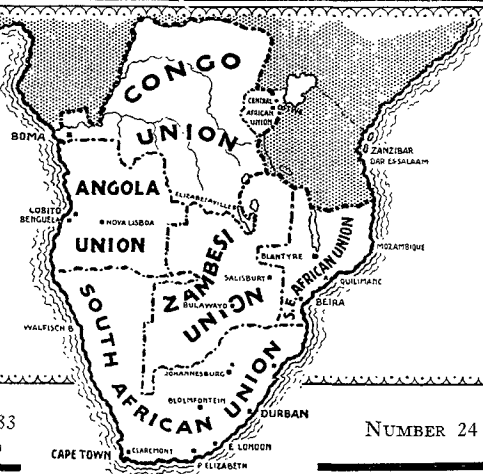


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An Open Letter to Our Churches Throughout the World

Greetings from 1933 Autumn Council

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF LIKE
PRECIOUS FAITH:

One thought seems to be uppermost in the minds of all classes of people at the present time: "What is the meaning of current events? Whither are we drifting? What is the world coming to?" We read these inquiries in the press, we hear them asked by people on the street, we hear them from the platform and the pulpit—everywhere: *What do these things mean?* Thoughtful editorials and articles from the ablest writers appear in the leading papers and magazines, all asking or attempting to answer the question: *Whither are we drifting?*

In all history there has never been such a world-wide fear of the future as has possessed the hearts of men for the past few years—a fear that is growing, indescribable, undefinable, but none the less almost universal, and that has cost the world millions of lives and billions of dollars. This fear is in the hearts of rulers and law makers who shape the affairs of nations; it haunts the hearts of bankers and financiers; it affects the merchant and the manufacturer the buyer and the seller. Everything is uncertain. If Christ were on earth in person, as He once was, how could He describe present-day conditions more accurately than He did in these words to His disciples: "Upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring. Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things that are coming upon the earth?"

Were these troubles confined to one nation or to one country, it would be different; but they are world-wide, and affect all peoples. No sooner have we ceased to discuss some uncontrollable calamity occurring in one place than a report comes

of some great disaster in another area. On the one hand there are millions of people actually starving; on the other, men are burning their surplus grain for fuel or destroying it in other ways.



The World's Great Need

A HUNGRY world, sin-sick and sore, has need,
A great outstanding need, of men of power,—
Men rich in faith, who've wrestled hour by hour
Through fasting days and praying nights to feed
The spirit's flame within; not with some creed,
But that, 'mid sinning lives, some heavenly flower
May perfect blossom, bringing promised shower
Of latter rain in lives of men in deed.
Call not preaching of creeds the cure of sin;
Show us the life redeemed, restored, reclaimed,—
The Christ life lived in flesh, the need within
Supplied and filled, till, when we're Christians named,
We're called by what we are. The world doth cry
For men to live on earth as saints shall live on high.

I. H. EVANS.

Some great cities, formerly rich and prosperous, confess themselves bankrupt and their coffers empty; and the leading nations are spending far beyond the ability of the people to pay. Taxation increases on every hand, and property holders are desperate to secure funds to meet the demands made upon them. Many are asking: Shall we abandon our farms and homes, and let the state take over our property? Still the nations and local governments feel compelled to go on increasing their expenditures, piling debt upon debt.

Morals are slipping, and even in professedly Christian lands the standards of uprightness and morality are being lowered. The chronicle of crime occupies a leading place in the daily press—murders, kidnappings, suicides, banditry, robbery, arson, increase month by month until soberminded persons ask what the end can be. Worst of all, unless it touches men personally, they become almost indifferent to it. It used to be thought that the World War was responsible for the increased crime; but fifteen years after the armistice the orgy goes increasingly on. What does it all mean? Students of Bible prophecy read in present-day conditions the fulfilment of the signs given by Christ as signs to show His coming near. If not, what will ever constitute their fulfilment? Said the Saviour:

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. . . . Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This gene-

ration shall not pass away till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away."

Paul caught the very spirit of the second coming of Christ when he wrote to the church at Rome that stirring admonition which certainly belongs to the Advent believers at this hour:

"And that knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. . . . Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."

Two things should concern us deeply at the present time: (1) To be ready for the coming of the Lord, and (2) To finish His work in the earth.

Be ready. Again and again the Saviour gave the admonition, "Watch," "Be ready."

"Watch therefore, for ye know not in what hour your Lord doth come. . . . Therefore be ye also ready: for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh."

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

"And what I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch."

How could the Lord show more concern for his people than He does when He uses such importuning language? It is more than advice: it is love mingled with deep desire that His people will not be so occupied with the affairs of this life that they will neglect to prepare for the coming of the day of the Lord. That day is a day of weal or of woe to each one of us individually. It settles our eternal destiny. Beyond it there is no reforming, no repentance, no forgiveness. Then, too, it takes place while we are living, and active in the affairs of life. The coming of Christ is not preceded by a time of godliness and seeking after righteousness by the peoples of the world. We are told that:

"As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then two shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken and the other left. Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

Our first duty, therefore, is to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Master. We must be ready and in an attitude of waiting if we are to be saved in that great day. A profession of religion is not sufficient. We must be clothed with the righteousness of Christ, which comes alone through faith. Nor are we to live in fear of failure. There must come to each one

of us the experience so exultantly described by Isaiah:

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God: for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with jewels."

In this way, and in no other, can we be prepared for the coming of our Lord.

We must finish the Lord's work upon the earth. This is our duty as well as our privilege. God's work is precious to Him; He has committed it to His people to finish; and it must be finished. This means that the gospel will be preached in all the world; for Christ Himself declared:

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come."

One of the evidences of the soon coming of our Lord is the preaching of the three angel's messages in all the world, as John saw in vision on Patmos. The everlasting gospel, the three messages of Revelation 14, must go to all the world as a witness.

It is wonderful how the proclamation of the third angel's message has sped on, passing from nation to nation, from one language to another, till at the end of 1932 it has already reached 275 countries, speaking 485 languages and dialects. The last six years have seen the message proclaimed in 229 languages in which it has not been preached before. In less than every ten days on the average for the past six years a new language has heard some part of the three angel's messages. At the close of 1932 our church membership was reported as 362,101. With these language areas entered by voice or printed page, it has been estimated that if we had sufficient working force we could now reach a billion and three quarters of the two billion of the world's population.

