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The 1934 Week of Sacrifice

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WHEN the Division Committee held its annual meeting November 7-14, 1933, it was voted to set apart February 17-24 as a Week of Sacrifice for the year 1934, and so we take this opportunity to announce the matter through the *OUTLOOK*.

As we pause for just a moment to reflect upon what God has done for us in recent years, we feel led to say that truly the Week of Sacrifice has brought unmeasured help and blessing to the cause of truth here in the Southern African Division. During the last five years there has been a most splendid response to the Week of Sacrifice appeal, and it is because of this fact that we feel there will be another liberal and cheerful response to it on the part of all for 1934. There are certain very definite reasons why such should be the case and these we will briefly mention hereunder:

The End Near

Evidently the little time of peace referred to by the servant of the Lord (and which was to follow the World War) is drawing rapidly to a close. We have many evidences that this is true. Men everywhere seem to feel that something tragic is about to happen. One world-writer recently said, after spending some months in Europe, "War is absolutely inevitable and the farthest stretch of time that anyone, even the most optimistic, places it, is two years' hence, and it may come any day." Whether this man is better acquainted with world conditions than others, we know not, but this we do know, many sober-minded men feel that the end of the world is rapidly approaching. Yes, dear brethren and sisters, the end is near, and we must press on with our work with all speed and earnestness. This one reason alone is sufficient to appeal to our hearts to be very liberal in this year's Week of Sacrifice.

Marvellous Advance

Another reason why we should all join so heartily in sacrifice week this year is

Time is Short

The end of all things is at hand. The Lord is soon coming. Already His judgments are abroad in our land. We are not only to talk of Christ's coming, but in every action, we are to reveal the fact that He is soon to be manifested in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Have we the wedding garment on? Have we personal piety? Have we co-operated with divine agencies in a whole hearted, unreserved manner, in weaving into our life's practices the divine principles of God's holy law? It is one thing to talk the law, and it is another thing entirely to practice it. It is the doers of the law that shall be justified before God; for those who do the law represent the character of God, and lie not against the truth.

The Lord is coming. O, the time is short, and who in the Bible view are labourers together with God? Shall we not be filled with fear and awe lest we are still in our own natural tempers, lest we are unconverted, and unholy and seeking to pass off a counterfeit experience for a genuine one? Awake, brethren, awake, before it shall be forever too late.

—Mrs. E. G. White.

due to the marvellous advance being made by the message today in all lands. The latest figures, as presented at the time of the recent Autumn Council, show that the message is now being proclaimed in 275 countries and island groups, using 485 languages and dialects. During the last six years 229 new language areas were entered, which means one new language every nine days during the period.

The report also shows 41,629 baptisms during 1932, this being a larger number than our entire world-membership totalled fifty years ago. It is also interesting to note that such a number means an average of 114 baptisms daily for 1932. Certainly brethren and sisters there can be no doubt in any mind but that these figures reveal a most marvellous advance. Our hearts should be so cheered and inspired by these statistics that we shall be willing to sacrifice as never in the past for a still larger advance in our work.

Open Doors

And yet there is just one more reason why we should rally to make 1934 sacrifice week a banner week in our giving, and this reason is found in the doors which have recently swung open so wide to us.

While in Nyasaland a few weeks ago the writer learned that the paramount chief of Angoniland invited the brethren to come into his territory and begin work. This is certainly a most wonderful opportunity and one for which the brethren have prayed for many years, but just how the South East African Union will be able to respond to this request with such a short budget is a problem not easy to solve. We hope that in some way this new door can be entered without any long delay.

Then Elder Boger has just learned of a large section of Bechuanaland which is opening to us for the first time. How-

ever, again the funds make impossible such an advance and only the Lord knows when and how this new door can be entered. And so we could keep on telling of other openings but we must forbear.

The Appeal

Now, because of the foregoing, we come to our loyal workers and laymen with the earnest appeal that we make the coming Week of Sacrifice a mighty factor in behalf of our work for 1934. Please remember the date and be prepared to do your part when the offering is received Sabbath, February 24.

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Evangelism in South Africa

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By the time this issue of the OUTLOOK reaches the field, four or five evangelistic efforts will be in full swing; while several of the evangelistic companies will be opening their campaigns early in February. The brethren and sisters engaged in these meetings will be under a very heavy strain and will need much grace and wisdom. In our public worship and private devotions let us especially remember our evangelistic workers. They need the encouragement that comes from knowing that they are remembered in your prayers. They need the blessing and power of God which flows earthward as the result of intercessory prayer.

Pastors Staples and Billes, assisted by Brother Kohen, have already started evangelistic services in the heart of populous Salt River.

A large tent has been erected in the Bloemfontein location and an evangelistic campaign is in full swing there. Nearly one thousand people have been attending nightly and a deep interest is manifest.

Pastor J. N. de Beer is busy with evangelistic meetings in Pondoland. Pastor W. C. Tarr is holding a series of meetings near Port Elizabeth. A number of our other ministers in the South African Mission Field are actively engaged in evangelism.

We confidently expect that 1934 will be the best year in our history for evangelism in the South African Conference, the Cape Coloured Field, and the South African Mission Field.

Let us earnestly pray for God's special blessing on the evangelistic workers scattered over South Africa at this time, to the end that a bountiful harvest of souls may be the reward.

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South African Conference Session and Camp-meeting

L. L. MOFFITT

JOHANNESBURG has been chosen, by the conference committee, as the place for the 1934 session of the South African Conference. The Wanderers' Club Building, with its convenient and commodious accommodation, has been secured for the meetings.

The date set for the conference is April 13 to 21. The meetings are scheduled to begin Friday night and are to run through the next week, closing Saturday night the 21st.

Elder Watson, the president of the General Conference, plans to be with us on that occasion. It will be a rare treat to have the General Conference president in attendance at our local biennial conference, and we trust that each church in the conference will be represented by as full a delegation as possible.

