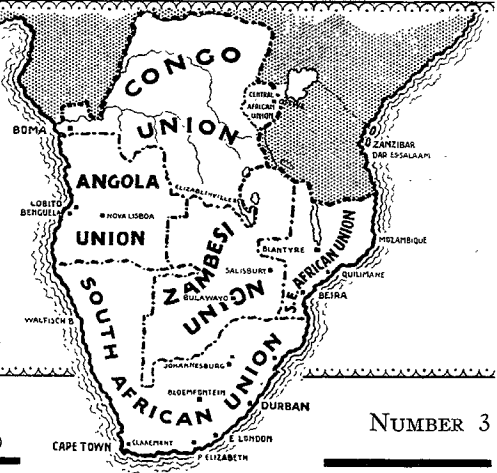


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Important Cable from the General Conference

J. F. WRIGHT

WORD has just been received from the Mission Board as follows:

"Shortage makes further cut inevitable. Probably five per cent."

This information coming so early in the new year, from Elder Kern, will cause us to sense a bit more fully the real financial crisis being faced at present by the General Conference as regards mission offerings. Really the situation is bringing our brethren at headquarters into grave perplexity concerning our world-wide missionary programme.

We have also just learned that the 1931 shortage in mission offerings was much larger at the close of the year than was doubtless anticipated when the Autumn Council convened a few months ago. Had the brethren known then what they do now, it is quite evident the cut in appropriations would have been 15% instead of the 10% cut which was made; however, may we add that even the 10% cut made it very difficult for the union and local committees to plan for the work without retrenching.

Now brethren and sisters, another 5% in appropriations will surely force us to retrench our work here in this Division. This we do not want to see done. And we fully believe that you do not want such an experience to come to this field. What a pity it would be to take a backward step just now. We must not do it brethren, but we must press ever onward speedily.

Well, the way to really help avoid such a crisis, is to come forward with increased giving during the present

and coming months. Come, brethren and sisters, let us sacrifice a bit more and thus save God's work from embarrassment in this hour of opportunity. God has ample means in the

church for finishing the work. Let us therefore respond by giving more of that which has been entrusted to us. We shall be none the poorer, and our treasure in heaven will be greatly increased. Remember, Christ gave all; shall we give less?

Again permit me earnestly to request that we pray for Elder Watson and his associates at this time, that they may have courage and wisdom to know how to wrestle with the world problems effecting the cause of God at the present time. The brethren at headquarters surely need our prayers and encouragement in these perilous times. We must not forget them, but remember them daily at the throne of grace.

Let us here in Africa be of good courage. Let us press manfully onward without delay. God will not fail us unless we fail Him. We believe you will do your utmost, and to this end may the Lord of Harvest bless you richly, both spiritually as well as abundantly in basket and store, so that you may be able to do well your part in the support of the message just now in this hour of dire need.



The Call to Evangelism Renewed and Emphasised

J. F. WRIGHT

DURING the last Autumn Council the call to a larger and greater evangelism was renewed and emphasised. Especially was the though stressed, that our laymen should rally to a more active service in soul winning endeavour. Somehow we feel, brethren and sisters, that this appeal as it comes on to YOU will not be in vain.

Now this question was ardently stressed during the recent conference

Limitless Spiritual Resources

Our sufficiency is of God. Difficulties melt in His presence. In Him are those mighty, overcoming energies which accomplish the possible and the impossible with equal readiness. "There is One with us," says Dr. Speer "to whom the impossible in His chief delight." Any arithmetical calculations we make of the numbers of men and the amounts of money required can be only very general and tentative. The real resources are with Him for the evangelising and the redeeming of the world. . . .

While the years of the Christian era have been going by, God has been waiting to be honoured by the faith of a generation that would call upon Him for really large outpourings of His power. Our fault has been that we have limited God by the trifling dimensions of our undertakings, by our failure to appropriate more than a meagre supply of the superhuman resources that are unlocked to the faith of human agents, and by our unreadiness to throw ourselves into the ministry of intercession in the world's behalf.

"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations. . . . I am with you." . . . The mystery of this confidence we can never understand. But we can and must act upon it. We must prove worthy of it.—*"The Call of a World Task,"* by J. Lovell Murray, pp. 155, 156.

sessions and camp-meetings here in the South African Union. Our people were admonished to larger activities in scattering papers and tracts. Also church members were encouraged to learn how to give simple Bible studies, thus being prepared to help spread the truth. It was voiced once again that every laymember has at least "one talent," and that talent should be exercised in some way in helping carry the truth to some neighbour or friend who still sits in darkness.

When this question of lay-evangelism was being discussed, the writer did not have in hand the comments made, by the General Conference President, upon the Autumn Council recommendation as regards a larger soul-winning endeavour. These have just come to hand, therefore we feel it wise and helpful to pass these comments and suggestions on to you at this time. Elder Watson writes as follows:

December 10, 1931.

Dear Brother Wright:

"In my previous letter of November 15, reviewing the work of the Autumn Council at Omaha, a small section was given to evangelism. Because of the length of that letter I could not deal with that absorbing subject as it was in my heart to do. Hence I want to make the work of soul-winning my principal theme in this letter.

"1. First of all, we believe with all our hearts that the hand of God is on the helm of world affairs. To Him 'the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance.' They cannot, therefore, hinder in the least degree the working out of His sovereign will. What is happening to the nations just now must be a part of the outworking of His declared purpose to 'finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness.' The nations and the people are under affliction to the end that they may give open and willing ear to the message of God in this thrilling hour of the world's history.

"2. We believe with equal sincerity that the hand of God is on the steering wheel of the advent movement, and that its goal will be reached with absolute safety and surety, and at the time decreed in the counsels of the Eternal. Nothing can delay its onward progress unless it be the spiritual lethargy of His people—their failure to discern the signs of the times. The awakening of multitudes of all nations to their spiritual need, should be paralleled by the awakening of God's children to their opportunity to minister to that need.

"3. Never in the history of the advent movement have our preachers, our Bible workers, yes also our colporteurs and laymen, found so much readiness to listen to the simple, direct truths of the Word of God, as at the present hour. This readiness amounts even to eagerness, to know the meaning of things unprecedented in the world at large and in their own personal lives. But how can the people hear without a preacher? And how shall the preachers preach except they be sent?

"4. Never, too, has our movement been so short of preachers as it is right now when the demand for them has never been equalled. Instead of adding to our soul-winning forces, we have found ourselves under the seeming necessity of reducing them to avoid financial disaster. Such a situation must be changed, and that without delay.

"5. The urgency for such a change is seen not only in the readiness of the people to hear, but in the fact that a larger percentage of the people who hear are ready to obey, than we have ever witnessed before. Surely this is God's doing, and it is



Facing Serious Facts

In this issue of the OUTLOOK there will be found two articles which should make every Seventh-day Adventist stop and think. Elder Wright presents the prospect of another cut in our budget, and Sister Plummer broadcasts an appeal for larger Sabbath school gifts in this hour of emergency.

What are we going to do about it brethren and sisters? Surely the advent message which has been ever onward for over eighty years is not now going to take a backward step. No, it must not, for we are now right on the borders of the kingdom! Our missionaries are facing open doors and waiting people on every hand. In every field in this Division the prospects for a rich harvest of souls was never brighter. Surely here in Africa, where we have received so many blessings both spiritual and temporal, we should, and I believe we will, arise in this hour of crisis and say, "We are well able to go up and possess the land." But such a victory will only come through sacrifice, through prayer, and through placing *all* upon the altar to be used as our great Leader may direct.



God's signal to move out in the preaching of the gospel with greater courage and on a larger scale than we have been doing in the past.

"6. Another outstanding evidence that God is dealing with the nations in behalf of His suffering cause is seen in the remarkable reversal of men's plans at the recent session of the League of Nations in Geneva pertaining to calendar reform, which aimed at the breaking up of the weekly cycle, with consequences to the keeping of the Sabbath that no man could foretell. A mere handful of our brethren, supported by the petitions of our faithful people, were used of God so to impress the representatives of forty-two nations that the day of menacing evil was postponed for a quadrennium.

"7. Most obviously, the dogs of war tugging at their leashes are still held in restraint by angels of might posted at the four corners of the earth. And till when? Till the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads, till the speeding angel of Revelation thirteen has accomplished his mission of warning the whole world that the hour of God's judgment is come.

"In the light of these seven facts and factors in the world situation, how can we be content to move at our present pace, with our present handicaps of money and men? Is there not a way to throw off our shackles, to strip for action, to quicken our pace, and delay no longer, because verily 'a short work will the Lord make upon the earth'? Our leaders at the Autumn Council believed that there is such a way, that we can bind about our supposed wants, and that it is possible to throw our principal forces into the achievement of the principal thing we have been called to do—go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

"Some first steps we took in this direction at Omaha, I reviewed in my previous letter. In order to encourage our hearts really to carry out the measures adopted there, and to help keep us spiritually alert in our earnest endeavour to follow closely the manifest providences of the Lord in His work in the earth, may I cite a few evidences of how we are being already blessed beyond the usual in our soul-winning work. Bearing in mind that for several years we have been expending only a small portion of our total income for direct evangelism, and remembering too that our evangelistic forces are at the lowest ebb in number for a long period, we may truly gather inspiration from a few facts and experiences that show how ready the Lord is to give the increase when we sow and water and cultivate with spiritual ardour.