The year 1932 was the best year in all our history in soul-winning. Strange as it may seem, in the very time when money was hard to get, our people rallied to the calls made, and gave so liberally from their limited resources that we have been enabled to keep our work moving forward after effecting various cuts in salaries and operating expenses. Our hearts have been greatly cheered by the rapid increase in church membership during the last two years. In almost all the world field, the growth in membership has been the best in our denominational history; and in North America 1932 was the best year in baptisms and increase of membership that we have ever had.

The future lies before us. With the blessing of God we can make our work from now on far more fruitful in souls than it ever has been in the past. Consecration and a united front will insure success. When every brother keeps stroke with every other, when unity and brotherly love prevail, when in earnest prayer we

seek the Lord and put sin out of our hearts, we have every reason to believe that the Lord will send to us the fullness of His blessing. "If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tender-hearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one." —*"Testimonies,"* Vol. IX, p. 189. What a harvest of souls this would bring!

Some fear that if prosperity returns (and the world is struggling to bring this about) the church will lose its zeal, and cease its activity in soul winning. This must not be. The church is to "be in the world, not of the world." Neither prosperity nor adversity should affect our zeal and consecration to God. Our faith and love is the key that unlocks the storehouse of His riches to us. As time passes, and we come nearer and nearer to the end, the church is to be more prayerful, more zealous, more sacrificing, more Christlike, and put forth greater efforts to win others to Christ.

Ministers and laymen should unite in their efforts to reach the unconverted. Our laymen are already doing a great work, but a greater lies before them as well as before our ministry in winning souls to Christ. Shall we not make 1934 our banner year in Christian growth and in soul winning?

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

Helderberg College

Helderberg College for 1934

G. E. SHANKEL

Now that vacation days have come again many of our parents are earnestly considering the future of their sons and daughters. Upon the decision reached may depend their whole future,—may in fact determine their destiny.

From some contacts that I have made in recent months, in educational circles, I have been made acutely conscious of the truth of the statement from "Counsels to Teachers: "Satan has artfully woven his dogmas, his false theories into the instruction given." These influences are so subtle, and insinuate themselves so unconsciously into the minds of boys and girls as to be scarcely discernible at the time. The danger today is not merely in evolution and its dependent theories. There are other teachings equally soul-destroying and they permeate all civilisation. Social concepts have changed and the bars of moral restraint are largely broken down.

The world is rapidly swinging toward paganism, a somewhat cultured pagan civilisation comparable to that of Greece and Rome. Our youth breathe the miasma of devitalized Christianity on every hand and the danger of forming a low conception of spiritual life is great indeed. If ever

our schools are to be havens of refuge for our youth it is now.

Moreover, the task of finishing God's message devolves largely on the youth. The way to prepare for that work is to receive the training which our schools are designed to give. It is in the providence of God that a college is established here where the youth may gain a preparation for service. In the home and in the regular church service we have important agencies in the development of spiritual life but actually the task of training young people to meet the demands of this hour requires years of patient and persistent effort. In some measure Helderberg College has succeeded in discharging its responsibility. The college has proved the spiritual birthplace of many; others have gained a completely new vision of Christian life and service. How many of our hundreds of youth will share in the blessings of Helderberg College in 1934? If we weigh the question in the light of eternity, then I believe that the college will be filled to overflowing.



Personal Experiences in Accepting the Message

NOTE.—Under this heading we will publish, from time to time, personal testimonies from those who, during recent years, have stepped out upon the promise of God to keep all of His commandments. These will be read with interest, and we invite others to join in this testimony meeting. Send in your personal experience in accepting this message. It will bring joy to some doubting soul to know how God led you into this wonderful message. Send your testimony to the OUTLOOK Editor, General Conference office, Grove Avenue, Claremont, Cape.

A WESLEYAN Methodist all my life, with a wife the daughter of a Wesleyan minister, we surely had the "form of godliness" without the power thereof. My wife never was a great worker but a good woman, while the writer was a lay preacher and a Sunday school worker; neither of us however were satisfied with our lives. We were constantly looking for a *something* we could hold on to in these fast moving times, but failed to find that in the service of the church or its literature.

The writer met Elder Arthur Ingle just before his effort in Salisbury nearly four years ago, and a something constrained us to do a thing we had never done before,—to go and listen to a stranger. We had previously stayed home rather than go to a strange church. Well, we went and heard his talk on "The Bible." That was what we were looking for: we hardly missed a lecture after that until the invitation was given and we both stood for the truth. We thank God for the courage to do so, and more so for the strength He has given us to still stand.

It meant I lost my billet, but God has been faithful. I have not been one day out of work since. I lost quite a few friends, but we have found a Friend who far out-weighs all the earthly friendships. It is worth it all and more to have the real soul satisfaction and rest that comes as the result of "keeping the commandments of God" and having given to us "the faith of Jesus."

My training as a lay preacher is helping me now in my position of local elder; but what a change it meant in style of preaching. Then I had no definite message, now the message is from God's Word, true, clear, soul-saving, life-giving; in fact it is hard to keep silent, one wants to tell it out all the time.

I would add, with a prayer that someone in like state as I was may be helped, it was indeed a great struggle to have to break down and give up the things of a lifetime; no matter how unsatisfying they had been, they were dear from a traditional point of view. One has to become an "Iconoclast" with a vengeance, but it is worth it all because we can give the Lord a chance to perfect His image in us when all other idols are cast out. My prayer is "Live out Thy life within me."

H. HIPKIN,
Salisbury.

H. M. Department

F. E. Potter, Secretary

An Open Letter to the Church Officers of 1934

DEAR FELLOW-LABOURERS,

As you are no doubt planning now for an aggressive programme for the coming year I wish to urge you all to give a more prominent place than ever before in your church to the literature ministry. You all know how the high standard set for this ministry in the Spirit of prophecy, and the great value placed upon it by the servant of the Lord as a soul-winning agency.