All churches should begin planning immediately for this gathering. It may be that some churches at a considerable distance from Johannesburg will need to make up a small fund to assist in sending a delegate or two. Certainly, if at all possible, every church should be represented at the conference.

Concession rates will be available on the railway, and all applications for concession certificates, and requests for accommodation concerning the meetings should be made to the secretary: P. W. Willmore, P. O. Box 256, Bloemfontein, O. F. S.

At this meeting, officers for the ensuing biennial period will be elected, and other important business transacted. However, the larger portion of the meetings will be devoted to spiritual services.

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News Notes

ELDER W. L. HYATT paid the Pretoria church, on Sabbath and Sunday, January 13, 14, a much appreciated visit.

Elders Raubenheimer and Le Butt, together with other workers, are busy arranging for their respective new year evangelistic campaigns.

On January 20, Brother J. J. B. Combrinck had the joy of seeing six baptised at the close of the Afrikaans effort he has held in Bloemfontein. Elder A. W. Staples conducted the baptismal service.

Brother Walter Hayter and Miss Lily Palvie, who were recently married at Taungs, have returned to Ermelo, where Brother Hayter will continue teaching the Ermelo church school.

The conference president and the secretary recently visited Johannesburg on conference business. Accompanied by Elder W. L. Hyatt, they were successful in arranging accommodation for the coming conference session at the Wanderers' Club.

While in the Transvaal, the conference president visited the following churches: Johannesburg, Boksburg North, Brakpan, Germiston, Ermelo, Potchefstroom, and Standerton. This was Elder Moffitt's first visit to Ermelo and Standerton.

The 1934 session of the South African Conference is to be held in Johannesburg, April 13-21. Elder Watson, of Washington, D. C., the General Conference President, is expected to be present. Plans are already under way to make this a most inspiring and profitable gathering of God's people.

Helderberg College

News Notes

As I write these lines there are many activities round about. The new concrete steps in front of Branson Hall are almost completed, the sanding and polishing of the new floors is about half done, while the surfacing of the new walks has been started. We hope to see all these completed during the next week. The preceptor and preceptress are doing their best to have the school homes in readiness for January 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss, of Bethlehem, are visiting Mrs. Garne for a few weeks.

Someone asked a few days ago what was meant by the statement in the last issue about a capacity enrolment. By that was meant the housing of about 155 students in the space that normally is occupied by 130.

The local board met at the college January 22 to consider a few problems incident to the opening of school, the chief of which was the accommodating of the students. We believe that a satisfactory solution has been reached.

Mr. Stuber, nurseryman and landscape architect, spent part of a day at the college advising as to the lay-out of the grounds and the planting of shrubbery.

A number of former students have called recently. Brother Norman Cowley has spent two week-ends at the college. He is canvassing near Wellington, P. H.

Mantell spent part of a Sunday renewing acquaintances. Jack Stockil also spent a week-end. He has accepted a position on the staff of *Picture News* for the present, but is looking forward to the time when he can be back at Helderberg.



Experiences in Accepting the Truth

GEO. A. MCCULLOGH

JUST over three years ago, when I was working on a mine in an outside district, I received a letter from my wife in Salisbury asking me if I had any objections to our daughter's joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I replied that I had none, although at that time I knew nothing whatever about the denomination or what it stood for. Shortly after, she was baptised, and some tracts and books were sent on to me to read, which I did, and was glad my daughter had been so sensible.

Then my wife joined the church shortly afterwards, and the mine I was on closed down, so I came home for a spell. At this time Elder A. N. Ingle was just beginning what was called "another effort" and I was desirous of learning something of what had so affected my home, so I went to the first meeting—then I kept on attending. The meetings ceased eventually, but I had taken to attending some Bible studies in the neighbourhood of our home and eventually I decided to accept Jesus as my own Saviour and to keep all His commandments.

I realised the truth of the message and the completeness of it. I have not had an easy time since I began to keep the Sabbath, and since I was baptised into the fellowship of the church. It has been a problem at times to make ends meet, but neither my family nor I regret our decisions, for we know we are all in our Lord's hands, and pleased and proud to do any little thing we can for Him and His kingdom.

I remember thinking, before I decided to take my stand on the Lord's side, "This is a real church all right, because all whom I see in it are turned into worker for it." I now think and say, may it always be so, and thus carry the Lord's blessing eternally.



Experience of a Railway Employee in Accepting the Message

[THE following experience which is now related by Brother J. Spiby, came under my notice in Cowra some time since. I know of the perplexity felt by our good brother and his wife to secure his exemption from duty on Sabbath. The difficulties in obtaining exemption from Sabbath work were very real, and humanly speaking, insuperable. On one occasion

we associated with Brother Spiby in approaching the Commissioner for Railways and asking him if it were not possible for provision to be made so to arrange our brother's work that his religious convictions could be safeguarded. While personally very sympathetic with the request, the Commissioner, after making careful investigations, told us that it was impossible for Brother Spiby to have exemption from duty on Sabbath and still retain his place in the railway service. However, "prayer changes things. This, Brother Spiby's story of the case will emphasise.—J. W. KENT.]

HAVING been asked to write some of my experiences, I will do my best to tell you how the Lord has blessed us. We know He will bless all those who will stand for the Word of God and keep His commandments.

I am a railway employee in the Locomotive Brance of the N.S.W. Railways Department. About three years ago I heard at the locomotive sheds much about "the Kent mission" then in Cowra, so I told my wife, and we decided to go to hear what this man Kent had to say about the Bible. We were like most other people; we thought our own religion, the Church of England, was right. But when we heard the first service we realised we were on the brink of starvation spiritually. We could not stay away from any more of the meetings, because of the abundance of the bread of life that was continually given there from the Word of God.