"In North America, we gained in net membership during the first two quarters of 1931 a total of 1,024 more than for any other two corresponding quarters in the past four years, and 1,449 more than for any other entire year in four years.

"In the same two quarters, 1,767 workers gained 4,022 more members than 10 more workers gained in the entire year 1928, and four times more per capita in half the time.

"Also, the same number of workers gained 2,694 more net members in these two quarters than 67 more workers gained in the entire year 1930, and two times more per capita in half the time.

"These gains in what might be called an old field—where the message has been preached since 1844—are very inspiring. Note particularly in the last preceding paragraph, the marked increase in gains with a decreased force of labourers. Figured out in per capita terms, it makes an increase from 1.52 in 1930 to 3.1 in 1931, or a little over double. Outside of North America the per capita gain for 1928 to 1930 is only slight, but for the same three years it was nearly double the per capita for North America over the same period.

"Before leaving these figures one cannot refrain from remarking on the pitifully low per capita gain in net members—only 4.57 in three years in North America, and 8.13 in the same period abroad, reckoned on the basis of counting only ordained and licensed ministers and licensed missionaries. It may be objected that this reckoning does not

take account of the fact that many ordained and licensed workers are not engaged in direct soul-winning work. So much more is the pity. The fact remains that reckoning the fruitage of our organized work in terms of what we are organized for—the winning of souls—our showing is far from flattering. How one longs for the power and fruitage of apostolic times with their thousands won in a day!

"Leaving now figures and comments of this nature, let us turn to evidence of how souls are being won; as revealed in a testimony meeting at the Omaha Council, giving only typical high points in the reports for the first nine months of 1931:

"By regular evangelistic workers.—Western Canada, 300, Pacific Union 730, Columbia Union 625, Central Union 45% more than in the entire previous year, South Dakota more than previous two years, Southwestern Union over 600, Eastern Canada more than in previous three years, Lake Union 1,360 (including work of presidents and laymen), North Pacific Union 300 in six months, with 75 at the oldest church in the union, Southeastern Union 35 efforts with 725 baptised, Northern Europe 2,300 (including work of presidents), South Africa finding it difficult to secure halls large enough to hold the people.

"By presidents and secretaries.—Western Canada 300 (equal to number won by regular evangelistic workers, and 74 by the union president), Missouri secretary one new church, in Eastern Canada all officials took part except two women, in the Lake Union two presidents won 9 and 16, in Canada the General Conference Secretary of the Home Missions Bureau won 32 in virgin territory, in Northern Europe 20 of 22 presidents conducted efforts 'with unusually good success,' in Korea the President of the Far Eastern Division held an effort through an interpreter with 700 attending and over 100 signifying their intention to obey the commandments of God and keep the faith of Jesus.

"By lay members.—In Columbia Union 25, two efforts in Missouri 19, in Lake Union one layman won 12, another 40, another 12, Review and Herald laymen with one editor 18, in England one layman 22.

"By young ministers.—In Pacific Union one young man won 100 in a strongly Catholic town, in Kansas an intern 'aroused the entire northeast section of the State,' in Iowa a young minister and an intern won 62, in the North Pacific two young men won 100 in two efforts, and another one won 50, in Eastern Canada a young man not long out of college won 134 in a little over a year, in Hollywood, California, a younger evangelist will bring in about 200, and another 80 in a seaside resort.

"Well, Brother Wright, these reports, given miscellaneously from the floor of the Omaha Council, sound like droppings, if not showers, of the latter rain. Who can tell what God will do for us and through us if we courageously simplify our organization machinery, reduce our administrative costs, and concentrate our funds and the potential ability of our forces upon the only objective for which we exist, namely, to prepare a people during this solemn judgment hour to meet the Lord at His appearing and kingdom? Is it not high time to heed the call of God, 'Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee'?

"Your brother in service,

"(Signed), C. H. WATSON."

Well, my brethren and sisters, certainly Brother Watson has given us here some food for serious thought. I know it will strike a responsive cord in your heart.

God is richly blessing the efforts of our ministers and evangelists. He wants to bless the efforts which our laymembers can and should more fully render. We shall never have a better time to present the message than now. So let us all bestir ourselves and make 1932 our best year, as yet, in souls won to this precious truth.



Let Us Live With Our Children

F. M. WILCOX

Editor, Review and Herald

THROUGH the years we have said much in the columns of our church paper against some of the temptations threatening our youth and children at the present time. We feel that we need to continue this warning. There is a strange fascination connected with many of the popular amusements of the present day, a fascination that appeals not only to the boys and girls, but to older members of the church. We should be faithful in sounding a warning against these great dangers.

But it is not enough for us merely to cry out against these evils. It is not enough for us continually to say to our boys and girls, "Don't do this" and "Don't do that." There is a call in their young natures for recreation, for amusement, and it is right that this should be satisfied in proper ways. And we can meet the evil influences of the world and counteract their power in the lives of our youth and children most effectively by providing something in the way of amusement and recreation which will answer to their demand.

In providing these remedies we should begin in the home. The homes of Seventh-day Adventists should be the most attractive homes in all the world. They should be centres from which radiate hope and good cheer to all within their sphere of influence. Particularly should we seek to make our homes the most attractive places in all the world for our children. How may this be done? We cannot, of course, detail just how this may be accomplished in individual cases. We can only suggest general principles, and it must fall to every home maker to take

these general principles and adapt them to his or her own particular environment and individual needs. We believe, however, that these principles may be definitely applied. Consider them under the following divisions:

1. We should recognise our children as members of the Lord's family. In too many homes the children are regarded as subjects over which the father and mother are to rule as human masters. When we come to see in our children, not alone our sons and daughters, our own flesh and blood, but members of the household of faith, souls for whom Christ died, our relationship will become more dignified and will be tempered with greater love and justice.

2. We should recognise the influence of heredity in the lives of our offspring. Our children are very largely what we have made them. They have inherited much from us. The recognition of this will help us. When we see our children nervous and irritable, when we see them manifesting family traits of various kinds, we should remember that we have been responsible for this transmission, and it should make us long-suffering in our dealing with them.

Live With Our Children

3. We should live with our children. We should so enter into their lives, into their plans, that we shall indeed become boon companions, and we believe it is possible to do this. But it cannot be done without effort on our part. We must exert ourselves to keep young, to keep enthusiastic and sympathetic with their hopes and ideals; this, we believe, is possible. For lack of this companionship, many boys and girls are driven into the streets. Instead of confiding in father and mother, they confide in their young companions, and the living, vital touch with the home is lost. Every home will find great advantage in a daily social hour, when father and mother and son and daughter can review and relate to one another their personal experiences and counsel regarding their problems.

4. We should make home pleasant. The best in the home is none too good for our children. Our parlours and easy-chairs ought not to be reserved alone for the use of guests. Little treats and diversions in food and drink ought not to be reserved alone for those who may call upon us. Our own are entitled to our first consideration, and they should be made to feel that the home is theirs, that

there is a community of interest in the family.

5. We should provide for our children suitable reading and recreation. In too many homes there is variety of food for the physical needs, but the mental and spiritual natures are left to starve. We find in many homes books of fiction and story magazines, but no suitable books for the proper education of the younger members of the family. There are thousands of books of travel, biography, history, and science presented in attractive form which could be chosen for the youth. Children become tired of the humdrum routine of life. They cannot settle down to life's burdens and responsibilities as can their seniors. They should be provided with change and wholesome recreation.

Welcome Your Children's Friends

6. We should welcome to our homes the boy and girl friends of our children. The father and mother should know with whom their children associate, the character and influence of their special friends. This knowledge can be gained only by intimate association. Invite these friends to your home. Invite them to dinner, to spend the evening. Welcome them freely, and make yourself one of the circle. It will warm the hearts of your children and their associates toward you, and you yourself will feel the thrill of new enthusiasm and youthfulness.

7. Share home responsibilities with your children. Form a home democracy. While as a matter of course you give counsel to your children, seek counsel from them. Ask for suggestions as to the operation of the home, the running of the farm, the keeping of your shop. You will obtain many helpful ideas, and the interest of your children will be drawn out and stabilised in the family régime.

Make your children partners in the daily routine of work. If you live on the farm, give them, as you are able to arrange, a hen, a lamb, a calf, or a colt as their very own, for them to care for and dispose of in the end. Set apart for them a portion of land to cultivate as their own.

You may be surprised to see how this sharing of responsibility will deepen their interest in home burdens. They will feel that they are not slaves nor servants, but that the home belongs to them, and that you as the older members recognise their partnership in the family firm.