The printed page is a mighty factor in the world these days. The enemies of Christianity are wildly enthusiastic about the value of the press. Notice the following words taken from an article appearing in *Demain*, a paper issued in France by a group of Russians devoted to the propagation of Russia's anti-God creed. "The most powerful weapon is the printed page. Atheistic books are translated and original publications are produced in the native language. The influence of atheistic ideas in indigenous literature is a significant fact which can hardly be overestimated."

The article goes on to describe the activities of the International Proletarian Freethinkers whose aim is to introduce anti-religious propaganda into every country of the world. In America, Australia,

Britain, Europe and Asia this society is making rapid strides, largely through the use of the printed page. Their eyes are now on Africa, India, and China.

Now turn an attentive ear to the following exhortation from the servant of the Lord, who has been so signally used in directing the activities of God's remnant church on earth. "Church Members, awake to the importance of the circulation of our literature, and devote more time to this work. Place in the homes of the people papers, tracts, and books that will preach the gospel in its several lines. There is no time to be lost. Let many give themselves willingly and unselfishly to the work, and thus help to sound a warning that is greatly needed. When the church takes up her appointed work, she will go forth, 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.'"—"Counsels on Health," page 464.

Notice that this is the church's "appointed work," and that when she takes it up in earnest she will be irresistible. So, dear fellow-labourers, give a definite place in your 1934 programme to the great literature ministry. Organise a literature band in your church. Endeavour to enrol every member in it. Write to your Book Depository and ask for the Home Missionary leaflets which provide valuable hints on how to use literature in your church. That is the beauty of the literature ministry—there is room for everyone in its ranks. After organising and starting the band at work, keep it going. Hold up the sacredness and importance of the work before your church constantly.

Quite a number of souls were won to the truth this year through the literature ministry. Let us plan at least to treble that number during 1934. It can be done if you will plan for it in your church. May the Spirit of God direct you all in your plans for 1934, and may the rich blessings of our heavenly Father rest bounteously upon your earnest efforts to hasten in the kingdom of His dear Son.

Faithfully your fellow-labourer,
F. E. POTTER.

Z. U. Mission

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Good News From Mashonaland

W. P. OWEN

We have just closed our evangelistic campaigns in Mashonaland. These efforts are conducted by our teachers assisted by a few evangelists. It is encouraging to see how these men lay hold of the work at this time. We were short of workers and we had to plan very carefully, in order

to get a group of teachers in each of the different places where the people have called for us to enter.

The period from August 27 to September 16 was set apart as our "preaching season." During that time the schools are closed and the teachers conduct evangelistic efforts. Quite a number of these were held, but space will allow us to report on only one which the writer and his band conducted in the Maranke Reserve.

We left the mission in our little mule-wagon, with provisions for about a month and a "be strong and of a good courage" spirit. We started out on a trip with danger ahead, but we knew that Jesus led and that was enough. The four teachers and one evangelist who went with us were of very good courage as well.

About a week later we arrived at our destination, after travelling over some of the worst roads in Mashonaland. The country is very wild and at times we had to get people to cut a road through the forest before we could advance. The first evening, before our camp was fully prepared, darkness came upon us and so Mrs. Owen and I had to sleep in the open. About 9.00 P.M. we heard the first dreaded roar of a lion—not too far off either. We were very tired and so with the assurance of God's protecting care we fell asleep. The next morning we found the lion's tracks not twenty yards from our beds. Surely the Lord cares for His own.

There was no time to thing about this lion—for the night of sin is so dark in that country and that formidable enemy of souls is ever on duty as a roaring lion—so we arranged for the services and Bible studies which were to be held.

At first the people were not over confident in us. But here the "right arm" of the message showed its strength. As my wife attended to those who were suffering so badly from sore eyes, they began to realise that we had come to help them. Friends, if ever I saw "sin in the raw" it was there. They only lived for the devil and what he has done for them can be seen everywhere.

But as they heard "the Jesus story," those sin-hardened, wicked looking faces softened and hope sprang up in their hearts. Today a large group of them are living and looking for that blessed event so soon to come when sin and its curses will be destroyed. We are sending a steward to look after them and teach them so that they can get ready for baptism.

We enjoyed our work there very much in spite of the fact that wild animals were ever around us. We had to go through a real night of terror as the lions attacked our camp one evening and kept us up all night. We heard them on several occasions during the night as they tried to get the mules to stampede. "Happy," our fox terrier, was very nearly killed in his brave endeavours to keep them away.

The sun continually beat down upon us. It was almost unbearable. But we were happy to bring the message of salva-

tion to those poor perishing blood-bought souls, and we rejoice in the results.

Brethren we are living in solemn times; we are living in hard times, but let our courage rise every day, knowing that our "redemption draweth nigh." Soon all this trouble will be over, soon we shall see the results of our labours and sacrifices.

We, here in this part of the field, are of good courage. God is working wonders for us. At this last camp-meeting we baptised more than in any previous year, and we rest confident that this coming year we shall win still more for the Master. Our people are loyal to the truth. Just one example of this. The other day I visited one of our old men, who is very poor and hardly has food for his children. (Mashonaland is facing a famine in some parts.) He has a son at Solusi training school to support as well. Right at this critical hour an old employer of his called him and wanted him to take charge of a trading store for him. Our brother thought that his luck had come. He arranged to work for two pounds per month, which is a very good salary for a native, but then he told his master that he had to make one request. He would be willing to work for only one pound if he could just get the Sabbath off. "No," was the answer, "you must work on Saturday or leave my employment." "Master, I will serve you well and do all your orders, but I cannot disobey my heavenly Master." That made the European angry and he told him to go away. Our old brother told me this with a very sad heart, for he has no food for his children. I rejoiced that our people are true and loyal to their Redeemer even in the face of such hardships.



A Visit to Umtali Company

H. HIPKIN

My wife, Nancy and I left home on Wednesday, September 20, and paid a visit to the Sisters Boncker and Fourie at Marandellas and to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Saunders, brother and sister-in-law of Elder (Dr.) Saunders, of Khunti, S. India. We are trying to win these people for the truth. We passed on then to Inyazura; staying with Brother and Sister Palmer until Friday mid-day. I had the privilege of speaking to the students in chapel on the Thursday morning.

