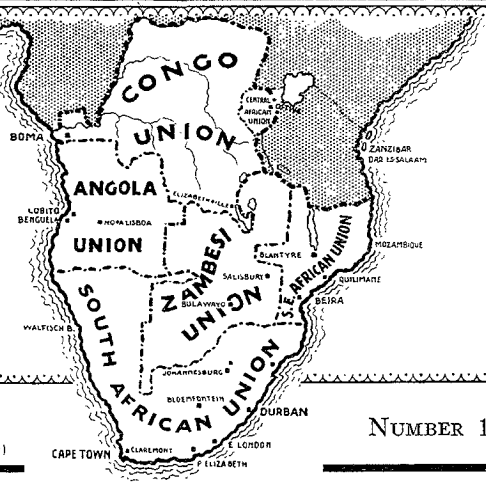


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The Place of the Church School

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THE church school is designed of God to fill no secondary place in our educational system. We cannot over-emphasise this. To appreciate its value, we must recognise at once that it occupies a place of first importance. Its work is fundamental. We look upon the church school as the foundation of our whole educational structure. Not only do we believe this to be true in the organic relationship which it sustains to the college, caring as it does for the elementary standards in educational work, while the college takes care of the senior years of training, but we believe that the church school stands out in bold relief as the foundation of Christian education in its relationship to the character building of the individual pupil. It is on this thought that the greatest emphasis should be placed.

The highest purpose of education is the development of character. The highest purpose of Christian education is the development of Christian character. To bring the pupil into personal contact with Christ the Saviour; to so lead, instruct, and influence that true conversion will be found, and then so to develop the mind, so to influence the heart that a true, noble, upright character will be formed, is of the greatest importance. Indeed, it is of far greater importance than the passing with satisfactory grades in the various studies pursued. Though proper

grading is desirable and necessary, and we would not lower the standard in this respect, yet we would emphasise the spiritual side of the Christian training of our children.

The Church School and the Home

Originally the home was the school; the parent was the teacher. In our day the home cannot meet all the educational needs of the child. The parent cannot provide all its training. The educational training of the child has passed from the home to the school. The school therefore is in a very direct and intimate way supplementing the work of the home. The teacher becomes the assistant of the parent, doing for the child that which the parent should, but cannot do. Thus the church school

teacher is the associate or parent helper of every home in the church.

While this relationship is true with the teachers in all our schools, it is much more intimate and direct with the church school than with the academy or college. The students in our colleges live in the school homes and are for the school year far separated from the fireside of their respective homes. They are under the full charge and control of the faculties. The contact and direct influence of the school on the home of the student is far removed in most cases.

But with the church school this contact is most intimate. It is through the church school that the benefits of Christian education are brought closest to the homes of the people. The church school pupil is not removed from the parental roof. He is not separated from the hearthside of his childhood home. The home life is not interrupted. All the influences of father and mother are about him. All the privileges and blessings of the home circle are still his.

But there has come into his life another influence. The daily work of the classroom rapidly opens to his understanding a broader vision. A clearer comprehension of the larger things of life is unfolded to him day by day. New conceptions, new aspirations, new purposes begin to take shape in his mind. The stimulus of student association;

THE LIVING CLAY

I took a piece of plastic clay,
And idly fashioned it one day,
And, as my fingers pressed it, still
It moved and yielded to my will.
I came again when days were past;
The bit of clay was hard at last.
The form I gave it, still it bore,
But I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay,
And deftly formed it day by day,
And moulded, with my power and art,
A young child's soft and yielding heart.
I came again when years were gone;
It was a man I looked upon.
He still that early impress bore,
But I could change it nevermore.

—Selected.

the inspiration of class recitation are his. From the experiences of fellow pupils he gains valuable lessons. The daily help and direction of an earnest Christian teacher exerts a very great influence on his life.

In the plastic years of childhood these influences are thrown about him, supplementing the ministry and influence of the home. The son or daughter of the household cannot withhold from the family circle the mighty and blessed influences that are having such a great effect upon their own young lives.

While only a limited number of hours each day are spent at school, yet the school life with all its interests and powers for good becomes a vital part of every hour of the home life. At family worship, during every mealtime, when about the daily chores, while at play, at the cozy fireside during the evening hour, when tumbling into bed, always, everywhere, the church school with its moulding, inspiring helpfulness is felt in the home. The most precious heritage of the home, God's choicest gift to parents, is being trained, developed, moulded in the school.

The hard-earned money, the careful savings of the household, are flowing to its support. And to many of our Seventh-day Adventist families this means most careful economy and real sacrifice. The financial support of the church school is not one of the smallest problems of the local church.

It is not the purpose of this paper to discuss the financial support of the church school, but in the consideration of "the place the church school is designed to fill in the home" we cannot overlook the direct benefit and blessing that comes to the entire household through the economies and sacrifices laid upon it in the support of the church school.

And to what nobler purpose, to what higher or more worthy cause can a part of the family budget be devoted than to the education of our children? This is primary. This is a responsibility of the first degree; a privilege of the highest order. It is one of the strong cords that binds the school to the home. It is the cord of love and loyal support that unites the spirit and life of the school with the spirit and life of the home. Every family budget should provide for the support of the church school even as it should provide for the daily food and necessary clothing of

each child. To every family in the church where this cord unites, the school is indeed "our school," the teacher is "our teacher."

The Place of the Church School in the Church

The home is the bulwark of all social order. It is the foundation of our national life. The home is also the foundation of the church life. God's original plan was to make the home the church. There was no other church. The father was the priest; the home the sanctuary. As the home is built up and strengthened, so the church is built up and grows in strength, beauty, and service. As the influence of the church

"DEAR Teacher, some one's watching you;
A child's bright eye sees all you do.
That hat you wear looms up in view;
The dress, he criticises too;
The style in which you do your hair,
Your manner sitting in your chair,
The gentle voice, the smile, the frown,
Just how and when you go to town,
The song you sing, the way you walk,
The laugh, the joke, and how you talk,
The prayer you make, the way you read,
Of all you do, he takes quick heed.
So be careful what you do,
For some one's ever watching you."

is reflected in the home, so the influence of the home is reflected in the church. These factors that contribute to the spiritual life, the mental training, and the general development of the children of the household are direct contributions to the building up and strengthening of the church.

As the pastor (or elder) is the shepherd of the flock, so the church school teacher is a shepherdess to assist the pastor in the care of the lambs of the flock, for if the lambs of the flock are not cared for, there will soon be no flock. The church school is the only service or branch of the church activity that brings to the children of the household of faith the ministry of the church during the five working days of the week. And the church school is the week day ministry of the church to the children, fulfilling Christ's commission to Peter to feed the lambs. For the church to maintain such a service for its children makes it in the fullest and truest sense a "church school."

It is just as much a part of the church service as is the weekly prayer meeting, the Sabbath school, the Missionary Volunteer meetings, or the Sabbath preaching service.

It is therefore of prime importance that this branch of the ministry of the church receive the constant and helpful cooperation and fostering care of the pastor, as well as of each individual member. In the church school the children are receiving that development, that training, which will prepare them for service for God, and for church membership.

Fourteen is placed by some as the peak age of conversion, while others place it at fifteen, and some at sixteen years of age.

Let us take fifteen as the peak. That means that there are as many who decide for Christ and are brought to conversion during the first fifteen years of life as there are during all the years of life following the fifteen-year point. Probably few conversions take place earlier than the age of six or seven. Therefore approximately one-half of all conversions are crowded into eight or nine years of child life.

Connect with this the fact that fourteen is recognised as the standard age for the completion of the elementary grades of education, and it is apparent that the peak age of conversion corresponds very nearly to the age of completion of the church school work.

As illustrative of this and emphasizing the importance of placing special emphasis on proper child training in Christian schools, we call attention to a report compiled in one of our conferences where of twelve hundred young people reported, it was found that a majority were baptised just before the age of thirteen.

With so large a percentage of decisions made during the childhood and early adolescent period, it is clear that the strongest and best Christian training should be thrown about the child during those formative years. The church school is God's means of meeting this outstanding need of our children.

If it were possible to appraise or even estimate the value and influence for good to the church or the Sabbath school, the prayer meeting, the young people's meeting, or any of its other many activities, then would it be possible to know something of the great value of the church school to the church.

The Place of the Church School in the Conference

As we consider this phase of our subject, there are three principal points we wish to emphasise:

First, the church school as a feeder to the academies and colleges. We have pointed out that the church school is the foundation of our whole educational structure. In no more forceful way is this seen than in its relationship to the conference academy as the principal contributing agency to its enrolment. Not only in the number of students who pass on from the church school to the academy, but also in the matter of the preparation of these students for academic work, in scholarship, in character building, in obedience and loyalty, and in spirituality, much has been accomplished.

In the church school many students find their first impressions of the truth and work of God. There often the first ambitions find birth, and the first surrenders are made. Purposes formed in these tender years, many times, are never lost in after life.

It is to the academy that the conference should first look for its recruits. True, the young man usually will go on and complete the college work before taking up conference work, but after he enters college it may be too late to encourage him to look to conference work. In a majority of cases the decision is made in the academy, and the life work is chosen or determined upon. The church school has been one of the chief factors in bringing the student on to this clear conviction and definite decision.

Next let us notice the place and influence of the church school in the conference from the standpoint of the conference finance. Some would hardly consider a church school as a financial asset to the conference, especially in view of the great difficulty and perplexity in which some of our church schools find themselves over finance. But we believe the church school to be a direct and positive financial benefit to the conference.

It has been our observation and experience that the family which is the most faithful in the support of the church school is equally faithful in the paying of tithe and in the giving of offerings. This is also true of the church that is maintaining a church school. Usually those churches that are blessed with a

good church schools are the strongest financial supporters of the conference in tithes and offerings, as well as in other lines of missionary work, as is demonstrated by the fact that our students in the church school, academy, and college are in the front rank in the Harvest Ingathering endeavour and other missionary activities.

Then we must not forget the spiritual benefits that come to the conference through the church school. All that has been said with regard to the place and spiritual value of the church school as relates to the home can be applied to this phase of the theme with double emphasis.

It is a divine principle that any work undertaken for God to build up, strengthen, and enlarge His kingdom in the world brings into the life of the individual or church its own reflex in spiritual blessing, power and joy. Quite generally we believe the churches maintaining church schools are among the most spiritual and earnest in the conference. They are the most active along missionary lines. Truly the church school occupies no secondary place in our educational work, and finds its place among the first-line activities of the church.



Christian Education and Christian Experience

E. D. HANSON

EVERY contact in life leaves its mark. One's present view of life is a composite picture of the influences that have been brought to bear over a period of years. Pleasures, associates, home, school—all contribute to one's outlook.

These influences are especially strong during the period of youth. Of the four mentioned, three become more difficult for the parents to control intimately as the children grow older. The child is in school for five hours a day. Not only what is taught, but also the atmosphere of the school exerts a strong moulding influence on the child. Here in the school, through association with other young people, he forms his conception of pleasure. Here, also, he chooses his associates. It follows that when the home and school influences are opposed, the school influences usually win.

In our churches we constantly wit-

ness the effects of these worldly influences. A large per cent of our young people are failing to join the church or are careless in the performance of their Christian duties. In fact, a large proportion of the young people (outside of Helderberg College) baptised in this union each year, are won in the evangelistic efforts for the general public.