Show Confidence

8. Show confidence in your children. Do not treat them as criminals or spies. Place them on their honour. Let them know that you believe in them, that you trust them. You will find that this confidence on your part will be repaid by responsive confidence from them. The honour system is recognised, even in dealing with criminals, as one productive of excellent results. We do not recommend an honour system which makes us blind to the faults of our children, which makes us disregard danger signals. The watchful father and mother must be alert and awake to the snares of the enemy, and must combine watchfulness with confidence.

If it is necessary to administer reproof or correction, do so calmly and without irritation or anger. Do not reprove before others if it can be avoided; take the offender aside, not when he is excited or tired, but preferably in the morning, when you and he are fresh and rested. Let the hour of meals be bright and joyous. Let no unpleasant topic depress the spirit or darken the joy of the family reunion.

9. Honour the church and its sacred institutions. Do not weaken the confidence of your children in your minister, in those who carry responsibilities in the church or Sabbath school. Cultivate in them confidence in their brethren and sisters, confidence in the work of God, in every instrumentality connected with this movement. How can you expect your children to honour the church if you by your criticism continually keep before their minds the faults and failings which will always exist in the church so long as it is made up of men and women of human frailties?

Pray for Your Children

10. Pray with and for your children. If you have made yourself a companion with them, if you have entered sympathetically into their joys and sorrows, if you have come so near to them that they regard you as their trusted counsellor, then indeed you may pray with them, and your prayers as well as your companionship will be appreciated. It is a sad lament we hear sometimes at our general gatherings, from fathers and mothers, importuning our ministers to pray with their children, with the statement that they themselves have never done so. Surely it is our privilege to live such lives in our homes

that our children will have confidence in our Christianity and look to us for spiritual guidance.

11. As far as possible we should send our children to our own schools. We recognise, of course, that this may not be possible in some circumstances, but we believe it is possible in many more cases than some of us have thought. We have confidence in our educational institutions and in the men and women who compose the faculties of these institutions; we believe that parents should feel a confidence in committing their sons and daughters to the care of these earnest Christian men and women, a confidence which they cannot feel in sending them to worldly institutions to meet all the evil influences which they must of necessity meet in every such relationship.

Be Examples to Your Children

12. We should be examples to our children. Our children gain their earliest conceptions of God and His character through our relationship to them. To those who have not yet reached the age of discernment, the parent occupies the place of God. How great and solemn is this responsibility! Recognising it, how careful we should be to represent the spirit of the Master! But we with our larger experience and greater years are still compassed with infirmities. We fail. We come short in our own lives of the perfect standard. Wherein we fail and place before our children a wrong example, let us acknowledge our fault and seek forgiveness. This is their due, and this is the only way in which we can right the wrong we have done.

May God help us as parents to sense the sacred responsibility we sustain to our offspring. May He enable us so to instruct them in the ways of life, so to live before them, that we shall be the means under God of their salvation. We may plant our feet firmly upon the promise contained in the Word of truth, a promise applicable to the time in which we live: "Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Mal. 4: 5, 6. Note in this scripture that the hearts of the fathers first turn toward the children. This is the natural order. Then in response to this turning of the par-

ents, to this burden of heart which they feel, the hearts of the children turn toward the fathers.

S. S. Department

J. I. Robison, Secretary

A Crisis—an Emergency

(The following letter, which has been slightly adapted to more specifically apply to this Division, was received this week from Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, the Sabbath School Secretary for the General Conference. It surely brings an earnest appeal to our Sabbath schools in this hour of need and should not be overlooked. J. I. R.)

DEAR Sabbath Schools in South Africa,

Something out of the ordinary must be done or 1932 will be a disastrous year for our beloved cause. In this hour of stress the General Conference Committee has directed an S O S call to the Sabbath School Department. No greater honour has ever come to me than to stand in the presence of the twenty-eight men assembled in the committee and as your representative say, "The Sabbath Schools in the world will do their best to accomplish what you ask."

Immediately following the committee meetings I came to my office, called my staff of workers together, explained the need and the call to us. Now we are busy mimeographing this appeal, addressing envelopes, and have laid aside everything else to get this on to you speedily. Our slogan for this year is to be:

THREEPENCE MORE EACH WEEK
FOR MISSIONS

This is not a change that affects the basis on which our pennants are given, which is 1/3 per week—this is an emergency measure only. The average of a ticky more for missions from each church member per week from our European membership in South Africa will bring in £1,625 during 1932, and if this slogan can be made world-wide among our European membership it will save the day. Surely we can do this!

Many can increase their weekly offering by sixpence or even more to make up the lack among those of us who are desperately poor and really in want. Together we can do it. We must work for this as if our house were burning, as if the ship were sinking, as if our beloved missionaries were in a mine that had suddenly

caved in—we must work bravely, continuously, with invincible courage until the crisis is past.

I am praying as I write that the spirit of this call will rest heavily upon your heart; that you will be able to lay all else aside until you can get this appeal before your Sabbath schools. Praying God will crown your efforts with success, I am,

Courageously yours,

L. FLORA PLUMMER.

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Triumphs of the Message in Honan

W. E. STRICKLAND

If you will take a map of China and look for Honan, you will find it located just a little north of the centre. It was into this province that Doctors H. W. Miller and A. C. Selmon came over twenty-eight years ago. At that time in all northern China there was not a single Chinese who believed in the third angel's message.

It was here in Honan that our first medical work was done, our first training school for workers started, and our first paper published for Mandarin-speaking China. The seeds sown then have been growing and bearing fruit ever since. All over China this work has spread. Not long ago, Dr. Miller came to Honan and here in Yencheng at the headquarters of the Honan Mission, he spoke to a congregation of over three hundred students, nurses, workers and believers. How his face beamed as he looked at this godly company here in Honan where he had witnessed such small beginnings!

God's work in China is going forward to completion in spite of difficulties. When Dr. Miller first came to this country there was not one believer in these northern parts. Today, in Honan alone, there is a church membership of 800 and a Sabbath school attendance of over 1,200. New churches are springing up and new interests being created.

Just a few days ago we visited a new station where one of our workers had recently held a tent effort, and seventy people had signed as inquirers. When we arrived we were met by a company of over thirty school children singing a song of welcome. We were taken to a little place of worship, given and furnished by the believers, and there we spoke to a large company of people, who were

as attentive and quiet as any we have ever spoken to.

Just yesterday I received a letter telling me that there is a company of people out in the western part of the province asking for a preacher, and also a letter from the south telling of three places from which calls for a preacher are coming. In the north, just to the south of the Yellow River, the worker in charge of our Dung Ming chapel writes of the gift by one old brother of a large piece of land for church purposes.

What are we going to do about these interests? They are increasing. From east and west, north and south, men and women are calling for the gospel. Shall we not give them the good news of salvation? We pray that God will bless the Thirteenth Sabbath overflow, for His name's sake, and for the sake of China.

Yencheng, Honan, China.

Publishing Dept.

L. A. Vixie, Secretary

Conventions and Institutes

L. A. VIXIE

THE worker who is to be successful in the Lord's work today must follow right lines and be well trained. The organisation that does not plan wisely for the strengthening and extension of its work must soon come to nought. In this hour of crisis it is imperative that effective plans be laid for the execution of our work.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement and the colporteur evangelistic work are two of the strongest features in giving the third angel's message. Without them the work of Seventh-day Adventists would prove a failure. They are indispensable factors in proclaiming to earth's 1,800,000,000 that eternity is almost upon us and time will soon be forever past.

From April 3-9 the Publishing and Home Missionary Conventions will be held in Johannesburg. About this time the leaders in the South African and Zambesi Unions will meet jointly to lay definite progressive plans whereby the message will be carried forward faster and more efficiently by the loyalty of the bookmen. We shall need much wisdom and faith as we lay plans for these departments. Many of the workers are already petitioning the Throne of

Grace that we may know God's special plans for us. We invite the believers throughout the Southern African Division to join in earnest prayer that we may have God's guidance during these conventions. Thus only shall we see the work go forward with increased success.

Elder C. E. Weeks, of the General Conference Publishing Department, will be with us. Brother Weeks has had many years of experience in both the Home Missionary and Publishing departments. His labours have been extensive in America, but have not been confined to that field. He spent nine years in the Far Eastern Division and seven years in the European Division. His counsel will be very valuable to us.

Besides these two conventions we plan to conduct seven colporteur institutes. Two of these will be held just preceding the conventions and five following. At these institutes we intend to give our loyal colporteurs instructions in the art of Christian salesmanship. We know that it is only as our bookmen are properly trained that we can expect them to succeed. Again we solicit your prayers that God may pour out His Spirit of wisdom on those who lead out in these institutes. Also pray in a special way for our faithful colporteur evangelists. In this way you may have a part in hastening the coming of our blessed Saviour. Remember, much prayer results in much power.

N.-T. Conference

W. L. Hyatt *President*
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Notice! Office Address Changed

The conference and depository offices, which have heretofore been situated at 14 Claim Street, Johannesburg, have now been moved to the following address:

17a Pretoria Street,
Hillbrow,
Johannesburg.