Arriving at Umtali on Friday afternoon, we were heartily welcomed by Sister Smith and her husband. I took the Sabbath opening service in the church. Sabbath morning we attended Sabbath school and I conducted the service at 11 A.M. followed by the ordinances and communion services. We spent part of the afternoon, after a rest, visiting the members in their homes and then took part in the closing of Sabbath service. It was a day of blessed experience.

We returned to Inyazura on the Sunday, Brother Palmer conducting a study in the

evening and Brother and Sister Owen joining us. We left on Monday and stayed the night at Sister de Jager's home, "Mount Anwa;" the following two nights we spent with Brother and Sister Stevens at "Mont Clair." These three evenings were spent in talking of the great things of the kingdom; things that deepen and ripen one's Christian experience.

We returned home via Mrewa on Thursday, calling in at Mr. and Mrs. Van de Merwe to enquire as to the possibilities of holding services there from time to time.

We travelled 427 miles in all and the expense of the petrol was met from the Evangelistic Fund of the Salisbury church, which fact alone made the visits possible.

S.A.U. Conference

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Baptism in Durban

ON Sabbath, November 25, the Durban church was filled with members and friends at a baptismal service when seven adults were baptised and identified themselves with the remnant church.

Our hearts were saddened when we realised that Mrs. Course, who was looking forward to baptism and had attended all the classes except two, was not with us to take part in the service. Just a few days before, it was the writer's sad duty to officiate at her funeral, however we can, in faith, leave this sister in God's hands believing with all confidence that she will come forth at the first resurrection again to unite with those of like precious faith.

We welcome these new members into the church and rejoice with them in the promise of a soon-coming Saviour, and believe that each one will be an earnest and zealous worker for the cause both inside and outside the church.

A. C. LE BUTT.



The Missionary Volunteers

A. W. STAPLES

It has been a full month of blessings with the Missionary Volunteers in particular and our church members in general. In all thirty-three sermons were preached, six Bible studies were held, and eighty personal visits made. We are thankful for so many opportunities to minister and serve. Some have been helped over slippery places, and the majority encouraged to press on and upward. The writer has been personally blessed in meeting with our earnest boys and girls. Our churches are surely blessed with talented youth.

We were able to visit churches and European believers at the following places: Parys, Potchefstroom, Fochville, Doorn-

poort, Krugersdorp, Standerton, Ermelo, Vryheid, Pietermaritzburg and Durban. Native churches and believers were visited at Ermelo, Spion Kop, Pietermaritzburg and Edenvale.

Special "Investiture Services" were conducted at Fochville, Doornpoort, Krugersdorp and Ermelo Churches. In all thirty "Friends" and six "Companions" received their pins. Our youth are responding to the call of God. May Heaven's richest blessings be theirs.



Bible Stories for the Cradle Roll

BOOK II

ALL who have been using the new book of "Bible Stories for the Cradle Roll" will be interested to know that the second book in this series is now ready. The series includes five books that will cover the Cradle Roll lessons for a period of five years; one volume for each year. The lessons in this particular book extend from the capture of Jericho to the time of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem by Nehemiah. The author, Miss Rosamond D. Ginther, in her characteristic style portrays in very simple language these Bible Stories in a way that the tiniest tots can easily understand them. Inasmuch as this book is the official lesson medium for the Cradle Roll and the younger Kindergarten children, it is vitally important that every teacher in these divisions be urged to secure a copy for her own use. It is the only source these teachers will have for the lessons beginning with the new year.

Often those who are appointed to teach the little tots two to four years of age find it difficult to hold their attention and interest them. One teacher gives her experience as follows: "Every Sabbath seemed to be a failure, and finally one Sabbath I stopped in the midst of the lesson and gave them the blocks to play with, for I was at a loss to know what to do to keep them in their chairs around the table. I was almost ready to tell our division leader to get a new teacher for that class. The next day I saw a copy of 'Bible Stories for the Cradle Roll.' Immediately I knew I had found the solution to my problem. This book is just full of pictures and illustrations and suggestions for each lesson. What a treasure I had found! Now when the little folks are uneasy I teach them one of the finger plays from this new book, or one of the little poems, and I find that holding the attention of these little Sabbath school members is not an impossible task."

Book II of "Bible Stories for the Cradle Roll" is profusely illustrated and includes a good assortment of finger plays. It contains 192 pages, plus four full-page pictures printed in offset colours; bound in non-fading, blue, purple, embossed cloth. Price 6/-. Order from your Book Depository.

L. FLORA PLUMMER.

'n Ope Brief aan ons Gemeentes oor die Hele Aarde

Groete van die Herfsraad van 1933

GELIEFDE BROEDER EN SUSTERS VAN NET
SO 'N KOSBARE GELOOF:

Dit lyk of die gedagtes van al die klasse van mense in hierdie tyd net deur een gedagte beheers word: "Wat beteken die lopende gebeurtenisse? Waarheen gaan ons? Wat moet daar van die wêreld word?" Ons lees hierdie vrae in die koerante, ons hoor hulle vra deur mense op die straat, ons hoor hulle van die verhoog en van die kansel—oral: "*Wat beteken hierdie dinge?*" Ernstige hoofartikels en stukke van die beste skrywers verskyn in die vernaamste blaaike en tydskrifte, algar vra dieselfde vraag en probeer dit beantwoord: "Waarntoe gaan ons?"

In die hele geskiedenis was daar nog nooit so 'n wêreldwye angs vir die toekoms nie as wat die laaste paar jare die mensehartte besiel—en die angs neem toe, onbeskryflik, onverklaarbaar, en tog niemin amper wêreldwyd is hierdie angs en dit het die wêreld al miljoene lewens en biljoene ponde gekos. Hierdie angs besiel die harte van die regeerders en makers van wette wat die sake van die volke reël; dit spook in die harte van die bankiers en die geldmanne, dit tas die handelaar en die fabrikant, die koper sowel as die verkoper aan. Alles is onseker. As Christus in persoon op die aarde sou wees soos Hy eenmaal was, hoe sou Hy die huidige toestand meer akkuraat kan beskryf het as toe Hy dit aan Sy dissipels gedoen het in die woorde: "En op die aarde benoudheid van nasies in hulle radeloosheid wanneer see en branders dreun, en mense se harte beswyk van vrees en verwagting van die dinge wat oor die wêreld kom?"