Perhaps the position can be more clearly understood if put this way. Of our young people who should be at Helderberg College, less than 30 per cent are attending the school. Yet more young people are baptised at Helderberg than in all of our other churches combined.

For this condition there is a reason. In the school home life, the highest ideals are upheld and practised. Distracting worldly pleasures are excluded, and simple wholesome pleasures encouraged. All of the young people are striving towards the same high ideals. These combined influences affect the young person's outlook on life as profoundly as do the worldly influences of other schools.

It is the purpose of Helderberg College to train the head, the hand and the heart. It is the intention to impart such knowledge as shall aid the young person in developing wisdom and a true perspective of the values of life. Let us rally wholeheartedly to the support of Helderberg College.



Training Received at Helderberg

MILTON ROBISON

EDUCATION is more than an intellectual training in a number of theoretical subjects which may be included in a course of study. "It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental and the spiritual powers."

It is the aim of our college to meet this high standard in a practical way and we believe that God has richly blessed our efforts.

The spiritual tone of the school is good. Each newcomer at once recognises that he is in an atmosphere that is different. He finds prayer and Bible study a reality and he can see in the lives of most of his associates the influence of the Holy Spirit.

It is God's plan that man shall be blessed by labour. As the boys and girls engage in the many duties

connected with their college work they receive this blessing. Almost invariably visitors speak of the very happy group and the cheer and energy they display in their manual labour. This practical training makes them resourceful and ready to meet problems.

One outstanding feature of education at Helderberg is the training which the boys and girls receive in the bearing of responsibility. The division of duties gives every one his task, not only in the work of the institution but in the Sabbath school and the Missionary Volunteer society as well.

We are told that attention to spiritual and industrial training should not lead to a lowering of the standard along literary lines. The school accepts this instruction and

holds a high standard for the work in regular school subjects. We assert with confidence that the students in the different standards are doing work that is on a par with the same standards in other schools. Our courses do not prepare the students to write the Government examinations because of the different subjects included: nevertheless, the standards of work is not lower.

This year Helderberg College is offering a commercial course which will help to meet a long felt need. Students are expected to finish standard eight before taking the commercial course. The student who finishes standard ten with commercial subjects as outlined will receive a standard ten certificate. This course will meet the requirements for entrance to the college training courses.

'Loyalty and Service,' has continued to be the motto of my life. I am thankful that I had the privilege of attending Union College."

From away up on the Zambesi River Elder H. M. Sparrow, class of 1912, now Superintendent of the Northern Rhodesia Mission Field, writes:

"When I think of the old Claremont Union College, I immediately begin to look through the Division to pick out my colleagues who are loyally pressing forward in places of responsibility. That 'old training camp' is widely represented by its army of workers in the field today. That early training in our own school has meant that we have been better prepared for our duties than we would have been if we had attended an outside school.

"In my work as superintendent of this field, I am brought into contact with many lines of work which call forth all the past training I have ever had. One must be able to help on the farm, in the blacksmith shop, to build a house, take the place of a doctor or nurse, to organise and teach a school, and, above all, be able to preach and teach the truth.

"At present I am engaged in an effort with Brother G. L. Willmore and Pastor Gladstone on the Zambesi River 150 miles north of Livingstone. We are hoping to get a large number to take their stand for the truth.

"I believe in our schools. Even though one may not have a position in the work, it is a sure foundation for a true Seventh-day Adventist in any walk of life; therefore, I will support, propagate and boost our schools in every way possible."

Of his work Elder Willard Staples, of the class of 1917, writes:

"Five happy and profitable years were spent in old Union College. They were years of hard study and pleasant associations. It was there that my life was yielded in baptism, and it was there that the call of God to be a preacher of 'present truth' came to me. With this settled purpose the years of study passed rapidly, and, with others, found myself launched into the work of God at the close of the last year of Union College.

"Evangelistic work has claimed most of our time since, and what a joy to see souls won to a knowledge of Heaven's last message and to witness the saving grace of God in their lives!

"Three years were also spent at Helderberg College teaching in the Bible department; years that gave us great confidence in our South African youth. We are so thankful for a small part in the work. We have never regretted the call of God to the ministry. My prayer is that many others of our boys and girls will yet respond to the call for both preparation and service."

Elder J. Raubenheimer, of the class of 1923, who is engaged in Evangelistic work in the Natal-Transvaal Conference speaks of his appreciation for Christian education in the following words:

"The greatest sustaining power for good and the mightiest impelling force heavenward, along life's rugged path, is the ever abiding influence of godly teachers and a Christian education. Eternity alone will witness to the immeasurable value of such a training in my life."

Brother Basil Burton, of the same class,

Our Sons and Daughters in Service

E. D. DICK

YEAR by year there goes from the doors of Helderberg College a class of young men and young women. A large part of these join the ranks of the workers of the Southern African Division serving in one capacity or another.

Others who desire to pursue further studies in general, nurses or medical courses, go to our advanced schools in other countries, and later return to help swell the ranks of our army of workers.

It seems, however, that while we are made acquainted with these as prospective workers, reading of them in school and seeing their pictures in the graduating classes, yet when they get under the burdens which are so quickly laid upon them, we seldom hear of them, and are led to wonder where they are serving and how they are enjoying their work.

We therefore thought that it would be appreciated by the readers of the OUTLOOK to present through its columns a symposium by the graduates of our college, (including Spion Kop and Union College), which would tell of their work and their joys in service.

We are sorry that we do not have a response from all our former graduates, but we trust that the reports here presented may encourage our fathers and mothers to give their sons and daughters in training that the great work of giving to the peoples of this land, the good news of Christ's coming kingdom may be quickly finished. We also trust that the young people may be constrained to prepare themselves for a part in this great work, that the joys of soul winning may be theirs.

Of her work, Miss Helen Hyatt of the class of 1901 writes:

"I am very happy in my work in the Normal Department at Helderberg. The privilege of helping to train young teachers and missionaries for this great Southern African Division is a heavy responsi-

bility; but it brings its own reward, in hours of pleasant association with dear consecrated young people, and in the joy that comes as we hear of their success in the field."

Miss A. V. Sutherland of the class of 1904 says:

"At present I am engaged in teaching in the Normal Department of the Good Hope Training School of Seventh-day Adventists, situated in the Mowbray Flats, Cape Peninsula.

"I enjoy my work very much and feel happy to know that I am doing the work for which I was trained at the old Union College."

Mrs. Laura Page Bredenkamp, now on coastal furlough at the Cape, of the class of 1911, writes:

"Our field of labour for the past seven years has been Angola. We spent a few months at our mission near Lepi, and then went up north into the Lunda district, where we established the Luz Mission.

"We have enjoyed the work at Missao de Luz very much, and are thankful for the way in which the Lord has blessed our efforts. Our pioneering days were the happiest. What once seemed like trials, do not appear so now, and we are looking forward again to pioneering days, for upon our return to Angola we expect to establish a new mission among the Chingee people of North-east Angola."

Elder W. L. Hyatt, of the same class, writes:

"I am greatly enjoying my work in the Natal-Transvaal Conference. As the heavy and stern problems arise in connection with conference executive work, I frequently think back to the lessons that were so vividly impressed upon my mind when I attended Union College. The self-sacrificing efforts of our noble teachers will never be forgotten, and their courageous examples have ever spurred me forward in the hour of trial and responsibility. Our class motto,

is now headmaster at Rusangu Mission. He writes:

"While a youngster in public school, I remember confiding to my closest chum, some of the air-castles I had been building for my future. One of these was to spend my life in some of the far off lonely places of earth. Later under the inspiration of Christian education, this became crystallised into the definite urge to devote my life to the service of God in any place He might choose.

"This old boyhood dream has been realised, for about six years of my time since leaving Spion Kop has been spent at one of the far off, lonely places, Chimpempe Mission, in North-east Rhodesia. There I had the joy of seeing the work develop from its pioneer beginnings to the present time, when, at the last baptism a second church was organised bringing the membership to near the three hundred mark. Needless to say I am happy in my work."

Mrs. Martha (Snyman) Raubenheimer, class of 1924, writes:

"Life is a great problem, but I thank God for a Christian education that is helping me to build a character, amid wickedness, that will decide a destiny for me on the evergreen shores."

W. Mason, of the same class, writes:

"I am glad to be able to speak a few words for my college days, for I thoroughly enjoyed them even though I had to study hard and also work hard at the same time in order to support my family. Apart from the regular class work, I am especially glad for the experience I gained in patience, milking some of those old cows that had a bad knack of kicking the bucket over. More than once as superintendent of the North East Rhodesia Mission Field I have had my bucket kicked over. Nevertheless the Spirit of God is moving in this section of the Lord's vineyard, and we are praying, working, and trusting that there will be a great harvest of souls in 1932 for the Kingdom."

Miss Winifred Tickton writes:

"Although I was a member of the normal class and spent some time in church school teaching, I am now engaged in stenographic and office work at the Cape Conference headquarters in Port Elizabeth. I am very happy to be here and to have a small part in God's great work. I love to see the Message going forward and enjoy seeing the reports of what is being done as the results of the labours of those who have been members of our school, who are now engaged in active work for the Master.

"Not I but Christ" is still my motto, and I want to be ready, doing His will when Jesus comes."

From the class of 1925 three responses have been received. These read:

"At present my office is the superintendent of the South Nyasaland Mission Field. I was appointed to this office the latter part of 1929. This field takes in five mission stations, having three native and two European directors.

"I have enjoyed my work while in this office, although no executive work is a real joy to anyone. But joy has come to me by learning to know our believers here and there and our workers throughout the field. By working for them, and speaking with them in their language, I have been led to see things as they see them, and to sympathise with them. But the real joy has come to my heart when I have not

spared myself but have done my utmost to be an encouragement and to win others."

MAX WEBSTER.

"Within the Union of South Africa there are three quarters of a million coloured people to whom must be given the message of a risen and soon coming Saviour. It has been my privilege to work among them for the last two years, being in charge of this department of the Cape Conference. I have greatly enjoyed my association with this branch of our work.

"Under the blessing of the Lord our work is growing rapidly. From every side we are receiving calls almost daily to follow up the interests that are springing up, and certainly no greater satisfaction could be found than in answering these calls.

"To live in close communion with the Master; to answer the cry of the sin-sick soul; to seek to alleviate suffering and sorrow; to dispel despair and hopelessness from the hearts of men who are struggling desperately for a mere existence, and to watch the light of a great new hope dawning in their faces as they grasp the truths of salvation and eternal life, this is living! This is satisfaction!"

LESLIE BILLES.

"Since 1925, with the exception of 1929, which was spent at Stellenbosch University, it has been my privilege to serve in our school as preceptor and teacher. I have greatly enjoyed my work and it is with keen interest and satisfaction that I observe the development and reformation in the lives of our young people as they yield to the principles of Christian education."

C. C. MARAIS.

Three members of the class of 1926 respond to our symposium telling of their joy and happiness in the work. Miss Jean Crammond of the South African Union Conference, at Bloemfontein, writes:

"I am deeply thankful that the Lord has permitted me to have a small part in His work. Everyone who has had the privilege of attending our college will say with me I am sure, that the training received for the work and the influence of Christian associates has an effect on the ideals and choice of a life work which can be obtained in no other college. After spending three years at Spion Kop, I taught one of our church schools for eighteen months before entering the Union office as a stenographer where I am working at the present time. The work is intensely interesting and enjoyable and I am grateful for the privilege of working for the Lord in a small way here."