This is on the corner of Edith Cavell Street, right on the route of all north bound buses and one block west from the Twist Street tram.

Please note carefully that the postal address is still Box 6154, and all correspondence should be addressed to the box. The telephone number, however, is now Hillbrow 1694.

Bethlehem

W. LEROY HYATT

It was my happy privilege to spend several days recently with our members at Bethlehem. I was there from Thursday, February 4, to Monday, February 8. During these few days we conducted nine or ten services with our brethren and sisters who lived in Bethlehem, and those who had gathered in from the surrounding towns and districts. We appreciated the splendid spirit manifested by these dear members. Some came by train, others by car, horse and trap, and one brother came on bicycle all the way from Senekal. The advent message has a real grip upon the hearts of these faithful members. They seem to be doing their utmost to keep the beacon light of the third angel's message burning brightly in that section of our conference territory. Not only so, but they are actually bringing a number into the truth, and this is doing more than any other one thing to keep their experience all aglow and to keep the fire burning upon the altars of their hearts.

Sabbath morning we had the privilege of celebrating the ordinances of the Lord's house. The Lord drew divinely near as the scenes of Calvary were once again vividly brought to our attention. Hearts were touched as we considered the price paid for our salvation, and as we partook of the bread and wine it was with an earnest prayer that Christ would come and dwell in our hearts. As the ordinance of humility was celebrated there was an earnest desire in our hearts that we might partake of the same spirit of humility that burned in the heart of our Lord and Master, and that we might realise that we are debtors to all mankind. This entire service made a deep impression upon those who had been members of the church for years as well as upon the hearts of those who were celebrating this service for the first time with us.

Sunday morning a beautiful baptismal service was conducted in a privately owned swimming bath, situated on the outskirts of the town. Five precious souls followed their

Lord through the watery grave, and great rejoicing filled their hearts as they had this privilege of following the footsteps of the meek and lowly Saviour.

While Brother Vermeulen was faithfully performing his duties as a colporteur-evangelist in the little town of Senekal, he gave Bible studies to a young lady and her brother. This young lady embraced the truth. At first she met with considerable opposition, but as a result of her faithful labour and her self-sacrificing spirit, she succeeded in bringing her father, two sisters, and brother into the truth. Four members of this family were in the baptismal class. A faithful brother who has lived in Senekal for many years, was very happy to bring his wife to Bethlehem to be baptised. For years she had resisted the message, but we are thankful that she has taken a noble stand for the truth, and now stands hand in hand with her husband, to live out the principles of this message, and to help spread the truth wherever possible.

One interesting feature regarding this baptism, was the fact that a sincere, whole-hearted colporteur, feeling the burden for souls, gave a few Bible studies and brought one young lady into the truth. As she rejoiced in her first love of this message, she laboured for her relatives, bringing four others into the truth, three of whom were baptised and the other one will be baptised later. The fifth member of this baptismal class was brought into the truth by the faithful work of her husband. His consistent life and the transformation that took place in his soul as a result of receiving this message, finally bore fruit in her life and she is now rejoicing with us. This is a splendid illustration of what can be done by our colporteurs and lay members, as they unitedly spread the truth, give Bible studies, and live the consistent Christian life before others. What a great work would be accomplished if every Seventh-day Adventist in this country, would put forth earnest, sincere efforts for their neighbours! We would then see souls embracing the truth everywhere, and little companies here and there would be springing up throughout our conference territory. Brethren and sisters, what are you doing to spread the light of present truth? Is your life such as to plant in the souls of your relatives a longing desire to embrace

this truth? Are you declaring by your daily life that you believe that Jesus Christ is soon returning to this earth? Let us do all that we can to gather our loved ones and friends into the fold of safety before probation closes.

We believe that another baptism will take place at Bethlehem in the near future and other precious souls will follow their Lord through the watery grave. We are profoundly thankful for the loyalty and sincerity of the members of the Bethlehem church.



News Notes

Brother and Sister P. A. Venter, Jr. have safely returned from the Cape where they spent their annual holiday. Brother Venter is now spending a fortnight with the Stander church.

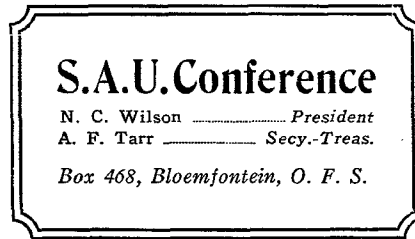
Miss M. J. Dixie has recently spent a holiday at the comfortable home of Brother and Sister J. C. Baumann of Pietermaritzburg, while her sister, Miss C. A. Dixie, enjoyed a rest surrounded by the beauties of Sweetwaters in the home of Sister F. Baumann.

Large numbers of subscriptions are being received at our office for the Afrikaans *Signs of the Times*. Have you forwarded your list? We solicit the co-operation of every member in the securing of annual subscriptions for this new paper.

Brother W. Cowper, the newly elected Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, is spending ten days in our Ermelo church, conducting services each evening, and becoming acquainted with the departmental work in that church.

The Parys church was well filled with members and visitors Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, the 14th, 15th and 16th of February, as Elder W. L. Hyatt conducted services, and a business meeting for the election of officers for that church.

Brother and Sister A. C. le Butt have moved to Durban. Brother le Butt now has charge of the Durban, Pietermaritzburg and Sweetwaters churches. Their present address is 35 Davenport Avenue, Durban. We sincerely trust that the Lord will abundantly bless Brother le Butt's labours in Natal.



News Notes

The Good Hope Training School opened its doors this year with an initial enrolment of forty-four. An encouraging feature of the school is the growth of the training department.

Miss Irene Smith writes that the Durban church school opened with twelve pupils and two more are expected soon. In this school there is a "Friend" class ready for the investiture service.

Miss Yvonne de Gourville and Miss Ruby Visser are teaching the Claremont church school this year. They had twenty-three pupils on the opening day. We wish them every success in the year's work.

On January 19 our new church school in Johannesburg opened with an enrolment of twelve. Miss Olive Smith, assures us that at least three more will enrol in the school in the near future. The school is being conducted in the M. V. hall adjoining the church. The teacher is enthusiastic about her school and the children are enjoying their work.

Three home schools have been started this year and the teachers are now hard at work. Miss Leila Smith is teaching in Dr. W. H. Haupt's home at Nongoma. Miss Minnie Matthews is teaching Brother G. W. S. Marais' children at Motkop and Brother Jan Kritzinger is teaching Brother A. E. Shone's children near Aliwal North. It is encouraging to see the growth of the home school idea.

Spion Kop Missionary Institution opened school February 4 with an enrolment of about forty. Judging by the number of concession forms sent out, the enrolment ought to be more than ninety in a few weeks' time. A good number of the students are in the training classes which begin with standard seven. The members of the staff are of good courage and are

looking forward to a successful school year.

On behalf of the South African Union we extend a hearty welcome to Elder and Sister G. F. Jones who have recently arrived from England, and who have given many years of faithful service to the cause in the South Sea Island field. Brother and Sister Jones are locating in Natal where we trust they may there find a large a fruitful mission field. We heartily and sincerely welcome these tried and proven servants of God into our midst and wish them every blessing in their future plans.

We are glad to be able to pass on good news to the field regarding the health of Brother S. J. Stevenson of Kimberley. We know that our people throughout South Africa and in the fields to the north have long been praying for Brother Stevenson's recovery and blessing. A recent letter from our dear brother brings the good news that he is much improved in health as compared to recent months during which time he has been in a most critical condition. Surely God has been good to Brother Stevenson and family and it is reassuring and encouraging to know that God has heard and answered prayer. Brother and Sister Stevenson feel deeply grateful to God for His protecting and strengthening hand which has been outstretched to them and for the many prayers on their behalf which have ascended from sympathetic hearts the country over.

On Sunday evening, February 14, three evangelistic campaigns were opened in South Africa as follows: Elder A. W. Staples, assisted by Brother and Sister J. L. Milford, Miss Stow, Brother R. L. Jones and Brother D. Williams, opened a series of meetings in the City Hall at Kimberley. Elder J. Raubenheimer assisted by Sister Raubenheimer and Elder and Sister Venter, Sister M. J. Dixie and Brother Wm. Hodgson Jr. opened a series of meetings in a large hall in the centre of Potchefstroom. Elder B. W. Abney assisted by Sister Abney and Brethren Marx and Koen, started a series of meetings in Kensington, near Cape Town. May the united prayers of our constituency throughout South Africa continually bear these workers before God that great blessing and success may result from the earnest efforts put forth in these cities.

Belangrike Telegram van die Generale Konferensie

J. F. WRIGHT

DIE Sending Raad stuur ons die volgende telegram:

"Tekort maak verder korting onvermydelik. Waarskynlik vyf persent."

Hierdie berig van Ouderling Kern wat so vroeg in die nuwe jaar tot ons kom, sal ons beter laat verstaan deur watter ernstige finansiële krisis die General Konferensie gaan met betrekking tot die sendingofferandes. Die toestand bring ons broeders aan die hoofkwartiere in ernstige moeilikheid in verband met ons wêreldwye sendingprogram.