Was hierdie moeities tot een nasie of tot een land beperk, dan sou dit 'n verskil maak; maar hulle is wêreldwyd en omvat al die nasies. Nouliks het ons klaargepraat oor die een of ander onbedwingbare ongeval in een plek, of ons hoor weer van 'n groot ellende uit 'n ander hoek. Aan die een kant verhongering daar miljoene mense, en aan die ander kant verbrand hulle die surplus koring as brandstof of vernietig dit op ander maniere.

Party groot stede wat vroeër ryk en welvarend was, verklaar hulself bankrot en hul koffers leeg; en die vooraanstaande nasies gee baie meer uit as wat hul mense kan opbring. Die belasting neem hand oor hand toe en besitters van eiendomme is wanhopig om die fondse te kry om aan die eise wat op hulle gelê is, te voldoen. Baie van hulle vra: Sal ons ons plase en huise verlaat en laat die staat dan maar besit neem van ons goed? En nog voel die nasies en plaaslike goewermente hul verplig om aan te gaan en hul uitgawes te vergroot en skuld op skuld te hoop.

Die sedes gee pad; selfs in belydende Christenlande word die standaarde van op-

regtheid en sedelikheid verlaag. Die verslag van misdaad neem die vernaamste plek in die dagpers in—moorde, kinderroof, selfmoorde, skelmery, rowery, brandstigting, ens. neem van maand tot maand toe, totdat ernstige denkende mense begin te vra: maar wat sal tog die end wees? En die ergste is dat die mense onverskillig begin te word of dit moet hulself raak. Eers het die mense gedink dat die Wêreldoorlog vir die toenemende misdaad verantwoordelik was; maar dis nou vyftien jaar na die wapenstilstand en nog gaan die swelgparty lustig verder. Wat beteken dit alles? Die wat die profesie van die Bybel raadpleeg, sien in die huidige toestand die vervulling van die tekens wat Christus gegee het as tekens wat wys dat Sy koms naby is. Die Heiland het gesê:

"En as hierdie dinge begin gebeur, kyk dan na bo en hef julle hoofde op, omdat julle verlossing naby is. . . . Let op die vyeboom en al die bome. Net soos hulle uitloop, weet julle vanself, as julle dit sien, dat die somer al naby is. So moet julle ook weet dat die koninkryk van God naby is wanneer julle hierdie dinge sien gebeur. Voorwaar Ek sê vir julle, hierdie geslag sal sekerlik nie verbygaan totdat alles gebeur het nie. Die hemel en die aarde sal verbygaan, maar My woorde sal nooit verbygaan nie."

Die apostel Poulus is besiel met hierdie gees van die wederkoms van Christus as hy aan die gemeente van Rome daardie roerende vermaning skryf wat tog seker die Adventgelowiges in hierdie uur geld:

"En dit te meer, omdat ons die tydsomstandighede ken, dat die uur vir ons alreeds daar is om uit die slaap wakker te word; want die verlossing is nou nader by ons as toe ons gelowig geword het. Die nag het vergevorder en dit is amper dag. Laat ons dan afê die werke van die duisternis en die wapens van die lig aangord. . . . Maar beklee julle met die Here Jesus Christus, en maak geen voorsorg vir die vlees om sy begeerlikhede te bevredig nie."

Twee dinge behoort ons in hierdie tyd besonder besig te hou: (1) Om gereed te wees vir die koms van die Here. (2) Om Sy werk op aarde klaar te maak.

Wees gereed. Telkens weer het die Heiland die vermaning gegee: "Waak dan," "Wees gereed."

"Waak dan, omdat julle nie weet watter uur julle Here kom nie. . . . Daarom moet julle ook gereed wees, omdat die Seun van die mens kom in 'n uur dat julle dit nie verwag nie."

"Waak dan, omdat julle die dag en die uur nie weet waarop die Seun van die mens kom nie.

"En wat Ek vir julle sê, sê Ek vir almal: Waak!"

Hoe kon die Here meer Sy besorgdheid vir Sy kinders openbaar as toe Hy van so 'n dringende taal gebruik maak? Dis meer as raad: dis liefde gemeing met 'n innige begeerte dat Sy kinders nie so met die dinge van hierdie lewe sal besig wees nie dat hulle die voorbereiding vir die koms van die Here sal verwaarloos. Daardie dag is 'n dag van wel of van wee vir elkeen van ons persoonlik. Dit beslis ons ewige lot. Daarna is daar geen hervorming, geen bekering, geen vergifnis meer nie. En dit vind plaas terwyl ons leef en besig is met die dinge van hierdie lewe. Die wederkoms van Christus word nie voorafgegaan deur 'n tyd van godsvrug en van 'n vra na die geregtigheid deur die nasies van die aarde nie. Die Skrif sê:

"En net soos die dae van Noag was, so sal ook wees die koms van die Seun van die mens. Want net soos hulle was in die dae voor die sondvloed toe hulle geëet en gedrink het, getrou en in die huwelik uitgegee het, tot op die dag dat Noag in die ark gegaan het, en nie verstaan het voordat die sondvloed gekom en almal weggevoer het nie, so sal ook wees die koms van die Seun van die mens. Dan sal daar twee op die land wees; die een word aangeneem en die ander word verlaat. Twee vroue sal by die meul maal; die een word aangeneem en die ander word verlaat. Waak dan, omdat julle nie weet watter uur julle Here kom nie."