Robert Buckley, class of 1926 and Mrs. Buckley (nee Doris Robison), class of 1928 write of their work at Inyazura.

"I am in charge of the school and farm. The school has an enrolment of a little over a hundred at present. Many of the students come here from heathen homes, so the possibilities for bringing men and women into the truth are many. Men of forty and fifty, with large families come to school.

"At our recent camp-meeting in June we had over eight hundred of our native believers gathered here, and one hundred and forty-five were baptised and taken into the church.

"We enjoy our work here very much. Our one and only aim is to help finish this work which is fast drawing to a close; and to see many of the precious black people of Africa saved in God's kingdom."

Ross Ansley responds as follows:

"It is significant to note that, after spending five years as a student at Spion Kop College, I should return to spend a further two-and-a-half years as a teacher. I almost feel like regarding Spion Kop as my second home.

"Apart from teaching several subjects in the three training classes, I keep the books of the institution and teach carpentry. I thoroughly enjoy my work, and am a firm believer that Christian education for the native peoples pays."

Members of the class of 1927 respond as follows:

"I do most sincerely appreciate the Christian education I received at the Spion Kop College. I attribute my love for the truth and for the work of God to rest upon the foundation that was laid by that Christian training institution.

"I am happy in and thoroughly enjoy my work at the Rusangu mission. In the work of God there is ample scope for initiative and individuality. This with the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit brings out the very best that is in man.

"To those who desire a place in the closing work of God on earth for man, I would point you to the place of preparation, Helderberg College. It is there that the heart and mind is prepared for the greatest work of all generations."

J. G. SIEPMAN.

"The writer was for several years a student of the old Spion Kop College and graduated from that institution in 1927. That same year I received an invitation to connect with the faculty of the new college at Helderberg as science teacher for the year 1928. In this capacity the Lord has graciously allowed me to labour for the last four years. The work has been a source of lasting pleasure and of ever-increasing interest to me.

"To work with the Lord Jesus in moulding the minds of youth and pointing them to Him by contemplating with them the mysteries of His material creation is indeed a high privilege. In dealing thus with a line of work which has ever been dear to his heart and having the constant association of God-fearing teachers and consecrated students, the writer has received a blessing and spiritual uplift that cannot be expressed in words but can only be measured in the school of the hereafter. For the future I can ask no greater privilege than to be worn out in the service of the Master in this portion of His vineyard."

C. H. BELL.

Responses from the class of 1928 have been received from two of its members, both of whom are doing service in the mission field. Brother H. Jurie Moolman and his wife (nee Tinnie Venter) write of their work:

"At the present time we are out here in the bush at Bikobo Hill Mission helping with the building work in starting this new station. There is no house for us to live in yet, so we are fixed up under a grass roof with no walls. We have a tent under half the shed, which serves as a bedroom, while the other half we use as dining room, pantry, etc.

"This place is about seventy-five miles from Kikomba mission. We made the trip on bicycle. I like it here although it is very hot."

Melvin Sparrow, who is acting as builder for the Zambesi Union Mission, writes of his work:

"I am here at Lower Gwelo building up a medical unite for this area. At present we are finishing the dwelling house and plan to begin the Hospital building immediately. I am enjoying my work very much."

Still others from the 1929 class speak of their work. J. J. B. Combrinck, who is acting as translator at the Sentinel and also assisting in the Coloured Department of the Cape Conference says:

"The greatest asset in this world is a noble Christian character. No other training can build such a character as a Christian education in a Christian school with consecrated teachers. Helderberg College has helped me to get the true perspective of life and service, and has taught me more how to follow my ideal and Saviour and to appreciate my work with Jesus as my co-labourer. I always and continually have a heavenly joy in knowing that my labours are not for the material, perishable things of this world, but my reward is with God. That Helderberg College helps to prepare our earnest youth for the finishing of the gospel commission is attested by everyone of her children who have passed through her doors, saved to serve and constrained by the love of Christ."

Wm. T. Hodgson writes of his work since graduation:

"Two years have elapsed since I left college to take my place alongside the workers in God's cause. It seems but two months, for never has there been a moment when boredom or disinterest has crept in to stifle the enthusiasm which has been growing with the days and years.

"During this short term of service I have had a part in three different branches of our work, the publishing, Missionary Volunteer, and now in teaching in our training school at Spion Kop. I regard myself not as the possessor of a good "job" but rather feel proud that, together with the many other young people scattered throughout this Division, I can count myself privileged to be called a unit in such a powerful soul-winning army."

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Stevenson write of their work:

"We are engaged in teaching work at Malamulo Mission Training Institute. We are enjoying our work very much. Our place of labour is pleasant, our fellow labourers are congenial, and it is a great joy to see our efforts result in consecrated young men going forth to labour for their own people. We are especially thankful that God has set His seal of approval upon our work, and that we have seen a large number take their stand for the truth as a result of our labours."

Mr. and Mrs. Milford write from Stellenbosch:

"Since leaving Helderberg College, we have assisted in five evangelistic efforts, doing Bible work. We are now conducting our first effort, all by ourselves. We are enjoying our work very much, and the Lord is certainly blessing our first effort."

Members of the class of 1930 join our symposium with reports as follows:

Miss Gwen Tarr writes:

"At present I am teaching a church school of sixteen students here in Bulawayo. The work is intensely interesting, and I am enjoying it very much. I am thankful for the education received at Spion Kop and Helderberg which has made it possible for me to work for the Master

in the training of the children of His church."

Mr. and Mrs. George Hiten (nee Lily Purchase, class of 1929) write of their work in the Belgian Congo:

"Mrs. Hiten and I are both engaged as teachers in the Seminaire Adventiste, the training school of the Congo Union Mission. I am very thankful that I was considered worthy to carry the responsibilities of secretary to the Congo Union Mission.

"As the days go by our hearts are filled with gratitude that our Saviour has considered us worthy of a small place in His vineyard. Our prayers are that God will keep us continually at His feet and help us to do acceptable service for Him.

"We are indeed very happy to be in the mission field, and do our small share for the furtherance of this gospel to all the world. A Christian education is the 'Pathway to Service.'"

Miss Sheila Davies writes of her work: "The words of the hymn "God's way is the best way, my path He has planned," have often come to me during this first year of my work. The year has been a happy one, and I am glad to join the workers at Spion Kop. The trials always come, but they help to keep me close to the Master's side.

"My chief work has been the teaching of the little European church school, but I am also assisting in the Normal Department of the native training school. Keeping house has formed a most interesting phase of my work as well.

"I love teaching and have thoroughly enjoyed the school year. I pray that God will ever help me to realise the sacredness of my calling and that I may press on with greater zeal and devotion."

Louis Strick, who for a time after graduation assisted Elder Hiten in an effort at Mossel Bay, but who now is working in the interests of the circulation of *Die Tekens van die Tye* writes:

"The work has been a great pleasure and a source of spiritual blessings to me. There is a desire within me to impart to others the joy that came into my heart when I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I am happy to have a part in spreading the everlasting Gospel message which will yet lighten the whole earth with its glory."

Ivan Ansley writes of his work since graduation:

"I was called to fill a place in Nyasaland. At present I am at Malamulo, our largest training school in Nyasaland, enjoying my work.

"Mission work is not an easy task for there is much to do. Teaching work takes up a good part of my time, but, besides this, I have the care of the dairy and livestock, the supervision of the boys' dormitory and act as registrar. I am happy and enjoying my work here."

So concludes our symposium, though it might be greatly extended by scores of others among whom are both graduates and undergraduates. Thus a chorus of voices responds, testifying of the blessings received in the school and the joy which they have experienced in the service in which they are now engaged.

We trust that these sincere testimonies may be an encouragement to both parents and teachers to do all in their power to provide for our children the blessings of a Christian education in our own schools.

May God give us willing hearts to sacrifice for the saving of our children in the work of God and in His soon-coming kingdom.

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What "Helderberg" Has Done for Me

By SIX OF THE STUDENTS

HELDERBERG College! "The Pathway to Service." Yes, that is what this institution stands for.

For eight years I prayed in faith that in His own good time God would lead me here. My prayers have been answered and now that I am graduating I must leave its sheltering walls. I feel I must give my testimony in appreciation of what it has done for me, praying that some one else will here take my place and enjoy these rare privileges.

My testimony is one of praise and thanksgiving, and oh, could my pen but frame the words, which would move every young Seventh-day Adventist in our country to make a covenant with God and attend our college! It was here that I got a real vision of life.

How happy we ought to be that here we have consecrated teachers, men and women sent by God, to help youthful feet on to the narrow way. What an inspiration to be here! What a heavenly joy to bow with these Daniels and Esthers at morn, at noon and at evening! And the Friday evening consecration meetings,—what stony heart could stand the pleadings of "the still small voice?"

My stop here has been a continual financial struggle. I fought alone, but Jesus helped and I have succeeded. I leave this place, ready for service, with a burning passion for souls. I pray that the eyes of all those who are hesitating to come may be opened to see the solemnity of the times in which we are living and the necessity of a training at Helderberg College, for the cause we love so much.

WILLIAM P. OWEN.

Faith Fully Confirmed

When I came to Helderberg at the beginning of the year, I came out of a dark, sinful world. I did not know what a real Christian ought to know. I did not know there is power in fervent prayer. I did not know that regular school work can be carried on in a Christian way, consequently I was greatly surprised when I came to Helderberg and experienced its school life.

The daily contact with Christian teachers and students had a strong influence on me. At the prayer bands, the Friday evening testimony meetings and home-worship, I felt myself on sacred ground where God's angels were always present, and it caused me to realise my soul's great need.

Through Helderberg my faith in the divine inspiration of the Scriptures was fully confirmed. I have learned that in times of weakness we must press on and not become discouraged. I have been greatly helped by fellow students who have come to me and we have gone to the hills or to the veld and have had seasons of prayer together.

I was greatly impressed by the interest shown by my fellow-students in manual

about. They are not ashamed nor afraid to work and do their tasks cheerfully.

I have observed that at Helderberg the students are taught to carry responsibility and that they desire to obey the suggestions of the teachers.

I am happy that I came to Helderberg. I plan to canvass this summer and earn a scholarship so that I can finish my course and enter the service of our Saviour.

LOURENS KRITZINGER.

Spirit of Loving Service

Helderberg! The name will ever mean "Happy Christian Service and Devotion" to my mind. It cannot be the beautiful surroundings alone that make our college so attractive. It's a hidden "something" under the surface.

We are all aiming at having a small part in our Master's great work and it really seems as if He has endowed our college with all the blessings to prepare us for that service.

The spirit at our college is one of loving service. Our friendly teachers are all sincere Christians and have done much to make me strive to be more consecrated.

The times of hard study, the little talks I have had to give in Missionary Volunteer meeting, the occasional song sung, the pleasurable recreation on Saturday nights, have all left an imprint on my character which I feel have made me different—stronger.

Though I will be leaving college this year for further study in a different branch of work, Helderberg will always be in my thoughts and my prayers that it may mean as much to other young people as it has meant to me.

MARY WORSLEY.