Ons verneem nou dat die tekort in sendingofferandes vir die jaar 1931 baie groter was aan die end van die jaar as die Herfs Raad wat 'n paar maande tevore bymekaar gekom het, ongetwyfeld verwag het. As die broeders toe kon geweet het, wat hulle vandag weet, sou die appropriasies seker 15% in plaas van 10% gesnoei gewees het. En tog selfs met die 10% korting het die unie- en plaaslike komitees dit maar moeilik gehad om planne vir die werk te maak sonder iemand af te sit.

Broeders en Susters, 'n verdere 5% korting in die appropriasies sal ons sonder twyfel forseer om ons werk hier in die Divisie te besnoei. Ons wil tog nie sien dat ons moet verminder nie. Ons glo nie dat u so iets in ons Veld wil sien kom nie. Hoe jammer sou dit wees as ons nou moet agteruitgaan. Ons moet dit nie doen nie, ons moet altyd vorentoe gaan, so vinnig as ons kan.

Die enige manier om so 'n krisis te voorkom is dat iedereen nou en in die komende maande meer sal gee. Kom, Broeders en Susters, laat ons nog meer opoffer en die werk van die Here uit die moeilikheid uithelp in hierdie bekwame tyd. Die Here het genoeg middele in die kerk om die werk klaar te maak. Laat ons dan gehoor gee deur meer van dat wat ons toevertrou is, te gee. Ons sal nie armer daardeur word nie, en ons skat in die hemel sal grootliks vermeerder. Onthou: Kristus het alles gegee; sal ons minder gee?

Laat my toe u te vra om ernstig te bid vir Ouderling Watson en sy helpers in hierdie dae dat hulle die moed en die wysheid mag hê om te weet hoe die wêreldprobleme wat die Saak van die Here nou affekteer, te hanteer.

Die Broeders aan die Hoofkwartier het seker ons gebed nodig en het behoefte aan bemoediging in hierdie gevaarlike tye. Ons moenie vir hulle vergeet nie, maar hul daeliks opdra voor die genadetroon.

Laat ons hier in Afrika goedsmoeds wees. Laat ons sonder oponthoud moedig voorwaarts gaan. Die Here sal ons nie verlaat nie, of ons moet Hom verlaat. Ons glo dat u u uiterste bes gaan doen en mag die Here u dan ryklik seën, geestelik sowel as maatskaplik, sodat u die Boodschap in hierdie ure van groot behoefte na u vermoë ondersteun.



Die Oproep tot Evangelisasie by Vernuwings en met Klem Herhaal

J. F. WRIGHT

GEDURENDE die Raadsitting van laaste herfs was die oproep tot 'n groter en meer uitgebreide evangelisasie by vernuwings en met klem herhaal. Die nadruk was besonder gelê op die gedagte dat ons lede sou saamwerk tot meer aktiewe diens in 'n poging om siele te win. Broeders en susters, ons is van gevoele dat hierdie oproep aan u nie tevergeefs is geskied nie.

Hierdie vraag het veral opgekom gedurende die Konferensiesittings en kampvergaderings wat onlangs in die Unie van Suid-Afrika is gehou. Ons mense is aangemoedig om meer blaai en traktate te probeer versprei. Ook is ons kerklede aangemoedig hoe om eenvoudige Bybelstudies te leer gee en op die manier te help in die verspreiding van die waarheid. Elke kerklid het minstens "een talent," en daardie talent behoort hy op die een of ander manier te gebruik om die waarheid te bring aan die een of ander buurman of vriend wat nou nog in duisternis sit.

Toe ons oor hierdie kwessie van leke-evangelisasie gepraat het, het skrywer nog nie die opmerkings wat die President van die Generale Konferensie gemaak het oor die aanbeveling van die Herfsraad aangaande 'n groter poging om siele te win, ontvang nie. Ons het dit nou gekry en ons dink dit sou verstandig en nuttig wees om dit te laat weet.

Ouderling Watson skryf:

10 Desember 1931.

"Geliefde Broeder Wright,

"In my vorige brief van 15 Nov. oor die werk van die Herfs Raad te Omaha het ek maar min gesê oor evangelisasie. Daardie brief was alreeds so lang dat ek

nie oor hierdie belangrike onderwerp kon skryf soos ek wou nie. Daarom wil ek nou meer in besonder skryf oor die werk hoe om siele te win.

"1. Allereers dan glo ons van harte dat die Here God die sake van die wêreld bestuur. Voor Hem 'is die volke soos 'n druppel aan die emmer en word hulle gereken minder as 'n stoffie aan die weegskaal.' Hulle kan dan ook die uitwerking van Sy soewereine wil nie in die minste verhinder nie. Wat op die oomblik onder die volke plaasvind moet 'n onderdeel van Sy geopenbaarde wil wees om 'die werk te voleind en dit in geregtigheid kort te sny.' Die volke en die mensheid in die algemeen verkeer in moeite sodat hulle gewillig sal wees om te luister na die boodskap van die Here in hierdie aangrypende uur van die wêreldgeskiedenis."

"2. Ons glo eweso opreg dat die hand van die Here aan die stuurwiel van die Adventbeweging is en dat hierdie beweging sy doel volkome veilig en seker sal bereik, en op die tyd daartoe bestel in die Raad van die Ewige. Niks kan sy voorwaartse beweging verhinder nie, of dit moet wees die geestelike traagheid van Sy kindere sodat hulle nie let op die tekens van die tye nie. Duisendes onder al die volke begin hul geestelike nood te besef, en dit behoort gepaar te gaan met 'n ontwaking onder die kindere van die Here sodat hulle 'n besef begin kry van die geleentheid wat hulle het om in hierdie behoefte te voorsien.

"3. In die geskiedenis van die Adventbeweging het ons predikers, ons Bybelwerkers, ja, selfs ons kolporteurs en kerklede, nog nooit die mense so bereid gevind as vandag om te luister na die eenvoudige, direkte waarhede van die Woord van God nie. Hulle is nie maar gewillig om te luister nie, maar hulle dring selfs daarop aan om die betekenis van die ongewone gebeurtenisse in die wêreld en in hul persoonlike lewe te verstaan. En hoe sal die volk hoor sonder prediker? En hoe sal die predikers die Woord bring as hulle nie uitgestuur word nie.

"4. Ook was ons beweging nog nooit so kort van predikers as juis nou nie terwyl die vraag na hulle nog nooit so groot was nie. In plaas van 'n toename in die kragte wat siele win, word ons blykbaar genoodsaak om hul te verminder om finansiële ramp te voorkom. Hierdie toestand moet onverwyld verander.

"5. Hoe dringend hierdie verandering is kan mens sien nie alleen uit die gewilligheid van die mense om te luister, maar in die feit dat 'n groter persentasie van die mense wat luister, gewillig is om te gehoorsaam meer as ons ooit tevore gesien het. Dit is ongetwyfeld die hand van die Here en dit is 'n teken van die Here om uit te brei in die prediking van die evangelie met groter moed en op 'n groter skaal dan ons vroeër gedaan het.

"6. Nog 'n verneme bewys dat die Here die volke bestuur om Sy lydende saak ontwil, is die wonderlike keer in die planne van die mense by die jongste sitting van die Volkebond te Genève met betrekking tot die Kalenderverandering met die doel om die weeklikse kringloop te verbreek. Geen mens kon voorsê wat dit sou beteken het vir die viering van die Sabbat nie. Net 'n handjievol van ons broeders, ondersteun deur die petities van ons getroue mense, het die Here gebruik om so 'n indruk op die verteenwoordigers van twee-veertig nasies te maak dat die dag van dreigende gevaar vir vier jaar uitgestel is.

"7. Dis meer as ooit duidelik dat die

oorlogshonde wat aan hul kettings ruk, nog in toom gehou word deur magtige engele op die vier hoeke van die aarde. Hoelank? Totdat die diensknegte van die Here in hul voorhoofde verseël is, totdat die vliende engel van Openbaring Dertien sy sending voltooi het en die hele wêreld gewaarsku is dat die uur van die oordeel van God gekom het.

"In die lig van hierdie sewe feite en faktore in die toestand van die wêreld kan ons tevree wees om ons gewone gang te gaan met ons teenswoordige beperking van geld en werkers? Kan ons nie op die een of ander manier ons bande verbreek nie, ons klaarmaak om handelend op te tree, ons stap te verhaas en nie langer te versuim nie, want waarlik 'die Here sal Sy werk kortstyn op die aarde'? Ons leiers op die Herfs Raad het gemeen dat daar so 'n kans is, dat ons ons behoeftes kan beperk en ons uitgawes kan besnoei, en dat dit moontlik is om ons eerste kragte te wy aan die vernaamste ding wat ons geroep is om te doen: n.m., om uit te gaan in die hele wêreld en die evangelie te predik aan al die kreature.