Ons eerste plig is dus om ons harte voor te berei vir die koms van die Here. Ons moet gereed en wagtende wees, as ons in daardie groot dag wil gered wees. 'n Belydenis van godsdienis is nie voldoende nie. Ons moet beklee wees met die geregtigheid van Christus wat alleen deur die geloof kom. Ook moet ons nie leef in die vrees vir mislukking nie. Elkeen van ons moet die verweve ervaring deurmaak waarvan die profeet Jesaja sê:

"Ek is baie bly in die Here, my siel juig in my God; want Hy het my beklee met die klere van heil, in die mantel van geregtigheid my gewikkel—soos 'n bruidgom wat priesterlik die hoofversiersel ombind, en soos 'n bruid wat haar versier met haar juwele."

Op hierdie manier en op geen ander manier nie, kan ons gereed wees vir die koms van die Here.

Ons moet die werk van die Here op die aarde klaarmaak. Dis ons plig sowel as ons voorreg. Die werk van die Here is dierbaar vir Hom; Hy het dit aan Sy kinders gegee om klaar te maak; en dit moet klaargemaak word. Dit beteken dat die evangelie in die hele wêreld sal gepredik word, want Christus Self verklaar: "En hierdie evangelie van die koninkryk sal verkondig word in die hele wêreld tot 'n getuienis vir al die nasies; en dan sal die einde kom."

Een van die bewyse van die spoedige koms van die Here is die prediking van die drie engelboodskap in die hele wêreld soos die apostel Johannes dit in 'n gesig op Patmos gesien het. Die ewige evan-

gelie, die drie boodskappe van Openbaring 14, moet in die hele wêreld uitgaan tot 'n getuienis.

Dis wonderlik hoe die verkondiging van die derde engelboodskap voortgang gemaak het, van nasie tot nasie, van taal tot taal gegaan het. Teen die end van 1932 het dit reeds 275 lande bereik en 485 tale en dialekte. In die laaste ses jaar is die boodskap verkondig in 229 tale waarin dit nog nie gepredik was nie. In minder as gemiddeld elke tien dae vir die laaste ses jaar is 'n deel van die drie engelboodskap in 'n nuwe taal gehoor. Teen die end van 1932 was ons ledetal 362,101. Waar ons hierdie nuwe taalgiede met die gesproke of gedrukte woord betree het, is die berekening dat as ons voldoende werkkragte sou hê, ons nou 'n biljoen en drie kwart van die twee biljoen van die bevolking van die wêreld kan bereik.

Die jaar 1932 was die beste jaar in heel ons geskiedenis in die win van siele. Dit mag vreemd lyk, maar juis toe dit moeilik gegaan het om geld te kry, het ons mense aan die oproep gehoor gegee, en so mildadig van hul beperkte bronne gegee dat ons in staat was om ons werk aan die gang te hou na ons verskeie besnoeiings in salarisse en ander onkoste gedaan het. Ons harte is baie bemoedig deur die vinnige vermeerdering van ledetal in die laaste twee jaar. Oor die hele wêreld is die groei in ledetal die beste in die geskiedenis van ons denominasie gewees; en in Noord-Amerika was 1932 die beste jaar in doopgevalle en vermeerdering van ledetal wat ons ooit gehad het.

Die toekoms lê voor ons. Onder die seën van die Here kan ons ons werk van nou af veel meer vrugbaar in siele maak as dit ooit in die verlede die geval was. Toewyding en 'n verenigde front verseker sukses.

As elke broeder saamstaan met elke ander broeder, as eenheid en broederlike liefde heers, as ons die Here in ernstige gebed soek en die sonde uit ons harte ban, het ons rede om te glo, dat die Here ons die volheid van Sy seën wil gee. "As ons onself voor die Here verneder, en vriendelik, beleefd, teerhartig en barmhartig wil wees, sal daar een honderd bekeringe tot die waarheid wees waar daar nou net een is."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, bld. 189. Wat 'n oes van siele sou dit bring!

Party is bang dat as die voorspoed wederkeer (en die wêreld doen alles om dit tot stand te bring) dat die gemeente dan haar ywer sal verloor en ophou met siele win. Dit moenie wees nie. Die gemeente is "in die wêreld, maar nie van die wêreld nie." Voorspoed nog teenspoed behoort ons ywer en toewyding tot die Here te bepaal nie. Ons geloof en liefde is die sleutel wat die voorraadskuur van Sy rykdom vir ons ontsluit. Waar die dae verbygaan en ons nader tot die end kom, moet die gemeente meer biddend, meer ywerig, meer opoffereend, meer aan Christus gelyk wees en meer pogings doen om ander tot Christus te win.

Laat predikers en gemeentelede saamstaan in hul pogings om die onbekeerdes te win. Ons lede doen alreeds 'n goeie werk, maar voor hulle en ons predikers lê nog 'n baie groter werk om siele vir Christus te win. Laat ons 1934 die banierjaar in Christelike arbeid en die win van siele maak.

DIÉ AMPTENARE VAN DIE GENERALE KONFERENSIE.



Helderberg Kollege vir 1934

G. E. SHANKEL

Nou dat die vakansiedae weer hier is, oorweeg seker baie ouers met erns die toekoms van hul seuns en dogters. Van daardie besluit gaan hul hele toekoms afhang,—feitlik hul lewenslot.

Waar ek in die laaste maande met opvoedkundige kringe in aanraking gekom het, is ek teneer bewus geword van die waarheid van die woorde in "Counsels to Teachers": "Satan het heel kunstig sy dogma's, sy valse teorieë in die onderwys ingevleg." Hierdie invloede is so listig en werk so onbewus op die gedagtes van seuns en dogters in, dat mens dit op die oomblik nouliks merk. Die gevaar lê vandag nie eenvoudig in evolusie en aanverwante teorieë nie. Daar is ander leerstellings wat netso goed die siel verwoes, en hulle deurtrek die hele beskawing. Die maatskaplike begrippe het 'n verandering ondergaan en die slagbome van die sedelike selfbeheersing is veelal verbreek.

Die wêreld neem 'n vinnige draai na die heidendom, al is dit 'n enigins beskaafde heidense beskawing soos die van Griekeland en Rome. Ons jongmense asem aan elke kant die skadelike dampe van 'n ontseude Christendom in, en daar is groot gevaar dat hulle 'n lae begrip van die geestelike lewe vorm. So ooit dan is dit nou dat ons skole veilige hawens vir ons jongmense moet wees.