The Prospect of Instant Dismissal

When we heard the Sabbath truths presented we became very much troubled. We could not see how I could keep the Sab-

bath and retain my position, as I was called upon to work all hours of the day or night, any day of the week, and the rules of the Railways Department state that we must go to work whenever called upon or receive instant dismissal. Things seemed to look hopeless for me to serve God and keep my job. But my wife and I made it a matter of prayer, asking God to guide us.

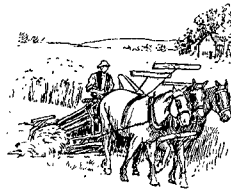
I made application to all the railway officers, from the shed chageman up to the Chief Commissioners, and even to Members of Parliament, for exemption from duties on the Sabbath. These appeals continued over a period of twelve months. I was willing to transfer to any department, anywhere in the State, or to work on any shift any day but the Sabbath. The only reply I could get was that it could not be granted in the locomotive sheds, and that there were no vacancies in the workshops. We realised that the Lord wished us to take our stand for Him, and trust Him to supply all our needs.

My overseers tried in every way to cause me to depart from my convictions. They put me to the hardest work they could to make me complain; but there was nothing to complain about, for God gave me the strength I needed. I was given a lot of night work, and yet it did not grieve me, for it afforded me the opportunity to do more work for the Lord in Big Week, Ingathering, etc. I absolutely refused to work from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. I was told that I was mad, and I was called a fool, and many other names.

Tests of Faith

On Friday, May 6, 1932, I was advised to start work at 11 P.M., but refused to go because of my religious convictions. I was suspended for refusing duty, and had to make out a report on the Monday. When the steam shed inspector read my report he told me to commence duty at once. I received a letter from the head of the locomotive branch in Sydney, stating that if I came under their notice in this respect again it would be more seriously regarded. I continued to keep the Lord's Sabbath in spite of the threats of the department. On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1932, I received advice to report for duty at 4 P.M. I again refused on the same grounds as before, and was again suspended. I had to put in another report on the Monday, and it was forwarded to Sydney. On the Tuesday a telegram was sent from Sydney for me to start work at once, and a letter stating that unless I was prepared to attend duty as required in future, I would be dealt with in accordance with the regulations.

These words did not weaken my resolution. They only strengthened my faith in God. Realising that everywhere about us are men who have departed so far from God that they know not of a Saviour whose coming is near, I sought the Lord earnestly as to what I could do to help them. It was impossible to talk to them;



It is Hard

To apologise.
 To begin again.
 To admit error.
 To be unselfish.
 To face a sneer.
 To be considerate.
 To endure success.
 To keep on trying.
 To profit by mistakes.
 To forgive and forget.
 To think and then act.
 To keep out of the rut.
 To make the most of little.
 To shoulder deserved blame.
 To subdue an ugly temper.
 To maintain a high standard.
 To recognise the silver lining.

But it always pays you!

—Selected.

but I endeavoured to show them by my life the works and love of God.

The wheat season came, which meant a busy time for the railways, for about three months. I was called upon to go as fireman on the train, and all men connected with the running of trains were called upon to work 110 hours or more fortnightly. The devil was determined to have his own way and make me work on the Sabbath day.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1932, I was called to work on a goods train at 5.33 P.M. Refusing again, I was suspended a third time. I had to put in a report on Monday. Just to show how the Lord allows us to be tried; I was off work for a whole week with no signs of resuming. Still I had faith and trusted in the Lord. On Saturday night, Dec. 17, 1932, a note came for me to sign on duty at 11.18 that same night. The next week I made application to the Railway Appeals Board against the loss of payment while under suspension. It was not really the money that I was appealing for, but it was on principle because of my belief, and to make that known I was compelled to go for the money. While waiting for the case to be heard, I was again called upon to work on Friday night, December 23, at 8.13. I again refused on the same grounds as before, but nothing was done with me this time.

A New Test

The experience that followed is a wonderful instance of the working of the Holy Spirit. On Friday, Jan. 6, 1933, I was advised to sign on duty as fireman at 10.58 A.M. to go to Monteagle and return to Cowra. Before leaving, I made inquiries as to what time I would arrive home, and was definitely informed by all concerned that I would be home at 5.10 P.M. With that assurance I signed on duty. Many times along the track I prayed that the Lord would make it possible for me to be home before Sabbath, which would come in at 7.15 P.M.

When about fifteen miles from Cowra, however, we heard that we might have to go farther than Monteagle. If so, I would not be home before sunset. I continued to pray that the Lord would show me the way of escape, as He has promised. I felt it would be wrong for me to leave the train, as there was no one to relieve me. Arriving at Monteagle, we were told we had to go on to Young. It was when leaving Monteagle that the Lord, through the Holy Spirit, spoke to me and showed me the way of escape. The message was, "Do not claim payment for time worked after sunset."

Arriving at Monteagle about 6.50 P.M. on the return journey, I asked the guard of the train for the driver's time sheet, and wrote on it, "I do not wish to claim payment after 7.15 P.M." At 7.15, I drew the driver's attention to the setting sun, also the time, and informed him of what I had written on his sheet, as he knew that it

was my Sabbath. We arrived in Cowra at 9.28 P.M.

On the Monday I was called upon to explain why I had apparently signed off duty without authority before the completion of the rostered shift. I informed them that I did not sign off duty, and that it was against my religious convictions to work between sundown Fridays and sundown Saturdays, or to receive payment for any time worked during that time in cases of necessity. The day before pay day the time-keeper informed me that he had been instructed to pay me for all the time, as the laws of the State said that if I worked I must be paid for it. Again that still small voice told me a way of escape, and on pay day, Friday, Jan. 20, after receiving my pay I sent a postal note for 6/3, the amount received for time worked on the Sabbath, direct to the Railway Commissioners, accompanied by a letter stating what the amount was for. By return post I received a receipt.

