above that amount will be sent to the Philippine Islands for work not otherwise provided for in the budget. The accompanying table gives tangible proof of the eager willingness of the Sabbath schools to send more to the mission fields than was called for by the General Conference.

1924	AMT. CALLED FOR.	AMT. REC.	OVERFLOW
1st Qr. India	£18,480	£18,139	
2nd Qr. Japan Korea	£17,454	£18,527	£1,073
3rd Qr. Malaysia	£16,427	£17,257	£873
4th Qr. Africa	£18,480	£21,360	£3,749

Some one has said that the biggest word in the human language is the word "others." It is, for it spells our duty to every soul for whom Jesus died. It necessarily follows that the smallest, narrowest word is the word "self." To keep one's mind centred on the need of others and one's duty to meet that need, results in nobleness of character and eternal life. It was the sense of the need of others and His ability to meet it, that gave to this world its Saviour. "Self" was the cause of the rebellion in Heaven and all the consequent sin and sorrow. The spirit of sacrifice for others dominating every church member, would quickly finish the work in all the world.

MRS. A. P. TARR.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CORNER

1925 Reading Courses

HAVING just read the senior, junior and primary Reading Course books for 1925, I feel as though I must express my appreciation of these. Certainly these books have been well chosen, and our young people should not lose the opportunity of reading them.

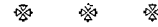
How often we long for a Christian experience that will satisfy, that will endure, and that will make us victorious in our battle against sin. How we long to

find that real, lasting joy in serving Christ, and walking the narrow way. What a splendid help is "The Life of Victory," one of the senior Reading Course books. But I must not single out any book. They are all grand, interesting, and just the stamp of books to help us to be faithful Missionary Volunteers.

The price of the four books in the senior course is £1-3-6; three books in the junior course 18/-; and two in the primary course 11/-.

If you have not already read these books, order today from your tract society, and begin at once on your course. It will pay you.

E. M. HOWARD.



To Our Isolated Young People in the South African Union

A CONFERENCE Missionary Volunteer society is in process of formation. This will be composed of our young people between the ages of ten and thirty years, who are isolated and unable to meet with any local society and take part in its services and activities. We want you to know we are deeply interested in you, and will welcome you as members of our society.

Please write today, full name, address, and date of birth to E. M. Howard, P. O. Box 468, Bloemfontein.

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Unity

OF late, the writer has come in personal contact with out-side enemies of the Truth, who are using their influence against the work and workers of Seventh-day Adventists in South Africa. This makes us feel the greater need of unity, loyalty and concerted action within our own ranks. It is bad enough for outside enemies to militate against the advancement of the Message, but the greatest damage is done by disloyal members. There is nothing more destructive to the organized work of God than for disparaging things to be said about the work and workers. With the religious world organizing its forces against the people of God, there should be seen a pressing together such as has not been since Pentecost. We need a thorough surrender of self and selfish interests to the Lord Jesus Christ. Selfishness is the root of all bitterness. The word "unite" becomes fearfully distorted and fiercely destructive by the misplacement of the letter "i." This misplacement makes "unite" spell "untie,"—a disunion which God cannot unite. It is the "I" alone who can unite the untieing influences afloat today.

Striving to keep the unity is an absolute necessity in advancing the Cause. Any one can easily break up Christian unity and scatter seeds of dissension, but to strive, to endeavour, to earnestly contend to maintain unity is the Christian's task. May God fit us for that task and unite our ambitions in one common cause for the advancement of the gospel in the Natal-Transvaal Conference.

B. M. HEALD.

Visiting the Churches

THE writer lately had the privilege of meeting with the churches at Durban, Sweetwaters, Dundee, Carolina, Hlobane, Standerton, Spion Kop College and Johannesburg. I was glad to find on the part of the church members a desire for that Father-Son unity that will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness.

The churches in the Natal-Transvaal Conference are asked to pray for the coming Durban city-campaign.
B. M. HEALD.



Baptism at Alexandra Township

I AM sure OUTLOOK readers will be pleased to hear of the work at Alexandra Township.

The candidates for baptism have been waiting for a long time. At last the day came and we had a very splendid time. Ten candidates were present. Eight of them belong to Alexandra and two came from Johannesburg.

Elder William Hodgson spent the whole day with us, and put his life into the work.

Early in the morning, we noticed that the weather was cloudy and it seemed to us that much rain would come. We saw sunshine in the faces of all present, especially of the candidates. Before midday the sun came out and shone on the little company, that gathered at the river as five brethren and five sisters were buried with Christ.