Spirit of Helderberg Conquered

"What am I going to do in life? It seems to me that I have no special call to life's duties." This was just one of the many questions that came to my mind before attending Helderberg College. It is true I had a training as a bookkeeper and stenographer and had filled such positions to the satisfaction of my employers, as well as other situations for which I had a natural aptitude, but somehow this did not answer my question. I wanted to do something better—I wanted a broader outlook on life. It seemed as though I was just drifting along, getting nowhere, instead of making character building my business every day.

It was in this condition that I attended the Port Elizabeth camp-meeting in 1929. There I came in contact with Mr. Shankel and a group of students from Helderberg. To me they seemed different from the people I ordinarily came in contact with in business and society. They seemed to be acquiring what I was after, and so on their invitation I decided to visit Helderberg College. I came—I saw—and the spirit of Helderberg conquered. And now I am absolutely satisfied with my life? No! far from it, but I have got a right line on life. I feel that I am in line with God's great plan. This plan is that we should grow. It is the law of life. Now, when I think of the future, I decide that I will just leave it to Him, for I am sure whatever he leads me to, will be the place where I am most needed.

When I first decided to remain at Helderberg, it was with a desire to become proficient in some line of vocational or intellectual work, but now my one great object is to fit myself for the service of

God and of my fellowmen, and I have also discovered that as we invest our talent in service, we will gain other talents, and at the same time be filled with a peace of mind and soul which is in sharp contrast to the unhappiness caused by the knowledge that one's duty is unfulfilled.

To any young man or woman who may wish to grow and prepare and fit into God's plan, I would say there is no better place anywhere in South Africa to gain that preparation—no surer avenue into service for others than through Helderberg College. I am sure that if you decide now to come to Helderberg, in years to come you will never have occasion to regret it. Think this over well, and then—"Come thou with us and we will do thee good." Numbers 10:29.

E. W. TARR.

New Vision Received

Only those who have spent some time at Helderberg can definitely say what influence the College has on young people. My first visit was a real treat and also a blessing. At that time I was working in Cape Town and came in contact with many young men. Yet as soon as I met some of the students I noticed a marked difference between them and the usual young men seen everywhere. Every student had such a clean cut look about him, betokening upright living. And then as I talked with them and spent the next few days amongst them, I came to the conclusion that here was the place where all young men ought to be. I was not a S. D. A. then, but my heart stirred within me as I saw the preparation the young men and young women were receiving for service in the Lord's vineyard, and at last I determined to come and get the same preparation.

For the last two years I have been enrolled in the Theological Course and wonderful has been the vision opening before me. Yes, Helderberg does show one where the possibilities lie in service for the Master.

Not only is a definite purpose inculcated in each life, but expert and patient teachers help the students to fit them for definite work. I am glad that I have had the privilege of attending this Christian institution. Africa is calling for many of her sons to work in her extended mission fields and soon I shall go forth in service beyond. I shall always look back with gratitude to the place where I received my supreme purpose in life and where that purpose was established.

HERMANN FICKER.

A New Ambition

Four and a half years ago I was not an Adventist. I had left high school because I was tired of studying and had gone into business. But deep down in my heart was a longing to become an upright Christian, although at that time I was still patterning after the world. The time came when I had to choose between God and Satan: I chose God and I always praise Him now for it.

A new ambition sprang up in my heart to get an education. I could have gone to high school to finish my matriculation at little expense, but I wanted a Christian education. By dint of hard labour and saving every penny I could, I had a small nest-egg in the bank, so I packed my trunk and went to Helderberg College. Everything and everybody was new to me, but everywhere I met brotherly kindness

and love. I received a new conception of who God is and what Jesus has done for me and the great objective—a Christian character—was held up before me. Although it takes many hard struggles, yet day by day with God's help I am building brick by brick in my character. The consecrated teachers are always willing to help and encourage one on the upward way.

The upbuilding influence of the college will not be found in any other school. Helderberg has become my second home. She has taught and given me an all-round education; she has made a man of me to fight my own battles; taught me real salesmanship through canvassing, and there I received the love for winning souls. With the Lord's help I have fought my way thus far through college and paid all my debts. I am not sorry that I came here, and will advise every young person to come.

FREDERICK FICKER.



Helderberg College Honour Roll

THE following students constitute the Honour Roll of Helderberg College for the year 1931. In order to be placed on this list the student must have an average of 85% or more and must complete all work satisfactorily:

1. Yvonne de Gourville	93
2. Fern Wilson	91.67
3. Lucy Delhove	91.62
4. Eunice Tarr	91.43
5. Muriel Hankins	90.67
6. Mary Worsley	89.78
7. Hermann Ficker	89.5
8. Margaret Ives	89.44
9. Duncan Eva	89
10. Evelyn Wright	88.9
11. Edward Tarr	88.37
12. Pierre van Eck	88
13. Maud McEwen	88
14. Olive Smith	88.75
15. Ernest Stevenson	87.16
16. Eleanor Merifield	87.1
17. Jan Kritzinger	87
18. M. Holbrook	86.57
19. Hetty Hodgson	86.22
20. Delbert Dick	86.1
21. Jack Stockil	86
22. Walton Austen	86
23. Arthur Davey	85.77
24. Myra Heywood	85.7
25. Hilda Dale	85.68
26. John Cooks	85.5
27. A. W. Worsley	85.37
28. Leila Smith	85.28
29. Norman Cowley	85

G. E. SHANKEL.



Grit and Determination Wins

Six years ago the way opened for me to go to college. It was just at this time that trouble was brewing in the East and friends told me I would just waste my time by spending five years at the college as the

end was so near, whereas if I stayed at home and worked I could in my spare time help to spread the gospel. I, however, determined that I was going to be "a vessel fit for the Master's use" and so, in the face of difficulties, I set out to gain a Christian education.

At the end of my first year I did not see how it was possible to go on. As far as money was concerned, I had none. If I returned home it would be work on Sabbath. The only way was to keep on, and yet in front lay a veritable "Red Sea." "Man's extremity, however, is God's opportunity," and next year I was back at college.

So each year slipped by until I had finished my course and was called out into the great harvest field. Today, as I look back on my college days, I am thankful for an all-round education that has taught me to be of help both with brain and hand.

WENTZEL COWPER,
Class of 1930.

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Helderberg College Notes

THE year 1932 will see Helderberg College and campus lighted with electricity for the first time. The poles are now being placed and work has begun in wiring the buildings ready for the opening of school. This will be a great improvement over the former days of oil and petrol lamps.

It has been arranged for students who live in the Rhodesias or in other countries off the gold standard, to pay their accounts with the college through their union mission field and the Division, and thus save to the student any loss on the exchange of his money to South Africa.

At the time of the College Board meeting held in Bulawayo in June of last year, the question of the heavy rail fares for students living far to the north and who wished to come to Helderberg was considered. In order to help such students it was voted that the school, together with the various fields, should pay the balance on all fares above £5. Students will receive a scholar's concession which will enable them to purchase a return ticket for the price of an ordinary second-class single fare, plus 20%.

On arrival at the college, the ticket should be turned over to the business office when the amount of the ticket above £5 will be credited to the stu-

dent's account. This will not only affect students from Rhodesia and beyond, but on account of the recent rise in rail fares, will also apply to students living in the Union from Bloemfontein on.

N.-T. Conference

W. L. Hyatt _____ President
P. W. Willmore _____ Secy.-Treas.

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New Year's Greetings

W. LEROY HYATT

WE would love to clasp the hand of every member of the Natal-Transvaal Conference on New Year's morning, and wish you Heaven's blessing as you step forth into the year 1932. However, dear brethren and sisters, as this is impossible, we seize the opportunity of sending such greetings to you through the columns of the OUTLOOK.

Fresh duties lie before you; unseen foes loiter on the pathway; but clasp the hand of our dear Master, the Chiefest among ten thousand, the One altogether lovely, as you never have before. Trust Him to guide you through the uneven pathway of life and you will never fall or falter.

The year 1932 will be a very important year. Many unexpected epoch making events have crowded into the year now passing into eternity, but oh, the possibilities of the year 1932!

It is possible for the work of God on earth to be finished; it is possible for probation to close. Let us resolve that by God's help the year 1932 will be the most successful year in our Christian experience that we have ever lived. May God keep every member of the Natal-Transvaal Conference faithful to Him during this coming year.

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Pretoria Evangelistic Effort

W. LEROY HYATT

SUNDAY night, August 9, a public effort was commenced in the City Hall of Pretoria. We considered ourselves very fortunate indeed at being able to secure this central hall for a period of five consecutive weeks,

following which Sunday night meetings were conducted in the same hall while the week-night meetings were transferred to our local church. It was a very intensive effort and meetings were conducted seven nights a week.

From the commencement of the campaign a keen interest was manifested in the meetings by the public, frequently every seat was occupied with a large number standing in the rear of the hall. The present-day world conditions were brought to the attention of the public in their relationship to divine prophecy. Frequent appeals were made to the audiences and large numbers publicly surrendered to the Lord. An outstanding feature of this effort was the large number of requests for prayer that were made from night to night. Frequently we offered special prayer on behalf of the sick, and we feel that it is to God's glory and honour for us to mention that there were very definite answers to these prayers, and we received many letters of gratitude and appreciation from those whom the Lord had restored to health in answer to earnest prayer. We know not how, but the word spread regarding our meetings, and we received requests from utter strangers living in Bloemfontein, Ficksburg, Newcastle and other towns, requesting special prayer on their behalf. The Lord's power that was thus manifested in the meetings deepened the Christian experience of those who were attending and also increased their faith in the messages that were being proclaimed. Many outstanding victories were gained, and only in eternity will we know the full result of such public efforts.

Sabbath, November 21, is a day long to be remembered by our Pretoria church. A baptism took place at the 11 o'clock hour, and at the afternoon service a testimony meeting was conducted. The Spirit of the Lord drew very near to His people, and the soul stirring testimonies borne by those who were baptised in the morning, as well as by the other members will long linger in their minds. Forty precious souls have been baptised, and ere this article reaches the readers of the OUTLOOK, a second baptism will have taken place, for we are planning for another baptism December 26.

The Pretoria Missionary Volunteer society now has a membership of sixty, and there is a Junior society

with a membership of about forty. The church has proved altogether too small for this large increase, and consequently a good large hall is now in process of erection on the church grounds. This hall will prove to be a great blessing to our Pretoria church, and will be used for various purposes.

The writer was certainly very pleased for the privilege of conducting this evangelistic campaign in Pretoria while still carrying forward his executive work in the conference. Nothing cheers the soul of a worker so much as to see souls embracing the truth for these last days, and we earnestly pray that each and every one of these new members will remain faithful and true until our Lord's return.



Elder and Mrs. G. F. Jones passed through Cape Town recently en route to Durban from England. They are expecting to settle in Maritzburg, where Elder and Mrs. Jones will make their home after twenty-nine years' service in the South Seas as pioneer missionaries.

Cape Conference

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Last Call to Cape Conference Camp-meeting

L. L. MOFFITT

By the time this issue of the OUTLOOK reaches you there will remain but a few days until the opening of the Cape Conference camp-meeting, on the Sentinel Publishing Company's grounds, Rosmead Avenue, Kenilworth, Cape. However, there will still be opportunity to make arrangements to attend, if no time is lost.

Bookings for accommodation from henceforth should be made direct to L. L. Moffitt, Sentinel Publishing Co., Rosmead Avenue, Kenilworth, Cape. Orders for tents and equipment should reach the above address not later than January 14, and as much earlier as possible.