"Die eerste stappe in hierdie rigting te Omaha geneem, het ek in my vorige brief geskets. Om ons harte te versterk, om die resolusies wat daar aangeneem is, werklik uit te leef, en om ons geestelik wakker te maak in ons poging om die klaarblyklike voorsienings van die Here in Sy werk op aarde op te volg, laat ek 'n paar bewyse lewer hoe ons alreeds bo mate geseën is in ons werk van siele vir Sy koninkryk te win. Laat ons onthou dat ons jarelank maar 'n klein gedeelte van ons totale inkomste aan direkte evangelisasie bestee het en dat ons evangeliewerke lank al baie min was, dan kan ons waarlik besied word deur die paar feite en ervarings wat wys hoe die Here gereed is om die wasdom te gee as ons aan al die waters saai en met geesdrif dit bewerk.

"In Noord-Amerika het ons in die eerste twee kwartale van 1931 1024 meer lede gewin as in enige twee ooreenkomstige kwartale in die laaste vier jaar, en 1449 meer as in enige vol jaar in vier jaar tyd.

"In dieselfde twee kwartale het 1767 werkers 4022 meer lede gewin as 10 werkers bo die getal gewin het in die hele jaar 1928, en vier keer meer per hoof in die helfte van die tyd.

"Dieselfde getal werkers het 2694 meer lede in hierdie twee kwartale gewin as 67 meer werkers in die hele jaar 1930 en twee keer soveel per hoof in die helfte van die tyd.

"Hierdie vermeerderings in 'n ou veld waar die boodskap al van 1844 af gepredik is, is baie bemoedigend. Let veral op die opmerklike vermeerdering met 'n verminderde staf werkers. As mens dit per hoof uitteken, kry ons 'n vermeerdering van 1.52 in 1930 tot 3.1 in 1931, of iets meer as die dubbele. Buite Noord-Amerika was die aanwinst per hoof van 1928 tot 1931 maar min, maar vir dieselfde drie jaar was dit amper dubbel die getal per hoof vir Noord-Amerika vir dieselfde periode.

"Voordat ons van hierdie syfers afstap, kan ons nie help op te merk nie hoe armsalig laag die aanwinst per hoof in net lede is nie—net 4.57 in drie jaar in Noord-Amerika, en 8.13 in dieselfde tydperk buite Amerika—gereken op die basis van die bevestigde en gelisenseerde predikers en gelisenseerde sendelinge. Die beswaar mag geopper word dat hierdie berekening geen

rekening hou met die feit dat baie bevestigde en gelisenseerde werkers nie direk besig is met die werk van siele win nie. Dis juis so jammer. Die feit bly dat as ons die georganiseerde werk beskou uit die oogpunt waarvoor ons georganiseer is—die win van siele—dan is ons syfers ver van vleied. Mens verlang dan na die krag en die vrug van die dae van die apostels, toe hulle duisendes in 'n dag gewin het.

"Laat ons nou van hierdie syfers en beskouings afstap; en laat ons sien die manier waarop siele gewin word soos die getuënis was op die Omaha Raad. Ons sal alleen die tiepiese vernaamste dinge in die verskafte oor die eerste nege maande van 1931 noem:

"*Deur gereelde evangeliewerke.*—Westelik-Kanada 300; Still Suidsee Unie 730; Kolumbia Unie 625; Sentrale Unie 45% meer as die hele vorige jaar; Suid-Dakota meer as vorige twee jaar, Suid-Westelike Unie meer as 600; Oostelik-Kanada meer as in vorige drie jaar; Lake Unie 1360—dit omvat die werk van presidente en kerkelede); Noordelike Stille Suidsee Unie 300 in ses maande, met 75 in die ouste kerk in die unie, Suid-Oos Unie 35 pogings en 725 gedoop, Noord-Europa 2300 (dit sluit in die werk van presidente), Suid-Afrika vind dit gaan swaar om sale te kry groot genoeg om die mense te bevat.

"*Deur presidente en sekretarisse.*—Westelik Kanada 300 (net soveel as die getal wat deur gereelde evangeliewerke gewin is, en 74 deur die uniepresident), sekretaris van Missouri 'n nuwe kerk, in Oostlik Kanada het al die beaampes, op twee vrouens na, deelgeneem, in die Lake Unie het twee presidente 9 en 16 gewin, in Kanada het die Sekretaris van die Generale Konferensie van die Buurtstadsburo 32 siele in 'n nuwe gebied gewin, in Noord-Europa het 20 van die 22 presidente pogings gehou 'met ongewoon goeie sukses,' in Korea het die president van die Verre Ooste Divisie met behulp van 'n vertaler 'n poging gehou, 700 het die vergaderings bygewoon en 100 het te kenne gegee dat hulle die geboorte van God wil hou en die geloof van Jesus bewaar.

"*Deur kerkelede.*—In Kolombia Unie 25, twee pogings in Missouri 19, in Lake Unie het een lid, 12 gewin, 'n lid van die Review and Herald met 'n editeur 18, in Engeland een kerklid 22.

"*Deur jonge predikers.*—In die Stille Suidsee Unie het een jong man 100 siele gewin in 'n streng Katolieke stad, in Kansas het 'n interne prediker 'die hele noord-oostelike deel van die staat in opskudding gebring,' in Iowa het 'n jonge prediker en 'n interne 62 gewin, in Noordelike Stille Suidsee het twee jongmense in twee pogings 100 gewin, en 'n ander een 50, in Oostelik Kanada het 'n jonge man pas uit Kollege in iets meer as 'n jaar 134 gewin, in Hollywood, Kalifornië sal 'n jonge evangelis ongeveer 200 inbring en 'n andere in 'n strandplek 80.

"Broeder Wright, hierdie verslae so staande die Raad van Omaha gegee, laat mens dink aan druppels so nie strome van die late reën. Wie kan sê wat die Here vir ons en deur ons gaan doen as ons ons georganiseerde masjienerie vereenvoudig, ons administratiewe onkoste verminder en ons fondse en die magtige bekwaamheid van ons kragte konsentree op die enige doel waarvir ons bestaan, naamlik om 'n volk in hierdie ernstige ure van oordeel voor te berei om die Here te ontmoet by Sy koms

en in Sy koninkryk? Is dit nie hoog tyd nie om gehoor te gee aan die roepstem van die Here, 'Maak u op, word verlig; want u Lig kom, en die heerlikheid van die Here gaan oor u op'?

"U broeder in Kristus,

"(w.g.) C. H. WATSON."

Broeders en susters, Broeder Watson het ons hier seker iets gegee om ernstig oor na te dink. Ek weet dit sal weerklink in u harte vind.

Die Here seën oorvloedig die pogings van ons predikers en evangeliste. Hy wil ook seën die pogings wat ons kerkelede kan en meer en meer behoort te hou. Ons sal nooit 'n betere tyd kry om die boodskap te verkondig as vandag nie. Laat ons ons opmaak en laat ons 1932 ons beste jaar maak om siele vir hierdie dierbare waarheid te win.

S. S. Departement

J. I. Robison, *Sekretaris*

'n Krisis—'n Dringende Geval

(Die volgende brief wat hier en daar verandering is om van toepassing vir ons Diwiesie te wees, het ons die week van Mevr. L. Flora Plummer, die Sabbatskool Sekretaris van die Generale Konferensie, ontvang. Dit bevat 'n ernstige oproep vir ons Sabbatskole in hierdie tyd van nood en ons moet dit nie verbygaan nie.—J. I. R.)

GELIEFDE Sabbatskole in Suid-Afrika,

Iets buitengewoons moet gedaan word, anders sal 1932 'n rampsalige jaar vir ons geliefde saak word. In hierdie tyd van spanning stuur die Komitee van die Generale Konferensie 'n S O S oproep aan die Sabbatskool Departement. Geen groter eer het ek ooit geken nie as toe ek in die teenwoordigheid van die vergaderde ag-en-twintig manne in die Komitee opstaan en as u verteenwoordiger sê: "Die Sabbatskole in die wêreld sal hul bes doen om te doen wat julle vra."

Onmiddellik na die komiteevergaderings het ek na my kantoor gegaan, my werkers bymekaar geroep, en vir hul die behoefte en die oproep aan ons verklaar. E nou is ons besig met hierdie oproep te mimeograaf, enveloppe te adresseer en ons het alles opsy gesit om dit gou te pos. ons verklaar. En nou is ons besig wees: "Elke week 'n trippens meer vir die Sending."

Hierdie verandering affekteer nie

die basis waarop ons wimpels word gegee nie, dis 1/3 per week,—maar dis net 'n noodmiddel. Gemiddeld 'n trippens meer per week van elke lid van ons Europese ledetal in Suid-Afrika sal in 1932 £1,625 inbring; en as hierdie wagwoord oor heel die wêreld deur ons Europese kerklede aangeneem word, sal dit ons deurhelp. Ons kan dit seker doen.