The sermon on baptism in the morning and the words spoken at the river were warm and comforting and helpful to us all. The public nature of the service was a good witness to many of the Alexandra people. After the baptism, we met again for the Ordinances of the Lord's house and these services gave us all great joy, as all were full of love.

The meetings closed when the sun went down, but we wished they could continue all night as no one was tired or discouraged. Our new church building, we hope will be finished early next month, and we shall be very thankful to have our own place of worship. This will be a great strength to our work here, for the people now see that we have come to stay.

We ask all the readers to remember the work of Alexandra Township with earnest prayers to finish the work of the Third Angel's Message.

R. M. LANGA.



The Testing Process

"God tests and proves us by the common occurrences of life. It is the little things which reveal the chapters of the heart. It is the little attentions, the numerous small incidents and simple courtesies of life, that make up the sum of life's happiness; and it is the neglect of kindly, encouraging, affectionate words, and the little courtesies of life, which helps compose the sum of life's wretchedness. It will be found at last that the denial of self for the good and happiness of those around us, constitutes a large share of the life record in heaven."—*"Testimonies," Vol. II, p. 133.*

CAPE CONFERENCE

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News Items

SABBATH, May 16, Elder Wright spoke to the European church in Port Elizabeth in the morning, and the coloured church in the afternoon.

A LETTER received from Brother A. W. Staples, from George, tells us that they are pushing the work forward and that they expect to have a good number ready for baptism.

ELDER WRIGHT and family left Cape Town, May 11, and arrived at Port Elizabeth, Wednesday morning, the 13th. They are getting nicely settled in the rooms above the conference office and are beginning to feel very much at home.

WE were pleased to have Brother A. F. Tarr, the Union secretary-treasurer, with us at the office a few days ago. He audited the conference books before they were turned over to our new treasurer, Brother P. W. Willmore.

MISS OLIVE WILLMORE, our former secretary-treasurer, bade us good-bye a week or two ago, and hastened on to assume her new duties in the Union Conference office at Bloemfontein. Miss Willmore has done splendid work for us here at the Cape office.

IT was a pleasure to have Elder E. M. Howard, the young people's educational secretary of the South African Union Conference, visit us recently. He came to study with us the need of the young people's work in this conference. Brother Howard is also secretary for these two departments in the Cape Conference, and we shall be pleased to have him with us often and will co-operate the best we can in making these departments what they should be.

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Results of the Kimberley Effort

A VERY impressive service was held in Kimberley on Sabbath, May 23, when the Ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated, and thirty-one new members given the right hand of fellowship. These were the first fruits of the effort held by Elder MacNeil, which began on the 25th of January last. Our hearts were touched by the evident earnestness of the testimonies given by these new brethren and sisters, as they rose to tell of the joy that the Message had brought into their lives. There were a number present who had been hindered from taking part in the baptismal service at this time, but they took part in the Ordinances, and expressed their confidence in

the Message, and their desire to follow their Lord in baptism at the first opportunity.

Seven of those who have taken their stand for the Truth have been forced by circumstances to leave Kimberley before the baptism took place. These are waiting for their first opportunity in the districts where they now live. Nine coloured people are preparing for baptism.

We rejoice in these evidences of the blessing of the Master in our work, and we give to God the glory. The interest seems to continue in the services on Wednesday and Sunday evenings, and further results, we believe, will be seen. Altogether, we expect just over fifty to unite with the church as a result of this effort, which, with those from the Beaconsfield effort, will increase the church by almost seventy new members.

W. H. HURLLOW.



A Timely Message

"We are now on the very verge of the time of trouble, and perplexities that are scarcely dreamed of are before us. A power from beneath is leading men to war against Heaven. Human kings have confederated with satanic agencies to make void the law of God. The inhabitants of the world are fast becoming as the inhabitants of the world in Noah's day, who were swept away by the flood, and as the inhabitants of Sodom, who were consumed by fire from heaven. The powers of Satan are at work to keep minds diverted from eternal realities. The enemy has arranged matters to suit his own purposes."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 43.

O, that every believer in the soon coming of Christ might realize more fully, what these words mean to them. We do realize to a limited degree that God has placed upon us a fearful responsibility in warning a world in its destitution,—multitudes who are suffering for the spiritual food found in the message which He has asked us to give them today. But this Truth needs to burn deeper and deeper into our hearts until our very lives are consumed for the salvation of souls.

"In the power of the Spirit, the delegated servants of Christ are to bear witness for their Leader. The yearning desire of the Saviour for the salvation of sinners is to mark all their efforts."—*Id.*, p. 43.