Work has already been begun on the camp ground. The Bible Auditorium has been erected, and the dining tent and kitchen are in prepara-

tion. Soon the tent city will be erected. Some are planning to bring their own tents. There will be no charge for a camp site for those who bring their own tents.

Elder J. F. Wright, our Division president, will give a series of sermons no Christian experience which will be a great spiritual uplift and strength to our people. Elder N. C. Wilson, our Union president, and Elder W. S. Hyatt will conduct the morning devotional hour. Dr. A. N. Tonge will give a series of health lectures and also conduct a daily clinic. Elder J. I. Robison will give a stirring report of the Geneva conference. Elder E. D. Hanson, assisted by Brother F. E. Potter and others, will carry through an inspirational Young People's programme. Mrs. A. V. Edwards will have charge of the children's meetings, for which she is preparing some very interesting features. Elders Hurlow, Staples, Edwards and others will be speakers at the evening public lectures. Prof. Milton Robison will represent Helderberg College. Elder Hubert Sparrow from Northern Rhodesia, Elder J. D. Baker from Angola, Brother R. L. Jones from the Congo, and others, will bring to us the story of missions. Elder J. I. Robison will be in charge of the Sabbath School.

It will thus be observed that we have a strong and varied line up of workers. Everything is shaping up for an excellent camp-meeting. If you have not already decided to come, decide now.

Z. U. Mission

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Commencement Exercises at Solusi Mission

L. A. VIXIE

ANOTHER successful school year has come to a close. Teachers and students all agreed that this was the best year in Solusi's history.

The commencement exercises were most inspiring. Friday evening, November 19, Elder Harder, the union educational secretary delivered a stirring consecration address. He appealed to the twelve seniors to en-

ter the Lord's service with clean hands and a pure heart. At the close of his sermon these twelve seniors testified with great earnestness and expressed their gratitude for what Solusi had done for them and pledged their loyalty to the cause.

Sabbath morning it was my privilege to deliver the closing sermon of the school year to a crowded congregation. It was inspiring to speak to this anxious, attentive audience. Early Sunday morning we were invited to inspect the work done in the industrial departments. The class in dressmaking and basketry had some very fine exhibits. We were surprised with the excellent workmanship of these young people. The garments prepared compared very favourably with those prepared in our European schools.

A number of chairs and other furniture had been made by the fifth and sixth standard boys in the woodworking department. These articles would pass the inspection of the keenest critic. After visiting the industrial departments, we were invited to the lawn where songs were sung and drills in callisthenics were conducted. The graceful way in which these students performed their parts was most praiseworthy.

Just before lunch, chapel was called for the last time. It was a moment of great suspense and excitement as the pupils were to receive their final grade cards. Out of the group of 275 students, over 87% were passed into the next standard. Then the new school calendars were passed out and Professor Higgins called their attention to the changes which had been made in the policies of the school.

In the afternoon two spelling contests were held, one in English and the other in the Sindebele. Prizes were offered to the best spellers. These young people were very eager to see who would succeed in securing the prizes. For vernacular spelling a fourth standard girl secured the prize and a young man received the prize for being the best English speller.

At the close of the spelling contest a farewell reception was given to Brother and Sister Jewell who were leaving the mission on their coastal furlough. Kind words of appreciation, emphasising the excellent work done by Brother and Sister Jewell, were expressed. They were then presented with a beautiful suitcase by

the teaching staff, and a purse from the students.

Sunday evening Brother E. W. Marter gave the commencement address, taking as his subject the class motto "Forward Ever, Backward Never." At the close Professor Higgins gave four young men their certificates which indicated that they had successfully completed the sixth standard.

Words of appreciation for what the school had accomplished were heard on every side, and we believe that the report of Solusi's accomplishment will spread throughout the field, and that next year they will have more students than they will be able to accommodate. Solusi is doing splendid work. The Government is looking with favour on the progress of this institution, and we believe God's blessing is resting upon that place in a marked manner.

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Colporteurs' Institute at Solusi

L. A. VIXIE

THE last week of school at Solusi we conducted a Colporteurs' Institute with an average attendance of thirty students. These young men took a deep interest in the instruction given. We stressed the importance of their learning thoroughly the contents of their books and the putting in of faithful time in the field. These students appreciate the purpose of the colporteur work. We emphasised that the only justifiable reason for canvassing is to give the Third Angel's Message.

The seven young men, who decided to enter the field, are determined to give of their best to the Master. Brother Marter, the newly appointed Field Missionary secretary in the Zambesi Union, has so arranged his work as to give adequate assistance to each one of these students. We believe that a number of scholarships will be earned this year. We invite readers of the OUTLOOK to pray that God will abundantly bless their efforts during the holidays.

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"NEITHER the church school nor the college affords the opportunities for establishing a child's character-building upon the right foundation that are afforded in the home."

Kaffirland Mission Field

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The Onward March in Kaffirland

Y. H. RENOUX

NOT very long ago we passed on to the readers of the OUTLOOK an explanation of the re-organisation of our Bantu work which evolved itself into the self support plan; *i.e.* the organisation of the native work in such a manner that it would be possible for it to develop its own resources and leaders under the supervision and counsel of the local field committee.

Until such time as the tithes and offerings from our Bantu membership is sufficient to meet the salaries and sundry expenses of the Bantu workers, the mission field will appropriate a certain sum of money as a subsidy to make up the difference between the money raised by our believers and the amount needed to carry on the work. This policy has now been in operation for one year and nine months and we are happy to pass on to you at this time work as to just what has been accomplished.

1930 surely was a banner year in the raising of funds in Kaffirland; and while it is true that not all of our mission stations and districts were self-supporting for the year, yet the plan worked admirably and a most marked increase in the giving of funds was noted as will be seen by the comparative figures which we give below:

	Tithe			
	1930		1929	
Mission Dept.	£230	4 5	131	17 6
		Increase	£98	6 11

Mission Offerings				
Mission Dept.	£336	5 6	113	12 3
		Increase	£222	13 3
Europ. and Miss. Department	£582	11 5	274	4 5
		Increase	£308	7 0

The policy provides that all monies received over and above the figures for the previous year—that is the

spring in mission offerings—come back to the field to be used in the accomplishing of such projects as the committee may deem fit in counsel with the Union. The spring in mission offerings therefore, which came back to the Kaffirland Mission Field last year was the increase of £222-13-3. We had felt for some time past that Umtata, which is the headquarters for the Transkeian territories, should have a church building which would be representative of our work in this important section of our field. It is here that the Bungu, or the Native Council made up of the influential chiefs of that area, meets each year. Here the native court sessions are also held, so it seemed imperative that we consider this need. The spring in our mission offerings together with a donation of £75 from Brother Ashton, of Australia, and gifts from our constituency and interested friends made possible the erection of this building. Today at this place we have a very fine church—with a large constituency—and one of which the Cause may be justly proud. Elder Montgomery preached the dedicatory sermon during his recent visit to the field to attend our camp-meetings.

However, in making up our financial statement on the self-support plan for the first nine months of 1931, we find that our records show a decrease in both our tithe and mission offerings. To date we have raised the goal per-capita as set by the Division in both the European and Native Departments, yet our offerings are not as good as they were for the same period of time last year. We are grateful that our members have been as faithful as our records show during this time of stress and hardship, and we feel confident that they have done their duty nobly.

Lusikisiki

A very fine church building has been erected at Lusikisiki. Just a few months ago all we had at this place was nearly an acre of land overgrown with grass but neatly fenced. Today we have Brother Ntwana and his family located at this place and there are fifteen baptised members while many others are interested. We have organised a school and Brother Whitehead Nomvete, a graduate from the Spion Kop Missionary Institution, is the teacher. Good progress is being made and the prospects are bright for Lusikisiki continuing

the onward march of the work among the heathen of East Griqualand.

Cancele Mission

Very encouraging reports are received from this mission. They take an active part and lead out in all of the campaigns set for the field. They are also noted for having one of the liveliest Sabbath schools in Kaffirland. A report, sent to our office by Mrs. Stephen Hiten, on a Thirteenth Sabbath at Cancele Mission, might prove of interest to our readers:

"There is a danger, as we look at the state we find in the financial world, that we become discouraged, and perhaps doubt that, 'This generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled.' But God works in a marvellous way His wonders to perform. At our last Thirteenth Sabbath at Cancele God proved to us that He is not limited by 'depression,' but that through it, He can cut the work short in righteousness.

"Because of 'hard times' we set the goal for a smaller amount than we received at the previous Thirteenth Sabbath programme. Our device represented Abraham gazing up to the heavens, and for every shilling raised, a star would be placed in the blank sky. Our faith did not reach farther than thirty stars. Even thirty seemed too many. The people brought their threepences and sixpences till twelve stars were up and it seemed as if that was all. But the Sabbath school leader was not satisfied with that. His spirit spoke through a new convert. As that man related his experience and his desire to bring the same joy to other souls, hearts were melted, and one by one they got up pledging heavily to the Cause in Africa.

"As our leader closed the school, he confessed that in human weakness he had limited God, and that this experience was just another proof that God *can* finish the work. We are fully, fully persuaded that, what He hath promised, He is able to perform."

And so, dear friends, we could go on telling you of the onward march of the work in Kaffirland and how God has blessed in every endeavour. Bethel Mission has done excellent work this year. Progress is seen on every hand, and so, in spite of difficulties arising from time to time, we say with Sister Hiten, "We are fully persuaded that, what He hath promised, He is able to perform."

Die Doel van God vir die Kerkskool

O. MONTGOMERY

DIE Here het vir die kerkskool 'n vooraanstaande plaas in ons onderwysstelsel bedoel. Ons kan daarop nie genoeg nadruk lê nie. As ons die waarde daarvan wil besef moet ons dadelik erken dat dit 'n allerbelangrike plek inneem, en 'n fundamentele werk doen. Ons beskou die kerkskool as die grondslag van ons hele onderwysstelsel. Ons glo nie net in haar lewende verhouding tot die kollege waar sy sorg dra vir die elementêre standerds en die kollege vir die gevorderde opleiding nie, maar ons glo die kerkskool staan duidelik uit as die grondslag van Kristelike opvoeding in haar verhouding tot die karaktervorming van die afsonderlike leerlinge. En ons wil hierop die meeste nadruk lê.

Die hoogste doel van opvoeding is die ontwikkeling van karakter. Die hoogste doel van Kristelike opvoeding is die ontwikkeling van 'n Kristelike karakter. Die allerbelangrikste is om die leerling persoonlik in aanraking met Kristus die Heiland te bring; om hom so te lei, te onderrig en te beïnvloed dat hy tot ware bekering kom en sy gemoed so te ontwikkel, sy hart so te beïnvloed om 'n ware, edele opregte karakter te vorm. Ja, dis van veel groter belang as om die verskillende vakke met goeie gevolge af te lê. 'n Behoorlike klassifikasie is wenslik en noodsaaklik, en ons wil die standaard in die opsig nie afbring nie, tog wil ons die meeste nadruk op die geestelike van ons kinders se Kristelike opleiding lê.