Ook val die taak om die werk van die boodskap van die Here klaar te maak vir 'n groot deel op ons jongmense. Om vir hierdie werk voorberei te word beteken dié opleiding te ontvang wat ons skole bedoel te gee. Dis onder die voorsienigheid van God dat daar hier 'n kollege opgerig is waar ons jongmense 'n voorbereiding tot diens kan ontvang. In die huisgesin en in die gereelde kerkediens het ons magtige middele om die geestelike lewe te ontwikkel, maar die taak om ons jongmense deëlik op te lei om aan die eise van ons tyd te voldoen, vereis jare van geduldige en aanhoudende poging. In sekere opsig het Helderberg Kollege daarin geslaag om aan hierdie verantwoordelijkheid te beantwoord. Die Kollege was die geestelike geboortegrond vir baie; ander het hier 'n totaal nuwe insig van die Christelike lewe en diens gekry. Hoeveel van die honderde van ons jongmense gaan in 1934 in die seënninge van Helderberg Kollege deel? As ons hierdie vraag in die lig van die ewigheid beskou, dan glo ek dat die Kollege oorvol sal wees.

Buurtsending Dept

F. E. Potter, *Sekretaris*

'n Ope Brief aan die Kerkbeampes van 1934

GELIEFDE MEDEARBEIDERS,

Waar julle nou seker planne maak vir 'n agressiewe program vir die komende jaar, wens ek julle op die gemoed te druk om meer as ooit te vore 'n vername plek in jul gemeente te gee aan die leesstofbediening. Julle weet algar hoe hoog die Gees van profesie praat oor hierdie bediening en watter hoë waarde die diensmaag van die Here heg aan hierdie middel om siele te win.

Die gedrukte blad is 'n magtige faktor in die wêreld in ons dae. Die vyande van die Christendom is buitengewoon entoesiasies oor die waarde van die pers. Let net op die volgende uitspraak in 'n blad *Demain* wat deur 'n groep Russe in Frankryk gedruk word om teen elke godsdiens propaganda te maak. "Die magtigste wapen is die gedrukte blad. Ongelowige boeke word vertaal en oorspronklike publikasies verskyn in die landstale. Die invloed van ongelowige gedagtes in die leesstof van die land is 'n opmerklieke feit wat ons nie genoeg kan waardeer nie."

Verder beskryf die blad die bedrywigheid van die Internasionale Proletariese Vrydenkers wat die doel het om in elke land van die wêreld propaganda teen die godsdiens te maak. In Amerika, Australië, Groot Brittanje, oor Europa en in Asië maak hierdie vereniging groot vordering veral deur gebruik te maak van die gedrukte blad. Hul oë is nou op Afrika, Indië en China.

Laat ons nou met aandag luister na die volgende vermaning van die diensmaag van die Here waar sy so kenlik gebruik is om die bedrywigheid van die gemeente van die oorblyfsel op die aarde te lei: "Gemeentelede, *word wakker* en sien die belangrikheid van die sirkulasie van ons leesstof en *gee meer tyd* aan hierdie werk. Bring in die huise van die mense blaie, traktate en boeke wat die evangelie in hierdie verskillende rigtings verkondig. *Ons het geen tyd om te verlies nie.* Laat baie hierdie werk gewillig en onselfsugtig doen en daardeur help om die so nodige waarskuwing te gee. As die gemeente haar bestelde taak opneem, sal sy uitgaan 'mooi soos die maan, rein soos die son, verskraklik sos slagordes met vaandels.' Hooglied 6:10."—"Counsels on Health," *bld.* 464.

Let op dis die bestelde taak van die gemeente en as sy dit aanvaar, sal sy onweerstandelik wees! Daarom, geliefde medearbeiders, gee 'n bepaalde plek in jul program in 1934 aan die groot leesstofbediening. Organiseer 'n leesstofgroep in

jul gemeente. Probeer om elke gemeentelid daarin te kry. Skryf aan jul Boekdepôt en vra vir "Home Missionary Leaflets" wat waardevol aanwysings bevat hoe om hierdie werk te doen. Die mooie van hierdie bediening is daar is plek vir iedereen. As julle die groep georganiseer en aan die werk het—hou dit besig. Laat die heiligheid en die belangrikheid van die werk voortdurend aan die gemeente bekend word.

Hierdie jaar is heel wat siele vir die waarheid gewin deur die leesstofbediening. Laat ons planmaak om in 1934 daardie getal minstens te verdrievoudig! Ons kan dit doen as julle net in jul gemeente daarvir 'n plan maak. Mag die Gees van die Here julle lei in al jul planne vir 1934 en onse Hemelse Vader al jul pogings ryklik seën dat die koms van die koninkryk van Sy dierbaar Seun mag verhaas word.

Jul getroue Medearbeider,

F. E. POTTER.

Persoonlike Ervarings in die Aanneem van die Boodskap

ONDER hierdie hoof hoop ons van tyd tot tyd persoonlike getuienisse te gee van die wat in die laaste jare uitgestap het op die beloftes van die Here om al Sy gebooe te bewaar. Iedereen sal dit met belangstelling lees en ons nooi anderes uit om hul getuienis in te stuur aangaande hul ervaring in die boodskap. Dit sal die twyfelmoediges vreugde bring om te weet hoe die Here u gelei het om hierdie wonderlike boodskap aan te neem.

Stuur u getuienis aan die Redakteur van die *OUTLOOK*, Kantoor van die Generale Konferensie, Grove Laan, Claremont, Kaap. Dankie.

'N Wesleyaanse Metodis, my vrou die dogter van 'n Wesleyaanse prediker, het ons werklik "die gedaante van godsaligheid" gehad sonder die krag daarvan te ken. My vrou was nooit 'n groot werker nie, maar 'n baie goeie vrou, elkself 'n lekeprediker en Sondagskoolwerker; maar ons was geen van beide tevrede met ons lewe nie. Ons was voortdurend op die uitkyk na iets wat ons kon vashou in hierdie vinnige dae; en ons kon dit nie vind in die dienste van ons gemeente of sy boeke nie.