The Case Before the Appeals Board

To me all this experience seemed a mystery. I could not see any reason for it at all, but there is a good lesson to be learned from it. Do the Lord's will and question not; for the Lord's ways are best, as you will see from the appeal case that was heard on Jan. 31, 1933, in Sydney.

The charge read was for failing to come to duty as advised, and the punishment was to lose payment for six days under suspension. I pleaded guilty, for I had broken the rules and regulations, namely, that "all persons employed by the Chief Commissioners must devote themselves exclusively to his service and attend at such hours as may be required, and pay prompt obedience to all persons placed in authority over them." Although I may be employed by the Railway Commissioners, my God comes first. We are told to "render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's." When the laws of the country conflict with the laws of God, then I must break the laws of the country. God has promised that if we obey Him and have faith, He will feed and clothe us.

I know that God was with me at the Appeal Court. They tried to make it appear that it was a case of emergency; but the chairman told them that, if they had tried, they could have given me the time off for which I asked.

Comments of the Judge

One of the most important things in the case was the time that I worked on the Sabbath, January 6, and the receipt for 6/3 from the Commissioners. The chairman said that was proof that I was sincere in my belief, and that the Commissioners should hold on to a man who would stand up for his convictions. He also said that if the Railway's Department had more such men it would be a better railway service. I was later placed in the witness box, and if ever there was proof that God

is true to His promises it was then, for He spoke through me words that my frail lips could not have uttered. I told them that to my mind the working of a goods train was not a case of emergency.

The Decision of the Appeals Board

We adjourned, until the Appeals Board made its decision, and when recalled, the chairman addressed me as follows:

"Mr. Spiby, the Board has considered this matter very carefully, and I may say, as I indicated during the hearing, it is a treat to find a man who has some religious convictions and is prepared to stand up for them. For that each member of this Board gives you due credit. On the other hand, there can be on escaping the conviction that on this particular day you pushed your individual conscience, so far as we are capable of judging, beyond its proper limit. You should have gone on duty, assuming it was a matter of emergency, and taken up your duties. The decision of the Board is that you lose two days' pay, not six days' pay, under suspension. We can only advise you, Mr. Spiby, that when you get a call in circumstances like this, give the Department the credit of believing they won't trespass on your religious principles improperly. If facts show you they have trespassed, make representation of the fact with a view to remedying it."

To the railway solicitor, Mr. McDonald, he said; "The Board, without any criticism of the department's action in this matter, wants to recommend for consideration that efforts be made to place this man in a position where his religious convictions, taking them at his individual standard, may not come in conflict with his official duties."

About three weeks later I received word that I was to be transferred to Cardiff workshops at once. So after my annual holidays I started at Cardiff, and I feel that the Lord has brought us here to be living witnesses to the power of God.

I could give many other experiences since accepting this message. God has richly blessed us for our stand for His truth. I do hope that this testimony will be helpful to others, and that whoever reads it will not give me any praise, but will praise and serve the God of heaven, who is the giver of all things, even eternal life.—*J. Spiby, in the Australasian Record.*



"To the individual, tithing simply means placing himself under God's care, in the place of blessing, being sheltered, shielded, guided, every need supplied, and having the comforting, strengthening assurance that 'all things work together for good.'"

"And not to pay tithing is just saying to God, 'I do not need your care, your guidance, your loving supply for all needs. I can look after myself.'"

"Tithing is going with God; non-tithing is going alone."

Soul Winning

B. A. SCHEER

BEFORE I was a Christian one of my main ambitions was to get a thrill out of life wherever I could. I would go to the dance, theatre, movie, circus, and ball game. I have taken in scenic railways, street cars, motor boats, shoot the chutes, elevated railways, suburban cars, inter-urban cars, and airplanes. I have heard thrilling stories of all descriptions, and I believe I can say with Solomon, "All is vanity and vexation of spirit." The thrill doesn't last. It vanishes away, and in most cases one's soul is disturbed and one's peace of mind is gone. The nerves are injured, and the pocketbook is usually left empty. But I have now found thrills which are lasting, and I want to tell you about some of them. These thrills came to me at different periods in my life, but they still thrill me. Every time I think of them they set my soul on fire, and many times bring tears to my eyes because of the joy they bring to me. These thrills were soul-winning experiences. They have happened while I was nursing, getting an education, doing Bible work, Harvest Ingathering, etc.

To begin my story I will tell you of some of the experiences I had while nursing in one of our sanitariums. One day there came to the sanitarium a fine-appearing and polished lady who had with her a beautiful curly-headed little boy. This lady came from New York, and had reached our sanitarium through charitable means. Her husband was a drunkard, and her little boy had contracted rickets as the result of malnutrition. The doctor examined him, and took me aside privately to say that there was no chance for the little fellow, as the disease had run along until it was too late to help him. He told me to make the little boy as comfortable as possible by giving him some treatments. Somehow my heart went out to the little fellow, and I was impressed to cry unto the Lord for him. This I did, and I also gave special attention by providing extra things for nourishment to build up his vitality. Every day before giving him his treatment I would kneel in prayer. His mother, who was very timid, would kneel with me beside his bed, but never pray. Day by day the little fellow's muscles became softer and softer, and soon he was up and running with the others. My heart rejoiced, but one day while I was praying the mother broke down and cried. She said, "I have never cried in the presence of a man before. I am a Catholic and do not know how to pray the way you do, but I believe you folks have something here that I do not have. What can I do to get it?" I gave her "The Desire of Ages," and we soon began giving her Bible studies. Soon she was baptised, and is now rejoicing in the truth. Her little boy got well, and what a happy crowd we all were. O, the joy in soul winning!