Die Kerkskool en die Huisgesin

Die huis was oorspronklik die skool, die ouer die onderwyser. Maar in ons tyd kan die huis nie aan al die opvoedkundige behoeftes van die kind voorsien nie. Die ouer kan hom nie al sy opleiding gee nie. Die opvoedkundige opleiding is nou van die huis na die skool verskuif. Daarom vul die skool direk en vertroulik die werk van die huis aan. Die onderwyser word die assistent van die ouer, en doen vir die kind wat die ouer behoort te doen maar nie kan nie. Dus is die kerkskool-onderwyseres die medepligtige of ouer-hulpster van elke huisgesin in die kerk.

En dit is die verhouding van die onderwyseresse in al ons skole, maar dis meer intiem en direk in ons kerk-

skool as in die akademie of kollege. Die studente in ons kolleges woon in die koshuise en is gedurende die jaar verwyderd van hul huis en haard. Hulle is onder die volle sorg en beheer van die fakulteite. Gewoonlik is die kontak en direkte invloed van die skool op die student se ouerhuis maar gering.

Maar met die kerkskool is die kontak baie intiem. Deur die kerkskool kom die bate van Kristelike opvoeding die naaste aan die huise van die mense. Die kerkskool leerling is nie weg van die ouerhuis nie. Hy is nie weg van die haard van die huis van die kinderjare nie. Die huislike lewe word nie onderbreek nie. Al die invloed van vader en moeder is by hom. Hy het nog die voorregte en seën van die huisgesin.

Maar daar kom 'n nuwe invloed in sy lewe. Die daelike werk in die klaskamer bring aan sy verstand spoedig 'n groter visioen. Hy kry elke dag 'n wyer uitsig op die groter dinge van die lewe. Daar kom nuwe begrippe, nuwe ambiesies, nuwe doele in sy gemoed. Hy het die dryfveer van omgang met ander studente en die inspirasie van die voordrag van die les in die klas. Hy leer veel uit die ervarings van medeleerlinge. Die daaglikse hulp en leiding van 'n ernstige Kristelike onderwyseres het 'n groot invloed op sy lewe.

In die vatbare kinderjare kry hy die invloede en dit vul die opvoeding en invloed van die huis aan. Die seun of dogter van die huisgesin kan nie help om die grote en gelukkige invloed wat hulle opdoen op die huisgesin uit te oefen nie.

Hoewel hy maar net 'n paar uur elke dag op skool deurbring, word die skoollewe met al haar belange en invloed ten goede 'n lewende doel van elke uur in die huislike lewe. By godsdiensoefening, gedurende etenstyd, en met die daelike loswerkies, met speel, langs die heerlike vuurerd in die aand, voor slaaptid, altyd en oral word die kerkskool met haar vormende inspirerende behulpzaamheid in die huis gevoel. Die dierbaarste erfenis van die huis, die beste gawe van God aan ouers word in die skool opgelei, ontwikkel en gevorm.

Die swaar-verdiende geld, die sorgvuldig gespaarde geld van die huis, word gebruik om dit te onderhou. En vir vele van ons Sewendedag Adventiste huisgesinne kos dit veel spaarsaamheid en ware opoffering. Dis vir die plaaslike kerk 'n

groot probleem om die kerkskool te onderhou.

Ons wil nie hiermee die finansiële onderhoud van die kerkskool bespreek nie, maar waar ons die plek wat die kerkskool in die huis behoort te vul, oorweeg, kan ons nie die direkte baat en seën verbysien nie wat op die hele huisgesin kom deur die besparings en opofferings vir die onderhoud van die kerkskool.

En waar is daar 'n edeler doel, of hoër of waardiger saak waarin die huisgesin iets kan bestee as in die opvoeding van ons kinders? Dit kom eerste. Dis die grootste verantwoordelikheid, die grootste voorreg. Dis die sterke band om die skool aan die huis te verbind. Dis die liefdeband en getroue onderstand wat die gees en lewe van die skool met die gees en lewe van die huis verbind. Elke huisgesin behoort iets te doen tot onderstand van die kerkskool netsoos hulle sorg vir die daelike kos en nodige klere van elke kind. Vir elke huisgesin in die kerk waar die band is, daar is die skool waarlik "ons skool" en die onderwyseres "ons onderwyseres."

Die Plek van die Kerkskool in die Kerk

Die huis is die bolwerk van die hele maatskaplike orde. Dis die grondslag van ons volkslewe; die huis is ook die grondslag van die kerklewe. Die oorspronklike plan van God was om die huis die kerk te maak. Daar was geen ander kerk nie. Die vader was die priester; die huis die heiligdom. Netsoos die huis opgebou en versterk word, so word die kerk opgebou en groei in krag, skoonheid en diens. Soos die invloed van die kerk in die huis weerkaats, so weerkaats die invloed van die huis in die kerk. Die faktore wat bydra tot die geestelike lewe, verstandelike en algemene ontwikkeling van die kinders in die huis dra direk by tot die opbouing en versterking van die kerk.

Soos die pastoor die herder van die kudde is, so is die kerkskoolonderwyseres die herderin om die pastoor by te staan in die sorg oor die lammers van die kudde, want as vir die lammers nie gesorg word, sal daar spoedig geen kudde wees nie. Die kerkskool is die enigste diens of tak van kerkwerk wat ons kinders kan bearbei gedurende die vyf werksdae van die week. En die kerkskool is gedurende die week die dienaar van die kerk aan die kinders en vervul so Kristus se opdrag aan Petrus om die lammers te voed. En

as die kerk soiets vir haar kinders doen dan is dit in die volle en ware sin 'n „kerkskool." Dis net so seker 'n deel van die kerkdien as die weeklikse biduur, Sabbatskool, Sendingvrywilliger-vereniging of die preekdiens.

Dis daarom allerbelangrik dat die tak van die bediening van die kerk die gedurige, en nodige saamwerking van die sorg van die pastoor sal ontvang en ook van elke afsonderlike lid. In die kerkskool ontvang die kinders daardie ontwikkeling en opleiding, wat hulle gaan voorberei vir die diens van God en vir lidmaatskap.

Die ouderdom vir bekering word geskat op veertien jaar en sommige meen vyftien of sestien jaar.

Laat ons sê vyftien jaar. Dit wil sê dat daar soveel Kristus aanneem en tot bekering kom gedurende die eerste vyftien jaar as gedurende al die jare na die ouderdom. Selde kom iemand tot bekering voor ses of sewe jaar. Dus kom sowat die helfte van alle bekerings gedurende sowat nege jaar van die kinderleeftyd.

Voeg hierby dat veertien gewoonlik die standaard ouderdom is wanneer die kind deur die elementêre grade van onderwys is, en dis duidelik dat die ouderdom vir bekering gelykstaan met die end van die kerkskool werk.

As 'n voorbeeld hiervan en om nadruk op die belangrikheid te lê om kinders behoorlik in Kristelike skole op te lei, wil ons u aandag bepaal op 'n rapport saamgestel in een van ons konferensies waar ons twaalfhonderd jongmense het, en die meerderheid was gedoop voor hulle dertien jaar oud was.

Waar soveel die stap neem gedurende hul kinderjare, is dit duidelik dat die sterkste en beste Kristelike opleiding aan die kind besorg word gedurende die vormingsjare. Die kerkskool is die middel van God om aan die grote behoefte van ons kinders te voorsien.

As dit moontlik was om die waarde en invloed van die Sabbatskool, biduur, jongslede vereniging, of enig ander werksaamheid vir die welsyn van die kerk te takseer of selfs te skat, dan sou dit moontlik wees om iets te weet van die grote waarde van die kerkskool vir die kerk.

Die Plaas van die Kerkskool in die Konferensie

En waar ons die fase van ons onderwerp oorweeg, is daar drie ver-

name punt waarop ons die nadruk wil lê:

Ten eerste, die kerkskool voorsien die akademies en kolleges. Ons gesien hoe die kerkskool die grondslag van ons hele onderwysstelsel is. En die beste om dit te sien is in haar verhouding tot die konferensie akademie waar dit die vernaamste faktor is om leerlinge daarvoor te verskaf; en veel is al uitgerig nie alleen in die aantal studente wat van die kerkskool na die akademie gaan nie, maar ook insake die voorbereiding van die studente vir akademiese werk, in geleerdheid, in karaktervorming, in gehoorsaamheid en getrouheid en in geestelikeheid.

Vele studente kry in die kerkskool hul eerste indrukke van die waarheid en van die werk van God. Gewoonlik word die ambiesies daar eerste gebore, en die eerste oorgawe gemaak. Die doeleindes wat in die kinderjare gevorm word gaan dikwels nooit verlore in die later lewe nie.

Die konferensie moet eerste na die akademie kyk vir rekrute. Dis waar, die jong man sal na die kollege gaan en sy studies aflê voordat hy begin werk in die konferensie, maar nadat hy kollege toe is, mag dit te laat wees om hom aan te moedig om na die werk in die konferensie te kyk. In die meeste gevalle word die besluit in die akademie geneem, en hy kies sy lewensberoep vandaar. Die kerkskool was een van die vernaamste faktore om die student tot 'n juiste oortuiging en bepaalde besluit te bring.

Laat ons nou kyk na die plek en invloed van die kerkskool in die konferensie uit die standpunt van die konferensie se geld. Party mense sal nooit dink nie dat 'n kerkskool 'n finansiële bate vir 'n konferensie is, vernaamlik as hulle dink aan die groot moeilikheid waarin party van ons kerkskole deur finansies kom. Maar ons glo die kerkskool is 'n direkte en sekere finansiële bate vir die konferensie.

Ons het al opgelet en ondervind dat die huisgesin wat die getrouste is om die kerkskool te onderhou is ook getrou om hul tiende te betaal en offerandes te gee. Gewoonlik daardie kerke wat geseënd is met goeie kerkskole, is die beste ondersteuners van die konferensie in tiendes en offerandes, en ook in ander soorte werk, aangesien ons studente in die kerkskool, akademie, en kollege voor staan met Oesinsameling en ander sendingwerk.

Dan moet ons nie die geestelike bate van 'n kerkskool vir 'n konferensie uit die oog verloor nie. Alles wat sover gesê is omtrent die plek en geestelike waarde van die kerkskool in haar verhouding tot die huis kan hier met dubbel nadruk toegepas word.

Dis 'n goddelike beginsel dat enige werk wat ons vir die Here onderneem om Sy koninkryk in die wêreld op te bou, te versterk en uit te brei, bring in die lewe van elke lid en van die kerk die terugwerking in geestelike seën, krag, en vreugde. Ons glo waarlik dat die gemeentes wat kerkskole het, die beste geestelik en ernstigste in die konferensie is. Hulle is die wakkerste in sendingwerk. Waarlik, die kerkskool neem een van die voorste plekke in ons opvoedkundige werk in en is van die vernaamste werksaamhede van die kerk.



Opleiding op Helderberg

MILTON ROBISON

OPVOEDING is meer as maar net 'n intellektuele opleiding in 'n aantal teoretiese onderwerpe in 'n sekere studiekursus. "Dis die harmoniese ontwikkeling van die liggaamlike, verstandelike en geestelike kragte."

Die doel van ons kollege is om die hoë standaard op 'n praktiese manier te bereik en ons glo dat die Here ons pogings ryklik geseën het.

Daar is 'n goeie geestelike atmosfeer in die skool. Elke nuweling bemerk dadelik dat daar 'n ander atmosfeer is. Hy vind gebed en Bybelondersoek is iets werkliks en in die lewes van sy meeste maats kan hy die invloed van die Heilige Gees gewaar.