Skrywer het Ouderling Arthur Ingle ontmoet kort voor sy poging te Salisbury nou vier jaar gelede, en iets het ons geroep om te doen wat ons nog nooit gedaan het nie, gaan luister na 'n vreemde prediker. Ons sou vroeër liewerste by die huis gebly het as om te gaan luister na 'n vreemdeling. Ons het sy toespraak oor "die Bybel" gaan hoor; dit was nou net waarna ons so lank uitgesien het. Daarna het ons amper geen lesing gemis nie, totdat die uitnodiging kom en ons albei vir die waarheid uitstaan. Ons dank die Here vir die moed om dit te doen en vir die krag om vandag nog te staan.

Dit het beteken dat ek my werk ver-

loor; maar die Here was getrou. Ek was sedert nie 'n dag sonder werk nie. Ek het heel wat vriende verloor, maar ons het 'n Vriend gevind Wat meer beteken as al die aardse vriende. Dis dit werd en nog meer om die ware sielsvoldoening en rus te ken as gevolg van die feit dat ons nou "die gebooe van God bewaar" en ons oorgegee het "aan die geloof van Jesus."

My opleiding as lekeprediker help my nou in my werk as plaaslike ouderling; maar wat 'n verandering in die preektrant! Toe het ek nie 'n bepaalde boodskap gehad nie, vandag is die boodskap uit die Woord van God: waar, 'duidelik, dit red die siel en gee lewe; dit gaan swaar om stil te bly, mens wil net daaroor praat.

Ek wil net sê, onder gebed dat dit iemand in gelyke omstandighede mag help, dat dit heel wat gekos het om die dinge waaraan ek my lewe lank gewoond was, op te gee, al was hulle ook nog so onbevredigend; hulle was daarom deur oorlewering dierbaar. Mens moet wel 'n "beeldebreker" word en jou afgode verbreek. Maar dit gee die Here 'n kans om Sy beeld in ons te volmaak as al die ander afgode uitgewerp is. My gebed is dat Hy Sy lewe in my mag uitleef.

H. HIPKIN,
Salisbury.

'n Dag van Danksegging

N. C. WILSON

In die afgelope weke het daar in die deur droogte geteisterde dele van Suid-Afrika oorvloedige en langverwagte reëns geval. Die droogte wat op party plekke drie jaar lank geduur het, is nou verby. Die voorheen welvarende plase in die Vrystaat en ander provinsies wat gedurende die langdurige droogte meer na 'n woestyn gelyk het, verheug hul weer. Die gebed van die mens en die geroep van die stomme diere vir kos en water is gehoor. Onse barmhartige en liefhebbende Vader het antwoord gegee.

Ons stel voor dat ons in al ons gemeentes en huisgesinne Sabbat die 23 Desember afsonder as 'n dag van danksegging vir die oorvloedige reëns wat die laaste weke geval het, sodat die geteisterde land hom weer verheug. "Want die Here is goed, Sy goedertierenheid is tot in ewigheid, en Sy trou van geslag tot geslag." Ps. 100:5.

Ons verenig ons dus met blydschap met ander Christelike liggeme in Suid-Afrika in hierdie diens van danksegging wat die Eerste Minister vir al die kerke voorgeskryf het vir die oorvloedige reëns wat amper oral in die Unie sedert die nasionale dag van verootmoediging geval het.

"As die kinders van God opgroei in genade, sal hulle voortdurend 'n beter begrip van Sy Woord ontvang."

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A Day of Thanksgiving

N. C. WILSON

DURING the past few weeks copious and long looked for rains have fallen throughout the drought stricken parts of South Africa. It appears that the drought, which in certain sections has lasted for three years, has now been broken. The once prosperous farming and pastoral sections of the Free State and other provinces affected, which during the severe and prolonged drought had taken on a desert-like appearance, are again rejoicing. The prayer of man and the inarticulate cry of the animal creation for food and water has been heard and answered by our kind and loving heavenly Father.

We suggest that in all our churches and in every home, Sabbath, December 23, be made a day of thanksgiving to God for the bountiful rains which have fallen during recent weeks, and which have caused the drought stricken areas to rejoice. "The Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting: and His truth endureth to all generations."

We thus gladly join other Christian bodies in South Africa in this thanksgiving service which the Prime Minister has appointed to be observed in all churches for the copious rains that have fallen in almost every part of the Union since the national day of prayer.

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Obituaries

COURSE.—Mabel Louisa Course passed away at the Sanatorium, Durban, on November 15, 1933. Mrs. Course accepted the truth about eighteen months ago, and from that time to her death, was a zealous worker for the cause she had learned to love.

Every service would find our sister in her accustomed place in the church and it will be a source of sadness to notice the empty pew. She attended the baptismal class right up to the week of her death and was to have been baptised in two weeks' time.

Her death was a shock to us all for she was only having a slight operation, and drove her own car to the Sanatorium on the very morning, but before the doctors had started, she collapsed on the operating table and never recovered.

She was laid to rest at the Stellawood cemetery there to await the call of the Life-giver whom she trusted and loved so dearly. She was always of a cheerful disposition and loved by all, a faithful and devoted wife, a loving and patient mother, a sincere and true sister, and a kind and honourable friend, faithful in the smallest detail, zealous in missionary endeavour, and strict in obedience to her heavenly Father in all things. Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to Mr. Course, Raymond, Leslie, and Daphne, also to the sisters, Misses Bourn and Mrs. Walter Lindup, who have not recovered from the terrible shock of their mother's death eight months ago.

The writer conducted the service at the graveside assisted by Elder A. W. Staples.
A. C. LE BUTT.

FARSE.—On June 2, 1932, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Farse, of Salt River, a daughter, little Frances Carolina. She stayed long enough to learn to love her father and mother, but she also learned to know suffering, for bronchitis and whooping-cough proved too much for her little body. After a sojourn of 1 year, 5 months, and 20 days, she fell asleep on November 22, 1933.

Words of comfort and trust were spoken by the writer who also used that beautiful passage from "Mount of Blessing," pp. 23, 25. Elder Abney kindly assisted.

"An appointment planted for the resurrection morn."
ALF. G. KOHEN.