At another time I encountered a man

who was a murderer. He had married a young girl and she left him. He followed her and killed her. He tried to commit suicide and shot himself in the head. The bullet had paralysed him on one side. They brought him to our sanitarium and I was chosen as his nurse. He was very hard-hearted. I tried every way to impress him with the need of a Saviour, but he simply sneered at me. Finally I asked him one day if he would like to have me read to him. He said, "Yes." I took down "Christ's Object Lessons," and read him the beautiful story of the prodigal son. He listened attentively, and soon the tears were running down his cheeks. I then asked him if he would like me to pray for him. He said, "Yes." Soon I was down on my knees praying for that hardened sinner. God works with the hardest of hearts if there is only a shadow of a chance. O, the thrill of soul winning!

I was called to take care of a man who had rheumatic fever. He had to walk on crutches. When I started to treat him I found that he had a Seventh-day Adventist daughter, but he was so opposed to the Adventist faith that he would have nothing to do with Adventists. One could not talk to him or even give him a Bible study. One day while nursing him I said to him, "You look lonesome. Would you not like to read a good book on history? I have an old book here that is a masterpiece, and I believe you would enjoy it." He said, "I would be glad to read it." He took it up to his room and read it from cover to cover. His daughter came to me and said, "Why, what did you do to my father? He is an Adventist." What a thrill! "I did nothing, only handed him a good book to read," I replied. He went home and brought the whole family into the truth. At camp-meeting whom should I meet but the whole family coming up to shake my hand, and smilingly to tell me that I had shown them the way. And I cried! Never in all the world have I had such joy as in soul winning.



The Penitent King

JEROME used to say that it seemed to him as if the trumpet of the last day was always sounding in his ears, saying, "Arise, ye dead, and come to judgment." But how many think but little of this awful and important hour.

A Christian king of Hungary being very sad and pensive, his brother, who was a gay courtier, was desirous of knowing the cause of his sadness. "O brother," said the king, "I have been a great sinner against God, and know not how to die, or how to appear before God in judgment!"

His brother, making a jest of it, said, "These are but melancholy thoughts." The king made no reply; but it was the custom of the country, that if the executioner came and sounded a trumpet before any man's door, he was presently led to exe-

cutation. The king, in the dead of night, sent the executioner to sound the trumpet before his brother's door, who, hearing it and seeing the messenger of death, sprang into the king's presence, beseeching to know in what he had offended.

"Alas! brother," said the king, "you have never offended me. And is the sight of my executioner so dreadful? and shall not I, who have greatly offended, fear to be brought before the judgment seat of Christ?"—*H. L. Hastings.*



Zambesi Union News Notes

The workers in the Zambesi Union are glad to make their voices heard once again in a note of praise to God for His many blessings during the past year. A splendid spirit prevails throughout this union and every worker seems to have put his shoulder to the wheel in a stronger way than ever before. We feel that much will be done for the advancement of the work of God in this part of the vineyard during 1934.

We are glad to report good rains and bright prospects for a good mealie crop at Solusi this season. Brother Cadwallader is acting principal of the Solusi Training School during Brother Higgins' absence on furlough.

We are glad to welcome a number of new workers to our union, including Brother J. Cooks our new field secretary, who is at the present time travelling throughout the field with Brother E. W. Marter, getting acquainted with our canvassers and the conditions in the field. Brother Marter will proceed to the union at the end of January, where he will take up canvassing work before proceeding overseas towards the end of this year.

Our Bible worker, Miss Hope Ueckermann, a recent graduate of Helderberg College, is kept busily engaged fostering the interest created in the hearts of many who have been attending Elder Ingle's evangelistic services in Bulawayo. She is also helping to establish in the faith, the eight souls who have definitely taken their stand for the truth. On January 28 Elder Ingle closed one series of meetings. He will soon move the evangelistic tent out to one of the suburbs of Bulawayo. We ask you to join with us in prayer for these workers, that many more souls may hear and accept this blessed message before it is too late.

Brother and Sister G. L. Willmore and family left Livingstone on January 8 for the South, where they plan to spend some time. They hope to return to Rhodesia to take up self-supporting work. We wish them God's blessing and His continued care in their labours.

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Die Week van Opoffering in 1934

J. F. WRIGHT

TOE die Divisiekomitee van 7 tot 14 November 1933 sy jaarlikse sitting gehou het, het hulle die besluit geneem om die week van 17 tot 24 Februarie as 'n week van opoffering vir 1934 af te sonder. Ons maak dus van hierdie geleentheid gebruik om dit deur die OUTLOOK bekend te maak.

As ons 'n oomblik stilstaan om te oordink wat die Here in die laaste jare vir ons gedaan het, dan besef ons tereg dat die Week van Opoffering ons hier in die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie tot onberekenbare hulp en seën gewees het. In die laaste vyf jaar was daar al deur die beste gevolg op die oproep vir die Week van Opoffering en daarom voel ons dat algar ook vir 1934 aan hierdie oproep mildadig en blymoedig sal gehoor gee. Daar is seker bepaalde redes waarom dit die geval behoort te wees; ons sal 'n paar van die redes noem:

Die End is Naby

Dis duidelik dat die kort tyd van vrede waarvan die diensmaag van die Here praat en wat op die Groot Oorlog sou volg, vinnig op 'n end loop. Daar is baie tekens dat dit so is. Oral begin die mense te besef dat daar iets tragies gaan gebeur. Een wêreldskrywer sê onlangs, nadat hy 'n paar maande in Europa was: "Oorlog is absoluut onafwendbaar en die langste wat selfs die mees optimistiese mens dit gee, is twee jaar, en oorlog kan ook enige dag uitbreek." Of hierdie man beter met die toestande in die wêreld bekend is as anders weet ons nie, maar wat ons wel weet is dat ernstig denkende mense besef dat die end van die wêreld vinnig nader. Ja, geliefde broeders en susters, die end is naby, en ons moet met alle spoed en erns ons werk vorentoe stoot. Hierdie rede alleen is voldoende om ons harte te beweeg om in hierdie jaar baie mildadig te wees in die Week van Opoffering.