Die doel van die Here is dat die mens 'n seën uit handarbeid sal trek. En die seuns en dogters wat met die werksaamhede van die kollege-werk besig is, ontvang die seën. Byna alle besoekers praat dat die studente so gelukkig is, en dat hulle bly en hardwerkend in hul handarbeid is. Die praktiese opleiding maak hulle vindingryk en bereid om swaar te oorkom.

Iets opvallends van die opvoeding op Helderberg is dat seuns en dogters 'n kans kry om verantwoordelikheid te dra. Met die verdeling van verantwoordelikheid kry elkeen sy werk, nie alleen met die werk van die inrigting nie, maar ook in die Sabbat-skool en die Sendingvrywilligers.

Ons leer dat die geestelike en industriële opleiding die standaard in lettere nie moet afbring nie. Die skool hou dus 'n hoë standaard vir werk in die gewone skoolvakke. Ons kan vertroulik sê dat die werk van die studente in die verskillende standerds gelyk staan met die in ander skole. Omrede die verskillende vakke voorberei ons kursus nie studente vir die publieke eksamens nie; maar die standaard van werk is nie laer nie.

Vanjaar sal die kollege 'n Kommersiële Kursus aanbied en sal aan 'n grote behoefte voorsien. Studente moet eers deur Standerd Ag wees voordat hulle die Kommersiële Kursus kan volg. Die student wat Standerd Tien deur is met kommersiële vakke soos voorgeskrywe, sal 'n Standerd Tien sertifikaat ontvang. Die kursus sal aan die vereistes voldoen om die Kollege Opleidingkursusse te begin.



Wat Helderberg vir my Beteken het

Deur drie van haar Studente

HELDERBERG Kollege! „Die Weg tot Diens.” Ja, dis waarvoor die inrigting staan.

Vir ag jaar het ek gebed en geglo dat die Here my op Sy gesette tyd hierheen mag bring. My gebede was verhoor en waar ek nou gradueer, moet ek uit haar skulding gaan. Ek gevoel my skuldig om 'n getuigenis te gee van my waardering vir wat sy vir my beteken het, en ek bid dat iemand anders my plek sal inneem en die seldsame voorregte kom geniet.

Ek voel vol lof en dank, en wens dat ek net woorde het om elke jong Sewendedag Adventis in ons land te bewege om 'n verbond met God te maak om ons kollege by te woon. Hier het ek 'n ware visioen van die lewe gekry.

Ons behoort so gelukkig te wees dat ons toegewyde onderwysers hier het, manne en vroue deur God gestuur om die jonge voete op die noue weg te lei. Dis 'n inspirasie om hier te wees; dit verskaf jou 'n hemelsvreugde om smôrens, bedags en saands saam met die Daniëls en Esters neer te kniel. En watter harde hart kan met d'e Vrydagaand toewydingsdienste weier op die sêtte fluistering van die Heilige Gees?

My verblyf alhier was 'n gedurige geldelike stryd, en ek moes alleen deurworstel, maar Jesus het my gehelp en ek het geslaag. Ek gaan vanhier gereed vir diens met 'n grote las vir s'ele. My gebed is dat almal wat aarsel se oë sal oopgaan om die erns van die tyd te besef waarin ons leef en die noodsaaklikheid van 'n opleiding aan Helderberg Kollege vir die saak wat ons so bemin.

WILLIE P. OWEN.

Aan die begin van die jaar het ek uit 'n donker, sondige wêreld gekom. Ek wis nie wat 'n ware Kristen behoort te weet nie. Ek wis nie dat daar krag in vurige gebed is nie. Ek kon nie dink dat die gewone skoolwerk op Kristelike wyse kan voortgeset word nie, en daarom was ek verwonderd toe ek op Helderberg kom en dië skoollewe ondervind.

Die daaglikse aanraking met Kristelike onderwysers(-esse) en studente het my veel beïnvloed. Met die gebedkringe, die Vrydagaand getuiedenisdienste en die huis-godsdiens het ek besef dat ek op heilige grond staan waar die engele van God gedurig teenwoordig is en so het ek die grote behoefte van my siel besef.

Deur Helderberg is my geloof in die goddelike ingewing van die Skrif vasgeanker geword. Ek het geleer om in tye van swakheid aan te druk en nie ontmoedigd te word nie. Ek was baie aangehelp deur medestudente wat na my gekom het en ons het saam na die veld of rande gegaan en daar saam gaan bid.

Wat 'n groot indruk op my gemaak het, was dat my medestudente so 'n belang in handarbeid getoon het. Hul is nie skaam of bang vir werk nie, en is gelukkig om hul deel te doen.

Ek het opgemerk hoe die studente op Helderberg geleer word om verantwoordelikheid te dra en hulle verlang om die suggesties van die onderwysers te hoor-saam.

Ek is bly dat ek na Helderberg gekom het. Ek is van plan om die vakansie te kolporteer en 'n beurs te verdien om my studies hier te voltooi en in die werk van ons Heiland te gaan.

LOURENS KRITZINGER.

Slegs diegene wat 'n tydlang op Helderberg was kan met sekerheid sê watter invloed die Kollege op jongmense het. My eerste besoek was vir my aangenaam en ook 'n seën. Ek het toe nog in Kaapstad gewerk en met vele jongmense in aanraking gekom. Maar toe ek van die studente ontmoet, het ek 'n opmerklike verskil in hul gewaar van die jongmense elders. Die voorkoms van elke student was skoon en sprekend van 'n opregte lewe. En in die paar dae wat ek onder hulle was, het ek tot die besluit gekom dat dit die plek is waarheen alle jongmense behoort te kom. Ek was toe nog geen Sewendedag Adventis nie, maar my hart het somar gebrand om te sien watter voorbereiding die jong manne en vroue vir die werk in die Here se wingerd ontvang en eindelijk het ek besluit om ook die voorbereiding te kom ontvang.

In die afgelope twee jaar het ek die teologiese kursus opgeneem en het 'n wonderlike visioen gekry. Ja, Helderberg leer jou watter kans daar in die werk van die Meester is.

Daar word 'n bepaalde doel in elke lewe ingeskerp, en die bekwame en geduldige onderwysers help die studente om vir bepaalde werk voor te berei. Ek is bly dat ek d'e voorreg had om 'n Kristelike inrigting by te woon. Afrika roep vele van haar kinders om in haar grote sendingvelde te kom werk, en eerlank sal ek daar in d'e werk wees. Ek sal altyd met dankbaarheid terugkyk op die plek waar ek my hoogste doel in die lewe opgedoen het en waar die doel vasgeanker geword het.

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Wense vir die Nuwe Jaar

W. LEROY HYATT

ONS sal so graag elke gemeentelid in die Natal-Transvaal-konferensie op Nuwe Jaar 'n handdruk wil gee, en die Here se seën toewens waar u met die jaar 1932 begin. Daar dit egter onmoontlik is, broeders en susters, wil ons gebruik maak van die geleentheid om die groete deur die kolomme van die OUTLOOK te stuur.

Daar is nuwe verpligtinge voor u; onsigbare vyande skul langs die pad; maar neem die hand van ons' dierbare Meester, wat die banier bo tien-duisend dra en gans begeerlik is, soos nooit tevore nie. Vertrou Hom om u deur die ongelyke weg van die lewe te lei en u sal nooit val of struikel nie.

En 1932 gaan 'n belangrike jaar wees. Vele onverwagte epogmakende gebeurtenisse het in die afgelope jaar voorgeval en is vir ewig verby, maar wat gaan 1932 oplewer! Dis moontlik dat die werk van God op aarde kan voleindig word; dis moontlik dat die genadedeur kan sluit. Laat ons ons voorneem met die hulp van God om 1932 die suksesvolste jaar in ons Kristelike lewe sover te maak. Mag die Here elke lid van die Natal-Transvaal-konferensie getrou aan Hom maak gedurende die aanstaande jaar.

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Evangeliese Poging op Pretoria

W. LEROY HYATT

SONDAGAAND 9 Augustus het ons 'n publieke poging in die stadsaal van Pretoria begin. Ons was waarlik gelukkig om die sentrale saal vir vyf weke agtermekaar te kry en daarna het ons Sondagaanddienste nog daar gehou en die ander dienste in ons plaaslike kerk. Dit was 'n intensiewe poging en ons het sewe dienste in 'n week gehou.

Van die begin af het die publiek baie belangstelling getoon en dikwels

was die saal vol en vele moes agter sonder sitplek staan. Die huidige toestande in die wêreld was aan die publiek voorgehou as 'n vervulling van die goddelike voorspelling. Dikwels het ons 'n beroep op die mense gemaak en vele het openlik hulle aan die Here oorgegee. Iets besonder in die poging was die vele versoeke vir voorbidding wat elke aand ingekom het. Dikwels het ons in die besonder vir die siekes gebid, en ons glo dit strek tot eer en heerlikheid van God om te meld dat Hy ons waarlik verhoor het, en ons het vele briewe van dank en waardering ontvang van diegene wat die Here op ons ernstige gebede herstel het. Op een of ander manier het die gerug omtrent ons dienste versprei en ons het versoeke van vreemdelinge ontvang in Bloemfontein, Ficksburg, Newcastle en ander dorpe, vir besondere voorbidding vir hulle. Die krag van die Here wat so in die dienste getoon was, het die Kristelike lewe van die wat na die dienste opgekom het, en hul geloof in ons boodskap versterk. Daar was vele buitengewone oorwinnings behaal, en ons sal eers in die ewigheid die volle uitslag van sulke publieke dienste te wete kom.

Sabbat, 21 November was 'n gedenkwaardige dag vir ons Pretoria-gemeente. Die oggend was daar 'n doopdiens, en die namiddag 'n getuisediens. Die Gees van die Here het op Sy volk gekom en die hartroerende getuisediens van persone wat die oggend gedoop was en van die ander lede sal ons nie lig vergeet nie. Veertig kosbare siele is gedoop en op 26 Desember hoop ons die tweede doopdiens te hou.

Die Pretoria Sendingvrywilligers tel tans sestig lede en die Junior Sendingvrywilligers omtrent veertig. Die kerk is te klein vir die grote toename en op die oomblik is ons besig om 'n mooi groot saal op die kerkgronde op te rig. Die saal sal 'n groot seën vir ons Pretoria-gemeente wees, en vir verskillende doeleindes gebruik word.

Dit was my 'n voorreg om die evangeliese poging in Pretoria te hou saam met die uitvoerende werk van die konferensie. Niks verby 'n werker se hart so veel as om siele te sien die waarheid van ons tyd aanneem en ons ernstige bede is dat elkeen van die nuwe gelowiges getrou en opreg sal bly tot die Wederkoms van die Here.

Die Eerste Roepstem tot Diens

DIE drang na sielredding waarvan ons weer verlede Mei met die werkersvergadering op Bloemfontein gehoor het, trek deur ons gemeentes. Dit gee ons moed want daarin sien ons die eerste liefde kom terug. Ons glo dis die plan van God want ons eerste werk is om vir die saligheid van ander te werk.