Daar is baie wat hul weeklikse offerande met 'n sikspens en meer kan vermeerder om op te maak vir die wat baie arm is en gebrek ly. As ons saamstaan, kan ons dit doen. Ons moet hierdie saak aanpak asof ons huis aan die brand staan, asof die skip aan sinke was, asof ons sendeling in 'n myn was wat plotseling ingeval is—ons moet moedig en aanhoudend saamwerk met onoorwinlike moed, totdat die krisis verby is.

Ek bid terwyl ek skryf dat die gees van hierdie oproep swaar op u hart mag druk; dat u alles sal opsy sit totdat u hierdie oproep voor al ons Sabbatskole gebring het.

Mag die Here u pogings met sukses bekroon.

Vol moed die Uwe,

L. FLORA PLUMMER.

Uitgewers Dept.

L. A. Vixie, *Sekretaris*

Konvensies en Institusies

L. A. VIXIE

DIE werkers wat vandag sukses wil hê in die Here se werk, moet die regte manier volg en goed opgelei word. Die organisasie wat nie verstandige planne maak om sy werk sterker te maak en uit te brei nie, sal netnou op niks uitloop nie. In hierdie kritieke tyd is dit 'n vereiste om doeltreffende planne te maak om die werk te doen.

Die Sendingsbeweging van die kerklede en die evangelisasie werk van die kolporteurs is twee van die sterkste faktore van die derde engelboodskap. Sonder hierdie faktore sou die werk van Sewende-dag Adventiste 'n mislukking wees. Hulle is onmisbaar in die verkondiging aan die agtien honderd miljoen aardbewoners dat die ewigheid netnou voorstaan en daar geen tyd meer sal wees nie.

Van die derde tot die negende April sal die Uitgewers en Buurt-

sending konvensies te Johannesburg gehou word. Omtrent die tyd sal die leiers in die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie Konferensie en die Sambesie saamvergader om bepaalde progressiewe planne te maak waardeur die boodskap deur die getroue kolporteurs vinniger en meer doeltreffend vorentoe sal gaan. Ons het behoefte aan groot wysheid en geloof waar ons planne maak vir hierdie departemente. Baie werkers soek alreeds die genadetroon om die Here se planne vir ons te ken. Ons nooi al die gelowiges in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Diviesie om ernstig met ons te bid sodat ons die leiding van die Here in hierdie konvensies mag hê. Op die manier alleen sal ons die werk met vernude sukses vorentoe sien gaan.

Ouderling C. E. Weaks van die Uitgewers Departement van die Generale Konferensie sal met ons wees. Broeder Weaks het jarelange ervaring in albei die Buurtsending en Uitgewers Departemente. Hy het veral in Amerika gearbeid, hoewel hy nie tot daardie veld beperk was nie. Nege jaar was hy in die Verre Ooste en sewe jaar in die Europese Diviesie. Sy raad beteken baie vir ons.

Behalwe hierdie twee konvensies is ons van plan om sewe institusies te hou. Twee daarvan vlak voor die konvensies en vyf daarna. Ons plan is om ons getroue kolporteurs op daardie institusies die kuns van christelike koopmanskap te leer. Ons weet dat ons kolporteurs alleen dan sukses het as hulle behoorlik opgelei is. Ons vra opnuut vir u gebede dat die Here Sy Gees van wysheid mag gee aan die wat die leiding het in hierdie institusies. Op die manier verhaas ook u die koms van ons ge-seënde Heiland. Onthou dat baie krag is die gevolg van baie gebed.

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Bethlehem

W. LEROY HYATT

DIT was my voorreg om onlangs 'n paar dae by ons lede te Bethlehem deur te bring. Ek was daar van Don-derdag 4 Februarie tot Maandag 8 Februarie. In die tyd het ons nege

of tien dienste gehou met ons broederes met die moter, perd en kar en van die omliggende dorpe en distrikte. Ons waardeur die uitstekende gees wat hierdie geliefde lede gewys het. Party het gekom met die trein, anders met die moter, perd en kar en een broeder het heeltemal van Senekal gekom met die fiets. Die Adventboodskap het werklik vat op die harte van hierdie getroue lede. Dit lyk of hulle hul uiterste bes doen om die lig van die derde engel boodskap brandende te hou in daardie deel van ons konferensie gebied. Dit nie alleen, maar hulle bring ook anderes in die waarheid en meer dan iets anderste hou dit hul ervaring lewendig en dis wat die vuur brandende hou op die altaar van hul harte. Sabbatmôre het ons die voorreg gehad om die heilige Avondmaal te vier. Die Here was seer naby terwyl die gebeurtenisse van Golgotha weer opnuut onder ons aandag gebring is. Die harte is aangeraak by die gedagte aan die prys wat vir ons verlossing betaal is en ons het die brood en die wyn gebruik met 'n ernstige gebed dat Christus in ons harte wou kom woon. By die instelling van ootmoed was daar 'n ernstige begeerte in ons harte om deel te hê aan dieselfde gees van ootmoed wat in die hart van ons Here en Heiland gebrand het, en dat ons sou besef dat ons al die mense se skuldenaars was. Die hele diens het 'n diep indruk gemaak op die wat jarelank al lede van ons kerk was, sowel as op die wat vir die eerste keer met ons aan die voetwassing deelgeneem het.

Sondagmôre het ons 'n mooi doopdiens gehou in die private swembad buite die dorp. Vyf dierbare siele het hul Here in die watergraf gevolg en groot blydschap het hul harte vervul waar hulle die voorreg gehad het om die voetstaptes van die nederige en sagmoedige Heiland te volg.

Terwyl Broeder Vermeulen as kolporteur-evangelis in Senekal besig was, het hy vir 'n jonge dame en haar broer Bybelstudies gegee. Die dame het die waarheid aangeneem. Eers het sy baie teenstand ontmoet, maar as gevolg van haar getroue arbeid en selfopofferende liefde het sy daarin geslaag om haar vader, twee susters en 'n broer in die waarheid te bring. Vier lede van hierdie familie was in die doopklas. 'n Getroue broeder wat jarelank te Senekal gewoon het, was so gelukkig om sy vrou Bethlehemtoe te bring om gedoop te word. Vir jare het sy die boodskap

weerstand, maar ons is bly dat sy dit nou aangeneem het en dat sy nou by haar man staan om volgens die beginsels van hierdie boodskap te leef en waar moontlik die waarheid te help verkondig.

Dis 'n goeie voorbeeld van wat ons kolporteurs en kerklede kan doen as hulle as een man die waarheid versprei, Bybelstudies gee en 'n ooreenkomstig kristelike lewe voor ander lei. 'n Grote werk sou kan gedaan word as elke Sewende-dag Adventis in hierdie land ernstige pogings wou doen om sy bure te bereik. Oral sou ons die mense die waarheid sien aanneem en hier en daar sou kleine groepe in ons konferensie ontstaan. Broeders en susters, wat doen u om die lig van die waarheid te versprei? Is u lewe so dat u famielie 'n begeerte kry om hierdie waarheid aan te neem? Openbaar u daelike wandel dat die koms van Christus naby is? Laat ons ons bes doen om ons famielede te red voor die sluiting van die genadetyd.

Ons glo dat daar weer spoedig 'n doop in Bethlehem sal wees. Ons is baie dankbaar vir die getrouheid en die opregheid van die lede van die kerk te Bethlehem.



Kennisgewing van Verandering van Kantooradres

Die kantore van die konferensie en die Boek Depot wat tot nogtoe in 14 Claimstraat, Johannesburg was, is nou verplaas na die volgende adres:

17a Pretoriastraat,
Hillbrow,
Johannesburg.

Dis op die hoek van Edith Cavellstraat en op die lyn van al die busse wat na die noorde gaan, en een blok wes van die Twiststraat trem. Let goed op a.u.b. dat die posadres nog altyd Bus 6154 is en dat al die korrespondensie aan die bus geadresseer moet wees. Die telefoonnummer is egter Hillbrow 1694.



Nuus

Broeder en Suster P. A. Venter, Jr. is nou terug van die Kaap waar hulle hul jaarlikse vakansie deurgebring het. Broeder Venter is nou vir veertien dae te Standerton.

Broeder W. Cowper, die nuwe Sabbatskool- en Jongeliede-Sekretaris is

vir tien dae te Ermelo en hou elke aand dienste en raak bekend met die werk van daardie kerk.

Die kerk op Parys was goed gevul op Sondag-, Maandag- en Dinsdag-aande, die 14de, 15de, en 16de Februarie, terwyl Ouderling L. Leroy Hyatt die diens waargeneem en die besigheidsvergadering gelei het.

Heel wat subskripsies vir die *Tekens van die Tye* kom in. Het u u lys ingestuur? Ons vra elke lid dringend om tog jaarlikse subskripsies vir hierdie nuwe Afrikaanse blad te kry.

Broeder en Suster A. C. le Butt is nou te Durban. Broeder le Butt bedien nou die kerke van Durban, Maritzburg en Sweetwaters. Hul adres is 35 Davenport Avenue, Durban. Mag die Here die arbeid van ons Broeder in Natal seën.