Wonderlike Vooruitgang

'n Ander rede waarom ons algar van harte aan die Week van Opoffering behoort deel te neem is die wonderlike vooruitgang wat die boodskap vandag in alle lande maak. Op die jongste herfsvergadering van die Raad het die jongste syfers gewys dat die boodskap nou in 275 lande en eilandegroepes en in 485 tale en dialekte gepredik word. In die laaste ses jaar het ons 229 nuwe taalgebiede binnegegaan, d.w.s. een nuwe taal in elke nege dae oor hierdie periode.

Die rapport wys dat daar in 1932 41,629 persone gedoop is, of meer as ons lidmaatskap oor die hele wêreld vyftig jaar gelede bedra het. Dit beteken dat daar in 1932 elke dag gemiddeld 114 mense gedoop is. Broeders en susters, daar is dus geen twyfel aan nie of hierdie syfers openbaar 'n wonderlike vooruitgang. Hierdie statistieke behoort ons harte bly te maak en ons aan te moedig om gewillig te wees om as nooit

tevore opofferings te maak om ons werk nog meer vorentoe te laat gaan.

Oop Deure

Daar is nog een rede waarom ons behoort saam te staan om die week van opoffering vir 1934 uitstaande te maak. Hierdie rede is in die deur wat onlangs so wyd vir ons oopgegaan het.

Toe skrywer 'n paar weke gelede in Niassaland was, verneem hy dat die hoofkaptein van Angoniland ons mense uitgenooi het om in sy gebied te kom arbeid. Dis seker 'n wonderlike geleentheid en ons broeders het jarelank daarom gebid. Maar hoe die Suid-Oos Afrikaanse Unie aan hierdie versoek gaan gehoor gee, terwyl hul begroting so beperk is, is 'n vraagstuk wat nie maklik kan opgelos word nie. Ons hoop darem dat ons sonder verder lang uitstel hierdie nuwe gebied sal kan binnegaan.

Verder het Ouderling Boger net berig gekry van 'n groot deel van Betsjoeanaland wat vir die eerste keer vir ons oopgaan.

Maar weer maak die beperkte fondse so 'n vooruitgang onmoontlik. Die Here alleen weet wanneer en hoe ons hierdie nuwe gebied kan binnegaan. En so kan ons aanhou met te wys op nuwe openings, maar ons moet dit daarby laat.

Die Oproep

Met die oog op bostaande kom ons nou tot ons getroue werkers en gemeentelêde met die ernstige oproep om die komende Week van Opoffering 'n magtige faktor in ons werk vir 1934 te maak. Onthou die datum en maak plan om jou deel te doen as die opoffering op Sabbat, 24 Februarie a.s. opgeneem word.

S. A. Unie-Konf.

N. C. Wilson President

J. E. Symons Sekr.-Tes.

Bus 468, Bloemfontein, O. V. S.

Evangelisasiewerk in Suid-Afrika

TEEN die tyd dat hierdie uitgaaf van die OUTLOOK die veld bereik, sal daar vier of vyf evangelistiese pogings in volle gang wees, terwyl verskeie evangelistiese geselskappe hul veldtogte vroeg in Februarie sal begin. Die broeders en susters wat aan hierdie vergadering deelneem, sal onder 'n groot spanning verkeer en behoefte hê aan veel genade en wysheid. Laat ons in ons openbare diens en in ons huisgodsdienste dink aan ons evangeliewerke. Hulle het behoefte aan die bemoediging as gevolg van die wetenskap dat ons in ons gebede aan hulle dink. Hulle het behoefte aan die seën en die krag van God wat as gevolg van die voorbeding op die aarde neerdaal.

Predikers Staples en Billes, ondersteun deur Broeder Kohlen het reeds met hul evangelistiese dienste in die hart van die volkryke Souttrivier begin.

'n Groot tent is in die lokasie van Bloemfontein opgerig en 'n evangelistiese veldtog is daar in volle gang. Amper een duisend mense kom daar elke aand bymekaar en hulle is vol belangstelling.

Prediker J. N. de Beer is besig met evangelistiese vergaderings in Pondoland. Prediker W. C. Tarr hou vergaderings naby Port Elizabeth. 'n Aantal ander predikers in die Suid-Afrikaanse Sendingveld is aktief besig met evangelisasiewerk. Ons vertrou dat die jaar 1934 een van die beste jare in ons geskiedenis gaan wees wat betref evangelisasiewerk in die Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie, die Kleurlingse veld van die Kaap en die Suid-Afrikaanse Sendingveld.

Laat ons die Here ernstig soek vir 'n besonder seën oor al die evangeliewerke oor heel Suid-Afrika, sodat die uitkoms 'n oorvloedige oes van siele mag wees.

N. C. WILSON.

Die Tyd is Kort

Die end van alle dinge is naby. Die Here kom netnou. Reeds is Sy oordele oor ons land. Ons moenie maar oor die koms van Christus praat nie, maar in elke daad moet ons die feit openbaar dat Hy spoedig met krag en groot heerlikheid op die wolke van die hemel sal geopenbaar word.

Het ons die bruilofskleed aan? Het ons persoonlike godsvrug? Het ons met goddelike kragte van ganse hart en onbeperk saamgewerk om in die praktyk van ons lewe die goddelike beginsels van Sy heilige wet in te weef? Dis een ding om oor die wet te praat, dis heeltemal iets anderste om die wet in beoefening te bring. Die *daders* van die wet sal voor God geregverdig word; want die wat die wet doen, verteenwoordig die karakter van God, en lieg nie teen die waarheid nie.

Die Here kom. O, die tyd is kort, en wie volgens 'n Bybelse standpunt is medewerkers met die Here? Sal ons nie met vrees en ontsetting vervul word nie, uit vrees dat ons nog in ons eie natuurlike humeure is, uit vrees dat ons onbekeerd is, en onheiligh, en probeer om 'n nagemaakte ervaring vir 'n egte te laat deurgaan? Ontwaak, broeders, ontwaak, voordat dit vir altyd te laat is.