Aan die begin van 1932 het ons die eerste groot kans om ons eie sielreddingwerk te versterk deur die *Tekens van die Tye*-veldtog vanaf 30 Januarie tot 6 Februarie. In die tyd sal ons gemeentes deur die land aangehoedig word om met hul hele hart deel te neem aan die program vir 'n groter *Tekens* Evangeliebediening. Honderde subskripsies wat verlede jaar die tyd geneem was moet weer vernuut word, en die goeie werk moet voortgesit word. Vele van hulle is belangstellendes op 'n sekere stadium en ons moet die werk nie laat staan nie. Die *Tekens* in Afrikaans en Engels is een van die eenvoudigste en effektiëste middele om sendingwerk te doen. Hierdie boodskappers kan orals gaan. Hul vervoer-onkoste is gering, maar hul invloed brei uit.

Die sielreddende werk van die *Tekens* behoort veel in Suid-Afrika uitgebrei te word. As ons leiers en mense gulhartig deelneem aan die program kan hulle 'n groot werk doen. Honderde dorpsmense en dui-sendende mense op die afgesonderde plase het nog nooit die boodskap van nabye die koms van Kristus gehoor nie. In hierdie ernstige tye is hulle bereidwilliger om te luister as ooit tevore, en die *Tekens* is die eenvoudigste en goedkoopste manier waarvan ons weet om die Boekskap na die mense te bring. Ons wil aan die hand gee dat u nou al begin om andere aan te moedig en ook self u deel doen om meer *Tekens* te versprei en meer siele vir die koninkryk van die Here te win.

BUURTSENDING DEPARTEMENT.

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Division Committee Notes

A. E. NELSON

THE Executive Committee of the Southern African Division met at Claremont for a number of days beginning November 29 to give consideration to the usual business which comes at this time of the year. On such occasions as this, plans are

laid for the coming year with special reference to finances and other plans for carrying forward the work in this field.

1932 Budget

The General Conference informed us that the appropriations for the year 1932 would be cut due to the financial stringency throughout the world, and especially in America from where the greater portion of our funds for mission work come. It was necessary to make a reduction in appropriations to the various fields in the Southern African Division of twelve per cent and also reduce salaries ten per cent. The following represents the amount allocated to the six unions and Helderberg College for regular appropriations:

South African Union	£12,293	12	0
Zambesi Union	11,721	12	0
South East African Union	7,305	15	3
Congo Union	5,404	1	7
Angola Union	4,735	5	7
Central African Union	3,410	0	0
Helderberg College	976	16	0

In addition to the regular appropriation the General Conference kindly granted us extension funds amounting to £1,935 for the carrying forward of our work along medical, educational and publishing lines.

Harvest Ingathering

The Harvest Ingathering work throughout this Division has been a great blessing in financing our work. For the year 1932 a goal of £5,000 was set for the Division, distributed among the six unions as follows:

South African Union	£3,950
Zambesi Union	600
Congo Union	150
South East African Union	150
Angola Union	100
Central African Union	50

Big Week

In addition to the Harvest Ingathering we have also carried on the Big Week campaign. The goal for the Division for 1932 has been set at £600 allocated among the unions as follows:

South African Union	£425
Zambesi Union	85
Congo Union	30
South East African Union	30
Angola Union	20
Central African Union	10

Distribution of Labour

Some may be acquainted with the fact that Dr. Frank Ingle will be coming forward shortly to take up work in this Division. He has been called to Southern Rhodesia where he will connect with the Lower Gwelo Hospital.

Dr. J. Janzen has also been appointed for medical work. He will take over the medical work at Mwami Mission Hospital.

Brother Wilfred Tarr has already arrived in this country and is now connected with the Helderberg College by appointment of the Southern African Division Committee.

A call was placed for Miss Irene Armitage of America, who some may remember when she was in this country. She has been called to take up work in the Kanye Mission Hospital where Dr. Tonge is located.

Brother J. J. B. Combrinck who has been giving part time as translator at the Sentinel has been released to give his full time to Afrikaans evangelistic work in the Cape Conference.

The following Helderberg College students have been appointed for work in the Southern African Division:

Miss Leila Smith for church school work in South Africa. Miss E. Oosthuizen and Miss R. van Rooyen for church school work in the Zambesi Union. Mr. Pierre van Eck for work at Helderberg College. Miss O. Smith for church school work in Johannesburg. Miss Yvonne de Gourville for church school work at Claremont. Mr. William Owen for work at Inyazura Mission in Southern Rhodesia and Mr. Hermann Ficker for evangelical and colporteur work in Salisbury.

Calendar Dates

I believe our people will be interested in the calendar of dates which was adopted for the year 1932 which follows:

Signs Promotion Week	Jan. 30 - Feb. 6
Home Missionary Day	Feb. 27
Ordinance Sabbath	March 19
Thirteenth Sabbath	March 26
Missionary Volunteer Week	April 2 - 9
Big Week	April 30 - May 7
Health Day	May 14
Week of Sacrifice	May 28 - June 4
Religious Liberty Day	June 4
British and For. Bible Soc. Off.	June 11
Ordinance Sabbath	June 18
Thirteenth Sabbath	June 25
Harv. Ingath. Campaign	July 2 - Aug. 13
Sabbath School Rally Day	Sept. 10
Ordinance Sabbath	Sep. 17
Thirteenth Sabbath	Sep. 24
Review and Herald Week	Oct. 15-22
Publishing Rally Day	Nov. 12
Educational Rally Day	Nov. 26
Week of Prayer	Dec. 10 - 17
Annual Offering	Dec. 17
Ordinance Sabbath	Dec. 24
Thirteenth Sabbath	Dec. 31

We are living in perplexing days. Nevertheless we believe that the work

of God will go forward despite the apparent difficulties. We look forward to the year 1932 with hope and confidence in the Lord, knowing that He is at the helm and will guide us through the storms safely into the harbour of everlasting joy.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.—A lady seeks a position in either a doctor's or dentist's consulting room, or would be willing to assist in a home. Write, Miss Cooper, 263 Berg St., Pietermaritzburg, Natal.

NOTICE.—The telegraphic address "Adventist" for the Kaffirland Mission Field is being discontinued as from the end of 1931, also the postal box. All communications for the Kaffirland Mission Field of Seventh-day Adventists should be directed to, 28 Britannia Arcade, East London, C. P., until further notice.

Obituary

BROWN.—Died on December 9, at his home at Barrydale, George, C. P., Brother Tom Brown, aged 33. Our late brother was converted and accepted the truth under the labours of Elder Staples and was baptised by him and united with the George church where he acted as organist. Later his membership was transferred to the Elim church.

Dearly beloved by all for his loyalty and integrity, he was a worthy representative of the Third Angel's Message and a true example of what the grace of God can accomplish for a sinful, world-loving young man when he fully surrenders himself to God and to His truth.

The writer conducted the funeral service at the church assisted by Brother W. Smith who spoke very feelingly of Brother Brown's faithfulness as a servant in his employ. Among the goodly number that gathered at the grave-side were some that were added to the church through the earnest labours of our departed brother.

A faithful wife and four children are left to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father, but not without the blessed hope of a happy reunion when the Life Giver comes.

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Signs of the Times Promotion Week

First Call to Service

THE soul-winning note, which sounded anew at the workers' meeting held at Bloemfontein last May, is resounding in our churches. This brings courage to our hearts for in it we see the rekindling of the first love. This, we believe, is God's plan, for certainly our first work is to work for the salvation of others.

As we face 1932, the first large opportunity that we will have for strengthening our personal soul-winning service will be the *Signs of the Times* campaign which opens January 30 and continues until February 6.

In a special way during this time our churches over the country will be encouraged to throw themselves heartily into the programme for a larger *Signs* ministry. Hundreds of subscriptions that were started during a similar period a year ago should be renewed, and the good work with them kept going. Many of these represent interest at some stage of development and the work must not be allowed to drop. The *Signs*, which this year is to be published in both English and Afrikaans, offers the most simple and effective means for doing missionary work. These messengers are not limited as to where they go. Their travelling expense is small but their influence goes on and on.

The soul-winning work of the

Signs should be greatly extended in South Africa. There is no limit to what can be done if our leaders and people will throw themselves heartily into the programme. Hundreds of town's people and thousands of isolated farmers have never heard the message of Christ's soon coming. In these days of peril, they are ready to listen as never before, and the *Signs* offers the simplest and cheapest way that we know of to send these people the message. We would suggest that you begin now to encourage others, and also be ready to do your part in this forward movement for more *Signs* which will result in more souls for the kingdom.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.



Our Aim

Signs of the Times. The very name thrills the heart of every every Seventh-day Adventist. *Signs of the Times*. Truly the "signs of the times" have probably brought more cheer, hope, courage and earnest endeavour into the hearts and lives of God's remnant people than any other environment. We are literally surrounded with signs of the times. Men are groping in darkness. They do not understand. The present very great business depression, coming as it does at a time when the world is flooded with the commodities of life and with money, is a perplexity to all who do not understand the signs of the times. Men cannot analyse the situation. They do not know why, but to the child of God who believes in the words of Jesus the matter is plain, and he can give a correct analysis.

The Saviour said that in the last days men's hearts would be failing them for fear and for looking after those things that are coming on the earth. This is truly the secret of the present world-wide business depression. Men are simply afraid. They do not know what the future holds and they are hoarding. The *Signs of the Times* truly is a silent preacher, and it faithfully and correctly interprets current history in the light of prophecy, and makes its readers know the truth. A little paragraph just received in a letter from Elder J. E. Fulton speaks of

A Greater "Signs" Ministry

What the "Signs of the Times" is doing for others in strengthening their personal evangelism, it will do for you. January 30 to February 6 is the time appointed by the Southern African Division Home Missionary Department for our churches and people to arrange definitely to call upon the "Signs of the Times" to assist them in their work for souls. Present work will be renewed, and larger distribution undertaken. Will you not pray and work for the success of this great forward movement? In a vital way it relates to the strength of our laymen's evangelism programme.

this "preacher's" ability to reach every place. We quote it herewith:

"What a wonderful preacher the *Signs* is! It can go into the little by-ways and highways, off the beaten tracks of travel, and find lonely souls that are longing for the truth; and it can go into the great cities and more frequented places and find hearts longing for the better way. Let us do our utmost."

In every field there are towns, hamlets, and crossroad settlements where the living preacher never goes, where no Bible worker is employed, and where no Seventh-day Adventists live or work. The *Signs of the Times* sent to a percentage of the population in each of these places, to representative people, covering the entire field for one year, will surely bring a harvest of souls. It is our purpose to accomplish this aim this year, and to this end we solicit the earnest prayers and hearty co-operation of each member of each church in this field. Plans will be sent to the churches, and if every member co-operates, the year 1932 will see every unworked city, town, and hamlet in our field enlightened with the truths of the Third Angel's Message through this divinely appointed agency, the *Signs of the Times*.

—G. A. Roberts.



Important! Please Note

Objectives for January 30 to February 6

This is the time when all our churches will plan a larger and stronger *Signs of the Times* ministry for 1932.

¶ A *Signs* rally in every church.

¶ In every church a club of *Signs*, both English and Afrikaans.

¶ Every member having the help of the *Signs* in personal work for others.

¶ The *Signs* to carry the message into the platteland where the living messenger cannot go.

Church leaders, members, make this your programme during the *Signs of the Times* Promotion Week.

Dr. and Mrs. Janzen arrived from England on the 16th of December en route to the Southeast African Union where he will take up work as medical director of the Mwami Hospital near Fort Jameson.