Such words call for intense effort on the part of God's people. Let us kneel before the throne of grace daily and seek for an outpouring of that power and love which characterized the Saviour's work for lost mankind. Then when that power, that love, enters and controls our own lives we can do successful soul-winning work.

We are living in a time of great seriousness to every Christian, yet, let us not carry a gloomy, sad countenance with us wherever we go. Rather let us be happy and cheerful, showing to the world the joy there is in following Jesus. For the fact that we are nearing a time of trouble "such as never was since there was a nation," also tells us that our redemption draweth nigh.

"Church-members, let the light shine forth. Let your voices be heard in humble prayer, in witness against intemperance, the folly, and the amusements of this world, and in the proclamation of the truth for

this time. Your voice, your influence, your time, all these are gifts from God, and are to be used in winning souls to Christ."—*Id.*, p. 38.

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly." Zech .1: 14. Why not be cheerful, grateful Christians and let Him lead us on in our experience until the day of the Lord comes? Then we can look up at His coming, and say with the prophet Isaiah, "Lo this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

Brethren and sisters if everyone of us will step into the path of duty, and give our lives to saving lost souls from their impending doom, the work of God will soon be finished in the earth. That is the time we all long to see. Then we shall be able to see the fruits of our labours and with the souls we have won, enter through the pearly gates into the city of God to enjoy the happiness of eternity with our precious Redeemer. There "all nature in its surpassing loveliness, will offer to God a constant tribute of praise and adoration."



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what can be done to help it to a higher plane? That is a vital question.

The church of Jesus Christ today is made up of individual members. In order for the church to be what it should be, to grow and prosper, it is necessary for each member to be what he or she ought to be. That means that you be a godly, devoted, earnest, consecrated, active Christian, moment by moment, hour by hour, and day by day. If every member of the church would thus live, then the church would naturally reveal the fruits of a model church.

Will you not take a little time to consider very seriously your present attitude and relationship to the church? Do you have a name to live, while spiritually you are dead? Do you enjoy daily communion with God and maintain a vital connection with Jesus? Are you fully surrendered to Him, so that He may have His way with you? Are you filled with the Spirit and engaged in active missionary service? Do you cheerfully lift your part of the task committed to the church? *If not, why not? When do you expect to do your Heaven appointed work?* What kind of an excuse will you have to offer when the Master returns to take an account of your stewardship?

Now, if you are not the kind of member that you should be, let me earnestly plead with you to study at once the lives and experiences of those members who made up the Apostolic church as found recorded in Acts 1: 10, remembering that the same was "written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." Then, as you do this, may God help you, dear brother and sister, to so relate yourself to Jesus and to His blessed cause, that the church, of which you are now a member, may arise and shine, sending forth the rays of light to brighten the way of some poor struggling soul to the kingdom of God.

J. F. WRIGHT.

Report of Literature Sales for April

Natal-Transvaal

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A. C. le Butt	180½	38	26 15 0	10 6	27 5 6
<i>Helps</i>					
P. Grobler	43½			13 12 6	13 12 6
<i>Ladies' Handbook.</i>					
Mrs. M. Smith			delivering		
Agents	6	294½	66	44 2 0	18 7 9 62 9 9
Native sales					64 18 0
Magazine Sales					57 0 3

Cape

<i>Great Controversy</i>					
F. N. Human	136	58	73 3 0	6 7 0	79 10 0
P. Raubenheimer	105	50	38 5 0	2 3 6	40 8 6
<i>Our Day</i>					
D. Theunissen	79	39	31 8 0		31 8 0
Mrs. Robinson	35	12	29 14 6	1 11 0	31 5 6
<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
D. D. Toerien	112	16	20 0 0	5 14 6	25 14 6
<i>Ladies' Handbook</i>					
Mrs. Steyl	15	4	5 10 0		5 10 0
<i>Daniel & Revelation.</i>					
D. J. Kruger					
(2 weeks)	61	9	6 15 0	1 2 6	7 17 6
Miscellaneous	25	13	22 12 6		22 12 6
Agents	8	568	201	227 8 0	16 18 6 244 6 6
Magazine Sales					17 11 6

Orange River

<i>Our Day</i>					
H. C. Jackson	101	39	29 5 6	9 18 3	39 3 9
W. J. Scholtz	55½	30	19 17 0		19 17 0
P. J. Britz			delivering		
Agents	3	156½	69	49 2 6	9 18 3 59 0 9

Periodicals					7 18 3
Native literature					7 6

Zambesi Union

Native sales					23 13 0
Periodicals					6 4 6
Miscellaneous					25 5 1
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Totals for April 1925

N-T Conf	6	294½	66	44 2 0	18 7 6	62 9 9
Cape Conference	8	568	201	227 8 0	16 18 6	244 6 6
O. R. Conf	3	156½	69	49 2 6	9 18 3	59 0 9
Zambesi Union				25 5 1		25 5 1
Magazine sales				88 14 6		88 14 6
Native sales				88 18 6		88 18 6
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General News Notes

UP to the present time, the sales of the "World's Crisis Series" total 8,363,295.