—Merr. E. G. White.

S. A. Konferensie

L. L. Moffitt _____ President

P. W. Willmore _____ Sekr.-Tes.

Bus 256, Bloemfontein, O. V. S.

Sitting en Kampvergadering van die Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie

Die Konferensiekomitee het Johannesburg gekies as die plek waar in 1934 die Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie sal sit. Ons het die gebou "The Wanderers' Club" met sy geskikte en ruim plek vir vergaderings, bespreek.

Die datum vir die konferensie is van 13 tot 21 April. Die vergaderings begin Vrydagaand en duur reg deur die volgende week om Saterdagagaand die 21ste April te sluit.

By daardie geleentheid hoop Ouderling Watson, president van die Generale Konferensie, met ons te wees. Dit gaan 'n seldsaam genot wees om die president van die Generale Konferensie op ons plaaslike tweejaarlikse konferensie te hê. Ons vertrou dan ook dat elke gemeente in die konferensie deur 'n so groot moontlike aantal afgevaardigdes verteenwoordig sal word.

Al die gemeentes behoort onmiddellik vir hierdie byeenkoms planne te maak. Altemit sal party gemeentes wat ver van Johannesburg is, dit nodig vind om 'n klein fonds bymekaar te maak om een of twee afgevaardigdes te kan stuur. So moontlik behoort seker elke gemeente op die konferensie teenwoordig te wees.

Die Spoorweë sal konsessies gee en elke aanvraag vir konsessiekaartjies, losies en ander informasie omtrent die vergaderings moet gestuur word aan die sekretaris: P. W. Willmore, Bus 256, Bloemfontein, O. V. S.

Op hierdie vergadering sal die beamptes vir die volgende tweejaarlikse tydperk gekies word en ander belangrike sake gereeld word. Maar die grootste deel van die vergaderings sal aan geestelike dienste gewy word.

L. L. MOFFITT.

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Nuus

Ouderling W. L. Hyatt het Sabbat en Sondag, 13 en 14 Januarie, die gemeente te Pretoria 'n baie gewaardeerde besoek gebring.

Ouderlinge Raubenheimer en Le Butt en ander werkers is druk besig met klaarmaak vir hul evangelistiese veldtogte in die nuwe jaar.

Die 20ste Januarie het Broeder J. J. B. Combrinck die voorreg geniet om aan die

end van die Afrikaanse poging wat hy in Bloemfontein gehou het, te sien hoe ses siele gedoop is. Ouderling A. W. Staples het die doopdiens gehou.

Broeder Walter Hayter en Mej. Lily Palvie wat onlangs te Taungs in die huwelik getree het, het na Ermelo teruggekeer waar Broeder Hayter sal aangaan met die kerkskool onderwys te gee.

Die president en die sekretaris van die konferensie het onlangs vir besigheid vir die konferensie aan Johannesburg 'n besoek gebring, waar hulle saam met Ouderling W. L. Hyatt so voorspoedig was om die Wanderers' Club te verseker vir die komende konferensie-sitting.

Terwyl hy in die Transvaal was, het die president van die konferensie die volgende gemeentes besoek: Johannesburg, Boksburg Noord, Brakpan, Germiston, Ermelo, Potchefstroom, Standerton. Dit was die eerste keer, dat Ouderling Moffitt Ermelo en Standerton besoek het.

Die sitting van die Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie vir 1934 sal van 13 tot 21 April in Johannesburg gehou word. Ouderling Watson van Washington, D. C., president van die Generale Konferensie, word verwag om teenwoordig te wees. Planne word gelê vir 'n baie besielende en geesende vergadering van die kinders van die Here.

Helderberg Kollege

Nuus

Terwyl ek dit skryf, gaan daar heel wat bedrywighede rondom my aan. Die nuwe konkreet trappe voor Branson Saal is amper klaar, die skuur en polys van die nuwe vloere is half pad, en met die blad van die nuwe paaie is 'n begin gemaak. Ons hoop dat alles volgende week sal klaar wees. Die huisvader en huismoeder doen hul uiterste bes om die tehuse voor 31 Januarie in gereedheid te hê.

Menr. en Mevr. Moss, van Bethlehem, is vir 'n paar weke by Mevr. Garne op besoek.

Iemand vra wat ons bedoel het met die kapasiteitsinskrywing in die laaste uitgaaf: Dit beteken dat ons vir 155 studente moet plek maak in 'n ruimte wat onder normaal omstandighede deur 130 studente ingeneem word.

Die plaaslike skoolraad het 22 Januarie by die kollege saamgekom om 'n paar vraagstukke in verband met die opening van die skool te bespreek, waaronder veral die akkomodasie van die studente. Hulle het 'n bevredigende oplossing gevind.

Menr. Stuber, blomkweker en landskapargitek, het 'n gedeelte van die dag by die kollege deurgebring en ons raad gegee hoe om die gronde uit te lê en die boompies te plant.

'n Aantal ou studente was op besoek. Broeder Norman Cowley was twee naweke by die kollege. Hy kolporteur in die buurt van Wellington. P. H. Mantell het 'n gedeelte van 'n Sondag gekom om die kennismaking te vernuut. Jack Stockil was hier vir 'n naweek. Op die oomblik is hy op die staf van *Picture News*, en sien uit na die dag wanneer hy weer Helderberg toe kan kom.

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Ervaring in die Aanneming van die Waarheid

GEO. A. MC. CULLOUGH

IETS meer as drie jaar gelede werk ek op 'n myn in die distrik, toe ek 'n brief van my vrou in Salisbury kry waarin sy my vra of ek enige beswaar het dat ons dogter lid word van die Sewende-dag Adventiste. Ek het haar toe geantwoord dat ek geen besware het nie, alhoewel ek in daardie tyd gladnie geweet het wat die denominasie beteken nie.