Versoek om Voorbidding

'n Broeder in Claremontdistrik, Pretoria, vra deur die *OUTLOOK* om spesiale voorbidding dat die Here vir hom en sy ganse gesin genade mag gee, en veral sy groot seuns mag verlos van die rook. Meer en meer hoor ons van gevalle waar nie soseer die drank as wel die rook siele as met 'n sterke ketting bind. Dis alleen genade van Bo en die wilskrag van die persone self wat hierdie bande verbreek. Veral in geval van rook vergeet die betrokke persoon dikwels dat van homself gevra word die ernstige wil; hy moet *gedetermineerd* wees om van die kwaad verlos te word. Soos 'n Daniël moet hy hom in sy hart voorneem dat hy hom nie sal verontreinig nie. (Dan. 1:8.)

Obituaries

TARR.—Charles Edwin Tarr passed quietly away in the early morning of January 20, 1932, at the Health Institute, 63, Western Road, Port Elizabeth. He had been in indifferent health for about two years, and for the last seven months had suffered from acute nephritis. The last three months of his life were spent at the Health Institute, where all that loving care and attention could do for restoration to health was done.

Charles was the fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tarr of Tarsus, Cathcart. He was one of the first students to be enrolled in the old Union College, Kenilworth. In 1906 he married Lucy Jeanette Isacke, two children being born of the union, Leonard and Mildred. The family have their home at Tsessebe, B. P., and are widely known and respected there. Always of an exemplary Christian character, a devoted husband, and loving father, he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He leaves, besides his wife and two children, an aged mother and several brothers and sisters to mourn their loss.

There being no S. D. A. minister avail-

able on account of the camp-meeting at the Cape, the Rev. Roberts, an old Wesleyan minister and friend of the family, conducted the funeral service at the Health Institute and at the graveside. Charles was buried in the South End cemetery, there to await the call of the Life Giver.

Q. H. JUBBER.

VAN DER POEL.—Donald van der Poel, aged twenty-one years and six months, was laid to rest in the little Seventh-day Adventist cemetery at George on Sabbath afternoon, January 24, after a long ten weeks of suffering in the local hospital.

Early in November while riding pillion on a motor-cycle, he crashed into a motor-car, as a result of which he sustained a compound fracture of his right leg. After ten weeks' treatment in the local hospital, it was found necessary to operate. Our brother died three hours after the operation.

Brother Van der Poel accepted present truth about five years ago under the ministry of Elder Staples, and had been an earnest worker in both the church and the Sabbath school up to the time of the accident.

Late on Friday afternoon, while attending the camp-meeting at Kenilworth, the writer was called to conduct the funeral service. Mr. Victor Smith very kindly offered to take me over by aeroplane, and in two and three quarter hours we landed in George in good time to make all necessary arrangements for the funeral. Nearly all the church members as well as a large number of friends of our late brother attended the funeral which was conducted by the writer in the church. A final service was held at the graveside, after which we laid him to rest with a sure hope to meet him when Jesus calls the dead in Christ to life again at the first resurrection.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved mother, as well as to the relatives in this their deep sorrow. Our brother's place is vacant in the George church. Who will step in to fill the place?

The writer returned to Cape Town by plane early enough on Sunday morning to attend the conference committee meeting at eight o'clock. I wish to express my sincere thanks to Brother Smith for so kindly taking me over to perform the burial service of the departed.

S. G. HITEN.

VAN SCHALKWYK.—Dit het die Here van lewe en dood behaag om plotseling uit ons midde weg te neem Broeder Ockert C. van Schalkwyk vroeër van Standerton, in die ouderdom van 24 jaar, 1 maand en 8 dae.

Hierdie broeder het reeds jonk, 15 jaar, die Here gevolg en was deur Ouderling S. G. Hiten in 1923 gedoop. Hy het die 26ste Des. 1931 te Pretoria deur 'n moter ongeluk sy lewe verloor. Ds. Murray van die N. G. Kerk, Pretoria, het die lykrede gehou. "Kosteljk is in de oogen des Heeren de dood Zijner gunstgenooten."

Ons betuig ons deelneming in die droewige verlies aan die ouers, A. J. van Schalkwyk en famielie, P. K. Witpoort.

P. J. LEWIS.

N.B.—Hierdie doodsberig het eers hierdie week ons kantoor bereik.—Red.

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General News

Miss Daisy Ingle arrived at the Cape early in February for a visit prior to her return to Nyasaland to take up her work again at the Malamulo Hospital.

Miss Beatrice Webb, of the Division staff, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. She has made a good recovery and is again back at work.

Brother Onions, while on visit to the Cape from Salisbury, had the misfortune to be knocked down in Cape Town by a motor-car and quite seriously injured. He was taken to hospital where he made a good recovery.

Elders J. F. Wright and E. D. Dick left the Division office on February 15 for extended visits to the field, Elder Wright to Bechuanaland and the Transvaal, and Elder Dick to Angola and the Congo. Elder J. I. Robison left the Cape on February 23 to assist in meetings and institutes in the South African Union.

Missionary Volunteer Week, announced on the calendar of dates as for April 2-9, has been changed to April 16-23. This week has been set apart as a special week for the young people, and it is urged that in every church the special programme be followed, especially where there are a goodly number of children and youth.

Missionaries on coastal furlough at the present time include Elder and Mrs. C. Robinson, Elder and Mrs. O. Bredenkamp and Brother and

Sister F. B. Jewell, all of whom are taking further training at Helderberg College; Brother R. L. Jones from the Congo who is assisting Brother Staples at Kimberley; Elder J. D. Baker from Angola who is assisting in the coloured work on the Peninsula; Elder H. M. Sparrow from Northern Rhodesia who is doing some church work in the Cape Conference; Brother and Sister C. E. Wheeler from Northern Rhodesia who are recuperating in Port Alfred.

Helderberg Notes

We are very happy to report an enrolment of 125. This includes Brother Bredenkamp, Sister Jewell and Brother and Sister C. Robinson who will remain only during the first quarter.

The film on S. D. A. missions and work in Africa was shown in the chapel Saturday night. Although many had seen the picture before it was greatly enjoyed by all.

Standard IX had the privilege of a trip to Parliament with Brother W. F. Tarr on Wednesday last. Mr. P. A. B. Foure, M. P., took an interest in them and arranged special seats for the class in the gallery.

The electric current was turned on at the College for the first time Friday evening, February 5, during the supper hour, and great was the rejoicing as the dining room was flooded

with light. All the buildings are wired and there are six lights on the campus. This is a great blessing and will be a very definite help in carrying on the work of the school.

The apricot and peach season is past. We have had a good crop and the students greatly enjoyed the peaches. The kitchen has been busy bottling for the school's use during the year. To date we have 1,144 quarts of fruit and jam in glass bottles. Pears are now plentiful and the grapes will soon be in season.

M. ROBISON.

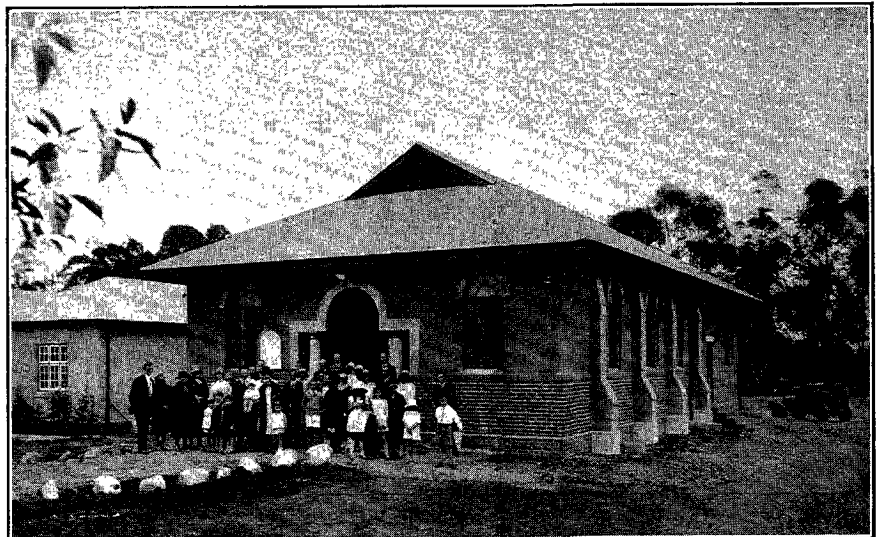
Thanks

MRS. C. E. TARR wishes to express her sincere thanks to the brethren and sisters of the church for the kindness shown to her late husband during his illness; and also for their prayers, and the letters of sympathy received in her sad bereavement.

Wanted

A BELIEVER who is honest, steady, hard-working and capable, seeks employment as farm manager. Good knowledge of poultry, stock and ploughing.

Good business references, hardware, farming implement demonstrator, also motor-car demonstrator. Willing to accept any position. Write, "Honest," 73 Alice Street, Kingwilliamstown, C. P.



Last month Elder A. N. Ingle reported the organisation of a new church in Salisbury. This is a picture of the building and worshippers.