BROTHER E. W. H. JEFFREY, of Port Elizabeth, is still ill in hospital. We pray that Brother Jeffrey will soon be restored to his usual health.

BROTHER D. F. TARR has lately been spending a few hours a week in soliciting subscriptions to *The Signs of the Times*, and thus far has secured about 400 subscriptions.

THE Educational Council opened at Bulawayo on the 11th, with a very good attendance at the first meeting. A complete report of this meeting will appear in a later issue.

A FEW weeks ago, Brother D. P. Harder wrote a letter to the Division office from Lepi, Angola. Brother Harder left America some time ago and spent a few months in Portugal. We are glad to learn that Brother Harder has reached Angola to connect with our mission work in that country.

WE are glad to learn that the printing list of *The Signs of the Times* is growing. This little paper is filled with interesting material, and is just what the people need. Every church member should take an active part in the circulation of *The Signs of the Times*.

AT the present time, the big press of the Sentinel Publishing Company is running over-time on the Harvest Ingathering magazine. They are printing 25,000 of the English and 6,000 of the Afrikaans. The first and last covers of the magazine are beautifully illustrated in three colours.

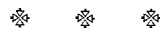
ON Monday morning, June 1, there arrived by the R. M. S. "Saxon," Brethren Wilson, Moffitt and Edwards and their families. Brethren Moffitt and Edwards sailed the next day for Durban to connect with the work of the Natal-Transvaal Conference. Brother Wilson is attending the meetings in Bulawayo this month and will later connect with the work in the mission field.

ELDER T. M. FRENCH, writing from Rusangu mission on the 17th of May, says: "We closed the native meeting here yesterday. There was not a large attendance on account of late rains and unharvested crops, but there was a good spirit throughout the meetings. Twenty-one were baptized yesterday, and an offering

of over £40 was taken up. A chief over a number of villages came in today and said that he is sending out word to his villages that they are not to follow their heathen practices any more. This is an indication that a good work was done."

ELDER M. E. KERN, the young people's secretary of the General Conference, is on a visit to the Far Eastern Division. Brother Kern had an interesting visit at the South Chosen mission. Brother Kern writes as follows:

"While in a way not typical, when I think of Chosen, I think of a dear old woman always sitting on the floor just to my left in the Seoul chapel, who would smile and nod assent before the interpreter had given the translation of what I said. I remarked to someone, 'It can't be that that dear old sister understands English?' 'Oh no,' was the answer, 'but she knows it's all right anyway, even before it is translated.'"



A Beautiful Inscription

ON the triple doorway of the Cathedral of Milan there are three inscriptions spanning the splendid arches. Over one is carved a beautiful wreath of roses, and underneath is the legend, "All that pleases is but for a moment." Over another is sculptured a cross, and these are the words beneath, "All that troubles us is but for a moment." But underneath the great central entrance, in the main aisle, is the inscription, "That only is important which is eternal." —*Christian World Pulpit*.



"EACH has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of souls. Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God.—"Christ's Object Lessons," pp. 326, 327.



"THE specific place appointed us in life is determined by our capabilities."

Obituaries

MOLLER.—Johannes Daniel Moller, aged sixty-four years, passed away in the Boxburg Hospital, May 26, 1925.

Brother Moller accepted the Truth over thirty-five years ago, solely through reading the Bible. In recent years he has been a great sufferer, yet at all times manifested a patient spirit and a confiding trust in God. The past nineteen months were spent in hospital where I have called several times to see him. At my last visit, two days before his death, the sister in charge spoke to me of Brother Moller's Christian integrity and of the good influence he exerted in the institution.

He leaves a widow and a son and daughter who look forward with hope to meeting their dear one in the soon coming kingdom of our Redeemer. D. F. TARR.

MAZONDWA.—Sister Mazondwa, of Queenstown location, aged forty-five years, died on the morning of April 1, 1925. Sister Mazondwa was a strict observer of this blessed Truth since she accepted it. She is now at rest waiting for the last trumpet sound. We miss this dear sister in our church. We trust to meet her again in the home above. She leaves four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. BRANDFORD SCOTT.