'n Tydjie daarna is my dogter gedoop, en hulle stuur toe vir my 'n paar traktate en boek om te lees en toe ek daarmee klaar was, was ek bly dat my dogter so verstandig gewees is.

Kort daarna het my vrou by die gemeente aangesluit en daar die myn gesluit is, het ek vir 'n tydjie huis toe gekom. Net het toe Ouderling A. N. Ingle met sy tweede poging begin en om te weet wat my gesin so beïnvloed het, het ek die eerste vergadering bygewoon, en verder al deur gaan luister. Die vergaderings het op die ou end opgehou, maar ek het in die gewoonte gekom om Bybelstudies in die buurt by te woon. Daarna het ek die Here Jesus as my persoonlike Saligmaker aangeneem en in al Sy gebooe gewandel.

Ek het die waarheid en die volheid van die boodskap besef. Dit het nie maklik gegaan nie, vandat ek die Sabbat hou en my laat doop het in die gemeenskap van die gemeente. Partykeer het dit swaar gegaan om 'n lewe te maak, maar nóg my gesin nóg ekself betreur die stap wat ons geneem het, want ons weet dat ons algar in die hand van die Here is, en ons is bly en hoogmoedig om iets vir Hom en Sy koninkryk te kan doen.

Ek onthou nog hoe ek gedink het voor ek die stap geneem het: "Dis seker 'n regtige gemeente, want algar wat daartoe behoort, word in werkers verander."

Nou dink ek dit, maar sê dit ook, en mag die seën van die Here daar ewig op rus.

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"Hy het My gestuur om die wat verbry-seld van hart is, te genees."

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Division News Notes

Elder A. E. Nelson has just returned to the office from Angola. He reports a splendid union committee meeting and states that the workers are of good courage as they press on with the plans laid for 1934.

Miss R. Johnson, nurse from the Bongo Mission, has just arrived at the Cape on furlough. She brings a cheering word relative to the medical work at the Bongo Mission.

Elder A. F. Tarr is due to arrive at Cape Town, February 4. His last letter tells us of the good union committee meeting in the Congo and that the year 1934 is bright with promise for the work up that way.

Brother F. E. Potter has just left the Division office on a two months' trip through the Union of South Africa. He will join Elder Clifford in conducting Home Missionary institutes in the various churches.

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Zambesi Union News Notes

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Brother and Sister I. B. Burton have proceeded to Sweet Waters, Natal on their coastal furlough. Brother Peter Lenga Lenga is heading up the work at Katima Mulilo Mission until their return.

Owing to a run down physical condition, Miss Maud McEwen will not be able to do any teaching work this year. We hope that the year's rest will restore her to complete health and strength.

Brother D. A. Webster, our secretary-treasurer, has been busy auditing the books of the various local fields. He spent a few days at Lower Gwelo Mission auditing the books of the Southern Rhodesia Mission Field and is now down in Bechuana-land.

Elder Konigmacher reports that they are of good courage and despite famine conditions their work is onward. We remember these far away workers before the throne of Grace and pray that God will bless them in their endeavours for Him.

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Russian Famine Relief Fund

THE Division Treasurer reports the following donations toward the Russian Famine Relief Fund. Some of these donors sent in their gifts before the call was made in the OUTLOOK, while others have sent in their gifts since. Monies for this fund should be sent to the Division Treasurer, Grove Avenue, Claremont, Cape.

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Good News

MANY of our people have recently learned through the press and otherwise of the religious situation in Germany. It appeared for a while as if all work being carried forward by Protestant societies in Prussia would be closed up. In fact, for a few days, a ban of complete restriction was placed upon our work. However, a cable from the brethren in Germany, sent to Washington a few days ago, states that this ban has been lifted so that now the brethren can go forward with the work as heretofore. We are pleased to be able to pass on to you this good word.

J. F. WRIGHT.

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Obituary

HAWSON.—Mrs. Helen Hawson, (née Grant), aged 22 years, passed away at her mother's home in Salt River, on January 1, 1934. Many of our members will remember Helen, as she grew up attending Salt River church; a girl of singularly sweet disposition, whose bent to music and singing was much appreciated, while she was a general favourite with the children. Some time ago it became known that she had contracted consumption, and she sank rapidly into a decline from which she never rallied. The last few weeks were spent in very close communion with her heavenly Father. Having sought forgiveness, and having prepared herself to meet God, a quiet peacefulness was expressed in her face and was apparent even after she had passed away.

A large number of friends and relatives gathered at the home for the funeral. After a short address and prayer by the writer, the funeral procession left for Woltemade, where the burial service was conducted.

Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the mother. Helen was the last one of her family left to her, and now that she too has been laid to rest, the mother's heart is torn with grief and loneliness, yet she looks forward with a quiet confidence that all which has been taken away will be restored at the resurrection morn.

L. BILLES.

Situation Wanted

YOUNG LADY, having had three years of Commercial training at Helderberg College, seeks situation. Willing to take up any kind of work, not necessarily office work. Address: Miss Maria Rheeder, P. O. Vredendal, Van Rhynsdorp, C. P.

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Goeie Nuus

BAIE van ons mense het onlangs uit die koerant of uit ander bronne gehoor van die godsdienstige toestand in Duitsland. Dit het vir 'n tyd gelyk of al die werk wat deur Protestantse genootskappe in Pruisie gedaan word, sou belet word. Vir 'n paar dae is dan ook volkome beslag op ons werk gelê. Maar 'n kabelgram van ons broeders in Duitsland wat hulle 'n paar dae gelede Washington toe gestuur het, sê dat hierdie beslag weer opgehef is, sodat ons broeders nou soos voorheen weer met hul werk kan aangaan. Ons is baie bly om hierdie goeie nuus bekend te maak.

J. F. WRIGHT.

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